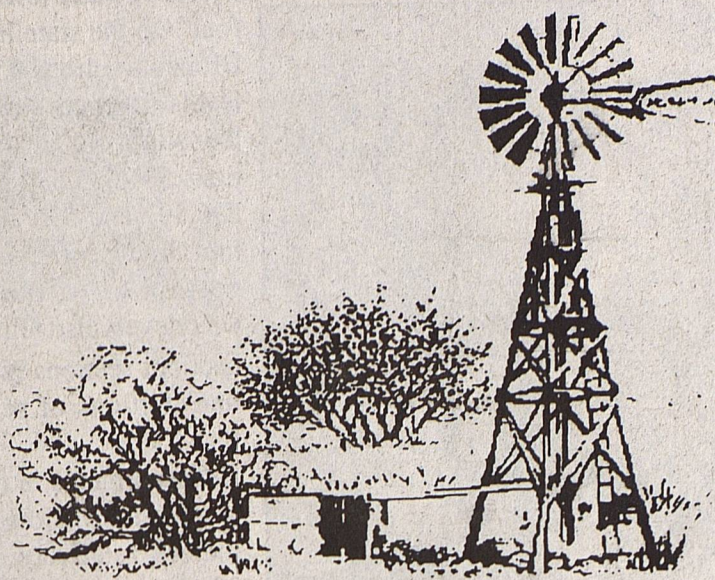


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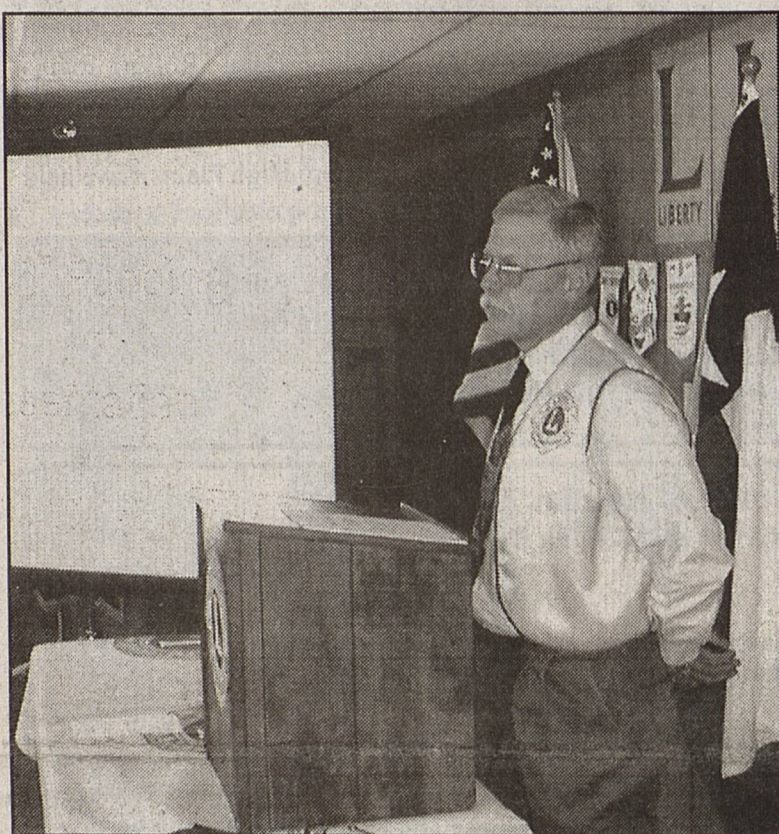
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Lions hear Plains ISD plans for budget cuts, details of bond election



Featured speaker at last Thursday's Plains Lions Club meeting was Jim Haynes, Plains ISD Superintendent. Utilizing a power point presentation, he outlined in detail decisions of the school boards to make serious and immediate cuts in school operating expenditures. He also explained details of the May 3 bond election. This years drop in student numbers in the district, plus a very large increase in money sent to the state under 'Robin Hood' recapture, has seriously reduced district reserves. Passage of the bond sale will allow the district to maintain current student programs until the next legislative session in 2005, when public school financing methods are likely to change.

PHS One-Act Play wins 7th straight district title

OPAL competes in regional Thursday

Plains High claimed its seventh consecutive UIL One-Act Play district title on Saturday, March 30 in Sundown. Their production advanced to the Region I Area 2 contest along with Whiteface.

Mandi Rogers was named best actress of Dist. 4A for her portrayal of "The Momma" in the Plains production. Payton Bean and Carmen Ponce were named to the all-star cast while Ashley Vantine and Moriah Traweck were selected as honorable mention.

The PHS students will next compete at the Conference A-Region I UIL play contest this Thursday. Plains will take the stage as first of six productions, competing against high school plays from Whiteface, Channing, Clarendon, Imperial/Buena Vista and Roscoe. The top two plays will advance to the state contest in Austin on May 1-3.

At the zone contest, ten students were recognized with individual awards. Moriah Traweck, Manuel Ramoz, Blake O'Quinn, Jordan Bean, Breck Hamm, Brant Huerta, Joanna Diaz and Stacie Alldredge received all-star cast medals, while Mandi Rogers and Allison Friesen were named to the honorable mention all-star cast.

Opal is an enchanting play based on the diary of Opal Whitely written in 1904 when she was only seven years old. Orphaned in a shipwreck off the Oregon coast, an aristocratic girl is taken in by an embittered childless woman who lives in a lumber camp. The play chronicles her adventures in this rugged world, all the while expecting her parents to someday return. Opal befriends a pig named Peter Paul Rubens, a blind girl, a shy lumberjack and a wise old Scotswoman. Their stories interweave as they rewrite each others lives. In the aftermath of tragic events Opal makes a wondrous discovery to help her accept her new life.

The play's crew includes Stacie Alldredge, Jordan Bean, Payton Bean, Kelly Bowers, Lashonda Diamond, Joanna Diaz, Allison Friesen, Ismari Guzman, Breck Hamm, Brant Huerta, B.J. Lester, Joseph Martinez, Blake O'Quinn, Carmen Ponce, Manuel Ramoz, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Mandi Rogers, Kerry Sisson, Moriah Traweck, Ashley Vantine and Liz Wilmeth. Directors are Gary Davis and Ray Portillo.

Jury sends major drug supplier to state pen for ten years

Other drug charges pending in Hockley County

On Wednesday, April 2, a Yoakum County District Court jury returned a verdict of guilty on Ruben V. Mauricio Jr., 27, charged with possession of cocaine following a June, 2001 arrest. The jury convened again April 3, and sentenced Mauricio to ten years in a state penitentiary, ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine and \$532 court costs for the third degree felony.

Court observers reported the jury of county citizens took just 24 minutes to return the guilty verdict. In the sentencing court session, after hearing closing statements from Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark and Defense Attorney David Martinez, Lubbock, the jury again moved speedily, returning the prison sentence in just 23 minutes.

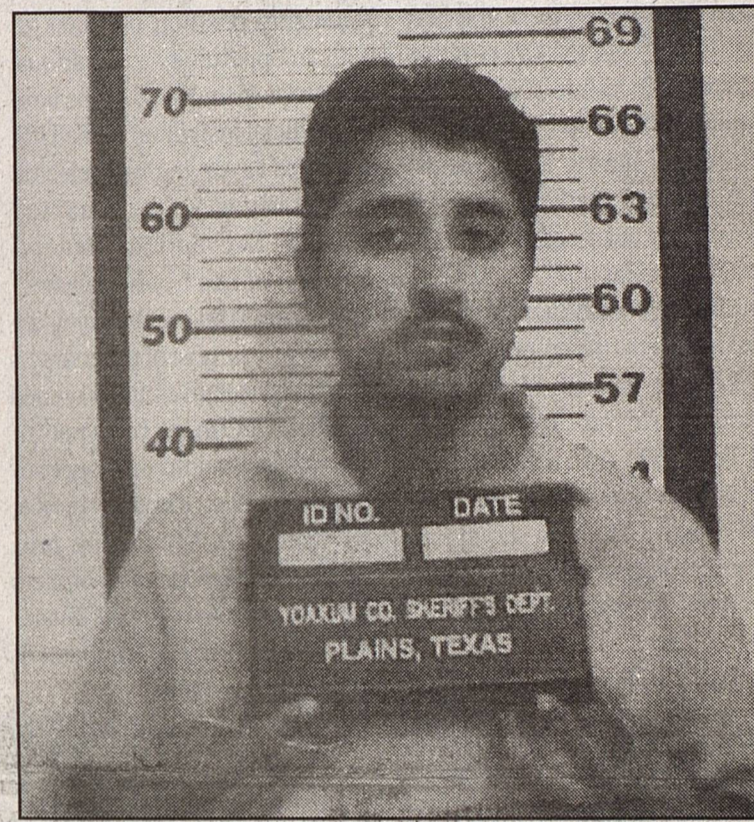
Mauricio was apparently quite familiar with court appearances. Records indicate a guilty plea to DWI in 1998, and possession of a switch blade knife in Tarrant County. He was free on bond from the cocaine charge when then Sheriff Deputy Inoe Valdez arrested

Mauricio and another Denver City man, Fernando Gonzales for DWI, Mauricio for public intoxication, a violation of his bonding out from the cocaine possession cause. This arrest was in September, 2002.

During the trial, Llano Drug Task Force officers described a lengthy period of surveillance of a residence frequented by Mauricio, in the 200 block of Washington Street in Denver City, a house near a small park constantly visited by juveniles and young adults, some as young as 14 and 15, many of them known by the Task Force as drug users.

Prior to the jury convening for the final sentencing decision, Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark thanked them for their dedicated service, and in his final remarks quoted a passage from the New Testament, referring to "the sword of Justice. That sword of justice has now been passed to your hands, and I know you will use it wisely."

The defendant is far from through with District Court sessions. He has been transported



to Levelland in Hockley County, where he faces additional charges of sexual assault, indecency with a child, and engaging in drug related organized crime, all more serious felonies than the charges here. He was also found with \$8,900 cash when arrested there. Drug Task Force Commander Rick Dickson also had praise for the jury's service. "We felt

we had a worthy case against Mr. Mauricio, and it's quite apparent the jury listened to the compelling evidence in reaching the guilty decision and their sentencing. We're convinced their service has played a major role in helping us remove a major source of drugs here." District Judge Kelly G. Moore presided in the trial.

Sandy Land water level measurements show no drastic changes

Each winter Sandy Land Water District personnel take water level measurements from some 100 county irrigation wells. The seasonal measurements are taken when irrigation water well levels are considered to be stabilized.

The same wells are measured each year, and depths to the water level are then compared to data collected from the prior year measurements. These measurements are reported to the state, helping monitor the status of the Ogallala Aquifer so vital to this area of the state.

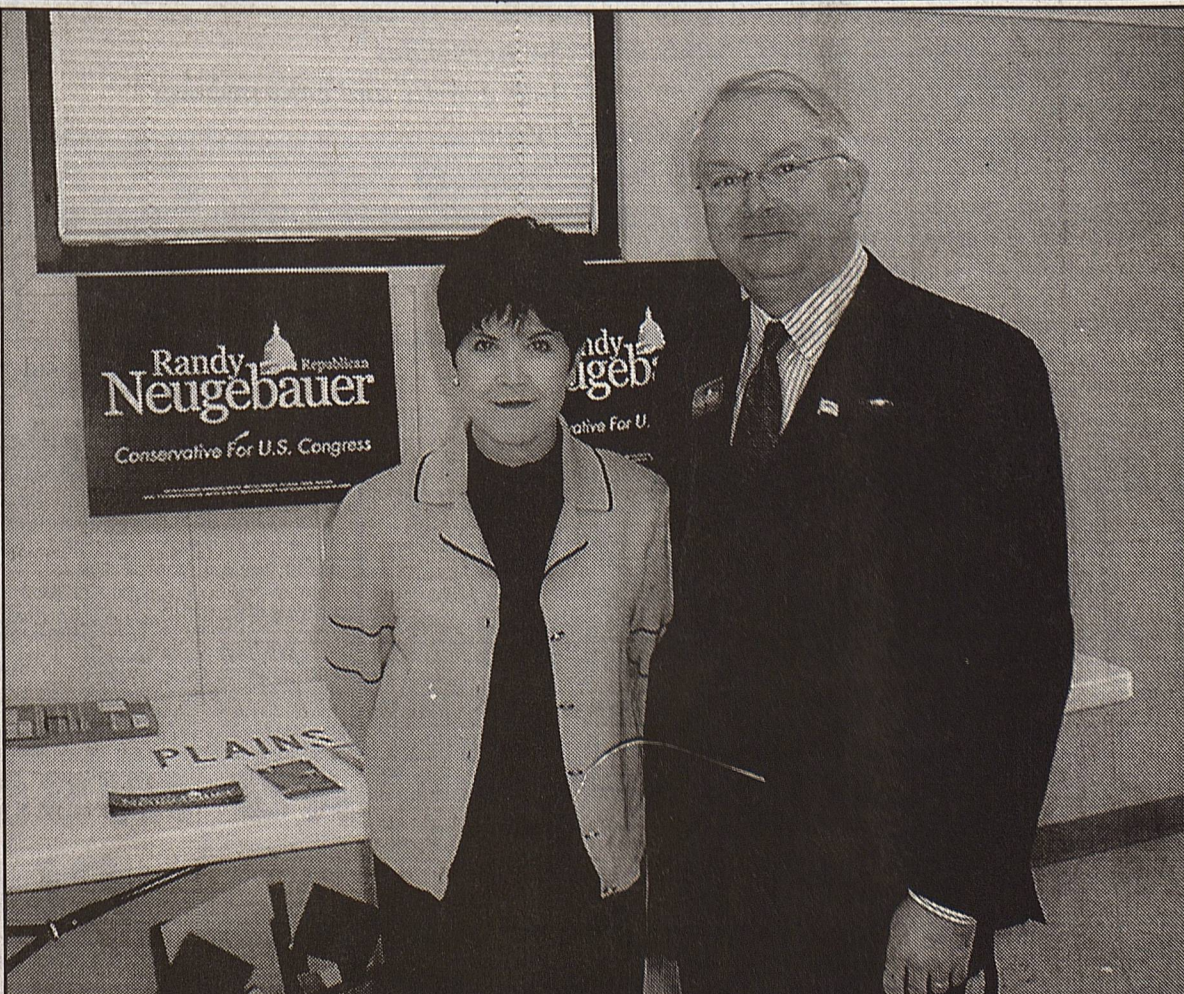
Measurements taken here in January and February reflect water levels for the year 2002, allowing water district personnel to compare with maps showing levels for 2001.

The district furnished 2002 and 2001 maps to CCN for this report. Some of the major differences in water levels include the following data:

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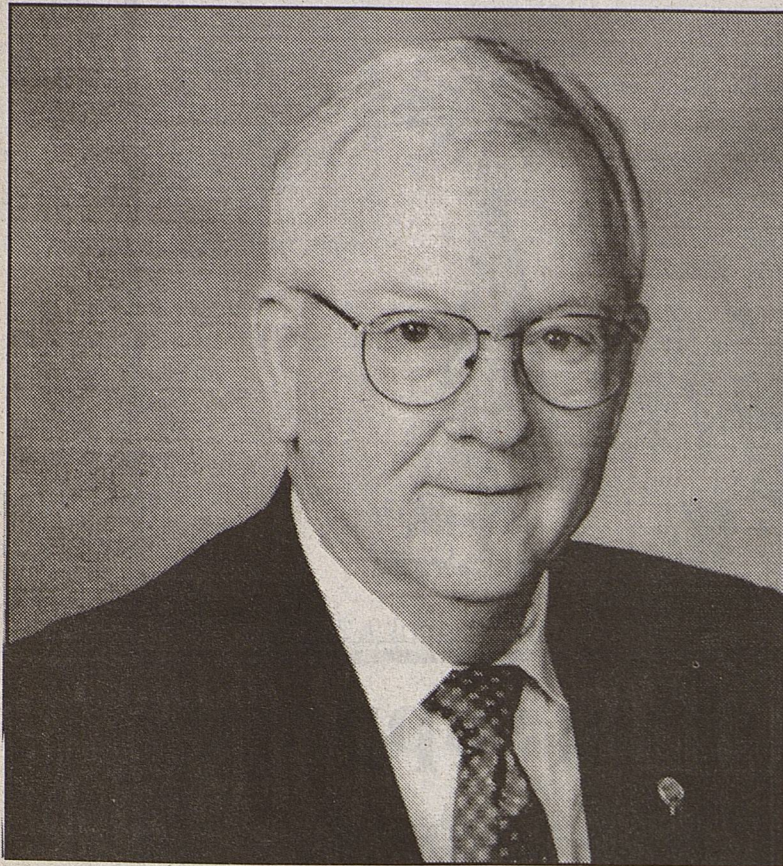
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Congressional candidates continue quest for votes and support here



Randy Neugebauer and his wife Dana hosted an informal coffee and burrito meeting here in the community building last week. Neugebauer, a businessman from Lubbock, is one of 17 candidates seeking the 19th District U.S. Congressional seat now held by retiring Larry Combest. Neugebauer, possibly one of the front runners in the crowded race, spoke briefly to several dozen residents, stressing his plans to focus on issues important to all West Texans. Several other candidates have visited here and Denver City, and more are expected prior to the May 3 election. Campaign posters continue to be placed here and around the county.

CFC Board Elects Caudle Vice President



Robert Caudle, a director at Lea County Electric Cooperative in Lovington, New Mexico, has been elected Vice President of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). The election was held by CFC's Board of Directors during an organizational meeting following CFC's recent 34th annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Caudle was seated on the CFC board in 1999 as the co-op Director representing District 10, an area comprising Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. He was reelected last year, and his current term runs until 2005. Caudle had been serving as the organization's Secretary-Treasurer until his election to the VP post.

"Robert's position on the CFC board and his recent election to the

Vice President's position is of significant importance for Lea County Electric Cooperative. His leadership position provides us with an opportunity to contribute our efforts to the board of the largest financial institution in the U.S. dedicated to serving rural electric cooperatives," commented Michael Dreyspring, General Manager of Lea County Electric. CFC is a \$20 billion financing co-op that serves most of the county's electric cooperatives and is owned by them. CFC meets its owners financing needs through a variety of loan investment, member service, and specialized financing programs. CFC provides its members with competitively priced financing through its role as a conduit to private capital markets.

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county, including sections 164 and 165, water levels rose one foot. On the stateline south of Bronco, sections 358 and 359 levels dropped one foot. Further south on the stateline, sections 534, 535, 536, 583, 584, 596, 597 and 598 also fell one foot. In the extreme southwest portion of the county, waterlevels also fell one foot in sections sections 901 thru 905, and portions of sections 852 thru 856.

Measurements in the remaining portions of the county remained relatively stable with 2001 measurements. Sandy Land officials say it is very obvious we continue to need rain throughout this crop year.

JP Court Summary

April 4, 2003-In JP Court Precinct One with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding the following cases and bonds were set: Cases filed: 122 traffic cases, 1 minor in possession of alcohol, 1 minor in consumption of alcohol, 1 class c misdemeanor theft, 1 felony charge filed.

Bonds set: 4 cases-Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing. Motion of surety/possession of marijuana-1,500 bond. Possession of drug paraphernalia-\$500 bond. 2 cases-Harrasment-\$500 bond. Bond forfeiture/possession of controlled substance-\$5,000 cash bond. Bail jumping and fail to appear-\$25,000 bond. Driving while intoxicated-\$1,000 bond. Possession of drug paraphernalia-\$300 fine/no bond. Evading arrest/detention-\$500 bond. Driving while license suspended-\$500 bond. Sexual assault-Hockley County-\$10,000 bond. Theft by check-\$1,000 bond. Theft 0/\$500, u/\$1,500-\$1,000 bond.

El Paso/Trans Pecos Growers Affirm Value Of Program

Lower costs and higher yields prompted the cotton growers in the El Paso/Trans Pecos Eradication Zone to continue their efforts for another four years.

The zone's growers recently voted on whether to continue the boll weevil and pink bollworm eradication efforts they started in 1999. The measure passed overwhelmingly, with about 89 percent of the voters favoring the program.

"Growers out here know how much less they're spending and how much more cotton they're producing," said Larry Turnbough, the zone's representative to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

"We're a large geographic area with a small number of growers," Turnbough said. "But I think this vote also shows the growers know they are an equal part of the state's overall eradication program, that they're an important part of accomplishing the goal."

Turnbough expressed his appreciation for the state and fed-

eral funding the zone has received and for the foundation's responsiveness to the area's needs.

"The foundation has always tried to respond to the specific issues each zone has. The growers here have seen that the foundation listens to our concerns and makes the needed adjustments," he said. "That's another thing the vote shows, that they are comfortable that the foundation works with them."

The zone has been more concerned with the damage caused by pink bollworm than with the boll weevil, Turnbough said, but the timing was just right for dealing with a rising boll weevil population when the program began.

The zone is unique among the state's eradication zones because it conducts a program to eliminate the pink bollworm, a caterpillar that inflicts significant damage to the area's crops. The foundation encourages growers to plant Bt cotton, which is resistant to the pest, and uses mating disruption

pheromones to control the pest in conventional cotton.

"Once again, cotton growers have seen that the eradication program works and have affirmed that through a large, positive vote," said Lindy Patton, executive director for the foundation. "All the votes we've had until now have passed by large margins, with more than 80 percent in favor each time."

Boll weevil eradication zones become active only when a two thirds majority of a zone's cotton growers approve referendum establishing the zone and approving its assessment to pay for the program.

Cotton producers in each of the state's 12 active boll weevil eradication zones must vote every four years after their initial approval on whether to continue their eradication efforts. Five other zones, the Southern Rolling Plains, Rolling Plains Central, South Texas/Winter Garden, Northwest Plains and Western High Plains, have held retention elections to date.

The location of the public meeting on April 24th at 8:00 p.m. concerning the school bond election has been changed from the Resource Center to the Auditorium.

Notice of Regular Election (Aviso de Eleccion Regular)

To the Registered Voters of Plains, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Plains, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for voting in a school election to elect three trustees. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion para elejir tres consiados.)

Location of Polling Places - Foyer of Plains ISD Auditorium at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas
(Direccion(es) de las Casillas Electorales - En el vestibulo dela sala de especta cu los en la escuela de Plains, 1000 calle 10, Plains, Tejas)

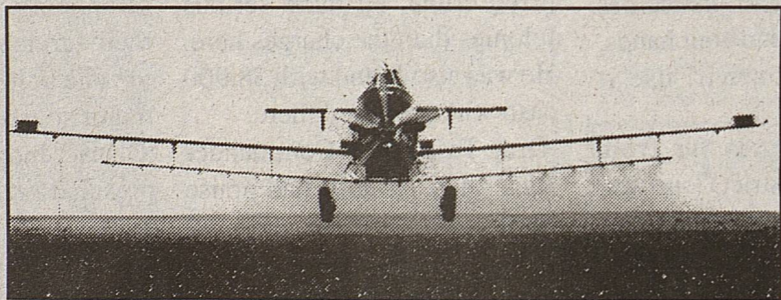
Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Plains ISD Administration Offices at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 16th and ending on April 29th. (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en entre las 8:00 de la mañana las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril y terminando el 29 de Abril.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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The Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors' "Support Our Troops!" campaign is going very well. They sent over \$350 of items to our troops this week. This covered 5 individual soldiers and two full platoons (up to 14 troops each) with personal hygiene supplies and snacks.

They expressed their thanks to all who have sent us names, addresses, and items. They ship boxes every two weeks, as supplies are available. It takes approximately 15 to 20 days for mail to reach the troops from this area. The soldiers getting packages include SGT Luke A. Smith of Plains

(and platoon); SCP Arron Gifford and LCPL Matthew Alvarez (and brother) both of Seagraves, SPC Keith Jones (and platoon) of Odessa, and LCPL Jeremy L. Smith of Loop.

The company's web site has many, many more soldiers listed, but do not have current addresses for them. "If you can help us with this problem, I would appreciate it. We want to reach out to more and more troops from our area, but can only do it with supplies and correct addresses," Mr. Jones said. "We sent lots of Baby Wipes and they need more, snack items, Gold

Bond Powder, lotion, Beef Jerky, hard candies, cookies, eye drops, antibacterial foot sprays, rice crispy treats, toilet paper, and waterless shampoo and soap, along with other misc., items. Each box costs around \$10 to \$12 to fill and about the same to ship. So, \$24 per soldier is a small cost to help those fighting for our freedom. This shipment covered a total of 32 different soldiers."

For more information about the "Help our troops!" campaign and how you may help, see their web site at <http://majonesfuneraldirectors.com>

PHS Wins UIL District Academic Meet

Plains High students competed in the UIL Regional Academic Spring Meet in Sudan March 25 and 27, outscoring eleven other Class A schools with a total of 330 points. Individual results include; Accounting-1st Jill Gray, Calculator- 1st Jill Gray, 2nd Brandon Hise, 3rd Jordan Bean, 6th Allison Friesen. Calculator- Jill Gray, 2nd Brandon Hise, 3rd Jordan Bean, 6th Allison Friesen. Team Calculator- 1st, Jill Gray, Brandon Hise, Jordan Bean, Allison Friesen. Computer Applications- 3rd Breck Hamm, 5th Evan Cain, 6th Nolan Newsom. Computer Science- 2nd Jordan Bean, 3rd Jill Gray. Team Computer Science- 1st, Jordan Bean, Jill Gray, Nolan Newsom, Ryan Swann. Literary Criticism- 6th Allison Friesen. Mathematics- 1st Jill Gray, 2nd Brandon Hise. Team Mathematics- 1st, Jill Gray, Brandon Hise, Jordan Bean, Allison Friesen. Number Sense- 1st Brandon Hise, 4th Jill Gray. Team Number Sense- Brandon Hise, Jill Gray, Kerry Sisson, Payton Bean. Science- 3rd Nolan Newsom, 5th Jordan Bean. Biology- 2nd Jordan Bean. Physics- 2nd Jordan Bean. Team Science- 1st, Nolan Newsom, Jordan Bean, Brandon Hise, Evan Cain. Spelling & Vocabulary- 4th Cendy Lopez. Poetry Interpretation- 5th Mandi Rogers, 6th Carmen Ponce. News Writing- 1st Liz Wilmeth, 2nd Mandi Rogers. Feature Writing- 2nd Mandi Rogers, 6th Cody Flores. Headline Writing- 2nd Blake O'Quinn, 4th Evan Cain. One Act Play- 1st Place Team Journalism.

Cast and Crew of District winning One-Act Play, " OPAL "



Students of the Week



Mandi Rogers, named Dist. 4A Best Actress in One-Act Play

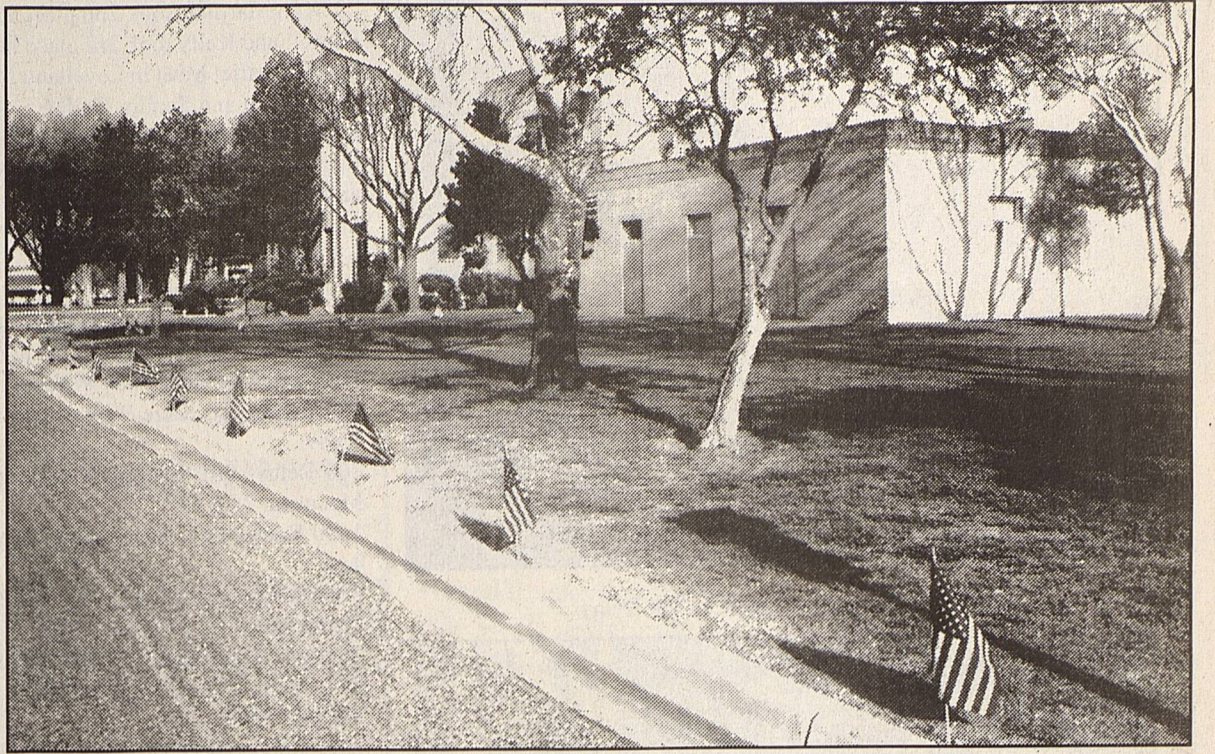


PHS student of the week is Cendy Lopez a junior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Lopez. She was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "Cendy can be described as diligent, conscientious, persistent, intelligent, hard working, and compassionate to name just a few. But most of all she is a joy to be around and to have in class."



PHS student of the week is Jessica Hernandez a freshman and the daughter of Patricia Hernandez. She was nominated by Mrs. Wilkins, who said, "Jessica is persistent, tenacious, and conscientious. She has many responsibilities outside the school setting and yet still manages to take care of her schoolwork."

Flying Old Glory..... 120 Times



Last week Courthouse Maintenance Foreman Danny Steffens placed 120 miniature U.S. Flags around the perimeter of the courthouse and in front of the old courthouse building. The flags were purchased by County Judge Dallas Brewer "to show our respect and gratitude to the thousands of our service people here and around the world." They make a very impressive sight.



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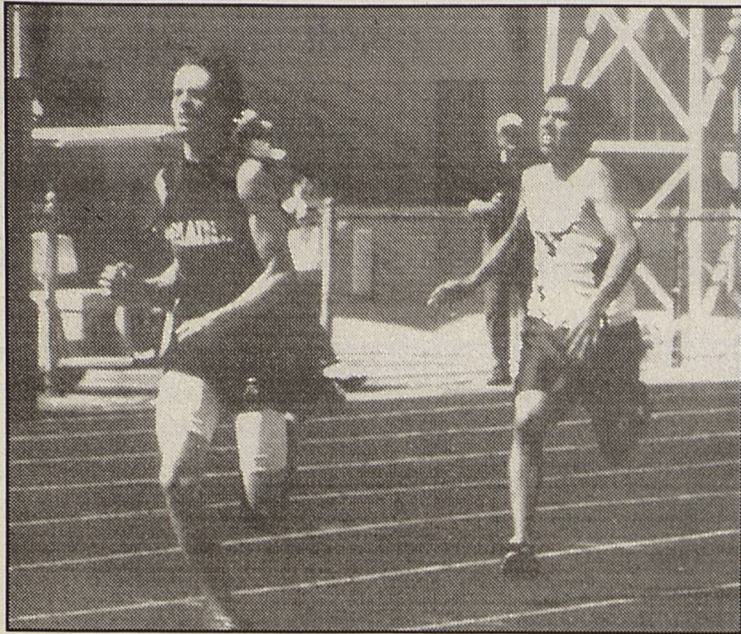
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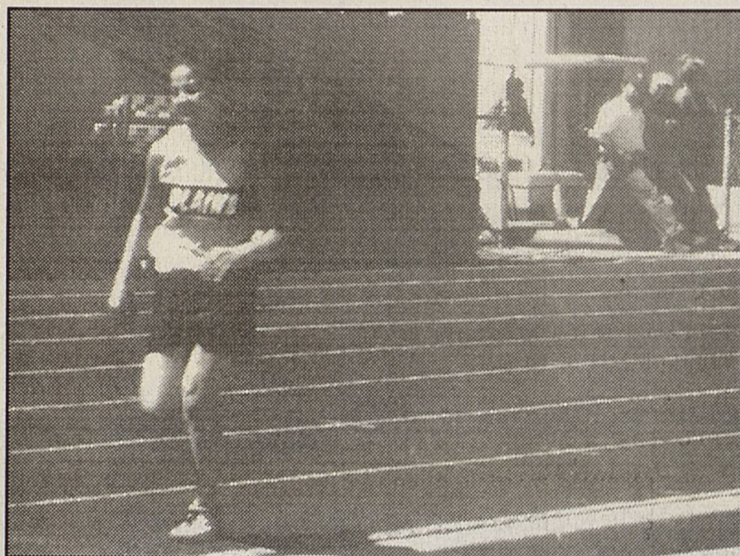
District Track Scenes



Kayla Willis passes baton in 800 Relay



Patrick Cotton ran his fastest 800 Meters in the meet



Manuela Villegas set new school record in 800 meter run



Richard Diaz takes baton in 800 Relay

PISD Sports Capsule

TENNIS: Over 250 entrants competed in the SPCHEA tournament March 28. Kim Martinez took 2nd place in girls singles, and in boys doubles Chase Howell and Kelly took 3rd place honors.

At the District Meet in Levelland March 31 and April 1, in JV Girls Doubles, Elda Fierro and Sandra Gallegos won championship honors. In the Varsity competition, Grady McNabb was 3rd in Boys singles, Kim Martinez was 4th. Regional qualifiers on the squad include Jessica Knight, 2nd place singles, and Kelly Bowers and Chase Howell in doubles. Coach Davis had kudos for the teams, and wished them success at Regional April 23 and 24.

TRACK:

Jr. High meet at Sundown-
7th Girls: Lauren Hise was a one-girl team at the meet. She was 4th in the 400, 90.32, 4th in 1600, 8.22, 4th high jump, 3' 10", and 5th long jump, 11' 6.5"
8th Girls: The older Lady Wranglers finished second in the meet
400 Relay- 1st, Katie Winn, Joani Bell, Meghan Garcia, Desiraye Broome, 55.59
800 Relay- 3rd, Lauren Davis, Meghan Garcia, Yesica Calderon, Araceli Mendoza, 2:05.55
1600 Relay- 2nd, Katie Winn, Meghan Garcia, Caitlin Carter, Joani Bell, 4:48
Long jump- 2nd D. Broome, 14' 1.25", 3rd K. Winn, 13' 10.25"
Triple jump- 1st K. Winn, 28' 6"
Shot Put- 1st Angelica Mendoza, 31' 9"
Discus- 2nd M' Leah McKinzie 67.1", 3rd Angelica Mendoza, 63.1", 4th Lisa Neufeld 59' 4"

High Jump- 1st D. Broome, 4' 6"
800 Run- 2nd Lauren Davis 2:54.96
100 Hurdles- 4th Caitlein Carter, 20.05
100 Dash- 1st, Desiraye Broome, 13.20, 6th Joani Bell, 14.06
500 Dash- 1st D. Broome, 66.54, 5th Lisa Neufeld 74.70
300 Hurdles- 3rd Caitlein Carter 58.91
200 Dash- 1st Katie Winn, 28.72, 5th Yesica Calderon 30.98
1600 Run- 6th Nancy Lozano
7th Wranglers: (Second in Sundown meet)
400 Relay- 3rd, 54.67, Zach Ramos, Juan Lara, Mario Sigala, Cody Mayes
800 Relay- 1st, 1:56, Sigala, Lara, Kurt Alldredge, Mayes
3200 Run- 2nd Zach Ramos, 10:00.06, 4th Ryan Crump 11' 35.05
110 Hurdles- 2nd Sergio Olivas, 21.02
800 Run- 1st, John Tyson 2:34.44
100 Dash- 4th Mario Sigala, 13.7, 6th Douglas Conway 13.9
300 Hurdles- 2nd Sergio Olivas 52.36, 3rd Cody Mayes, 53.62
200 Dash- 2nd Juan Lara 27.11
1600 Run- 3rd John Tyson, 6.29
Pole Vault- 2nd Cody Mayes 6' 6", 3rd John Tyson 6'
Long Jump- 2nd Cody Mayes 15' 6"

8th Boys: (The older Wranglers won final event, the 1600 Relay to win the meet with 145 points, a great finish!)

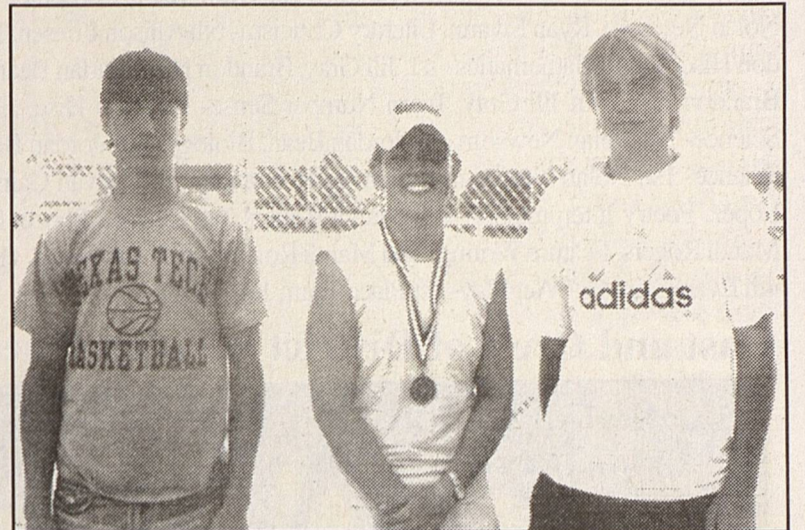
400 relay- 2nd, 50.09, Johan Cueto, Chris Loya, Landon Craft, Mario Ruvalcaba
800 relay- 3rd, 1:53.35, Antonio Martinez, Scott Addison, Landon Craft, Steven Dominguez

1600 Relay- 1st, 4:03.3, Loya Cueto, Addison, Ruvalcaba
300 Hurdles- 5th Jose Villegas, 51.07
Triple Jump- 1st Ruvalcaba 36.2, 5th Cueto 33' 3.5"
2400 Run- 1st Jose Villegas 9:02.22
1600 Run- 1st J. Villegas 5:22.74
100 Dash- 2nd, Cueto, 12.13, 6th Antonio Martinez 12.93
400 Dash- 1st, Chris Loya 58.86
200 Dash- 1st Ruvalcaba 25.6
800 Run- 1st Addison, 2:32, Steven Dominguez 3rd, 2.38
Pole Vault- 3rd Loya, 7' 6"
Long Jump- 3rd Ruvalcaba, 16' 5"
Shot Pit- 5th Antonio Martinez
Varsity Cowgirls (Finished sixth in District Meet at Sundown)
Discus- 1st, Kayla Willis, 97' 1"
Pole Vault- 2nd, Kim trent, 7'
800 Run- 3rd, Manuela Villegas set school record, 2:37.35
1600 relay- 4th, Kayla Willis, Chelsea Blount, Moriah Traweek, Manuela Villegas, 4:33.55
(All the above athletes advance to the Area Meet Thursday, April 17)
800 relay- 5th, Willis, Blount, Traweek, Villegas, 1:57.23
1600 Run- 6th, Ashley Vantine, 6:36.70
800 Run- 6th, Micaela Villegas 2:46.26

J. V. Cowboys (the JV Boys placed 2nd in the meet)
Pole Vault, 1st Ben Hays 10', 300 hurdles, 1st, 48.8, 110 hurdles, 2nd, 18.6
110 hurdles, 6th, Blake O'Quinn 21.8
100 meter, 1st Todd Williams, 11.8, 200 meter, 5th, 25.7
3200 meter, 1st, Aldo Fierro, 1600 1st, 5:29.9
400 relay team, Ben Hays, Anibal Gonzales, Ramiro Martinez, Todd Williams 5th, 49.0
Varsity Cowboys (boys placed 6th over all)
400 relay team, Nick Hays, Kevin Bartley, Arnold Cordova, Chase Howell, 3rd, 44.8
800 relay team, Nick Hays, Kevin Bartley, Arnold Cordova, Chase Howell, 3rd, 1:36.4
1600 relay team, Chase Howell, Kevin Bartley, Richard Diaz, Patrick Cotton, 3rd, 3:37
800 meter, 1st Patrick Cotton, 2:03
800 meter, 3rd, Richard Diaz, 2:08
800 meter, 6th, Brandon Davis,
110 hurdles, 3rd, Nick Hays, 14.9
300 hurdles, 6th, Evan Cain, 44.7
1600 meter, 5th, Payton Bean, 5:02,

100 Dash- 2nd, Cueto, 12.13, 6th Antonio Martinez 12.93
400 Dash- 1st, Chris Loya 58.86
200 Dash- 1st Ruvalcaba 25.6
800 Run- 1st Addison, 2:32, Steven Dominguez 3rd, 2.38
Pole Vault- 3rd Loya, 7' 6"
Long Jump- 3rd Ruvalcaba, 16' 5"
Shot Pit- 5th Antonio Martinez
Varsity Cowgirls (Finished sixth in District Meet at Sundown)
Discus- 1st, Kayla Willis, 97' 1"
Pole Vault- 2nd, Kim trent, 7'
800 Run- 3rd, Manuela Villegas set school record, 2:37.35
1600 relay- 4th, Kayla Willis, Chelsea Blount, Moriah Traweek, Manuela Villegas, 4:33.55
(All the above athletes advance to the Area Meet Thursday, April 17)
800 relay- 5th, Willis, Blount, Traweek, Villegas, 1:57.23
1600 Run- 6th, Ashley Vantine, 6:36.70
800 Run- 6th, Micaela Villegas 2:46.26
Cowboy Baseball:
The Cowboys played district opponent O'Donnell in Lamesa last week and came away with a convincing 14-4 win. In the very first inning they scored 9 runs with 6 hits. O'Donnell scored 2 runs in the bottom of the second, but Arnold Cordova's pitching shut them out the next four innings. He had 6 strikeouts, 1 walk and allowed six singles. Richard Diaz recorded two great defensive catches in left field. The win extended the Cowboys record to 11 and 2.

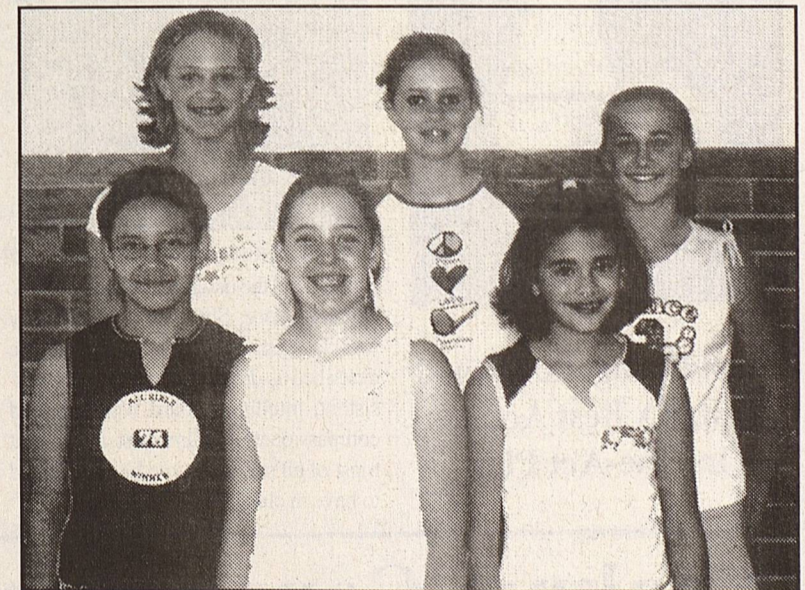
The Cowboys face Whiteface here Friday evening at 7:30 PM. Coach Bartley and the Cowboys urge all fans to come to the game and cheer the team to victory over the 'Lopes, undefeated in district play!



Regional Meet qualifiers Chase Howell, Jessica Knight, and Kelly Bowers



PHS Seniors on the Plains Varsity Tennis team front row Chase Howell, Ryan Swann, Mario Bonilla, Jose Ramirez. Standing- Kelly Bowers, Kim Martinez, Sandra Gallegos, Elda Fierro and Jessica Knight showing medals won at Sundown Tournament



Junior High Cheerleaders recently elected are, back row, 8th graders Joanie Bell, Lauren Davis, Katie Winn, & Front, 7th graders Mari Ruiz, Kimber Willams, Lydia Whitzel.

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Mark A. Jones Memorial Scholarship offered to all area students

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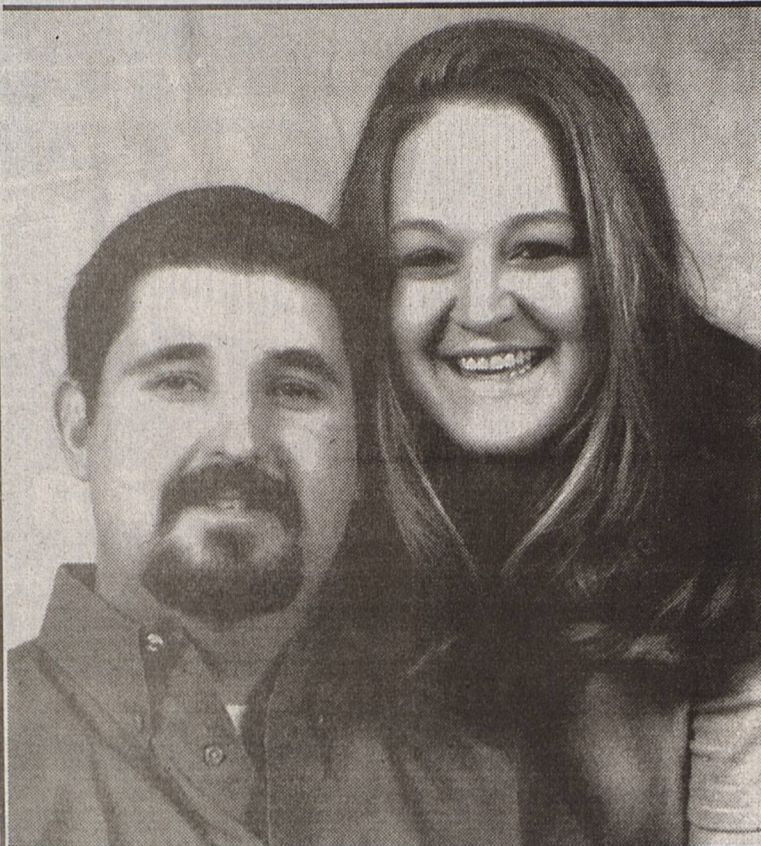
This year, four lucky students will be awarded the scholarship. This scholarship is open to any student who does not rank in the top ten percent of their class. Each student is eligible to receive \$500 each semester (up to \$4,000) they apply for it, and show proof of being in an educational setting beyond high school.

Local high school counselors were sent information over the past few weeks. Students may contact their counselors or go to our web site <http://.majonesfuneraldirectors.com>. Students can get all the information they need to apply for the scholarship including guidelines.

Students who are drug free and/or interested in a career in Mortuary Science (Funeral Director or Embalmer) will receive additional consideration even through all career choices are considered.

The Jones' will hold interviews for those finalists in each of the areas they serve. Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors serves Terry, Gaines, and Yoakum Counties of Texas and all students in those areas are encouraged to apply.

Jones - Moore Engagement Announced



Ms. Kathy Jones of The Woodlands and Mr. Steve Jones of Plains are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tandi Michelle, to Michael Mathew Moore, son of Ms. Rena Moore of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moore of Greenwood.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. James F. Turner of Brownfield and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Jones of Plains. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Betty M. Singleton and the late John A. Singleton of Lamesa and Mr. & Mrs. Milton Moore of Welch.

The bride elect, a 1999 graduate of Plains High School, Plains, Texas, is a student at Texas A&M University and Blinn Junior College where she is majoring in Economics. Tandi is currently employed as the Night Auditor with LaSalle Hotel in Bryan, Texas.

The future bridegroom, a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School, Stanton, Texas, also attends Texas A&M University where he plans to graduate in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. Matt is employed with Varsity Ford Lincoln Mercury in College Station, Texas as a Sales Manager/Business Development Manager.

A June 14, 2003 wedding is planned at the LaSalle Hotel in Bryan, Texas.

Senior Citizens Corner

Zelma Boone, Ann Greer, and Wanda Black were back again this week after lengthy absences by each one. Welcome! Ruby Kennedy tells us she has just about finished going through a multitude of accumulated debris and memories in preparation to making her move to Brownfield at the end of the week. We reminded her that we are near enough for her to come back to visit often.

Opal has brought another group of books from the local library. All of you folks who enjoy reading, come and choose your favorites. There are all kinds of subjects and authors so you will surely find what you'd like to check to read.

Howard and Teddi Carlson

have been guests this week of Ione Johnson. They are friendly folk who are returning to their Minnesota home after spending the winter in south Texas. They have promised to stop by again at Christmas time as they head back to a warmer area.

A reminder to the ladies that the Community Outreach Mobile Mammography unit will be here on April 17. Call 800-388-6266 for your appointment.

Another reminder, this one to the Board Members of the Center, that there will be a Board Training Workshop in Lubbock on April 29 and 30. We will tell you again before that time, but today this is to remind you to report to the office by April 11 to let Gloria know which workshop you will be attending.

Booster Club Meets

The Plains Athletic Booster Club will meet April 14, 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria to discuss plans for the upcoming PHS Athletic Banquet. Bring your ideas for the banquet. The Club will also vote on scholarship recipients.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!!!!

New Books At The Library

FICTION:

The Reluctant Suitor. Kathleen Woodiwiss, *Sons Of Fortune*. Jeffrey Archer, *Hearts At Home*. Lori Copeland, *Jerusalem's Hope*. Bodie Thoene, *The Wishing Jar*. Penelope Stokes, *Trail By Fire: The Last Good War* (A novel of WWII). James Reagoner, *The Thrill Of Victory*. Sandra Brown, *Cold Pursuit*. T. Jefferson Parker.

NON-FICTION:

Fresh Elastic For Stretched Out Moms. Barbara Johnson, *My Losing Season*. Pat Conroy, *George And Laura*. Christopher Andersen, *Jarhead*. Anthony Swofford.

Student Greenhouse Project

WHAT: Bedding plants & vegetables

WHERE: Plains School Greenhouse

WHEN: Monday & Tuesday morning 8:30-11:30 am., Thursday & Friday 1 - 3:30 pm.

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Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 2. Jeanette Head called the meeting to order, and Thelma Cheatham read the minutes, Betty Estep gave the treasurers report. Linda Powell, artist of the month, brought the door prize won by Susie Powell. It was decided to cancel the trip to Post.

Shelia Stephens introduced

Jean Green, the guest artist. She painted roses in a vase using oil paints. After the demonstration, hostesses Shelia Stephens and Eileen Fillipp served refreshments.

The next meeting will be May 6. Renae Simpson will be demonstrating colored pencil art. Anyone interested in art is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

College of the Southwest Receives \$15 Million Grant

College of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM, has announced that it has received a \$15 million, five year grant from the J.F. Maddox Foundation.

To be paid over the next five academic years, the grant is the largest ever received by the College, and it is believed to be one of the largest single grants to any New Mexico college or university.

The grant will provide up to \$8 million over the next five years to support operational costs, such as salaries, utilities, insurance, and the like, with all remaining dollars allocated for capitol projects, such as the construction or renovation of new buildings.

According to CSW President Gary A. Dill, the grant comes at an exciting time. "We have begun to implement the first phase of an aggressive, 10 year Campus Master Plan. The first phase alone will cost \$30 million, with construction planned for four new

residence halls (the first is already under construction), a new physical fitness/athletic center, a chapel, and a physical plant warehouse. We've also begun expanding programs, with men's and women's golf and men's soccer already in place for fall, as well as basketball, cross country, softball, debate, and choir projected for the future. This very generous \$15 million grant from the J.F. Maddox Foundation will help us meet the exciting challenge that is before College of the Southwest."

Since the grant provides a significant portion of construction costs, the college will now be able to seek other sources for naming gifts for the new facilities. According to Dill, gifts of benefactors can now be used to significantly honor or memorialize persons through the naming and dedication of building at the College of the Southwest.

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From The Hack

From my San Antone cousin:
A long time ago, Britain and France were at war. During one battle, the French captured an English major. Taking the major to their headquarters, the French general began to question him.

The general asked, "Why do you English officers all wear red coats? Don't you know the red material makes you easier targets for us to shoot at?"

In his bland, English way, the major informed the general the reason English officers wear red is when they are shot, the blood won't show, and the men they are leading won't panic. And that is why from that day to now the French army officers wear brown pants.

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I recently scanned over the list of candidates running for the U.S. Representative job in District 19, which of course is us. These men and women range

in age from a spry 36 to a seasoned 79, and the only jobs missing from their occupation listing are butcher, baker and candle stick maker. I am a bit curious about what a few of them actually do; exactly what does a public servant do? Can any member of the public approach one of them and demand service of some sort? Like taking the garbage out, scrubbing the potty, shopping for lox and rutabagas? Well, everyone has to be something, but this doesn't sound like much background for a Congressman. One guy claims to be an oil field supervisor. All this time I pictured supervisors being in charge of people doing something, performing some task or creating goods, not an entire, inanimate oil field.

Eleven candidates are running as Republicans, two as Democrats. Four are wishful thinkers, running on the Constitution, Libertarian, Green party tickets, one as an Independent. It is my understanding the Green party is big on the environment, you know, tree huggers, defenders of the spotted owl. Wonder what they think of having to vote on paper ballots?

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