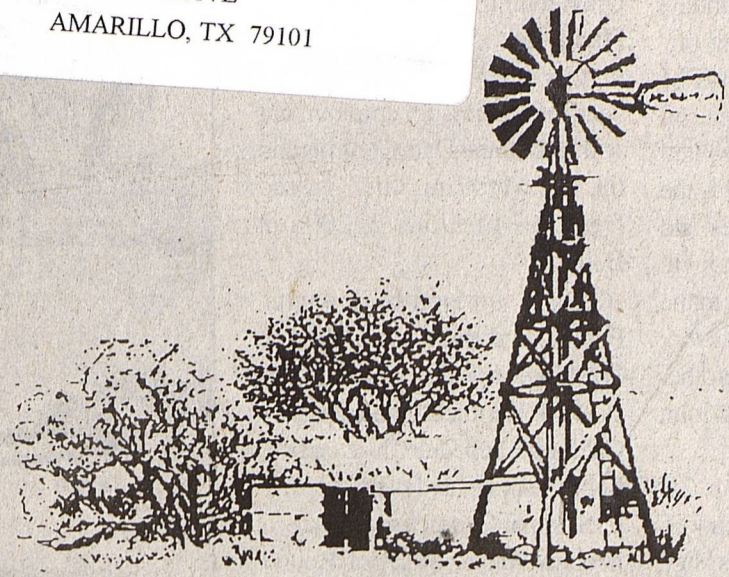


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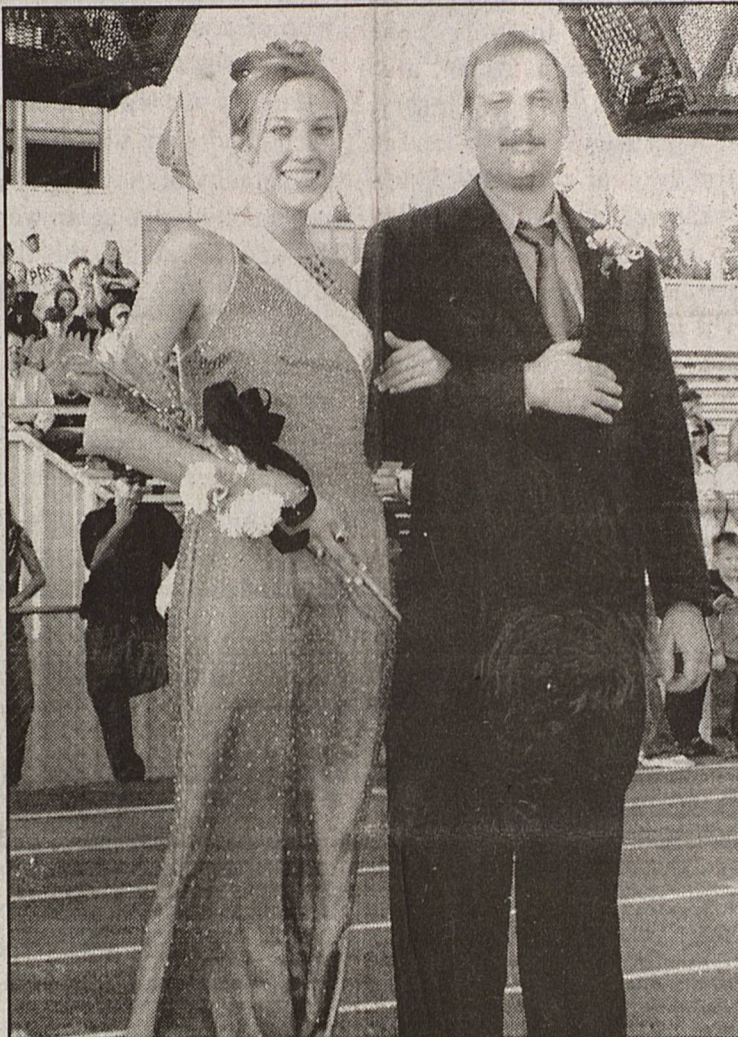
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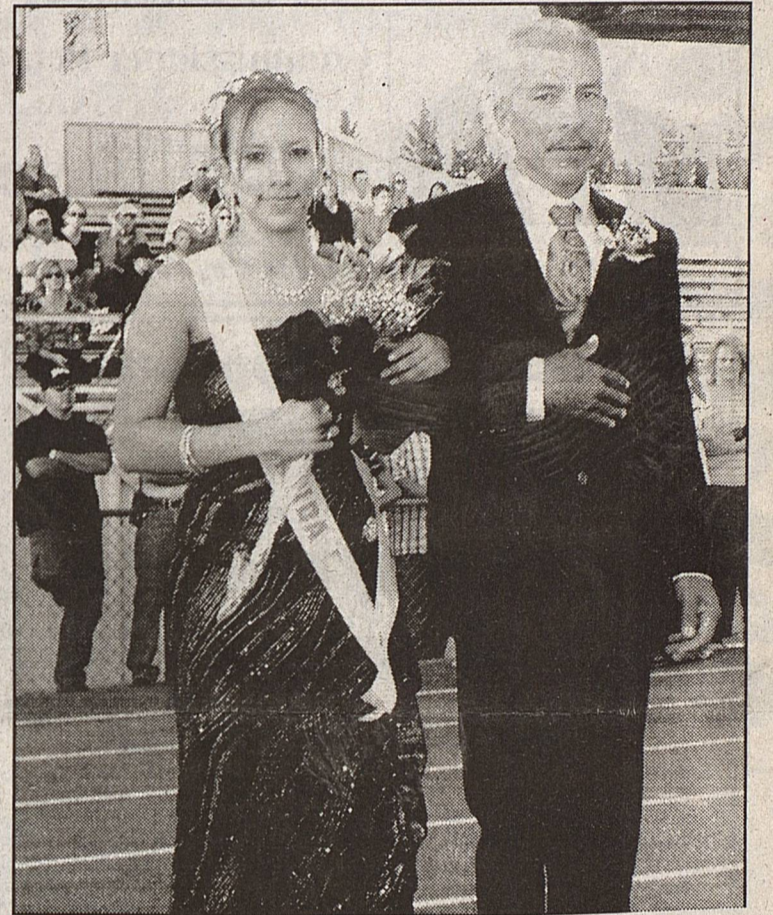
2006 Homecoming Royalty



Sr. Candidate Angelica Gomez and dad Davis Gomez



2006 Queen Jennifer Eccles and dad Jim Eccles
More Homecoming Shots Inside



Sr. Candidate Araceli Mendoza and dad Manuel Mendoza

County Law Enforcement Center ground breaking start of state mandated \$ 6.5 million project

More than five dozen law enforcement officials, county officers, employees and well wishers were on hand October 4 at the construction site for the planned 28,000 square foot facility. County Judge Dallas Brewer, Commissioners Woody Lindsey, Ben Coston, Jack Cobb, Ty Earl Powell, were joined by County Sheriff Don Corzine and Architect Ken Burns, manning the ritual shovels signifying the project is officially underway.

Funding will be accomplished with the issuance of \$6.5 million in Certificates of Obligation, earlier approved by the Commissioners Court. The approximate 9.2 acre plot of ground for the site was purchased earlier for \$50,000.

The Center will consist of some 28,000 square feet of space: Approximately 20,000 square feet for the jail itself and dispatcher personnel, and some 8,000 square feet for administration and office use.

Actual construction of the jail is not expected to start until March, 2007, with an estimated completion date set for March, 2008. The latest in electronics will be featured in



Manning traditional groundbreaking shovels are Pct. 1 Comm. Woody Lindsey, Pct. 2 Comm. Ben Coston, County Judge Dallas Brewer, Sheriff Don Corzine, Pct. 4 Comm. Jack Cobb, Pct. 3 Comm. Ty Earl Powell, and project architect Kenneth Burns.

the day to day operation of the jail. A central control area will be capable of monitoring the entire facility with closed circuit TV cameras, and opening and closing of all facility doors will be operated electronically.

The jail will contain 48 state certified beds for prisoners; the facility can actually house 54 inmates, but the state requires certification of ten percent less beds than full capacity. The jail is also approved

for housing up to 12 female prisoners.

The jail issue surfaced over a period of time, when overcrowding by state standards forced the county to house inmates in other custody sites. An expensive situation requiring more hours and travel expense by deputies relocating prisoners in area jails. Officials had already been advised by the state the old facility could not be approved for fu-

ture use.

The architectural firm of Burnes and Gill, Fort Worth, continue to develop plans for the project, and are in the selection process of contracting for a Construction Manager at Risk applicant who will perform the actual construction of the facility. Deadline for submitting qualifications for the position is October 30.

Chiefs outgun Cowboys 20-13



Mario Ruvalcaba turns corner with Chiefs in hot pursuit

In the first three games of this season, the Cowboys have fared well in racking up offensive statistics, including total offense yards, passing yardage, first downs and third down effectiveness. They failed to continue this momentum against the Crosbyton Chiefs.

Early in the first quarter Homecoming fans were thrilled when the Cowboys Elias Carrillo recovered a Chief fumble and moved the ball to the 43 yardline. Chris Addison hit Rudy Gonzales for a short gain, and the next play the Cowboy linemen bottled up the Chief defenders for Mario Ruvalcaba to scoot around right end with a 40 yard

dash to score, and Antonio Martinez kick gave them a 7-0 lead. Unfortunately the Cowboys were unable to gain another first down the first quarter.

The Chiefs found the right gear for their offense, and passed and rushed to move the ball to the Cowboys 20 yardline. Their quarterback Andrews threw a strike and the Chiefs were on the board for a 7-6 score when their PAT kick failed.

With Chase Guetersloh at the helm, The Chief defenders were swarming, forcing a punt by Mayes which was blocked to give the Chiefs the ball at the Cowboy 35. They ground

Turn To Page 4, Cowboys

Glen Sloan Interment Service

Glen Sloan, a Yoakum County son and retired Navy Veteran, is scheduled to be buried Sunday, October 15 2006, following private graveside service at 2:30 PM conducted by Pastor Cameron Givan of the Plains First United Methodist Church. Glen was the younger of three sons of Ernest and Norelle (Keller) Sloan, and will be buried in the family plot in the Yoakum County Plains Cemetery alongside his parents, his brother Don Sloan, and grandfather John C. Keller.

Glen was born September 26, 1926. He attended Plains schools. After graduation from Plains High in 1947, Glen began a twenty year service with the United States Navy, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. He specialized in electronics and communications,

where in the later years he served as an instructor in those fields. Upon retirement, he and his wife Phyllis retired in Bellevue, Washington where he spent several years of supervisory employment with Sunstrand Data Controls and the Art Museum. Glen passed from this life June 2, 2006 in Bellvue.

Glen is survived by his wife Phyllis, and three sons, Guy of Washington State, Andy of the state of Kentucky, and Don of California. Scheduled to attend the family service are his brother Jay C. Sloan of Georgetown, Texas, a nephew Jon E. Sloan of Round Rock, a niece Joy Sloan Stryker of Aspen, Colorado, and a son Guy Way of Washington state, and other relatives and close friends.

State record case of bovine constipation ends



Cowperson Gentry & Jeannette Head record a "PLOP"

The mysterious case of bovine irregularity ended Thursday, October 6, at 4:08 PM when a local cow affectionately called Arlan did its business in the painted grid of numbers on Avenue F in front of the electronic sign. Arlan, also known as Arlan Gentry, County Agent, was a stand in for the real cow, steer, bull, whatever, originally scheduled to make a drop during the September 3 Watermelon Round Up in the annual Cow Patty Bingo fund raising event, doomed by rain.

Round Up Chair person Jeannette Head witnessed Arlan do his thing - he donned a mask over his eyes, was whirled around several times, then with his back to the printed numbers, flung a double handful of..... well, a dried

cowchip. The first toss resulted in the chip, thankfully extremely dry, landing on # 72, originally bought before the Round Up by, guess who!? Jerome Head, who of course happens to be the spouse of Jeannette. There were only two witnesses to the event, and you will have to the veracity of the toss. Cow personality Arlan again went through the routine, this time heaving the mess on #44, purchased by T.D. Covington of Denver City for the Round Up.

Following the tremendously exciting spectacle, cow person Arlan was asked if he and his cohorts truly expected the public to believe the event, he mused, "If they do, I got a 3,000 pound polar bear in my fridge I'll sell cheap."

Local on winning tennis team

The Lubbock Seniors 3.5 tennis team recently defeated Midland in the final of the Texas section of the U.S. Tennis Sectional Tournament in

New Braunfels. The team earlier in the competition defeated teams from San Antonio, North Houston, Fort Worth and North East Texas. Dell Knight of Plains is a member of the winning team. This marks the second championship Knight has played in this year. Competing in the Lubbock 7.10 Senior Mixed tourney they won their third straight sectional championship in San Antonio.



Farm Bureau President preps members for 2007 legislative session

Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke said the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature will be a landmark for several key agricultural issues. Dierschke, a grain and cotton farmer from San Angelo, spoke in Austin recently at the TFB Legislative Conference, addressing important issues in the 80th session which begins January 9.

Dierschke names hot button issues such as water and property tax appraisals as deserving farmers' attention. Farm Bureau's support for renewable energy, such as wind power, methane gas from animal wastes, bio-diesel, biomass and ethanol fuel, was another important issue. "Farmers are ready to help fuel Texas," Dierschke said. "This is an important investment, and government should participate in it and promote it at every opportunity."

Dierschke said the controversy over eminent domain and TFB's opposition to the Trans Texas Corridor was also on TFB's legislative agenda. He emphasized adequate compensation for the original landowners in eminent domain takings and "the concept of royalty payments for original landowners in the eminent domain discussion."

The TFB President stressed Farm Bureau's support for a voluntary, market driven animal identification program. "The world beef market is demanding age and source verification. The evidence suggests the day is coming when it will be hard for a calf to get in the feedlot without it," Dierschke said opposing voluntary animal identification policies is to ignore the obvious signals the world market place is sending.

The bottom line of his address was Texas Farm Bureau is dedicated to supporting ag policies and encouraging member participation and lobbying. "Involved and active members have been the secret to winning previous sessions, this one will be no different," he said. "We'll see to it farm and ranch families of Texas are represented well in the 80th Legislature."

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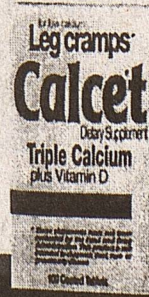
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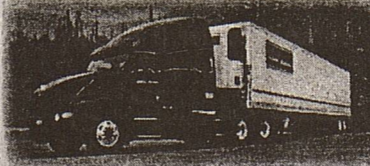
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Winning the War on Terror

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

After a flurry of last-minute activity, Congress is now adjourned for six weeks. Most members will use the time to return to their districts and communicate directly with their constituents in advance of national elections on Nov. 7.

This period will be beneficial for our democracy. Elections help cut through the fog of rhetoric coming from Washington, and hopefully provide voters with clear choices. We all benefit when voters give direction for the future, and deliver their evaluations of the job Congress is doing.

A key issue in this election will be prosecution of the war on terror. Americans are, understandably, reluctant participants in foreign wars. We rightly want to know that the significant costs involved – the precious lives and resources – are necessary to protect United States national security interests.

Our campaign against terrorism is not like previous wars, with battles fought by uniformed combatants. America is now at war with an enemy who knows no borders, wears no uniform, and has no respect for human life.

The enemy we face is united simply by a devotion to a radical, violent interpretation of Islam, and a dedication to the destruction of democracy.

The first duty of the federal government is to protect our people from future attacks. So it is critical that we recognize the true nature of this threat, and the strategy and tactics being used, and address them accordingly.

Before Congress recessed last month, it approved a controversial measure covering the way we treat apprehended terrorist suspects. This measure was particularly important because this war promises to be extended, deadly and difficult.

The Bringing Terrorists to Justice Act will give the President clear authority to prosecute those who have threatened our nation and our citizens, and will ensure these terrorists are brought to justice. It will also provide clear guidelines covering how terror suspects can be interrogated and prosecuted. The goal is to protect our citizens while observing international standards of justice and our treaty obligations.

I believe this legislation well accomplishes these goals. It allows continuation of a high-value detainee interrogation program that has provided

important information about future terrorist plans, and has demonstrably saved American lives – both civilian and military. It does so while ensuring that these unlawful enemy combatants are treated in a manner consistent with our laws and values. In fact, they will be provided with more procedural protections than the Geneva Conventions require even for prisoners of war.

Let's be clear. The new law will not provide these terrorist combatants with the same legal rights available to U.S. citizens accused of a crime. But it will make certain that as we bring terrorists like Khalid Sheik Mohammed to justice, we are not forced to hand over classified national security information that will find its way to other terrorists. It will allow aggressive interrogation techniques, some of them not to be made public, that have already proven their value in preventing attacks on our homeland and our military forces.

The Bringing Terrorists to Justice Act was approved by substantial bipartisan majorities in both the U.S. House and Senate. The President will sign it into law. Yet the bill was opposed by a vigorous Congressional minority who were concerned the legislation did not provide adequate rights to accused terrorists. It promises to be a central topic of discussion in the coming election season, and it should be.

We are a compassionate nation, and a civilized one. But it is the duty of those of us in public office to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, first and foremost. Texans can be confident I will do everything possible, in the U.S. Senate, to ensure that we fulfill this primary responsibility.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

Criminal cases in District Court

Two felony criminal cases were heard in the October 5 session of 121st District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Andres Jesus Palomares pled guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony. A two year sentence in state jail was suspended and probated five years. He must pay fine of \$1500, \$271 court costs, \$300 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee on or before December 31, 2006, and serve 120 hours community service and pay \$50

monthly supervision fees. His attorney was Warren New.

Samuel Gabriel Manzano pled guilty to possession of less than one gram cocaine, a state jail felony. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He must pay \$1000 fine, \$362 court costs, \$640 restitution, to DPS and Francisco Gutierrez, \$450 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He will perform 120 hours community service, must complete the drug offender program and surrender his license 180 days. Bill Helwig was his attorney

Wind Farms continue to expand

AES Corporation recently completed the first phase of the wind farm called Buffalo Gap 1. The second phase, Buffalo Gap 2, is expected to achieve commercial operation by summer of 2007. The combined output of both phases will be 352.5 Megawatts.

With this landmark expansion next year, Buffalo Gap will become one of the largest wind farms in the United States. Every year these turbines will generate enough energy to power 100,000 average homes.



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Soph. Duchess Reyna Gallegos and dad Manuel Gallegos



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PISD Honor Roll

ELEMENTARY:

A Honor Roll
First Grade
Cynthia Carrasco
Adrian Chavez
Braedon Davis
Amanda Dusek
Kenneth Earnest
Erica Flores
Avery Garcia
Valeria Garza
Makayla Gatzki
Joel Guerra
Zachary Harris
Matthew Hartman
Brea McWhirter
Kinsey Michaleson
RaeAnn Morales
Ashlim Peters
Angela Rodriguez
Bryson Roper
Gerardo Sanchez
Jaicee Saxon
Kaetlin Taylor
Anna Wiebe
Henry Wieler
A-B Honor Roll
Alejandro Andazola
Jorge Becerra
Courtney Davis

Middle School

A - Honor Roll
5th Grade:
Zackery Wilkins
All A, 1 B
Jaston Brink
Chasity Chavez
Taylor Michaleson
Bailey Stephens
6th Grade A Honor Roll
Merrit Crump

High School

All A's:
9th Grade
Brandon Craft
Emilia Gallegos
Natalie Haynes
Seong Jae Kim
Nathan McCravey
Troy Parrish
Justin Taylor
Victoria Valverde
All A's-1B
Ignacio Lozano
10th Grade All A's
Reyna Gallegos
Yesenia Loya
All A's 1 B
Chris Addison

Mathew Gonzales
Isiah Lira Evan Rios
A Honor Roll
Second Grade
Jonathan Anderson
Steven Anna
Jonathan Carrasco
Jamie Cueto
Samuel Cueto
Mesa Davis
Sage Lovelace
Hannah Lowrey
Daniela Loya
Bryce McWhirter
Peyton McWhirter
Kade Stephens
Angelica Villareal
Benny Wieler
William Wilkins
Leigh Williams
A-B Honor Roll:
David Delarosa
Daniel Gomez
Karina Hoecker
Jaydon Lira
Erica Mejia
Yesika Ramos
Wendy Sanchez
A Honor Roll
Third Grade

Autumn Friesen
Matthew Ramos
All a, 1 B
Vanessa Cueto
7th All A
Adriana Corrales
Mayra Cueto
Taylor Fitzgerald
Carolina Hernandez
Denise Tarango
Brooke Wilson

11th All As
Kurt Alldredge
Maria Andazola
Joani Bell
Ryan Crump
Ambver Friesen
Lauren Hise
Flor Lara
Juan Lara
Cody Mayes
Colby Ortega
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All A's- 1 B
Lauren Davis
Marissa Melendez
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William Boyles
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Brock McWhirter
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Kasidee Taylor
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Perla Corrales

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Dray DeBusk
Fabiola Rubalcava
8th All A, 1 B
Forrest Booth
Dylan DeBusk
Christian Valdez
Hunter Welch
All A, 1 B
Cody Friesen
Kevin Gass
John Tyson
12th Grad All A's
Scott Addison
Landon Craft
Jose Luis Gallegos
Erika Loewen
Nancy Lozano
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli mendoza
Lisa Neufeld
Mario Ruvalcaba
Diana Valenzuela
Colby Wilmeth
All A's - 1B
Yesica Calderon
Michael Marin
Antonio Martinez
Adriana Ponce

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up yardage and in five runs pushed across the goal, and the extra point kick was good for a 13-7 lead at the half.

In their first possession in the third quarter, the Cowboy offense linemen provided protection for John Tyson and Cody Mayes to move the ball on the ground. Addison threw to Rudy Gonzales for 15 yards. Scott Addison took a pass for yardage, and a pass interference call moved the Cowboys to the 21. Tyson gained 3 yards up the middle. Addison threw to Rudy for 6 yards. An intentional grounding call pushed the Cowboys back to the 24. The Cowboys were assisted with another pass interference call to move them to the nine yardline. Disaster struck the next play when a fumble handed the ball to the Chiefs.

They would score late in the

period to go up 20-7. In the final quarter Addison threw to Gonzales, then found Ruvalcaba open for 6 yards, followed by a 43 yard toss to Rudy Gonzales for a touchdown. The kick was wide, for the final 20-13 score.

Plains managed 173 yards total offense compared to the Chiefs 332. They could manage only 50 total yards on the ground, 123 yards in the air. Addison completed 13 of 25 passing attempts, and Rudy Gonzales had 9 receptions for 105 yards. Zach Ramos had an interception. Braden Loya topped tacklers with 11. Chase Guetersloh had 6. Justin Vasquez 5.

The Cowboys start tough district play Friday, facing old nemesis Seagraves here. They can use your presence and help!



This cheerleader needed oxygen when she came back down



Cody Mayes, 8, blocks a Chief



Rudy Gonzales couldn't quite reach this pass

Pink Panther Victory!

The first PHS Powder Puff Football game was a great success. Teams were the Pink Panthers, senior and junior girls, and Baby Blue Bombers, sophomore and freshmen girls. The Student Council hosted the event to help raise food for our local food closet and money for the Energy and Environment Project, which will take place later this year. \$130 cash and 53 cans of food were raised for the food closet and \$79 was raised for our Weatherization project.

PISD Cross Country Update

Jr. High girls, boys, and the high school boys cross country teams competed in the Oil Patch Invitational meet at Sundown Saturday, October 7.

Jr. High Girls: The Lady Wranglers were 9th as a team. Individual results were Hannah Crump, 37th, 15:52- Jasmine Whitel 48th, 16:03 - Stephanie Addison 51st, 16:11 -Fabiola Ruvalcaba 52nd, 16:12 -Samantha DeLaRosa 80th, 16:52 - Patty Avila 87th, 17:02 - Suzette Bonilla 137th.

Jr. High Wranglers- 1st as a team. Individuals- Robert Reyna 2nd, 12:52 - Mychal Sainz 5th, 12:57 - Peter Neudorf 6th, 12:58- Jaxon Bean 8th, 13:10. Drey DeBusk 18th, 14:15

Varsity Boys:

2nd as team. Jonathan Lira 5th, 18:47 - Jose Villegas 11th, 19:23- Scott Addison 23rd, 20:20 - Zach Ramos 27th, 20:36 - John Tyson 47th, 22:19 - Seong Jae 50th, 22:39 - Cody Mayes 56th, 23:28 - Holden Welch 59th, 25:30

Saturday, September 14. The Jr. High boys and girls, and high school varsity boys and girls will compete in the O'Donnell mett held in Lamesa.



Chase Guetersloh tries to block for Rudy Gonzales

Lifelines & Styles

'Supper's ready - Come and git it' at Tsa Mo Ga Club

Tsa Mo Ga members received an extensive overview of the Historical Commission's plans and projects for celebrating the county 100th birthday at it's September 25 meeting. A special barbecue meal was hosted by Wilma Powell, Mary Jo and Pierre St. Romain and Elouise and Joe St. Romain to kick off the club year.

Toni Jones was coordinator for the "Historical People - Places and Things" program and introduced commission chair Linda Powell, who gave exciting plans and activities being put together for the county centennial. She told the group the celebration is "in good hands", and the official celebration will be September 1, 2007, 'piggy backing' with the annual Watermelon Round Up. A stage production, a specially designed logo, "Cows, Crops and Crude Oil", a postage stamp, a history booklet/brochure, organizational calendar, a county map and other activities are all well underway to make the county's birthday a rousing celebration.

Christy Canada, Brenda Canada and Jeannette Head joined Powell outlining projects and events. Christy, helping with the production "Making ice cream when it hails," a play of county history penned by Connie Webb, said, "It is very informative and exciting." The play will be performed several times and vignettes will be presented at

schools.

Brenda Canada is soliciting news and information from county businesses and farmers for a 'booklet/brochure she hopes will include "things happening along the way." The publication will begin at 1986-present. "Farms don't realize what they do is a business," and she encourages everyone to record their farming history and "bring things back so your children can know it."

Head said the special tabloid newspaper of the Watermelon Round Up will be dedicated to the centennial. She spoke about establishing a museum in the old courthouse and possibility of moving Tsa Mo Ga's 'bonus shack' to the courthouse grounds as part of the museum. Since the meeting the idea was presented to Commissioners Court which agreed to initially donate two rooms of the building to start, and continue to furnish utilities.

Powell said, "the centennial means we are planning for our future and it's our dream for our future."

One club completed project is the Yoakum County Centennial Cookbook containing 1300 recipes from county residents. The book is \$25 and can be purchased at the library or from a club member. Proceeds from the book sale will be used to purchase and erect a gazebo for Old Settlers Park.

BY RENNETTA O'QUINN

Storytime At The Library

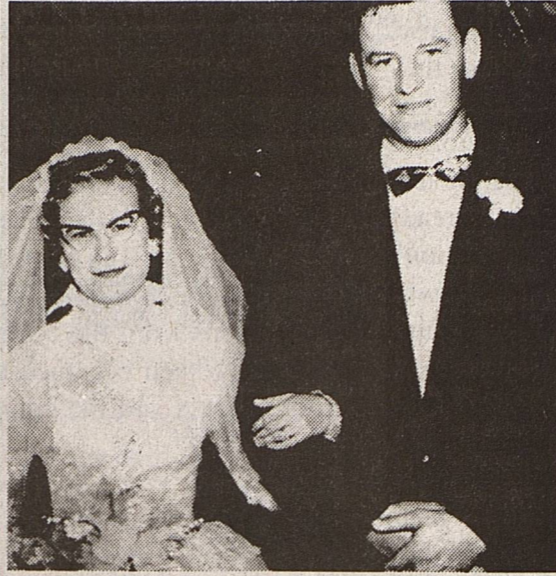
Twenty boys and girls attended Storytime at Yoakum County Library October 4. The activities began with a round of Toddlerobics followed by the pledge to the flags and group singing. The topic of the program was the different signs of the Fall season and the national holiday, Columbus Day. The books read were Word Bird's Fall Words, Fall Is For Friends, and Lionel In The Fall. The video Old Bear Stories completed the program. Boys and girls attending were Madison Cordova, Bret'lei Dominguez, Kaitlyn Ward, Tyler Humphrey, Lance Taylor, Krista Hix, Mallory Bunch, Abigail and Elijah McAdams, Taryn, Delese and Brie Willis, Raven and Ranger Harvey, Kierns Harris, Jentry, Trenty and Asher Wall, Neicia Anna, Ellie and Cason Russell, Jaycie Richters.

Texas A&M Graduate

In recent summer commencement ceremonies held at College Station, diplomas were awarded to 1,969 Texas A&M University graduates. Among those recognized were former Plains resident and PHS graduate Allison Nikole Butler. Allison earned a Bachelor degree in Business Administration, and minor in marketing. She is the daughter of Bill and Daina Butler of Plains.

The more I traveled the more I realized fear makes strangers of people who should be friends - Shirley Maclaine

Jack & Martha (Fitzgerald) Palmer were married October 21, 1956. Today their children and grandchildren cordially invite you to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary



A reception will be held in their honor on October 21, 2006 at 2 PM in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Plains, Texas. Please let your presence be their present.

Hospital, AHEC announce 2006-07 Jr. Volunteers

Yoakum County Hospital and Area Health Education Center (AHEC) are proud to announce the 2006-2007 Junior Volunteers. From Denver City High: Chelsea Galvan, Kristin Tovar, Chelsea Stroud, Shannen Ochesky, Leslie Gabaldon, Danielle Quezada, Rosa Gallegos and Nicole Villa. From Seagraves High: Vanessa Serna and Joanne Carrillo, and from Plains High, Jordan Williams, Angelica Gomez, Erika Loewen and Meghan Garcia. The YCH/AHEC Junior Volunteer program began on 2005 with 15 students, the first junior volunteer program in a 21 county area AHEC serves. This current select group of students have the opportunity for hands on experience in the medical field before they graduate from high school. In April 2007 a \$500 scholarship from AHEC will be presented to the student who has worked well with the hospital staff and accumulated the most hours. Yoakum County Hospital will offer a \$500 match if the student agrees to return to YCH after receiving their certification in their desired medical field.



Debbie Rushing, Yoakum County Clerk, was one of many visitors to the Lea County Electric Cooperatives Customer Appreciation Day October 4th. Day long visitors were treated to popcorn and a view of the recently refurbished office quarters. Shown with Rushing are Suzie Brown, LCEC Director of Marketing and Member Relations, Secretary Shannon Squyres and LCEC Board Director Terry Davis. Mrs. Brown said "Our appreciation day is a small way of telling our Plains and Yoakum County cooperative members how much we appreciate them and want to continue serving all their power needs."

Labor of Love

By Linda Powell

Crosses, laying and standing on the table sparkled in her eyes. Sheila Stephens, known as the Cross Lady of Plains, spread them out in front of her and sister Sandra Ellison for the Yoakum County Art Association meeting Tuesday, October 3. They were to be the guest demonstrators for the 30 year old organization. Art Association is not new to Sheila, a member for 20 years. Always 'crafty' and an excellent seamstress, she has always shared her talents, and this night is no exception.

Beginning in January of 2006, Sheila and her family have made over 400 large wire crosses, and 'too many to count' smaller ones. In addition to the crosses she has given as gifts, she has sold over \$10,000 crosses at \$20 and \$15 to raise funds for cancer victims and others. Originally the recipient of this love money was Kelsey Davis, a 23 year young woman from Loving, New Mexico who had cancer and died in June this year. Numerous friends continue to be blessed with these gifts.

The crosses are made from copper, galvanized steel, gold and red wire twisted to hold the 'jewels' of marbles, beads and crystals. Sandra cuts the wires for her and makes smaller crosses. Their brother Lanny Smith makes the stands for horse-shoes and wire. They also make the nail crosses for sale or donation.

The most crosses Sheila has made in one day is seven, because of the tiresome nature of twisting the wire. Each section has 12 wires, with 24 total wires on each cross. They are twisted on an old ceramic fuse. A butterfly decorates each cross. Sheila has collected butterflies since husband Bo gave her a butterfly after the birth of their third daughter, Kristy. "Butterflies are a sign from God to me," states Sheila. All materials and labor is donated by the siblings. "It's not about us. It's what God lets us do", Sheila reminded us, "To whom much has been given much is required". Her phone number is 456-3600 if you need a cross.

Jeannette Head and Lisa Gentry served refreshments to 12 members and guest Linda Wall. 4-Hers under leadership of Tonya Patton held a style show. Wearing their watermelon garments were Jentry Wall, Mackenzie Patton, Haley Welch,

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10:45 A.M.
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6:00 P.M.

A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newswire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

From The Hack

Courtesy my buddy J.R. Slentz of Denver City: Fifty one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the army. On his first day in basic training, they issued him a comb. That afternoon the army barber sheared off all his hair. On his second day, the army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day, the army issued him a jock strap. The army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.

I travel to Lovington each Tuesday to get these pages printed at the same time love-him or hate-him Rush Limbaugh is holding forth on the radio. At times he infuriates me, others I want to cheer him.

Not too long ago he was talking (he's ALWAYS talkng., of course) about how our military people are paid: " This is part and parcel of over 50 years of entitlement politics in this country. It's really sad. Every time a pay raise comes up for our military, they usually receive next to nothing of a raise. Now the green machine is in combat in the Middle East while their families survive on food stamps and live in low rent housing. Does that make sense? Our own Congress recently voted themselves a raise. Many of you don't know they only have to be in Congress one time to receive a pension of more than \$15,000 per month. And most of them are already millionaires plus. They don't receive social security - why should they, they don't pay into it. If our military people stay in for twenty years and get out as an E-7, they'll receive about \$1000 per month."

This time I listened to blabber-mouth I wanted to hug him. Next time, I'll probably want to boil him in whale oil.

The Texas Governor race is really heating up. The consensus seems to be Perry is slipping, and as Kinky and Gramma

keep breathing fire and brimstone, the democrat and independent guys just keep paddling, barely afloat. This thing may be really interesting come November 7. I just read the following in a priceless little book about the follies of Texas politics:

" Perhaps too often Texas voters get what they deserve, reap what they sew, stew in their own juices, and drown in other cliches that equate with getting the quality or lack of quality of government that is inevitable if not enough good people participate in the system. As the brilliant and scintillating humorist and political commentator Molly Ivins has surveyed the historical results in the governor's office in Texas: " In Texas, we do not hold high expectations from the office: it's mostly been occupied by crooks, dorks and the comatose."

From the same source I learned what Mark Twain had

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Yoakum County hereby requests and will receive written qualifications for Construction Manager-At-Risk services relative to the proposed Yoakum County Law Enforcement Center project, no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, October 30, 2006, at which time the qualifications will be opened and read aloud.

Qualifications will then be taken under consideration.

Requests for Qualifications may be obtained by contacting the office of the Architect, Burns & Gill Architects, 3880 Hulen Street, Suite 670, Fort Worth, Texas 76107, 817-336-5804, during regular business hours.

to say about missionaries, which could be applied to political hopefuls: "They listened with the greatest of interest to everything he had to say. Then they ate him." Another politician defined the difference between a dog and a voter: " It is said if you find a starving dog, feed him, and make him pros-

perous, he will not bite you... whereas a voter will."

When all the results are in after the November 7 date, there is a strong possibility a number of those on the presnet ballot will wake up the following day with the following day. A fellow running for a state position tried to explain his defeat was due to illness and fatigue. In

other words, he told folks, the voters were simply " sick and tired " of him. Perhaps Adlai Stevenson, former presidential candidate had it right: " Perhaps the hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving you are unworthy of winning."

NOTICE AVISO

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE TEMPRANO VOTANDO POR PERSONAL APPEARANCE

FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006
PARA EL 7 NOVIEMBRE DE 2006
GENERAL ELECTION
ELECCION GENERAL

WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE
LA VOTACION ADELANTADA EN PERSONA SE LLEVARA A CABO DE LUNES AVIERNES EN:
**COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, IN THE COURTHOUSE AT PLAINS
AND
THE DENVER CITY BRANCH TAX OFFICE, AT 122 W. 4TH ST.**

Beginning: Monday, October 23, 2006
Principio: Lunes, de Octubre el 23 de 2006

Ending: Friday, November 3, 2006

Conclusion: Viernes, de Noviembre el 3 de 2006

VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEKDAYS ONLY,
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Will be conducted at the County Clerk's office, in the Courthouse at Plains, Avenue G. and Cowboy Way, and the Denver City Branch Tax Office, 122 West 4th Street, Denver City.

Voting hours will be 8AM - 5PM, Monday thru Friday, October 23 thru November 3. Last day to register to receive application for ballot to be voted by mail Tuesday, Oct. 10

Polling Precincts-in Denver City (All Elections including Democratic and Republican Primaries and Run-offs).

Precincts 101, 202, 305 and 406

Owner of Building	Name of Building	Street Address
Yoakum County	Denver City Community Building	501 W. 5 th St Denver City, Tx.


Polling Precincts-in Plains (All Elections including Democratic and Republican Primaries and Run-offs).

Precincts 303 and 404

Owner of Building	Name of Building	Street Address
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General Election Day
Tuesday, November 7
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