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NEIGHBORING LEA COUNTY TO GET STATE PRISON ADDITIONAL FEDERAL PRISON A STRONG POSSIBILITY

Adjoining Lea County, New Mexico, like so many Texas counties with a petroleum industry economy hurt by many adverse conditions in the industry, has received a welcome shot in the financial arm with news from Santa Fe approving plans for constructing a new 1200 bed State prison there.

The specific site has not been chosen, but Hobbs Industrial Air Park is being closely looked at, as is the Lovington Industrial Park south of the town.

The approval in Santa Fe was good news for both city's council members, and the County Commissioners. A survey had shown over 70% of county residents favored building the prison. The campaign promoting Lea County as the site for the sorely needed facility was led by the Lea County Prison Project Commission.

In a virtual bidding war with Chavez County, the Santa Fe nod of approval went to Lea County not only because of an excellent site proposal, but also the offer to "pledge \$12,000,000 cash or in-kind contribution to the State if it is necessary to facilitate or assist in permanent financing for the Lea County prison facility". The County also

pledged to donate the land for the prison.

Another possible high note was announced by State Senator Bill McKibben, who played a big role in securing the Lea County site. He said a decision to push for expanding the prison to a 2200 bed facility has been made, and is being actively pursued. Several other state officials say the need for the larger prison is there, and very real.

While the State facility approval is a 'done deal', another project is underway to secure a new Federal prison in Lea County. Mike Grogan, a consultant representing Brown & Root Construction and HKF, an architectural and engineering firm, thinks federal prison officials will be very interested in Lea County, with the State facility okayed. Asked about the need for federal prisons, Grogan said "They can't build them fast enough".

He said that the same factors making Lea County attractive to State officials would interest federal officials, and indicated he didn't think the County would have to come up with any 'cash inducement' offers for a federal project.

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RESPONSE TO LIONS CHALLENGE FOR SIGN FUNDS GOOD, BUT MORE NEEDED

Contributions to the 'Welcome' sign to be erected east of town have come in at a gratifying pace, according to David Brunson, Chamber of Commerce President, the sponsoring organization of the campaign.

"We are really pleased with the way the public, our local merchants and other organizations have responded to the idea", he stated. The local Lions Club is offering to match any and all donations to the project, up to one half the cost, if needed.

Brunson said recent negotiations with the sign maker in Tatum resulted in a much better price. "They originally quoted a price of \$2000 for the sign, but recently offered to furnish us two signs for \$2500, which the Chamber thought was a much better deal,

and we ordered the other sign, which will be installed on the west side of town," he added.

The company has indicated they may be able to finish both impressive signs in time for the annual Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion. The scores of visitors to the big celebration would be greeted by the signs when coming from both the east and west.

While response to the donor fund has been good, more money is needed, and all citizens, businesses and clubs are urged to help in the project. The Lions will still honor their pledge to match donations, if necessary, up to one half the cost of the project.

Contributions can be given to any Lion, or taken to City Hall.

1995 CROP OFF TO A ROCKY START

Area cotton producers are logging abnormally large numbers of hours on their tractors this year, and they are not accumulating from pulling planters, but working the bedded fields, in many cases trying to save seed already in the ground. The unusually dry and windy spring has played havoc with dry land and irrigated fields as well, with blowing dust and sand building up in the prepared rows, often behind a pumping irrigation system.

One producer stated he had three circles of irrigated cotton west of town, and he had listed, sand fought and pitched out the fields so many times he had lost count of the trips over the struggling cotton plants.

Recent scattered and scanty showers have allowed some dry land producers to put cotton seed in the ground, but lack of moisture at deeper depths have many worried about it's survival. "If we don't get rain in the next week to ten days, we are in trouble", one such producer said. If the plant root system hits dry soil, it's chances of survival are very slim. Other dry land growers are

still waiting and watching the clouds, hoping for planting moisture.

The USDA recently announced the predicted cotton crop would amount to some 16.2 million acres. The projection may have to be scaled back, if adequate rain fails to fall across the high Plains area the next few days.

Farmers are spending more time listening to and watching local weather forecasts. And as always this time of year, they watch the clouds in the sky, with both hope, and trepidation.

It can't rain without clouds, of course, but this time of year, those 'good' clouds could become villains, carrying crop devastating hail.

Our local producers, forced to be eternal optimists by all the adversities they must face each production year, are voicing their hopes for a repeat of last years surprisingly good crop, which started under much the same conditions we are experiencing now.

We hope the same. (Early Tues. morning, before our print time at noon, it appears the county received about an inch of rain, with more predicted. A step in the right direction.)

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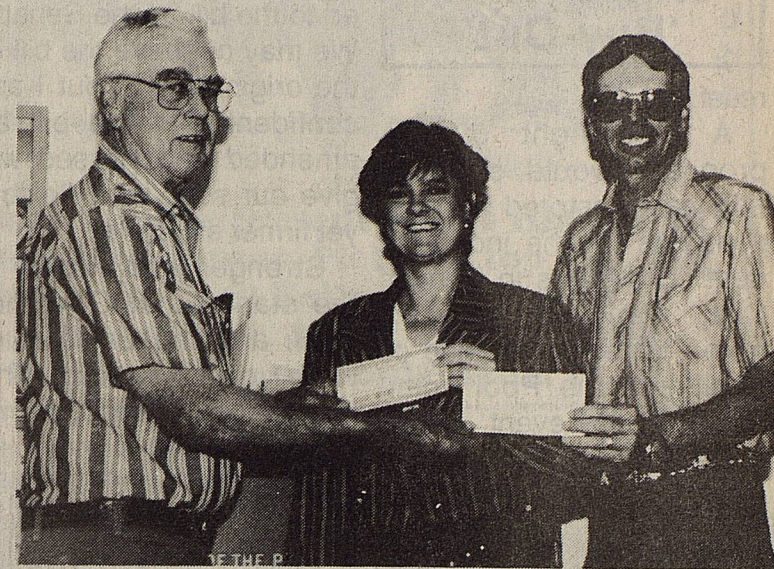
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POSTAL WORKERS RECOGNIZED



Postmaster Norris Jones presents gift certificates to Jan Lester and Melvin Dearing

Postal Clerks Jan Lester and Melvin Dearing were honored last week by Post Master Norris Jones, who presented Jan with a Gift Certificate to Dillards, and Melvin a certificate to Eddie Bauer Sports.

Jan has served in the local office 18 years, and Melvin has 11 years service.

Jones said " They are both excellent employees, people I would hate to do without. They help make this office work, and pleasant for our

customers. I greatly appreciate their efforts and dedication".

Jan is married to Bruce Lester, farm producer, and the couple have three children, Brandy, a Texas Tech student, Jacob, a PHS junior, and B.J., a second grader.

Melvin and his wife Dawn have two children, Jeremy, a PHS Senior, and Cassie, a Freshman. Melvin and his brother farm some 1500 acres.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN AUSTIN

By press time for this issue, the Legislature should be adjourned. Both Senate and House members were scurrying in the last weeks of the session, getting bills out of committee and onto their respective floors.

Several items of public interest were passed without a great deal of media attention, including revamping many state banking rules in place since World War II. The new measures will ensure state chartered banks are at least as attractive as those with national charters; reduces regulatory burdens of State banks, and provides more flexibility to deal with future changes in federal law.

Also approved was a measure which could find parents guilty of a misdemeanor if they allow their personal guns to get in the hands of children. Gun dealers will be required to post a warning about the illegal storage and possible penalties for the offense.

A bill clearing both chambers will make it tough for prison inmates to obtain government information through the state Open records Act. Inmate abuse of the Open Record Act led to the new measure, including inmate requests for guard personnel

records cell block blue-prints, even addresses of nurses with TDC.

SHELL BUY-OUT PLAN SHELVED

The highly controversial proposed scheme for the County purchase of all the County resources owned by Shell Oil, designed to keep tax funds at home and thwart the school "Robin Hood Plan", has apparently hit a major snag; Shell is not interested in selling.

A recent meeting in Denver City, arranged by some of the top people in the Houston based giant firm, attracted a large and curious crowd. Some of them were disappointed when the Shell folks said, in effect, "Thanks, but no thanks, we'll keep running the show here," probably disappointed supporters of the buy out plan, while many of the skeptics probably breathed sighs of

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The new state prison project would be the largest industrial project in the history of the state.

Lea County has recently been bolstered by a rapidly growing dairy industry, principally due to the establishment of the operating and expanding cheese factory and whey producing plant just on the outskirts of Lovington. The addition of the state prison, and possible establishment of the federal facility would be another huge financial plus for the county, with long lived benefits for it's citizens.

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relief.

A side light of the proposal would supposedly have restored working contracts for the independent contractors in Denver City, financially suffering from the recent alliance of Shell and the Pool company. In any event, it's all a moot issue, for now, at least.

Probably the first commercial crop in Texas was cotton. Export of cotton products began in the 1820's in Stephen F. Austin's colony on the Brazos, though there was earlier production around the San Antonio missions. The first U.S. census of 1850 showed a production of 58,073 bales of cotton in Texas the previous year. *THE TEXAS PRESS, DEC. 1876*

From Gary L. Walker

Texas House of Representatives Wrapping It Up

Austin: We are finally looking at the end of the legislative road. The House and Senate have looked at, debated and redebated more than 3,500 pieces of legislation.

One particular issue that was redebated, and I am sure is of great concern to many of you, is the Education bill. The House passed the 700 page document after concurring with the amendments added to the bill by the Senate. We may not have the bill in the original form, but I am confident that the bill as amended and passed will give our schools a flexible yet firmer structure.

Stronger and firmer is the stance that Governor Bush and the Legislature took on passing the Concealed Weapons bill. The Governor signed HB 60 by Rep. Ron Wilson, (D) Houston into law on Friday. I believe this measure allows Texans a sense of security needed in today's society. As I have said before I don't support acts of vigilantism, but I do support self-protection.

I am pleased to report that the Juvenile Justice bill was finally passed. One major revision will lower the age requirement to be tried as a juvenile from 15 to 14. By passing this bill we are sending a strong message to juvenile offenders; if you want to play with the big boys, you will be treated like the big boys.

Right now the "legislative big boys" have one more major piece of legislation to consider, welfare. The bill passed in the House received amendments by the Senate. Upon concurrence, the Governor will give his full support to the welfare reform legislation. Although I have not received the bill, I understand that the Senate is agreeable with the House version. If this is indeed the

case there will be a rebirth of the the state's welfare program.

It is ironic that I end on rebirth. A rebirth is exactly what I contemplate looking toward the interim. I will have the chance to get back to the district and interact with you on a personal basis again. I am interested in how you rate the legislature and what I can do in '97 to better help and serve the citizens of district 80.

I would like to thank all of you for your support. I could not have experienced the success I did without your support, guidance and confidence. Thank you again.

Gary L Walker
State Representative,
District 80

For more information contact Warren E. Mayberry, Legislative Director at (512) 463-0678.

TEXAS ROUGHRIDERS IN CUBA



TEDDY ROOSEVELT AND THE ROUGH RIDERS
This Texas-trained unit is pictured at the top of San Juan Hill

Austin, Dec 11, 1898. Almost ten thousand Texans saw action in the Spanish American War, which officially came to an end with the signing of a peace treaty in Paris.

Most famous Texan unit was the Rough Riders, officially the 1st US Cavalry Volunteers, made up of recruits from ranches, mining camps and law enforcement groups in Texas and other western states. The regiment, which wore traditional cowboy

clothing and used the arms of the cowboys, trained first in San Antonio under Leonard Wood and 'Teddy' Roosevelt. Though unconventional in its tactics, the regiment won great acclaim for its effectiveness as a fighting force.

Terms of the peace treaty provide for Cuban independence; The US will receive Puerto Rico and Guam, and for payment of \$20,000,000, the Phillipine Islands.

The Texas News

The Understanding Of
Memorial Day
AN EDITORIAL

It is fitting for Memorial Day this year to fall shortly after VE Day, marking the Allied victory in Europe, and just months before VJ Day on August 14, when the Japanese capitulated in the Pacific, ending World War II.

The long, bloody, global conflict, in which the United States was involved three years, 250 days, would produce a horrifying body count of over 50,000,000 military and civilians world wide. I recently read an article stating the bulk of the deaths occurred in Europe, mainly Russian and German losses. Small consolation indeed for the estimated 408,000 American G.I.'s who fell, or their families and friends.

Reading countless articles, watching several hours of televised Memorial Day specials, it occurred to me the bulk of the nation's observance of this Holiday is focused on our three most recent war experience, WW II, Korea, and Vietnam, the last two particularly sad, for in no shape, form or fashion can we say we were victors in either war. We were, to put it bluntly, simply not defeated. When you add the Korean and Vietnamese death lists to WW II, almost 520,000 dead American men and women were commemorated this Memorial Day.

If that figure is appalling to you, as it should be, add the toll of a few other conflicts the nation has been embroiled in. The Revolutionary Wars, the War of 1812, the War with Mexico, and the horror of all horrors of battlefields, the Civil War. From 1861-1865, well over 600,000 Blue and Grey troops would find their final resting place, and countless others would be crippled, maimed for life.

Later, there would be US troops falling in World War I, "the war to end all wars", then more blood and death in the Spanish American War campaigns in Cuba and the Philippines.

When I read a historical account of any of these horribly costly campaigns, I find myself often asking, "Where did those men find the courage to do some of the things they did". I can only

imagine what it must have been like to wear a Marine uniform, riding an assault craft ashore on bloody Tarawa in the Pacific, where in just four days fighting for a tiny atoll barely four miles square, the leathernecks suffered over 4000 casualties.

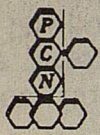
Or to have been an airborne trooper, parachuting in the dark of night over St. Mere Eglese in France on D-Day, watching German spotlights illuminate fellow troopers, picking them off like slowly descending balloons.

It might be more difficult to put ones self in the place of a Union defender of Little Round Top at the battle of Gettysburg, exhausted and almost out of ammunition, after hours of repulsing Rebel attempts to flank the defenders, and hear Captain Chamberlain from Maine yell his order for a bayonet attack down the hill against superior Confederate forces. Or possibly even worse, have been a foot soldier in Pickett's proud Division, receiving General Lee's order to take Cemetery Ridge at all costs. They failed, of course, at a fearful cost of life, but the point is, they, and literally millions of other Americans at one time or another in our history, have always TRIED. And far too many have DIED.

Shelby Foote, famed novelist and Civil War Historian, asked during the filming of the PBS great documentary of that war why he thought troops did what they did, advanced on, and charged foes of far greater strength many times, said "The main reason they did it was because the man next to them did it. You could call it unit pride. In some ways, it would have been far harder not to get up and go than to go." Perhaps.

In any event, it should not be difficult for any thinking person to understand why we observe Memorial Day. Those before us, those among us, and those following us, who have and will, take the ultimate risk, the hundreds of thousands who have paid the price of those risks, deserve our memory, our gratitude, and our respect.

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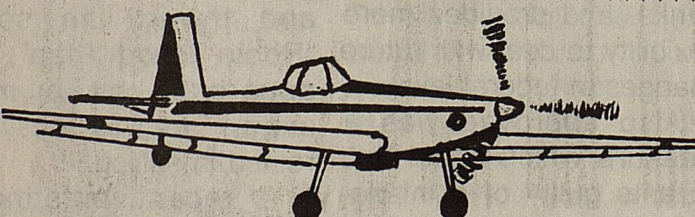
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LAST SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

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 Andrew Duran
 Allison Friesen
 Rose Henderson
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 Nicole Loya
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 Adam McCravey
 Maribel Mendias
 Mark Morgan
 Blake O'Quinn
 Katie Oswalt
 Blake Parrish
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 Second Grade
 Ramiro Barrientez
 Evan Cain
 Lela Coronado
 Jamie Covarrubias
 Marie Diaz
 Aldo Fierro
 Cody Flores
 Mayra Flores
 Breck Hamm
 Eloy Hinojosa
 Jessica Henry
 Brandon Hise
 Brant Huerta
 Kelby Johnson
 Daniela Lazos
 Kristian Morales
 Kerry Sisson
 Third Grade
 Tony Gomez
 Austin Keesee
 Joseph Martinez
 Sarah Martinez
 Trent May
 Grady McNabb
 Helena Neufeld
 Nolan Newsom
 Luis Quintana
 Moriah Traweek
 April Wilmeth
 Niki Henry
 Armando Ramirez
 Fourth Grade
 Justin Chambliss
 Chisum Deaton
 Sandra Gallegos
 Krystal Gonzalez
 Jill Gray
 Catrina Hinojosa
 Kimberly Martinez
 Bradley Palmer
 Mandi Rogers
 Ryan Swann
 Kayla Willis
 Elizabeth Wilmeth
 Mackenzie Winn

High School All A's

Ninth Grade
 Vicki Bayer
 Heath Bowlin
 Shawna Box
 Abraham Garcia
 Delia Gonzales
 Yvonne Gonzales
 Gideon Traweek
 Sandi Warren
 Tenth Grade
 Sonia Avila
 Yancey House

Jacob Lester
 Mary Morales
 Lyndi Rowe
 Tess St. Romain
 Eleventh Grade
 Stephanie Aguilar
 Kiri Ancinec
 Valerie Blair
 Jeremy Dearing
 Heather McDonnell
 Kelly McGinty
 Twelfth Grade
 Bellen Coronado
 Jennifer Earnest
 Delilah Gonzales
 Joe Guerra
 Brad McMinn
 Malisa Ramirez
 Shannon Ward
All A's and 1 B
 Ninth Grade
 Derek Brunson
 Shawn Cullins
 Tenth Grade
 Roni Ponce
 Robin Squyres
 Eleventh Grade
 Hector Gallegos
 Marie Moreno
 Brad Seaton
 Twelfth Grade
 Victor Bernal
 Amber Bryan
 Mary Ann Gonzales
 Veronica Mancha
 Ken McAdams
 Gilbert Ortiz
 Misty Willett
 Ladd Winn

Special Congratulations to Valedictorian Brad McMinn, 97.0 Grade Average, and Salutatorian Ken McAdams, 95.96 Grade Average.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The FCA chapter of 1995-96 is being organized here in Plains. It is headed by Coach Osborn, Joy Osborn, and Coach Baucom, as of now.

Monday, May 22 the first get-together/meeting was held in the park. The attendants include Kirk and Lisa Parrish, Valerie Blair, Kassie Lowe, Wayne and Chris Willett, Jacob Lester, Ralph Ramirez, Chase Clanahan, Kipp & Tanner Blount, Tandi Jones, Marte Pierce, Shawn Cullins, Kyley Bearden, & Sandi Warren.

Officers were voted on and the 95-96 Chapter President is Kirk Parrish, Vice-President-Valerie Blair, Secretary/Reporter-Kassie Lowe, Treasurer - Wayne Willett, and Refreshments Chairman- Lisa Parrish.

Meetings are to be held every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the park for refreshments, fun, and a small devotional. Tomorrow we will be playing touch football so we hope to see you there, bring a friend.

by Kassie Lowe, Sec./Rep.

P.H.S. 1995-96 CHEER LEADERS



These lovely young ladies will represent Plains High at all appropriate events next school year. Pictured top row, L-R are Kristi Guetersloh, Jr., and Kelly Mc Ginty, Sr. Bottom row L-R are Shawna Box, Soph., Shyloh Winn, Soph., Maranda Box, Fresh., and Sonia Avila, Jr.

YOUNGSTERS PLAY POSTMAN



Kindergarten students from Mrs. McGinty, Simmons and May's classes toured the local post office recently, learning how the service functions. They had prepared pos-

tal cards prior to the visit, and at the office, were able to date, stamp and mail the cards.

They saw new stamps designed by other children across the nation which were issued April 20.

stamps, with an environmental theme, are captioned 'Kids Care - Earth Day'.

The student tour was highlighted by information from Clerk Jan Lester and Postmaster Norris Jones.

PLAINS BASKETBALL CAMP ANNOUNCED

WHEN: June 19-23

WHERE: Plains High School Gyms

WHO: Girls and boys presently in 2nd-8th grades.

TIME: 8:30 - 12 Girls 2nd-4th
 Boys 5th-8th
 1:00 - 4:30 Girls 5th-8th
 Boys 2nd-4th

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REBS WIN GREAT BATTLE

Richmond, Va.: The first great battle of the war between the United States and the Confederate States was fought yesterday at Manassas, a few miles below Washington, D.C.

In keeping with the predictions made by many Southern spokesmen, the Northern forces broke and ran shortly after the fighting started. In the headlong flight for Washington, the Yankees, their fear and despair mounting by the minute, discarded knapsacks, guns, blankets, and everything else that tended to slow them down.

The retreat was impeded by great throngs of sightseers, including a number of Congressmen, who had come out to watch the destruction of the Confederate Army.

Today Southern leaders bemoan the fact that the Confederates were almost as completely disrupted by victory as were the Yankees by defeat. The men led by Pierre G.T. Beauregard and Thomas J. Jackson lacked the training to follow up their victory, destroy the Union army, and



Gen. 'Stonewall' Jackson

capture the Union capital. A few people express the opinion that the South has demonstrated its ability to win the war and that the Union will now permit the Southern states to secede in peace. Others predict that Bull Run will prove to be only a skirmish and that the real war lies ahead.

The victory was celebrated in this city by bonfires and dancing in the streets. News of the routing of the Union troops will bring joy throughout the South and will doubtless lead to a great increase in the number of persons volunteering for service in this war for the independence of the South.

The Texas News, September 15, 1861

Believe Term Limits Will Pass? How About The Tooth Fairy?

If you really believed all those campaign pledges, vows, promises of recent campaign candidates, both federal and at the state level, to limit their terms of office, I know of some Ocean front property in Cochran county I would like to sell you.

That is the consensus of virtually all the media experts, apparently a well founded consensus. Newt Gingrich couldn't get anywhere in Washington with his fellow House members, who refused to acknowledge public demands to put time restraints on our governing solons.

The same failure has occurred in Austin in the State Legislature, and the issue seems dead as the legendary Dodo bird. Rep-Representative Mark Stiles, D., Beaumont, said recently it's doubtful he will allow the term limit bill out of his powerful House Calendars Committee, labeling it "Nothing more than the dumbing down of Democracy".

It is apparent legislators simply don't have the spine to set limits on their terms of office. After all, the longer they stay in office and power, the larger their retirement perks will be when they finally decide to get their front feet out of the public feeding trough.

Ignoring the majority of voters hue and cry during the election for shorter stays in office should make it much easier for the majority of the public in future elections. Perhaps it is true, the ONLY way term limits can be instituted is through disenchantment via the ballot box.

NGSP MEMBER LIST CONTINUES TO GROW

The National Grain Sorghum Producers current membership drive continues to attract new members, according to Jack Cobb, board member of the organization, and also Chairman, Texas Grain Sorghum Board.

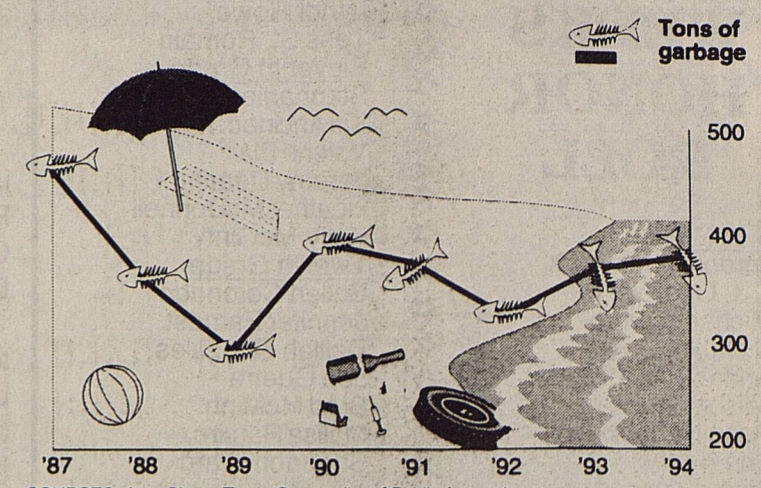
Cobb listed new area members including Tim Addison, Randy Forbus, Ace Hamm, Melvin Lowrey, Larry Marrow, and Jered Sellers.

Cobb, a volunteer recruiter for NGSP, said membership growth in the organization is vitally important to the success of National Grain Sorghum Producers legislative and regulatory activities. The membership drive will continue until Sept. 30, and any interested sorghum producers may contact Cobb for more information about the association.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Life's a beach

About 20,000 volunteers show up each year to clean Texas beaches; 128 tons of debris were picked up last year in the Adopt-A-Beach program. Eighteen adopted beaches cover 191 miles of Texas Gulf Coast.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas General Land Office.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT NEWS

The following criminal cases were held before County Judge Dallas Brewer on May 24, 1995. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

In cause # 7548, Ricky Lee Lunsford plead guilty to a charge of DWI. He was sentenced to a 12 month probated jail sentence, fined \$500 plus \$235 Court Costs. His drivers license was revoked for 90 days, and he was sentenced to serve 72 continuous hours in the County jail, and ordered to attend weekly AA meetings.

In cause 7559 Jose Alfredo C. Velasquez, 36, plead guilty to assault. He was assessed a 6 months probated jail sentence, \$200 fine, and \$165 court costs. He was also ordered to successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention Program.

In cause # 7556, Santos Garcia, 26, plead guilty to Resisting Arrest charges, and served 25 days in the County Jail. Cause # 7558 to be dismissed, and Garcia to pay \$165 Court Costs. Cause # 7371, motion to revoke probation, his probation was extended one year. He was ordered to attend

weekly AA meetings, complete Batterer's Intervention Program, and pay delinquent probation fees of \$269.

NOTICE FOR BIDS SALE OF LAND

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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 1995, for the sale of a tract of land in Precinct 4 described as the N/24.77 acres of Section 313, Block D, JHG Survey in Yoakum County.

Award will be made in regular session of the court on Monday, June 22, 1995.

County requests that payment be made in one of three ways; in money payable to the County, or in an equal amount in caliche, or in an equal amount in water.

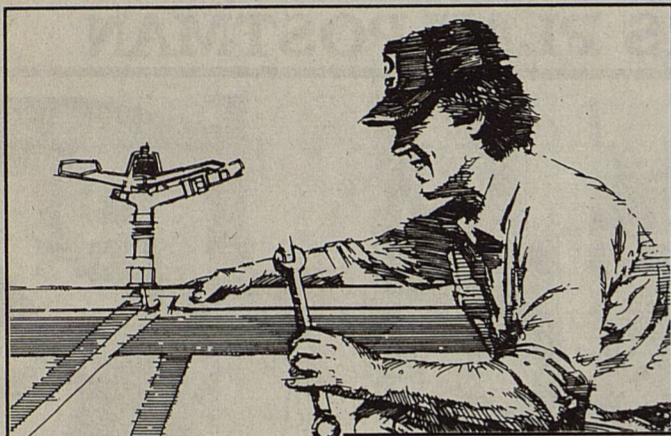
For more information or to see the property, please contact Commissioner McWhirter at Precinct 4 Building in Plains, or call 806-456-6525.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-PRCT 4 PROPERTY" on the envelope and be mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355. No FAX copies will be accepted.

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THE DIABETIC DIET

People usually think that a diabetic can not eat sugars or carbohydrates or his blood sugar will get out of whack. That is basically wrong.

Several years ago, doctors and dietitians felt that diabetics should limit their carbohydrates and eat more fats and proteins because they are digested more slowly. Now we know better.

We know that the diet should be high in carbohydrates (though low in refined sugars). At least half, if not up to 60-65% of the calories should be in the form of complex starches and fibers. Proteins should make up about 20% and fats up to 30% of the diet. A fat content of 30% sounds high, but it is actually about as low as people will tolerate before food starts to taste too bland. The average diet has about

45% fat (by calories), which is about what a fast food burger or pizza has.

The fats that are eaten should be high in polyunsaturated fats which are mainly the plant oils. Cholesterol and saturated (hard) fats should be limited because they contribute to obstruction of the arteries, and diabetes alone gradually damages the arteries.

Fiber is very important in the diabetic diet, especially soluble fibers, such as legumes and pectins (apples, beans, etc.). A generous amount of fiber helps slow the rise of blood sugar after meals.

No one can expect to know and follow all the best diet recommendations, but as we learn more it is wise to gradually improve our eating habits and learn to enjoy the healthier foods. Our food preferences are mainly learned and experimenting and learning about different foods can be fun. A proper diet is particularly important for a diabetic. 'C'

Thought For The Day

1 They who trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O Lord, unto those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Psalms 125

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

The PISD swimming pool will be open to the public this summer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6pm to 9pm, and for ladies only, 6pm to 7pm, Tuesday only.

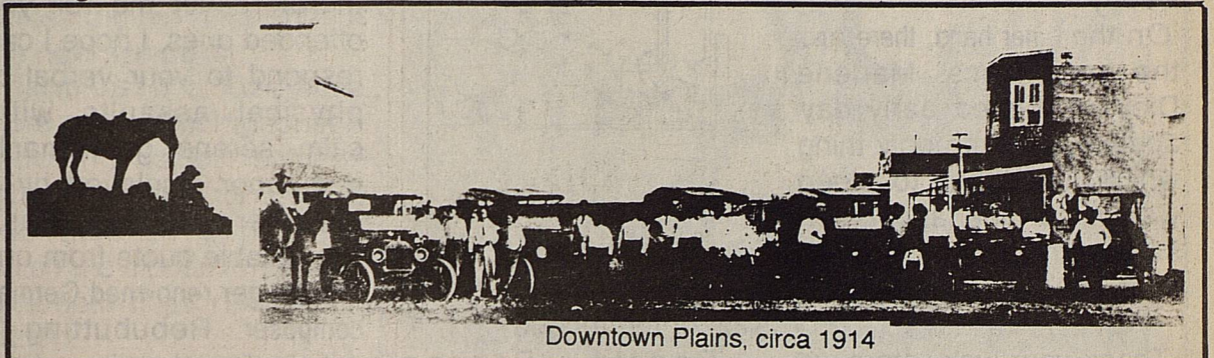
The new weight room and the gym will open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7pm to 10pm.

The community is invited to use any of the facilities during the scheduled hours.

ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING WEDDING ANNOUNCED FOR LESTER, GAYLE

Mr. & Mrs Bruce and Jan Lester of Plains proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brandy Nicole Lester, to Christopher Ray Gayle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Butch Gayle, also of Plains. The couple will be united in marriage August 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Plains.

The bride-elect attends Texas Tech University, and the future groom, a Texas Tech graduate, is employed by Monarch Paint Company in Lubbock.



Downtown Plains, circa 1914

MENOPAUSE SIGNALS

As you approach menopause, you may experience a number of physical changes (see box below).

The uncomfortable symptoms associated with menopause -- such as hot flashes, vaginal dryness and mood swings -- are connected to lowered estrogen output, but they are not experienced by all women.

The average age of menopause for American women is 51. The best predictor of when you will reach menopause is the age at which your mother went through it, because heredity plays a significant role here. Women who have had their ovaries

removed surgically and are not treated with hormone-replacement therapy are essentially menopausal no matter what their age. (Having had a hysterectomy in which only the uterus was removed does not make you menopausal -- only the removal of the ovaries does.

SIGNALS OF APPROACHING MENOPAUSE INCLUDE

- IRREGULAR MENSTRUAL CYCLES
- HOT FLASHES AND NIGHT SWEATS
- HEADACHES AND IRRITABILITY
- DEPRESSION AND MOOD CHANGES
- INSOMNIA
- CHANGE IN BODY WEIGHT
- URINARY INCONTINENCE
- VAGINAL DRYNESS
- LOSS OF SEXUAL DRIVE



Recipes from Cowboy Country Kitchen

CORN CASSEROLE

- 1 can cream-style corn
- 1/2 c. salad oil
- 1 egg, beaten slightly
- 3/4 c. sweet milk
- 3/4 c. corn meal
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 c. grated cheese
- 1 can (sm.) chopped green chilies

Mix together and pour in greased Pyrex dish. Bake at 350° for 40 min.

BACARDI RUM CAKE

- 1 (18 1/2 oz.) yellow cake mix
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 (3 3/4 oz.) vanilla instant pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 c. cold water
- 1/2 c. oil
- 1/2 c. Bacardi dark rum (80 proof)

Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan. Mix cake ingredients together; mix well. Pour batter over nuts. Bake 1 hr. at 325°. Invert on cake plate. Prick top of cake. Drizzle and smooth glaze evenly over top and sides of cake using all the glaze.

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FROM THE HACK

This Sunday, sleazily lolling around in my favorite recliner, dozing on and off most of the afternoon, I wondered why I was so sleepy. After reading an article later that day, I really began to wonder about sleep.

It seems the stand-up comedian David Brenner decided early on if he only slept four hours each night, he could save up 1,456 more waking hours than the normal person, giving him many more years of life. Says Brenner, "I'm now 117 years old, and feel fine... just a little sleepy".

On the other hand, there are the insomniacs. Marlene Dietrich, famed early day actress, said the only thing which lulled her to sleep was a sardine and onion sandwich on rye. I'd as soon stay awake.

Thank your lucky stars we have the US Food and Drug Administration looking after our health and nutrition.

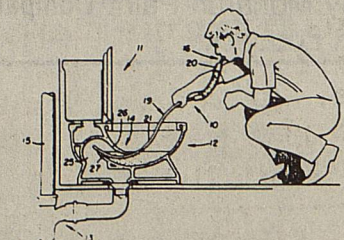
They say the following levels of filth and contamination are acceptable for consumption; ten per cent moldy, insect infested or damaged coffee beans; peanut butter with no more than 30 insect fragments or one rodent hair per 100 grams.; one rodent pellet per sample, or two rodent hairs per sample. I feel healthier already.

Lots of concern here about the balance of trade deficit. Let me tell you, not all foreign made imports to the US make it big here. This is a list of products which, for one reason or another, have not become smash hit sellers here; Ass Glue (blood tonic from donkey parts, China); Colon Plus (detergent, Spain); Green Piles (Lawn fertilizer, Japan); Pansy (Men's underwear, China); Zit (lemon-lime drink, Greece); Pipi (Orangeade, Yugoslavia); Hornyphon (VCR, Austria); Plopp (chocolate bar, Sweden); Skinababe (baby cleanser, Japan); Last Climax (paper tissues, Sweden), and last but not least, Krapp (toilet paper, Sweden). If you think for one minute I'm making these fine products up, read MALEDICTA, the "Journal of Verbal Aggression" edited by Reinhold Aman.

If your fascination is at fever pitch reading these astounding tidbits, read



on. How about impressive inventions? One Wm. O. Holmes of California was issued a U.S. patent in 1982 for this dandy device: In case of fire in a high rise, the user inserts a breathing tube through the water trap of a toilet until it reaches a vent pipe connected to the sewer line of the toilet; The user then breathes "fresh" air till rescued.



Illustrated patent device

Easily titillated by blurbs, slips of the tongue?

Ronald Reagan, addressing the Republican Convention in 1988, said, "Facts are stupid things". He was trying to say 'Facts are stubborn things'. He would repeat the error several more times in other speeches.

How 'bout George Bush that very same year, referring to his vice-presidency under Reagan; We have had triumphs, we have made mistakes, we

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have had sex." He was trying to say 'we have had setbacks'.

"Outside of the killings, we have one of the lowest crime rates"- Marion Berry, Mayor, Washington D.C.

Or, "Now we are trying to get unemployment to go up and I think we will succeed"- Ronald Reagan, 1982. And George Bush again; "I have opinions of my own, strong opinions, but I don't always agree with them". Or maybe the topper from Dan Quayle in 1989, addressing the United Negro College Fund; "What a waste it is to lose one's mind, or to not have a mind. How true that is".

To date, 39 issues printed, we have yet to be sued, hit in the mouth, or otherwise threatened for writing this column. For some reason, I feel that day may come, therefore, let me tell you offended ones, I hope I can respond to your verbal or physical assaults with, calm, serene, gentlemanly demeanor displayed by a few other writers. Such as, this notable quote from one Max Reger, renowned German composer. Rebutting a critic's dismal review of his "Sinfonietta" in 1906 he said, "I am sitting in the very smallest room in the house, and your review is before me. Soon, it will be behind me". Take That.

In closing this nonsense, I would like to steal something else, this time from funnyman writer Bennett Cerf in his "Out on a Limerick", 1961; *There is a young lady from Fife, whom I have never seen in my life. So the devil with her; Instead I prefer to dedicate this to my wife*

MEMORIAL DAY GOLF SCRAMBLE "FREEZE OUT" RESULTS

Ninety-three golfing fanatics braved Memorial Day miserable weather conditions to survive the Three Person Scramble Monday.

Gathering at the Club house after the tournament, most of the players admitted "lack of intelligence" led them to complete the event. High wind driven mist, often turning to rain and temperatures no higher than 54 degrees led to high golfing scores and short tempers. Following are the four flight results;

Championship
1 Eddie Taylor, Bob Blundell, Danny Bell
2 Paul New, Kenny Smith, O.L. Cooper
3 Ross Goodwin, Eldon Smith, Joe Esparza

First Flight
1 Steve Evans, Doug Hart, Monty Bean
2 Bill Wright, Shane Wright, Greg Wright
3 Gary Lehnert, Susan Lehnert, Leo Daniel

Second Flight
1 Ricky Sanders, Veronica Sanders, Ricky Gregory
2 Billy Don Guetersloh, Richard McDonald, Morris Rushing
3 Bubba Mull, Michelle Mull, Kyle Burkhalter

Third Flight
1 Dana Deaton, Rodney Deaton, Johnny Jones
2 Buddy Hanna, Johnny Ashcraft, Alex Davila
3 Johnny Archer, Jim Risley, David Rahn

While the scores were being posted, several contestants had comments about the tournament and weather conditions. One told of a golfer letting a 5 iron slip from his grasp on his follow through swing, narrowly missing the players behind him. Another said he saw a driver fly some forty yards from the hitters wet grasp, landing in an out of bounds area.

HALT TO INCOME TAX? INTERESTING PLAN.

FROM US SEN. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Tired of taxes, Congressional tax debates, so called tax reform bills? Here's an interesting proposal from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, R., Texas. Her views and opinions are not necessarily those of this publication;

"Some in Congress believe we should do away with the federal income tax altogether and find an alternative. Sen. Richard Lugar, R., Indiana, wants to cancel the income tax, corporate taxes, capital gains taxes, gift and inheritance taxes, and dismantle the Internal Revenue Service. He would impose a National sales tax instead.

"The attraction of such a tax plan is immediately apparent...no withholding tax! Americans would keep the money they earn. They would no longer be penalized for investing what they earn. They wouldn't have to worry about being forced to sell the family farm or firm to meet estate taxes.

"With a national sales tax, we wouldn't have to account for our income - financial privacy would be reestablished. Nor would loopholes tempt them to hide income. The time and money going into preparing tax returns would be saved.

"But anyone who spends money would pay a national retail sales tax. The tax rate would be the same for everyone. To generate the same revenues we now raise from income and other taxes, one early estimate is that a 17% sales tax rate would be required.

In assessing the plan, a key element to remember is that, without a corporate income tax, prices for nearly all products would go down before a sales tax is applied. With savings and investment no longer discouraged by taxation, higher levels of capital formation and an investment boom could be expected to result. That, in turn, would spur productivity and raise income.

"With federal or individual corporate income tax built into the price of American products, base prices will

drop and exports increase as a result. (although the final domestic cost of products would be increased by the amount of the tax.) American products should be more competitive in world markets. Under our current system, income and payroll taxes are built into the costs of our exports, but under the GATT, they cannot be adjusted at the border, can't be imposed on imports, or removed from exports. Substitute a Consumption tax, and foreign products sold at retail in the US would be taxed at the same rate as American products

"Under the plan, the national retail sales tax would be collected in the same way that state sales taxes are now collected. Sen. Lugar proposes asking states to make federal collections as well, abolishing the IRS. In my view, the federal government would have to compensate the states for this service.

"Rewriting our tax laws its the most complex task the 104th Congress will undertake. Our economy is being sapped by deficit spending, and a tax system which depresses productivity and discourages prudent savings and investment.

"I have not yet decided which of the several plans we have before us would be the best for our country. I think we must look carefully at the advantages and drawbacks of each proposal before taking the giant step of revamping our entire tax system."

Interesting Thoughts; The Editor



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