# Cowboy 

 Country- Yoakum County 3rd in oil production during 1990's
Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams, Commissioner Charles Mathews and Commissioner Tony Garza announced recently neighboring Gaines County has the distinction of being the state's top oil producing county of the past decade. More than 387 million barrels of oil were produced in Gaines County from 1990 through 1999.
Other top ten oil producing counties during the decade were lion, Ector 294 million, Hockley 271 million, Pecos 219 million, Gregg 211 million, Crane 156 million, Midland 108 million, and Upton 108 million.
"In the past decade, these Texas counties have represented the bulk of America's crude oil production," Williams said. "I will continue to push for strong production incentives and the permanent elimination of the severance tax - initiatives I believe will help ensure continued production in those counties for years to come.'
A letter from Commissioner Garza to District 80 State Representative Gary Walker stated, " With prices hitting all time lows and highs over the past 18 months, it has been a roller coaster ride for Texas energy producers. The current debate over high oil and gas prices - coupled with our increasing dependence on foreign oil - underscores the necessity for a strong domestic energy policy. Our state and our nation's emphasis should be on independence from foreign oil while encouraging more domestic oil production from these Texas counties and across the United States."
Webb County in South Texas lead in production of natural gas during the 1990's with $3,192,363,249$ Mcf, followed by Zapata, Pecos, Panola, Hidalgo, Starr, Crockett, Crane, and Hemphill County's. Yoakum County was tenth in gas production with 909,888,395 Mcf.


## Boll weevil eradication district gears up for Round Two battle

The pace of preparations is picking up for the second season of doing battle against the boll weevil cotton pest at the district office located at the airport.
In an interview last Friday District Supervisor Ernest Taylor said Field Unit Supervisors are busy mapping cotton fields, restocking supplies including a huge number of weevil traps and honeing computer skills needed for the complex eradication program.
Taylor, a Gaines County resident most of his 50 years, was hired as the District Supervisor February 1. He was a former Field Unit Supervisor in the program operating in Gaines County. He has extensive agriculture experience in farming, cattle operations and irrigation background. Taylor's wife Vickie Ann is a fifth grade teacher at Seminole. The Kasie Lee Ann, 15, Kalie Nicole, 13, and James Russel,

He reported current District Field Unit Supervisors here are Kenneth McGinty, Teresa Bell, Johnnie Don Davis, Jamie Gar-


Debbie Steffens, Eradication District Clerk, and District Supervisor Ernest Taylor study map targeting cotton fields for weevil progrer
and, J.P. Senter and Reuben Diaz. This eradication season hey will each have an assisant who will be hired by April 12. Some 34 other part time field personnel will be hired by April 19.
The District currently has 35 Dodge field units, and an additional 18 units will be on hand when spraying and moni toring starts.
 determine at this time the ex act acreage of cotton fields which will be in the eradication effort, but would be around 200,000 acres in Yoakum County, and parts of Terry, Gaines, Cochran, and Lea County, New Mexico.

## Current plans call for weevil

Turn to Page 3, "Boll Weevil"

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## County Court

 Criminal Cases Heard In the March 28 session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Francisco Navarro Jr. pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. His 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay $\$ 210$ court costs and was fined $\$ 400$ He will spend 24 hours in jail, with credit for 10 hours served, and must perform 24 hours community service. He was epresented by Attorney David Martinez.Turn to Pgae 2, Court" -

## A new " Town Crier" is now in place at City Hall



City of Plains and Lea County Electric employees collaborated in raising and installing a new, state-of-the-art warning siren behind City Hall last week. The ten horsepower unit, manufactured by Century Siren is rated at 120 decibels at 100 feet, and should be plainly heard throughout the city. The many positioned speakers make the sirens wail completely multidirectional. Residents are reminded of these siren warning signals; A brief blast announces 12 noon. Two blasts signals an in town fire. Three blasts indicate a fire out of city limits. A long, sustained blast warns of threatening weather, usually a tornado warning. Two short blasts at 7:30 PM on Mondays signals a meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department members. Both City Hall officials and the Sheriff Department in the Courthouse are able to activate the siren.

## Plains High sweeps field in District UIL meet

Plains High School hosted the large District 3AA UIL Academic meet last week. Schools from Seagraves, Post, Tahoka, Stanton and Plains battled for bragging rights in twenty UIL recognized academic events, and when the final event, the Lincoln-Douglas Debate ended Thursday, Plains High claimed the coveted Sweepstakes trophy. Plains finished the meet with a total of 457 points, followed by Post 377 , Tahoka 194, Coahoma 115, Seagraves 75, Tahoka 194
Stanton 66.
PHS final results in the academic events included:
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS- 1. Kyle Sisson, Dist. Champ. 2, Wendy Hernandez 4. Ryan Swann
CURRENT ISSUES \& EVENTS- 6. Becky Wilmeth
READY WRITING- 3. Lesli Rowe NEWS WRITING-1. Elizabeth Wilmeth, Dist. Champ. 2. Mandi Rogers 6. Nicole Haynes EDITORIAL WRITING- 4. Anne Palmer EDITORIAL WRITING- 4. Anne Palmer.
FEATURE WRITING- 2, Nicole Haynes. 5th Lesli Rowe
HEADLINE WRITING- 3. Annaliesa O’Quinn 4. Lesli Rowe.

PROSE INTERPRETATION- 1. Velvet Canada, Dist. Champ. 3. Lisa San Filippo. 5 Taylor Gray. POETRY INTERPRETATION- 1. Emily Blair, Dist. Champ. 2. Krystle Blundell5. Lensey Cullins.
INFORMATIVE SPEAKING- 2. Krystle Blundell, 6. Taylor Gray.
PERSUASIVE SPEAKING- 2. Jason Swann SPELLING \& VOCABULARY- 5. Laura Mo rales. 6. Wendy Hernandez
MATHEMATICS- 1. Kristen Gray, Dist. Champ. 2. Eric Nixon. 3. Jill Gray
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COMPUTER SCIENCE- 1. Kristen Gray, Dist Champ. 2. Kyle Sisson 3. Velvet Canada 4. Wendy Hernandez
LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE- 1. Jason Swann, Dist. Champ. 4. Ryan Swann ONE ACT PLAY- Plains first place.

## Viticulture Field Day Draws Large Crowd



Over 80 wine grape enthusiasts enjoyed Cap Rock's noon barbecue feast
Over 80 grape growers, wine Program at Texas Tech. Next on McEachern, state extension makers, and those interested in the program was Dr. Vejay specialist, spoke to the group on the industry gathered at Hoss Reddy, who spoke on soil con- vineyard management and and Laverne Newsom's Vine- ditions, fertility, and testing for about varieties available. Fi$\begin{array}{lll}\text { and Laverne Newsom's } \\ \text { yard on Thursday, March } 30 \text { th } & \text { vitions, frtility, and testing for } \\ \text { vineyards. Several Speakers } \\ \text { nally, Dr. Charles McKinney }\end{array}$ for the Annual Field Day. This from the Texas A\&M Univer- with the University of Texas, years event was attended by sity System spoke to the group. discussed the economics of putpersons from all across the Dr. Dave Bender discussed the ting in a vineyard.
United States and as far away new position that is currently This year's field day received as Portugal! The day kicked off open for a Viticulture Special- an excellent evaluation by all with a meal sponsored by Ca- ist for the South Plains area. Dr. in attendance and is a tribute to prock Winery that featured Terry Wheeler was next on the the Newsom Family for the brisket with all the trimmings program and discussed nema- hard work that they have put served to all in attendance. tode sampling and the impor- into their vineyard and promotDr. Tim Dodd, with Texas Tech tance of nematode control in ing the grape industry in West University spoke to the contin- vineyards. Dr. George Ray Texas.
gency on the Wine Research

From Page 1, service. David Martinez also fees, plus $\$ 22$ for urinalysis

## "Court"

Danny Joe Trinidad also pled furnish alcohol state's motion to revoke com- Clark represented the state in harsh alcohol to a minor munity supervision from a all cases.
charge. He was fined $\$ 400$, prior assault charge. His 30 day
must pay $\$ 210$ court costs, jail sentence had been met with Commissioners for permanent spend 24 hours in jail with 32 days served. He must pay capital site of Texas Republic credit for 10 hours served, and delinquent fine fees of $\$ 150$ chose Waterloo ( now Austin) on perform 24 hours community and $\$ 120$ community service east bank of Colorado River



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Ramon, Coaches, Joe Rivera, Junior Lira

Junior Girls: Bottom, Chandra Carpenter, Maretta Trent, Mari Ruiz, Jasmine Ruiz, Reyna Gallegos. Middle, Lauren Davis, Lauren Hise, Katie Winn, Natalie Butler L'Shae Arnett. Top, Joani Bell, M'Leah McKinzie, Kimber Williams, Brianna Conway. Coaches Conway. Coaches
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## J P Court

March 24, 2000- In Justice of the Peace Court with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding there were 54 traffic cases nd 1 possession of dug and 1 possession of drug paraphernalia filed. Bonds set: Possession of drug paraphernalia $\$ 150.00$ fine. Burglary of habitation $\$ 2,500.00$ bond. Consumption of alcohol by minor $\$ 151.25$ fine. Consumption of alcohol by minor 3rd, $\$ 500.00$ bond Possession af ben ossession of alcohol by mi or $\$ 151.25$ fine, Failure to appear $\$ 236.25$ fine, Bond forfeiture-prohibited weapons $\$ 1,500.00$ bond. DWIbond surrender $\$ 1,000,00$ bond. 2 cases-Motion to revoke probation held until hearing. Driving while license suspended $\$ 500.00$ bond. Driving while license suspended $\$ 480.25$ fine.

From Page 1, "Boll Weevil"
traps to be deployed every tenth of a mile around the perimeter of cotton fields. On fields adjoining CRP acreage
or other favored weevil habi- encourage all our district protat, they may be spaced as close ducers and land owners to conas one-twentieth of a mile. tact our office if they have any Taylor plans to commute to questions at all about the prowork from Seminole, but said gram. We are working to he " wants to be at least an as- elimintae the weevil, but we sociate member of the commu- are working FOR those pronity. I have already met some ducers and landowners.". very fine folks here. I want to

## Livestock Association meeting planned <br> The Yoakum County Livestock Association will hold it's annual meeting Thursday, April 6 at 7 P.M. in the Plains Community Building. Members eligible to vote will elect six directors whose terms of office are expiring <br> Exhibitors in this year's Junior Livestock show will be able to collect checks from the sale of show animals. All exhibitors are urged to attend the meeting.



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Cowboys down Hale Center for first district win
The Cowboys etched their first mark in the win column in district baseball action against Hale Center last Tuesday. The game was called after 7 innings with the Cowboys up 12-4. Jared Bell was credited with the win after pitching $41 / 3$ innings, with Jerry Rivas on the mound for the remainder of the game. Catcher Jeremy Morphis was perfect at the plate, managing three doubles in three times at bat. Jerry Rivas was 3 for four at the plate, Adam Garcia and Aaron Cain had 2 hits, Josh Bell 1. After four district games, Rivas is batting 692 , Morphis 417, Cain and Miguel Coronado 333 each Friday's


## PHS Golf Results

The Cowboy and Cowgirl Golf Teams competed in a district meet on the Comanche Trail course at Big Spring March 29. The Cowgirls were second in the meet, just 20 strokes over Tahokas winning total of 436. Liz Wilmeth was low medalist with 106 . Other girls scores were unavailable. The Cowboys were fifth in the meet with 369 total strokes. Individual results included Kelsey Blundell 83, Justin Bennett 86, Aaron Cain 88, Dustin Six 94, Jared Bell 104, Josh Bell 105, Colt Winn 107, Chase Howell 111.

Pesticide Applicator Test Day Thursday, April 13 * Private applicators * Non-commercial applicators * Commercial applicators Private Applicator training begins at 10 AM at the Yoakum County Extension Office All applicator testing begins at 1 PM at the Community Center in Plains

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## PHS One-Act Play advances

The cast, crew and director of "The Trojan Women " were all jubilant when their UIL One-Act Play production advanced in district the state meet will be in Area competition at Post on anveling trip to Women advances again, they will compete in Regional competition at Abilene.
Lensey Cullins, playing the role of Kassandra, won Best Actress honors. Lisa San Filippo, portraying Heuba, was named to the AllStar Cast, and Emily Blair received Honorable Mention for her performance as Andromache.

## Wrangler Relays Summary

## 7th Girls:

800 Relay- 2nd-Kristian Morales, Sandra Gandara, Jamie Covarrubias, Daniela Lazos. 100 Hurdles- Jamie Covarrubias 3rd, Sandra Gandara 6th. 300 Hurdles- Jamie Covarrubias 3rd. ShotKristian Morales 4th. 200 Dash- Sandra Gandara 6th. 1600 Run Kristian Morales 6 th. 400 Run- Daniela Lazos 6th
8th Girls- 10 Dash- Moriah Traweek 2nd. 200 Dash- Moriah Traweek 3rd. 400 Dash- Moriah Traweek 2nd, Kim Trent 4th. 1600 Run- 800 Run- Kim Trent 3rd, Ashley Vantine 4th. 1600 Run- Carmen Ponce 5th, Ashley Vantine 6th. Discus- Kim Trent 4th.

## 7th Boys:

Scott Bruton- 1st shot, 3rd 100 dash, 3rd discus. Payton Bean 1st 2400 run, 3rd 1600 run, 6 th long jump. Eddie Ortega, 1st 400 dash Evan Cain 2nd 300 hurdles, 4th pole vault. Breck Hamm 3rd pole vault. Daniel Estrada 5th triple jump.Kelby Johnson 6th 400 dash Cody Flores 5th shot, Isaac Ramon 6th. 400 relay-Payton Bean, Eddie Ortega, Evan Cain, Scott Bruton 3rd. 1600 relay- Kelby Johnson, Scott Bruton, Evan Cain, Eddie Ortega 4th.

## 8th Boys:

Arnold Cordova, 1st 300 hurdles, 3rd long jump, 6th high jump. Richard Diaz, 1st 400 dash, 2nd triple jump, 4th long jump. Anthony Loya 1st 200 dash. Armando Ramirez 2nd 1600 run, 3rd 2400 run run. Joseph Martinez 3rd 110 hurdles, 6 th 300 hurdles Pyan Martinez 3rd shot, Jerry Grandos 4th 1600 run. Nolan Newsom 5th disus 1600 relay An 3 I ard Diaz 1st 400 Relay- Anthony Loya, Richard Diaz, Giad ard Diaz 1 A Colay McNabb, Arnold Cordova 2nd.

## Students of the Week

 PHS student of the week is David Granados a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Granados. Davidwas nominated by Mrs. Dorsett who said "This time of year many students are ready to quit working or they simply get by enough to make they simply get by enough to make however, who have plans for the fur ture and are ready to go forth with those plans. David is very willing to learn as much as he can to improve his future He is not willing to stop just because it's the and of his senio just because it's the end of his senior year. Im proud of the dedication of but inevery task he wantstoachieve" but in every task he wants to achieve.


PHS student of the week is Jill Gray a freshman and the is Jing ter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray Jill was nominated by Mrs. Lusk who said, "This student is true picture of a spring flower com picture of a spring flower coming to life, budding, and then
blossoming. She has set many blossoming. She has set many to them. She has a superb attito tude She has a superb attiI have seen her grow physically, I have seen her grow physically, mentaly, and emotionally. Acaderforming with malr sonfiperforming wh more confidence each and every time she competes.'

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Women's Protective Service

## Presents TSA MO GA Program

 Juli Benson and Cindy tective Service shelter at no Koncaba, employees of Lub- cost. Women's Protective Serbock Women's Protective Ser- vice has a 24 hour crisis hot vices, were guest speakers at line.TSA MO GA's meeting March The success of Women's Pro27, 2000. tective Service rely's heavily on community assistance, and is always in need of donations of food, clothing medicine and Ms. Benson said the purpose tective Service is to provide abused women a safe environment providing shelter, transportation, counseling and legal assistance, food and clothing.
Women's Protective Service Lubbock facility operates 24 hours per day, with staff and security personnel available. The facility currently offers female victims of violence a total of 204 beds, and a van for transportation.
Any female victim who is a victim of abuse or violence may stay at the Women's Pro-
"The Oither Wiseman" an Easter Drama presented by
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## - The Journey

For the joy set before Him, He walked on toward the cross First Baptist Church Sancurary Choir will present The Journey a musical arranged and orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale Directed by; Patrick Hamilton Sunday, April 9th Time 10:45 a.m.

## Wedding Plans Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Jesus A. Gonzalez of Plains are proud to an nounce the upcoming marriage ceremony of their daughter Veronica to David A. Brunner both of Denton, Texas. Veronica is a graduate of South Plains College and the University of North Texas and is employed by the Denton County Criminal District Attorney's Office. David is the son of Jean Brunner and the late William Brunner of Corydon, Indiana. He is a student at SMU and is employed by the Marriot Corp.
The wedding ceremony will take place April 15, 2000 at the Templo Nueva Vision in Plains. All friends and family are invited.

## FCE In Spring Conference

Velma Dearing and Jerri Lollar members of the Turner FCE Club Sidney Murphey a member of the State Line FCE Club, and JoBeth Cromer County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences attended the District 2 Texas Association for Family and Community Education Spring Conference in Lamesa on March 30. The meeting brought together 90 FCE members from 17 counties across District 2. Educational programming consisted of a general business meeting, a food safety workshop taught by Sidney Murphey, and a leisure arts workshop conducted by Velma Dearing and Sidney Murphey.

Library Filmtime Yoakum County Library Filmtime March 29, 2000. Two games were played, followed by some exercise activities and the pledges to the United State and Texas flags. After singing several songs, three books were read Joseph Has A Little Overcoat, ittle Mo and Good Job, Littl Bear The video, Old Bear, wa shown to complete the program. The children attending Filmtime his week were: Micah St. Romain, Clayton Gass, Whitney Davis, Bailey Winn, Bailey Rios Percy, Sol and Sieanna Sosa Colby Bearden, Lucas Hernandez, Marina Corrales Kay'D Lamar, Jaston Brink, Jarius Curtis.

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## Tsa Mo Ga attends convention

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Caprock District Convention was held in Lubbock March 25. Tsa Mo Ga members attending were Judy Head, Rhonda Carter, Mattie Field, Toni Jones, Martha Palmer, Wilma Powell, Elouise and Mary o St. Romain, Valeria and Zareta Winn. The club was recognized for the most members attending the convention. In her address, guest speaker Ann Barton recalled her last summer visit with sisters Wilma Powell and Mary Jo St. Romain whose grandfather, W. J. Luna played a large role in the early development of Plains. Their mother, Lillian Luna, helped found the Tsa Mo Ga Club in her home in 1935. The two sis ers are charter members of the club.
District President Loretta Tekell presented Wilma and Mary Jo a 65 th anniversary scroll, and surprised the sisters when their families were escorted in and presented to the conven-


Front, Kyle Richards, Wilma Powell, Mary Jo St. Romain. Middle, JoLena Wall, Pierre St. Romain, Becky Flores, Elouise St. Romain and Micah. Back, Dallas \& Ty Powell, Gentry \& Chad Wall, Lind Powell, Joe St. Romain, Suzahn \& Jordan Smith


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Sunday Evening, April 9
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Monday Evening, April 10
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(Mark 14, 15, 16)
Wednesday Evening, April 12

## A Time of Spiritual Renewal at the Plains Church of Christ

APRIL 9-12
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## From The Hack

The 2000 Census, mandated by Congress a zillion years ago, is again boiling like a dempest in a teapot with the American public. Every form of media known to mankind reports daily on the gripes and com daily on the gripes and complaints of those households receiving the 'Long Questionaire'. I'm not grumpy about it. I received the short form. Pretty basic questions... where do you live, how many there, how many bedrooms, toilet facilities, closets, etc."
I dutifully checked off the boxes in the same order - 1205 Copeland, Plains, America: Two, usually, sometimes invited guests, some of whom stay much too long, some who show up and stay what I fear is permanency: Three bedrooms, two with beds (one includes seven stuffed animals on the bed, making sleep difficult for guests - and they're not MY animals); the other BR contains computers, scanners, etc. : Only one toilet
facility, unfortunately, mainly the gimpy car and Blazer sit occupied by the Bride in morn- outside! ing and afternoon rituals dealing with facial Crayolas; tub, Church scenes: At the beginning shower, and one necessity which of a children's sermon, a little refuses to properly flush when girl came to the altar wearing a guests are present and plumbers beautiful dress. As the children are not to be found in the entire were sitting down around the are not to be found in the entire were sitting down around said
state: Three closets, which con- pastor, he leaned over and said tain 3,217 items of Bride's cloth- to the girl, "That is a very pretty ing, and exactly 114 of mine. dress. Is it your Easter dress?" The short form questionaire The little girl replied almost difailed to ask what I consider a rectly into the preacher's clip-on basic, fundamental question; mike, "Yes, and mommy says How are you making out in these it's a real bitch to iron!" surroundings. HEY, PEOPLE, A Sunday School teacher was FILL OUT THOSE LONG escorting her class into the worFORM SHEETS! If the cencus ship services, and cautioned her people pump the numbers in charges to be very quiet. She correctly, maybe when the final asked, "And do you know why count comes in they'll figure us we need to be quiet?' A bright eligible for federal aid of some little boy said, "Sure, cause ivsort. Me, I'd like a garage to eryone in there is sleeping.' store a $\$ 35,000$ bass boat. Let

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