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Smith County Judge relates tale of courthouse terror and carnage

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* Friday, February 25, County Judeg Dallas Brewer received the following e-mail from fellow County Judge Becky Dempsey, both members of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. Judge Dempsey related the following report of horror she witnessed at the Smith County Courthouse in Tyler the day before.

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by now of the events that about how I could drive away. occured yesterday in Smith About then I heard Judge County. Actually, the news re- Skeen's vehicle pulling away; ports have been quite accurate: I put my vehicle in reverse and shooter's ex-wife killed, citizen Mark Wilson (attempting to to a safe location some distance subdue the suspect) killed, away. shooter killed, adult son wounded and still hospitalized, Sheriff Office Deputy Dolison mind a hundred times. Five still in critical condition after minutes after the shooting extensive surgery last evening, another Sheriff Officer and looked like a war zone - indi- yesterday's events a reminder, Tyler PD officer treated and viduals lying on the grass released with minor injuries. "At 1:30 I pulled into the park- rear of our courthouse was shot Becky Dempsey,

). Dist. Judge Jack Skeen pulled in behind me. Getting out of my and honestly did not know what it was. As you can imagine an AK47 from that close a distance crime scene. is quite loud. A man ran by my vehicle, called me by my first none of our emplyees were inname (I still don't know who it jured or killed, as this time of was - perhaps an Angel) and told day is extremely busy. Had it me to get down. I ducked down not been cloudy and cold, there "I'm sure you have all heard in my vehicle while thinking got away from the courthouse

" Everything happened so fast, and I've replayed it in my stopped we returned to what shot, killed. The entire glass ing lot at the rear of the court- out; there are bullet holes in the Smith County Judge".

house (25 feet from the shooter ceiling of the first floor, shell casings everywhere. You can't imagine the crime scene. While vehicle I heard a popping sound the investigation continues, the courthouse is closed today to maintain the integrity of the

> "We are extremely blessed would have been many employees sitting on the back steps enjoying the weather before returning to work.

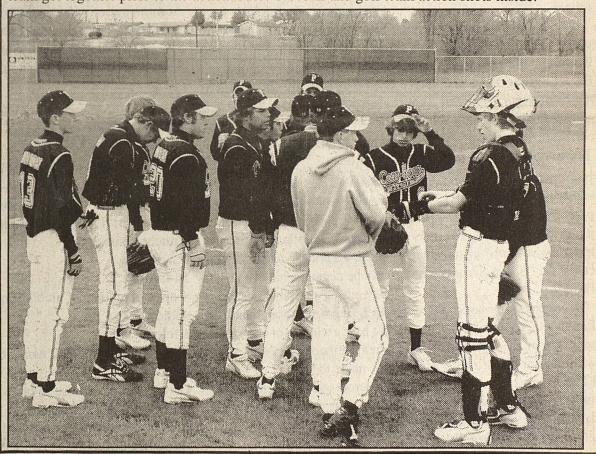
" Please pray for Officer Dolison's recovery and for the families of the victims. I would also appreciate your prayers for our employees, many of them eyewitnesses to this tragedy. They have much to deal with and need our support. Life is so precious and fragile and our days are numbered.

Blessings,

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ted crowd attended the weekend baseball game between the Cowboys and Hale g up against the cold wet conditions. The Cowboys shown below had their last team get together prior to the action. More baseball and golf team action shots inside.



County Hospital staff honored by Covenant

Covenant Health System has recently honored employees awarded Clay Taylor, Admin- Amy Reed, Joyce Rice, istrator of Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City, with one of the system's most prestigious honors, its Values In Action Award. A reception honoring Taylor and fifteen other and Beverly Mills at the Valawardees will be held in the Arnett Room at Covenant Lakeside March 10, 2005, from 3:30 until 5:00 PM. The honorees will also be recognized at a banquet in Orange County, California June 16, 2005. Yoakum County Hospital also

Dennice Hines, Pam Gaylon, Linda Dawson, Elva Garcia, Brandy Hines, Cindy Potts, Carol Corzine, Bertha Hernandez, Maggie Mendoza ues In Action award at Covenant Hospital March 3. These employees were nominated for the Values In Action award by their fellow employees for displaying outstanding attitudes and workmanship.

The Memorial Brick Sale Has Been Extended To Friday, April 1, The Last **Opportunity To Help Fund The Electronic Sign And Remember** Some One **SPECIAL!**



Jackie Pate, Yoakum SWCD Secretary, AKA ' The Tree Lady', right, displays rose transplants to Teresa Bell at the first annual Yoakum SWCD Sidewalk Sale held last week behind the NRCS office here. Personnel were busy all day displaying plants for decorations and many varieties of windbreak trees.

Rep Delwin Jones to seek re-election

Longtime South Plains State Representative Delwin Jones, R - Lubbock, recently announced his intention to seek re-election. He curincludes Yoakum County.

In a press release received by CCN March 4, Jones stated, "I decided to anounce must pay \$326 court costs. He early because I wanted to dispel any rumors indicating I might be retiring." He was first community service. DPS elected to office in 1964, and served four terms in the statehouse before leaving office for Proctor was his attorney. 16 years. He returned to Austin for the 1989 legislative session and has held office for a total of 24 years of service to his constituents. He curently ranks sixth on the House seniority list.

In the current legislative session, Jones is vice-chairman of the Corrections Committee, and is a member of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee.

Criminal cases in County, District Court

with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Kyle Robert rently represents District 83, which Taylor pled guilty to reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200 and will pay \$50 monthly supervision fees and serve 24 hours Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer, and Max

> Robert M. Shirley pled guilty to first DWI, breath test refused. A 120 day jail sentence was probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 14 hours. He must complete the DWI first offender program, and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Barry Crutchfield

In County Court February 22 served as his attorney, and Trooper Munsell was investigating officer.

> In the March 2 session of District Court with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Clark representing the state, Dawn Tenny Carter pled guilty to forgery of a financial instrument. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated two years. She was fined \$1000, must pay \$293 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, plus \$356 restitution to Lowe's Pay & Save. She will serve 120 hours community service, and complete the SASSI evaluation at her expense. Bill Helwig was his attorney, and Deputy Nancy Baize was investigating officer.

Jesus Armando Duarte pled guilty to DWI with child under 15 years. A two year state

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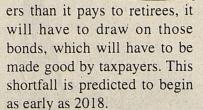


America's Social Security system is headed for trouble, two trains rumbling toward a collision. One train rumbles on tracks laid down by financial promises made when this New Deal-era program was established. The second travels on a path set by long-term demographic trends. To avoid the wreck, we need to change the courses of the trains, and the time to do it is long before the conductors on these trains can and benefit payments amountsee each other.

Without significant changes, the question is not whether this accident will happen, but when. The demographic trends pushing us toward disaster are simple: birthrates are going down while people are living year, a surplus year passes and longer. This was not a problem in 1935 when President calculation. Franklin D. Roosevelt founded the Social Security program. With an average life expectancy of 64, only 54 percent of workers were expected to live long enough to collect their checks. Today, the U.S. Census reports the average life expectancy is 77.2 years and increasing. The Department of Health and Human Services reports that by 2050, American men will live an average of 79.7 years and women will live even system is headed for a disaster. longer.

These trends will be amplified when 76 million Baby Boomers hit retirement age. Born between 1946 and 1964, they will begin retiring in 2008, and threaten to swamp the So- honor present commitments, cial Security system.

For many years, there was no



Inaction is out of the question. Foundation, if Congress does nothing to reform the system, Social Security will need general fund infusions to make up the difference in tax revenues ing to \$72 billion in 2020, \$275 billion in 2030, \$429 billion in 2050 and \$719 billion in 2070. The long-term projections of Social Security's financial health will continue to worsen because, with each passing a deficit year is added in the

was the fact that changes in Social Security also weakens the financial health of the system. Originally, initial benefits at the time of retirement were linked to inflation, but in the 1970's they were pegged to the rise in wages, which tend to go up faster than prices. Coupled with demography and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomers, the Social Security Numerous proposals to save Social Security are on the table, and I look forward to talking with my fellow Texans and working with my colleagues to craft policy changes which will while providing a permanent solution.

problem with Social Security, be- While we may not agree on what cases heard and fines and bonds cause the abundance of workers the best options are at this point, it set in Justice of the Peace paid far more into the program than is unacceptable to pretend there is Court, Pct. 1, Judge Melba no problem. The financial future of Crutcher presiding. Social Security is determined not Cases filed: only be demographic trends; it is 54 traffic affected by the promises made 4 open container of alcohol in when the program was established. vehicle We have a window of opportunity 1 felony to remake the program so the prom-1 juvenile warning & statement ises made today will ne fulfilled Bonds set: tomorrow without mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren.

Neugebauer addresses WTO Appellate Body Decision

Congressman Randy According to the Heritage Neugebauer released the following statement regarding Thursday's decision by the World Trade Organization Appellate Body in the Brazil cot- centives and campus-based in- would lose as a result. Test ton case:

> decision reached by the World Trade Organization's Appellate Body. I want to assure cotton producers there will be no immediate impacts on our farm programs.

from a complicated case, it does not appear the Appellate Body upheld most of the conclusions Compounding this problem reached by the dispute settlement panel last fall. I continue to believe the United States' farm programs have been implemented consistent with the obligations we committed to in the last WTO agreement. The United States has not exceeded our allowed level of agricultural support, and our supports are designed to be minimally trade distorting.

> " I will work with my fellow members of Congress, the Bush Administration, and the cotton industry to help determine the best response for the United States to make to this decision."

JP Court

The following is a summary of

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Rep. Delwin Jones comments on school finance legislation

ing considered as part of a school finance package do nothing to provide educational excellence or provide a reliable source of public school funding, the principal task confronting the legislature. In fact, the proposed incentive programs world.

" Both individual teacher incentives are harmful to our " I'm disappointed with the school children because they pit teachers against teachers, administrators against teachers, and principals against principals. Incentive programs would "While this is a lengthy report scores on an educational system depending on a collaborative effort to help all children excel, not just those who happen to be taught by one teacher or at a certain campus. Educachange ideas and share the best

"The incentive proposals be- practices with their colleagues on other campuses in the best interest of all school children. "The proposed incentive program would provide only enough money to reward 15 to 30 percent of our teachers, whether or not more teachers met the criteria for rewards. would prove harmful in the real The resulting administrative nightmare would damage "school pride", and students scores are a sound accountability tool to meaure student performance, which is shaped by many factors other than work done by any one teacher or group of teachers. Test scores force a competitive model should not be the basis for a based on standardized test system of monetary reward or punishment.

"We have a serious teacher shortage in Texas, and the problem is not supply; it is retention. More than 28% of our current teachers are not appropritional excellence requires ately certified to teach the class teachers and principals to ex- they are assigned. Texas teacher pay is \$6,232 below the

national average and slipped from 26th to 32nd among the states and last among the 15 most populous states. The last state teacher salary increase was approved in 1999. Incentive pay plans will not end the teacher shortage in Texas. In fact, an inherently arbitrary system that helps only a fraction of Texas teachers and leave the majority with an increase will only make the problem worse.

"Finally, incentive pay has been tried before in Texas and it failed. The 'Career Ladder' that was instituted in the 1980's contained limited state funds hat rewarded a limited number of teachers. The career ladder was abolished by the legislature in 1993 because good teachers who deserved the career ladder money did not receive it because the legislature did not fully fund it, a subject of bitterness that lingers today. Instead of proposing things that have proved ineffective, the legislature should fund an across-the-board teacher pay raise that might help us recruit and retain our best and brightest in our classrooms."

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McDonald's has eliminated 'supersize" options and has added adult meals that include a salad and pedometer Subway is increasingly touting its low-fat menu items. Pizza Hut offers a lower fat, lower calorie pizza, and Ruby Tuesday is adding healthier options to its children's

With headline after headline stating the sad truth that American kids are suffering higher rates of obesity than ever before. many groups have stepped up to the plate to cut fat and boost good nutrition for children.

While fast food restaurants may seen like unlikely allies in the fight against childhood obesity, their improvements are definitely a step in the right direction. Kids and parents alike have grown accustomed to the convenience of fast food, and schools even partner with restaurants to offer their fare in school lunch lines. In Texas, these partnerships take nutrition into account, and food items must fall within the state's strict policy guidelines on calories and fat.



The FlameThrower[™] is made with jalapeño bacon,

it provided to retirees. The excess money was placed in something called the "Social Security Trust Fund."

Unfortunately, by law, the Trust Fund is required to save the excess payments in U.S. Treasury bonds which are, for lack of a better word, IOU's from taxpayers. The money itself has been spent. This means the minute the Social Security system takes less in from workers

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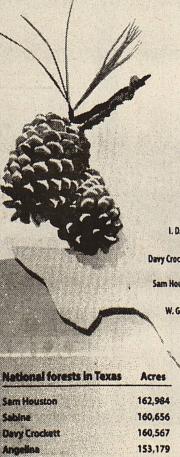
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Other companies have responded, as well. Borden Dairy has a new "Kid Builder" line of fortified milk in kid-friendly decanters. Frito-Lay has eliminated transfatty acids from some of its product lines, and Kraft has reformulated its Lunchables with 20 percent fewer calories and fat. Kraft has also gotten a handle on portion sizes, offering Oreos in single serving packs of four, rather than six.

While these changes may seem small or insignificant - reduced-fat chips and cookies are obviously not as healthy as fresh fruits and vegetables - they are definitely an improvement. Companies are creating awareness among students, parents and foodservice professionals alike and providing new choices for those who want healthier options. While it's clear that much work remains to be done, the food industry is taking steps and responding to our call fo healthier alternatives for kids.



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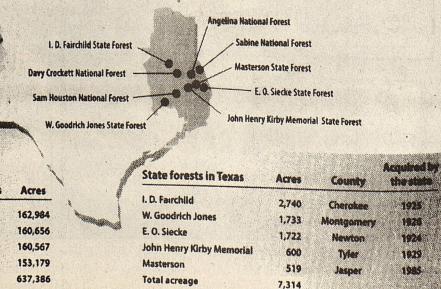


For Texas' Trees

If you can't see the forest for the trees, you must be in East Texas. The region is home to all the state's forests, a total of about 12 million acres, according to the Texas Forest Service (TFS)

Most of Texas' woodlands, about 61 percent, are privately owned, according to TFS. Commercial timber companies own about 32 percent, and about 7 percent are public lands.

The public lands include state and national forests, parks and land held by county and local governments. The state also maintains about 286,000 acres of woodlands in 11 Wildlife Management Areas in East Texas.

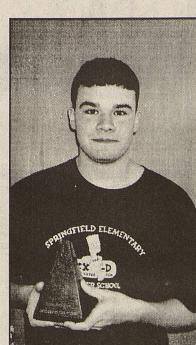


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PHS Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Cody Flores, a Senior and the son of Cody and Diana Flores.

Cody was nominated by Mrs. O'Ouinn, who said, "Cody is usually quiet, yet when he does speak it is profound, or something you might hear on a late night comedy routine. I have learned to adjust to his laid back approach to everything, in class and UIL competition, but I have found his creative, intelligent person comes out when it's time. He has done well in UIL journalism competition in feature writing and headline writing this year."



Cowboy Baseball Schedule

03-10-2005		Plains	Plains Tournamer
03-11-2005		Plains	Plains Tournamer
03-12-2005		Plains	Plains Tournamer
03-14-2005		Muleshoe	Muleshoe
03-19-2005		Plains	* Seagraves
03-22-2005		Plains	* Smyer
03-25-2005		Seagraves	* Seagraves
03-28-2005		Plains	* Whiteface
04-02-2005		O'Donnell	* O'Donnell
04-05-2005		New Home	* New Home
04-09-2005		Morton	* Morton
04-12-2005			Bye
04-16-2005		Smyer	* Smyer
04-23-2005		Whiteface	*Whiteface
04-26-2005		Plains	O'Donnell
04-30-2005		Plains	* New Home
05-03-2005	1	Plains	* Morton
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Jr. High **Dist.** Track Meet

7th Girls govingoni Si 100 Meter Dash- Natalie Haynes 4, Maria Martinez 5, Deanna Ramirez 6. 200 Dash- Courtni Asebedo 4.

800 meter run- Emilio Gallegos

1600 meter run- Emilia Gallegos 3. Long Jump- Deanna Ramirez 2. Shot Put- Maria Martinez 4, Natakie Haynes 5, Courtni Asebedo 6 Discus -Natalie Haynes 2, Courtni Asebedo 4, Maria Martinez 6. **8th Girls** 200 Dash- Heather Parrott 2. 400

Dash- Heather Parrot 3. 1600 Meter Run-Sydney Caffey 4. 100 Hurdles- Heather Parrott 1. High Jump- Heather Parrott 3. Long Jump- Heather Parrott 3 Shot Put-Sydney Caffey 2, Kimber Williams 4. Discus-Sydney Caffey 1, Kimber Williams 2. 7th Boys

100 Dash- Miguel Lopez 8, Brandon Craft 9. 200 Dash-Miguel Lopez 9. 400 Dash-Arthur Ruiz+ 3, 800 Rune Jason Durham 1, Jonathan Lira 3. 1600 Meter Run- Jacob Neudorf 2, Troy Parrish 5. 2400 Run- Jacob Neudorf 1. 110 Hurdles- Jacob Brink 3. 300 Hurdles- Jonathan Lira 1. 4X100 Relay- Plaisn 4th. 4X200 Relay - Plains 4. High Jump-Arthur Ruiz 3, Jason Durham 6. Long Jump- Jacob Neudorf 5. Triple Jump= Brandon Craft 5. Shot Put- Jason Durham 4.

8th Boys 100 Dash- Chris Gonzales 4. 200 Dash- Chris Gonzales 5. 800 Run-Holden Welch 2. 1600 Run-Holden Welch 3. 110 Hurdles- Chris Addison 1. 300 Hurdles- Chris Addison 2. Long Jump- Chris Gonzales 4. Triple Jump- Chrsi Addison 3. Shot Put- Derek Garza 3. Discus-Derek Garza 2, Chris Addison 3.

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Biodiesel Grows As A Renewable Energy Source

mon. They're both in the business of selling biodiesel, an alless the regular diesel fuel and can be made from renewable resources, such as vegetable oils and animal fats.

The city of Denton and Santa Barbara, Calif.-based Biodiesel Industries have joined to build a biodiesel manufacturing plant at Denton's landfill, the first plant sponsored by a Texas city, according to Jake Stewart, a project development analyst for Biodiesel Industries.

Denton is spending about \$700,000 on the plant, according to Vance Kemler, director of solid waste management in Denton.

"We own the equipment, and the plant will be on city-owned land," said Kemler. "Biodiesel Industries will lease the equipment and site and operate the plant and share in the profits." The plant, scheduled to be up and running in early 2005, will capture methane gas from the landfill and will use it to power the plant. The process will take waste, vegetable-based cooking oil from Dallas area residents and turn it into biodiesel. Area residents produce about 12 million gallons of recyclable cooking oil annually, Kemler said. The city anticipates using 1 to 3 million gallons of that oil annually to produce about the age of about 20 cents more per Texas.

Denton, Texas, and Willie same amount of biodiesel. The gallon than regular diesel. Nelson have something in com- city will use some of the biodiesel to run it's own diesel powered vehicles and equipternative fuel that pollutes air ment, including trucks and buses, and sell the excess. changes or mechanical modifi-Other cities and counties already have expressed their willingness to purchase biodiesel from Denton.

> "Nobody in the community has opposed this project," Kemler said. "Everybody believes it will improve the environment of our community." The city also plans to build a pump where the public can buy biodiesel, but the city has not Nelson is actively promoting yet chosen a site, said Kemler.

> Texas already has a few biodiesel retailers where the public can buy the alternative fuel. As of January 2005, the the United States is based on Texas Comptroller of Public soybean oil, according to Rich-Accounts identified retailers in at least six Texas cities selling biodiesel for public consumption: Austin, Hillsboro, Keller, Addison, Fort Worth and Texas market and higher prices for

City.

Biodiesel in it's pure form contains no petroleum, but it can be mixed with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend biodiesel blend is B20, which is 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent petroleum. B20 maximizes emissions reduction while minimizing the higher cost of biodiesel, according to

"While biodiesel costs more, it is the cheapest of all the alternative fuel options, because it doesn't require infrastructure cations, like others such as natural gas would," said Stewart.

Diesel engines require few or no modifications to use biodiesel.

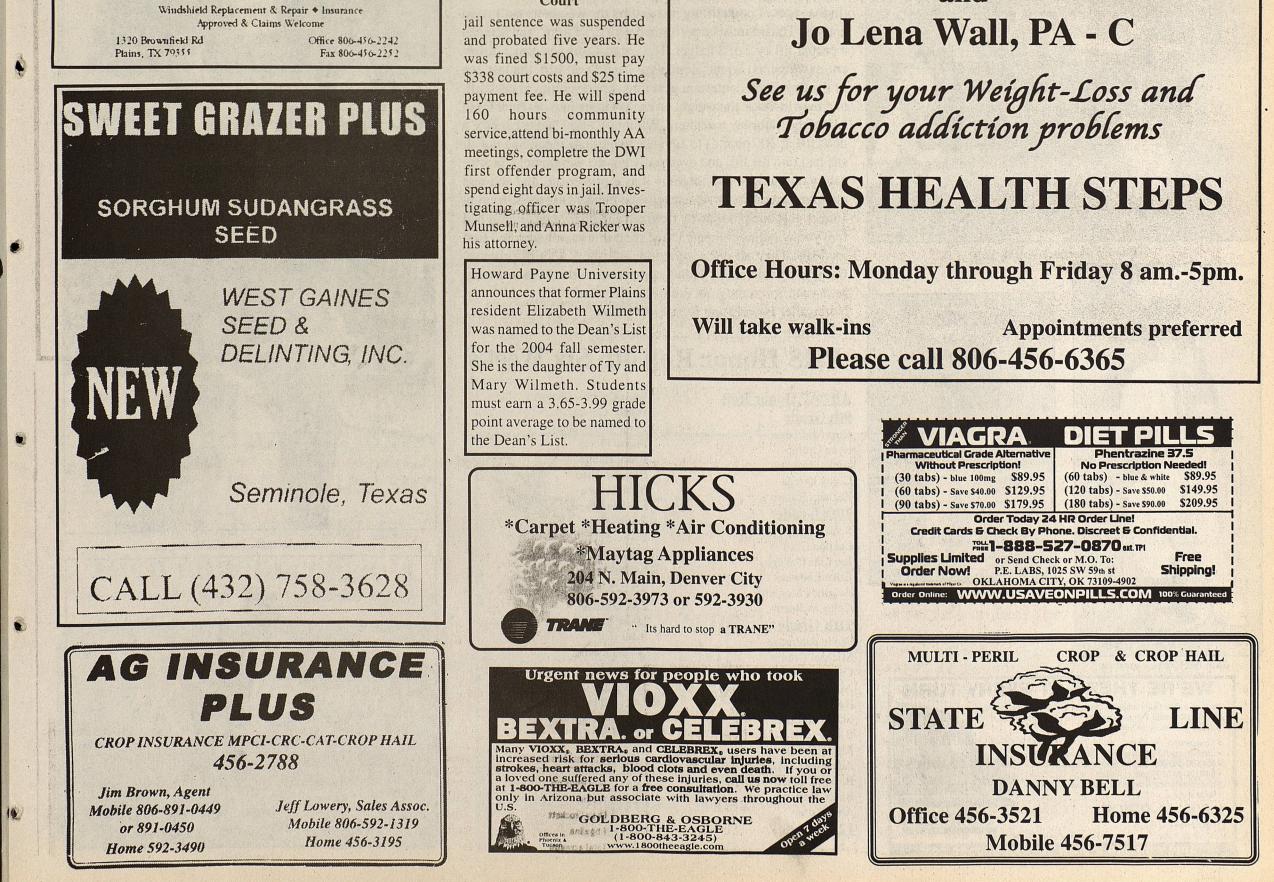
Furthermore, Stewart said a new tax incentive passed by the U.S. Congress should help eradicate the cost difference. Country music legend Willie biodiesel as a way to help American farmers.

Roughly 90 to 95 percent of the biodiesel fuel consumed in ard Nelson, an engineering professor at Kansas State University. Biodiesel, therefore, offers American farmers an additional their soybean crop, the professor said.

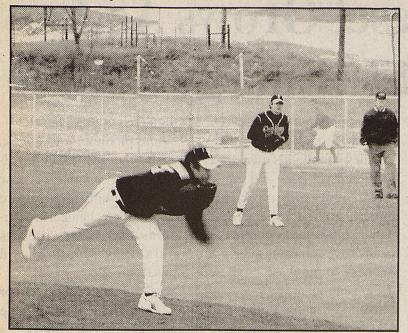
"Biodiesel is a way to put farmers back on the land raising fuel for America and the fuel. The most popular rest of the world without war," Willie Nelson said.

The singer urges biodiesel in his own trucks and buses and is marketing his own brand of biodiesel, Willie Nelson's Biodiesel, at Carl's Corner Stewart. B20 sells for an aver- truck stop, north of Hillsboro,

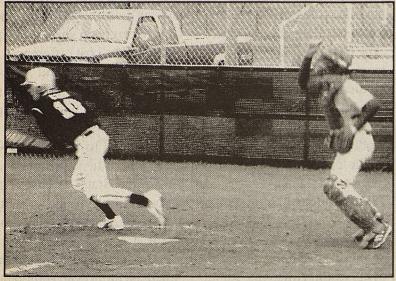
Yoakum County Plains Clinic Amir Memon, MD and



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T.J. Cordova pitched well



Evan Cain gets a hit



David Parker guards base

UIL Competition

Journalism Meet:

UIL journalism students competed well at the Midland College meet February 25, finishing second as a team behind Odessa High.

The nine students were ranked with students from all classifications, 1A-5A, and competed with 50 contestants in each of the four events.

Senior Cody FLores won the feature writing event and placed fifth in headline writing, freshman Ryan Crump placed second in news writing, sophomore Erika Loewen was sixth in editorial writing, junior Allison Friesen was seventh in feature writing, and junior Blake O'Quinn was eighth in headlines.

Also competing were Evan Cain, Lauren Hise, Jose Luis Gallegos and Araceli Mendoza.

Home UIL Meet:

Plains students scored 231 points to win Sweepstakes at their home UIL meet Saturday, March 5, competing against students from 14 other 1A-3A schools

Results from the meet include: Small School Overall Scores-Brandon Hise-1st, Allison Friesen-2nd Evan Cain-6th, Seniors-Brandon-1st, Evan Cain-4th, Juniors-Allison-1st, B.J. Lester-3rd, Sophomore-Angelica Mendoza-3rd, Freshmen-Amber Friesen, Computer Applications: Nancy Lozano-4th, Araceli Mendoza-5th, Antonio Martinez-6th. Computer Science Team-1st Place: Brandon-1st, Adam McCravey-3rd, Allison Friesen-4th, Journalism Team-2nd Place: Editorial Writing: Erika Loewen-5th Araceli-6th. Feature Writing: Allison-2nd. Headline Writing: Blake O'Quinn-2nd. News Writing: Allison-1st. Mathematics Team-1st Place: Small School Overall Scores-Brandon-1st, Breck Hamm-6th. Seniors-Brandon-1st, Breck-5th. Juniors-David Alldredge-3rd, Allison-4th. Sophomores-Angelica-7th. Freshmen-Kurt Alldredge-3rd, Amber-4th. Number Sense Team-1st Place: Small School Overall Scores-Brandon-1st, Kerry Sisson-2nd, David-7th. Seniors-Brandon1st, Kerry-2nd. Juniors-David-2nd,Blake-5th. Freshmen-Kurt-3rd, Amber-4th. Ready Writing: Angelica-5th. Science Team-3rd Place: Seniors-Evan-4th, Brandon-5th, Breck-8th, Kerry-9th. Juniors-David-6th, Adam-7th. Sophomores-Angelica-5th, Jose Luis Gallegos-6th. Freshmen-Amber-5th, Kurt-7th. Spelling and Vocabulary Team-2nd Place: Maria Andazola-3rd.

Cowboy Baseball:

The Cowboy's season got off to a good start with a 15-1 win over Shallowater February 26. Daniel Parker pitched 3 innings, faced 3 batters, struck out 2, walked 4 and gave up only 1 hit. Tyler Caffet relieved one inning, faced 6 batters, gave up no hits walked 2 and struck out 3. Offensively, Parker had a double, Caffey hit 2 singles and a double, Scott Addison and Blake O'Quinn each had singles, and T.J. Cordova recorded the first homerun of the season. On March 5, they downed the Hale Center Owls here and won 4-2. T.J. pitched the entire game, striking out 10. He gave up only 1 earned run on 6 hits and walked only one batter. He also had one hit and RBI, Evan Cain went 1-3, Parker 1-3 with a double, Adam McCravey was 1-1, Pter Neufeld 1-3 with a homer. The Cowboys will start a home tournament Thursday, March 10, with the first game versus Denver City JV at7 PM. The team was pre-season ranked number 7 in the state.

Powerlifting:

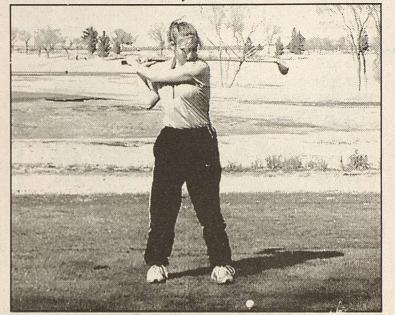
PHS Golf Scenes at DCHS Tourney



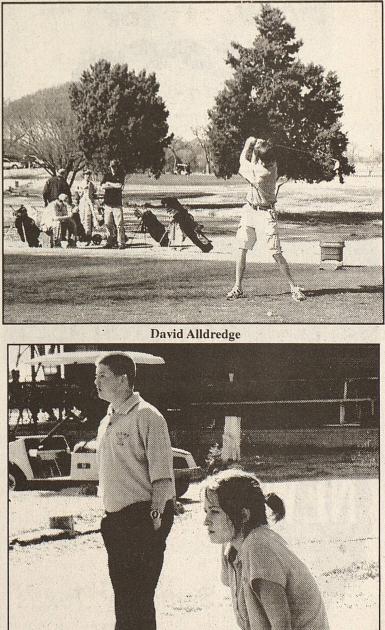
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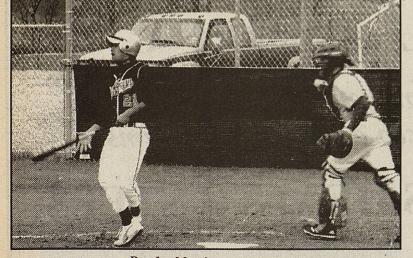


Colby Wilmeth



Amber Friesen





Ramiro Martinez eyes fly ball



Coach Bartley signals



In the sport of powelifting just getting the weight up isn't good enough. The lift must be performed with strict form, and deemed a proper lift by 2 of 3 judges. The competitors perform 3 different movements; Squat, BenchPress and Dead Lift, the last one of the day. Each contestant gets three opportunities at each lift, and may increase the weight on each. Going into her final Dead Lift at the Saturday meet here, Whitney Caffey had to execute a dead lift of 300 pounds to advance to the state meet. She put all she had into the lift, and eventually got the weight up. Unfortunately, the judges did not view it as a proper lift, and she was not given credit for it. As a result, she finished 4th at the Region 1 meet, just one place away from advancing to state. Plains had five young ladies compete in the sport this year, which is a first for PHS. They all did a great job, and show a lot of promise. Having several young ladies competing at the Region I meet next year is certainly not out of the question. No Further Powelifting Results Available

PHS Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

All "A" Honor Roll

9th Grade Kurt Alldredge Ryan Crump Amber Friesen Colby Ortega Zachary Ramos 10th Grade Scott Addison Landon Craft Joe Luis Gallegos Erika Loewen Angelica Mendoza Colby Wilmeth 11th Grade David Alldredge Michael Crump Casson Curtis Allison Friesen Reagan Haynes Skylar Keesee B.J. Lester Ramiro Martinez Adam McCravey Blake O'Quinn Blake Parrish Abel Ramos 12th Grade

Evan Cain Patrick Cotton Jamie Covarrubias Mayra Flores Breck Hamm Brandon Hise Brant Huerta Kristian Morales Prisma Ortiz Daniel Parker Isaac Ramon Kerry Sisson "A" - 1B Honor Roll 9th Grade Maria Andazola Joani Bell Lauren Davis Lauren Hise 10th Grade Araceli Mendoza Adriana Ponce 11th Grade T.J. Cordova 12th Grade Lela Coronado Daniela Lazos

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Lifelines & Styles

Texas First Lady Tours 2005 Main Street Cities

joins Texas Historical Commission (THC) members and staff for the Texas Main Street toric downtowns and neighbor-Program's 2005 First Lady's Tour. The tour, sponsored by the Independent Banker's Association of Texas, celebrates the implemented in 1981 and has designation of the 2005 Official Texas Main Street Cities of San nities. Angelo and Sinton on March 29. LaPorte and Livingston host celebrations on March 30.

note address at each celebration a and unveil the first design rendering for the local Main Street Program. A reception follows the ceremony.

Texas First Lady Anita Perry The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization and preservation program for hishood commercial districts. The program, one of the most successful in the nation, was assisted more than 140 commu-

For more information of the Texas Main Street Program, please contact Kim McKnight Mrs. Perry will give the key- at 512/463-5758, or via e-mail

> kim.mcknight@thc.state.tx.us, or visit the web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

The Yoakum SWCD hopes to have another Sidewalk Sale in May for hardwood trees. Anyone wishing to learn the availability, sizes and price of any type tree is invited to contact The Tree Lady at 806-456-3703 ext. 3

"90th" Birthday **Party for James Williams** Sunday, March 13, 2005



Jackie Pate, The Tree Lady, displays some of the many plants, shrubs and trees available at the SWCD Sidewalk Sale last week to Eva Flores, right.

Elderly Errand Run

How much do you hate going out in cold weather just to run errands? In February, Student Council members will be volunteering to go out for those of you who need us to run those errands for you. This service will be free of charge. Call Clarissa Zorilla at 456-8446 or Melisa Dorsett at 456-7445 (8:00-3:45) to set up a service for you.

What About? the phone.

The other day, Beth was talking to an elderly lady some distance from this part of Texas.

The lady was complaining about her telephone not working well anymore. She is very hard of hearing. She has a special telephone which magnifies the sounds.

As the lady talked, Beth began to become concerned with the mental condition of the lady, but at the same time, couldn't help but laugh. The lady told how she got on her phone to call for repair. It went something like this. "Hello, this is 911 what is our emergency?" the operator asked. "Well, my phone won't work right!" the lady yells.

A few minutes later, a knock came at the door. The lady, newly widowed, cautiously answered the front door to find a gentleman standing there in what she thought was a maintenance uniform.

He asked if everything was alright and she turned and led him to the phone. She handed him the phone and explained to him how she had called repair, but they wouldn't help her.

Senior Citizens Corner

"Employment Opportunity". We have a need for someone with a good personality and ability to handle money to work our registration desk each day (five days a week) from 10:00 am. until 1:00 pm. This job entails seeing that each guest is properly register; seeing that they are given the necessary change for their luncheon donation; and that they are given their lunch ticket. (These tickets are used in a drawing each day for a free meal). After lunch a Board Member will assist you in accounting for the daily income and seeing that it reaches the proper person. This opportunity is provided by and paid for by Experienced Workers (formally Green Thumb) at a limited wage rate. A free lunch is also a part of the package. Qualifications for this position includes being over sixty years old and in a low income class. If you (or someone you know) would like to avail themselves of this opportunity, please check in the office for the necessary application papers.

Irma Manzay and Chris Ramirez, from our Area Agency on Aging (formerly SPAG), visited with us on Tuesday and had lunch with us. They were conducting our yearly monitoring session. We have word that our office personnel received a great report. Congratulations, ladies.

L.W. and Jane Sparks were guests

don't mean whenever we felt like it. 6:00 am. and 6:00 pm., was milking time. And milking was not hooking the cows up to milkers. We were the milkers! Somewhere at an earlier stage of my existence, I felt the necessity to prove to my father that I could milk just as fast and as well as my older brothers. That was one of the first big mistakes of my life! By the time the chores were finished it was time to hurry and get cleaned up and walk the mile to meet our ride to high school (this being a neighbor who worked in town). Kansas winters are not kind to folks who have to be outside, but the brothers had been instructed to help carry our books and to hold down the barbed wire fencing we had to pass through each day. Those were great days. We knew each of those cows (and her personality) was well as we knew our own name. The manner of providing milk for

the table has changed much across the years. When our first child was small and we lived in town, the milk was delivered each morning (right on our front porch) in quart bottles with cardboard lids. I set out as many bottles each day as I wanted the milkman to leave (and a note with any special instructions). But today we just choose from several kinds and qualities of milk from the grocer's shelf and carry it home. There's no need to worry about it is used up. Somehow, even as I appreciate the convenience of stepping to the refrigerator anytime for a cold glass of milk, the excitement is gone from the whole process. It was all brought back to mind this week as I read a list of some of the notes left for the milkman in those 'other' days. They are guaranteed to be actual notes. (1) Dear milkman, I've just had a baby, please leave another one. (2) Please leave an extra pint of paralyzed milk. (3) Please don't leave anymore milk. All they do is drink it. (4) Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby, and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks. (5) When you leave my milk, knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress. (6) Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbor told me. (7) Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it. (8) Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday. (9) When you come with the milk please put the coal on the boiler, let the dog out, and put the newspaper inside the screen door. P.S. Don't leave any milk. (10) No milk. Please do not leave milk at No. 14 either as he is dead until further notice. Thought for Today: "There is not such thing as an empty space or an empty time. There is always something to see, something to hear .: John Cage, composer (1912-1992)

2:30 to 5:00 **Plains Community Building** Given by children & friends

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"Ma'am this is 911, what is your emergency?" the operator asked again.

"My telephone won't work. I can't HEARD." hear anything in it. Can you tell me what to do?'

"Ma'am I can't help you with repair on your phone.'

"Well, you should be able to you sold it to me! It worked yesterday and won't now. Why can't you help me." The frustrated lady asked.

"Ma'am, do you have an emergency I can help you with?"

"Yes, my phone won't work," the lady replied.

The lady frustrated with not hearing what the operator had said, hung up

The man looked over her phone to find the volume turned down, and then explained that he was from the Emergency Call Center.

The 911 operator had contacted him to check on her wellbeing. Suddenly, she realized what she had done!

Isn't it funny sometimes what we hear? In Dallas a Baptist minister we knew would end a meeting with you and state, "Now, repeat what YOU

I always thought that was an interesting way to say, "Did you really hear what I said? Or did you misunderstand?"

In the hustle and bustle of life, we just answer people without really knowing what they said.

If you don't believe me, the next time someone greets you, notice your reply. It is usually fine and you? without knowing if they even ask about you

Until next time



Sunday School 9:30 A.M. **Morning Worship** 10:45 A.M. **Evening Program** 6:00 P.M.

of Jean Sparks one day and David turning sour for it will keep until it Bruton was accompanied at lunchtime by his brother, Doyle, who lives in Levelland.

"Just come on in!" Someone asked the other day what you had to do to "join" the Senior Center, The answer is "Just come on in and you are one of the family." Anyone over sixty is welcome to come on a daily basis and enjoy the fellowship, games, and good lunches.

We are excited as the TURKEY DINNER day approaches! It is March 6th starting at 11:00 am., and we will be serving until 2:00 pm. It is a fund raiser for the Center and everyone is welcome to come. Adult tickets will be \$7.00 and the children may eat for \$4.00 These turkeys were donated to the Center by Steve Slentz from CJR Contractors! We all thank you, Steve! Our condolences go to the family of Louise Greene at this time of her death. She was such a joy to know during the time she was able to be a part of our Senior Center family. As we drove back into Denver City the other day from the country I was delighted to see several herds of cattle in the pasture. Every farmer raised cattle in central Kansas while I was growing up, so seeing the contented cattle pasturing on green green wheat in the springtime is a sight I have always missed here on our Texas plain. I not only saw the cattle grazing on the hillsides in those days, I also saw then in the milk barn, very intimately. During my high school days we (we being my two brothers and a sister) always milked around thirty five cows every night and morning. I

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in the break room at the court- the bathroom." house. Since they obviously stole On His Early Failures- "I would it, must be OK for me, too. women, but only downhill".

On Turning 90 - "You know And finally, On Going To Heavencandles cost more than the cake." On Turning 100- "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon, then it's time for my

nap." On Giving Up Boxing Early In Life-"I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them." On Sailors- "They spend six days each week sowing their wild oats, then go to church Sunday and pray for crop failure."

On Never Winning The Oscar-"Welcome to the Academy Awards. At home it's called 'Passover'.

On His Favorite Sport, Golf-" Golf is actually my true profession. Show business is just to pay my green fees."

On Why He Chose Show Biz For His Career- "When I was born, the doctor told my mother, " Congratulations! You have an eight pound ham!"

On Presidents- " I have per-

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formed for 12 presidents, and ac- gions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter tually entertained six."

strength of character to fight it!" When it got really cold mother wife of famed golfer Jack Nicklaus. threw on another brother." On His Six Brothers-"That's

not have had anything at all to eat if On Turning 70 - "You still chase it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

you're getting old when the "I've done benefits for ALL reli-

on a minor technicality."

On Receiving His Congres- And the editor adds, I was watchsional Gold Medal-" I feel very ing the televised California golf humble, but I think I have the tournament held in his honor for years, the Bob Hope Classic, way, On His Family's Early Poverty- way back in early TV. Bob was "Four of us slept in our only bed. being interviewed along with the The announcer asked Mrs. Nicklaus how she helped Jack prepare for I found this salute to Bob Hope how I learned to dance. Waiting for very important tournaments, and she said, "Well, we have a ritual, before the big ones. I make double sure all his balls are clean." At that point, Bob broke in and interjected, "Boy, I'll bet that makes his putter flutter!",

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS YOAKUM COUNTY AIRPORT TxDOT CSJ# O405PLAIN Re-BID

A "Notice to Bidders" is issued for the construction of airport improvements at the Yoakum County Airport to: Rehab and mark apron, taxiway, and runway 17-35; relocate lighted wind cone and segmented circle; construct and mark new runway 3-21; construct and mark taxiways A,B,C,& D; install MIRLS and PAPI-2 on runway 3-21; scarify and remove existing runway 8-26 and south taxiways; install erosion/sedimentation controls and install perimeter fence. Sealed proposals need to be addressed and delivered to the Honorable Dallas Brewer, Yoakum County Judge, Yoakum County Courthouse, Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355, phone number 806-456-7491. Proposals will be received until 11:00 AM, March 21, 2005, then publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

You may view and obtain plan sets, free of charge, at our website, www.dot.state.tx.us/business/avncontractorinfo.htm. Or, you may buy plan sets from the Reproduction companies that are listed on the Aviation website.

Please call Amy Slaughter at 512-416-4519 for questions concerning the bid documents or further information. Technical questions concerning the specifications and plans should be directed to Chad Tompkins, P.E. with West Texas Consultants, Inc., at 432-523-2181

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters testementary for the Estate of James William Warren, Deceased, were issued on February 23, 2005, in Cause No. 1465, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: James William Warren, Sr., and Margaret Jeanette Warren.

Plains elefole. **Chamber Of Commerce** P.O. Box 364 Plains, Texas 79355

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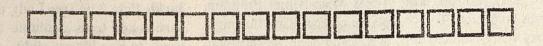
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Plains Chamber of Commerce initiated a fund raiser to replace the marquee sign that is located south of the courthouse. At this time we are taking orders for bricks that will be used at the base of the new sign. The price of a brick will be \$50.00. The brick can have up to three lines with a maximum of 16 letters and spaces per line.

Please complete the form below and return to the address above with your check in the amount of \$50.00 for each brick ordered. This is not a war memorial, but you can honor a veteran if you wish. We would like family names, clubs and businesses (with the date of establishment), events, in memory of, and anything that might be a part of the history of our town.

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c/o: Bill J. Helwig Attorney at Law **317 North Main Street** PO Drawer 1388, **Denver City, Texas 79323**

DATED the 8th day of March, 2005.

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