

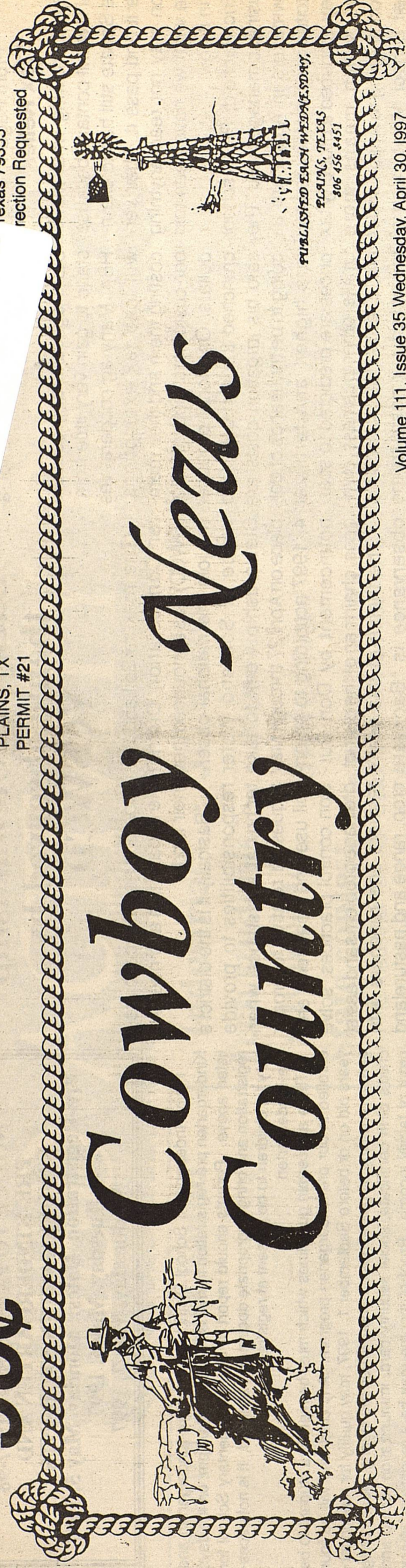
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## Area Doc visits the Masters



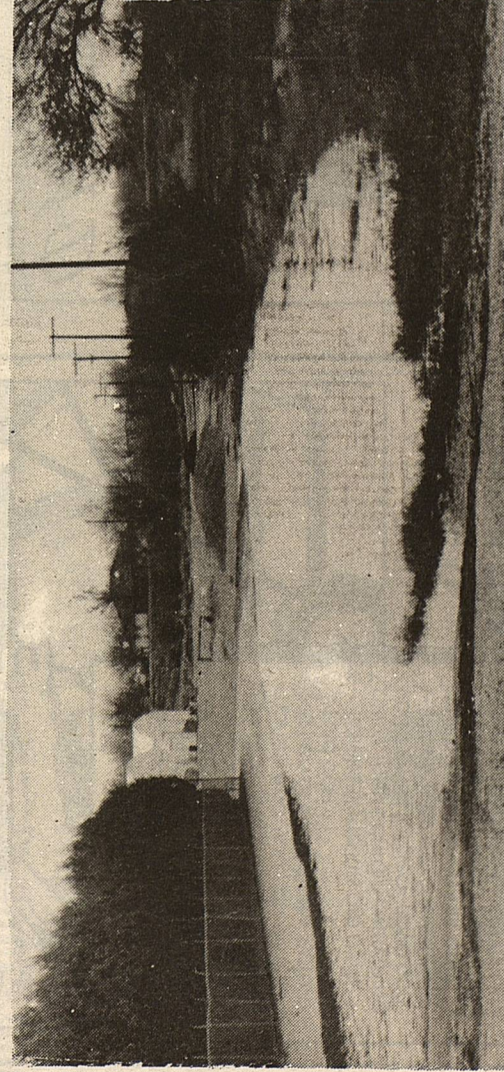
Masters Tournament winner Tiger Woods, leading, and Seve Ballesteros stride up fairway during practice round

Denver City Dentist Brad Cochran and his wife Cheri had the opportunity of a lifetime recently, when they were able to attend a practice round of the renowned Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. The couple were able to visit the course itself. "It's not every day a couple from West Texas gets to see players like Arnie Palmer, Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Watson, Nicklaus and the dozens of others, rub elbows with them, chat a few words with them!" Cochran said the course itself was mind boggling. "It is beautiful. When we were walking around, I thought, anyone should be able to play this course... yes, it's long, but the fairways are extremely wide, and most of the greens are very large. Then, I began to realize, the entire 300 acres are hilly, rolling, and every green has severe undulations, and are as slick as glass. It's hard to imagine how difficult putting is on the greens". He said the course officials and ground keepers will dare you to find a weed anywhere in the fair-

ways, which are kept in better shape than most courses' greens, mowed to a height of one-quarter inch. The couple said the practice rounds are an ideal time to visit the Tournament. "The players are very loose and relaxed, they do a lot of joking among themselves, and they visit with the galleries. They will hit to the green, then sometimes just drop a putting ball where they want to put from, testing themselves and the green". He said there is one rule at the Masters strictly adhered to-No one is allowed to ask the players for an autograph during practice or tourney play.

Brad said the Tournament is very lucrative for the famed golf club. TV rights generate over \$2 million, merchandise sales bring in over \$9 million, plus millions from ticket sales.

## 'And the rains came'... at last



Few scenes are more pleasing to farmers than standing water in late April, just prior to planting time

North and South Plains producers and ranchers had slow, but pretty steady, just right for all of it to go into the soil." The desperately needed moisture came when many farmers are experiencing itchy feet over the rapidly approaching planting season. The timely rains could mean millions of dollars to rise in the soil temperature

water in late April, just prior to planting time. It was cotton, peanut and milo growers, but pretty steady, just in the months to come. The only downside to Mother Nature's gift was the unusually cold weather accompanying the rain, with daytime temperatures hovering around the low 40's, and dipping near freezing several nights, delaying a needed cotton farmer said "it couldn't mean millions of dollars to rise in the soil temperature

## City eyes possible police force, traffic sign project

Among the agenda items discussed at Monday's regular meeting of the Plains City Council was a discussion of creating and maintaining a City Police Force. City Administrator David Brunson said this was a preliminary discussion, with no official action or recommendations taking place. The matter was placed on the agenda following City Hall receiving a number of reports and complaints of traffic violations and uncensed drivers on city streets.

The move would require the City to purchase a vehicle, radio and other equipment, hire a qualified officer applicant, and create a Municipal Court. "If the Council moves to take this action, it will have to be done in time to include funding for the project in the fiscal year budget for 1997-98, which starts October 1".

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## Judge attends JP Seminar

Judge Melba Crutcher was among 220 Justices of the Peace certified at the recent 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held April 6-9 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction and Venue, Trial Procedure, Alternate Sentencing, Small Claims, Administrative Hearings, Civil Law, Criminal Law, Dealing with Anti-Government Groups, Traffic Laws, Juvenile Laws, Landlord and Tenant Law, Magistrate Duties, Search and Arrest Warrants, Commercial Driver's License Laws, Federal Motor Carrier Regulations, Emergency Protective Orders and Inquests.

Justices of the Peace are required by law to complete 20 hours of continuing education every year.

## Is HB 4's proposed property tax relief true relief?

### Majority of House members say yes; Many citizens are very doubtful

After a marathon session of public hearings, floor debate and hundreds of amendments, House Bill 4, the so called property tax relief and public school funding bill, has won approval by a majority of House members. HB 4 has won the praises of Governor George W. Bush, but must now clear the state Senate. The Senate must also approve an amendment which would present their final version of the measure to Texas voters in the form of a constitutional amendment, the vote scheduled for August 9. While it is unknown what the final Senate version of the bill will contain, many provisions of HB4 are causing school district officials to worry about the future of their districts, and many ordinary citizens are expressing concern the bill may result in some residential property tax relief, but the final result may lead to even more tax dollars flowing to Austin, "more than offsetting the property tax savings."

CCN posed a question to a number of locals last week; You own a home in Yoakum County with a tax valuation of \$40,000. Your current tax rate is \$1.50 per hundred valuation, and your taxes are \$600 per year. HB4 calls for a maximum .75 cent tax rate, reducing your school taxes on your home to \$300, or cutting them in half. The question was posed to County Judge Dallas Brewer, he said "In my opinion it won't save any of us money, and will probably end up costing us considerably more in taxes. A bad feature of the bill is the new tax structure for businesses in the state means all that tax money will go directly to Austin to be divided up for education at their discretion. We lose control of our school systems. It has been sold to the public as a tax cut, and I don't see that at all. Another problem right now is, we have no

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## Birds are resourceful critters



What does a frigid Finch do on a cold, windy, rainy day to find a bit of comfort and sustenance? Why, he robs hummingbird feeders, of course. The finches, sparrows, and two very greedy and gregarious Bullock's Orioles have really given our two feeders fits the last few days, much to the disgust of the little 'hummers'.

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 \$50 for those utilities for a year.

way of knowing what the final law will contain, because the Senate still has to examine it and pass it. Their version may not read anything like what we have been told is in it now".

Eric Banfield, PISD school business manager, said "The lawmakers in Austin are all excited because they can say they produced a property tax cut, which means more money going to Austin under their control. What much of the public doesn't understand, or want to understand, is HB4, whatever it's final form, is a tax shift, not a tax cut. All so called tax breaks will be offset by other tax measures, because the state has to have the same, maybe even more money to operate". He and many other so-called "wealthy" school officials are concerned about what happens to their funding plans after the 1999 school year, when the hold harmless clause in the bill protecting present school budgets expires. "After that, we will operate on what money the state decides to give us. The quality of the Plains system may be in jeopardy. Our TAAS test scores consistently show our students are outperforming the rest of the state, and if our operating budget is drastically cut after 1999, in all probability we will be looking at reductions in our teaching staff. One reason we are doing so well academically is our low number of student to teacher ratio.

With our present ratio, we're eligible for federal funds, "Title I" money, just because of the low ratio of students to teachers. If the ratio goes up, we may lose that federal money, plus operate on a much smaller budget mandated by Austin. It's a scary scenario". Those with an eye on the Governor's mansion seem to want their name associated with "lowering" property taxes at any cost. What about the education of children in Texas? The wealth of Texas is no longer in property but in earning ability. A fairer tax would be to tax that earning ability through a FLAT RATE income tax". (Rep. Gary Walker's column on this subject on page 4 was faxed to us late Monday p.m.)

## 'Backyard Stewardship' theme observed by YCSWCD

The Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship week to take place on April 27 through May 4, 1997 according to an announcement by Don Burgess, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "Backyard Stewardship." This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil and water. Together, we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The Yoakum SWCD was organized for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seed and request information for the 1997 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Each year is distributed through local conservation districts to civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration. Information and materials for the 1997 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained from the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District at 1303 Cowboy Way in Plains, Texas or call 456-3703.

## Yoakum County Health Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday - May 3rd

Everyone is invited to the Denver City Community Building! We have lots of free giveaways, and lab coupons for health screens at a reduced cost. St Mary's Flight for life helicopter will be on site for tours, and the Texas Blood Institute will be conducting a blood drive. A number of local health related services such as Yoakum County Hospital, St Mary Of The Plains, Allied Pharmacy, Owen pharmacy, Respiratory care, Inc. Hospice, Canterbury Villa Nursing Home, Medical Arts Home, Health and Generations Home Health, will be providing information about their services, and Literature about Hypertension, Diabetes, Cholesterol Asthma and Proper Diet, including booths to check blood pressure and total bodyfat, Don't Miss Out - Be Healthy!

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 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**  
**Pre-Registration Dates: Monday, May 5, 1997  
 Tuesday, May 6, 1997  
 Wednesday, May 7, 1997**

Plains Independent School District will hold Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten pre-registration from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm, on the days listed above. Parents should report to Plains Elementary School for registration and bring appropriate documents as listed. It is not necessary for children to be present at registration.

There are certain guidelines which must be met for a student to be enrolled in our pre-kindergarten program. Any child who will be four years old on or before September 1, 1997, may qualify for pre-kindergarten providing all guidelines are met. When registering, please bring child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of family income. Proof of income may be a recent pay check stub or food stamp eligibility form number 1009, we can no longer accept the food stamp card as proof. We have to have a copy of this form.

We must have fifteen qualifying students to be able to offer this program. If you know a child in our community who may qualify, please pass this information on to the parents.

To enroll in kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 1997. Please bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card.

If you know of a child who may qualify for kindergarten, please pass this information on to the parents. It is very important that we know how many children will be in our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes for the 1997-98 school year.

### AVISO A PADRES DE ESTUDIANTES DE PRE-KINDER Y KINDER 1997-98

**Fechas de Pre-Matriculacion:  
 El Lunes, 5 de Mayo 1997  
 El Martes, 6 de Mayo 1997  
 El Miercoles, 7 de Mayo 1997**

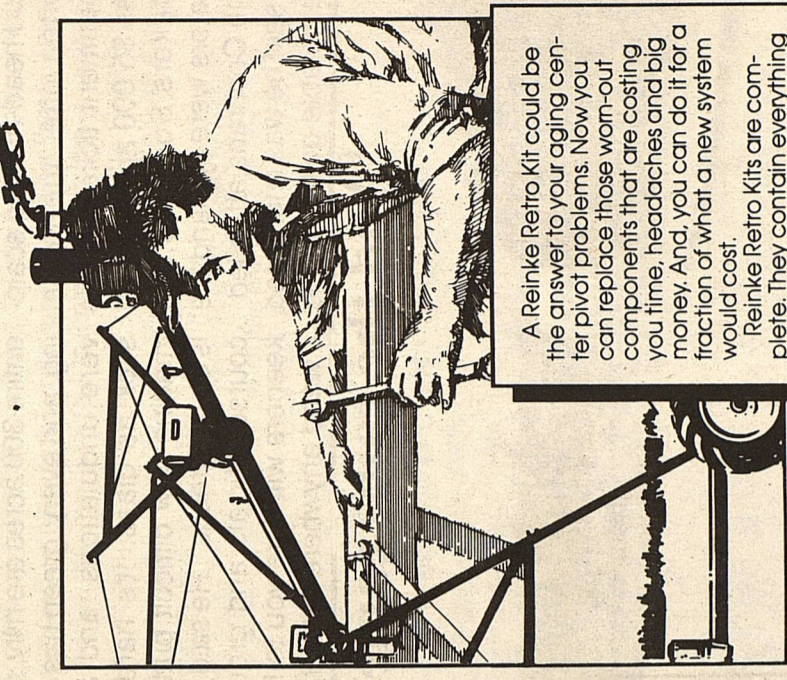
La Escuela del Distrito Independiente de Plains tendra su pre-matriculacion de Pre-Kinder y Kinder de 8:30 am hasta las 12:00 pm en los dias enumerados arriba. Padres deben de presentarse a la Escuela Primaria de Plains para la matriculacion y traer los documentos apropiados que estan enumerados aqui. No es necesario que los niños esten presente para la matriculacion.

Para nuestro programa de Pre-Kinder hay ciertas directivas que se deben cumplir; por fin de que un estudiante pueda ser matriculado en nuestro programa. Cualquier niño quien haya cumplido cuatro años de edad el día primero de Septiembre de 1997 ho antes, puede calificar para pre-kinder con tal de que pueden cumplir todas las directivas. Al tiempo de la matriculacion haga favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento de el niño, el numero de seguro social del niño el registro de inmunizacion, and comprobacion de el sueldo total de la familia. Comprobacion de el sueldo familiar puede ser un talon dee cheque ho la declaracion de que su familia es elegible para recibir estampillas de comida con el numero de las forma 1009.

Nosotros debemos tener por lo menos quince estudiantes, para poder ofrecer este programa. Se Ud. conoce un niño en nuestra comunidad quien pueda calificar, por favor de pasarle esta informacion a sus padres.

Para matricular a un niño en Kinder el nin debe de hablar cumplido cinco años de edad el día primero de Septiembre de 1997 ho antes. Por favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento, el registro de inmunizacion, y el numero de seguro social para cada niño que sera matriculado. Si Ud. conoce un niño quien puede calificar para Kinder, por favor de pasarle esta informacion a sus padres. Es muy importante que nosotros estemos enterados de cuantos niños estaran en nuestras case de Pre-Kinder y Kinder para el ano escolar 1997-1998.

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## State UIL meet bound!



The PHS students shown above will advance to the big UIL state meet in Austin this weekend. Shown front, L-R, is Tommie McNabb, Calculator team, Sandi Warren, Accounting, Back row, HeathBowlin, Calculator Team, Clint Burrus, News and Headline Writing, and Kristen Gray, Calculator Team. Congratulations!

## Student of the Week



This weeks Student of the Week is Clint Burrus, a Sophomore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burrus. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "The message in Dr. Sues's book, *The Places You'll Go* reminds me of Clint. It seems that each challenge or opportunity he is given leads him to another level or another "place to go" in life. He will compete in the state UIL news and headline writing stakes' award. To win the contests Friday in Austin, and was selected this weekend in a Division One rating in Amarillo as a representative from Texas to attend the national Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Conference in Indianapolis June 8.

## Tracksters find tough going at Regional Meet

The PHS track regional qualifiers at the Abilene meet encountered bad weather,



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## Industrial Jr. Rodeo

### Tech students advance to State contest

The PHS Industrial Technology Department was involved in Regional competition at Odessa this weekend, and the following students will be displaying their projects at the State meet in Waco May 5 and 6: Heath Bowlin placed first with a computer drafting project; Pat Tirrel won second with his safety poster; Cosme Casillas was second with a wrapping center and third with a cedar chest; Spencer Deaton placed second with a pen and pencil set, and third with a knife case.

Other students competing at Regional included Veivet Canada, Audra Ellis, Kristen Gray, Jacob Lester and Roni Ponce, Their instructor, Robert Canon, said the students worked very hard this year, and he was proud of their efforts.

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## Coming Events

Monday thru Wednesday, Kindergarten registration, 8:30 am until 12 noon daily.  
Monday, Jr. Hi Dist. golf, Morton.  
Thursday, Spring Band Concert, 7pm, auditorium.  
Friday- School Holiday.

## The Junior- Senior Prom committee is needing round card tables to use for this year's Prom. If you have a round card table the committee can use, please call the High School office, 456-7445.



Little Dribbler President Guy Williams is shown presenting La Shonda Diamond a \$20 check for selling \$400 of fund raising candles. Top seller was Andrew Duran, who sold \$500 and received \$40. Liz Wilmeth and Kelly Bowers were tied for third highest sellers.



Major Boys All Stars

Coach Tim Bowers; Standing-Grady McNabb, Richard Diaz, Angel Ruiz, Kelly Bowers, Justin Chambliss, Ryan Swann, Kneeling- Jonathan de la Rosa, Arnold Cordova, Chisum Deaton, Chase Howell, Bradley Palmer, Miguel Coronado.



Major Girls All Stars

Coached By Chris Winn and Mike Blount Standing Mandi Rogers, Megan Alisup, Jill Gray, Kayla Willis, Liz Wilmeth, Jessica Knight Kneeling, Chelsea Blount, Krystal Gonzalez, Kimberley Martinez, Joanna Diaz, and Mackenzie Winn

## Young author a winner at Lubbock



Scott Addison, 2nd grade student in Janelle Cobb's class, was recently named a winner in the "Young Authors Contest" in the Lubbock Arts Festival. Scott wrote a story entitled "The Day Toonstone Will Never Forget". It won 1st place in the 2nd and 3rd grade prose division. The annual festival featured artists and poets held an autograph party.



## Walker, Texas Rep

At 3 a.m. Saturday morning, taxes will be capped at .75 per hundred dollar evaluation. In many communities awaited, much debated, Property Tax Relief bill, HB4, I am in agreement that property taxes are not the most viable way to fund education. I am not certain, however, HB4 will meet the needs of education in District 80. For this reason I voted 'No' on the bill.

A provision of the bill which greatly concerns me is individual districts, with low residential values, will see their ability to enrich greatly diminished. Residential property To generate revenue under

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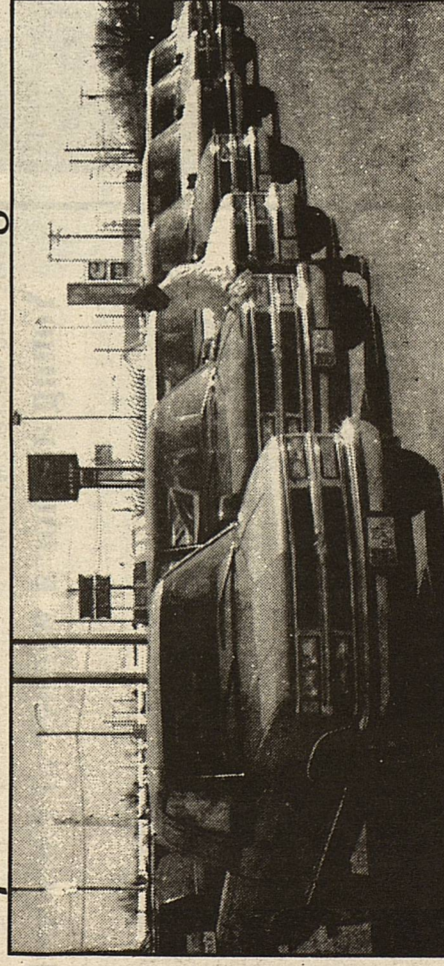
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ends, June 2, I plan to visit each community and talk about the tax bill and how it will affect District 80. I welcome invitations to come and speak at Lions Clubs, PTA's or any community function to talk about this crucial measure.

Until next week, God bless.

*Gary Walker,*

State Representative, District 80.

## Vote on expanded local calls to Browfield fails

Word was received here recently from the Public Utility Commission of Texas the petition to expand local phone service to Browfield was killed when local voters failed to muster the number of ballots favoring the service.

The commission reported a total of 341 ballots were turned in. 211, or 61.88% were for the proposition, and 130 voted No. The Commission required 70% of the voters to favor the local calls for approval. The expanded local call service would have added \$3 to home telephone users bills, and \$5 to business users.

## County 4-H and FFA steer tag orders due

Any Yoakum County 4-H or FFA member who will be exhibiting steers in the 1998 Yoakum County Stockshow or major livestock shows must place an order in the County Extension Office no later than Friday, May 2. Orders will not be accepted without a check for \$2.50 per steer made payable to the Yoakum County Livestock

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He indicated the Council would probably take no action on the proposal if it calls for a serious raise in taxes. He also said he and the Council encourages input and suggestions from any and all citizens.

The Council also explored possible changes and/or additions to the city's traffic control signs throughout town. Brunson said the Sheriff's Department is assisting in evaluating the present sign system to determine if more signs are needed, or if some signs need to be relocated. The issue was addressed at this time because of the possible need, and because the City recently received 911 Emergency Call funds which will allow the installation of new street and block numbered signs in the City. The new signs should be going up in the next few weeks.

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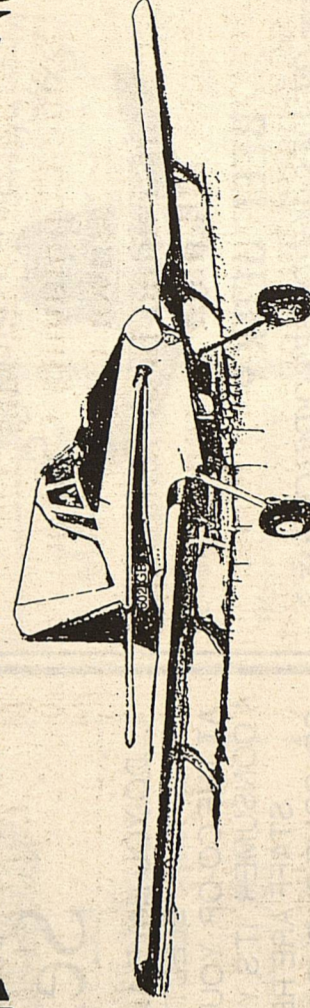
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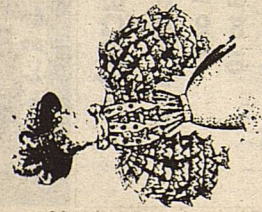
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## health hints

### Fever, Facts & Fallacies

(NAPS)—Did you know that 98.6 is not a normal temperature? In fact, it is an average of most people's normal temperature. What many people don't know is that everyone has his own "normal" temperature. In any event, when a child gets a fever it can be alarming, especially for first time parents. The following are some common misconceptions and realities, compiled by Dr. Thomas Terndrup, associate professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at Syracuse University, that should help reduce parents' anxiety when a child runs a fever.

\* Fallacy: A fever is an illness.

FACT: A fever is a positive sign that the body is fighting an infection.

\* Fallacy: If a child has a fever, place him in a cold or alcohol bath.

FACT: Sponge a child in a bath filled with tepid water (85-90 degrees). Never add alcohol—it can cause serious illness and possibly a coma.

\* Fallacy: Be sure to keep a child with a fever warmly dressed.

FACT: If a child has a fever, dress him lightly and keep the room cool.

FACT: Everyone's temperature is highest between late afternoon and early evening, and lowest between midnight and early morning.

\* Fallacy: An accurate temperature reading can only be achieved by taking it rectally.

FACT: When your child does have a fever, an easy, convenient and accurate method of taking his temperature is with a Braun Thermoscan instant ear thermometer. It takes a temperature in just one second by taking a "picture" of the infrared heat given off by the eardrum and surrounding tissue. The Braun Thermoscan then calculates body temperature, converts it to an oral or rectal reading, and displays it on the digital readout. Reducing the time and hassle surrounding temperature taking can help lessen the anxiety for both parents and children.

The deadline for ordering band calendars has passed, but you can still place your order. Forms are available at the Library, Pay n Save, the Band Hall, or from any band booster officer. **HURRY!**

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Yoakum County Hospital is having a **HEALTH FAIR, May 3rd,** at the Community Center, in Denver City. Anyone interested in sponsoring a booth will need to contact **Betty Briscoe or Larry Rossi, 806-592-5484** for more information

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## Tsa Mo Ga members to attend convention in Waco

Tsa Mo Ga club members Sarah Jane Shelton, Wilma Powell and Mary Jo St. Romain will attend the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs 100th Anniversary Convention in Waco April 30 through May 2. The local club will be recognized at the convention for its 62 years of membership in the Federation.

The club meeting on April 28 featured a review of the history of the state Federation of Women's Clubs history. Member Mattie Field gave a historical review of the past 100 years of the Federation, back to its first President, Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco. She displayed the Federation's 1899 seal, the state Lone

## 4-H'er in district 4-H fashion show

Cindy Krebsbach of Denver City competed with forty-four other area senior 4-H members from 20 counties in the South Plains 4-H fashion show on Tuesday, April 15 at Elmbrook Estates in Lubbock.

Entries were presented in construction of garments or in buying of an outfit through comparison shopping. Entries were judged on appearance, fit and quality, and in an interview on knowledge gained from their project.

Following the judging, a public style show was presented. Senior 4-H'ers modeled garments in either casual, dressy, formal or specialty categories.

Other senior 4-H members that participated in a clothing project include Donita Richardson of Plains and Alecia Bearden of Denver City. "Cindy chose difficult material to work with," said agent Kathy Adair, "and she did an excellent job!"



## HOWDY!

By: *Faithy Adair*



## What is Dietary Fiber?

Fiber is that part of food which resists digestion in the gastrointestinal tract. For years, doctors have been telling patients to consume more fiber. Scientific studies suggest that the parts of fiber our bodies cannot digest (cellulose, hemicelluloses, pectins, gums lignin) may protect against colon cancer. This is said to occur because fiber adds bulk and removes excess bile acids from bowel contents.

It is not necessary to take fiber supplements unless recommended by a doctor. The amount of fiber naturally available in food is sufficient for your needs. You can find fiber in a variety of food ranging from fruits and vegetables, beans, and peas to whole-grain breads and cereals. Fiber is generally concentrated in one part of the plant, usually in the outer layers. For example, the broccoli stalk contains more fiber than the flower parts. Keep in mind that some or all plant fiber is lost during food processing, giving fresh foods the edge in fiber content. Nature provides us with plenty of sources of fiber so eat several servings each day.

The Recommended Daily Allowance for fiber is 25 grams. Fiber is also low in fat and calories. It takes longer to chew, increasing the feeling of fullness and reducing meal size, thus reducing the amount of fat intake. All these factors assist in the prevention of heart disease as well.

## Senior Citizen Corner

Our condolences to Gail and Family on the loss of his son.  
Some weeks when I start this article, I just go blank. I would appreciate it a lot if anyone, or everyone, would clue me in on community register news.

The quilts will be at Plains Library next week. Then here at the Center until Friday before Mother's Day. At that time we will draw names for both quilts. Buy a ticket and I hope you are lucky!

Altha Scott is still in St. Mary's Hospital, but doing well. Naomi Braswell also in the Hospital.

## Library Filmtime

Twenty-two preschool youngsters attended Library Filmtime this week on April 23, 1997. They enjoyed four songs, two games, one movie and two books. They also talked about Clifford, the famous big red dog in all the Norma Bridwell books, coming to visit in Filmtime on May 7th.

Those attending included Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Hunter Welch, Haley Welch, Kristie Lopez, Lexus Jimenez, Brittny Roper, Brett Hawthorne, Kelsey Curry, Sean Curry, Lariah Johnson, Adam Nixon, Rhaela Stall, Rhaemi Stall, Kristen Knight, Marina Martinez, Cody Friesen, Autumn Friesen, Katelynn Young, Arturo Parra, Courtney Byram and Sabrina Byram.

Mon. Wed. and Fri. we have Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. Mon. Pool/Game at 6:30 p.m.

*You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jennifer Crow, bride-elect of Monte Pierce, May 4, 2pm to 3:30pm, in the home of Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, 1002 First St. Selections at Drillers, Nelson Pharmacy, Bayer Lumber, and the Lavender Patch*

## Help Wanted

Summer Work (may to September) POSITION: Field Scouts (2) to monitor insect activity in area cotton fields REQUIREMENTS: Reliable vehicle, proof of insurance, valid drivers license. Any individual regardless of sex, age or race may pick up an application at the Terry or Yoakum County Extension Office. Applications will be accepted until MAY 15, 1997.



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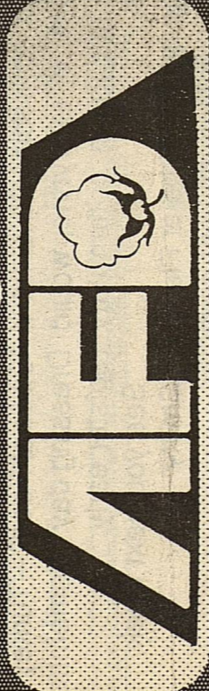
# From The Hack



Computers are strange cats just about anyone, any-beasts, and becoming more where. He typed in my name, indispensable in our daily and narrowed the search process down to West Texas, like it or not. The internet just and said he came up with got more interesting to me several dozen Gary Dyers, Friday evening when I answered the phone, and this he remembered was near vaguely familiar voice asked, Lovington, where we had last met. One phone call, and we "Is this Gary Dyer?" Informed it was, the caller asked, "Is it were talking, after a forty one the Gary Dyer that was in the year separation. Pretty re-Navy and served in VR 8 in Honolulu during the Korean thing"? I was intrigued now, think he was raised some- and said I sure did. The caller where around Richland was one Darrell Joyce, a fel-Springs. When we were in low sailor in the Military Air the VR8 Mats squadron, Transport Service (MATS) working on then new 'Super squadron flying out of Honolulu, all over the Pacific.

I had seen Darrell one time Connie' aircraft, Darrel was the squadron banker (that's since we were discharged in a much nicer sounding title than 'Loan Shark'). He would 1955, in Lovington about a loan you ten bucks, provided year later. We gassed a bit, you paid him fifteen the next and I asked how in the world pay day. We were paid every he had found me and our two weeks, so a five dollar phone number. He said he profit on a ten dollar loan for was now retired, and fooled that period of time was pretty around with computers and lucrative for the guy. Yes, I the internet, and found some was one of his steadiest cus-sort of service offering to lo-tomers. I don't recall any pe-

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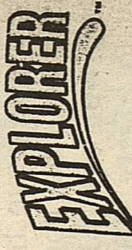
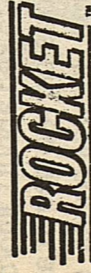


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riod of time during my four years of Navy service I didn't need at least ten extra bucks between pay days, especially in very expensive Honolulu. I also remember another trait of Darrell's. Every time the mess hall would serve chicken of any form, he would bitch, grumble and cuss, refusing to "eat anything as nasty as a dumb bird that goes around pecking on the ground, 'cause some of that stuff it's pecking and eating ain't fit to eat".

In our conversation, when he learned the Bride and I were doing a newspaper, he expressed his amazement, never dreaming I would end up doing such a thing. What did he think I would end up doing, borrowing ten for fifteen, drinking beer and lust-after girls the rest of my life? Good to hear from you, old buddy!

I suppose I am cynical. For some reason it rubbed me a bit raw to read a few days ago the Texas State Senate had approved a measure to raise all State Judicial Judges' and Appellate Court Judges salaries. At first glance one would think, well, those magistrates probably are a bit overdue for a salary hike, knowing how stingy the state is in paying officials. But wait a moment; The article continued to say, "All state government elected officials retirement benefits would be enhanced by the Judge's salary increase", since benefits are calculated on the Judge's pay checks. The bill produced, according to the article, about a 7% increase in ALL elected state officials retirement pay checks, once they reach that golden year period.

As a semi-retiree, I cannot fault the idea of retired state officials getting another perk, but is it not just a bit strange, if not ludicrous, to pass this garbage bill while the legislature is attempting to pass Massey Ferguson, Kubota, Bush Hog Shredders, Lilliston Peanut Combines & Rolling Cultivators, UFT & Lorenz Minimum Tillage Equipment, Baker Disc & Switch Plows, & Much More.

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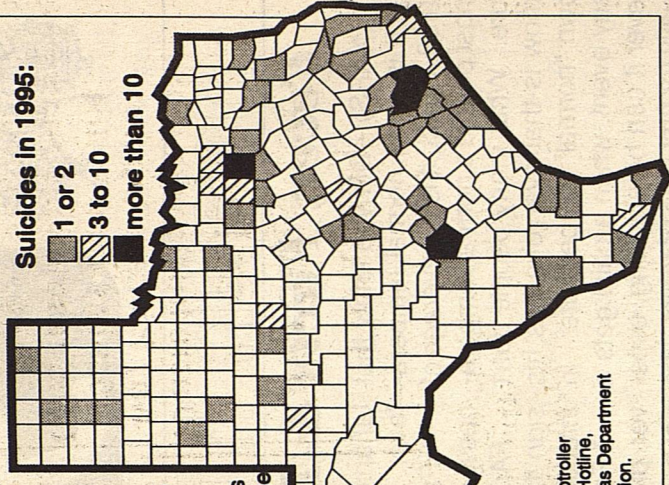
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## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Teen suicide is a statewide tragedy

Although teen suicide is perceived as an urban concern, the problem is statewide. Many rural areas and small towns lack community services. In 1995, 152 youths between 12 and 17 took their own lives; 124 males and 28 females. Teens contemplating suicide become increasingly isolated and sometimes talk about harming themselves. Texas Runaway Hotline volunteers are trained in teen suicide counseling. The toll-free number is 1-888-560-HELP.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Runaway Hotline, Texas Department of Health and Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

## PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

**WHEREAS** federal law prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing practices in the United States; and **WHEREAS** the principle of Fair Housing, in addition to being national law and national policy, is a fundamental human concept and the right of all citizens of the United States; and **WHEREAS** the twenty-ninth anniversary of our national fair housing law, during the month of April, 1997, provides an opportunity for us to promote the goal of equal housing opportunity for all with the help and cooperation of all Americans. **NOW THEREFOR WE** the elected governing body, hereby proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Plains and urge all citizens of the city to become aware of and support the City of Plains. **ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED** this 14th day of April, 1997 by the city council, elected governing body of the City of Plains.

T.J. Miller  
Mayor

## NOTICE

### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 1997 for the selection of the Yoakum County depository, for a period of four (4) years ending sixty days from the time fixed by law for the next selections of a depository. Bids will be reviewed with award to be made in Commissioners Court on Monday, May 12, 1997. Yoakum County reserves the right to select more than one depository. The bids are to comply with all the requirements of State of Texas Statutes concerning money deposited in the several "county funds", together with such trust funds under the jurisdiction of the County and District Clerks as required under Article 2558a.

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$62,323.00 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder that if the bid should be accepted, the successful bidder will enter into a bond or pledge of collateral and upon the failure of the bidder that will be selected to comply with the guarantee, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages. The check(s) will be immediately returned upon the depository having been selected.

Bid must be submitted on a Bid Worksheet which, together with specifications, may be obtained from either County Treasurer Toni Jones, P.O. Box 492, Plains, Texas 79355(806-456-8794); or County Auditor Hazel Lowrey, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-2422).

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-BANK DEPOSITORY" and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355.

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