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Local Law Enforcement Complies with Senate Bill 1074 Racial Profiling

To comply with requirements of the law, and to answer any possible local questions pertaining to the currently hotly debated 'Racial Profiling issue' in Texas and across the nation, Yoakum County Sheriff Don Corzine recently released this statement. We feel it bears your full attention.

"This department supports the 77th Texas Legislature's mandate prohibiting racial profiling in Texas. Our deputies work under a departmental policy that is consistent with all state and federal laws. The policy includes provisions for citizens to contact us if they have a conflict with a deputy.

Citizens feeling that they have a legitimate concern may make a formal complaint to the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department at any time by contacting any member of this department for information on the complaint process. Additional information about this process may be obtained by calling us at 806-456-2377.

The Yoakum County Sheriff's Department would also like to know about positive contacts. Please write the Sheriff a letter or note to let him know about a positive contact with our deputies. Sheriff Corzine will let the deputy know about your letter, and a copy will be placed in the deputy's personnel folder.

We are proud of the relationship the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department shares with the community. Our long-standing goal is to provide our citizens with a safe county where all may live without fear of crime."

Donald L. Corzine, Sheriff

Yoakum County Sheriff's Department

Criminal Cases In County Court

Nine criminal cases were heard in County Court January 16, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Samuel Larrea pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .127 & .123.

A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$226 court costs will be met with time payments, and his fine was \$500. He will spend 72 hours in jail, with credit for 8 hours served. He must attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the DWI first offender program.

Investigating officer was Joe Ramos, Denver City Police.

Kathy Escobar Mindieta pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test .085 and .080. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 month She must pay \$225 court costs and a \$500 fine. She must spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours served. She must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and perform 24 hours community service. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

Gabino Armando Barriga pled guilty to a first DWI, B.T. .144

Please Note!
This will be the last issue of CCN until further notice. We PLAN to print again February 6, depending on the medical prognosis for Holly. Thanks for your patience.

& .133. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$225 court costs. He must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours served, and serve 24 hours community service. Bonnie Ericson was his attorney.

Israel Moreno Jr. pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$160, and will make time payments on \$211 court costs, and \$140 restitution to DPS safety lab. He must complete the drug offender education program, attend weekly AA (narcotics) meetings, and surrender his license 180 days. A charge of false report to peace officer was adjudicated. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS.

Eilario Caballero pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused.

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Chamber Banquet A Big Success Speaker Ernie Anderson lauds Plains citizens, traditions



The 17th annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet drew a considerably larger audience than the past few years, and door prize donations also increased.

An old gambling adage is, 'Sometime it's easy to pick a winner, most of the time it's impossible.' Evidently the Plains Chamber of Commerce managed to pick a winner for their 17th Annual Banquet last Thursday evening, January 17. The caterer, Danny's Fins & Hens of Lubbock, reported 106 guests were served dinner, and generous door prize donors provided enough 'loot' to keep three young middle school ladies busy most of the evening delivering prizes.

Guest speaker Dr. Ernie Anderson, one of TWO Plains High exes to be nominated for Texas Dentist of the Year recently, and a winner of many other outstanding professional awards, drew the crowds attention and applause when, on stage, attired in an immaculate suit, stripped his coat off and donned his 1962 PHS letter jacket.

Anderson was accompanied by his personal 'Cheering Section', his wife Karen, son Ryan, brother Gerald and wife Barbara, aunt Shell Anderson, mother Alma, and uncle J.B. Anderson.

Dr. Anderson spoke initially about experiences growing up here, his memories of people and events, and how shocked his wife Karen was when shortly after their marriage, she asked "Exactly on the Plains where do you come from."

He made the explanation, and the East Texas native was still a bit confused. He related the first time he brought her to Yoakum County after their marriage, she started counting the trees from Brownfield to Plains, and was aghast - "There's more trees than this in TWO BLOCKS where I live!"

Ernie hit a serious note when he spoke of often occurring misconceptions about gum disease, which if not treated and

controlled, can lead to more serious problems, even death. He closed his address with sincere words of praise about our community; He thought it remarkable a town of our size could conceivably produce such an outstanding school system (PISD Superintendent Jim Haynes led Ernie on a hurried

Round Up, could continue to be successful year after year. He concluded, "It can only be contributed to the people here. The early ancestors and their following families, the churches they and their families organized and nurtured, the later settlers, and YOU, the present generations, sponsoring events like tonight,



After starting his address, Ernie Anderson stripped off his suit coat and donned his old PHS Letter jacket. Asked the last time he's worn it, he thought "back in 1962."

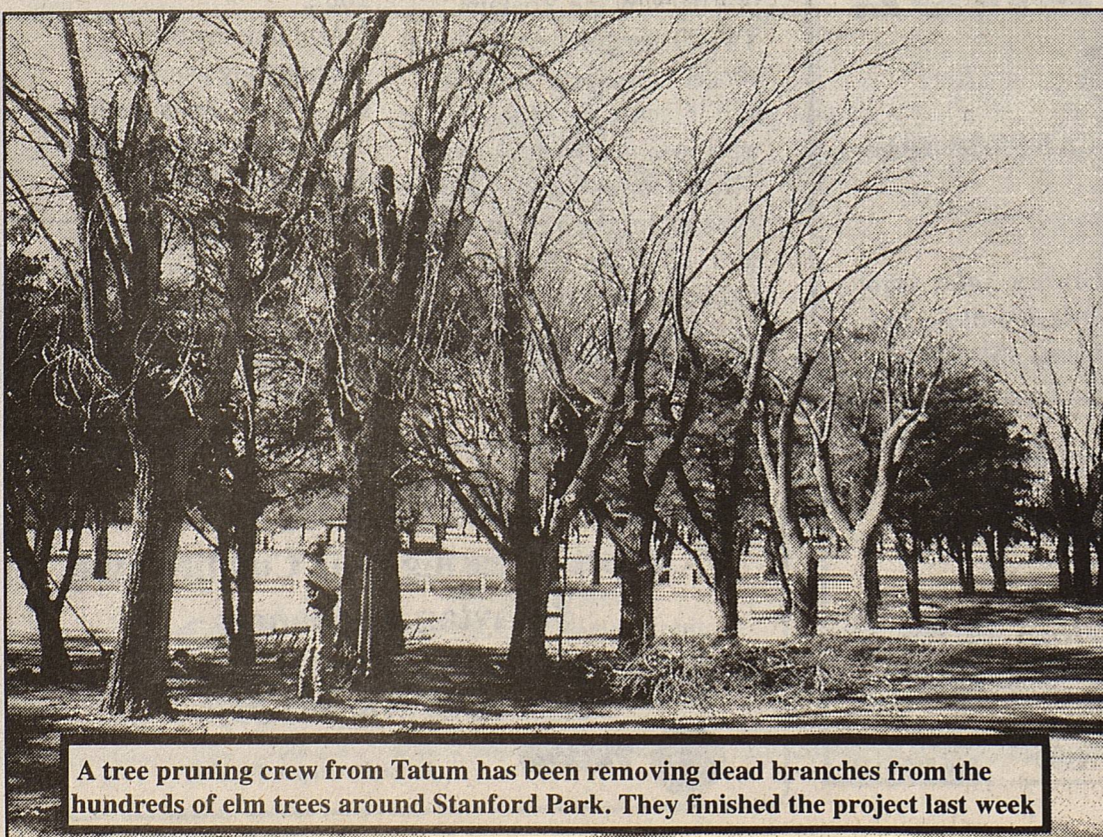
tour of the three campuses prior to the meeting), how our park and cemetery facilities are so well maintained, our annually successful and long running events such as the Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo, the Annual Art Show and Sale, the more recent Watermelon

Sheriff Department vehicles to get defibrillators

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Sheriff Don Corzine said he would soon be submitting a grant request to the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$18,135, the funds to be used to equip the nine vehicles in his department with Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). The matching fund grant requires the county to furnish half the funds, or \$9067.50, which Sheriff Corzine asked the court to approve. He said the AEDs would be compatible with those now carried by patrol units of the Denver City Police, and both Denver City and Plains volunteer fire departments. "In our basically rural county covering almost 9,000 square miles, our deputies are usually the first responders in any type of emergency situation, and we feel having the AEDs is a prudent plan." The court approved furnishing half the funding.

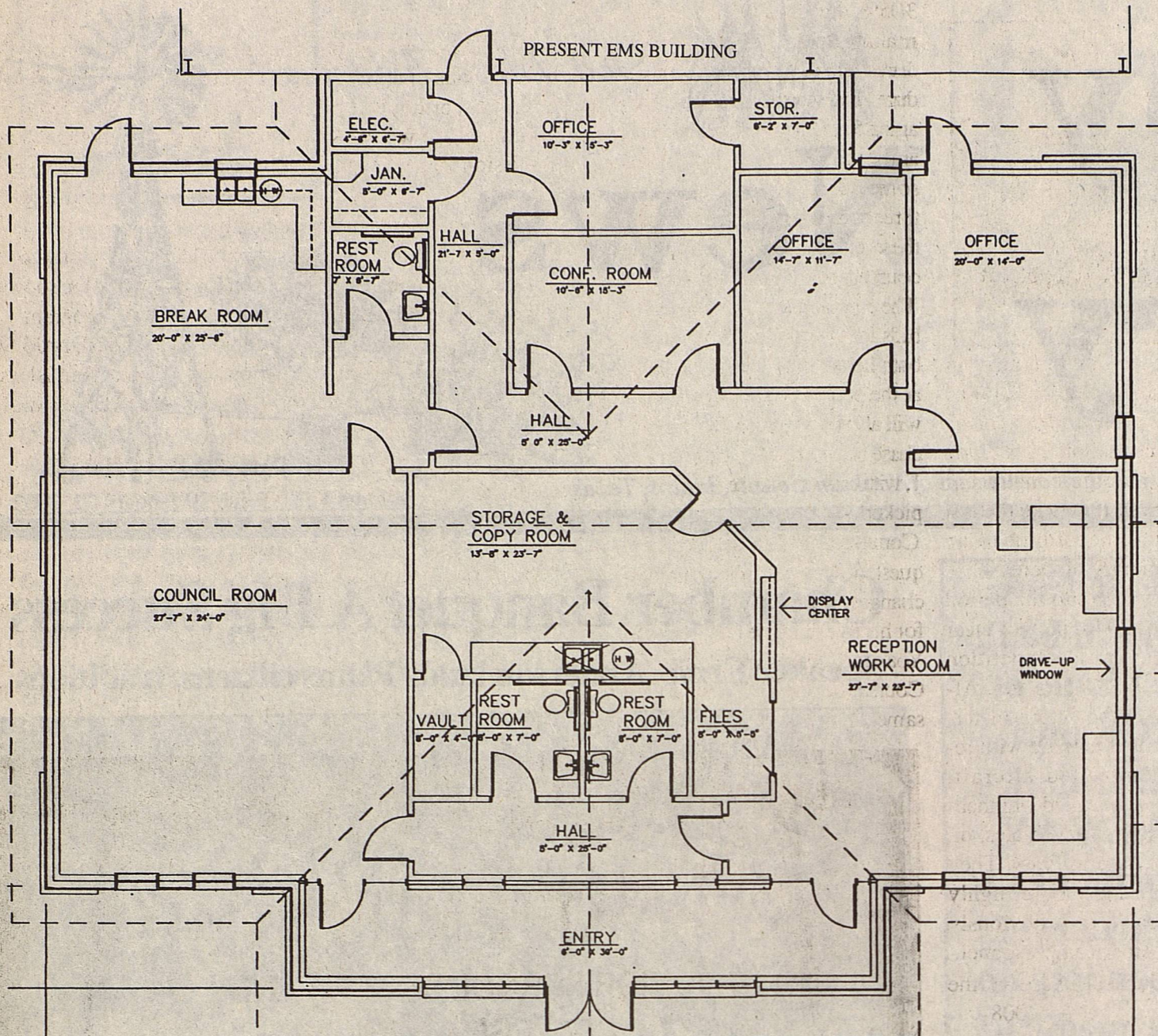
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Out On A Limb



A tree pruning crew from Tatum has been removing dead branches from the hundreds of elm trees around Stanford Park. They finished the project last week

New City Hall project gains momentum



Shown here is the preliminary blue print drawn for the New City Hall. A much larger, more detailed and comprehensive plan is now on exhibit at City Hall. Advertising for bids on the construction of the 3,750 square feet building is underway, and if satisfactory bids are received, will be considered at the February 11 Council meeting. Time for completion of the project is unknown at this time. The old City Hall and EMS building will be demolished, and temporary office space for city business and transactions will be available across the street in the new Volunteer Fire Department and EMS building. The old fire department building next to the present city hall will be used for storage.

From Page One, "Crime Cases"

A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500. A cause of assault causes bodily injury to family member was adjudicated. He must complete the first offender program, attend weekly DWI meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 38 hours served. His attorney was Bill Helwig. Harold Wayne Cutler had conditions of his community supervision modified from a prior cause of Theft of service. He must pay fine, supervision fees and restitution totaling \$774 at the rate of \$71 per month beginning February 1. Donnell Dawn Knox pled guilty to a first DWI, B.T. .112 & .101. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay a \$500 fine and \$226 court costs, at-

tend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, serve 72 hours in jail and perform 24 hours community service. Noah Gabriel Williams pled guilty to possession of a prohibited weapon, switchblade knife. His court costs were \$227, and two switchblade knives and one knife with knuckles were forfeited. His attorney was Joe Nagy, Jr. Jeremy Jason Gonzales pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$255 court costs, \$250 fine, and \$140 restitution. He must complete the drug offender education program, surrender his license 180 days, and serve 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was Lisa Switzer, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force.

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The Chamber is very grateful to all who helped make the 17th banquet a big success!

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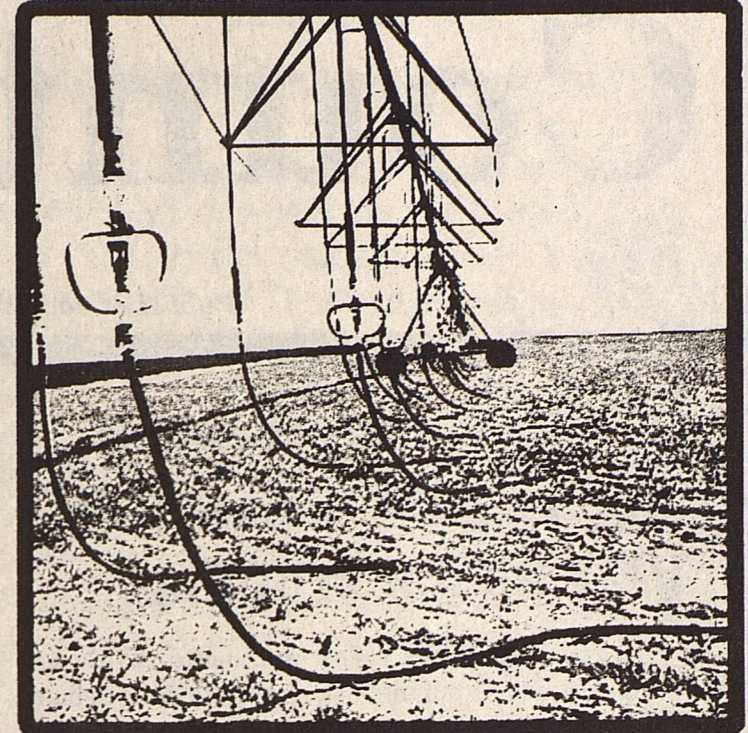
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On The Level with Donald Haley USDA/NRCS



Water saving conservation practices, such as this new LEPA system, are eligible for cost-share assistance through the Yoakum SWCD.

Heard of any good deals lately?
How about this one - reimbursement of 50 cents on the dollar for a properly installed and needed conservation practice!

This program is offered through the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

The Yoakum SWCD has received funds for approved conservation practices, under the direction of the Yoakum SWCD Board of Directors, for Water Quality Planning in 2002.

Technical assistance is provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the TSSWCB.

Approved practices are eligible for a 50 percent cost-share (not to exceed the limit set by Yoakum SWCD) following successful completion and certification by NRCS / TSSWCB.

The amount of funds each producer may receive is based upon the total number of eligible producers who apply and the type of practice approved by the Yoakum SWCD.

Recent practices have included brush control and Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) conversion.

Applications thus far in 2002 include drip irrigation and LPIC (Low Pressure In Canopy) conversion.

As you can see, approved practices by the Yoakum SWCD are going to be those conservation practices that will increase the efficiency of water usage.

Selected producers will work under the guidance of a certified Water Quality Plan and be subject to the practice guidelines and requirements of that approved plan.

What's that mean?

In a nut shell, it means that the producer will be required to follow a rotation (high residue crops such as wheat/grain sorghum in rotation with cotton, peanuts, guar, etc) based on the needs of the particular soil type of the farm and manage those residues to control soil erosion and maintain / improve soil quality.

It means a soil test in each field at the beginning of the contract in order to arrive at some common sense yield goals and subsequent fertilizer recommendations for that years' crop.

After the initial soil test, soil testing will be required every three years on irrigated acres and every 5 years on dryland.

The TSSWCB recommends that the contract be in effect for one full crop rotation plus two years, which means six years in most cases.

These required contract items are common sense elements that most Yoakum producers are already doing anyway.

This is a broad-based explanation of the Water Quality Management Planning assistance offered through the Yoakum SWCD.

If you're interested and my explanations have caused more questions than they've answered, please stop by or call the office for more details.

Deadline for applying for cost-share assistance through this program is January 25, 2002.

And like my ole' Grandpappy used to say...good deals are like high cotton prices...they don't hang around long!

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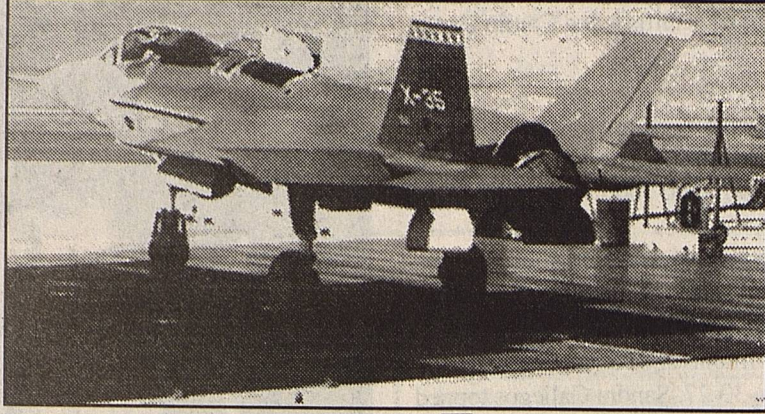
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Biggest Military Contract In History... And it's to be made in Texas

The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) will be one of the most sophisticated and deadly objects ever devised by man. It's designed to be the most versatile and cost effective plane in the American arsenal. Department of Defense officials say it may be the last fighter plane America ever builds. And it's going to be made in Texas.



In October, employees of Lockheed Martin Aerospace and economic development officials throughout North Texas were thrilled to learn the Fort Worth based company had been selected to receive an \$18.9 Billion contract for "system development and demonstration" of the F-35. This eight year development stage will almost certainly lead to Lockheed's acquisition of the largest military contract in history - an order for production of more than 3,000 F-35's with a price tag that will ultimately top \$200 billion.

The October contract announcement was the culmination of a five year, billion dollar plus competition pitting Lockheed Martin against the nation's other manufacturer of fighter planes, Boeing.

Lockheed's victory should guarantee the financial health of its Fort Worth facility for decades, creating an estimated 32,000 jobs during the plane's production.

The contract will slash costs involved in separate weapons development programs for each branch of the military. The plane will replace a variety of aging aircraft, including Lockheed's own F-16, earlier models of the Air Force's F-18, the A-10 Warthog ground attack craft, and the Harrier 'jump jets' used by the US Marines and Britain's navy and airforce. Cost effectiveness is a major goal of the F-35. Its estimated cost of \$36 to \$40 million per unit is remarkably low, at least by standards applied to cutting edge aircraft. The Air Force's new air superiority fighter, Lockheed's F-22 Raptor, comes with a \$200 million price tag.

The F-35 will also require less maintenance and support, cutting in half its ownership costs over time.

Yet the JSF plane will be anything but cut-rate in performance. The supersonic plane will be "stealthy", almost invisible to modern day radar. As a pure fighter, it should be equal

of any plane flying except for its big brother the F-22. Its avionics systems will mesh pilot and machine to a degree that would have been considered pure science fiction only a few years ago.

The F-35 will be built in three variants; The US Air Force will receive the 'standard' model, while the Navy version will have a more rugged airframe and larger wing surfaces to cope with carrier landings. The Marine and United Kingdom version will be capable of short takeoffs and vertical landings, like the Harriers it will replace.

The Air Force wants to buy 1,763 F-35's, the Marines want 609 jump-jet versions, and the Navy will buy 480 planes. The United Kingdom, which contributed \$2 billion toward the JSF program, will purchase 150 of the planes. At least eight other nations have expressed interest in buying F-35's.

The order, worth an estimated \$200 billion, will eventually produce total sales, including maintenance contracts, will total some \$1 Trillion.

Financial benefits of the JSF program will affect communities across the nation. Lockheed Martin is partnering with at least 70 subcontractors to create the F-35. Final assembly, however, will take place at the company's 59 year old Fort Worth plant which once produced B-24 bombers used in World War II. The plant employs more than 10,000 area residents, and JSF will create another 2,500 jobs, the majority in Fort Worth. During production the JSF will create more than 23,000 jobs in Texas,

bringing total employment in the project to almost 32,000.

The JSF project may achieve another distinction: In addition to being the largest contract of its kind ever, it may be the last of its kind, according to an Undersecretary of Defense.

"When you get to the period of 2025 or 2040, it's not clear manned aircraft competition will exist at all," he states. After the JSF, the future of airborne combat may lie with remotely controlled aircraft, cumbrously called Uninhabited Combat Air Vehicles, or UCAVs by the military. They will be cheaper, more highly maneuverable and, obviously safer for American personnel. The production phase of the JSF fighter is set for 2008

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Treasurer Toni Jones reported an ending balance of county funds for the month of December at \$6,232,085. She also submitted a quarterly investment report, and told the court the rates of return on funds in two investment accounts remained low, one averaging 2.25%, the other 2.62%. She said her conversations with analysts of the firms indicated they expected a slow recovery for investment account earnings. Ed Rodgers, Administrator, and Clay Taylor, Controller, discussed contracts for radiology and anesthesia services in the hospital.

Rodgers reported the revenues from radiology procedures had increased an average 56 percent over the last nine years, and over 305% during 2000 thru 2001, mainly from CAT scan procedures. He said anesthesia procedures had greatly increased, averaging 57 to 59 procedures monthly, and revenues increased in one year some 136%. Taylor detailed the three contracts being submitted for these continued services, and the court approved their submittal.

The court approved advertising for bids for the construction of a new bath house to be constructed here at the pool in Stanford Park. Bids will also be advertised for the purchase of a new 2002 pickup for Pct. 1, with or without trade-in of a 1990 pickup.

Commissioner Lindsey, Pct. 1, requested approval of terminology changes used for payroll purposes for his five full time employees in Yoakum County Park and the Golf Course. Salaries will remain the same.

"Operation Smile" at Tsa Mo Ga

The Tsa Mo Ga Club met January 14 in the Library and featured an Outreach For Children program, "Operation Smile." Program Coordinator Dolores Davis said Operation Smile was founded in 1982, and has provided re-constructive surgery for tens of thousands of children born with cleft lip or palate deformities, tumors, orthopedic or burn scar problems in developing nations around the world. Operation Smile sends medical/education mission teams to surgically assist children in Central and South America, Europe and South Asia every year, and also helps some 5,000 American children annually.

Betty Rushing suggested supplies service and study clubs could furnish Operation Smile. Three videos on the program were shown, along with a NBC Dateline program on the childrens program.

Hosettes for the evening were Bobbie Gayle and Mary Jo St. Romain, who served sandwiches, chips and 'Count Your Blessings Cake' and punch. Over \$80 in donations for Operation Smile were donated by members present.

Fence cutting made a felony

Austin- After over a month of heated debate, a special session of the legislature made fence cutting a felony punishable by one to five years in prison. The law also sets a two to five year prison term for malicious pasture burning.

Reflecting the feeling among the legislators that both fence builders and fence cutters have been at fault,

the law includes a provision requiring stockmen who fence to leave all public roads open and to place a gate every three miles. It also prohibits fencing of public land or land belonging to others without permission. Rangers will be assigned to counties where fence cutting has been rampant. *The Texas News, Dec. 1884.*

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS!

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Applicant must maintain a 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale and be considered a full-time student.

Applicant must submit two letters of reference (see application for important details) and demonstrate a coherent degree plan.

Applications must be received no later than February 8, 2002.

For more information contact Allan Brown or Annette Neyman at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631 or (800) 510-5232. You can now apply on line at www.lcecnec.com! Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office.



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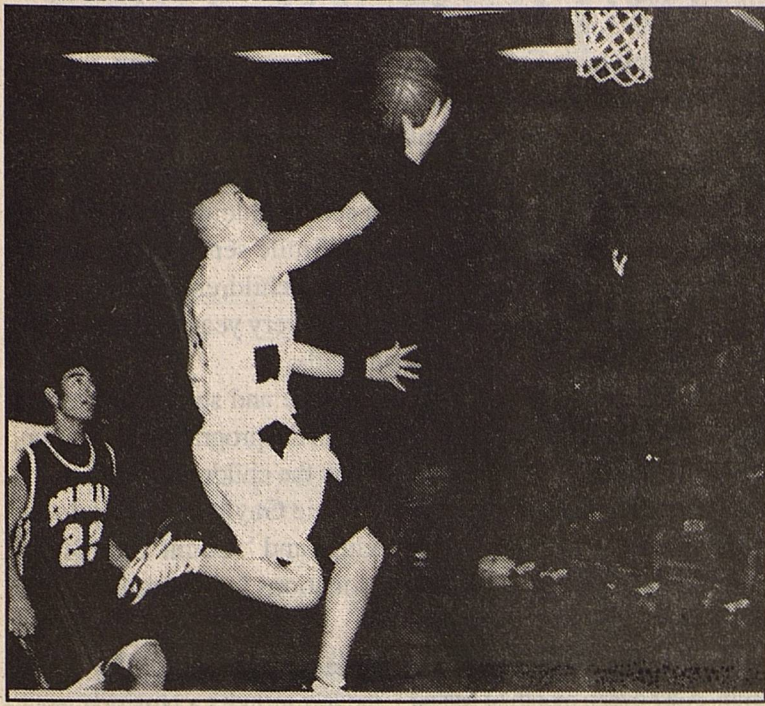
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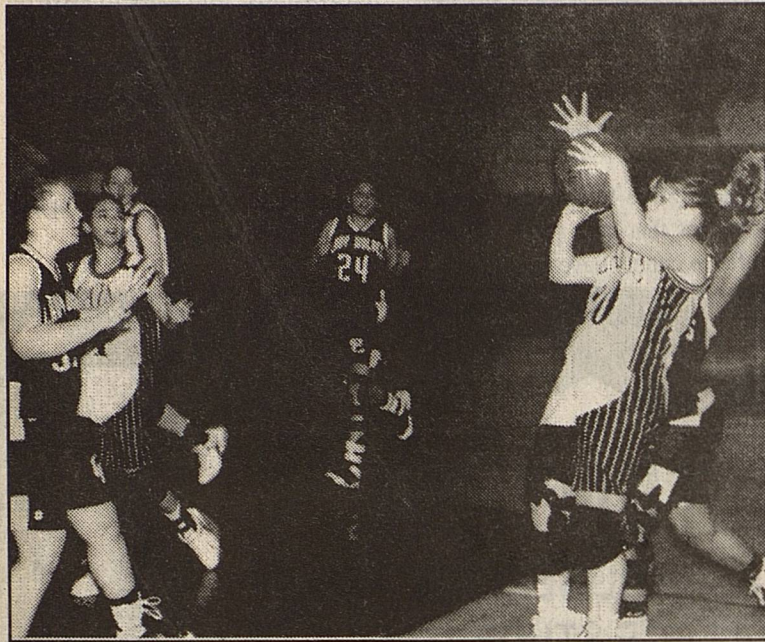
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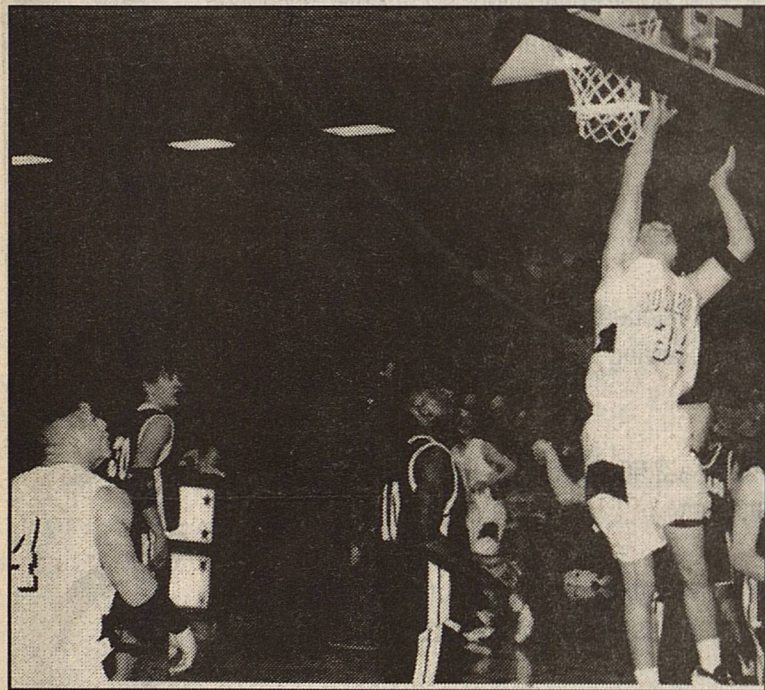
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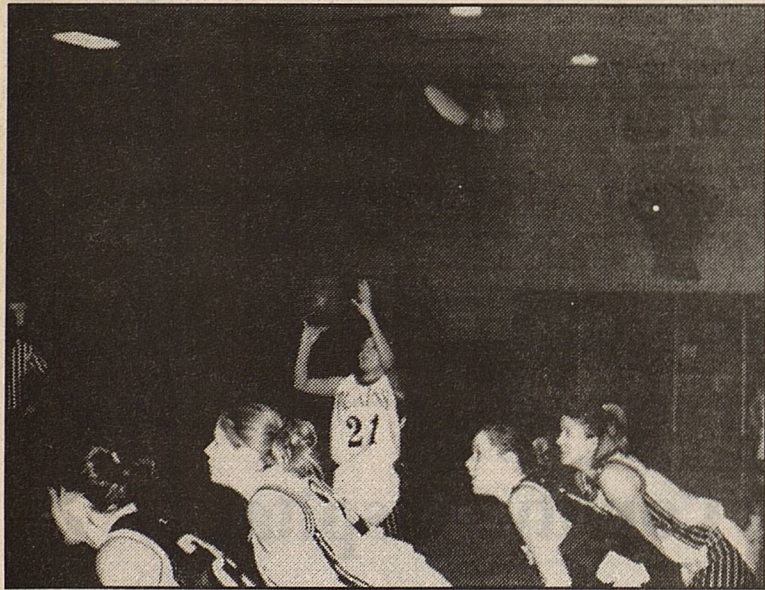
Moises Gonzales soars for lay in



Jessica Rodriguez ready to shoot



Jared Bell made this two pointer



Chelsi Wagon takes free shot

PISD Basketball Summary

7th Girls:
The younger Lady Wranglers dominated Coahoma in a 46-17 win. Desiraye Broome led scoring with 19 points, Meghan Garcia and Regina Morales both had 8, Nicole Culwell 5, Alice Curtis 4 and Caitlin Carter 2.

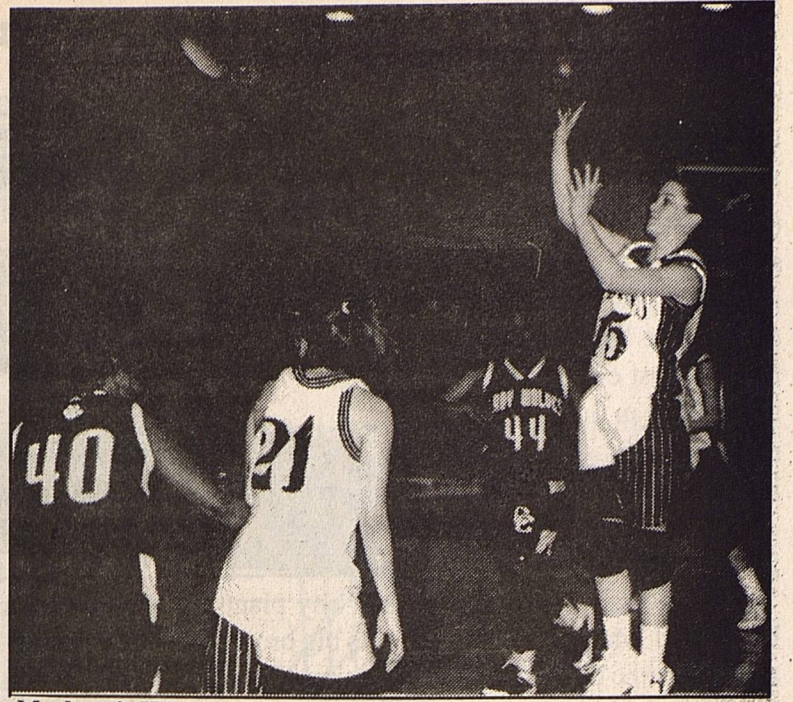
8th Boys:
The Wranglers had a big second half against Coahoma, winning 29-20. Casson Curtis topped scoring with 11 points, Blake O'Quinn 6, T.J. Cordova 5, Abel Ramos 4, David Alldredge and Todd Williams 2 each.

JV Cowgirls:
The young Cowgirls played great, with lots of hustle and good defense, but were narrowly downed by Colorado City 39-36. Sandra Gallegos led scoring with 9 points, Sandra Gandara had 8, Kristian Morales 6, Manuela Villegas 4, Jesenia Suarez 4, Jamie Cocarrubias and Mayra Flores 2 each. They lost another close game to Forsan, 30-27. Sandra Gallegos topped scoring with 7 points, Sandra Gandara had 4, Marlie Diaz, Manuela Villegas and Jamie Covarrubias 3 each, Daniela Lazos, Prisma Ortiz and Sarah Martinez 2 each, Mayra Flores 1.

JV Cowboys:
The younger Cowboys were defeated by Colorado 53-40. Kevin Bartley and Evan Cain led scoring with 7 points each, Payton Bean, Brandon Hise, Richard Diaz and Cody Flores 5 each, Angel Ruiz, Armando Ramirez and Benny Loewenn 2 each. They bounced back to demolish Forsan, 85-23. Brandon, Richard and Kevin each had 13 points, Angel and Benny 11 each, Cody Flores 7, Armando and Evan 6 each, Payton 5.

The Cowgirls found Colorado too much and went down 70-43. Chelsea Blount had a good night scoring with 17 points, Chelsi Wagon had 12, Mackenzie Winn, Jessica Rodriguez and Annaliesa O'Quinn 4 each, Jessica Knight 2. Blount pulled down 9 rebounds, Winn and O'Quinn 5 each. The girls next dominated Forsan, 45-35. Chelsi Wagon topped scoring with 14 points, Blount had 11, Rodriguez 10, O'Quinn 4, Winn and Kayla Willis 4 each.

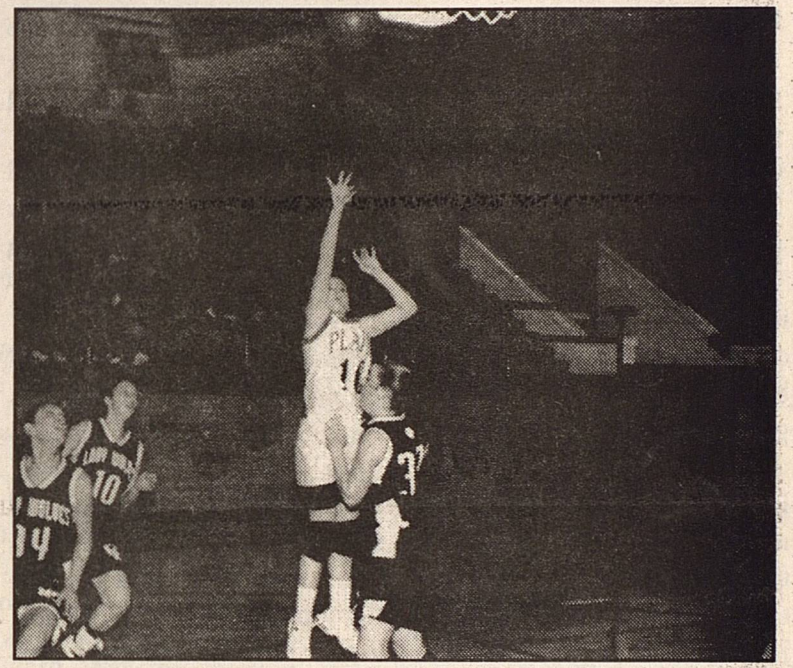
Varsity Cowboys:
The Cowboys continued to roll in District play, topping Colorado City 68-43. Jared Bell topped scoring with 18 points, Jarod Newland had 15, Moises Gonzales 9, Tanner Hamm 7, Joseph Rodriguez and Chase Howell 6 each. They next won handily over Forsan, 69-51. Jared Bell was again the hot hand with 24 points, Moises had 20, Jarod 11, Tanner 8, Zach Broome 6.



Mackenzie Winn arches jump shot



A battle for the ball under the net



Chelsea Blount makes two points

Quiz Bowl Coming Up

The annual PHS Quiz Bowl will be held the week of January 29-February 1 at 10 AM in the auditorium. Competing team members are:

- 9th BLACK- Evan Cain, Breck Hamm, Brandon Hise. GOLD- Payton Bean, Patrick Cotton, Kerry Sisson.
- 10th BLACK- Richard Diaz, Austin Keese, Nolan Newsom. GOLD- Joseph Martinez, Grady McNabb, Helen Neufeld.
- 11th BLACK- Jordan Bean, Mario Bonilla, Jill Gray. GOLD- Kevin Bartley, Grady McNabb, Helen Neufeld.
- 12th BLACK- Jared Bell, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Becky Wilmeth. GOLD- Allison Butler, Elizabeth Clanahan, Chris Hansen

Academic All State honors for Annaliesa O'Quinn

PHS Senior Annaliesa O'Quinn has been named to the Texas Girl Coaches Association Volleyball Academic All-State team. The award requires a GPA of 94 or better, being of good moral character, proficient in the sport with pertinent statistics. She was one of only 40 athletes in the state receiving the honor, and was one of only 5 such athletes in Region 1

Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Aida Martinez, a Junior and the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Alfonso Martinez. She was nominated by Mrs. Canada, who said, "It's the constant and determined effort that breaks down all resistance and sweeps away all obstacles - Claude M. Bristol!" Aida has the determination to learn and work toward her goals. She comes to class ready to work and also takes



the time out of class to make sure her assignments are completed. When presented with obstacles to overcome, she does not allow them to dishearten her willingness to learn. She is a joy to teach and have in the classroom."

PHS potpourri

PHS Junior Liz Wilmeth won third place in news writing and Senior Chris Hansen placed fifth in editorial writing at a UIL meet in Andrews January 19. The two competed with some 40 other students in the journalism events at the practice meet.

Last week Cowboy Band members competed at the High School All-Region Band auditions. Evan Cain, Scott Tirrell and Jordan Bean made the band. Earlier, several students auditioned for the ATTSB Region Band. Those qualifying

for the band include Liz Wilmeth, Elizabeth Clanahan and Chris McGinty. Wilmeth and McGinty took the two top seats in the All-State Band, Liz's first year, and Chris' third year in the all-state band.

All six students will perform in the All-Region Contest/Clinic February 1. Chris and Liz will perform with the All-State band in San Antonio February 23. Congratulations to all our band members.

Go Cowboys, Cowgirls !!

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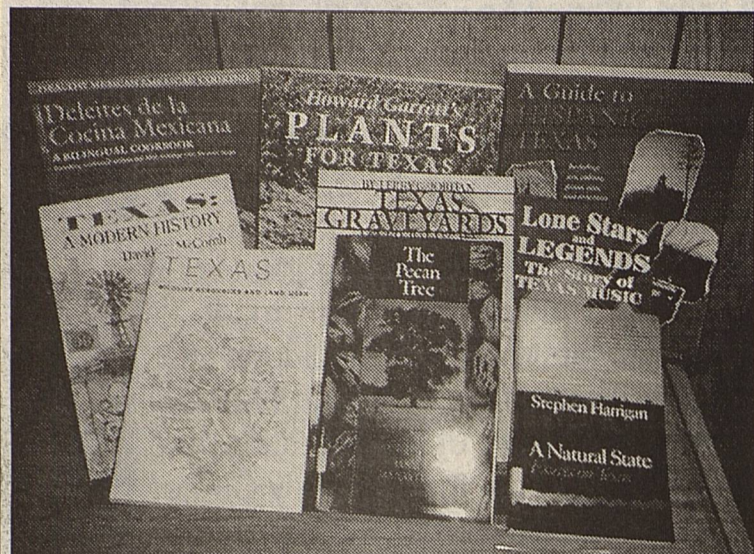
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Try Inulin For Strong Bones

The Houston based Children's Nutrition Research Center, a collaborative research effort of Baylor College of Medicine, and the USDA Research Service, is studying a carbohydrate, Inulin, that may help growing kids absorb more calcium and thus build stronger bones.

Inulin naturally occurs in onions, asparagus, leeks, garlic, artichokes, bananas, wheat, rye, barley and chicory and is already used to add texture to low fat food products. A pilot study completed in 2000 indicated the carbohydrate can increase the amount of calcium adolescent girls absorb by 18 percent, giving them a calcium boost equivalent to about seven ounces of milk. That's a particularly valuable effect, given that older children typically absorb less calcium in the foods they eat and drink.

Inulin could prove to be a valuable dietary aid for children with less than ideal diets - which, as most parents know, is just about all of them.

Lovington author pens new novel

Lovington NM resident Leslie Bond has recently completed a new novel, "Bermuda Voyagers; The Fangs Of Fire." The fictional work is an adventure tale of Confederate Air Force pilots who fly their vintage World War II aircraft into the mysterious Bermuda Triangle off the coast of Florida on a search and rescue mission for a freighter sending Mayday calls. The calls report a mysterious light

seeming to be pulling the freighter down. The author says the novel explores more of the phenomena of the Bermuda Triangle area, made famous in World War II, where an entire flight of Navy aircraft disappeared on a routine flight. Fangs Of Fire is available on several web sites, including amazon.com, bn.com, and bamm.com

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Senior Citizens Corner

I guess I owe Gloria an apology for no 'Corner'. Layne and I each forgot until it was found still in our van Friday night. So I am going to combine the 2 weeks.

Last weeks '42' winners were Tom Clevenger & Billie Mc. We had good crowds for the last 2 or 3 weeks.

We had more birthdays and anniversaries than usual for January.

Layne and I went to Lubbock today to get the electric lift in our van to load and unload my motorized scooter.

Faye Black has been coming back to the Center after surgery.

There has been several out because of Holidays and illness, but everyone is starting to come back.

Maggie and Darlene have been coming some. It is really nice having them back. Hope they keep improving and also Edith Clements. Becky Cryer was back after falling and breaking her arm. Mary Flores' daughter is home and improving. Mary is coming back to work soon. We miss all of them when they are out.

Till later and with God's blessing.

Wanda B.

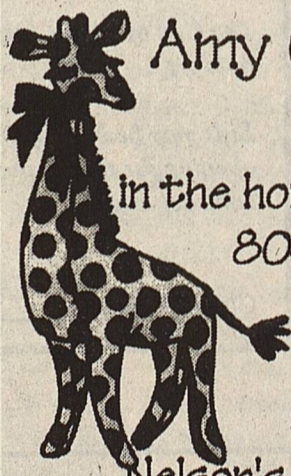
Tarleton State Honors Robin Squyres

Robin Squyres, a student at Tarleton State University was recently notified she had been named a "Distinguished Student", the highest honor the school confers on students. She is a Senior at Tarleton,

majoring in Environmental Science. She also works for the school as a lab technician in geology and chemistry classes. Robin is a 1997 OHS graduate and the daughter of Newell and Peggy Squyres.

It's Gonna Be a Boy! Baby Shower

Sunday, February 3, 2002
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honoring



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Selections
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Protecting your home

Mold won't take over a house every time it rains or water is spilled, but it makes sense to take a few simple steps to help prevent mold growth.

- Keep the humidity level in homes below 50 percent.
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- Do not carpet bathrooms.
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Marvin Powell Memory Book



Marvin Powell, long time

resident of Lovington and Lea County, New Mexico, celebrates his 90th birthday in February. Friends are invited to contribute cards or letters to be included in a memory book for him. If you would like to participate, please send your expressions of friendship, as well as recollections from your times together, to Lana Powell at Box 586, Brownfield, Texas 79316.

Local Student Named To LCU Dean's List

Lubbock, TX - Bradley Seaton of Plains, TX has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2001.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

The number of LCU students named to the list has increased

dramatically in recent years due to a stronger emphasis on campus toward academics. The administration has developed new programs over the last several years to help students in completing their academic responsibilities, including the Academic Support Center, which offers free student tutoring and University Studies, a program to help new students become successful independent learners.

Area Resident Earns Academic Honors at Wayland

Plainview, TX - A Plains native earned academic honors for the fall semester at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Michaela Traweck was included on the Dean's List, compiling between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average for the term. She is the daughter of Marc and Zanna Traweck of Plains and a 2001 graduate of PHS.

Federal Funds Available For Housing Repair In Rural Areas

Lubbock, TX - Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that federal funds are now available for USDA Rural Development's Section 504 Repair Loan and Grant Program.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on a farm or in open country not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

Generally, repair loans and grants may be used to remove health hazards by repairing roofs, providing a sanitary water and waste disposal system that meets local health department requirements, installing windows, or taking other steps

to make the home a safe environment in which to live," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development makes home improvement loans to people who may not need or cannot afford a new house, but need some work done on their present house to bring it up to minimum standards. To be eligible for a grant the applicant must be very low income, elderly home owners, 62 years or older and unable to pay for any repairs on the house.

Interested home owners should contact the McKinney Local Service Center at 972-542-0081, extension 4 for more information on the USDA Rural Development Section 504 Loan and Grant Program as well as the availability of other USDA Rural Development programs.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Plains, Texas

Sunday School 9:30 am.
Morning Worship 10:45 am.
Evening Program 6:00 pm.

Wednesday

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Supper
6:00 pm. Zombies

7:00 pm. - RA's, GA's, Mission Friends,
Sanctuary Choir Practice

From The Hack

I was most impressed with last week's Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Banquet. Chamber members wish to sincerely thank everyone who took part in making the event work - the volunteers who helped with producing the outstanding program folder, Sissy Gomez who decorated the banquet tables, City Hall employees for their helping hands, Sandy Land, Crosswind .net, the junior high girls trotting back and forth passing out possibly a record number of door prizes, the chamber members manning the registration table, Carolyn Culwell for her tireless efforts, Elouise and Joe St. Romain for helping with the cafeteria duties, Jim Haynes for his great assistance, Jim Barron for his Invocation prayer, Tom Carter for the Benediction, Liz Wilmeth and Chris McGinty for their Anthem rendition, and especially the possible record number of door prize donors.

It should make all of you, all of us, feel really good to know when the Anderson family was leaving for the evening, each and every one of them expressed their gratitude to US for inviting them. They wholeheartedly enjoyed it, I assure you. If I have missed anyone, as I almost did Tom Carter that evening, I publicly and privately apologize here and now. The Chamber appreciates one and all who attended and helped!!!

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This thing Holly is facing in the OR has produced some interesting - NO, weird, sometimes comical, sometimes infuriating happenings. In the last six months, dealing first with her back problems, more recently her upcoming colon surgery, I honestly think I have filled out for her ('You do it - you write better than I do, and I forget all those dates and stuff, she says) 147 medical questionnaires, and each and everyone ask the same questions - age, sex, marital status, previous medical problems, family history of medical problems, including insanity and gonorrhea, number of illegitimate children, episodes including epilepsy, fainting in church, expelling gas in church, being ordered to leave church, re-

fused re-entry to church, and of course, what drugs are you taking, including cocaine and black tar heroin, and of course, what drugs are you allergic to, including all those above and any legal or illegally prescribed medications? By the way, do you or have you smoked, do you drink hard liquor, and knowing you either do or have done so, how much and when, and last, how guilty do you feel about all the above.? Oh yes, one final - what is your threshold for pain... and then extreme pain? Your truthful answers to all the above will greatly assist us in knowing how to deal with you, and locate you in a special section of the hospital, if necessary. By the way... BE SURE YOU TELL US AGAIN WHAT DRUGS YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO ! IT SEEMS WE HAVE ALREADY LOST YOUR FIRST 47 ANSWERS. BY THE WAY, DO YOU, SPELL YOUR FIRST NAME HOLY OR HOLLEY, AND IS YOUR HUSBANDS NAME GRAY, JERRY, OR RALPH?

It is indeed a pleasure looking forward to cutting you open... OOPS... welcoming you to our tender, professional care, and if you are extremely lucky and we don't totally screw up, you should be out of here, feeling sore as Hell, of course, probably within five days to several months, depending upon the extent of our screw ups, which we absolutely refuse to be sued for. We are truly and enthusiastically looking forward to being your good health provider, no matter how long it takes or how bad we make you feel. After all, your pain only lasts as long as you can stand it. Good Luck,
Greatfully,
Your Friendly and Soon To Be Wealthier Hospital, and Staff Too, Who Will Benefit Just A Bit. PS - HAVE A HAPPY DAY!!!
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Beginning Computer Course

If you are interested in learning how to integrate Office 2000, you need to register at PHS by calling 456-7445. The course will be taught by Brenda Canada on Monday night from 6-8 PM for six weeks, and will begin Monday, January 28 in the High School business lab. Keyboarding or typing is a prerequisite. The cost of the course is \$25, and will be limited to 15 students

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM, Friday, February 1, 2002, for the sale of (1) 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from the Yoakum County Extension Agent, HE. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, February 4, 2002. To inspect the vehicle, please contact Jack Cobb, Commissioner, Pct. 4 at 806/456-6525 or Debra Pollard, Extension Agent HE, 806/456-2263. Sealed bids should be marked "EXTENSION AGENT HE, VEHICLE SALE" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way & Ave. G, Plains, TX, 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in Cowboy Country News Jan. 16, 2002

Notice For Bids The State of Texas County Of Yoakum

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 AM Friday, February 1, 2002, for the purchase of (1) new 2002 Vehicle with front, center and back seats for the Yoakum County Extension Agent, HE, with or without trade-in of (1) used 1997 Chevrolet Suburban. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, February 4, 2002. Bid price will be paid from 2002 budgeted funds. To inspect the trade-in please contact Jack Cobb, Commissioner, Pct. 4, 806-456-6525 or Debra Pollard, Extension Agent HE, 806-456-2263. For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516 Plains, Tx 79355 (806-456-2422), or Jack Cobb, Commissioner, Pct. 4, PO Box 207, Plains, Tx 79355 (806-456-6525). Sealed bids should be marked "VEHICLE-HE" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Ave. G, Plains, TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in The Cowboy Country News January 16, 2002

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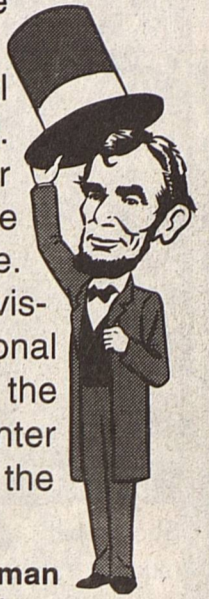
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LCEC will be sending two local high school students on an all-expense-paid trip to join more than 1,400 high school students from 37 states in Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, June 13-25, 2002.

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For more information contact Allan Brown or Annette Neyman at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631 or (800) 510-5232.

You can now apply on line at www.lcecnet.com! Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office.

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Plains will receive bids for a New City Hall until 4:00 p.m. on February 7, 2002, at City Hall, Plains, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bids will be considered at the City Council meeting on February 11, 2002.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at West Texas Consultants, Inc., 305 N.W. Avenue "C", Andrews, Texas 79714.

Copies of Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with the Engineer for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 10 days following the bid opening.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Plains may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The City of Plains reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Plains for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to contract award.

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