

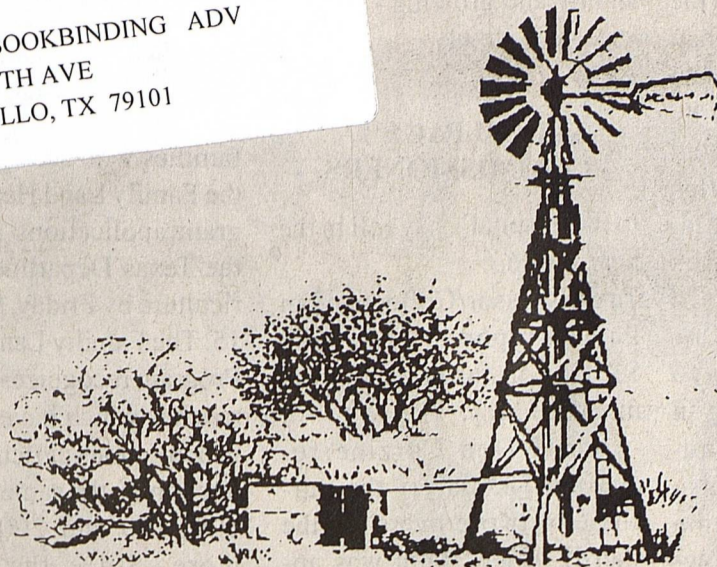
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City Hall asks for all citizens help

Continued and relentless hot weather, accompanied by moisture sapping dry winds, has prompted the City of Plains to seek help from all citizens. Demand for water has been very high and is causing periodic shortages of water. Demand for farm irrigation water in current conditions is also high and burdening the aquifer.

To ease the demand for water the City is asking for the cooperation of all citizens and firms in conserving water. Citizens living at addresses with even numbered addresses - that is, addresses ending with the numbers 0,2,4,6,8, are being asked by the City to water lawns and plants ONLY on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Residents at addresses ending with numbers 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 should water lawns and plants ONLY on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays.

City staff urge all citizens to observe this watering conservation plan until the current conditions improve and water levels return to normal.

Next Stop The Nations Capitol



Suzie Brown, Lea County Electric Cooperative Director of Marketing and Member Relations, assisted by her husband Robert, were at the local cooperative office last Thursday to meet PHS students Ryan Crump and Colby Ortega for an impressive week long Youth Tour of Washington, D.C. The two young men were local winners of the annual essay contest sponsored by the cooperative. They will gather in the capitol city, along with some 1,400 other Youth Tour participants sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Both will be Juniors at PHS when school begins. The

young mens tour includes the first night in Dallas, followed by an early morning flight to Washington, with lunch at the National Zoo, tour of the Pentagon City Mall and a night driving tour of the city. Other highlights of the trip include visits to Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknowns, Lincoln Memorial, World War II, Vietnam, Korea war veterans memorials, tour of Mt. Vernon, evening Potomoc boat cruise and dancing. Air Space Museum, Congress appointments, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, visits to four famous museums, some great food, with a bit of fun thrown in.

Is Yoakum County the home of towering forests?

No, but we do have one National Champion Tree

Recently TxDOT officials in the District Office at Alpine received a letter from the Texas Forest Service confirming the fact Yoakum County remains the possessor of a National Champion Tree, and its current measurement data is reflected in the new issue of the Texas Big Tree Registry. If this absolutely true information seems a bit difficult to believe for those familiar with the virtual bareness of the South Plains area, read on - it's true.

In 1972 the late C. Murrell Thompson, County Soil Conservationist, was assigned the task of locating plant and animal life in the county in danger of becoming extinct, and his search "discovered" the species. After consulting with plant life experts at Texas Tech it was confirmed the trees were very old and were undoubtedly the oldest living plant life in the county. They are known by their common name, Harvard Oaks, their scientific name, Quercus Harvardii, and to most of us as a hybrid cross between Post Oaks and Shin Oaks, and the Yoakum County specimens are the largest examples to have been identified.



Helen Thompson recently received a certificate from the American Forestry Association honoring her late husband Murrell as the "nominator of the following National Champion Tree, as of this date the largest reported of its species growing in the United States of America". The certificate lists the Harvard Oak scoring 76 rating points, had a circumference

of 40 inches, was 30 feet tall and had a spread of 23 feet. Local TxDOT official Carlos Howell furnished the photo of the record trees, and told CCN the department placed the identification sign in front of the tree, as it grows in the state right of way. The tree is located on

State Hwy. 1939, some 13 miles northeast of Denver City.

The Yoakum County Historical Commission's publication, "From Sod To 1986" features the photo and short article on the history of the tree. "As far

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Cowboys on All-Star team

Court takes more moves toward new county jail passage

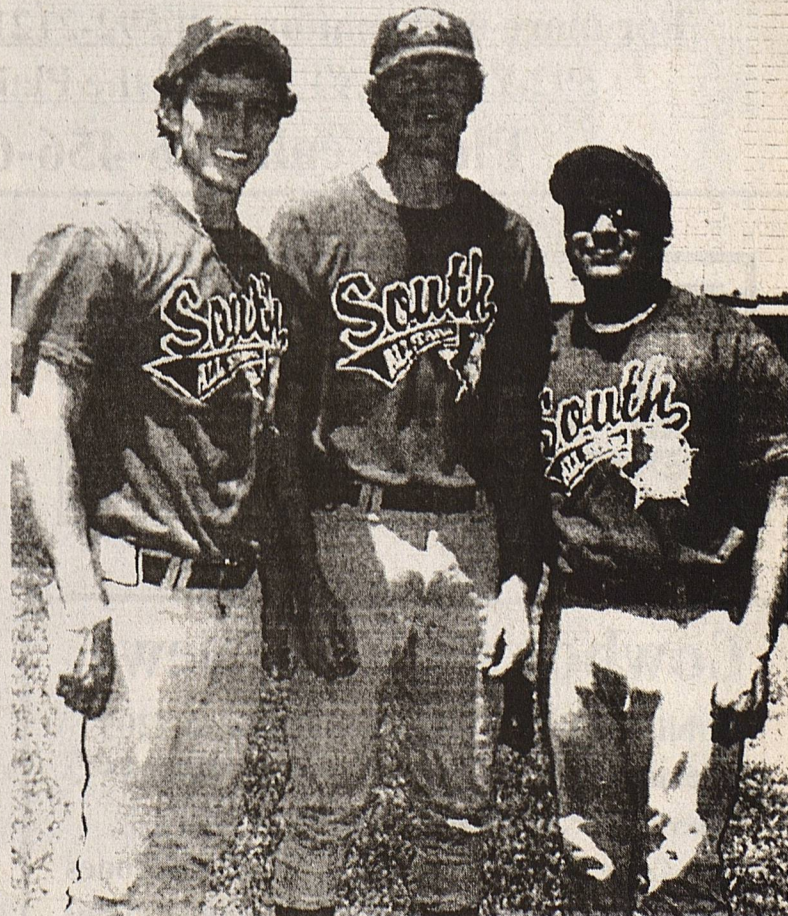
In the June 12 session of Commissioners Court, three agenda items were approved which could officially lead to the financing and construction of a new county jail here. Judge Brewer explained a resolution prepared by the First Southwest Company had been delivered to the court for its approval concerning its intent to finance expenditures and a financial agreement for the construction of the proposed new jail. Another resolution authorizing the publication of Notice of Intention to issue Yoakum County Texas Certificates of Obligation, series 2006, was approved. These legal steps would be the first official acts toward the

physical start of the planning and construction of the \$6 million project. At this point no actual agreement has been reached for the purchase of the eventual official site for the new facility.

Another item dealing with the proposed jail saw the court approve a feasibility contract with Burns & Gill Architects for the eventual construction of the jail.

Clay Taylor, Administrator of Yoakum County Hospital proposed advertising for bids on a list of furniture and equipment which would be used in new, temporary offices by the two new doctors to be added

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Casson Curtis, T.J. Cordova and Blake O'Quinn were recently named to the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Team and showed their skills before college scouts in Lubbock last week. All three hit well at the plate, and Cordova struck out five and was credited with the win. Their South Team won 16-13. Coach Bartley reported he was "proud of my boys and they represented Plains baseball with honor."

**FROM PAGE 1,
TREES**

as magnificent trees go, these nine twisted trunks thrusting their limbs skyward do not look like much, yet they are very unique. Vance Brown recalls the trees were there 'bigger than life' and very little different than when his folks moved here by covered wagon and settled about one and a half miles northeast of the grove in 1924. Across the road from the trees once stood the West Ward School of the Sligo School District. It was not uncommon to see school children playing in the shade of the trees. According to Brown, the trees also gained considerable reputation during the time he was growing up as a kind of 'romance ground'. The trees were a real favorite meeting spots for young people."

In even earlier days the grove of trees served as a landmark for Indian hunters and early troops and settlers.

A portion of the trees continued to grow and eventually interfered with the electrical transmission line on the east side of the grove. The electric company, not aware of the historic significance of the trees, cut a large portion of the trees down. When they were in-

formed of the trees historic importance, they brought in tree experts to tend to the trees, and they are again growing. The award winning single tree was not affected and remains healthy and growing - even if very, very slowly.

**FROM PAGE 1,
COMMISSIONERS**

to the hospital's pay roll in the near future.

Tax Assessor/Collector Jan Parrish reported collecting \$33,867 in taxes during the month of May.

Sheriff Don Corzine requested \$3,608 for the purchase of two printers for the sheriff office, which was approved.

Troy Scott, JP Pct. 2, requested approval of promoting Eva Perez from second to first deputy in his office, which was approved. Approval was granted to transfer 3.94 acres of Newman Addition (now Summerfield Park) from Yoakum County Property in Trust to Yoakum County was approved.

Approval was granted to transfer an octagon computer desk from Yoakum County Library to the County Literacy Center in Denver City.

Applications for Family Farm-Ranch Program due Sept. 15

Austin- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded families who are applying for the Family Land Heritage Program applications are due to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Friday, September 15. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches which have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been honored.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women have held onto their ancestors land over the decades, enduring some challenging times."

Applications are being accepted for farms or ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still being operated by the descendants of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old US Census definition of a farm; ten acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 per year.

The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of

the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been rented or leased to someone outside the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as ten acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will still qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

Fayette County has the most Family Land Heritage honorees with 124 properties. Houston County is next with 85 properties, Austin and Gillespie Counties are tied with 82 properties each. Medina County has 81 properties and DeWitt County has 80 properties.

For an application or more information, contact Melissa Blair, 512-463-2631, PO Box 12847 Austin, Texas 78711, or the application is on TFA's Web site at www.agr.tx.us under the "Producer Information" section and they can be obtained from the county judge's office.



Capitol Comments

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison R., Texas

In the summer of 1776, George Washington approached his seamstress, Betsy Ross, with sketches inspiring the creation of the first American flag. Though this flag looked very different from the flag that proudly waves today, the ideals represented both then and now are what America stands for. Wherever our flag flies, it signals to lands far and wide America remains the cradle of liberty.

Every year on June 14, we observe Flag Day, when Americans everywhere celebrate the history and symbolism of our national flag. On this day in 1777, the Second Continental Congress resolved our new flag would have "13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation" Today, in neighborhoods across the country, Americans proudly pay their respects to Old Glory by hanging flags outside their homes and places of business.

The earliest Flag Day celebration took place in Hartford, Connecticut in 1861 during the most divisive time in our history - the Civil War. Even in this time of turmoil, our flag's unifying spirit persevered and reminded citizens we were one nation under God. Over the latter half of the 19th century, the celebration of our flag grew in popularity, with mayors and governors issuing proclamations in their jurisdictions commemorating the event. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first nationwide proclamation of Flag Day.

Our flag has waved during defining moments of our nation's history. It was at Fort McHenry in 1814 when Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner. It was there at Iwo Jima when the sight of Old Glory waving atop Mount Suribachi inspired American soldiers fighting in World War II, and it was there on September 11, 2001, when rescue workers rose above the rubble of the World Trade Center and raised our flag as a symbol of fortitude in the aftermath of tragedy.

The flag that inspired Francis Scott Key still exists today. It currently hangs at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, where a significant restoration effort began in 1998 to save the original flag. It has aged, but it remains a beautiful sight to behold. I am delighted visitors who come to Washington, DC have an opportunity to see one of our country's national treasures, one that has inspired so many over the past several hundred years.

When I see the American flag, I think of the sacrifices made for our country by previous generations and by the heroes of today. I think of our troops who have defended freedom across the globe, especially those currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The flag also stands as a reminder one of my missions as a United States Senator - and also as a citizen of this nation - is to strive for a more perfect union.

On Flag Day, we celebrate much more than just a piece of cloth. Our flag is a symbol of the values our forefathers fought for and envisioned for our fledgling democracy. The red stripes stand for bravery and honesty, the white stripes for freedom for all, and the blue field for faith and loyalty. Throughout our history, men and women have defended those values both in war and peace. Whether they were rich or poor, famous or anonymous, strong or weak, young or old, they were all American.

I have to admit, I always get a catch in my throat when the original version of "The Star Spangled Banner" is played so I can sing it. I also admit I am always disappointed when someone performs a rendition of our national anthem that seems to feature the voice of the singer - and excludes the people from participating.

This month on Flag Day, I encourage you to fly your flag outside your home in support of our troops and in support of the ideals Americans hold so dear.

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Think Texas
By Agriculture Commissioner
SUSAN COMBS

Nature has a way of challenging farmers and ranchers that is neither predictable nor easy to manage. Just months after Hurricane Rita plowed into the Gulf Coast, Texas is battling extreme wildfires across the state.

Currently Texas is working to combat drought conditions and prevent wildfires that have already plagued more than 4 million acres statewide. In mid-March property and livestock in the Panhandle were hit especially hard by fires rolling across more than 800,000 acres.

Last year was the 12th driest year on record for the state, and in January, Texas Gov. Rick Perry declared a drought disaster for all 254 Texas counties. Texas agriculture has felt a \$1.5 billion economic blow from current drought conditions.

With dry conditions, producers are scrambling to save their property. The Texas Department of Agriculture gathered information on affected areas and compiled a list of livestock haulers to help those in need. We expanded our Hay and Grazing Hotline to include information from cotton gins on available supplies of gin trash, hulls and cottonseed, and we also worked to provide assistance on livestock disposal issues.

As the old maxim goes: That which does not break us makes us stronger. The spirit of rural Texas and the grit of farmers and ranchers across the state have carried us through good times and bad, and by working together we can help ensure the success of this dynamic industry.

Plains Family Health Clinic



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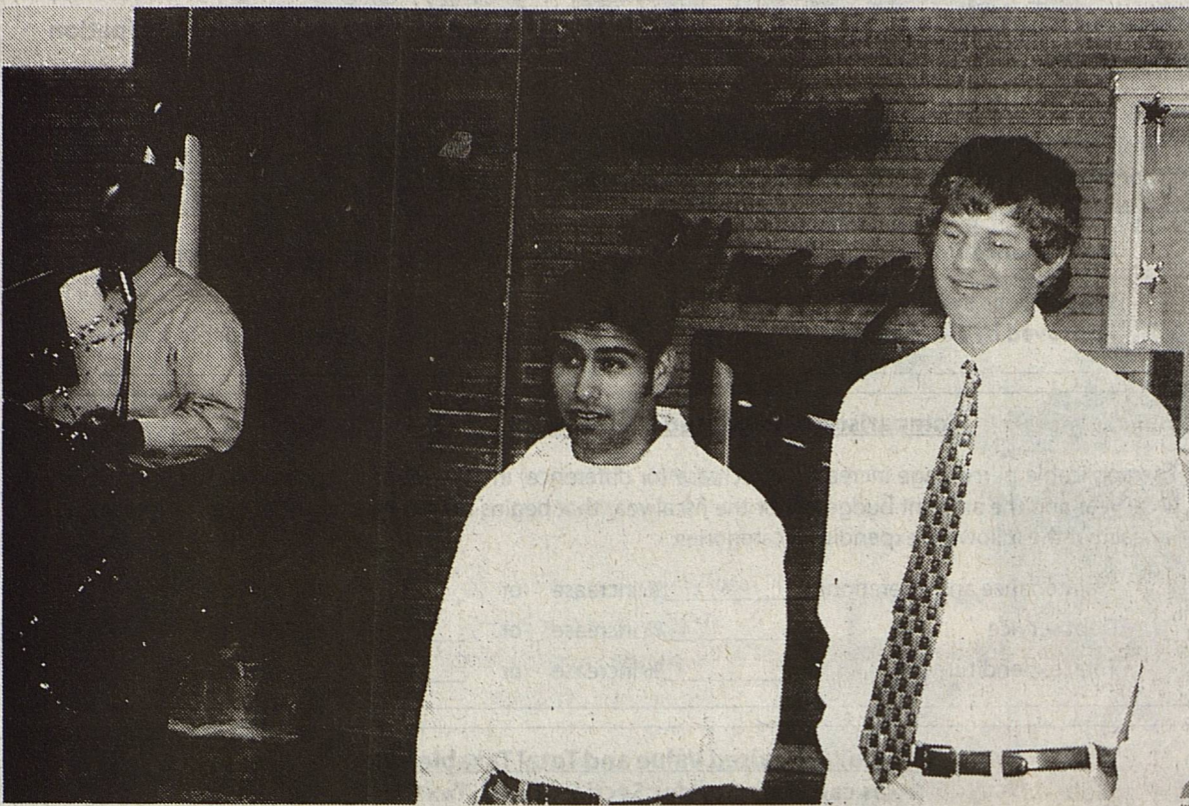
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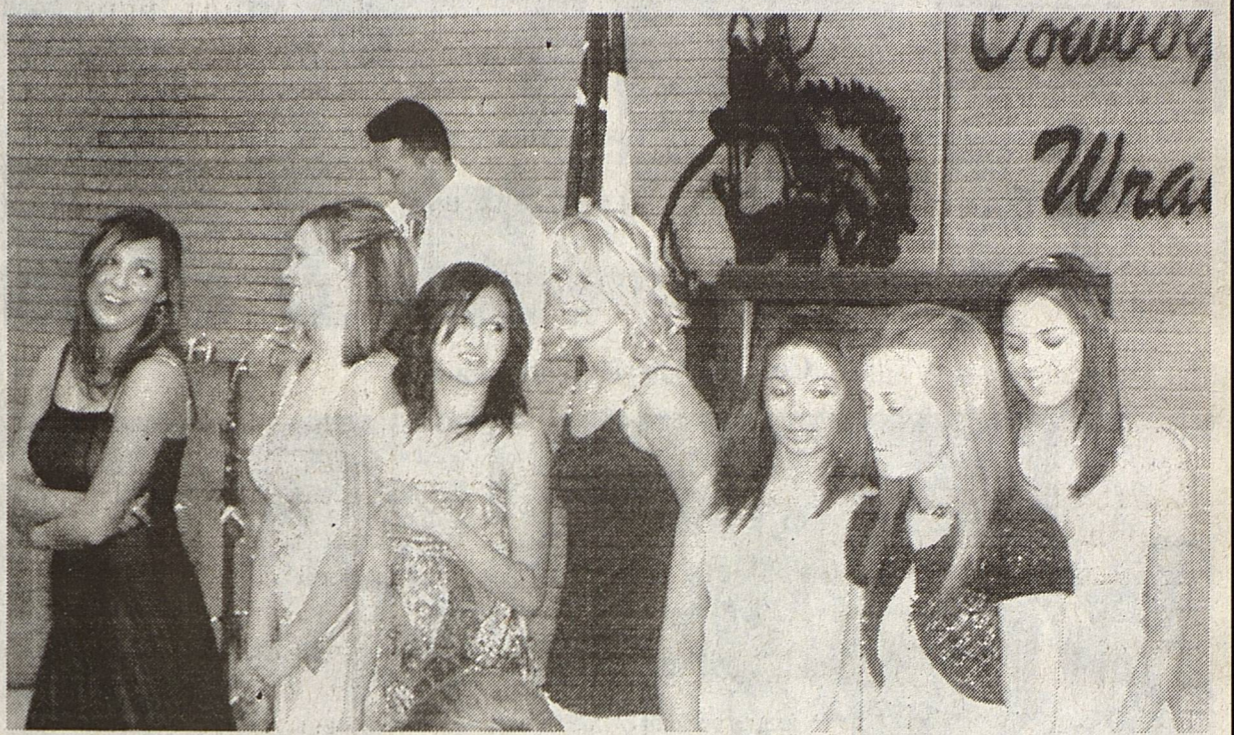
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PHS Sports Awards



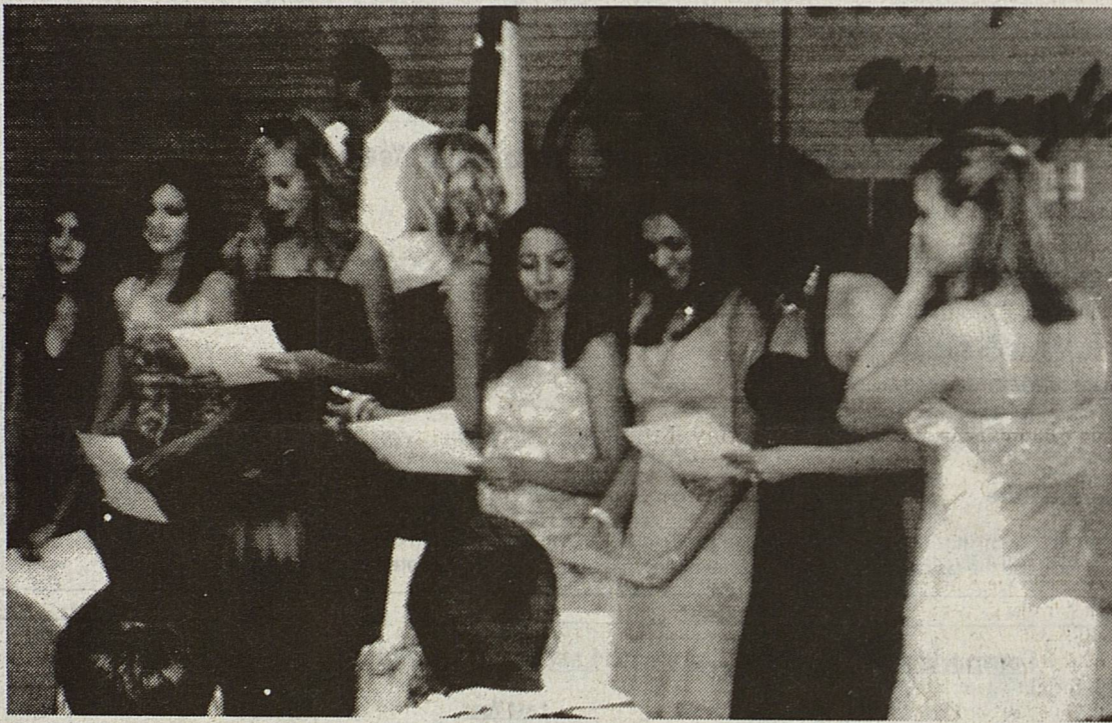
The school's highest sport achievement award, *The Black & Gold*, was shared by seniors Ramiro Martinez and Blake O'Quinn. Athletic Director Blake McWhirter had high praise for their team play, dedication, and their 'Never Say Quit' attitude.



Varsity Cowgirl Basketball



JV & Varsity Boys Basketball



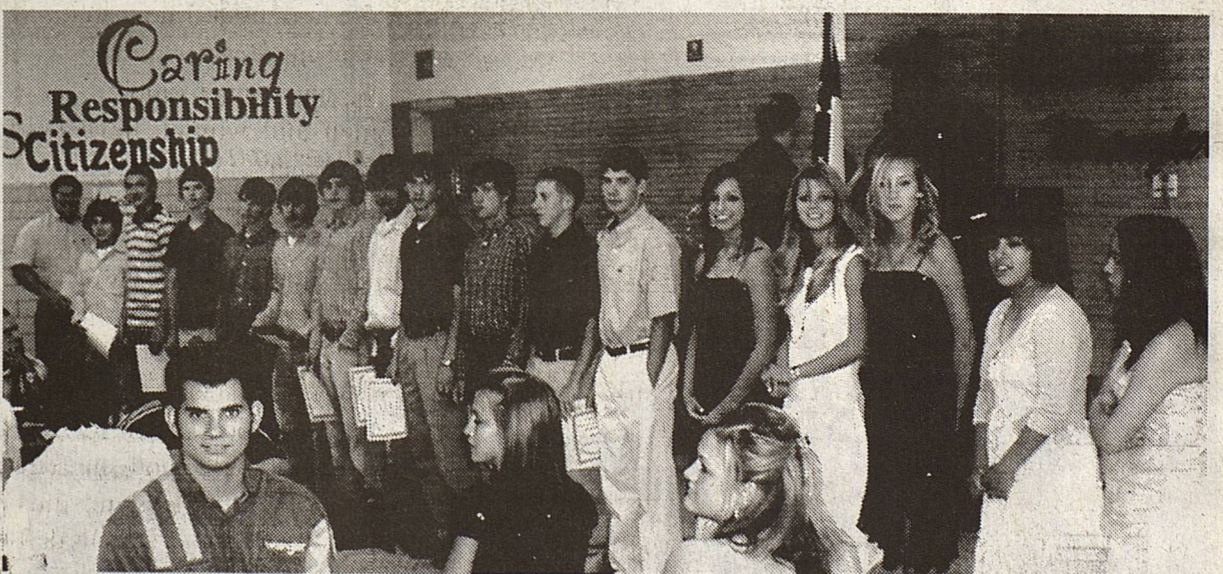
JV Girls Basketball



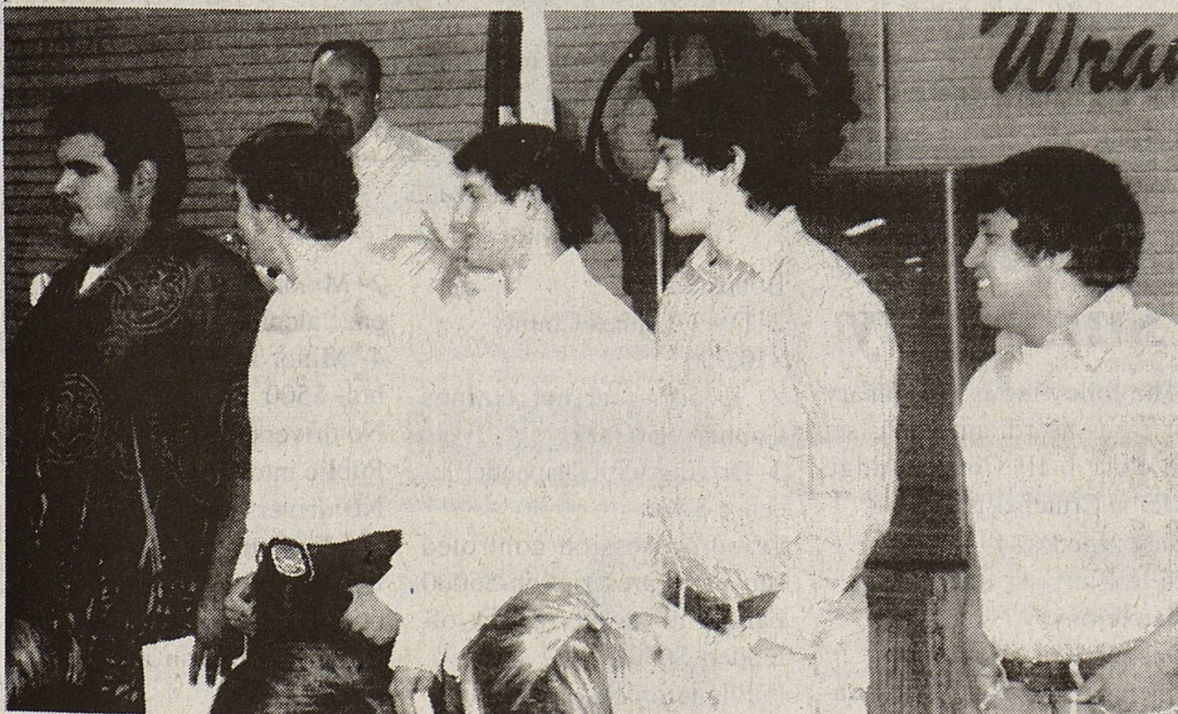
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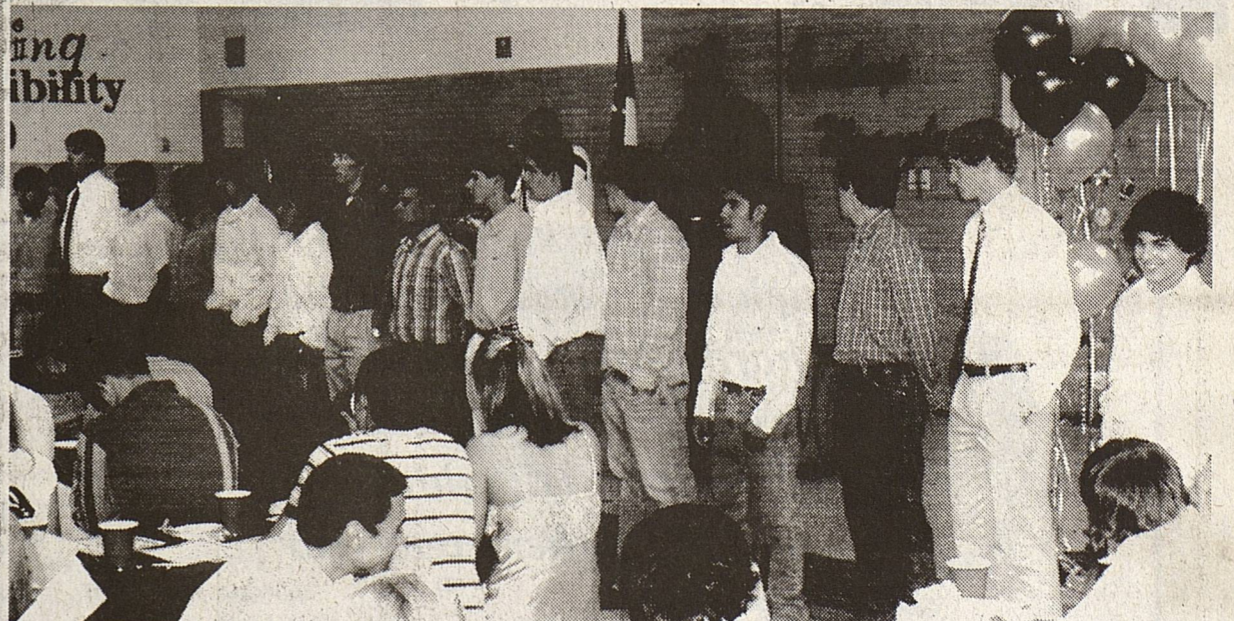
Cowboy Track Team



Cowboy & Cowgirl Cross Country

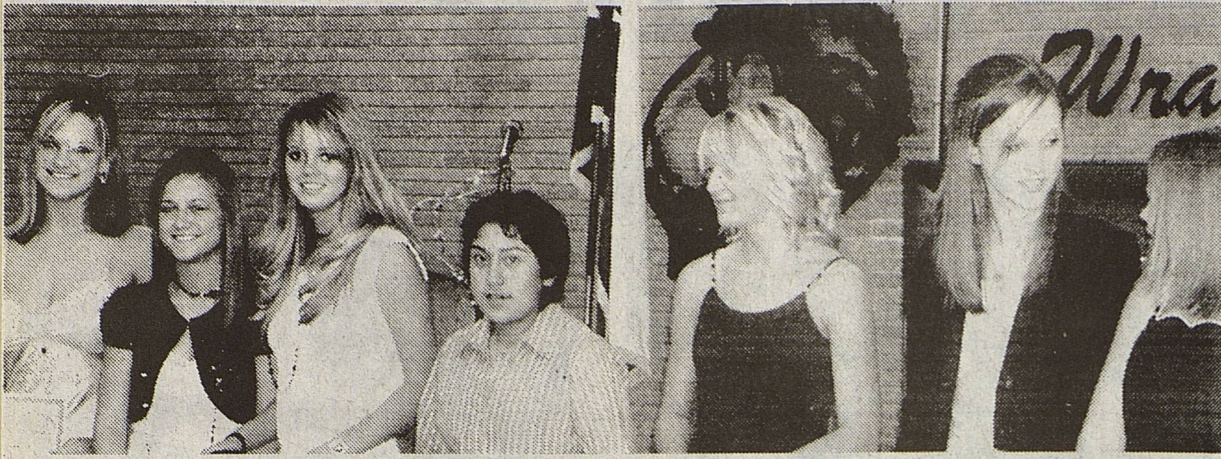


Power Lifting Team



Cowboy Baseball

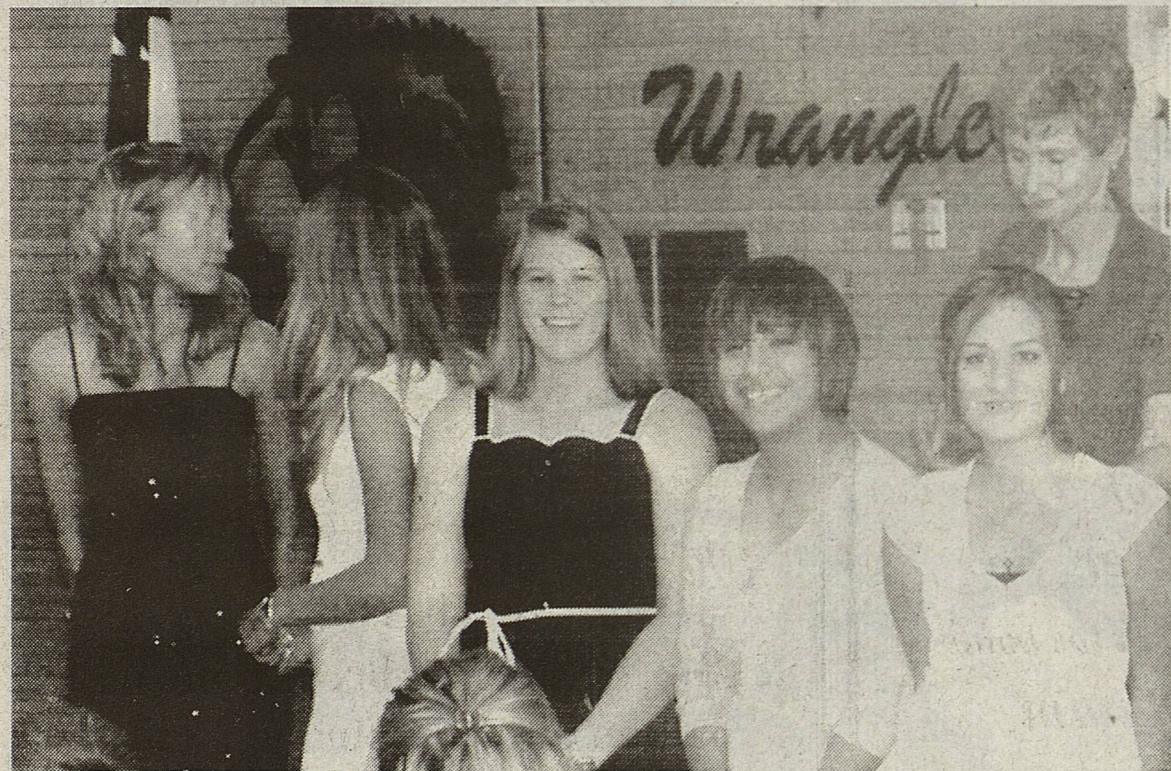
More sports award shots



Cowgirl Varsity Volleyball



JV & Varsity Basketball



Cowgirl Golf



JV Cowboy Basketball

CCN and the entire community salute each of the student athletes for their hard work, each and every coach, assistant and student helper in the PHS athletic program for another great year

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Plains Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM June 26, 2006 in Administrative Office

1000 10th Plains, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.26 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	3.00 % increase	or	(decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	100.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	9.00 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 625,993,984.00	\$ 802,595,839.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 7,548,600.00	\$ 52,721,665.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 613,117,835.00	\$ 789,754,880.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 7,548,600.00	\$ 52,721,665.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.12 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 11,088.00	\$ 309.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.22	\$ 10,105.00	\$ 368.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.26	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.26	\$ 10,127.00	\$ 368.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 39,007.00	\$ 39,310.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,988.00	\$ 21,321.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.26
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 307.62	\$ 268.64
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (38.98)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.26. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.26.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,550,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Pct. 1 JP Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.
 Cases filed:
 24 traffic
 One felony
 One public intoxication
 One possession of drug paraphernalia
 One parent thwarting Compulsory Attendance

Bonds Set:
 2- DWI, Gaines County- \$50,000
 2- Evading arrest Gaines County- \$50,000
 3- Driving with suspended license-\$500
 Fraud/possession controlled substance/prescription-\$5000
 Failure to register as sex offender- \$6500
 Public intoxication- \$500
 Evading arrest- \$1500
 2- Motion of surety/DWI \$3500

2- Minor driving under influence alcohol- \$500
 4- Minor in possession alcohol- \$500
 No drivers license- \$500
 Public intoxication- \$500
 No drivers license- held for Border Patrol
 Consumption of alcohol by minor- held for Border Patrol
 Purchase/furnish alcohol to minor-\$1000
 Possession drug paraphernalia- \$500

Lifelines & Styles

Insects Bugging You?

By Debra Pollard
CEA-FCS
Yoakum County

Summer can be full of pleasant sounds - birds chirping, lawnmowers whirring, children playing. But the sound of mosquitos buzzing in for the kill is not one of them.

Mosquitos, biting flies can sometimes pose a serious threat to public health, as seen with West Nile Virus and Lyme disease.

One way to help prevent that risk is to use an insect repellent when spending time outdoors. Several varieties are available, including aerosol and pump spray insect repellents sprayed onto skin and clothing. Liquid, cream, spray and stick repellents are applied directly to the skin.

These repellents are sold in different strengths. Those with lower concentrations of the active ingredients can be used when insect problems are lighter. Repellents with higher concentrations of the active ingredients are for more infested areas or more stubborn insect species.

Repellents containing a higher concentration of the active ingredient, such as DEET, provide longer lasting protection. DEET is a chemical developed more than fifty years ago by the US Army and US Department of Agriculture. It doesn't kill bugs, but its vapors discourages them from landing or climbing on you. It is the active ingredient in most insect repellents, but repellents without DEET are available.

Although proper use of insect repellent can help make summer a little more comfortable, use caution before, during and after applying.

As with all other household chemicals, keep insect repellent stored away from children's reach. Keep it in a locked cabinet or shed.

Plains Middle School Honor Roll

5TH GRADE

Merritt Crump
Johnathan Davis
Autumn Friesen
Stacy Loewen
Matthew Ramos
All A, One B;

5TH GRADE

Vanessa Cueto
Katie Dearing
Haley Welch

6TH GRADE

Troy Alldredge
Adriana Corrales
Mayra Cueto
Dakota Earnest
Carolina Hernandez
Denise Tarango
Brooke Wilson

All A, One B

6TH GRADE

Sam Melendez

7TH GRADE

Forrest Booth
Hannah Crump
Dylan DeBusk
Kevin Gass
Hunter Welch
All A, One B

7TH GRADE

Cody Friesen

8TH GRADE

Emilia Gallegos
Justin Taylor
All A, One B

8TH GRADE

Nathan McCravey
Troy Parrish

Navy Lt. Justin Clark, M.D.



Lt. Justin Stiles Clark, M.D., graduated May 20, 2006 from UT San Antonio Medical School and was promoted to Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He has been assigned to the Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Wash-

ington for an internship in Family Practice Medicine. Justin is the son of Richard and Kathy Clark of Denver City. He is a graduate of Denver City High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University.

Commission makes progress on county birthday plans

The Yoakum County Historical Commission met June 4 at the Connection building in Denver City, with nine members and three guests present. Connie Webb presented her finished play, "Making Ice Cream When It Hails". It was suggested copies of the play be sold during the County's Centennial presentation, and efforts are being made to possibly present it at the Labor Day weekend Watermelon Round Up and the 4th of July celebration in Denver City. A final date of September 1, 2006 was approved as deadline for businesses and organizations to submit their histories for the planned 100 page booklet, and Brenda Canada reminded the group farms and ranches are businesses also. Canada reported she had received bids on publishing an addition to the 1986 history book, "From Sod To 1986." Copycraft of Lubbock will print the updated booklets and they will be sold for \$20 per copy. Information on Centennial flags and commemorative memorabilia is being developed. An early printed map depicting sites of early pioneers family homes, post offices and schools was discussed, and the probable cost of the map and many other topics will be discussed at the next Commission meeting August 7 in the Plains Library.

Vacation Bible School

Methodist Church

"Adventures of the Treasure Seekers; Exploring God's Promises"

Pre - K - 4th Grade

June 15 & 16 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

June 17 - 9 AM - 12 Noon

Bridal Shower honoring Moriah Traweek bride elect of Byron Potter

Saturday, June 17, 2006 in the home of

Mrs. Dana Hamm

1400 2nd Street

Selections; Lubbock - Dillard's, Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond - Brownfield - Nelson's - Plains- Image'n That, Bayer's

Retirement Party!

For Bobbie Payne, Director of the Corral Youth Center.

JUNE 20, 2006,

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10:45 A.M.

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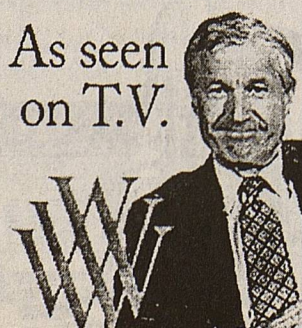
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From June 5, 2006 thru June 30, 2006, lunch will be served in the Plains ISD cafeteria Monday thru Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM. Any child 0 - 18 years old may eat lunch for FREE! Adults may eat lunch for \$2.50 each. Make plans to join us for lunch each week day during the month of June!

A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newsire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

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Its hard to stop a TRANE"

From The Hack

From a faithful reader who once sold John Deere Green and now lives far south of here:

"The new supermarket near our house has an automatic mist machine to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on you hear the sound of a thunderstorm. When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing. Nearing the egg cases you can hear hens cackling.

So far I have been too afraid to go down the toilet tissue aisle.

There's something I'm missing here. All the media uproar over the bombing death of that killer muslim al-Zarqawi. Oh, my, was he tortured? Was he beaten by our troops? Did we have to make him suffer, the media libs are whimpering.

Hey, get real. This guy was a sadistic killer, known to have cut the heads off men and women who offended him. Now pause a moment and consider this - cutting an adults head off with a knife, regardless how sharp a knife, is a tough task. There's lots of bone, ligaments, sinews, muscles in the human neck and spine. Sawing away through all that mass to topple someone's head is hard work, a labor undoubtedly a bit painful for the one being

sawed and hacked upon. You might say, whacking a head off a live human is a hard way to make a living, even in the mid-east.

And we are worrying about Zarqawi's welfare? I listened to a brief session of G. Gordon's radio show recently, and a caller expressed amazement, as I am doing, about the feeding shark frenzy over the muslim hero's welfare before he expired from twin 500 pound bomb blasts. The caller expressed almost disbelief over the furor media forces were venting about where he should be buried. The caller had a nifty idea, to my way of thinking.

Take his body, do a complete autopsy on it, and when com-

pleted, feed the remains to several hungry hogs. Muslims, of course, abhor even the thought of pork - you're doomed and on the way to Hell if you just nibble on a pork chop. There old Zarqawi would be, riding around in the belly of hogs. He would not be treated to seventy beautiful virgins, he would never see Mecca in the sky - he would just be part of a pig throughout eternity.

What a pity.

Why did the blonde resolve to have only three children? She was told stats show one of every four children born in the world is chinese.

Visiting the county's big tree in 1972



Gerald Richie, Jr. High teacher, took 7th graders on tour of big, old tree. Shown on back row, Frank Garza, Derrell Sherrin, Marlin Duran, Jim Bob McDonnell, Randy Melton, Jessie Guerra. Front: Jones Arnett, Felipe Cervantez, Ronnie Hice, Westly Stapleton, Gloria Ramos, Gloria Gonzales, Mary Cabazos, Irma Cabazos, Alejandro Moreno

BID NOTICE

Plains Independent School District will receive proposals for the following work or purchases:

1. Recoating and striping the running track at the football stadium.
2. Replacing approximately 5,500 square feet of carpet at the high school.
3. Upgrading the computerized operating controls for the HVAC system at the high school.
4. The purchase of 3 used route buses that meet the following specifications:
 *90 day warranty
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 *Allison 2000 automatic transmission
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 *Driven on pavement only
 *20,000 to 30,000 miles of usage
 *Comprehensive detailing

For additional information contact the Business manager or Superintendent of Plains Independent School District at 1000 10th street Plains, Texas 79355 or call 456-7401. All bids are due June 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Superintendent's office

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Texans take their driving seriously -- they drove an average of nearly 17,000 miles per driver in 2000, racking up more miles than drivers in any other state. Texans also consumed the second-highest amount of gas per day at 29.5 million gallons, or nearly 2.3 gallons of gas per day, per Texas driver.

The typical vehicle averaged 20.4 miles per gallon in 2000, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Although Texans and Georgians drove the same amount of miles per day -- about 46 -- the number of Texas drivers outnumbered Georgia drivers by more than 7 million.

State	Gallons consumed per day (in millions)	Licensed drivers (in millions)	Average gallons used per day, per driver
California	40.5	21.6	1.88
TEXAS	29.5	13.0	2.27
Florida	20.8	12.7	1.64
New York	15.4	11.0	1.40
Ohio	14.0	7.7	1.82
Illinois	13.9	7.8	1.78
Pennsylvania	13.9	8.2	1.70
Michigan	13.7	7.0	1.96
Georgia	13.1	5.8	2.26
North Carolina	11.4	5.9	1.93

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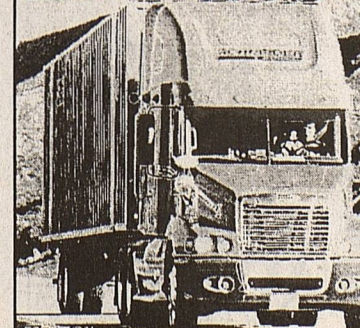
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