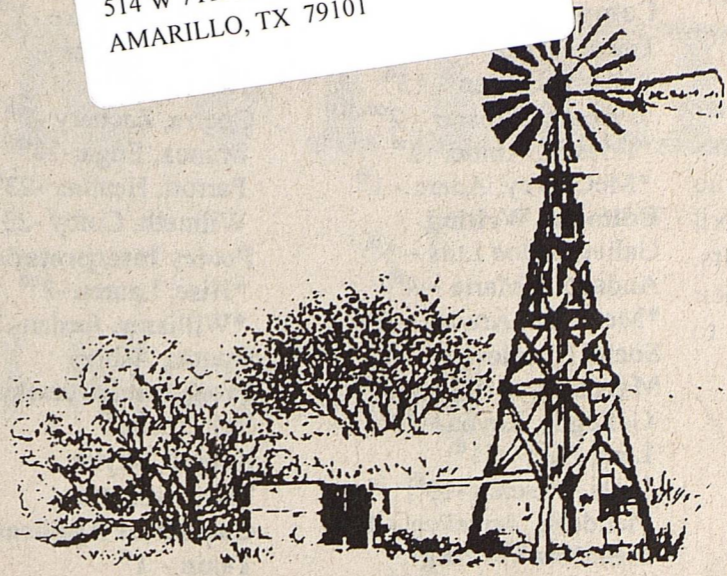


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Criminal cases in County Court

Five criminal cases were heard in County Court March 29, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Alberto Tarango Jr. pled true to the State's motion to revoke supervision from a prior cause of purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 26 days served. A bail jumping/failure to appear cause was adjudicated.

Monte Lloyd Paxton pled guilty to reckless driving, a class B misdemeanor. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$326 court costs. David Martinez served as his attorney, and Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer.

Reginald Charles Williams pled guilty to bail jumping/failure to appear, Class B misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 123 days served. A driving with invalid license cause was adjudicated. Investigating officer was Deputy Nancy Baize.

Rosa Marie Clark pled guilty to wrong, fictitious, altered or obscure license plate. She pled guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and \$261 court costs. Bill Helwig served as her attorney, and Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer.

Israel Palomares-Martinez pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .123/.121, open container. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$226 court costs, \$300 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 24 hours community service, six days in jail with credit for 18 days, must attend weekly AA meetings and complete the DWI first offender program. Warren New was his attorney, and Trooper Brad Taylor was investigating officer.

Shown here are members of Plains Sacred Heart Catholic Church team attending a planning session for their role in the upcoming American Cancer Society's second RELAY FOR LIFE fund raising event. Sylvia Martinez, not shown, reported interest and enthusiasm is building in the church volunteer group and three other local volunteer teams. Teams will raise money with food booths, raffles, sale of memorial luminarias. The Image'n That team sponsored by Christy Brink will offer raffle tickets for a night for two at Embassy Suites and dinner for two.

Denver City Chairperson Stacey Meece reports interest shown in the cancer fighting effort continues to grow, and she expects the May 19 event to be even more financially successful than the first Relay held in 2004.

Prepping For A.C.S.'s Second Relay For Life



L-R, Gloria Vasquez, Thomas Hoecker, Gracie Lazos, Margie Diaz, Melinda Lazos, Monica Hoecker. Sylvia Martinez not shown.

In the near future County Librarian Pat McNabb's crews in Plains and Denver City will post color photos of scenes at the first Relay. The majority of the shots depict the Relay's opening event, Parade Of The

Survivors. Scenes of scores of those who have battled cancer and won are very moving. CCN will report when the project is complete.

More information about participating in the Relay may

be obtained from these Plains volunteers; Beth Ann Cain, Debbie Rushing, Vicki Blundell, Jan Parrish, Sandra Roblez, Christy Brink, Sylvia Martinez.

Cowboy Cross Country Runner Chases Down \$4000 Scholarship From LCU



Abel Ramos, center, last week signed a contract with Lubbock Christian University, granting him a \$4,000 scholarship, representing the university on their cross country team. Behind Abel are his brother, Zachary, a member of the Cowboy cross country team and who participates in other sports; his mother Yvette, an instructor in Plains Elementary. On the back row are Coach Todd Davis, head cross country coach, who helped the Cowboy team advance to state competition in 2004, where they won the state title with Abel leading the way, and back to state in 2005; Abel's dad Freddy, employed locally by Cebridge Cable; now retired former head track coach Evertt McAdams, who has assisted the cross country program many years. Abel won All-State honors twice in the grueling event. This is the first athletic scholarship offered a Plains High student in a number of years.

Commissioners Hold Routine Session

In the April 3 session of Commissioners Court, County Clerk Debbie Rushing sought approval to purchase a Network Server Printer, non-budgeted in the equipment line item. The CTSI firm offered an installed printer to meet all the office needs for \$1509, and the Clerk would use \$450 in already allocated funds towards the purchase. The request was approved.

Pat McNabb, head librarian for both county libraries, delivered a report on a recent trip to Boston to attend the Bill and Melinda Gates Conference. The conference was attended by 148 librarians from across the nation. The Foundation paid all expenses for the conference and tours of the city. McNabb said both county libraries would soon be receiving two more badly needed computers from the Gates Foundation. Four units are now available for public use at each library, and both normally have waiting lists of would be users. County employee Danny Steffens and

Greg McCravy have volunteered to build new tables for the two new units.

Judge Brewer sought approval of the purchase of an office chair for \$400. He reported the chair had been originally ordered and approved for payment in September, 2005, but was not delivered until March, 2006.

Lisa Palmer, Investigator in the Criminal District Attorney office, reported a public auction would be held later this month for equipment formerly used by the now disbanded Drug Task Force, including four vehicles. She said firearms from that department had been sold except for those with no value, which had been destroyed. The court approved the auction.

A bid of \$200 was accepted on property in Denver City described as E80' Lots 13--18, Block 55 Old Town, owned by Yoakum County Property in Trust. The approved bid for the described property was from its prior legal owner and taken for non-payment of taxes.

Strong showing continues in Cowboys race for district title at halfway mark

Article By Coach Kevin Bartley: The Cowboys baseball team is having a great start this season. They were winners in the tough Eunice, New Mexico tournament, and are now leading our district with a 4 and 0 record.

Last Saturday the Cowboys defeated the O'Donnell Eagles 19-4. The Eagles were tied with us for first place in the district with a 3-0 record.

Plains scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning to jump to an early lead. The O'Donnell Eagles answered back in the top of the second inning with three runs of their own.

The powerful counter-attack by the Cowboys would be too strong for the Eagles. In the bottom of the second inning, the Cowboys scored 11 runs, including home-runs by Blake O'Quinn and Landon Craft. The Cowboy defense would prevent O'Donnell from scoring any runs until the top of the fifth inning, but their one run was all the Eagles could muster, and they were the big winners under the ten run rule.

T.J. Cordova was the winning pitcher, giving up only one earned run on five hits and recording seven strike outs. No extra base hits were given up by the Cow-

*** Eleven Year Reign ***
For the 11th consecutive year, PHS has won the Conference 1A District 4 UIL District Academic Meet!
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Academics Spring Meet Conference 1A District 4 Plains H S

Plains High recently won their 11th consecutive academic District title here in competition against ten other 1A schools. 18 PHS students will next compete at the Regional academic meet April 21. In the following results, students with asterisks by their names will advance to Regional;

Ready Writing

*Gallegos, Jose Luis - 2nd
Andazola, Maria
Mendoza, Angelica

Spelling and Vocabulary Team - 1st

*Andazola, Maria - 1st
*Keesee, Skylar - 11th
*Lara, Flor - 5th
*Loewen, Erika - 10th
Journalism Team - 1st
News Writing
*Crump, Ryan - 3rd
*Friesen, Allison - 1st
*O'Quinn, Blake - 2nd

Feature Writing

Davis, Lauren - 4th
*Friesen, Allison - 1st
*Hise, Lauren - 3rd

Computer Science

Team - 1st

*Davis, Lauren - 15th
*Friesen, Allison - 2nd
*Friesen, Amber - 3rd
*McCravey, Adam - 1st

Editorial Writing

Gallegos, Joe Luis - 5th
Andazola, Maria - 4th
*Mendoza, Araceli - 3rd

Social Studies

March 28 at 5:15 PM

Gallegos, Reyna - 29th
Lara, Flor - 11th
Loya, Yesenia - 19th
Mendoza, Angelica - 17th

Headline Writing

*Carrillo, Elias - 2nd
*O'Quinn, Blake - 1st
Davis, Lauren

Mathematics

Team - 2nd
*Alldredge, David - 4th
*Alldredge, Kurt - 6th
*Friesen, Allison - 2nd
*Lester, BJ - 8th

Number Sense

Team - 1st
*Alldredge, David - 1st
*Alldredge, Kurt - 4th
*Friesen, Amber - 7th

*O'Quinn, Blake - 3rd

Current Issues

Team - 4th

Guerra, Zachary - 7th
Munoz, Edgar - 14th
Parrott, Heather - 23rd
Wilmet, Colby - 23rd

Poetry Interpretation

*Hise, Lauren - 2nd
*Williams, Jordan - 3rd

Hunter, Ashley

Prose Interpretation

Bell, Joani
Keesee, Skylar
Trent, Mareta

Calculator Applications

Team - 1st

*Friesen, Allison - 1st
*Friesen, Amber - 3rd
*Lester, BJ - 2nd

*O'Quinn, Blake - 6th

Computer Applications

March 30 at 12:00 PM

Lozano, Nancy
Martinez, Antonio - 4th
Mendoza, Araceli - 6th

Informative Speaking

Carrillo, Elias
Garza, Derek
Hays, Ben

Literary Criticism

Team - 4th

Gallegos, Jose Luis - 12th
Lozano, Nancy - 19th
Mendoza, Araceli - 14th
Ortega, Colby - 17th

Persuasive Speaking

*Addison, Scott - 2nd

Ponce, Adriana
Welch, Holden

Science

Team - 4th

Allredge, David - 11th
Crump, Michael - 11th
Lester, BJ - 21st

Martinez, Antonio - 21st
McCravey, Adam - 20th
Ruvalcaba, Mario - 50th

Accounting

Team - 3rd

Curtis, Nick - 10th
Eccles, Jennifer - 14th
Martinez, Ramiro - 7th

Services held for Earl Kizer

Earl Cedric Kizer, 93, of Tahoka, formerly of Plains, passed away March 28, 2006. He was born April 15, 1912 in Sylvester, Texas, to the late William and Model (Parker) Kizer. In 1935, Earl married Stella Mae Jenkins in Roby, Texas. She preceded him in death in 2001. He graduated from Sylvester High and worked as a farmer until he retired after 40 years.

Those left to mourn his passing are a brother, Paul of

Tahoka; a sister, Gloria Lee Ferguson of McCauley, and numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10 AM Thursday, March 30, 2006 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Jeff Bayley officiating. A graveside service was held at 3 PM that day at the Hamlin Cemetery with Brother Bill Wright officiating.

Memorials may be sent to Lynnwood Assisted Living, 1801 Country Club Rd., Tahoka Tx 79373 or Vista Care Hospice, 1010 Slide Rd, Lubbock, Tx 79416. Arrangements under personal care of White Funeral Home. To send condolences on line please visit www.whitefuneral-home.com

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PARA DE ABRIL EL 11 DE 2006

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AND

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Beginning: Monday, April 3, 2006

Principio: Lunes, de Abril el 3 de 2006

Ending: Friday, April 7, 2006

Conclusion: Viernes, de Abril el 7 de 2006

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EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Under certain conditions (see below) qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail, may be picked up at the Denver City Branch Tax Office, or at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office on or before April 4, 2006 to be eligible to vote in the Democratic and Republican Run-Off Elections.

Conditions for voting by mail:

1. Voter is or expects to be **ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** of the voter's residence on election day.
2. Voter has a **SICKNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY** that prevents him/her from appearing at the polling place on election day.
3. Voter is **65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER** on election day.
4. Voter is ***CONFINED IN JAIL**.

* For more information on the above conditions for voting by mail, call the County Clerk's

Office at 806/456-7491 ext. 294.

Filed: 3-14, 2006 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.



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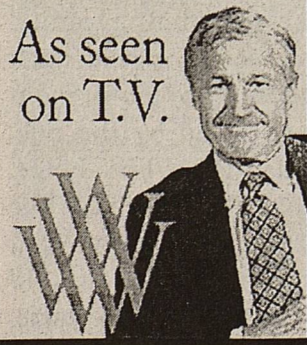
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YOU ARE INVITED!

2006 Annual Meeting of Members of Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

DATE: Friday, April 21, 2006

TIME: 6:30 PM (MDT)

PLACE: 701 W. Ave K • Lovington, New Mexico
Pannell Auditorium
Lovington High School

Registration of members will be held on Friday, April 21, 2006 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (MDT), at the office of the Cooperative, 1300 West Avenue D, Lovington, New Mexico; and between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM (MDT) at Pannell Auditorium. You are encouraged to register early to avoid delays.

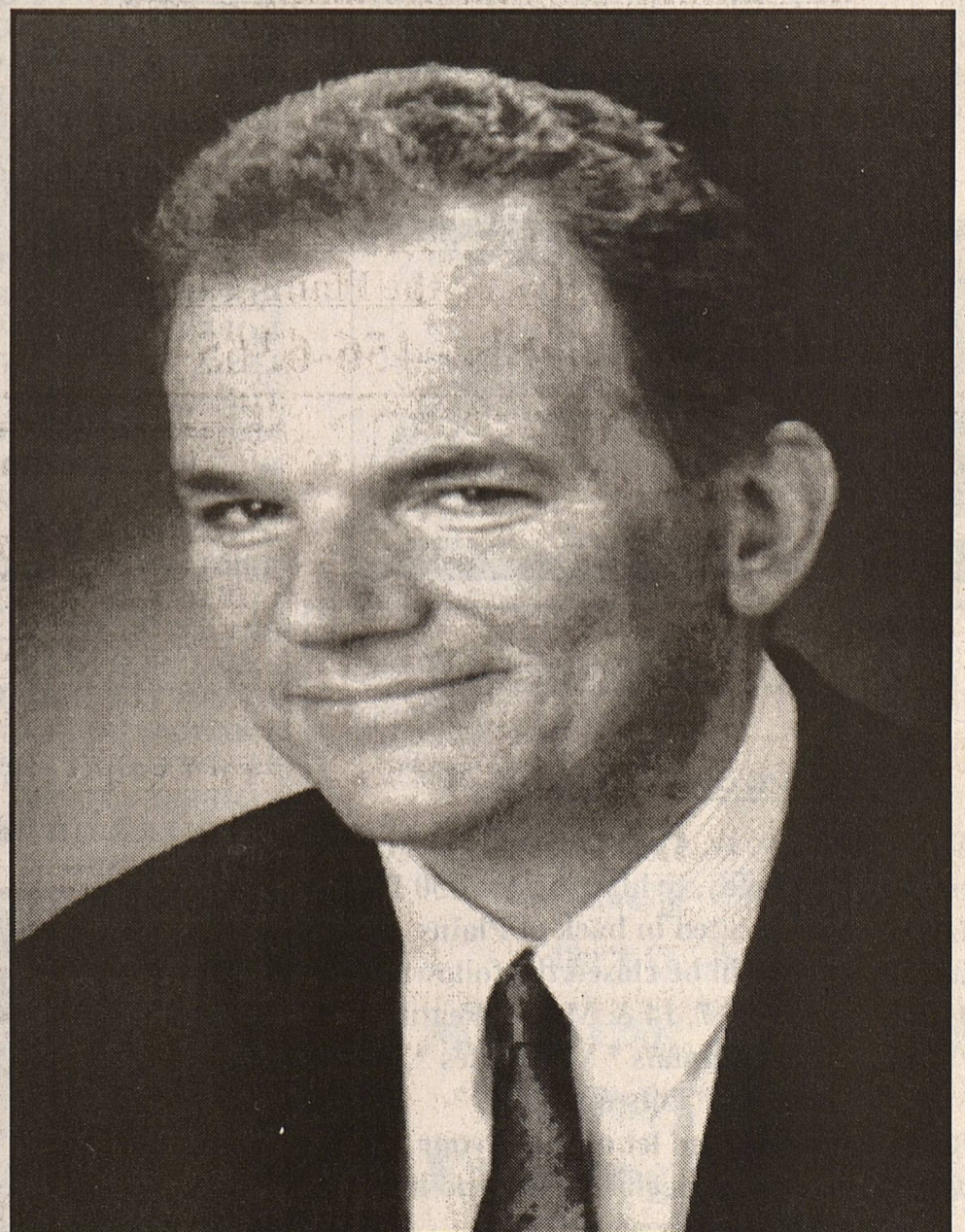
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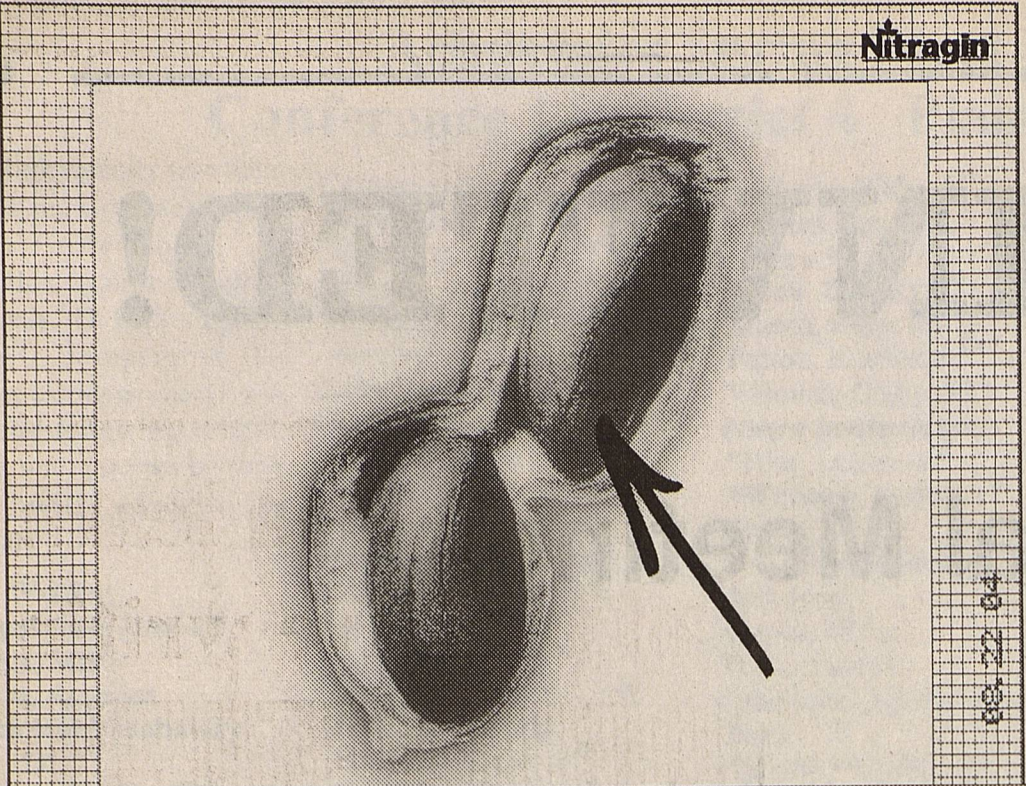
Members will elect two Trustees, and will hear what the Cooperative has accomplished during the past year.

Entertainment will be provided by comedian Tom Ryan, who has recently made regular appearances on the Late Show with David Letterman, as well as performing on NBC's Late Friday, Comedy Central and Showtime.

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YEAR OF BIRTH	FULL RETIREMENT AGE
1943 or earlier.....	65
1943 - 1959.....	66
1960 and later.....	67

FROM PAGE ONE, COWBOYS

boys. Offensively, the Cowboys produced 19 runs on 15 hits. Casson Curtis went 2 and 2 with a double and RBI. Landon Craft was 4 and 4 with a double and two back-to-back home runs and 6 RBI's. TJ Cordova was 2 and 4 at the plate. Blake O'Quinn went 1 and 4 with a 3 run homer. Abel Ramos was 1 and 3 with a triple and a RBI. Peter Neufeld was 2 and 4 with a double. Todd Williams went 2 and 4 with a double and 2 RBI's, and Adam McCravey was 1 and 3 with a RBI. The Cowboys stole seven bases during the game to help set up

the production of runs during the game. The win extends the Cowboys record to 11 wins and 3 losses overall and 4 and 0 in district play. They are scheduled against New Home April 4 at 5 PM and against Morton at 7 PM April 8, both games at home. We sincerely thank all the fans for their support. It is important for the players to see the fans coming to the games and supporting them.

In 1959, James Artness, Johnny Cash, Dale Robertson, Tommy Sands, Steve McQueen and Johnny Horton made appearances in the Huntsville Prison Rodeo

PETIT JURY SELECTION FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT
ON APRIL 11, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.

A Petit Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on April 11, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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 BRENDA THOMPSON
 PHILLIS ANN MARTIN
 JACOB LOYD ROBERTS
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 KYLE ANDREW PLY
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 BRETT ALAN WILLIAMS
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 SHELBY GARNER
 UBOL C. THEPCHATRI
 FELIX GARZA ARRIAGA
 SHARON ADAIR HOLLAND
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Plains community wide garage sale

Several years ago Wadonna Davis and Jo Ann Barron were in Malawi, Africa, working with missionary Ross Collier and his wife Sherry. Ross made the comment Americans have enough "stuff" in their garages to support every denomination's missions programs around the world. After seeing first hand the long distances the African people walked to fill their containers at a well, then balance those containers on their heads and then begin their journey back home, Wadonna and Jo Ann were deeply moved. A desire to provide clean, life giving water in Africa was birthed in the two ladies, but neither felt capable of accomplishing the task.

Recently at Bible study, they shared their dream, and it was received with great enthusiasm. The group contacted Kimberly and A'ndrea McAdams, and they agreed to help plan and organize a community garage sale. The Plains community building has been booked for Saturday, April 22. Proceeds from the community garage sale will be used to participate in a water-

well drilling project already in the planning stages in Niger, Africa, where Drew and Jennifer (Lollar) Blessing are serving as missionaries. Jennifer is the daughter of David and Jerri Lollar of Plains. The cost of a water well there is approximately \$5000.

We are asking everyone in Plains to participate, bringing priced items to local churches now or to the community building April 21. If you cannot donate items or attend the sale, and would like to give to this cause, you can also donate financially through the *Isaiah 6:8 Ministry*, a local tax deductible organization. Volunteers will also be needed to sort and organize on Friday or help Saturday, from 7:30 AM to 1 PM. If able to help, or need more information, contact Kimberly or A'ndrea McAdams, 456-6161 or Jo Ann Barron, 456-6111.

The scriptures say, "Whatsoever you sow, that shall you also reap." Our farming community is in need of water - what a wonderful opportunity for Plains, Texas to give water to a community around the world.

Tsa Mo Ga learns of creative writing



Guest speaker Kacy Richards, in-coming Tsa Mo Ga President Sarah Field, and current President Debbie Rushing Spears

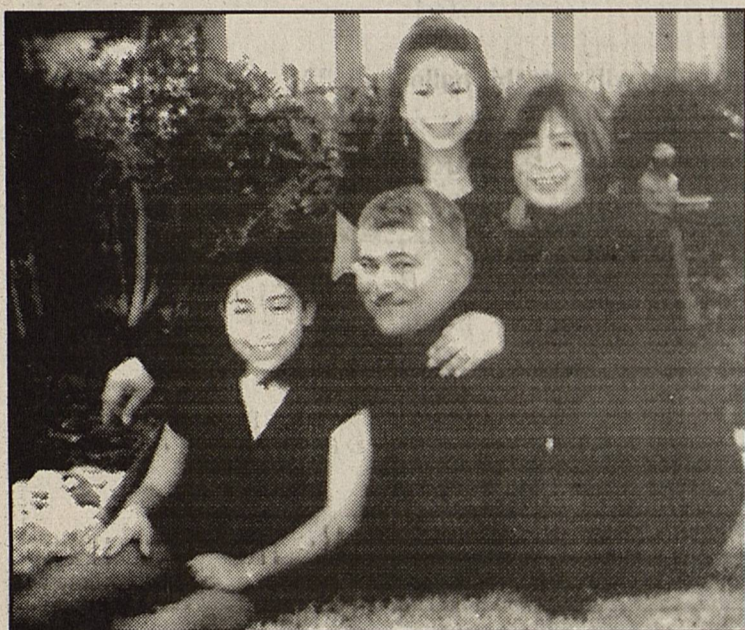
Plains Junior High English teacher Kacy Richards made a special presentation on creative writing to Tsa Mo Ga members March 27. She began by telling members how education has changed and what students are expected to do to master the state mandated test. She explained several activities she uses to make writing fun and exciting.

She then put her lessons to the test by giving club members a chance to use her techniques. Each member was given a piece of paper with a symbol and was asked to draw a picture using the symbol. Then each person developed and wrote a story about the picture. The program received many positive comments and reactions from club members who were entertained by Mrs. Richards teaching techniques.

"The program worked really well and it was interesting to see and hear the stories," Richards said. "The club members were very creative and were a wonderful audience."

Hostesses for the meeting were Dolores Davis, Connie McWhirter, and Zareta and Valeria Winn.

'Z-Man' celebrates 40th



Former resident and PHS grad Zaragosa Barbosa, shown with wife Carol and daughters Anna and Gabby, was recently honored with a catered 40th birthday dinner, followed by a party and dance at Austin's Double Tree Hotel. The Barbosa's now reside in Austin. The celebration was sponsored by his brothers and sisters, and well attended by a number of Plains well-wishers.

Dental benefits available to children in CHIP

Young children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) now have an even bigger reason to smile. Starting April 1, CHIP is expanding to include dental benefits, including regular checkups and other critical dental services.

Dental benefits for children in CHIP include routine checkups, cleaning, X-rays, sealants, fillings, tooth removal, crown/caps and root canals.

Families with children enrolled in CHIP will receive a letter and handbook explaining the dental benefits, a member ID card and a directory of participating dentists.

CHIP provides health care coverage for children in families who earn up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. That's \$40,000 a year for a family of four. In addition to dental services, CHIP covers doctor visits, immunizations, hospital care, behavioral health services, surgery, x-rays, physical, speech and occupational therapies, prescription drugs, vision services, emergency services and transplants.

To start an application or get more information about CHIP, call 800-647-6558. Assistance is available in English and Spanish from 8 am to 8 pm Central time Monday through Friday.

Birth, Death Certificates Now Available Online

Birth and death certificates can be ordered online, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) recently announced. Previously, the certificates could be requested only by mail, fax or by visiting the DSHS vital records unit in Austin or one of 490 registrars' offices around the state.

Certificates may be ordered on line at www.texasonline.com DSHS Chief Officer Randy Fritz said, "Customers needing the certificates should find the speed and convenience a real timesaver."

He clarified while certificates may be ordered online they cannot be downloaded or printed. Online ordering a birth certificate for a birth occurring within the last 75 years is limited to the individual for whom the certificate is requested and to the mother or father of that individual.

Online ordering of death certificates for deaths that occurred within the last 25 years is limited to surviving spouses, a parent of the deceased and to certain funeral directors.

LOOK WHO'S JOINING THE NIFTY FIFTY CLUB!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEFF REDMAN!!

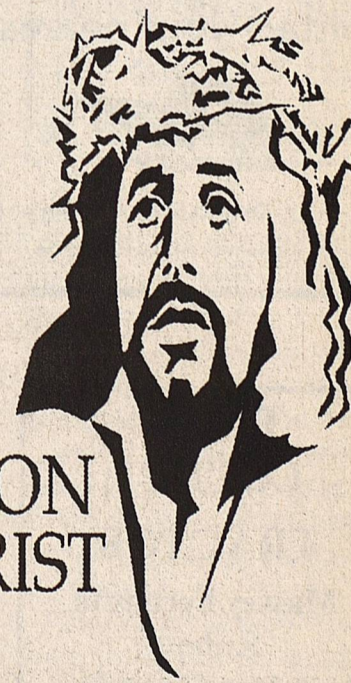


Yoakum County Adult Probation Office, an Equal Opportunity Employer, announces a job opening for a full-time secretary, to work in the Plains office. Position requires a high school diploma or GED. Must be responsible and able to function in high pressure situations. A criminal history background will be conducted and references verified. Qualified applicants may contact the Yoakum County CSCD, 806-456-2955 for an application and further details.

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From The Hack

Been doing some weird, some interesting newspaper reading lately. I know that left me fatally open for a smart mouth to mumble. "Must not have been in CCN", and that would be correct.

Friend Lee Roy McCravey brought by an old issue of the Yoakum County Review, edited by one Wendell Faught, dated September 24, 1959, in which my young sister, then Dana Dyer, along with other members of that year's freshman class, were humiliated by having to wear outlandish dress and hairdos in an upper-class 'welcoming' assembly by their older classmates. The boys, very seldom works of God's artistic talents, were ridiculous in very short skirts and outlandish makeup. The girls, Bless Their Souls, were even more hideous. Uglier clothing could not be found in an New Orleans alley following Katrina. My sister should be on bended knee thanking upstairs the Review was in such weathered condition I was unable to scan and reproduce those photos. On second thought, perhaps I should express my gratitude for the ravages of time... If those pictures had appeared in these lily white pages, I would no longer be privy to free room and board when I have to visit Lubbock.

The Review also displayed a number of pages which normally fascinate all of us in much advanced stages - Prices Back Then! A man I would become rather well acquainted with later, one Lloyd Allsup, then owner of the Chevrolet dealership in Denver City, paid

for a quarter page ad extolling the beauty, comfort, economy, and costability of Chevy's newest hot off the assembly line product, THE CORVAIR! Knowing Lloyd, I feel certain he thought they were priced way too low.

And by the way - in 1959, Foodway Stores were offering 12 bottles of Cokes for 39 cents, five pounds of sugar for 39 cents, balogna (it should be spelled baloney, then and now) could be had for 49 cents per pound. Even more incredible - Moore & Oden were touting a slinky looking dress making ladies "look a full size smaller" for only \$10.95. Can you imagine the pandemonium that same ad would produce today.

This edition of the Review had to sell extremely well in Denver City, if that hamlet had subscribers there. It featured the still talked about fisticuff session between attorneys Vernon Townes, a friend now departed, and his attorney partner Paul New, a friend still swinging a golf club with me on occasion. They had been accused by then County Judge Don Hancock of ordering stationery and supplies for their law office and sending the bill to the county. They were a bit miffed, and chose to pay an unfriendly visit to Hancock and his law office partner Claude Freeman. Harsh words were exchanged, and Townes and New proceeded to thump upon Hancock and Freeman, until a peace making deputy calmed things down. I have heard slightly different versions of the episode from both Vernon and Paul while losing money to them on the course. They related the story in much more interesting style and language.

In another newspaper, I read an even more fascinating bit of information: The current newest and largest cruise ship, the QE 2, is said to consume one gallon of diesel fuel for every SIX INCHES it moves!


Admittedly, I do not know the exact distance from New York City to, say, London, but let's say it is 1,200 miles - QE2 would guzzle over 38,000,000 gallons of fuel - that's even more than one of those ugly, high dollar Hummer vehicles!

The other day I heard again an old story which was originally attributed to Jerry Clower, and I reasoned, 'anything that ancient is safe enough to steal', so... Some where deep in Georgia a guy we'll call Clem drove his old pickup truck loaded to the gills with all his family members, directly into a burning house. To the amazement of several onlookers who had been unable to put out the fire, Clem and his large clan leaped from the truck and furiously began beating the fire into submission.

In appreciation, the town folk took up a generous collection for Clem and his family, and presented it to them in a ceremony in front of the courthouse. The Mayor asked Clem, "What are you gonna do with the money?" Clem studied a bit, then said, "Well, I guess the first thing I'm gonna do is get the brakes on that truck fixed."

A redneck cleaning his barn fell through the floor into the manure storeroom. "Fire", he yelled. His son came, pulled him out, and asked "Why did you yell fire?" The farmer said, "Would you have come if I'd yelled 'Manure'?"

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(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia para llenando cmopletamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del nombre de ese candidate.)		
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 8)		
<input type="radio"/> Terry Keel		
<input type="radio"/> Charles Holcomb		
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 4)		
<input type="radio"/> Shane McKinzie		
<input type="radio"/> Tim Addison		
** Precincts 404 & 406 will vote this ballot only **		

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 8)		
<input type="radio"/> Terry Keel		
<input type="radio"/> Charles Holcomb		
** All Republican Precincts, EXCEPT 404 & 406 will vote on this race		

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United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)		
<input type="radio"/> Barbara Ann Radnofsky		
<input type="radio"/> Gene Kelly		
Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente)		
<input type="radio"/> Maria Luisa Alvarado		
<input type="radio"/> Benjamin Z. Grant		

*** If you voted in the Democratic or Republican Primary, you must vote in that same party's Run Off. If you did not vote, you may vote either party ***