

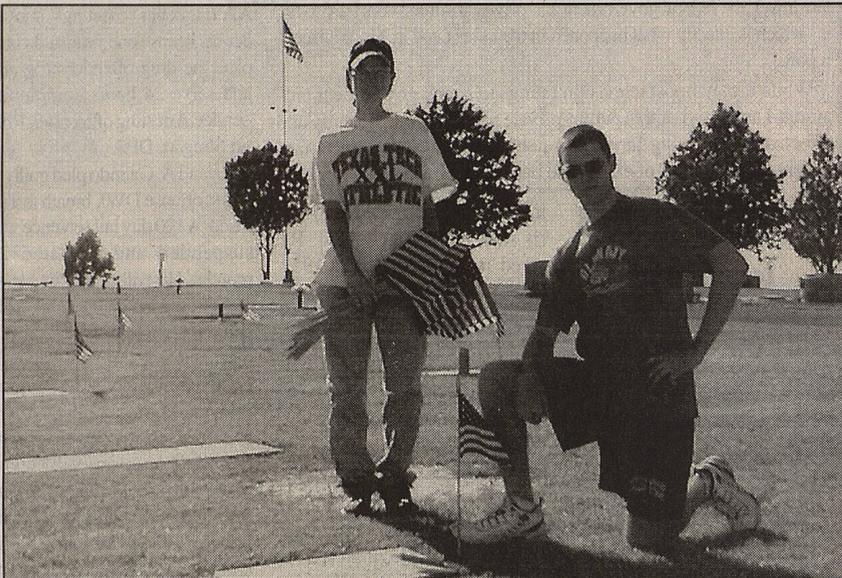
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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED



Tommie McNabb and Grady McNabb were pictured last Friday afternoon placing U.S. flags on graves of all known veterans at rest in the Plains Cemetery. Tommie will be a Junior at Texas Tech, and Grady is a soon to be PHS Sophomore. The brother/sister duo have been honoring veterans by decorating grave sites with the flags originally furnished by the American Legion Post here for a number of years. Sixty nine flags were placed for this Memorial Day. Their parents are Darryl and Pat McNabb.

Even Start celebrates 7th year, graduates 6

The Yoakum County Even Start Family Literacy Program finished its seventh year of service recently with graduation ceremonies for six GED students, and an awards ceremony and banquet. Even Start provides Yoakum County residents adult and early childhood education, including classes for GED diplomas, citizenship, adult basic education, and English as a second language.

Director Kathy Clark reported, "This year 76 parents and 103 pre-school children attended the family education classes, including 7 parents and 4 youngsters from Plains, and we had 54 adults in evening adult education classes, including 6 Plains residents. We have 59 professional people providing volunteer services to Even Start, and they have played a

huge role in our seven successful years."

Receiving hard earned GED graduation certificates were Bertha Hernandez, Ruth Ann Williamson, Jerry Deaver, Marisa Velasquez, Maribel Grado and Annette Barrientez. Clark expressed her appreciation to generous contributors to the Even Start program, including both Denver City and Plains School Districts, Yoakum County Commissioners Court, Spartan Transportation, Oxy Permian, Plains City Council, Denver City United Way, both Yoakum County Libraries, and Region 17 ESC Adult Cooperative.

Instructors in Even start include Clark, Kerena Diaz, Sylvia Perez, Diana Galvan, Ramona Valdez, Pamela New, Olga Hernandez,

Criminal cases in County and District Court

In District Court May 21, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Rebecca Sue Griffin, aka Becky Griffin, pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior forgery cause. She was sentenced to two years in the state's Department of Criminal Justice State Jail Division, with credit for 97 days jail time served. She must pay court costs of \$171.50 and \$366 restitution to Thriftway. She was represented by Attorney Warren New.

In County Court May 23, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Melinda Gay Ogle pled guilty to a lesser included offense of reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. She was assessed a \$250 fine and \$225 court costs, must complete the DWI first offender program, attend weekly AA meetings, and serve 24 hours community service. Aubrey J. Fouts represented the defendant, and DPS Trooper Brad Taylor was investigating officer.

Robert Shawn Reynolds pled guilty to marijuana possession,

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Precinct redistricting will be limited to Denver City

Last week's edition of CCN detailed the necessity of redrawing political boundary lines in the county, mandated by population figures from the 2000 Census. In last Wednesday's special session of Commissioner's Court, a proposed map was presented to Portia F. Bosse, an attorney with the law firm of Allison, Bass and Associates. The firm was under contract with Yoakum County to assist in redistricting issues, and Ms. Bosse accepted the proposed map of new precinct lines in Denver City.

The Census figures indicated the population of Precinct 3 in Denver City had decreased to 1,632 people, some 199 less than the ideal population of 1831, a deviation of minus 10.87 percent. The Court collaborated in redrawing the map, and the new boundary lines resulted in an increase in population of Pct. 3 to 1,843 people, picking up 211 residents of Pcts. 1, 2 and 4.

County Judge Dallas Brewer said the new map lines met federal government requirements, and actually eliminated considerable confusion

about the prior drawn lines. "The old lines were drawn in such uneven and meandering ways many people in Denver City were unsure which precinct they actually lived in."

The new political boundaries also satisfied federal regulations on minority redistricting restrictions, according to County Clerk Debbie Rushing. Minority population in Pct 1 is 33.8%, 40.7% in Pct. 2, 63.15% in Pct 3, and 45.8% in Pct. 4. "I was pleased the new proposed boundary lines leave all the polling places in Denver City in the same locations," Rushing stated.

During the month of July, a public hearing will be held in a special session of Commissioner's Court, and the Court will entertain comments about the new political lines. The Court will then formally vote to accept or reject the lines indicated on the map. If the plan is approved by the vote, it will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Justice. If it earns approval there, it will be in effect January 1, 2002.

Lea County Electric hosts focus group to study Main Street Network Service



Yoakum County residents attending the meeting included Jim Haynes, David Brunson, Jim Barron, Vaughn Culwell, Dallas Brewer and Gary Dyer.

Last week some two dozen residents of Tatum and Lovington, NM, and Plains, area communities served by the Lea County Electric Cooperative, formed a study group to consider an innovative bit of electronic wizardry which could possibly benefit all three communities and the Cooperative. The focus group was made up of representatives of city and county governments, law officials, administrators from the towns three school districts, and two newspapers.

Allan Brown, Director of Marketing and Member Services, introduced officials of Mainstreet Network, whose key components in the electronic program are an Internet 'Gateway' device connected to a Cooperative customer's electric meter, and on the inside of a residence or business, an 'i-center', actually a mini-computer.

The advantage to the Cooperative is obvious. The Gateway on the meter would allow elec-

tronic reading of it's members meters, ultimately reducing operational costs.

The i-Center device inside could be programmed to provide members a number of services, including; a reduction in price of long distance phone calls, if connected to the phone line; Members could monitor all their energy sources, including natural gas or propane fuel, even water usage, and the i-center could be programmed to detect water or gas leaks; organizations, schools, churches, business firms could utilize the i-center for community programs or events, school menus, special sales, local news; It could also be utilized to furnish up-to-date weather alerts or warnings. The tech representatives pointed out the i-Center will NOT take the place of today's conventional home computers - they merely resemble a downsized PC.

Lea County Electric will soon place several dozen of the Gateway and i-center devices

in selected sites in the three communities, to get a better grasp on their members reaction to the service devices. The Cooperative is still in an exploratory mode with MainStreet Networks. Brown said they would have to be assured enough customers will sign up for the program to enter into a firm contract.

Asked if a definite cost per unit had been established with MainStreet, Brown said, "It's really just conjecture now. We are hoping enough members will sign on for the service to enable us to keep the monthly fee around \$10, but that's just a ballpark figure at this point."

CCN has been inundated with photos of numerous PISD end of school activities. In future issues, we will try to publish all photos available of these events.

Mike Wallace, Sixty Minutes draw fire from NCIS

A May 20, 2001 segment of CBS' TV program, featuring commentator Mike Wallace, drew this response from Robert Parkerson, President of the National Crop Insurance Services; "Contrary to the misinformed criticism of federal crop insurance contained in Mike Wallace's report, this program is vitally important to protect America's farmers against weather and crop disasters over which they have no control. Since the federal government turned to private crop insurance companies to administer this program in 1980, we have vastly increased income protection to farmers and achieved the highest level of farmer participation in history.

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Jump Rope For Heart

Plains Elementary 3rd and 4th grade participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope For Heart. There were 15 third graders and 17 fourth graders that collected donations. The 32 students that collected donations raised a total of \$1917.00. The money that was raised went to the American Heart Association for research on heart related problems. The students won prizes based on how much money they collected. \$15-jump rope, \$30-rocket tops+jump rope, \$50-T-shirt+rocket tops+jump rope, \$75-Y2K frisbee+all the above, \$125-Head phone radio+all the above, \$200-35mm camera+all the above, \$300-Talk-

ing basketball set+all the above. Katelyn Young raised the most money in 3rd grade with \$225.18 collected. Holden Welch 4th grade was the overall winner with \$305.56 collected. All kids that collected money won great prizes. Also these kids get a free pizza party compliments of Mr. Hise. All these kids did a great job this year. We appreciate all the support from all the donors.

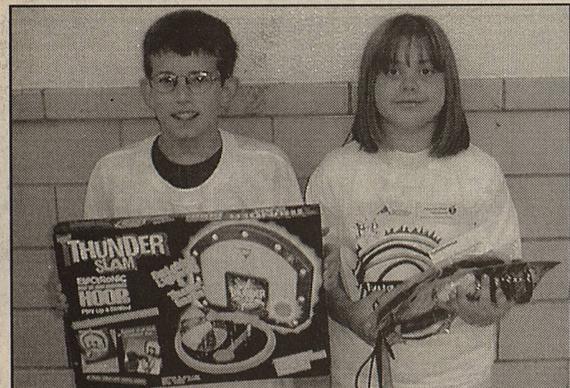
Thank you,
Coach Davis



Front Row L to R-Shyann Vantine, Jacob Brink, Brock Carter, Maria Martinez, Jasmine Mares, Justin Ganzales, Matthew Caballero. Back Row-Standing L to R-Brett Hawthorne, Katelyn Young, Natalie Butler, Robert Davis, Veronica Perez, Troy Parrish, Natalie Haynes. Not pictured-Taylor Banfield.



Front Row L to R-Derek Garza, Holden Welch, Landon Earnest, Saul Delgado, Vanessa Martinez, Briana Conway, Tina Harms, Lydia Whitzel. Standing L to R-A.J. Martinez, Dylan Hunter, Chris Gonzales, Chris Addison, Reyna Gallegos, Kimber Williams, Abe Harms, Alejandro Lara, Wyatt Dearing. Holden Welch-4th Grade-Raised the most money this year bringing in \$305.56. Katelyn Young-3rd Grade raised \$225.18.



Holden Welch collected \$305.56, Katelyn Young \$225.18

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"While 60 Minutes tried hard to discredit farmers and the crop insurance industry by finding a couple instances of abuse, the fact is, in the overwhelming majority of cases the program works extremely well to protect farmers from more costly federal disaster assistance programs. The story focused on a single crop in one county when the program actually covers 1.2 million policies in nearly 3,100 counties in America. "There is absolutely nothing new in the criticisms aired by 60 Minutes. The story was based on reports with information five years old. More than two years ago, the U.S. Congress reviewed all these same criticisms. Following that, the House and Senate adopted - on a nearly unanimous and bipartisan basis - the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, which expanded this important program for America's farmers. The bill contained important measures to address any instances of waste, fraud and abuse, and the private crop insurance industry strongly supported them.

"What 60 Minutes didn't tell its viewers is, insurance companies cannot refuse coverage to anyone. We simply write policies mandated by the government at premium rates also set by the government. And, contrary to the impression presented by 60 Minutes, insurance companies are not protected from risk. In fact, private industry has taken an increasing share of the risk, and currently bears more than 75% of the program risk.

"When Mr. Wallace interviewed me nearly nine months ago, I told him any program of this size and complexity has some problems. I also told him the federal insurance crop insurance program has no fundamental problems not quickly addressed and corrected. When a problem arises, the federal government and private insurers work hard to fix it - which is exactly what happened in the cases cited in Mr. Wallace's report.

"While it may boost television ratings to attack government programs, I am proud of this public-private partnership, efficiently and effectively protecting farmers in need, while it also protects taxpayers from the cost of expensive bailouts."

Services held for Bert Anderson

Graveside services were held May 23 at the Plains Cemetery for Albert H. 'Bert' Anderson, 72, who died in Weatherford. Ronnie White, Minister of Beulah Baptist Church of Weatherford officiated, assisted by Bob Webb, Minister of First Baptist of Denver City. Services were under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

He was born January 29, 1929

in Plains. He married June Harris July 28 in Hatch, NM. He served in the Navy from 1951 to 1955. He was a farmer and rancher here. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge in Plains and Scottish Rite of Lubbock. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Denver City.

He is survived by his wife; Two sons, W.A. Anderson, Weatherford, and Ben Anderson, Lubbock; two daughters, Gail Chasteen, Covington, KY, and Ginger Wilson, Denver City; A sister, Billie Sullivan, Mesilla Park, NM, and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grand-

children, Johnny Chasteen, Shannon Anderson, Nick Wilson, Jason Chasteen, Marcus Anderson, Carl Wilmeth, Gwen 'Charlie' Wilmeth, and Sarah Anderson.

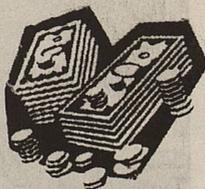
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two ounces or less. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated six months. Time payments will meet a \$250 fine and \$210 court costs. He must serve 24 hours community service, surrender his drivers license one year, complete the drug offender program, and pay \$70 restitution to DPS. Investigating officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Chris Anthony Peppermuller pled guilty to possession of marijuana, two ounces or less. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated six months. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$210 court costs, and \$40 community supervision fees. He must attend weekly AA (narcotics) meetings, surrender his license one year, and complete the drug offender program, and serve 24 hours community service. Arresting officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Wesland A. Galindo pled guilty to a first offense DWI, breath test refused. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He will make time payments on a \$600 fine and \$225 court costs. He must attend AA meetings twice weekly, serve 80 hours community service, complete the DWI first offender program, and serve 10 days in jail, with credit for four days served. He also pled guilty to a separate assault causing bodily injury to a family member charge. He will serve an additional 80 hours community service. Arresting officer was Kenley Powell.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in all cases.



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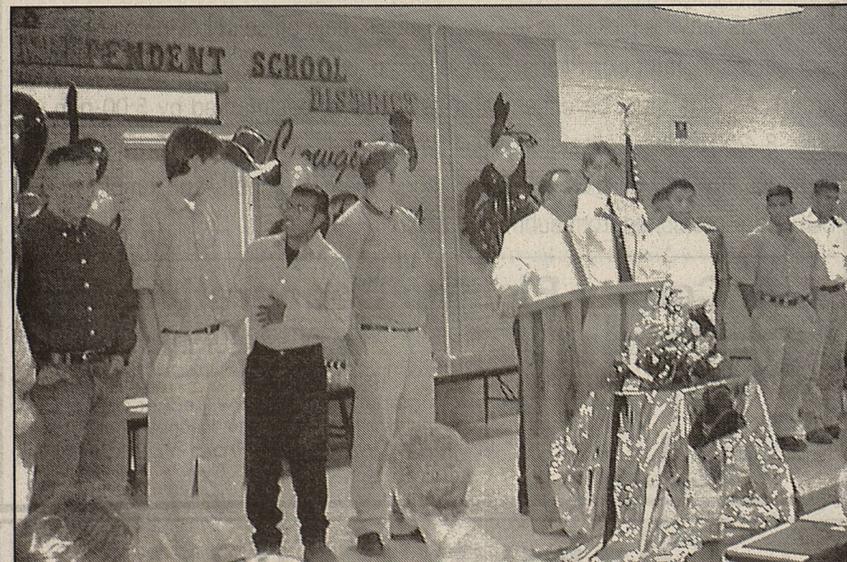
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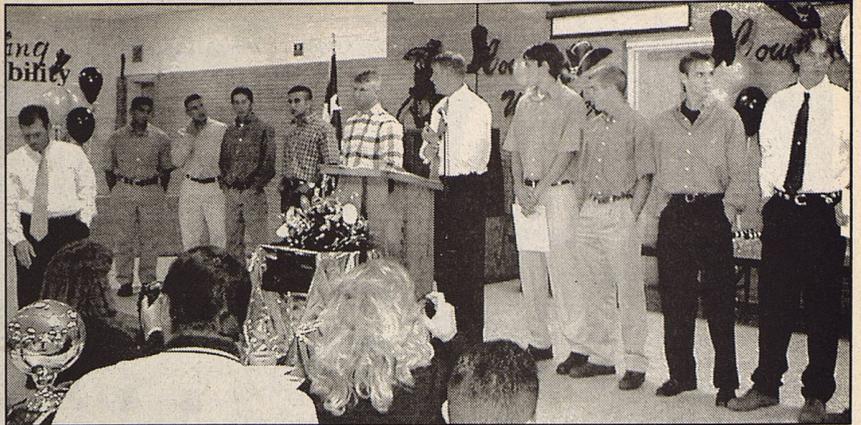
Coach McWhirter and Cowboy Baseball team.



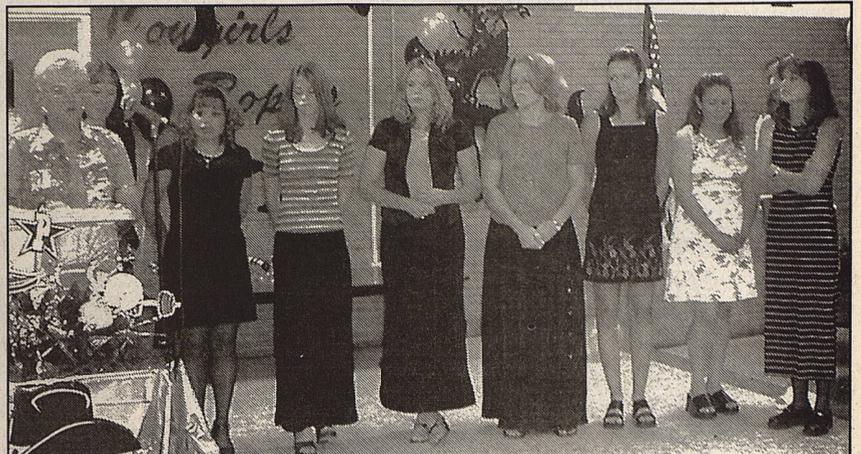
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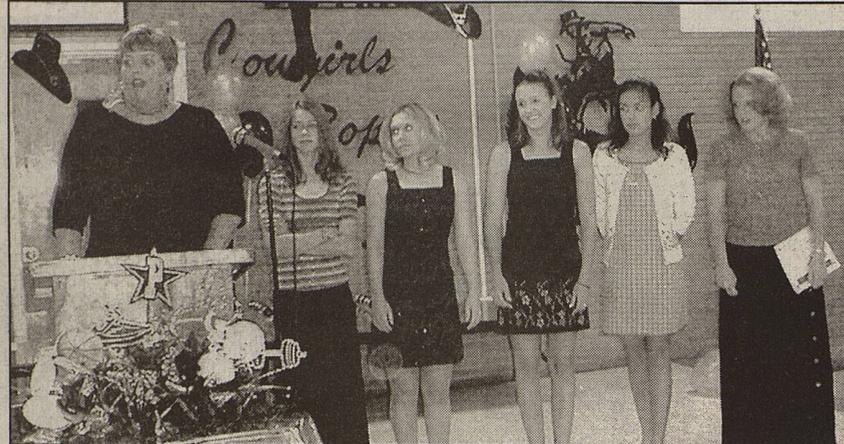
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Walker, Texas Rep

By State Representative Gary Walker, Dist. 80

The last weeks of the 77th Legislative Session are quickly coming to a close. This session has been a successful one. I have carried more legislation this year than in any prior term. All in all, I authored or sponsored over twenty pieces of legislation. Twelve of those bills have been sent to Governor Perry for him to review and three have already been signed into law.

This past week I had several bills up for consideration on the floor of the House. All of the bills I presented were passed by my colleagues and after ironing out a few differences with the Senate, will be

sent to the Governor. One bill I sponsored for Senator Duncan will be of assistance to our agriculture producers in the future. This bill will create a lien in favor of agricultural producers who enter into contracts to grow. Currently, Texas producers are exposed to a great deal of risk when they enter into contracts to deliver their commodities. The legislation I sponsored grants producers a designation as a secured creditor.

As some of you might already know, the legislature has failed to pass a plan for redistricting. This means that a group called the Leg-

islative Redistricting Board will now be in charge of drawing a plan for the state's legislative districts. Commonly referred to as the "LRB", this board is made up of Attorney General John Cornyn, State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff, and Speaker of the House Pete Laney. The board has 90 days to convene and 60 days to draw and approve a map once they hold their first meeting. My hope is that the LRB will work to preserve our rural districts as best they can.

Soon session will be over. The last day is May 28th, and then Frankie and I will be on our way back to Plains. I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to come by the office when you have been in Austin.

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Goldilocks Found GUILTY!!



Goldilocks, left, and her defense team.



The entire 3rd grade cast and crew

Plains Third Graders gained first hand experience of the court system here last Thursday. The students participated in a "Mock Trial." The case was Mom A. Bear, Pop A. Bear, and Babe E. Bear vs. Gold E. Locks. Goldilocks was on trial for using bad manners.

Everything was run like a real court case; with a judge, attorneys, bailiffs, a court reporter, and witnesses. The children with speaking parts worked during recesses and free time with Mrs. Steffens.

The trial began when Judge Nathan McCravey entered the courtroom and the bailiff called the court to order. Brock Carter, attorney for the Bears, and Brett Hawthorne, attorney for the Locks, presented evidence and witnesses. Bailiff Kenton Powell swore in witnesses and Assistant Bailiff, Blake Longoria handled the evidence. Mamma Bear (Taylor Banfield), Papa Bear (Arthur Ruiz), Baby Bear (Courtnei Asebedo), Goldilocks (Natalie Haynes), Mrs. Locks (Katelynn Young) all took the stand. Her father, Mr. Locks (Brandon Craft) was also present but was not called to testify. Also present was the Court Reporter (Sydney Cueto), and Legal Assistants (Sara Neudorf, for the Bears and Susana Harms, for the Locks).

After all the evidence was presented the jury was taken to the jury room to deliberate. The jury was out for a short time before returning to the courtroom with their verdict. The verdict was read by Jason Burham, jury foreman. Others on the jury included: Jacob Brink, Natalie Butler, Carmen Gomez, Jasmine Mares, Morgan Willis, Troy Parrish, Shyann Vantine, Hannah Cotton, Claudia Andazola, Jonathon Lira, Hector Luna, Abigail Hernandez, Daenna Ramirez, and Savannah Mindieta.

Gold E. Lock was found guilty of using bad manners. Nathan Thanked the jury and set the sentencing date for next week.

Senior Citizens Corner

Did you ever have a night where you wake up and everything worked backwards. Well this is one of those times. I finally crawled out of bed, it is 4 am.

I did not get a report on the '42' tournament. But will try to before this goes to the press.

There has been quite a bit of

good comments on our memorial board. We have almost filled it up.

I haven't talked to "Smitty" lately. I keep saying I am going to and then I get busy and the next thing I know it is 10:00 or 10:30 pm. We all think of her and Maxine Pardue and we miss them greatly. They both were good at taking over if they were needed when there was a shortage of help.

Our prayers, love and condolences to all the Gonzales family on the loss of Lydia.

This has certainly been a long week and it is only half gone. We are glad to have Ray Baker coming to the center. Welcome Ray!

Our prayers, love and condolences to the Anderson family on the loss of Bert.

Remember we are open from 8:30 - 2:30 every day Monday-Friday unless there is a holiday. It certainly makes for a long week when we are closed for the holidays.

Library Storytime

We had a very busy program Wednesday, May 22, 2001. After playing Duck, Duck, Goose and saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags, we sang several songs. Dee Reneau was our special guest, she told the children about living and working in Alaska, and brought the special clothing she had to wear there. All the children were able to try the clothing on and were fascinated by stories of life in such a far away place. Then Madison Davis celebrated her 3rd birthday with a party of cookies and punch supplied by her mom. The children attending were: Bailey Winn, Amanda Dusek, Claire Carpenter, Kasidee Taylor, Clayton Gass, Jentry Wall, Bailey Rios, Evan Rios, Brianne Coffman, and Madison Davis.

If you need a ride remember to call by 10:00 am. or the day before.

It is good to have Carmen Wilson back with us. She has been in Lubbock.

Come join us for lunch Monday thru Friday, or just come to walk in the hall, ride the exercise machines, play pool, dominoes, or just sit and enjoy the fellowship. There are some folks doing oil painting and some doing other crafts and ceramics.

If you eat there is a \$2.00 donation but it is not mandatory, it is a freewill donation. If you are under 60 it is \$4.00.

We have line dancing Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00-11:00 am.

Till next week,
Wanda B.

Plains Students Receive Awards

Two students from Plains received departmental awards during South Plains College's recent annual Student Awards Assembly.

Departmental awards are presented to students in each college department. "Department awards are the highest honors bestowed on students by individual college departments. These awards represent outstanding academic achievement and a standard of excellence set in the classroom," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "The college congratulates these students on an award for which they can be truly proud."

Kyle Sisson, freshman computer science major, received the College Reading and Learning Association Tutor Certification. The son of Wayne and Judy Sisson from Plains, he has also been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa and been named to the President's Honor Roll.

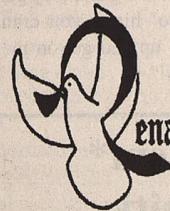
Justin Wade Redman from Plains has received an award for outstanding achievement in the Principles of Accounting - Business Administration Transfer Program. He is a hospital administration major. His parents are Randal and Vanita Redman from Wolforth, and his spouse is Sheila Rodman. The couple resides in Lubbock.

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Remembrance

Bulletin Board

We are planning a Remembrance Board for persons serving in the Military. If there is someone in your family from Plains serving we would like to have a picture to display. If there is someone in your family from elsewhere we would be glad to have them listed along with their address and place of service. Please bring this information to the church office or give to Connie McWhirter.

From The Hack

Motoring from Lubbock last week, I heard a radio news item which reported the Recording Artists of America Against Drunk Drivers (RAADD) had linked hands with MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers to rid streets and highways of imbibing drivers causing carnage with autos. I particularly think MADD has done exemplary work for the cause.

The new organization started my slow to start thinking process; If MADD works, and if RAADD works, why not expand the drive to stop besotted drivers.

How about starting PADD? You know, Pigs Against Drunk Drivers. I recently read in "Astounding Facts" magazine 23 innocent pigs were slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada last year by drunk drivers. Yes, 17 of the porkers died when they escaped from their pens and blundered on freeways in

California, struck down by drunken nerds coming from a Michael Jackson concert, four more were demised by a Chevy Suburban which veered off the road and into a pig sty in West Virginia, the driver of which was listening to blue grass music while nursing a jug of home brew, the other two went to their maker instead of market when their truck driver decided it would be prudent for him to take a nap while approaching a very high bridge.

There are other venues to explore in expanding the need to rid our by-ways of besotted drivers. How about PPDADD? Protect Prairie Dogs Against Drunk Drivers would help sipping parents from hearing their kids scream as they motored along, "GGGEEZZZ, Dad, you just smushed a squirrel of some sort!!"

I think the best, most original idea I've heard promoting sober driving was a recording featuring, a deep, gravelly, really macho voice saying when you turn the ignition key on, "Hey Bubba, this car done flashed a beep to the Black & White car guys, they gonna be on yo' hiney you crank this dude up and get on the highways!"

A recent E-Mailer:

On visiting day at the insane asylum the inmates stood in the courtyard singing "Ave Maria", and sing it beautifully. Oddly, each of them held a red apple in one hand, tapping it rhythmically with a pencil. A visitor listened in amazement to the lovely performance, approached the conductor and said, "I'm a retired choir director, and this is one of the best performances I've ever heard!" The conductor replied, "Yes, I'm very proud of them." The visitor said, "You should take them on tour. What are they named?" The conductor replied, "Surely that's obvious. They're the Moron Tapanapple Choir."

The following lawyer trivia is not NECESSARILY for golfing buddy Paul New;

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Janette Faris, Manager of Administration/Personnel Services; Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; 18 W. Washington, Lovington, NM 88260, 505 396-3631

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How can a pregnant woman tell

she's carrying a future lawyer? She has an uncontrollable craving for baloney.

What's the difference between a vulture and a lawyer. One gets frequent flyer mileage.

What do you call 25 lawyers bur-

ied to their chins in cement? Not enough cement.

What's the difference between a mosquito and a lawyer. One is a blood sucking parasite, the other is an insect.

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