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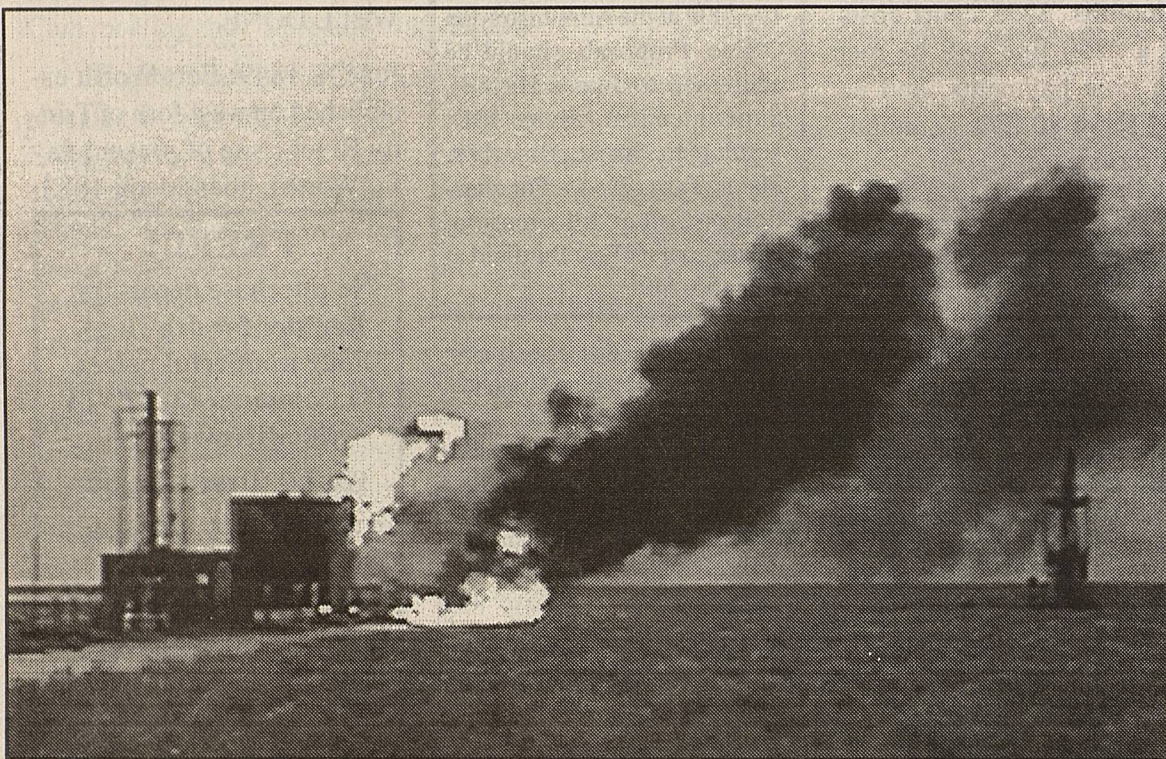
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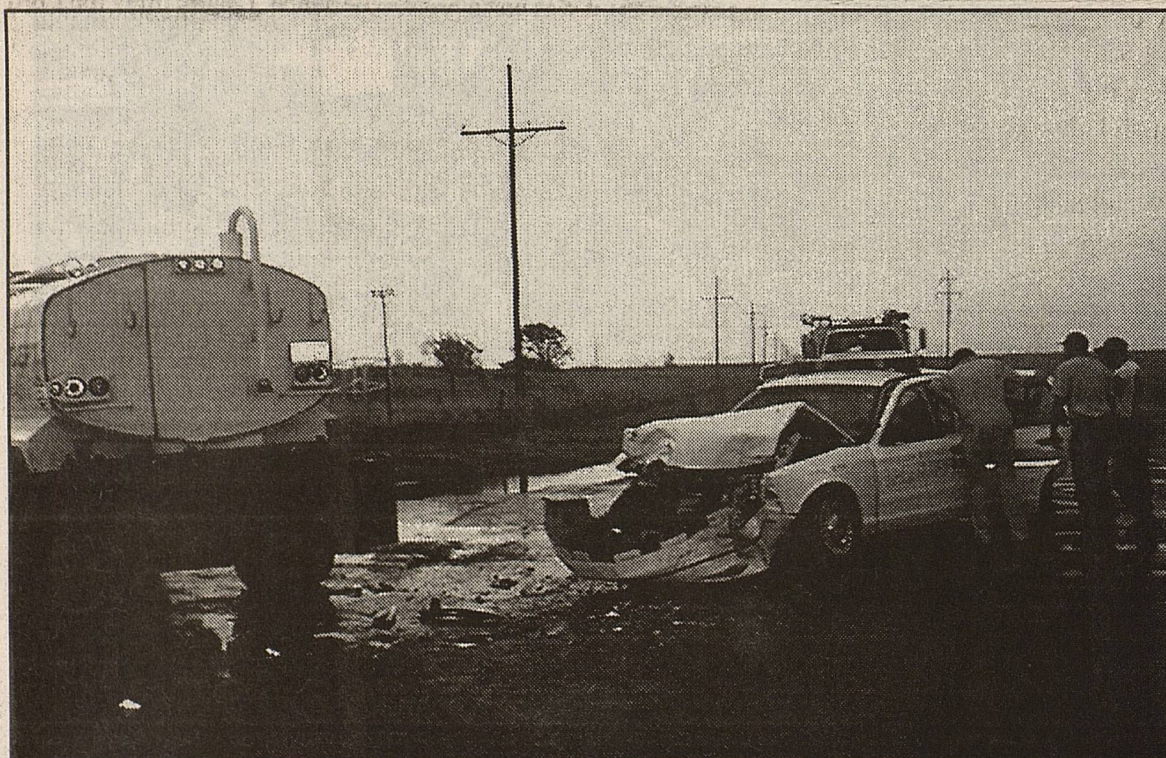
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Lightning produces oil tank blaze, serious vehicle wreck



Minutes after this photo was taken, a brief but heavy downpour of rain extinguished this tank battery fire.



Demolished patrol car driven by Deputy John Matus and fire truck driven by Charles Diamond at intersection of County Road 225 and the Old Lovington Road. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE TWO

'Weevil War' officially underway Eradication spraying started May 31

The first spraying of cotton acreage in the Plains district of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone started in a limited manner May 31. Ernie Taylor, district supervisor here, said the first application of Malathion was utilized on planted acres of cotton which had met the required stage of maturity and when deployed weevil traps contained enough of the cotton pests to trigger the treatment

In an interview last week, Taylor told CCN a total of 10 full-time and 46 seasonal employees were working out of the zone and district offices, and he expected a few more seasonal employees to be hired shortly. The district headquarters at the airport is now crowded with a total of 56 Dodge pickups utilized by ground personnel mapping the area cotton fields, deploying and monitoring weevil traps, and including 7 mist blowing units used in critical areas around rural houses and barns.

"Our inventory of chemicals is building up daily," Taylor said, "and five spray aircraft and their pilots have been certified by the Weevil

Eradication Foundation." The aerial spraying operations will again be staged at G & B Aerial Application's facility at the airport. The exact number of planes to be used in the program this season is not yet known.

A new weapon in the 'weevil war' this year are 10 Kawasaki 'Mules' which field personnel will use in monitoring the insect traps. Taylor explained they will be used in areas where wind soil erosion is likely, "They greatly reduce tire tracking and soil compaction in planted areas, which should reduce problems for many of our producers. Their main use will be in deploying and monitoring the weevil traps."

Another new vehicle to be in use this season is a spray coupe, shown in the photo back ground with the Kawasaki Mules. It will be used primarily on small tracts of cotton acreage in sensitive areas, and in some areas of neighboring New Mexico.

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Court studies new doctors clinic in Denver City

In the May 30 session of Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Ed Rogers briefed court members on the proposed new clinic building in Denver City which would offer space to the current three physicians in the county, Bodindr Thepchatri, Larry Boyd and Chris Cotton. Rogers said the County Hospital Board of Directors had unanimously approved the proposed clinic. The court reported it would take the project under consideration and formally discuss it during a future budget session.

Commissioner J.R. Slentz moved to approve an architect's contract for the initial design of the clinic, and the motion was approved.

When the design is approved, and if the Court approves funding for the new building, it could also be utilized by a new doctor the hospital is negotiating with to serve the county.

Inaugural performance by local Disaster Relief Unit earns kudos from Red Cross

When the impressive Disaster Relief Trailer was towed back into Plains last week, returning from a grueling 14 day mission to help feed thousands of fire fighters battling the huge blaze at Los Alamos, there may have been no audible sigh of relief from the dozens of local volunteers manning the unit; There was relief, however, their stint of hard duty was over. There was a universal sense of relief, and quiet pride, that they had accomplished their first relief mission in a very professional manner. Members of First Baptist Church here, sponsor of the disaster unit, undoubtedly felt gratified they had agreed to fund, acquire and equip the relief trailer.

Thirty one Yoakum County volunteers worked in shifts at the base site at Glorieta, New Mexico, They were greatly assisted by twelve additional volunteers from San Angelo, Odessa, Big Spring and Wichita Falls. Some 22,000 meals were prepared out of the disaster trailer at Glorieta, and on their busiest day, 4,800 meals were cooked, packed, and then delivered to the Los Alamos area by Red Cross personnel.

'Blue Cap' leader Jered Sellers said "The trailer and all the equipment worked great, all our volunteers worked extremely hard and efficiently, it was just a great experience. I really think the Lord helped us and gave us a vote of approval" Sellers said the Red Cross' main disaster 'boss' visited the FBC work area, and asked how long he and the crew had been involved feeding disaster victims. When she was told the Glorieta experience was their very first effort, she expressed her amazement at their accomplishments. "I have been at scenes like this many times, and have seen disaster units like yours with many years experience in operation, but I can't recall ever seeing such a successful and efficient job as you people are performing."

Article on volunteers continued on Page 2

School's out, but summer months of work faces PISD



PISD employee Junior Lira busy removing adhesive under carpeting in the Resource Center

For the younger students of the Plains School District, summer break means fun and leisure. Many older students will find summer jobs to build up their cash reserves. For PISD administrators and maintenance personnel, the summer months mean plain old hard work. Superintendent Jim Haynes offered CCN a guided tour of the three campus systems last Tuesday, and many needed projects are either un-

derway or posted on the planning schedule.

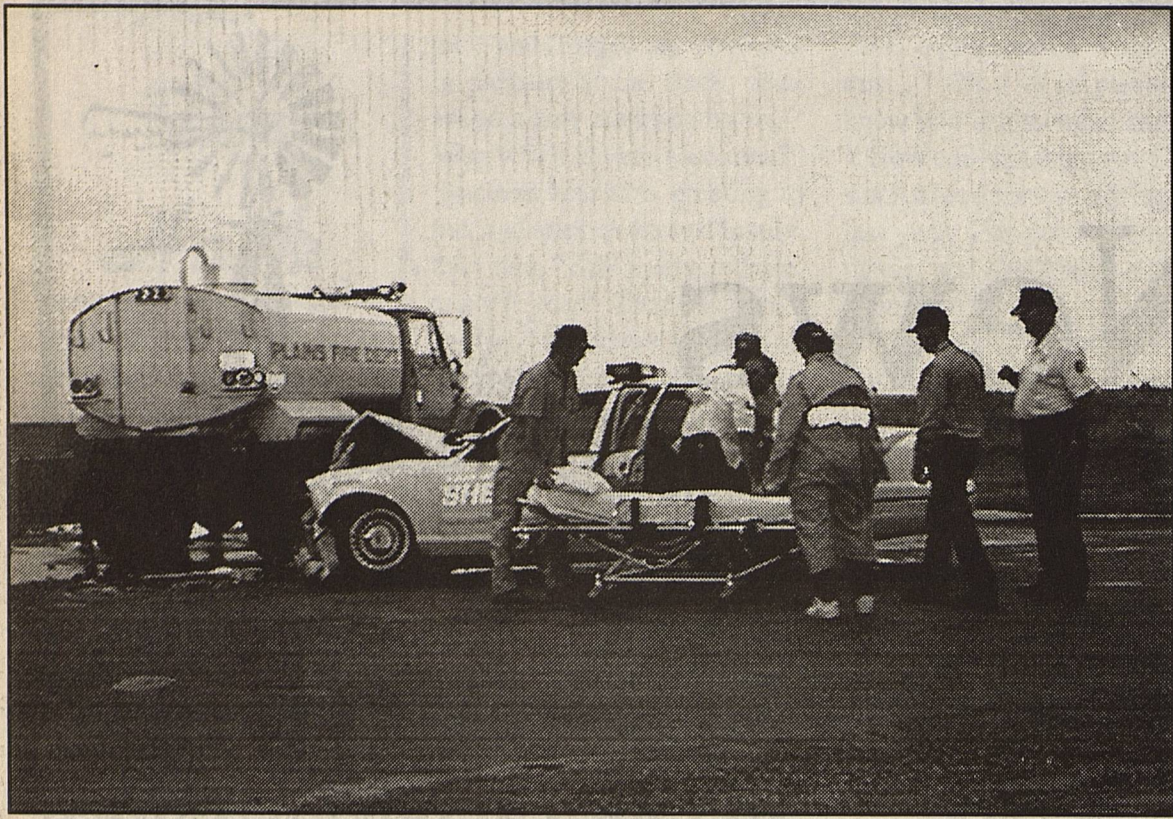
Haynes said he and Transportation Foreman Shane McKinzie toured portions of North Texas and Oklahoma last week to look for a replacement school activity bus. "We currently have a 1968 model Eagle activity bus which has seen it's better days. The A/C unit is always giving us problems, and now it's virtually impossible to find replacement

parts for the system." He said they are attempting to find a used and refurbished MCI bus, currently the most popular bus for most school districts. On the tour of bus dealers, they found six units at dealers they will entertain bids from. "If we don't get what the board considers an acceptable bid, we will continue the search."

A visit to the Resource Center

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From Page 1, "FIRE & WRECK"



Deputy Matus prepares to be placed in ambulance

Around six P.M. last Wednesday, lightning struck an oil storage tank battery just off County Road 225 west of Plains. When I arrived at the scene a few minutes later, an oil transport truck operated by Sun Co, Inc. of Denver City was parked on the road some hundred yards from the blazing tank. The driver, Eddy Kelly, reported a few minutes earlier he had pulled up to the tank battery to pick up a load of crude oil. "I had gotten my hoses and connections out, and was just starting to go up the catwalk to the top of the tank when the lightning struck. It knocked me backwards, and I landed several feet away flat on my fanny!"

He said he had reported the fire to his office, and they had notified the Plains Fire Department. Minutes later, a very timely and fairly heavy downpour of rain swept through the area, and extinguished the dangerous fire. When units of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department arrived minutes later, they saw the blaze was out, and reported they had observed a grass fire a few miles west off the Old Lovington Road, and hurriedly turned their vehicles around to go to that fire. Apparently when the fire fighters got to the scene of the grass fire, rain had also put it out. They were returning to the tank

battery to make certain the blaze was still out, when the truck driven by Fire Chief Charlie Diamond turned left on road 225 at the same moment Deputy Matus was turning right off Old Lovington Road. His patrol car struck the truck about midway of the bed carrying water and foam. A Plains ambulance arrived on the scene a few minutes later, and Matus was transported to the County Hospital in Denver City. After examination and treatment, he was released later that evening. His seat belt left a tell-tale burn mark on his neck and chest, and he suffered a badly bruised knee from striking the lower dash of the car.

County Court Criminal Cases

From Page 1, "Volunteers"

In County Court May 31, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Hector Fonseca pled guilty to driving while his license was suspended. He was fined \$100, and must pay \$210 court costs. He was not represented by counsel. Mickey Dwayne Chamblis III pled guilty to possession of marijuana, less than two ounces. A 60 jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, and must pay \$210 court costs. He must perform 24 hours community service, complete the drug offenders education program, and undergo drug/alcohol evaluation to determine if any substance treatment program is necessary.

Fabian Joshua Rubio pled guilty to harboring a runaway child. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$255 court costs and a \$250 fine will be met with time payments, and he must serve 80 hours community service. Elzie Edward Bates pled true to the states motion to revoke community supervision from a prior marijuana possession cause. He will serve seven days in jail, with credit for ten days served, and must pay delinquent fine and supervision fees totalling \$1470.

Anna Marie Aguilar pled guilty to theft of \$50 or more but less than \$500. The defendant was fined \$30, and must pay court costs of \$229, and restitution of \$133. Fabian Tascano pled true to the state's motion to revoke supervision from a prior assault causing bodily injury case. His 60 jail sentence had been met with 158 days already served. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in all cases.

BID PROPOSAL

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals to provide integrated learning system software for 20 network workstations to cover the basic skills of reading, writing, and math. Proposals will be accepted until 1:00 P.M., June 19, 2000 at the Administration Office. Proposals should be addressed to James Haynes, Superintendent, Plains ISD, 1000 10th Street, Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355. For questions or other information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7401.

1860: Lt. William H. Echols left San Antonio with camel train to reconnoiter the portion of western Texas lying between the San Antonio to El Paso road, the Rio Grande, and the Pecos River (20 camels and 25 pack mules used).

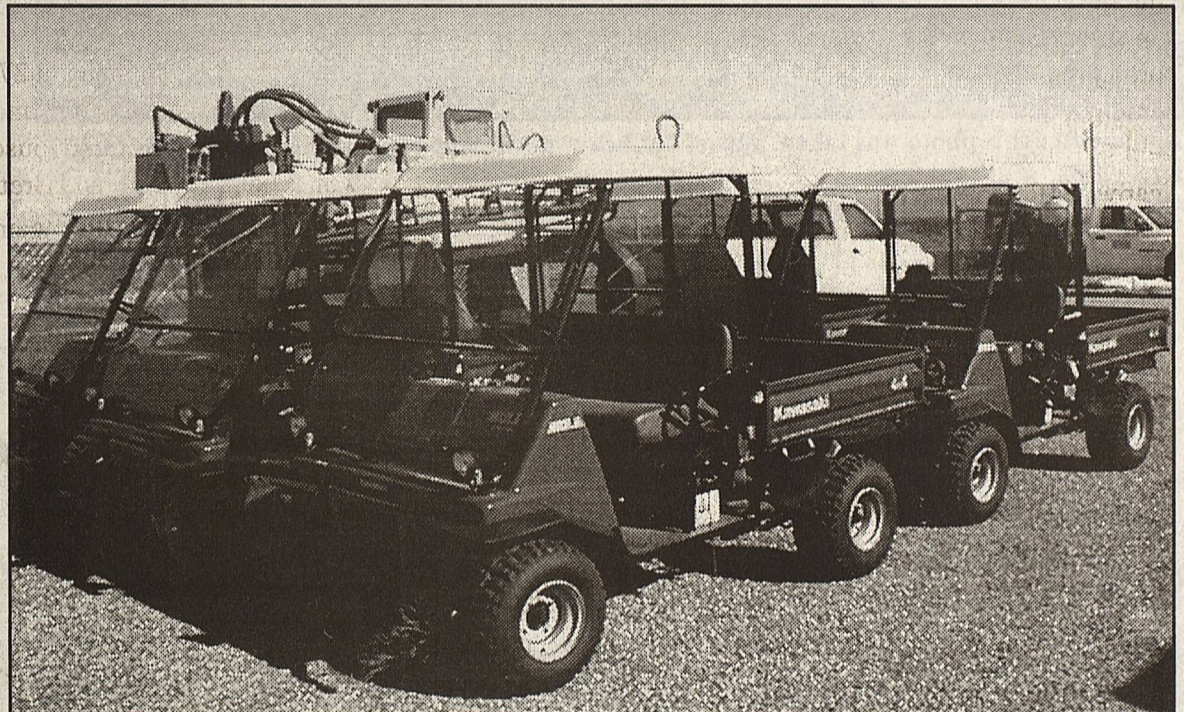
Sellers furnished CCN a list of volunteers from the county who worked stints at Glorieta. "In all the confusion and work, I may have missed someone on this list. If I have, I apologize, and sincerely thank you for your efforts." Workers included Mola Moorhead, Ricky Henson, Bucky Johnson, Melvin Newman, Edna Newman, Kylie Bearden, Valerie Blair, Patrick Hamilton, Melissa Hamilton, Bill Kennedy, Bill Wright, Linda Wright, Ty Wilmeth, Mary Wilmeth, Brad Friesen, Neal Bearden, Jerry Parrish, Jan Parrish, Marc Traweek, Zanna Traweek, Greg McCravey, Jeff Roper, Jack Cobb, Larry Morrow, Paula Morrow, Gayle Craft, Jean Craft, Helen Beal, Crip Henard, Kay Sellers, Jered Sellers.

WELL DONE.

June 6, 1849: Fort Worth established on west fork of Trinity River (site of present day Ft. Worth); abandoned 1853.

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From Page 1, "WEEVIL WAR"



These Kawasaki "Mules" will be busy in the boll weevil war.

Taylor said 221,683 acres of cotton land in the district have been mapped, and mapping continues. 17,000 weevil traps have been deployed, and when complete, 38,000 will be in place on perimeters of cotton acreage. He reported Precinct 3 personnel will soon build an additional

access road into the district headquarters which will greatly help parking problems at the crowded facility. "We really appreciate Commissioner Barron's and the other members of Commissioners Court assistance on this needed road."

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Texas at a Glance

The economy keeps truckin'

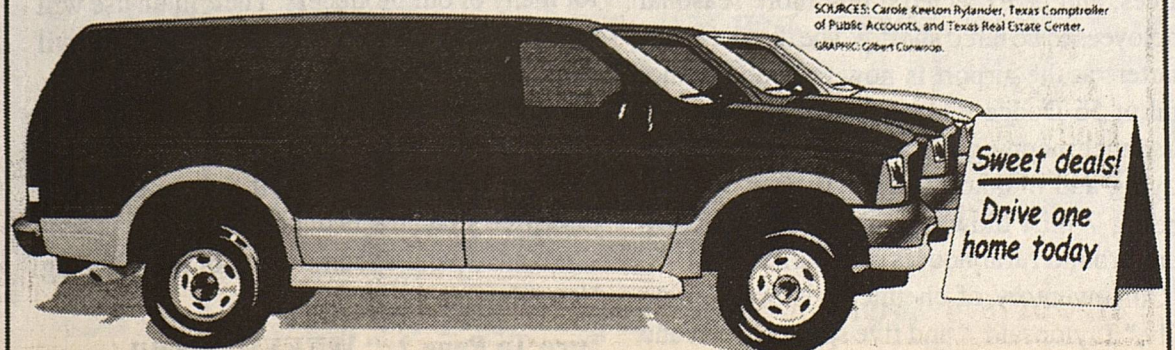
What do Texans do when their economy grows for 12 years without a recession? When the Texas gross state product grows by 51 percent in 10 years? They buy trucks and lots of them. They also go out to eat, buy homes and, well, just buy. Purchases of cars, homes, merchandise and restaurant meals grew much faster than the state's population during the 1990s.

Trucks may be the most obvious example. In 1996, Texans for the first time bought more trucks (611,500) than cars (582,500). By 1999, truck sales outpaced auto sales by 28 percent. For the decade, truck sales increased 82.8 percent compared to 4 percent for cars. Here's a scorecard of where Texans spent their money in the 1990s.

A Buyer's Market											
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent increase
Home sales	100,047	99,640	107,107	116,604	122,134	121,823	138,123	146,422	170,638	181,955	81.8%
Cars*	568.2	512.4	493.3	502.9	537	583.7	582.5	552.0	549.7	591.0	4.0
Trucks*	413.9	384	422.3	462.2	505.3	571.5	611.5	620.4	696.7	756.9	82.8
In millions											
Home furnishing/Retail sales	\$10,535	\$11,456	\$12,678	\$14,081	\$18,084	\$19,298	\$21,261	\$24,052	\$26,199	\$28,001	165.8%
Restaurants	\$13,050	\$13,848	\$14,901	\$15,834	\$16,963	\$18,153	\$19,215	\$20,235	\$21,687	\$22,987	76.1
Population	17.0	17.3	17.7	18.0	18.3	18.7	19.0	19.4	19.7	20.0	18.0

* Car and truck sales are in thousands.

SOURCES: Carde Kempton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Real Estate Center. GRAPHIC: Gilbert Combs



Reading achievers entertain Lions Club



Special guest entertainment at last week's Plains Lions Club meeting were a trio of young people who established a mark in this year's literary UIL District Meet. The three pictured here competed in the Oral Reading contest, and finished first, second and third in the Junior High event. They each performed an example of their reading skills for the Lion members. Reagan Haynes, center in picture, captured first place in the event, Allison Friesen, on the left, nailed second place, and Skylar Keesee was a close third place winner. The three bright people were 6th graders during the district event, but strongly stressed at the Lions Club meeting they were now 7th graders!

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revealed all the book shelving, tables and furniture have been removed, and maintenance people are hard at work removing carpeting and it's adhesive from the entire floor. When new carpeting is in place, shelving, card file racks, desks and furniture will be rearranged to make space for student books from the elementary school. Haynes said the Resource Center will now serve as the central library for the three campuses.

Another carpet replacement project is underway in the Elementary activity room. The old unpadding and stain prone carpet will be replaced with a cushioned, non-porous material.

Haynes told CCN, "All outdoor athletic fields, whether for baseball, football or even soccer are labor intensive. We will be receiving bids soon on an automated sprinkler system at the new Cowboy baseball field. With the automatic watering system, we can free up some needed manpower for other areas of our operation."

The Band Hall contains encapsulated asbestos in the ceiling grid and in the walls above eight feet. "This type asbestos is not a health hazard, but we will start removing it soon. Regulations require it's removal and disposal, but there is no mandatory time limit for the job."

Work is progressing restoring

an unused large room which will house a new computer lab.

High School computer application students will have access to 24 new computers in the classes taught by Mrs. Brenda Canada. The old class room and computers in the main high school building will be available to students and faculty members for various projects. The three campus school system will have some 170 computers for use when the fall session starts.

Other maintenance projects on tap are replacing the outdated heater at the swimming pool, and replacement of air conditioning units in the junior high and high school buildings.

High Plains Jr. Rodeo News

At the HPJRA rodeo in Post May 20 & 21, all of the Plains contestants placed in events.

Brett Squyres won the 16-19 boys All-Around title with 26 points. He was second in ribbon roping with an 8.7 run, second in chute dogging with 3.68 time, and third in team roping in 6.53 time. This is his second All-Around title at Post.

Marcy House was 3rd in 16-19 girls ribbon roping and fifth in the poles. Kimbe Jones finished 9th in 16-19 girls barrel racing. Blake Parrish had three top ten finishes in 9-12 boys events, including 8th in ribbon roping, 9th in steer breakaway and 10th in calf touching.

At Lovington May 25 thru 27, Troy Parrish was 10th in 8 and under barrels, Marcey House won second in poles, and Brett Squyres was second in team roping, third in ribbon roping and fifth in chute dogging.



Brett Squyres



Almost three dozen Plains youngsters found a way to beat the summer heat, have some fun and companionship and learn more about the Bible at last week's First United Methodist Church annual Vacation Bible School. The three year old through 4th graders enjoyed bible classes, recreation periods, arts and crafts, lab science experiments, music, and of course, snacks. In attendance last Wednesday were Riley Earnest, Cassie Coronel, Jacob and Jaston Brink, Kevin John and Clayton Gass, Tori Reyes, Alexander and Jeffery Barrientes, Jacob Neufeld, Brianna Garcia, Brittney Roper, Autumn, Amber and Cody Friesen, Holden, Hunter and Haley Welch, Hannah and Merrit Crump, Chase and Colby Ortega, Forrest Boothe, Taylor and Macy Banfield, Adora Ramos, Chris Gonzales, Chris and Stephanie Addison, Jasmine Rivera and Colby Bearden.

Property owners receive 2000 value notices

Texas property owners have the right to information about changes in their property's value. On May 20, Yoakum County Appraisal District mailed 11,320 property owners notices showing their 2000 proposed value

Sandra Stephens, Chief Appraiser of the district, reminds propertyowners the notice is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay.. This notice is not a tax bill," Stephens said.

She emphasized the importance of the notice and the key information it contains. "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Yoakum County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas," she said.

The appraisal review board, or ARB, is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal district.

What should the property owner look for on the notice? "Look at the proposed value for 2000," Stephens said. "The notice shows the land value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." An improvement is a building, structure or any other type fixture to the land.

The notice also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last years value too. Homeowners who qualify for property tax homestead exemptions have a limitation on their home's appraisal value, beginning with tax year 1998. The district may not increase their home value by more than 10 percent for each year since the last re-

appraisal year. A homeowners reappraisal notice shows both the market value for the home and the limited home value.

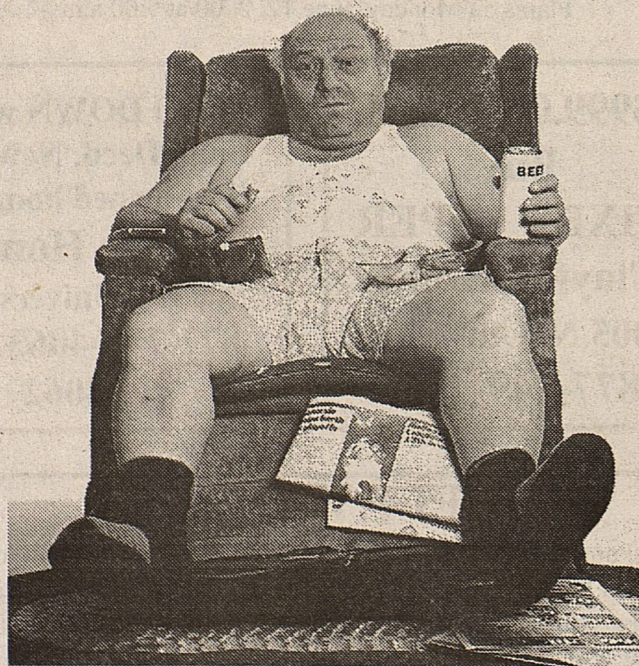
Notices to property owners whose values increased more than \$1000 also will include "estimated taxes". These estimated taxes are based on the new taxable value and last year's tax rate. Generally, taxing units will set final 2000 tax rates in August or September. Final tax amounts may vary from these "estimated" amounts.

Stephens asks property owners to look carefully at the legal description and mailing address to be sure there are no mistakes. "If the notice contains an old address, please let the district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time only, and tax bills do not go out until October." A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

Mobile homes are a special problem for the district. "Please check all the information very carefully on all mobile home notices. If we have a mistake on ownership or value, now is the time to inform the appraisal district, not when the taxes are due. After the values are certified, there is very little we can do about an account," Stephens said.

Every property owner will get a 2000 notice since this is a reappraisal year for the county. If you did not get a notice, please call the appraisal district at 806-456-7101. The deadline for protesting to the ARB is June 26 for this year.

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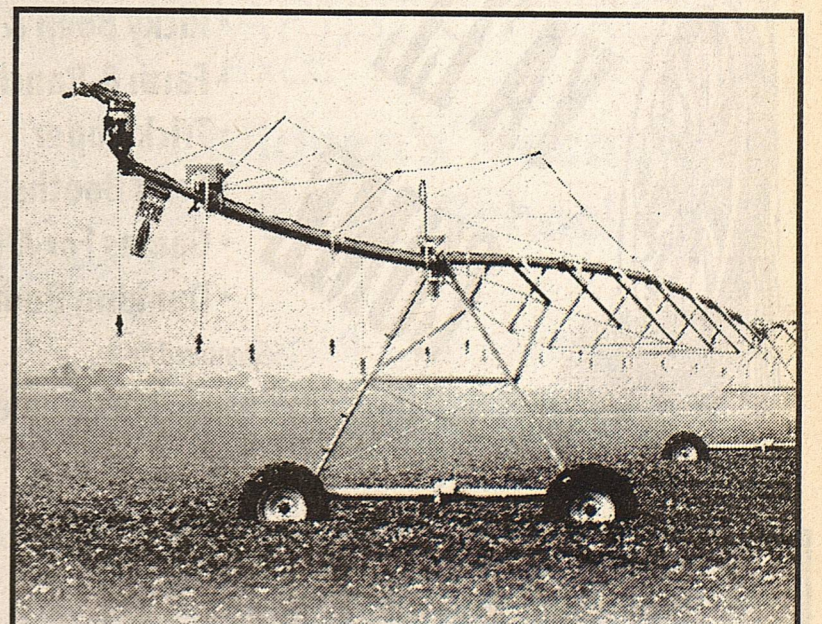
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Grand Jury convened

In a May 30 session, The Yoakum County Grand Jury returned true bills of indictment against ten individuals in 11 causes. The indictments included;

Carlos Gonzales, sexual assault, a 2nd degree felony. Bond was \$3,000.

Jimmy Lee Flores, injury to a child, 1st degree felony. \$10,000 bond.

Shasta Flores, aka Shasta Tenniel Sipes, injury to a child, 1st degree felony, \$10,000 bond.

Gabriel Anthony Marin, assault with deadly weapon, 1st degree felony, \$5,000 bond.

Benny Ralph Vasquez, DWI, 3rd or more, 3rd degree felony, \$2,500 bond.

Rebecca Sue Griffin, failure to appear, 3rd degree felony, \$10,000 bond.

Jackie Lynn Townsend, meth-

amphetamine possession, 2nd degree felony, \$7,500 bond. Jose Leon Castillo, aka Joe Castillo, bodily injury to child, 3rd degree felony, \$1,500.

Ignacio Morales Jr., assault causing bodily injury and escape, both enhanced 2nd degree felonies, \$10,000 bond in each cause.

Ronald J. Power, aka Ronnie Power, failure to appear, 3rd degree felony, \$10,000 bond.

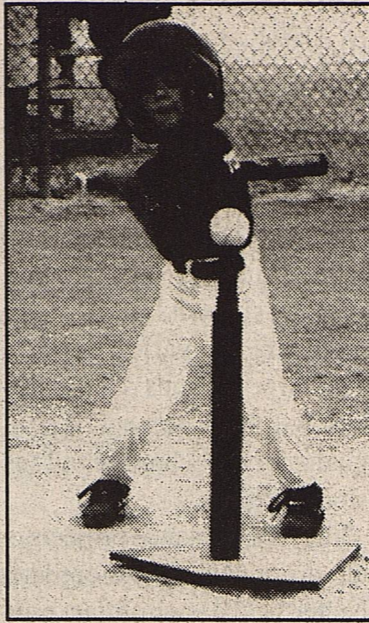
J P Court Review

June 2, 2000- The following is a summary of court cases heard and fines/bonds set in Precinct One, with Justice of the Peace Court, Melba Crutcher presiding there were 88 traffic cases, 1 small claims, 1 public intoxication, 1 con-

sumption of alcohol by minor, 1 felony (state jail). Bonds set: unlawfully carrying weapon-\$1,500 bond. Possession of marijuana-\$1,000 bond. 3 cases-Driving while intoxicated-\$1,000 bond. 3 cases-Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing. 2 cases-Driving while license suspended-\$500 bond. Assault causing bodily injury-\$3,000 bond. False application for driver's license-\$1,000 bond. Consumption of alcohol to minor-\$500 bond. Criminal trespass-\$500 bond. 4 cases-Assault causing bodily injury-\$1,500 bond. Driving while intoxicated-3rd or more-\$2,500 bond + interlock device ordered.

1919: The Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote in federal elections, ratified by the Texas Legislature.

T-Ball Scenes



A future Sammy Sosa?



Time out... shoelace problems

Senior Citizens Corner

Well, here we go again. This is a short week and I hope I get this to the Press and Cowboy Country News on time. We got quite a few items in for our garage sale-Some beautiful beaded ornaments and a few eggs. I am working on them to replace the beads, braid and pins. We have red, blue, pink, green, and white. They are gorgeous and we want you to come by and look at them and buy them.

We want to congratulate all the graduates and the ones that have received awards.

Wasn't the rain nice this week-sure beats the sand.

Thelma said Bertie called and was doing really well, just

resting and visiting.

One hall is very busy with walkers, some nearly running, so watch out for them. Some get on the tread mills and others exercise machines.

We should thank June Hanneman for the wonderful job she did on the Senior Citizens book. Layne and I are really proud of ours. Layne read some of it first, then I got to read it. I hope this will help people to understand what our group is made of.

The Joy Choir from First Baptist came May 25th. We all really enjoyed the singing-Come again sometime.

That's All For This Week,
Wanda B.



Sometimes there's a bit of confusion setting the infield

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On June 12, 2000 at 9:00 A.M.

A Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on June 12, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

Plains and Tokio Residents: Doyle A. Seaton, Vernon J. Hise, Jerry Stephen Morphis, Judy Kay Deaton, Teresa J. Howard, Jerry Gayle Hartman, Baldemar Vazquez Munoz, Billie Blundell, Jamie Jimenez, Michell Annette Lusk, Helen Darlene Wilson, Johnny O. Martinez, Davis Gomez, Johnnie Crumpton Murray, Jessica Garcia Guerra, Bruce Richardson Bennett, Jorge Alberto Herrera.

Denver City Residents: Myrna Stephenson Harper, Gloria Guzman, Marlin Dan Westmoreland, Bobby J. McGlasson, Gregoria Meraz Palma, Lewis Woodrow Chambliss, Sofia S. Valenzuela, Gerald Dale Carter, Isauro Flores, Carolyn Faith Swain, Kathryn Hall Johnson, Jolene Welch, Micheal Doyle Pruitt, Fermin Valencia, William Dale Merideth, Teresa Rich, Martha J. Mann, Ramon Valdivinos Reynoso, Glenda D. Gray, Leonard Stephenson, Lonnie Lee Hernandez, Reymundo Munoz Zubia, Camilo Arellano Escalante, Richard Delaney Williams, Michael George Adams, Robina Lee Esquivel, Alta M. Bowers, Roxanna Guerra Jaime, Sharon K. Taylor, Joe Wayne Florez, Victor Manuel Minjarez, Ernest Hilburn, Wanda Joyce Crider, Irinco M. Salazar, Christy Lynn Rollins, Robbie L. Sturdivant, Molly Dee Humphreys, Solia Hernandez Robles, Calvin Glenn Stewart, Brenda L. Thompson, Lonnie Folmar, Lonnie Nelson Arnold, Randy Garza Lopez, Alice Rivas, Nancy Arali Fuentes.

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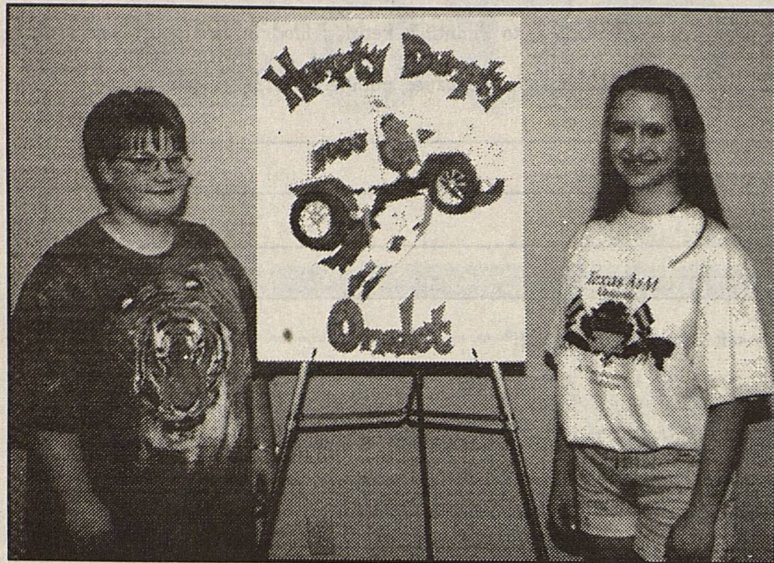
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4-H Members Advance to State Competition at College Station



Plains 4-H Club members Ragan McGinty and Becky Wilmeth brought home the gold to Yoakum County by placing first in the 4-H public speaking contest at District 4-H Roundup in Levelland. As a result of their winning 4-H method demonstration titled "The Humpty Dumpty Omelet" they will be advancing to State 4-H Roundup at College Station on the Texas A&M campus in June.

Courtney Hix a Denver City 4-H club member also brought home a first place win in the Junior Division with her Clothing Educational Activity illustrated talk. Sara Horn a Plains 4-H club member placed second in the Junior Division with her Clothing Educational Activity method demonstration.

Other 4-H members who competed and brought home third

place awards to Yoakum County were Ashley Vantine and Maretta Walker with their vocal performance of the song "When You Say Nothing At All". Jeremy Horn, Joel Horn, and Ragan McGinty also competed in the Entomology Identification contest and earned a third place standing. The public speaking project allows 4-H members to gain new knowledge, learn about a specific subject, and have the opportunity to learn to plan and organize their thoughts so they can express themselves more clearly.

Filmtime

The annual End-of-the-Year Filmtime Picnic was held on Wednesday in Stanford Park. Twelve boys and girls played

games and enjoyed their picnic lunch. Certificates were given to everyone who attended the weekly filmtimes. Those attending were: Colby Bearden, Lucas Hernandez, Laz Escobar, Jaston Brink, Whitney and Johnathan Davis, Bailey Rios, Arista Davis, Clayton Gass, Micah St. Romain, Jaxon and Silas Williams. The filmtime activities will resume after Labor Day.

TSA MO GA

The TSA MO GA Club Officers Installation was held in the last meeting of the club year. Theme of the meeting was "Spirit Of Unity And Commitment In The Coming 21st Century", and Installation Officer Zareta Winn presented the new officers for the next two years. They included President Judy Head, Vice President Sarah Jane Shelton, Secretary Rhonda Carter, Treasurer Betty Rushing, and Federation Counselor Wilma Powell. Winn stated "Clubwomen who lead choose to do so and that choice comes from attitude, a desire and a determination to contribute to society in a constructive manner toward the future."

The TSA MO GA Sit Jones Scholarship was awarded to Ann Palmer, "HOBY" Leadership Seminar-Ambassador to Elizabeth Clananah and Bluebonnet Girls State Citizen to Nicole Haynes.

Mattie Field and Wilma Powell served as hostess for the closing of the club year.

West Texas Gets Centralized

The windows 'll be rattlin' and the floorboards 'll be vibratin' as the Riverbend Chorale brings some Hill Country sounds to Plains, Texas Friday night, June 23, 2000. The 100-member choir and band offer a free concert at 7:00 pm. at the Plains High School Auditorium.

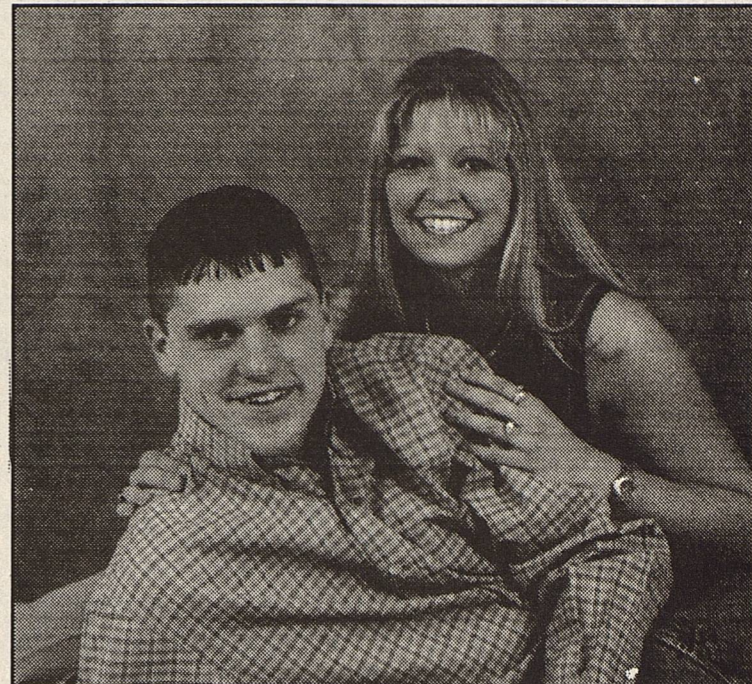
The Plains show is one of three stops on the "Takin' It To The West" Tour. The group, which originates from Riverbend Church in Austin, will be performing a variety of the Chorale's favorite gospel, country and contemporary Christian songs.

The show promises to be exciting and lively as the Chorale is accompanied by some of the best musicians in the state who've performed with the likes of George Strait and Larry Gatlin.

There's definitely a West Texas connection for the Chorale. Many of its performers spent much of their youth in the Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene triangle.

Joining the chorale is singer Johnny Ray Watson, of Lorenzo, Tx. who has been associated for many years with the Billy Graham Crusades. The West Texas tour is sort of a home coming for the 6'4" Watson who distinguished himself in High School as one of West Texas' dominant basketball players and was named to the Texas All-State

Wedding Planned



Kayla Redman daughter of Jeff and Pam Redman, and Garret Pool, son of Larry Pool of Groom and Brad and Kia Riemath of Lorenzo, are happy to announce wedding plans. The couple will wed August 4, 2000, in the Watson Building at Lubbock.

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It is also a home coming for singer Jan Phillips, who is the pianist for the Chorale. Phillip's father, Leonard Hartley, is Education Director and Co-Pastor at nearby Paul Ann Baptist Church.

Riverbend Church is home to noted speaker, author and Senior Pastor, Dr. Gerald Mann. The church's worship services, Real Life with Dr. Gerald Mann, are broadcast Sundays at 11:00 am. C.S.T. on the Odyssey Channel, the Inspiration Channel at 3:30 pm. C.S.T., and Trinity Broadcasting Network at 4:00 pm. C.S.T.

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Birthday Celebration Honors Fitzgerald

Johnnie Fitzgerald was honored with a Birthday Dinner Saturday, May 20th, in the home of Jack and Woody and Martha Palmer. A Birthday Cake made and decorated by his sister, Linda Huddleston, was presented to him along with tokens of love. Those helping celebrate were Melba Fitzgerald, Ashlee and Mesa Davis, Melvin and Betty Fitzgerald, Sherri Shipman, Linda and Cordell Huddleston, Brent Palmer and host Jack and Martha Palmer. A fun day of visiting was enjoyed by all. The family had gathered to attend the graduation of Anne Charie Palmer.

New Books At The Library

Fiction: *The Special Prisoner*. Jim Lehrer, *Dilemma*. Jon Cleary, *The Bluest Eye*. Toni Morrison, *Dawn On A Distant Shore*. Sara Donati, *Welcome To Temptation*. Jennifer Crusie. Non Fiction: *The Most Beautiful Woman In The World: The Obsessions, Passions, And*

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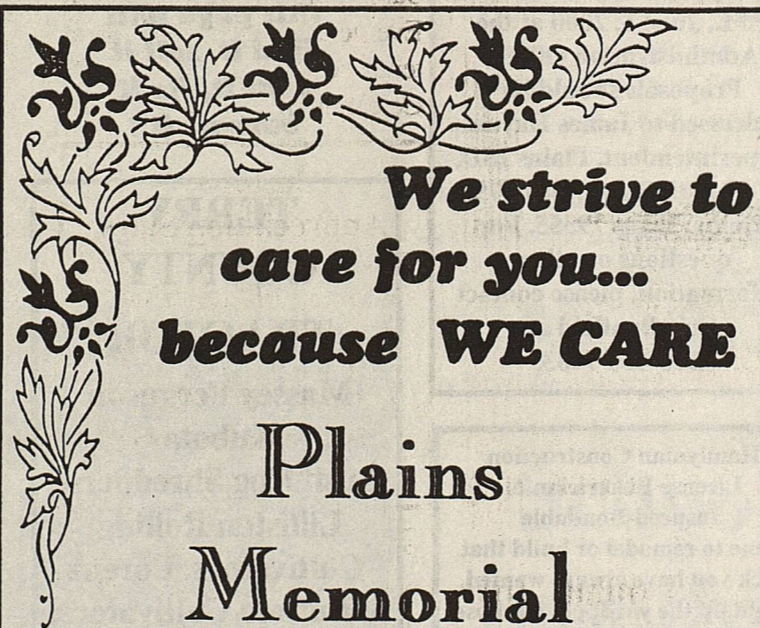
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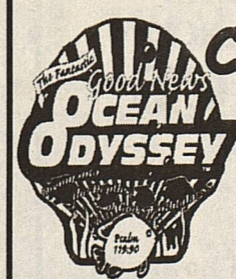
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From The Hack

What an extravaganza... my high school class' 50th anniversary reunion. Actually, the '49, '51, '52, '53 and '54 classes were also invited, but us '50 folks were the stars of the show. When I walked into the large outdoor patio where the first meeting was held, my first thought was, "Oh my Lord, we took a wrong turn in Hobbs or somewhere, and we're in a AARP convention." I really had no idea there were that many old folks in all West Texas. I had serious doubts about going to the bash. I had never been able to make any of the prior reunions, and I was certain I would stand out like the village idiot, trying to put names to faces of people I had not seen in 50 years. It turned out there were quite a few more village idiots in attendance, and we would all have been in trouble if some volunteers hadn't printed up large name tags, complete with our senior pictures. When they pinned my tag on, my ego swelled like a helium filled balloon when this

guy I didn't recognize strolled up and said, "Gary, you look just great, haven't changed a bit," and strolled off. I beamed in pleasure at the Bride, then asked a lady standing by us, "Who was that very nice man?" She had heard his greeting to me, and she hee-hawed lustily, then said, "Still pretty gullible, aren't you? That was old Wilfred Hunkermeir, don't you remember him?" I did then... In our yearbook class prophecies, it described Wilfred as probably the most skilled and articulate liar who would ever graduate from Pecos High. Stumbling around the crowded grounds, making certain I closely inspected everyone's name tag before I attempted to speak to them, I thought, "You inconsiderate dolt. You should have stayed in closer touch with all these good folks. If you had been aware of what was happening to them, you could have e-mailed them a word of encouragement, and urged them to start taking better care of themselves." This one lady rushed up to me, grabbed me in a fierce hug, and she hissed, "You'd better not dare tell me you don't know who I am!" I guess it was Divine Providence, for just before she crushed us, bosom to bosom, so to speak, I caught a glimpse of the first three letters on her name tag, BET. Was she Betty? Betsy? Bethel? Bet a million? At the last second be-

fore she squeezed me to death it came to me... "You're Beth... Beth Capps!" I gasped. Our conversation went like this... "Oh, I'm so pleased, I knew you'd remember me!" "How could I forget you? You stuck a lead pencil in my leg our last year. The point broke off inside, and I still have a black spot there!" "Well, that's only because you goosed me pretty violently when I was leaning over the water fountain!" "Yeah, well that was only because you always covered your work papers up in Algebra I so I couldn't crib off them." "Well, that was because you told me I was too skinny!" "What? I called YOU skinny? I only weighed 142 pounds when we graduated!" That afternoon, a few of my "buddies" convinced me I should play golf with them. I wish to here and now dispel a rumor, myth, whatever. All golf liars, cheats and devious characters are not the sole inhabitants of our county course. The same masked marvels are in great abundance at the Pecos, Texas course. Guys I went to school with, went in the service with, folks I hadn't seen in eons, absolutely violated me on the course. One dear friend said at the final hole, "Now, we're even, you SOB." It took me half the drive home to figure out what he referred to I talked him into joining the Navy with me in 1951.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for Injection Well Permit

Hal J. Rasmussen Operating Inc., 550 West Texas Avenue, Suite 200, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

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Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Service Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 79711. (Telephone 512/463-6792).

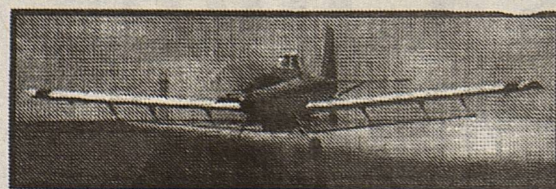
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Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7TH day of JULY A. D. 2000, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26TH day of MAY A. D. 2000, in this cause, numbered 904-C on the docket of said court and styled

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Plaintiff,

vs.

NIEVES BADILLO CASTRO

Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:*

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Witness, DEBORAH L. RUSHING, Clerk of the COUNTY Court of YOAKUM County, Texas.

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DEBORAH L. RUSHING Clerk,

COUNTY Court

YOAKUM County, Texas.

By Sheron Smith Deputy.

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