



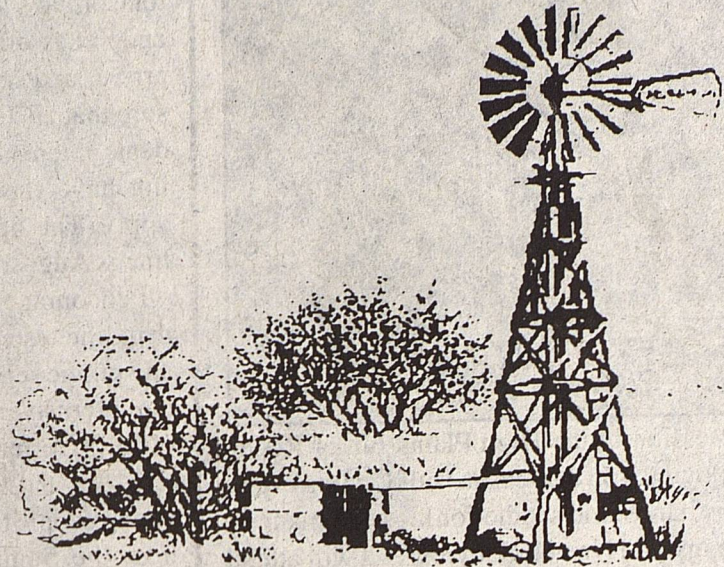
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual fun and fund raising, day long event drew a very large crowd at Stanford Park last Sunday. Volunteer cooks worked through the heat of the day preparing a large variety of good smelling, good tasting dishes, games of chance drew willing donors, kids faces were painted, kids bodies were dunked in the water tank, volleyball teams competed in a tournament, souvenirs were purchased, the barrel-train chugged around the park, and there was plenty of music in the afternoon. A good way to support the church

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Many new forces on board at Plains ISD

Plains ISD Superintendent Jim Haynes reported this week the search for teachers and coaches throughout the three campuses is almost over. "We have hired eight individuals, and are continuing our search for a new High School Counselor. We have a couple of applicants from our present staff for the counselor position, and one of these individuals if selected for the job, that means we will have to fill their present position, possibly at the last moment before school begins." The unusually large turnover

of instructors and coaches stems from two factors; Early retirement packages offered as a cost savings, and other teachers accepting other employment as a result of our other efforts to cut operating expenses."

Michael Michaleson will be the new Middle School Principal. He holds a Master degree in Public Administration from Texas Tech, and Bachelor degree of science, secondary education from New Mexico State University. He has teaching experience at Abernathy

and Hobbs, New Mexico. His last position was Assistant Principal, Highland Junior High, Hobbs.

Rebecca Jan Black will be a new Social Studies instructor in High School. She is a Shallowater High graduate, and received her Bachelor degree in history at Wayland Baptist University in 1999. From that date until hired here, she has been a teacher at Estacado High School in Lubbock.

Jami Lyn Pitts, from Lubbock, will teach high school English, and will be Sponsor of the PHS

Cheerleaders. In 1998 she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Communications. Her certification to teach secondary English is pending.

Angela Jones, from Brownwood, has been hired as the Middle School social studies teacher, and will also coach middle school girls sports. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Howard Payne University.

John Harris will teach Middle School science, and has been named the Head Cowgirl Volleyball coach, and will assist in other sports. His most recent experience has been in teaching and coaching with the Denver City ISD. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science, chemical engineering, degree from Texas Tech in 1995, and received his teacher certification there in 1995.

His wife Heather has been hired as a 3rd grade teacher. She has a number of years experience substituting in Plains ISD. She studied elementary education two years at Texas Tech, and graduated Magna Cum Laude from College of the Southwest in Hobbs with a BS degree in elementary education.

Michelle Steward will be new Cowboy Marching Band assistant director, and will work extensively with middle school band students. Her most recent work experience was at New Deal ISD. She has earned her

Commissioners OK bids, fill new county position

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor reviewed bids on a CT Scan machine and new medical records software. Four bids were received on the CT scan machine, and the Hospital Board recommended the bid from CTronics for a completely re-manufactured GE ProSpeed machine. The device, with a laser camera/printer would cost \$84,500, plus \$5,500 for a three year service contract, much cheaper than bids on new machines costing \$300 to over \$400 thousand. Taylor said the total package would be paid from currently budgeted hospital funds. The CTronics bid was unanimously approved.

Taylor next reviewed bids on software for physicians records and patient billing by the West Texas Medical Center Clinic. The firm e-MDS submitted a bid of \$89,565 plus \$14,100 annual support and maintenance fees and hardware. Two other bids were considered, both well over \$270,000. The hospital Board had previously recommended purchase of the e-MDS system, and the court approved the request.

District Judge Kelly G. Moore addressed the court on replacing County Auditor Hazel Lowrey, scheduled to retire at the end of the year. The judge said replacing Ms. Lowrey was possible, but replacing her experience and expertise would be very difficult. He told the

court Texas law allows counties a number of options in naming a new auditor. He said he would be agreeable to any method of replacement the court agreed on, and if they wanted his assistance in seeking a replacement he would be readily available. He did advise the court he thought it important to find a replacement as quickly as possible, hopefully allowing the replacement person time to get some actual experience in the office under Ms. Lowrey's guidance.

Following discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved to ask Judge Moore to select a replacement for the Auditor position, and the motion passed unanimously.

In a recent session, the court approved creating the office and selection of a Director for the office of County Health and Human Services. Judge Brewer reported the court had discussed the directors position in recent budget work sessions, and Teresa Howard, currently first deputy in the County Treasurer office, had been suggested as a candidate for the position. He pointed out Ms. Howard had a great deal of accounting experience, and was very familiar with the auditors office, which would be very valuable in the new position. Commissioner Powell reported he had received one application for the job, but had made no rec-

ommendation. He said the position was a very difficult one to fill, and he was confident that the court would find a suitable candidate. He also mentioned that the court had discussed the possibility of creating a new position for the County Auditor, and that the court had approved the creation of the office and selection of a Director for the office of County Health and Human Services.

Lea County Electric honored for generosity



Arlan Gentry, Yoakum County Extension Agent - Ag, presents plaque to Tina Davis, Member Services Representative for Lea County Electric Cooperative in their Plains business office. The Platinum Award plaque was recognition of the Cooperative's continued support of the Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show. The Platinum award is presented to the individual or firm named the leading purchaser at the annual sale following the show. Shown in the background are other livestock show plaques awarded the Cooperative, including five more Platinum awards.

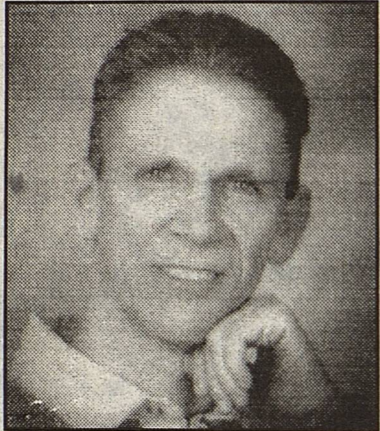
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Following the final session of the High Plains Junior Rodeo season, local Brett Squyres won the season Bulldogging event, and was awarded this handsome saddle for his performances. Brett is the son of Peggy and Newell Squyres, and will attend Tarleton State University this fall where he will continue his rodeo career.

Todd Anderson Services Held



Graveside services for Todd Anderson, 40, of Mission, TX were held at 11:00 am, Friday, in Terry Co. Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield. A memorial service followed at 12:30 pm Friday at Plains First Baptist Church in Plains, TX with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. Direction of both services were by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Todd was born December 25, 1962 in Denver City, TX. He

attended school in Plains, Chillicothe, and graduated from High School in Gorman, TX. He attended Tarleton State University, graduating in 1985. He was in the produce business for 20 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in McAllen, TX.

He is survived by his parents, Dero and Gerry Anderson of Mission; a brother Tony and Cheryl Anderson of Mission; two sisters, Teretha and Guy Jones of Mission, Tanya and Tommy Cash of Houston; 5 nieces and 1 nephew; Tiffany, Taryn, Travis, Lacy, Jessy, and Madeline. The family suggests memorials to: The Institute for Research and Rehabilitation, 1333 Moursund, Houston, TX 77030 or West Texas Rehab. Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Services For Essie Marget Morris Webber

Services for Essie Marget Morris Webber, 94, of Plains, were held Thursday, July 24, 2003 at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Plains with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. Services were under the direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Webber died Tuesday, July 22, 2003 in Brownfield. She moved to the Tumbleweed Nursing Home in Brownfield in 2000, where she resided until her death. She was born on September 17, 1909 in Comanche, TX to Jim and Lizzie Morris. The family

moved to Yoakum County in 1923 where Mrs. Webber attended school and was employed for various offices in Plains. She married Sanford Webber in 1936 in Lubbock. They followed his job from Plains, to Plainview to Floydada. They retired in 1965 and returned to Plains. Her husband preceded her in death in 1988. Mrs. Webber was also preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers. She is survived by one brother, James (Buck) Morris of Lubbock and several nieces and nephews.

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Cornyn Accepting Applications For Fall Internship Program In Washington And Texas Offices

Applications for the fall internship program in U.S. Senator Cornyn's Washington, D.C. and Texas offices continue to arrive, and he wants to make sure that all Texas college students interested in participating have the opportunity to apply. The application deadline is August 1.

"I encourage all eligible students interested in government and public service to apply for the internship program in my office," Cornyn said. "This internship is a great way for young people to learn firsthand how the Senate and federal government work and will provide them an experience that will last a lifetime."

Interns work closely with all aspects of the Senate office.

Local Students Awarded Scholarships

Yoakum County Hospital recently provided scholarships to Delia Sherman and Shelly Lowrey to be used to pursue studies toward a career in an allied health care profession. Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, presented the hospital's \$500 award in matching funds for the same scholarship provided each student by the Northwest Texas Hospital Association.

Delia, an employee of the hospital and West Texas Medical Center, graduated from Denver City High School in 1987. She graduated Cum Laude from the Odessa College LVN School of Nursing in 1996. She currently attends New Mexico Junior College and has been accepted in the sophomore year RN program She is scheduled to graduate with an Associates Degree in May, 2004. She and husband Mark have two sons, Mikie, 13, and Tanner, 9.

Shelly, also an employee of the hospital, is a Denver City High graduate and graduate of New Mexico Junior College with an LPN degree. She plans to graduate there in May, 2004 with an RN degree. She and husband Chad have three children, Courtney, Kaylyn and Leslie. Her parents are Bob and Betty Thomas of Nocona, former Denver City residents.

The Northwest Texas Hospital Association established the scholarship program to assist smaller communities to recruit health care professionals to work in rural hospitals. NTHA awarded \$6,500 in scholarships to students nominated by member hospitals, and each hospital matches the association scholarship for a total of \$1,000 per student.

Northwest Texas Hospital Association is the oldest association of its kind in the state, and is composed of hospitals, businesses and others interested in health care.

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ommendations. Following more discussion, Judge Brewer moved to name Ms. Howard to the Health and Human Services Director position. The motion passed unanimously.

In the final agenda item, Judge Brewer discussed the current Bridge and Road tax assessed on each vehicle license plate issued in the county. The current rate of \$5 per license generates about \$36,000 annually, and the funds are used primarily in county road maintenance. He displayed a state report of current rates assessed, if any, in the other counties of the state. The large majority of other counties currently charge the maximum \$10 per vehicle license. Following more discussion, the court approved raising the bridge and road tax to the \$10 amount.

Workers needed for Watermelon Round Up. Good opportunity for a group fund raiser. Interested parties should contact Ed Hansen at City Hall 456-2288.



USS San Antonio Christened

This summer I had the privilege of christening the Navy's newest ship, the USS San Antonio. It is the most high-tech, advanced amphibious ship ever built and appropriately named for the city of the battle of the Alamo.

Naming a ship is serious business. The name the ship carries will be recorded in the annals of our proud naval history. Names like the Constellation, Abraham Lincoln, Kitty Hawk or Enterprise ring with the valor of their crews who defend our freedom wherever it is threatened. Those ships fought with distinction in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In the next two years, the officers and crew of the USS San Antonio will be able to stake their claim to a place in naval history as well.

San Antonio boasts an undeniably strong military tradition. It is home to more major defense installations than any other metropolitan city in our country and more than 65,000 military retirees.

And while most Americans recognize San Antonio as a city of charm and grace, Texans know it as the site of the battle that became the rallying cry for our heroic, struggle for independence from Mexico in 1836: *Remember the Alamo*. From the Alamo came the famous letter that Colonel William Travis wrote which embodies honor on the battlefield. An excerpt of that letter: "To the people of Texas and all Americans in the world: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded surrender at discretion, otherwise the garrison will be put to the sword if the fort is taken. I have answered the demand with a cannon shot and our flag still waves proudly from our walls. I shall never surrender or retreat."

Can you think of any words more in keeping with the motto

"Semper Fidelis"? Such stubborn courage is the heritage the USS San Antonio will take when it sets sail with U.S. Marines and sailors aboard.

I am honored to sponsor the ship that bears the proud name of San Antonio. Taller than the Tower of the Americans and able to carry up to 800 troops, the ship is the first of a projected 12 new amphibious assault ships in this new class. The succeeding 11 ships will be named for other cities, but they will all be known as part of the "San Antonio class." Its war fighting capabilities include a state-of-art command and control suite, substantially increased vehicle lift capacity, and a large flight deck.

The primary task of the USS San Antonio, which will be commissioned in 2005, is to ferry troops and weapons on short notice. It can carry five V-22 Ospreys on the upper deck and Landing Craft Air Cushion vessels carrying tanks and armored trucks on the

lower deck. Navy officials bill the San Antonio as a pioneer in force protection. Its cutting edge Shipboard Wide Area Network, SWAN, identifies and analyzes threats, then orders a weapons system on the ship, or another U.S. Vessel, to fire on the target. It is also the Navy's first stealth ship, using fewer angles from protruding pieces of steel and high tech twin masts to reduce its radar signature.

The christening culminated when I shattered a bottle of Cap*Rock sparkling Texas wine across the new ship's bow, a time honored Naval tradition. Whatever adventures lie ahead for the USS San Antonio and its crews, we know they will serve with the same distinction that their forbearers did in the city for which the ship is forever named. With the spirit of the Alamo and the name of a great Texas city, the USS San Antonio will be prepared to sail into harms way when it sets course to defend our freedoms.

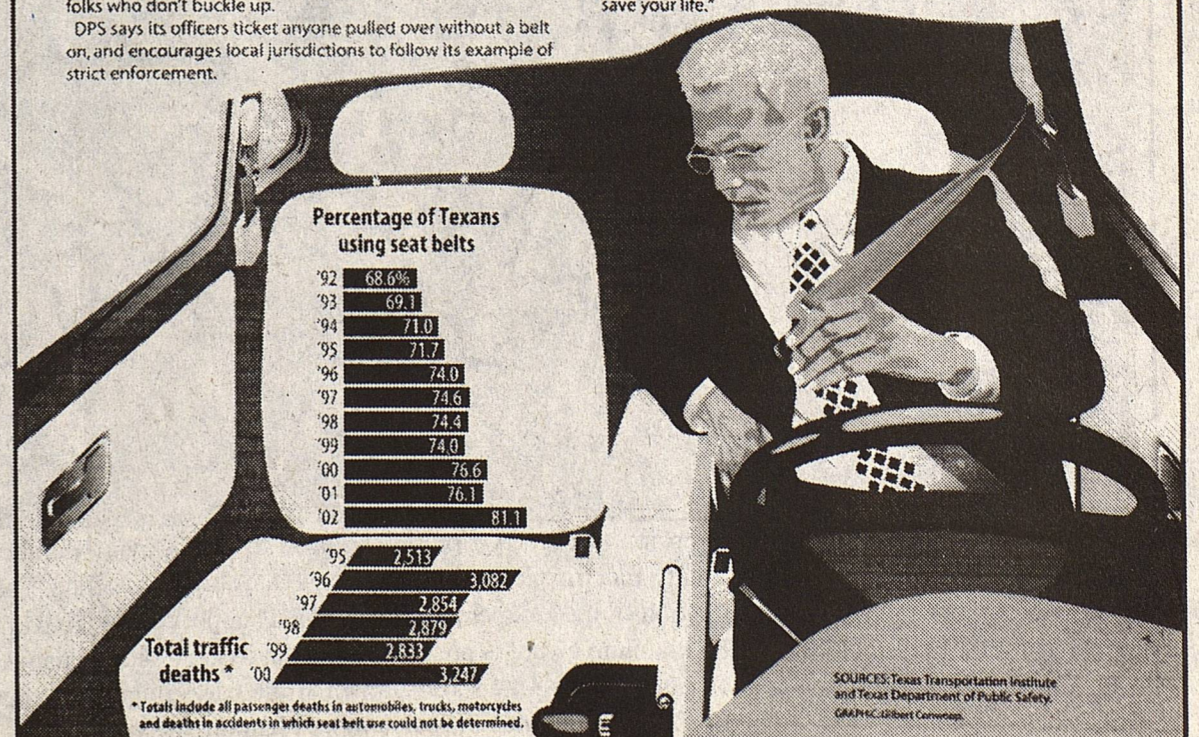
Better off belted

More Texans are tightening their belts—seat belts, that is. In 2002, 81 percent of the Texans traveling in the front seat of a car or truck were wearing safety belts, up from 69 percent in 1992, according to the Texas Transportation Institute.

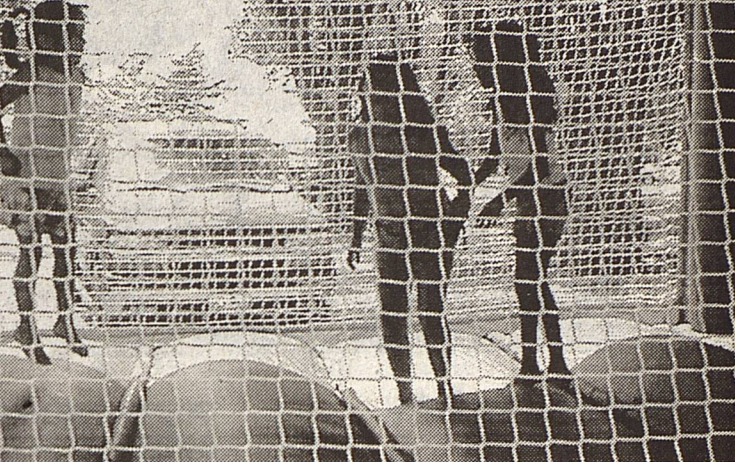
The numbers should get even better. In 2002, safety advocates, local law enforcement agencies, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Transportation launched Click It or Ticket Texas, a media campaign that reminds travelers that hefty fines are in store for folks who don't buckle up.

DPS says its officers ticket anyone pulled over without a belt on, and encourages local jurisdictions to follow its example of strict enforcement.

Despite increased seat belt use, highway deaths in Texas continued to increase from 1995-2000, says Tela Mange, DPS spokeswoman. More recent data are not available. "If a person is thrown out of a vehicle, there is a 70 percent increased risk of death or injury," says Mange. "In addition to a failure to wear seat belts, two factors contribute to the rise in highway deaths—the use of alcohol and the increase in the state's speed limit from 65 miles per hour to 70 miles per hour in 1997. We know, however, that wearing seat belts can help save your life."




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Last year almost 50,000 acres of melons were harvested in the state to produce a BILLION pounds of melons.

The first domestic shipments of melons originate in South Texas in May and June, with peak output in the state occurring through September.

Wanting Watermelons?

Choose firm, heavy and even-shaped watermelons. When slapped with the palm of your hand, you should hear a deep tone. Slight yellowing of the underside is acceptable.

Honeydew This!

Choose honeydew melons heavy for their size and are well shaped. Ripe honeydew melons have a creamy yellow rind, light green, juicy flesh and a slightly soft blossom end.

Quest For Cantaloupes

Quality cantaloupe has large webbing on the outer skin. Make sure the stem area is slightly soft when pressed, smooth and rounded but firm elsewhere. The aroma should be sweet, especially around the stem area.



PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Senior Citizens Corner

HOW TO STAY YOUNG! That is the title of the ten step list that follows. 1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay her/him. 2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. 3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 4. Enjoy the simple things. 5. Laugh often, long, and loud. 6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. 7. Surround yourself with what you love-family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge. 8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help. 9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where guilt is. 10. Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.

We thank the family of Mary Black for sharing several of the beautiful flower arrangements from her home going service. As we enjoy their beauty, again we sympathize with her family.

Melba Gayle was escorted to lunch one day this week by her grandson, Nathaniel. Dottie Braswell brought two of her great-grandchildren with her to the Line Dancing class on Monday. The young folks were from Wyoming. They had come to Hobbs to visit their

grandmother. Dottie was going to take them to Seminole to visit their great-great-grandmother later in the day. They were both delightful young people. How nice to have these children visit us now and then. Other welcome visitors this week include Sue and Fred Ramos, Donaciana Cenicerros, and Pat Dean. It was a nice surprise to see Mola Moorhead and Ruby Kennedy sign in for lunch on Tuesday. We miss them both since they have moved away to new locations to be near their children.

Liz Castro, from SPAG, spent Tuesday interviewing those needing assistance with hearing aids, glasses, dentures, and medications. We are thankful to SPAG for providing this service to our people and to Liz for coming down here to make it convenient for those needing to talk with her.

Family reunions are the order of the day during this summer season. Marsene Beattie shared the news from her family reunion where fifty nine members gathered at Lake Murray in Oklahoma last week-end. She says they planned an Hawaiian theme and most of the ladies wore grass skirts and leis. Billie McDonnell reports that the 'McDonnell-McDonald' (same family-different spelling) reunion was held at the Lazy Inn near Cloudcroft, New Mexico, last week-end. There were eighty one members present and a great time was enjoyed by everyone. This is an annual event for each of these families.

Wedding Planned



Jesus and Rita Coronel announce the engagement and wedding plans of their daughter, Rebecca, to Rudy Espinosa, son of Mike and Yolanda Espinosa of Snyder. The couple will be united in marriage August 2, 2003 at Plains United Methodist Church. The bride elect is now enrolled at Snyder Junior College, and the future groom recently graduated from the same college.

Help A Worthy Cause, And Win A New John Deere 7810

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. (WPS) will Plant the Seeds for Change at the 4th Annual Tractor Raffle August 9, 2003 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. The tickets are \$100 and are on sale now, so don't miss your chance to get your hands on a 2003 John Deere 150 hp 7810 tractor! Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets must be purchased by August 8, 2003, and will not be sold at the door.

One raffle ticket will admit two people into the event. Guests will enjoy a barbecue dinner provided by J&M Barbecue, music will be provided by the Rex Thomas Band and a silent auction almost as big. The reverse drawing will begin at 7:00 p.m. Ticket holders will be able to auction off their tickets or hang on until the end when only a few tickets remain in the hopper. This is when the real excitement begins. The last ticket drawn from the hopper will be the WINNER! Some of the other silent auction items include a smoker from

Home Depot, a children's bicycle from Wal-Mart, a sewing machine and many other items.

Mr. Gary Ivey of Ralls, TX was last year's lucky winner. Mr. Ivey a life long farmer, grows cotton on 3,000 acres in the South Plains Region.

The purpose of the tractor Raffle is to raise desperately needed funds to assist women and children who are victims of family violence. All proceeds from the Tractor Raffle go directly to benefit the services provided by WPS to victims of domestic violence. Services include: emergency transportation, essential daily needs (food, clothing and toiletries), a 24 hour hotline, counseling, social referrals, legal advocacy, community outreach, community education, children's programs and job assistance. WPS has 24 apartments with 204 beds available. Non-resident services are also available for those who do not need shelter. All services are provided with no cost to the victims.

4-H Members Attend A Variety Of Camps

South Plains 4-H Leadership Lab is a camp held on the campus of South Plains College for 4-H members in District 2. Yoakum County 4-H members Matthew Merritt, Denver City and Shyann Vantine. Plains attended the three (3) day camp, June 3-5. Joshua Horn, Tokio was selected to serve as a staff member from a group of district 4-H'ers submitting applications. Staff members serve in various leadership roles and arrive two days before camp begins to take part in planning and preparation for the campers arrival.

District 4-H Electric Camp is sponsored by Xcel Energy and is held at camp Scott Abel, Cloudcroft, New Mexico. 4-H members from District 1 and 2 attended the camp, June 23-27, 2003. Austin Keese-Tokio, Sara Horn-Tokio, Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Logan Wood and Landra Wood-Denver City attended this year's session. Arlan Gentry, County Extension Agent, was sponsor. Members attended five classes on electricity and safety as well as recreational activities such as hiking and volleyball.

The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood hosts participants from all counties and ages 9-

19 for summer sessions. Yoakum County members attending the July 7-9, 2003 session were T.J. Kitchens, Matthew Merritt, Cassidy Moore, Harley Ranney, Macy & Marty Roberts and Logan & Landra Wood from the Denver City 4-H Club and Forrest Booth and Kevin Gass from the Plains 4-H Club. Mark Lewis, 4-H Leader Association and Debbie Pollard, Yoakum County Agent sponsored the county delegation.

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Basic Phlebotomy now open for registration

Registration remains open for Basic Phlebotomy, which begins August 18 at South Plains College in Levelland. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 PM Mondays and Wednesdays in the Technical Arts Building, Room 101. Clinical instruction will be announced at a later date.

Tuition is \$300, and cost of textbook, The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy, 2nd Edition by Lynn B. Hoeltke, is \$54.90. Instructor is Georgia Mulloy.

The course provides skill development in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus, Hepatitis B, and have a current negative TB test. Enrollment is limited to 14 students. To pre-register or obtain more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

LADIES... Don't forget your cobbles for the Old Settlers Reunion! Cups available at the Dairy Queen. Please bring your cobbles dipped in cups, covered, ready to serve!

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Sunday Schedule
Children's Choir - 9:45 am
followed by Sunday School
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

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His blood was for you!*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Plains, Texas

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

From The Hack

Yukk recipe Numero Uno! In a state office publication I receive monthly, I recently learned we will all soon be able to eat meat which has suffered absolutely no pain what so ever in its life time, or perhaps more importantly, in its passing to become what we humans can gnaw and nourish on. And no, this pain free protein was NOT developed by PETA!

Muscle tissue is being developed in New York labs which are hoping the stuff can spark up the menus for astronauts when they take extended trips to outer space.

Are you intrigued yet? Are you beef and pork growers feeling the first twinges of apprehension? The experimenters first grew goldfish muscle in a bath of "fetal bovine serum", and the stuff grew an amazing 14 percent per WEEK. Try that with your Miss Piggy or Mr. Bull Bellow! They fried up some of the goldfish, agreed it looked and smelled like fish... but no one was gutsy enough to try it.

Next, they used the same process to 'grow' white and dark chicken meat in the solution,

but unfortunately (or, fortunately?) the mess died from lack of a blood supply. Of course it did - every critter has to have blood, and besides, even second graders know chickens must have livers, hearts, gizzards and 'lights' as my grandad called the whitish looking mess growing inside the back of the bird.

Oh well, at least the scientists aren't trying to clone babies.

A blonde was telling her friend about having to take her auto to the repair shop. "I always worry a lot, cause I'm afraid they'll try to rip me off. I felt a great big relief when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid."

A man was bitten by a stray dog. A friend heard about it and went to see how he was doing. The bite victim was at a table, writing furiously, and the friend peered over his shoulder and said, "You know, today rabies can be cured. You really don't have to write a will."

The bitee said, "Will? What will! I'm making a list of the people I wanna bite."

A mom took her five year old daughter on her Meals On Wheels route. The little girl was intrigued by all the old people's appliances and devices used to make their lives easier, like canes, walkers and wheel chairs. One day mom found her staring intently at a set of false teeth soaking in a glass of liquid. She mentally prepared to answer her daughter's many questions about the teeth, when the little girl turned to her and whispered, "The Tooth Fairy will never, ever believe this!"

Killing time in the library last week, I stumbled across "an unauthorized biography of Johnny Carson, you remember, the host and comic of the old NBC late night show which kept much of the USA up far too late.

Apparently Carson, he of many talents, co-authored a number of books with off beat titles;

Happiness is a dry martini - Misery is a blind date.

Happiness is discovering the prune juice your doctor ordered you to take has fermented.

Happiness is discovering the giant plant you gave your mother in law for her bedside table is a meat eater.

Happiness is going to the opera and discovering your balcony seat is directly over Sophia Loren.


The book mentioned Carson's long standing feud with New York columnist Dorothy Kilgallen, who criticized one of his nightly shows as crude and rude. Miffed, Carson roared back later at a dinner,

"For Dorothy Kilgallen to criticize me for bad taste is like having your clothes criticized by circus clown Emmett Kelly. I don't know why Dorothy should take offense at a joke I made. I didn't when her parents made one."

Once a Mr. America was interviewed on Carson's show. He made the mistake of saying, "Remember, Johnny, your body is the only home you'll ever have."

Carso shot back, "Yes, my home is pretty messy, but I have a woman come in once a week to clean it out!"

In one monologue he deadpanned, "I'm glad Jayne Mansfield finally got the perfect part. You'll next be seeing Jayne in *Two For The Seesaw*." Irrepressible Johnny.



YOAKUM COUNTY WATERMELON ROUND-UP
August 30, 2003
Plains, Texas

Plains Cowgirls Volleyball 2003

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
Aug. 15	Levelland / Lubbock Cooper	Levelland	5:00	9 / JV / V
16	Denver City / Levelland / Lubbock Trinity	Denver City	1:00	9 / JV / V
19	Lubbock Christian / Tahoka	Lubbock Christian	TBA	9 / JV / V
23	OPEN			
26	Frenship / Shallowater	Frenship	5:00	9 / JV / V
29-30	Denver City Tournament	Denver City	TBA	V
Sept. 2	Brownfield / Lubbock Christian	Brownfield	4:00	9 / JV / V
5-6	Frenship Tournament	Frenship	TBA	V
6	Lubbock Cooper	Lubbock Cooper	2:00	9 / JV
9	Frenship / Tahoka	Here	5:00	JV / V
12-13	Lamesa Tournament	Lamesa	TBA	JV
	Hobbs Tournament	Hobbs	TBA	9
13	Levelland	Levelland	11:00	V
16	Lubbock Estacado	Here	5:00	9 / JV / V
20	Denver City Tournament	Denver City	TBA	9 / JV
	Levelland	Here	11:00	V
23	Brownfield / Lubbock Monterey	Brownfield	5:00	JV / V
27	Lubbock Christian	Here	2:00	9 / JV / V
30	Colorado City	Here	5:00	9 / JV / V
Oct. 4	Tahoka	Tahoka	2:00	JV / V
7	OPEN			
11	Lamesa	Here	2:00	9 / JV / V
14	* Whiteface	Whiteface	5:00	JV / V
18	OPEN			
21	* Whiteface	Here	5:00	JV / V
25	Colorado City / Sweetwater	Colorado City	1:00	9 / JV / V
28	Denver City	Denver City	5:30	V
Nov. 1	Shallowater	Shallowater	11:00	V
4	District Certification			
6-8	Bi-District			
10-11	Area			
14-15	Regional Tournament	Lubbock		
20-22	State Tournament	San Marcos		

* District Games

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