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Annual Chamber Banquet Slated

The annual Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held in the school cafeteria on Thursday, January 20 at 7 P.M. A feature of the banquet will be the announcement of the Citizen Of The Year honoree. Last Year, Sarah Jane Shelton received the honor. Entertainment this year will feature "Magic By Montgomery", a magician from Lubbock. Local citizens and merchants will again furnish many

door prizes to be awarded throughout the evening. A catered Barbecue dinner will be served by Johnny's Barbecue of Midland. Advance tickets may be purchased at City Hall or from a Chamber member for \$6 per person until January 18. Ticket price at the door is \$7.50 per person. The community and area residents are urged to attend the Chamber's annual big event.

Lions Club modifies meeting schedule

The Plains Lions Club met January 6 to discuss changes in their meeting schedule, hopefully encouraging more participation from current members and attracting new members. Starting in February, the club will meet at the Scout Hut at noon on the first Thursday of the month. A catered meal and a special program will be featured at the noon meetings, and membership dues will cover the cost of the meal. On the third Thursday of each month, an informal Board of Directors meeting will be held at Johnnie's Restaurant, starting at 7 A.M. Members will be responsible for their individual breakfast meal. Any club business will be discussed, and

their will be no formal program offered. Club Vice President Debbie Rushing presided at the Thursday meeting, and urged those attending to encourage prospective new members to join the club. "We currently have 20 members, and we need more. We participate in many worthwhile community and area projects which help a lot of people. We should all be actively recruiting new people, and we should be reminding them our club accepts and encourages women to join us." The next noon meeting will be at the Scout Hut on February 3, and the next Board meeting will be at 7 A.M. on February 17.

District, County Criminal Cases

In District Court January 3, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Jackie Thomas Tarwater, in a plea bargain plea of true to burglary of a building, was ordered to spend 180 days in the county jail, or until space is available in the North Central Texas Community Corrections Facility in Wichita Falls, for a term not to exceed 24 months. There, he will perform up to 40 hours weekly in community service restitution work. He must also pay \$320 restitution and \$150 community supervision fees. He was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

In County Court January 5, presided by Judge Dallas Brewer, Roy D. Porter pled guilty to theft by check, \$500 or more but less than \$1500. He was sentenced to 165 days in jail, with credit for 165 days served, and must pay court costs of \$214.

Domingo Ramos Jr. pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior assault causing bodily injury case. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for 20 days served, and must pay \$92 fine and \$40 supervision fees.

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

Lea County Electric makes good neighbor gesture



The electric pole in center of photo shown being removed last Thursday.

Last Thursday, on a cold day with strong winds making out of doors work difficult and very unpleasant, a large work force of Lea County Electric Cooperative linemen put in a long day of labor here, making an improvement for Lowe's Market and it's customers. The utility pole on the northeast corner of the store's front parking area has long been a hindrance and hazard for shoppers - more than one vehicle has either scraped or bumped it. Lowe's store manager John Kitto had occasion to bring up the subject of the pole in a conversation with Mike Dreyspring, the Cooperative General Manager.

A work survey team checked on the offending pole, did a cost estimate for it's removal, and the line crews descended on the site last week. Not a great deal unusual about this story, except Lea County Electric is not charging Lowe's for the expensive project. Dreyspring said, "We know Lowe's is a very strong supporter of community events in Plains, and we thought this would be a small gesture of our appreciation for what they do for our friends and customers in Plains."

Navy Medic speaks to Filmtime kids and 3rd graders



Tammy Lowrey, Petty Officer Third Class in the U.S. Navy's medical service, spoke to youngsters attending last week's Filmtime at the library. She showed pictures of scenes of sea duty aboard a naval aircraft carrier, described her duties as a Navy medic, and told

the youngsters what life and work was like while at sea. The following day, she repeated the role for youngsters in Plains elementary third grade. Tammy, a PHS graduate and daughter of Jerry Lowrey, joined the Navy in May, 1996. When her 12 day leave is over

here, she will fly to Norfolk, Virginia, where her ship, the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, is currently berthed. Shortly later, the Eisenhower will be deployed on a six month exercise in the Mediterranean, Persian Gulf and Asian waters.

She said when a full air wing is assigned to the huge ship, between 5,000 and 6,000 personnel will be aboard. She works with 40 enlisted personnel and nine Doctors in the ships medical unit.

In 1998, she was on another 6 month deployment, and her ship made a number of interesting port calls, including Marseilles and Cannes France, Naples, Italy, ports in Spain, Dubai, the United Arab Emirate, Turkey and Greece.

Honoring her service in the

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Brownfield man dies in car crash here

Sometime between 6:30 and 7 P.M. Thursday, Gilbert Garcia, a resident of Brownfield and relative of a number of the Garcia family here, was killed in a crash between his 1989 Baretta auto and an oil field trailer on US 82 west.

DPS Sgt. Mike McClure and Trooper Ron Shugart investigated the accident. Interviewed

Friday evening while obtaining additional data at the crash site, Trooper Shugart said a firm from Midland, Pump Jacks, ETC, had been removing two old pumping units from a lease some seven miles west of Plains, just south of U.S. Highway 82. Shugart reported, "The driver of the truck and his helper were pulling off the

lease road and onto 82, preparing to head back east. When the trailer, or float, crossed over a hill of sand it raised that side of the trailer enough for the kingpin to come free of the fifth wheel on the truck. The two pumping units were so top heavy, they turned the trailer

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Trailer hauling two pump jacks struck by auto last Thursday

Mike Dreyspring To Serve On National Committee

Mike Dreyspring, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Lea County Electric Cooperative, has recently been selected to serve on the Energy Co-opportunity (ECO) Fuel Cell Engineering Technical Committee. ECO is the national energy cooperative formed by the nation's rural electric cooperative industry for the purpose of developing new energy opportunities, products, and services for its members. Its latest endeavor involves a strategic partnership arrangement with H Power Corporation, a leader in the development and manufacturing of cutting edge fuel cell technologies. Together, ECO and H Power will work on the development of a fuel cell program that will allow member rural electric cooperatives to offer fuel cells to their customers. According to ECO chief executive officer John McSweeney, "The agreement puts electric co-ops in a strategic position with the leading fuel cell developer/manufacture. It also gives us the opportunity to start work with our members to tailor these products to meet rural utility needs." Fuel cells have the ability to convert chemical energy to

electrical energy by combining hydrogen with oxygen. The resultant reaction produces water and electricity as well as minimum amount of by-products (depending on the fuel source for the hydrogen). Fuel cells have been used to provide electric power and pure drinking water aboard NASA's space shuttles. Now, due to the advancements in fuel cell technology, these units are entering the commercial world. "In the 21st century, fuel cells will provide power to your house, your car, and serve areas where power costs are high or where it doesn't make sense to string a power line," says H Power's CEO, H. Frank Gibbard.

The ECO Fuel Cell Engineering Technical Committee, to which Mike Dreyspring has been selected, will play a major role in developing the fuel cell program. Members have been divided into four sub-committees which will focus on everything from fuel cell design to training and maintenance. The sub committee on which Dreyspring will serve will focus on safety aspects and the interconnection of the fuel cells to existing power distribution systems.

J P Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

Cases filed-3 felony, 1 issuance of bad check, 85 traffic cases, 1 public intoxication.

Bonds set; Driving while license suspended-\$200. Aggravated assault with deadly weapon-\$5000. False report to police officer-\$500. Theft of

From Page 1....."Crash" over on its side, partially on the side of the highway."

He said the driver pulled the truck across the highway off the pavement and began flashing its headlight to warn approaching motorists from the west, and his helper used a flash light to signal vehicles approaching from the west. The two men said several vehicles slowed down when they saw the lights and passed the overturned trailer.

For some unknown reason, Mr. Garcia failed to see the warning lights as he approached from the west, and struck the chained down pump

firearm-\$5000. DWI-\$1000. DWI 3rd-\$2500 and interlock device ordered by judge. Theft over \$500, under \$1,500-\$1,500 bond. Theft of firearm-bond denied. Aggravated assault against public servant-bond denied. Theft by check-\$500. Aggravated assault with deadly weapon-\$7500. 2 cases purchase/furnish alcohol to minor-\$500. Evading arrest or detention-\$2000.

....."Crash" jacks at a high rate of speed. Justice of Peace Judge Melba Crutcher pronounced Garcia dead at the scene. Plains Ems personnel, including Marc Traweek, Freda Humphrey and Alfred Loya were on hand, as well as Plains Volunteer Firefighters Charles and Donna Diamond, Michael Barrientes, Vincent Delgado, James Wright and Jerry Dominguez. It was necessary to use the jaws of life to remove Mr. Garcia from the auto. Officers Lisa Switzer, Nancy Baize and Jerry Howard of the Sheriff's department were at the scene to direct traffic.

"Where is Tokio" still a mystery

We had numerous calls about last week's front page photo of some folks supposedly from Tokio, and taken in 1914. We still have no clear cut answer to their identity, however.

One caller thought she might be able to identify them, but it would take time to search through her old photographs. Another reported she was certain the Tokio referred to was another Tokio, located in the Waco area, but now a ghost town.

We were told a local couple felt sure they could at least identify a couple of the people, but when we spoke with them, they were not at all certain.

So, we are still puzzled - was the scene in "our" West Texas Tokio, or somewhere else. We can still use some help!



Obituaries

Services Held For Robert L. Culwell

Robert L. Culwell, 85, died Thursday, December 30, 1999 at an Abilene Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2000 in Elmwood Memorial Park with Cyril Stone, retired Methodist minister, officiating under the direction of Elliott Hamil Funeral Home.

Mr. Culwell was born in Avoca, Tx. on July 24, 1914 where he graduated high school before attending Simmons College. He was the service manager for Harris Oldsmobile in

Whittier, CA for many years before retiring. He served in the U.S. Army. He moved to Abilene in 1982. He married Freda Goad in Avoca. He was a Baptist and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mayne Culwell, 1 sister Vera Christene Culwell, and 1 brother H.W. "Punk" Culwell.

Survivors include his wife of Abilene, one sister, Mary Ruth Meeks of Abilene; one niece and three nephews.

Funeral Home.

Burial was at Childress Cemetery in Childress, TX.

Mrs. Owens was manager of a convience store.

Survivors include; husband Donald Owens of Tyler, 2 son, Donald Sisco, Chicago, Kenneth "Corky" Owens, Tyler; 2 daughters, Charlotte French, Pilot Point and Cindy Bourland, Childress; 3 sisters, Faye Rosson, Oklahoma City, Jo McClellan, Redwater and Carolyn Culwell, Plains; 3 brothers, Jack Bass, Georgetown, Jerry Bass, Eldorado, and Larry Bass, ElPaso; 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

The American Daily Advertiser reported House debate on the reduction of the size of the military. January 1800.

PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Plains, Texas

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended August 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
		August 31, 1999	August 31, 1998
	100-199	98	97
	200-499		
	Special		
	General Fund	Revenue	
		Fund	
REVENUES:			
5700	Local, intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$6,648,920	\$ 213
5800	State Program Revenues	358,031	28,770
5900	Federal Program Revenues	172,209	250,835
5030	Total Revenues	7,179,160	279,818
EXPENDITURES:			
0010	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	2,906,292	274,603
0020	Instruction and School Leadership	302,305	-
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	1,045,139	4,929
0040	Administrative Support Services	288,201	286
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	701,168	-
0060	Ancillary Services	6,282	-
0080	Capital Outlay	-	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	1,562,536	-
6030	Total Expenditures	6,811,923	279,818
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	367,237	-
7020	Other Resources	23,733	-
8030	Other (Uses)	(745)	-
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other	390,225	-
0100	Fund Balance-September 1 (Beginning)	2,523,551	-
3000	Fund Balance-August 31 (Ending)	\$2,913,776	\$ -
		\$2,913,776	\$2,523,551



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Davis announces for Precinct 3 spot



"I am announcing my intentions to seek the office of Commissioner of Precinct Three subject to the March 14th Republican Primary Election.

"My wife, Wadonna, and I have lived in Precinct 3 for the past twenty four years. We have two sons, Terry Wade and Johnny Don, and their families living in the community. The people in Yoakum County have been good to us and I would like the opportunity to give back to the community as the commissioner of Precinct 3.

"I am a farmer, and I have taught school 14 years. I have been a tax payer for the twenty four years that I have lived in the Precinct, and I have concern for the use of our tax money, as I am sure that you have. There are some challenging times ahead of us with our depleted tax base, as well as the need to maintain our parks, cemetery, libraries, airport, extension services, and the network of roads in top condition. There is a challenge to keep this balance, and I feel we as a community can meet that challenge.

"I also have experience with big budgets, as I have served

on different boards, including Farm Bureau Board, The Plains ISD Board of Trustees and I am now enjoying serving on the Lea County Cooperative Board Of Trustees. I have further experience in working with employees, operating and maintaining large equipment, keeping records and working with the public. I have worked with the petroleum, agriculture, and electric power industries in our county and state. I am very financially responsible, and I am familiar with tight budgets.

"I am willing to spend the time necessary to learn and to serve the community as Precinct Three Commissioner. The Precinct deserves someone who will work for you and with you. I will do both. I ask that you study the candidates and vote for the person that you feel will be best qualified for this important position."

Thank you,
Terry Davis

Jan., 1870 - Edmund J. Davis elected first Republican Governor of Texas.

Jan., 1901 - Lucas gusher came in at Spindletop- oil boom is on.

48th Livestock Show runs this month

The 48th annual Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show is slated to kickoff January 27 and run through January 29. The big event will again be sponsored by the County Livestock Association. President Jim Brown said plans and details for the show and auction sale are being finalized, and the event program should be available in the next few days. Other Association officers are Chris Chambliss, Vice-President, and Tracy Moore, Treasurer.

Last year's show drew some 50 exhibitors representing 4-H and FFA programs in the Denver City and Plains School Districts. There were well over 200 swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and steers entered last year, and Brown expects exhibitor and animal numbers to be around the same this year.

Brown urged all 4-H and FFA exhibitors to turn entry cards in to their club advisors no later than January 14.

Trees Offered Court plans for redistricting

Tree Seedlings, produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock, are now available for order through the Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Stock is limited and landowners are encouraged to order trees as soon as possible. Final order date is 2/23/00. Orders will be delivered to the Yoakum SWCD Office in Plains at 9:15 a.m. on 3/2/00. Please contact Emma Tobar at 806-456-3703 to place your order.

Hydrogen Sulfide training set

Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training, a 3 hour course to meet safety requirements for work in the oil field, is scheduled February through May at South Plains College.

Cost is \$10 and classes will meet 6-9 p.m. in the Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, room 106. Instructor is Paul Harbin.

For more information, call SPCm 806-894-9611, Ext. 2341

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armed forces of the country, the local Women's Auxiliary, Post 585, and the Tsa Mo Ga Club sponsored Lowrey's name listing on the Service Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C., dedicated in 1998. Former Army veteran Ola Layton's name also appears on the memorial.

Notice For Bids

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 8 a.m., Friday, January 28, 2000, for the purchase of (1) new tractor, with the trade-in of a 1991 John Deere tractor, for the Yoakum County Park in Plains.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in the Commissioners Court on Monday, January 31, 2000.

Bid price will be paid from 2000 budgeted fund.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355, or call 806-456-2422, or you may also contact Commissioner Jim Barron, PO Box 120, Plains, Texas 79355 or call 806-456-4371.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-TRACTOR" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. **NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lowrey announces for tax job



Plains resident Jeff Lowrey furnished CCN the following statement announcing his candidacy for the Tax Assessor/Collector position;

"I am seeking the support of Yoakum County voters for the position of County Tax Assessor/Collector, subject to the March Democrat Primary election.

I am a lifelong resident of the county. I graduated from Plains High School in 1988, and graduated from Texas Tech with a BA Degree and Major in Marketing in 1993.

My wife Amanda and I have three children, Halee, Hagen and Hannah. I have been engaged in farming since graduating from Tech. I am also a representative for Ag Insurance Plus in Plains.

I am fully aware of the importance of the Tax Assessor/Collector office to all citizens of

the county. Few of us enjoy being taxed, but all of us realize the necessity of maintaining a tax base, and efficiently and fairly collecting the taxes which allow our local government to properly function.

I feel my experience in the financial management of my own business, and my experience in dealing with the public as a representative of Ag Insurance Plus, provide me with a sound background, qualifying me for this important position. I am confident I can productively work with and manage the staff of our two tax offices.

I urge all eligible county voters to take part in the upcoming primary and general elections, and your consideration and support of my candidacy will be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you,
Jeff Lowrey

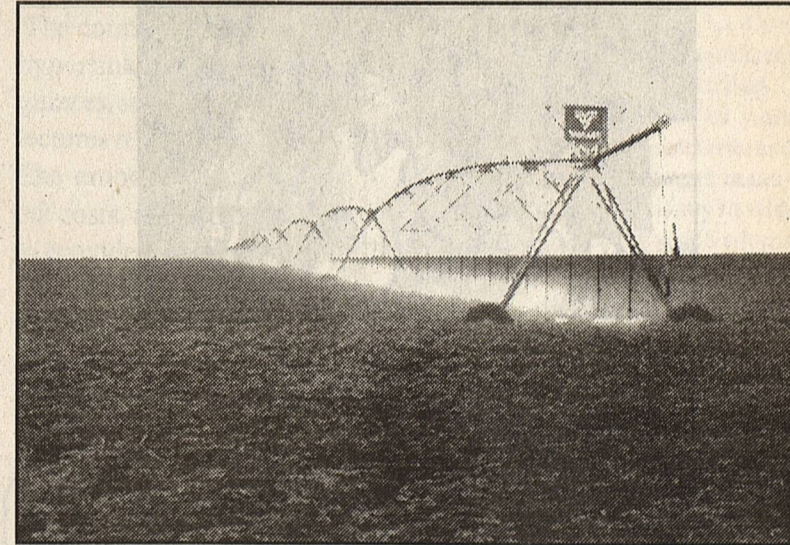
Cost-Share For Conservation Work Is Available Here

If increasing the efficiency of your water resources is in your plans for 2000, the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) may be able to help.

The local Yoakum District has received \$11,400 from the State Soil and Water Conservation Board for Water Quality Planning within the county.

These funds are earmarked for conservation practices under the direction of the Yoakum SWCD Board of Directors, with technical assistance provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Approved practices are eligible for a 50 percent cost share following certified completion of the conservation practice.

The amount of funds each producer may receive is based upon the total number of eligible producers who apply and the type of conservation prac-



As we enter the 21st century, increased efficiency of water output will be critical to both producer and consumer.

tice approved by the Yoakum SWCD Board of Directors.

Approved practices include irrigation pipeline installation, LEPA conservation, drip irrigation, livestock watering facilities, brush control and other practices designed to approve water efficiency.

Selected producers will work under the guidance of a certified Water Quality Plan and be

subject to the practice guidelines of that particular plan for the life of the conservation practice.

For more information, contact the NRCS office located in the Farm Service Center in Plains 806-456-3703.

January Is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

Request For Bids On Texas Highway Construction

Sealed proposals for thermoplastic striping at various locations districtwide covered by C 905-00-22 in Lubbock County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 2, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office Teddy J. Copeland, Area Engineer, Lubbock, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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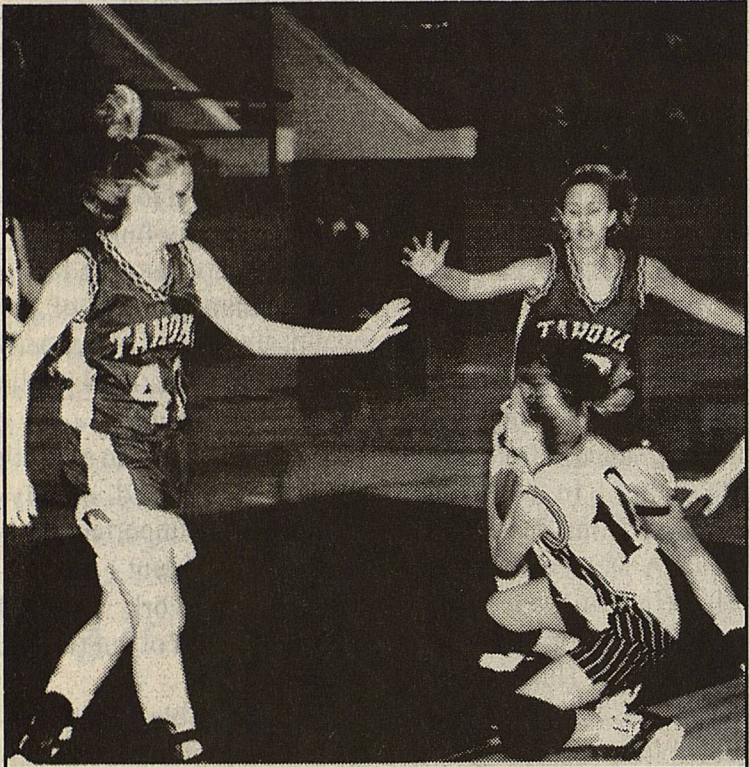


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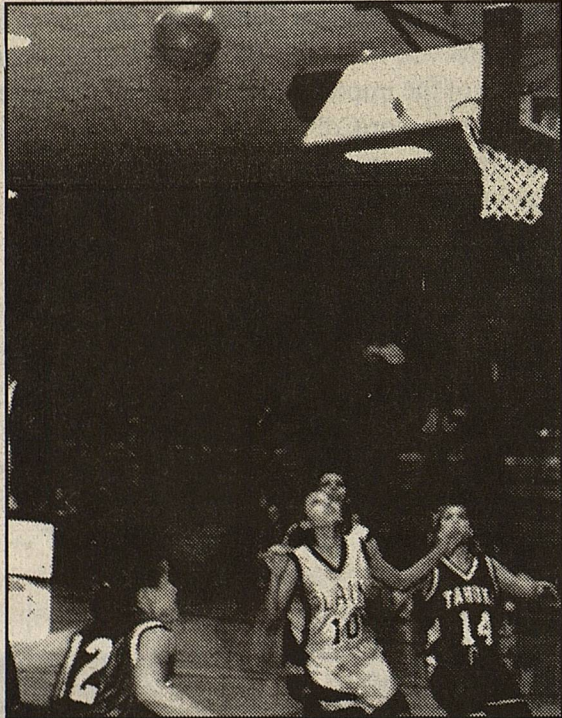
JV, Varsity Cowgirl action vs Tahoka



Chelsea Blount, 13, goes for layup.



Krystle Blundell, 10, on her knees for ball



Chelsi Wagon, 10, waits for rebound



Cheerleaders at Tahoka game-Amanda Garcia, Autumn Deaton, Allison Butler, Kari Guetersloh, Chelsi Wagon, Mackenzie Winn.

PISD Basketball Summary

Junior High:

7th girls - The youngest Lady Wranglers got off to a slow start versus Stanton, but came on strong to finish 32-28 winners. In the hard played game, Sandra Gandara had 9 points, Lela Coronado 8, Jesenia Suarez 7, Jamie Covarrubias 4, Kristian Morales 2, and Daniela Lazos, Prisma Ortiz 1 each.

8th Girls - The older found Stanton plenty tough, and went down 37-20, despite playing hard and shooting well. Moriah Traweek led scoring with 8 points, Marlie Diaz had 5, Kim Trent and Helen Neufeld 3 each, Sarah Martinez 1.

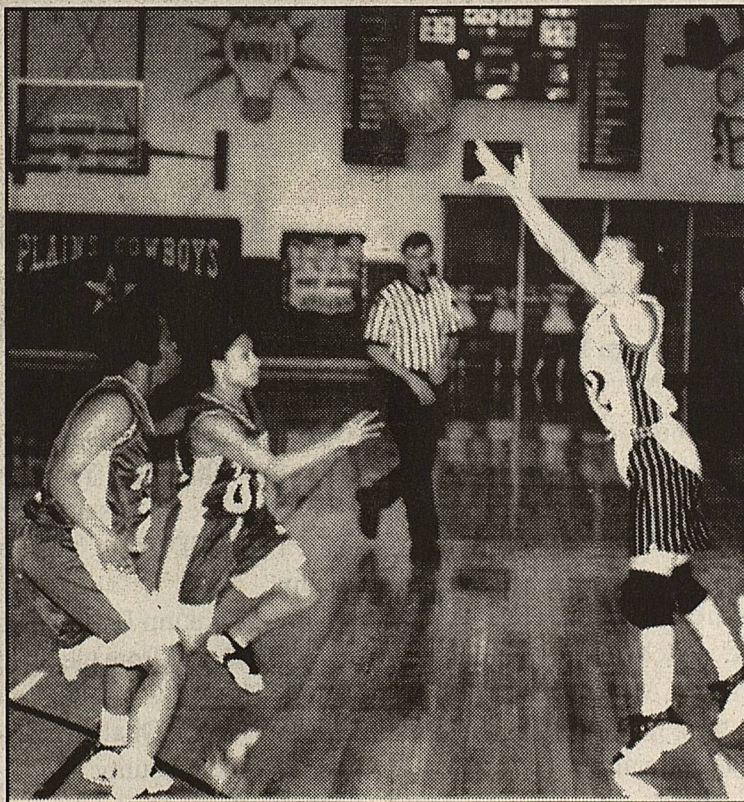
7th Boys - It was a low scoring game, but Plains Wranglers came out on top of Stanton 20-14. John Wagnon managed 6 points, Evan Cain 4, Cody Flores 3, Kelby Johnson, Scott Bruton, Brandon Hise 2 each, Daniel Parker 1.

JV Cowgirls - The younger Cowgirls continued to play well and downed Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs 53-40. Arasley Luna topped scoring with 14 points, Mackenzie Winn 12, Jessica Rodriguez 11. Chelsea Blount was noted for her hustle and 7 points, Keri Hansen for hustle and 1 point, and Jessica for defense and hustle.

Varsity Cowgirls - Cold shooting was a problem for the Cowgirls facing Tahoka last week. They managed only 16.7% from the field, and were defeated 42-33. Candace Bowers managed 15 points, Annaliesa O'Quinn had 6, Krystle Blundell, Jessica Flores and Kim Willis 3 each, Michaela Traweek 2, Kristen Gray 1. Candace pulled down 9 rebounds, and Krystle had 7 steals.

Freshmen Cowboys - The youngest Cowboys had a good first half against Stanton, but Stanton pulled away in the second and won 42-18. Bradley Palmer managed 7 points, Angel Ruiz and Kelly Bowers 4 each, Ryan Swann 2. They met Haskell January 9 and fell 58-35. Kelly had 12 points, Chase Howell 7, Angel and Jonathan DeLa Rosa 5 each, Ryann 4, Benny Loewen 2.

Varsity Cowboys- The Haskell Indians ambushed the Cowboys in Post last weekend, 54-49. Dustin Six led the scoring with 19 points, Jared Bell had 8, Patrick McGinty 7, Josh Bell 5, Brett Squyres 3, Alex Tarango, Eddy Gallegos and Fermin Luna 2 each, Kyle Sisson 1. they managed only 19 points the first half, 30 in the final. Eddy and Josh tied for rebound honors with 6, and Patrick grabbed 4 steals.



Kristen Gray shoots

Student of the Week

This weeks student of the week is Ismari Guzman a freshman and the daughter of Rosa Guzman. She was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn who said, "Ismari is a pleasure to have in class. Although she is quiet she is not shy about asking questions and working to understand new material. She is bubbly, positive, and a joy to be around."



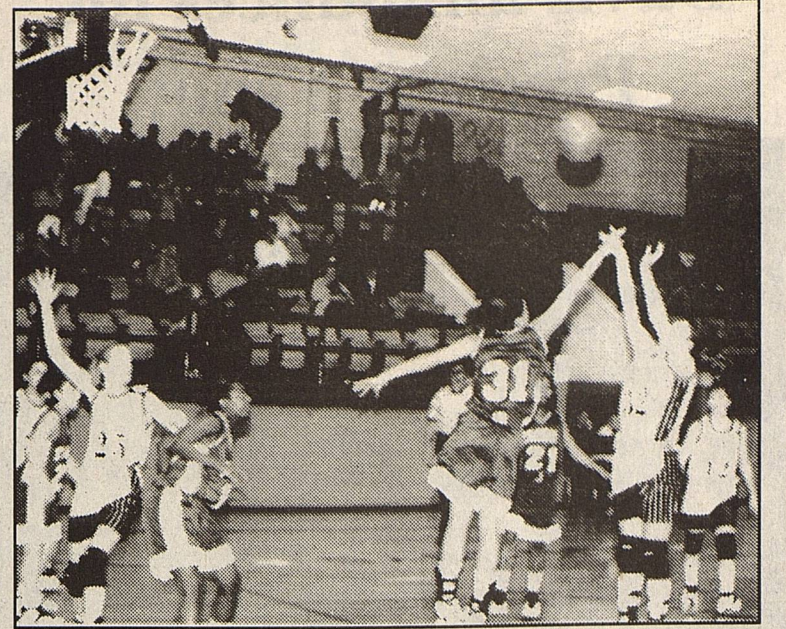
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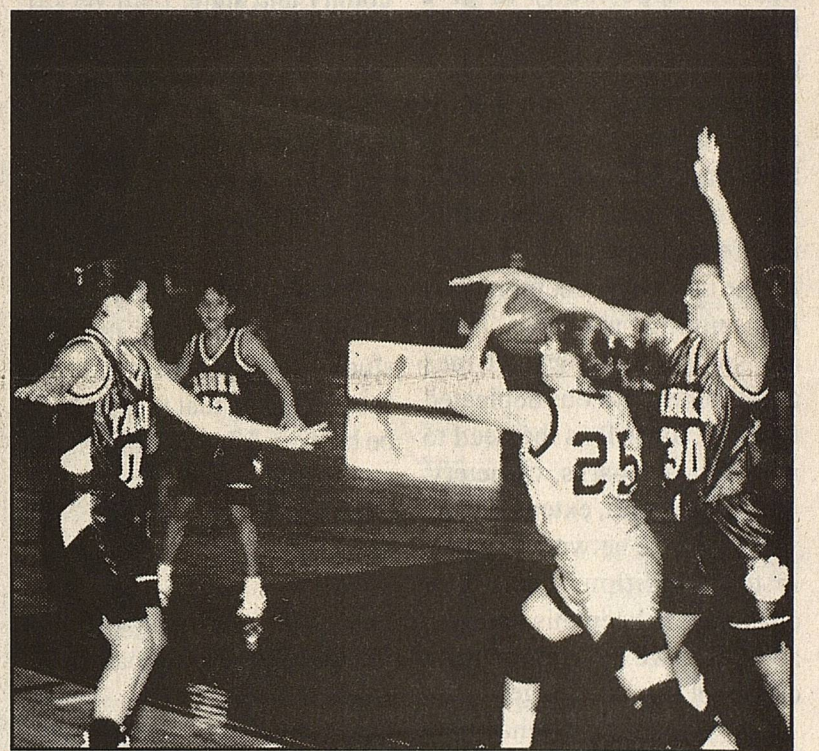
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Candace Bowers, 10, fires shot, Annaliesa O'Quinn, 25, watches for rebound



Entire JV team works under basket



Kayla Willis tries to get free.



Brass section plays National Anthem-Liz Wilmeth, Ray Portillo, Alex Tarango, Stan Caballero, Chris McGinty.

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SPC Spring 2000 Registration Set

Nineteen courses delivered via the Internet will be among the slate of hundreds of college courses scheduled for the spring 2000 by South Plains College.

Internet courses include Agriculture Finance, World Literature II, Texas History, Introduction to Criminal Justice and Current Social Problems. Four Internet courses, Introduction to Computers, Basic Programming, C Language Programming and Keyboarding/Skillbuilding, will be offered on the SPC Lubbock campus.

"Students can attend class and complete course assignments using a personal computer through our Internet courses. This is a great opportunity for people of the South Plains who have access to a computer to take college courses and get a

headstart on a college education," said Andrea Rangel, dean of admissions and registrar.

SPC, which has campus locations in Levelland and Lubbock, offers a wide variety of academic transfer courses, technical and allied health training.

Spring 2000 registration is January 10-11 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock, January 12-13 at SPC Lubbock's downtown location at 1302 Main, and January 13 at SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Ave.

Late registration is January 18-24. Classes begin January 18.

For more information, access SPC's website at spc.cc.tx.us or phone SPC at 894-9611 or 747-0576.

SPC To Offer Course In Certified Nurse Aide Training

An 80 Hour course in certified nurse aide training begins Monday January 10, at South Plains College's Levelland campus.

The classroom portion will meet 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through February 4, in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 112. Clinical instruction is scheduled 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. three Saturdays at a location to be arranged.

Tuition is \$250 and state exam fee is \$64.75. Instructor is Linda Newman, L.V.N.

Students will complete 56 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction and then

take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

The course will include skills necessary for work in long term care, home health or hospital environments.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus and have a current TB test.

Enrollment is limited to 16 students. An additional session begins March 6. To pre-register, contact the SPC Office of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Bouncing Baby Boy!

Connor Ray Gayle arrived at UMC January 7, 2000. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Chris and Brandy Gayle. Maternal grandparents are Jan and Bruce Lester, paternal grandparents are Butch and Bobbie Gayle, all of Plains.

Great grandparents are Buddy and Lee Hanna, Teny Lester, Loren and Jean Gayle, and Truett and Dixie Jones.



A Web Site A Day Keeps The Doctor Away

An Internet health care page serves almost like a visiting nurse to thousands of people with chronic illnesses. Patients enter their vital signs onto a personal Web health care page, where a nurse reviews them. If there is a problem, the nurse alerts the patient and the doctor.

California based LifeMasters is one of several companies running health monitoring programs on the Internet. It contracts with health maintenance organizations from California to Massachusetts. The company sends free automated alerts when vital signs differ from national medical guidelines. For \$200 a month, patients also get personal attention from a nurse.

Another company offers Web health care programs for diabetics, and small keyboard and screen devices that plug into an phone line, and offer a link to care providers.

The programs aren't cheap and patients need computers and health insurance coverage. However, they promise savings and better patient care.

For more information, contact LifeMasters Supported SelfCare. Inc. 1-800-760-9261, <www.lifemasters.net/>

Senior Citizens Corner

Happy New Year to all! Y2K slipped by so easily we all wonder why we worried, and what is everyone going to do with all the stored supplies.

Birthday honorees this month were Darlene Clevenger, Billie McDonnell, Betty Evans, Marshall Watson, Mary Nelson, Madge McCubben and Brady McMullen. Many happy returns to each. Mrs. McMullen also visited that day.

Our condolences to the families of Vennie Shook, Richard Brown, Willard Freeman, and Mrs. Opal Crone.

We will remember Vennie for the many years of support she gave to the Center. She served on the Board of Director several

years, and her "gifted hands" helped in many of our crafts and related activities.

Becky Cryer has had a bad fall and is in Midland recovering. The flu bug is busy. Some of the regular attendants are home bound with it.

The "On Going Garage Sale" is still busy. Come browse any day.

The long hall and exercise machines are appreciated these cold mornings.

The lunch menu sounds good. Come enjoy a nice meal and a visit with friends and participate in games. It makes the cold days better.

See you next week, Smitty

Yoakum County Library Filmtime

On January 5, 2000 sixteen boys and girls were in attendance for the first Filmtime of the new year 2000. The group played "Ring Around The Roses," followed by the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. They sang the "ABC Song" and "If You're Happy And You Know It", and everyone enjoyed refreshments served by Veronica Hernandez, in honor of Lucas Hernandez's fourth birthday. A movie about Curious George was shown to end the hour. Boys and girls attending the meeting were; Percy, Marisol and Sieanna Sosa, Colby Bearden, Micah St. Romain, Darian Gonzales, Raegan Young, Taya Hamilton, Autumn Friesen, Lucas Hernandez, Aaron and Matthew Ramos, Merrit Crump, Marcy Banfield, Clayton Gass and Whitney Davis.

A Mega Sized Math Class

Virginia Tech operates a 24 hour, 58,000 square foot Math Emporium-a computer classroom with 500 Apple PowerMac computers. The emporium is used to teach classes with as many as 1,600 students. One algebra class of that size was taught in 1998 by a professor and several student helpers.

The emporium reduces per-student instruction costs from

\$77 a course to \$24, saving the school nearly \$100,000 a year. A downside is the limited range of educational software. Professors at Virginia Tech had to write many of the programs themselves, adding to the cost of the program, and reducing the amount of time they could spend with students.

Inaugural Ball Held

Austin - The inaugural ball hall of the House of Representatives to honor Gov. Hardin Runnels and Lt. Gov. Francis Lubbock was a magnificent affair. One of the guests described it; "About two hundred ladies were present, dressed with great taste, and among them many that were beautiful. The room was brilliantly lit with the elegant chandelier which adorns the House, the music was superb, and when the gay company was set in motion the effect was well calculated to drive dull care away."

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From The Hack

I flipped on the radio coming from the golf course last Wednesday, got KCRS out of Midland and heard the following astounding report;

The announcer said, "See if you can remember the following five numbers immediately after I have read them - 1 - 6 - 3 - 9 - 2".

I thought, and couldn't. OK, you think it's easy, ask someone to recite five random numbers, then immediately try to repeat them, no errors allowed.

The announcer said very, very few individuals could do it, but then spoiled my feeling of normality by adding, "Japanese researchers have established the fact almost ALL chimpanzees can recall five single digit numbers immediately. That immediately made me want to hide my human head in shame.

Thinking further, however, I realized this wasn't as strange as first seemed. I was leaving the golf course, a considerable number of dollars poorer than when I arrived, thanks, I sus-

picion, to some of the scrubby characters I was associating with, and their lack of counting ability

I guarantee you, THEIR number sense was a bit out of whack. "What did you have on the last hole?" - "Four" "Wrong, you chilly-dipped your third, you had a five" "Oh, yeah, you're right, just forgot it."

Or how about this exchange - "Nice five, Bob" - "Wasn't a 5, it was a 4" - "Wrong, you didn't count the time you kicked your tee shot out of the cactus plant" - "Oh, yeah."

When the round was finally over, time to settle all bets, proved another difficult confrontation..

"I have you down three to me, Bill."

Bill is a non-believer, and says, "Sorry, only two down - you whiffed your second shot on 13, took a 5, should have been a 6."

"Whoops, you're right, but you said you had a 5 on 15, and I saw you hit the dumb ball three time out of the rough, you had a 7!"

I played an honest game. I paid all of them. But I bet not a one of them could immediately repeat 2, 6, 9, 5, 4, if I asked them to within 20 seconds. Not a one is smart as a chimp.

Besides, I turned in a 6 on 13,

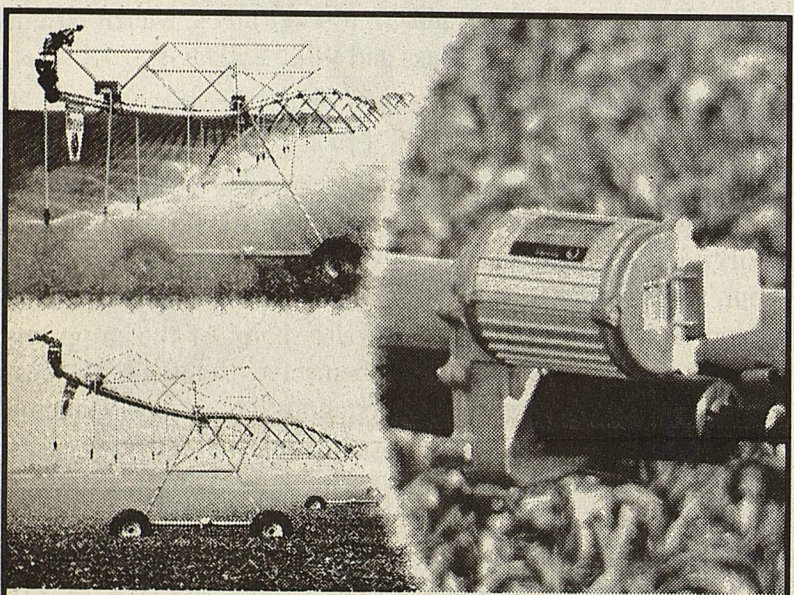
I sadly confess was a 7.... but the dumb butts let it slip by!"

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Heard another interesting item on the radio last Friday AM. The famous "Big Tex" Steakhouse in Amarillo is making another attempt to be featured in the Guinness Book Of Records.

They are offering an unspecified monetary prize, plus mucho notoriety, to a female customer who orders, and totally consumes their complete 72 ounce steak dinner in one hour. The lady diner, however, must weigh in at 150 pounds or less. What a bummer!

I know at least 9 female types who could no doubt scarf the entire meal down in the time limit, but unfortunately, all of them exceed the weight limit by at least 87%.

Thinking about this, it occurred to me, is this reverse feminine prejudice? Are they ruling out males, just because they are, normally, larger, more rotund, and heftier? I know several county males who would welcome the opportunity. Half an entire beef might present a serious challenge, but a 72 ounce would probably be considered a mere hors d'oeuvre for a number of them. One particular guy comes to mind. I dare not mention names, but he is a farmer/rancher operating east of town, and definitely exceeds the ladies weight limitations. I guarantee you, while he may be just a bit over his prime devouring capacity, he could no doubt eat the steak, throw in a pork rib or two, half a large catfish and a quart of frijoles with no problem. Incidentally, he enjoys raising white cattle



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As the year 2000 is fast approaching, it is time for *Yoakum County Connection Membership Renewals*. The year 2000 offers even more opportunities for the Yoakum County Connection and the Board of Directors and we want you to be a part of the activities.

The newly remodeled Yoakum County Connection building located at 118 N. Main, Denver City, has been completed. The Connection furnished a canopy awning and the Denver City's Economic Development Board paid for the expenses of remodeling the building. We are very pleased with our building and encourage each of you to go by and see it.

The Yoakum County Connection Annual Meeting will be held this Thursday, January 13, 2000, at 7:00pm in the Connection Building (118 N. Main Denver City, Texas). Entertainment and door prizes will be provided for the meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes electing five board members. Board members that are up for reelection are Carolyn Culwell, David Brunson, Jeannette Head, Elva Lozano, and Bill Helwig. Also, we will discuss other programs for the upcoming year and the existing programs as the Watermelon Roundup and the Summer Youth Art Program

Due to growing concerns over the costs of membership dues, the Yoakum County Connection Board Members decided to change the by-laws. These changes include different classifications for individual and group memberships. The different classes and due amounts will present a greater opportunity to increase community involvement with an increase in members and funding for the existing and new programs. Following is an outline of the new membership dues:

Class 1: Annual dues \$25. Individual or non-business families.

Class 2: Annual dues \$50. Businesses, Farms, Ranches with less than 5 full-time employees, Clubs, and Organizations.

Class 3: Annual dues \$100. Businesses, Farms, Ranches with more than 5 full-time employees.

Members are allowed one vote per membership.

Memberships may increase to the next classification with payment of additional dues.

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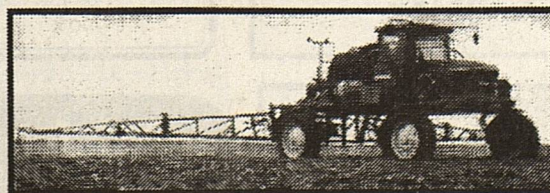
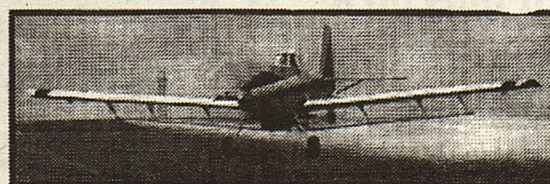
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