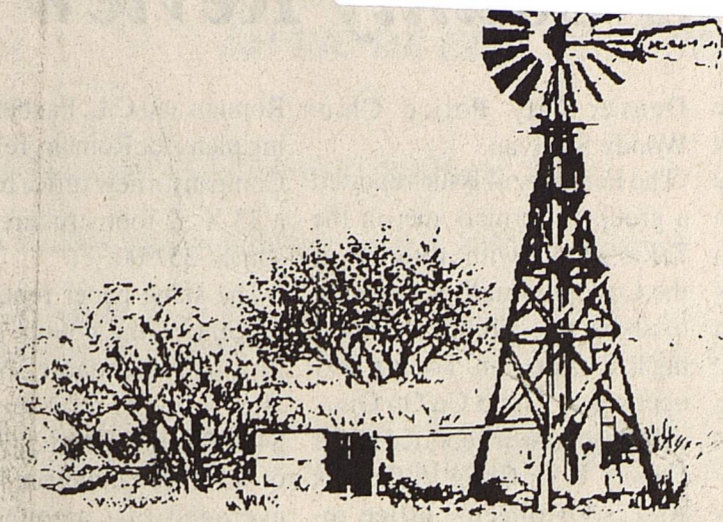


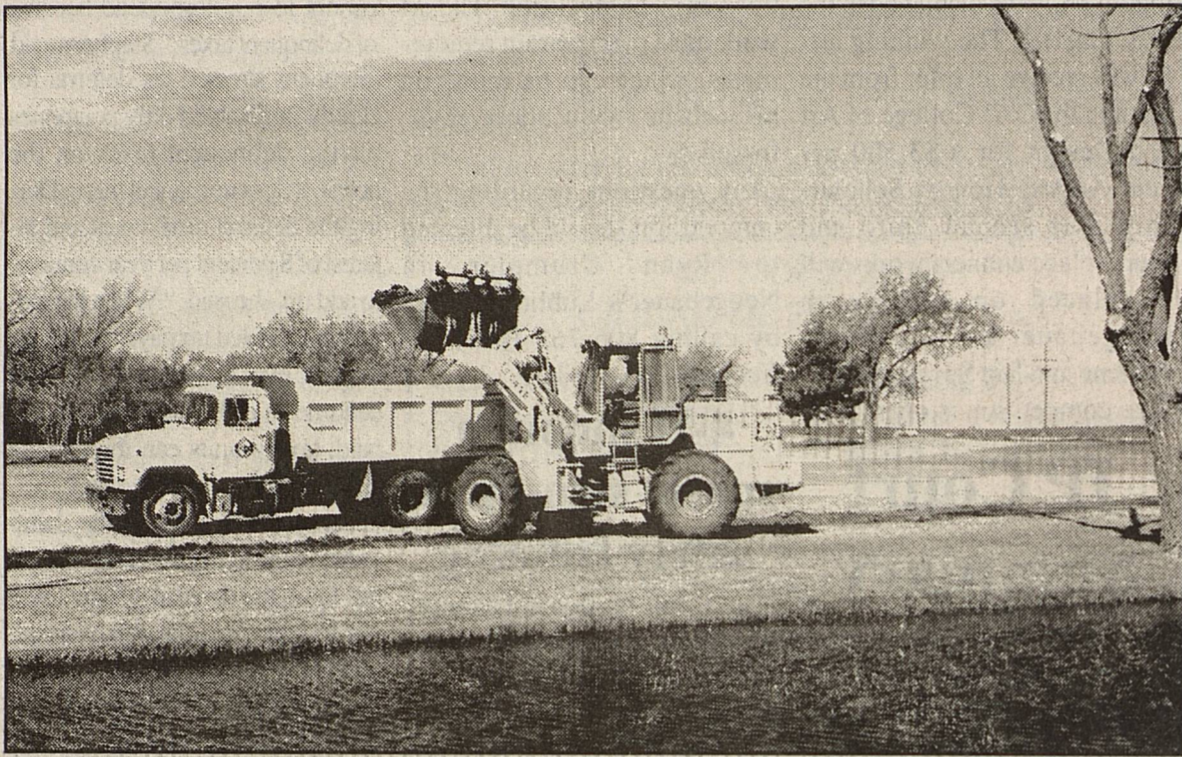
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Working for a smoother ride



This Pct 1 loader/truck crew were busy recently ripping up the old asphalt golf cart paths around holes 7, 8, and 9, all part of the original course built in the 1960's. New paths will soon replace the badly deteriorated old routes.

Neugebauer discusses Ag Budget, WTO with Secretary Johanns

Washington, DC- Congressman Randy Neugebauer met with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns last week to discuss budget and trade issues important to Big Country and West Texas producers. The need to avoid making changes mid-stream to programs enacted by the 2002 Farm Bill was at the top of Neugebauer's list of topics.

"My goal going into the meeting was to make sure Secretary Johanns had a full understanding of the impact the Administration's proposals would have on farmers and ranchers in the 19th District," Neugebauer said. "By drastically changing some of the Farm Bill's commodity programs, a number of farmers who put business plans into effect based on that policy are going to be put in a tough spot."

In February, the Bush Administration sent a budget proposal to Congress that could reduce as much as 30 percent the amount of financial support any one farmer could receive from the federal government. As the 19th District is home to many larger cotton and peanut farms, these proposed changes would drastically affect local producers abilities to break even financially, two issues."

Advancing to Area Meet



In the District Track Meet at Sundown, these Cowboys - and one Cowgirl - advanced to area competition this week end. Shown, top to bottom, L-R, Joani Bell, John Tyson, Johan Cueto, Ben Hayes, Tyler Caffey, Mario Ruvacaba, Payton Bean, Joseph Loya. More track scenes inside. Not pictured, Daniel Parker, Scott Addison, Patrick Cotton.

especially in a year with low crop yields or low commodity prices.

In March, Congress began work on next year's federal budget. Whether or not changes in farm support payments go into effect will depend on debates that will play out in the House and Senate over the coming months.

Neugebauer also received an update from Johanns regarding ongoing trade negotiations to reopen the Japanese market to U.S. beef products. The two officials also discussed possible next steps the Administration could take in response to a World Trade Organization ruling against the federal government's support of cotton producers.

"I stressed to the Secretary the importance of trade agreements treating our farmers fairly," Neugebauer said. "I strongly believe our efforts that allow our cotton farmers to compete on a level playing field in the world market are in full compliance with WTO requirements. The measures we've taken to protect our beef supply from BSE exceed international standards. I told the Secretary I would help in anyway I can to resolve these two issues."

County to aid in quest for housing project in Denver City

In the April 11 meeting of Yoakum County Commissioners Court, Denver City Economic Development Director Mike Fears made a presentation to the court of Denver City's attempt to secure a half million dollar grant from Texas Housing and Community Affairs for the construction of ten new houses to be built and purchased by elderly and handicapped citizens of Denver City. The \$500,000 grant is a 75% - 25% agreement between the state, Denver City and the county.

Applicants for the new homes would be required to own the

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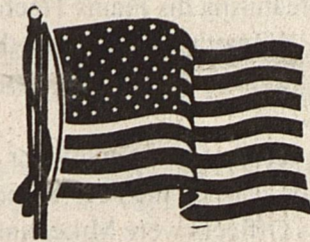
"Who Gave Them The Right To Change The Words Of History ?

* EDITORS NOTE: It is not customary to place Letters To The Editor or Editorials on the front page of newspapers. In the current age of patriotism and religion bashing, however, I am making an exception. After all, exactly what difference does it make WHERE you read a pertinent, important message?

"My, this is so wrong... someone has changed history. Today I went to visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. I got an unexpected history lesson.

Since I'm a baby boomer I was one of the youngest in the crowd. Most were the age of my parents, many of the men veterans of "The Greatest War", there with their families.

Hundreds of people milled around the memorial, reading the inspiring words of Gen. Eisenhower and Pres. Harry Truman engraved on the memorial. On the Pacific Theater side of the memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a day which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly



and deliberately attacked." One woman there read the words aloud.... "With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph."

But as the woman read, she was suddenly angry. "Wait a minute!" she said. "They left out the end of the quote! They left out the most important part. Roosevelt said 'So Help Us God'."

"You're probably right," her husband said. "We're not supposed to say things like that these days."

"I know I'm right," she insisted. "I remember the speech!"

The two shook their heads sadly and walked away. Listening to their conversation, I thought to myself, 'Well, it's been fifty years. She's probably forgotten.' But, she was right!

I went home and pulled out the book my book club is reading, "Flags Of Our Fathers" by James Bradley. It's all about the

battle for Iwo Jima. I haven't gotten too far in the book. It's tough to read because it's a graphic description of the battles in the Pacific. But there it was on page 58, Roosevelt's speech to the nation. It ends, "So Help Us God."

The people who edited out that part of the speech when they engraved it on the memorial could have fooled me. I was born after the war. But they couldn't fool the people who were there. Their president's words were engraved on hearts.

WHO GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE WORDS OF HISTORY?

People today are trying to change the history of America by leaving God out of it, but the truth is, God has been a part of this nation since the beginning. He still wants to be."

The above was recently emailed to CDA Richard Clark, mailed to CDA Richard Clark, written by his older brother Edward, who served with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for combat wounds, and received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters. I appreciate and agree with his thoughts. I, too, remember Roosevelt's stirring words.

Criminal cases heard in District Court

In the April 5 session of District Court, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, four felony cases were heard.

Juan Dedios Rodríguez pled guilty to evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$223 court costs, \$300 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. Causes of harboring a runaway child and bail jumping were adjudicated. He will serve 120 hours community service. Lupe Garcia, Denver City Police was investigating officer and Paul Manus was his attorney.

Alan Enrique Gutierrez also pled guilty to evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. His five year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. His fine was \$1000, he must pay \$218 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. Charges of assault/bodily injury and resisting arrest were adjudicated. He will serve 120 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the an-

ger management program, and he forfeited one 1996 GMC Pickup. Jimmy Hammons was his attorney and investigating officer was William Gardner, D.C. Police.

Victor Gonzales Bernal pled guilty to third or more DWI. He was sentenced to 20 years in state prison with credit for four days jail time served. The state waived a prior felony enhancement. He was fined \$1000 and

must pay \$428 court costs. Jesse Mendez was his attorney and Karen Hobbs, D.C. Police, was investigating officer.

Raul Bernal also pled guilty to third or more DWI. The state waived one prior felony enhancement and the defendant pled true to one prior felony. He was sentenced to 20 years in state prison with credit for 53

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Rep. Jones to serve on National Legislators Committee

State Representative Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, District 83, will serve on the Financial Services Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). His appointment was announced last week by House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

This committee will focus on the following issues: banks and banking, community reinvestment, consumer affairs, credit cards, credit unions, financial institutions, financial privacy, natural disaster insurance and securities. The 15 NCSL standing committees meet three times a year and are responsible for developing the official policy statements for the organization. Jones appointment is for a two year term, 2005 to 2007.

Jones said he was "pleased to have this opportunity to work with legislators from other states on these important issues." Jones represents House District 83 which includes a portion of Lubbock County and all of Hockley, Cochran, Gaines and Yoakum Counties.

Looking back with the..... Yoakum County Review

Butch and Bobbie Gayle were kind enough to loan CCN a few copies of the local weekly newspaper. The Yoakum County Review, published in 1959 and 1960. Very interesting and entertaining reading in the yellowing and brittle sheets. I am always leery of referring to readers as 'old timers', so, how many of you seasoned citizens recall these tidbits found in the Review?

In November, 1959, the Plains Cowboys were rated second in the state by the Dallas News and Ft. Worth Star Telegram, with a 9-0 record. They had scored 303 points to their opponents 27.

Campaigning for the PHS Band Queen title were Shirley Gayle, Betty Bishop and Irene Koncaba

Bank deposits at Plains State Bank soared to an all-time high, \$2.9 million. The bank moved into its new building (present site) the same week. The editor, Wendell Faught, reported reading a Virginia Bank had deposits of \$310 for every man, woman and child in their town. Faught did some pencil work and discovered Plains State Bank had over \$1466 in deposits for every person here. Denver City had \$580 per person.

The January 21 Review reported three candidates had placed their names in the hat for election as county sheriff, Olan Heath, Deputy V.E. Sanders and

Denver City Police Chief Woody Sullivan.

The February 4 issue reported a group of farmers met in the Tokio school with officials of the Co Op oil mill of Lubbock to discuss possibilities of starting a new area gin. The gin now operates as Tokio Co Op Gin.

That same issue reported Chief Deputy E.W. Craig in the Tax Assessor/Collector office reported 2,620 poll tax receipts had been issued county wide.

In May, 1960, the McGinty brothers Plains Frozen Foods store advertised oranges for ten cents per pound, and you could buy a THREE POUND package of hot dog franks for 89 cents. Woody Wilmeth ran ads featuring his Plains Tractor Co., Wilmeth Oil Co., and the recently built Cowboy Restaurant.

Readers of the September 5 edition learned the PHS Senior Class Officers were Mike Sink, Ray Faught, Sharon Smith, Mike Culwell and Jerry Bob Warren. County Commissioners Court announced a tentative budget of \$1,017,059 for operations in 1961, an amount down \$8,049 from the 1960 budget. It seems the county valuation of \$50 million used in determining the 1960 budget was challenged by area oil firms, and the 1961 budget was based on a valuation of \$46 million.

The October 27, 1960 issue featured a photo of Pierre St.

Romain and C.L. Faubus studying plans for Romain Telephone Company's new office building, a 33 X 52 foot structure to cost some \$25,000.

The same paper reported 75 percent of the county population had spendable incomes, after taxes, of a bit more than \$4,000, while only 61.6 percent of all other nationwide family's averaged that amount. The same edition featured a Brownfield firm advertising a used 'John Deere tractor with cotton stripper for \$600' A story featured the extensive remodeling of Plains' Methodist Church, and helping Pastor R.L. Meixner were volunteers D.C. Newsom, Weldon Spencer, Verlen Hilburn, Pete Smith and Alf Carpenter. Moore & Oden advertised a 'fashionable dress in sheer wool-nylon blend, a belt to show off your tiny waist, a neckline meant for your jewelry changes..... all for just \$17.95'. Not to be out done, the McGinty's 'Frozen Foods' ad featured the bold admonition, "STOMP SEAGRAVES!", and such bargains as two cans of asparagus for just 49 cents and 49 cent ground beef.

It is always interesting to take a quick sojourn to the past. It is also very encouraging to read and realize editors back then had the same problems facing editors' today- dumb mistakes and trouble finding worthy material to fill the pages!

Neugebauer announces congressional art contest

Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced last week he is accepting entries for the 2005 Congressional Art Competition.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a great opportunity for students from the 19th District to showcase their artistic abilities in the nation's Capitol for people from all across America to see," he said. "I encourage all eligible students to participate and wish them the best of luck."

The piece that wins the competition will be sent to Washington DC to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol. The winning artist will receive an offer from the Savannah (GA) College of Art and Design for a \$3,500 per year Artistic Honors Scholarship. The second, third and fourth place winners works will be placed on display in Neugebauer's Lubbock, Abilene and Big Spring offices.

The competition is open to all

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of Cases heard and fines and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher

- Case filed;
- 67 traffic
- 1 public intoxication
- 2 issuance of bad checks
- 14 delinquent tax cases set:
- Forgery financial instrument- \$3500 bond
- 2 DWI with child under 15- \$3000
- Failure to maintain financial responsibility- \$500
- Possession controlled substance with intent to deliver- \$12,000
- 4 case possession marijuana- \$1000
- Failure to appear, Brewster County- \$1500
- 2 charges- motion to revoke probation- bond denied
- 2 cases DWI- \$1000
- Theft over \$50, under \$500- \$500 bond.
- Open container alcohol in vehicle- \$500
- Possession drug paraphernalia- \$500
- Possession controlled substance- \$4000
- Criminal trespass in habitation- \$2000
- 2 charges unauthorized use of vehicle, Lubbock County- \$1500
- Theft by check, Austin County- \$500

Tax deferral for elderly, disabled

Texans aged 65 or older or disabled may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "tax deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Yoakum County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older or disabled Texan's home. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Stephens said, "the over-65 or disabled homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending. If the affidavit is on file, an older or disabled homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Stephens said. Stephens stressed tax deferral for elderly or disabled only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home, it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up, she said. "When the elderly or disabled taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time, but filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

The deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Stephens said. For more information, tax payers may contact the Yoakum County Appraisal District, Box 748, Plains, Texas or call 806-456-7101

4-H shooting sports sign-up & safety training

There will be two 4-H shooting sports sign-up and safety training sessions for youth interested in participating this year. The first will be on April 11 at 6 PM in Denver City at the Community Building. The other will be April 14 at 6 PM in Plains at the Extension Office.

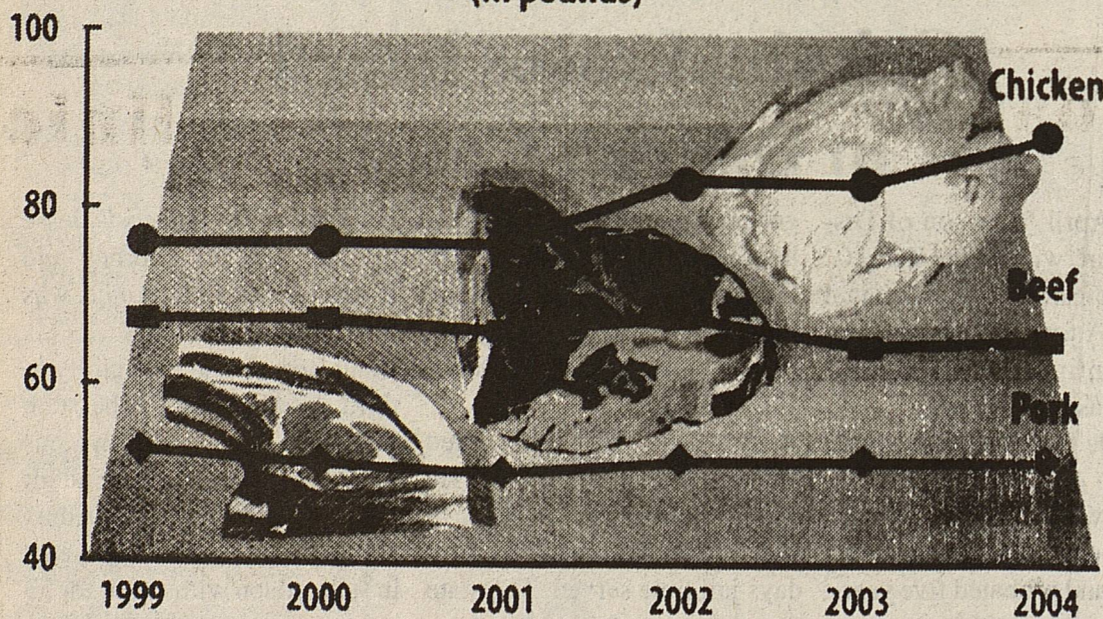
All participants must attend one of the safety trainings, even if they participated last year. For more information call the Extension office, 456-2263

Where's the beef?

Americans' taste for beef jumped in 2004, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In 2004, consumers bit into an average of 65.2 pounds of beef, up from 64.5 pounds in 2003.

Chicken is the most popular meat, and the average American ate 87.8 pounds of birds that were fried, baked, broiled or basted in 2004.

Total per capita consumption (in pounds)



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property where the house is to be built, and would have to meet physical, age and income requirements.

The City of Denver City has agreed to participate in the program by providing a number of services, including waiver of all utility tap in fees and laying all utility lines to the homes. The houses would have to be built to qualify as energy efficient dwellings, and the Texas Cooperative Extension has volunteered to inspect and qualify the new housing units.

Fears told the Court he was seeking the county's assistance in the project in a payment in kind manner, by agreeing to provide demolition, clearance and disposal of any structures on the building sites, and site preparation on the properties. The court agreed to participate in the program if the grant is approved.

The court approved the employment of Alan Pitts as golf course maintenance 3. He was formerly assigned to the county park and party house, and replaces a departed golf course employee. Harley Taff is the replacement for the county park position.

Tax Assessor Collector Jan Parrish reported to the court the collection of \$40,442 in taxes during the month of March.

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days served. He was fined \$1000 and must pay \$398 court costs. Jimmy Hammson was his attorney and Officer Hobbs was again investigating officer.

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Tsa Mo Ga hears about NEF

Tsa Mo Ga members were presented a program about the National Uranium Enrichment Facility (NEF) by Sarah Jane Field at the March 28 meeting.

A planned speaker was unable to attend the meeting, so Mrs. Field gave the members the information she was able to gather on the project.

The controversial project, which is to be located five miles east of Eunice, New Mexico, is expected to be completed in 2007, with an average of 400 workers involved in the construction of the facility.

Filed said there has been "considerable discussion about the process by which uranium is mined from the ground and converted into fuel for the nuclear power industry." The storage process will be monitored by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The \$1.2 billion facility will have positive economic impact on southeastern New Mexico and West Texas economies. The NEF will provide permanent jobs and substantial employment during the construction phase. The facility operations will employ approximately 210 employees who will receive an estimated annual pay of \$10 million. NEF employment opportunities will range from operation, maintenance, health, physics positions to clerical and security related jobs.

Hostesses for the meeting were Bonnie Earnest and Connie McWhirter.

*** Information for this article was taken from Mrs. Field's notes, which included news items from the **HOBBS SUN**.

**CITY OF PLAINS
CIUDAD DE PLAINS, TEXAS**

May 7, 2005 General Municipal Election OFFICIAL BALLOT	7 de Mayo, 2005 La Elección Municipal General BOLETA OFICIAL
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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for none, one, two, or three of the candidates of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA VOTAR: Vote por nada, uno, dos, tres candidatos de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadrado al lado del nombre del candidato.

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NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF YOAKUM

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005, for the selection of the Yoakum County depository for a period of four (4) years ending sixty (60) days from the time fixed by law for the next selections of a depository. Bids will be reviewed with award to be made in Commissioner's Court on Monday, May 2, 2005. Yoakum County reserves the right to select more than one depository. The bids are to comply with all requirements of State of Texas statutes concerning money deposited in the several "county funds", together with such trust funds under the jurisdiction of the County and district Clerks as required under Article 2558a.

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$52,826.23 as guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder that if the bid should be accepted, the successful bidder will enter into a bond or pledge of collateral and upon the failure of the bidder that will be selected to comply with the guarantee, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages. The check(s) of the unsuccessful bidder(s) will be immediately returned upon the depository having been selected.

Bid must be submitted on a Bid Worksheet which, together with specifications, may be obtained from either County Treasurer, Barbara Wright, P.O. Box 492, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-7491, Extension 291); or County Auditor, Darinda D. McWhirter, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-7491, Extension 292).

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-BANK DEPOSITORY" and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355.

Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**Dallas Brewer
County Judge
Yoakum County**

**CITY OF PLAINS
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)**

To the Registered Voters of the City of Plains, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Plains, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on **May 7, 2005**, for voting in a general election to elect **Three (3) Councilmembers**

(Se la notificado, por el presente, que las casillas electorales nombradas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo de 2005 para votar en la Elección General para elegir

(Tres concejales)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE
(LOCACION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

CITY OF PLAINS CITY HALL, 1015 AVE F, PLAINS, TEXAS
(La Ciudad de Municipalidad de Plains, 1015 Ave F, Plains, Texas)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(Las votaciones adelantadas en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

CITY OF PLAINS CITY HALL, 1015 AVE F, PLAINS, TEXAS
(La Ciudad de Municipalidad de Plains, 1015 Ave F, Plains, Tx)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el, 20 de abril, 2005) and ending on May 03, 2005 (y terminando el 03, de mayo del, 2005.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que votarán en ausencia por correo se deben enviar a:)

Pam Rowe
Name of Early Voting Clerk
(Nombre del Secretario (a) de la Votación Adelantada)

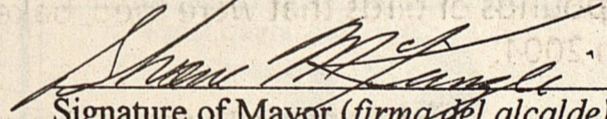
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(Address) (Dirección)

Plains, Texas 79355
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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P.I.S.D. Sports Summary

Jr. High Boys Track:

In the Jr. High track meet last week, several events were canceled because of high winds:
 7th Grade Wranglers:
 800 Run- Jason Durham, 1st
 2400 Run- Jacob Neudorf 2nd, Jonathan Lira 3rd.
 400 Relay- Brandon Craft, Arthur Ruiz, Jacob Brink, Jason Durham 4th.
 800 Relay- Jonathan Lira, Arthur Ruiz, Jason Durham, Brandon Craft 4th
 Discus- Kenyon Powell 5th, Ernest Calderon 6th
 8th Wranglers:
 100 dash- Chris Gonzales 4th
 Triple Jump- Chris Addison 5th
 Discus- Derek Garza 5th
 200 Dash- Chris Gonzales
 800 Run- Holden Welch 5th
 Shou Put- Derek Garza 6th

JV Cowboys Track:

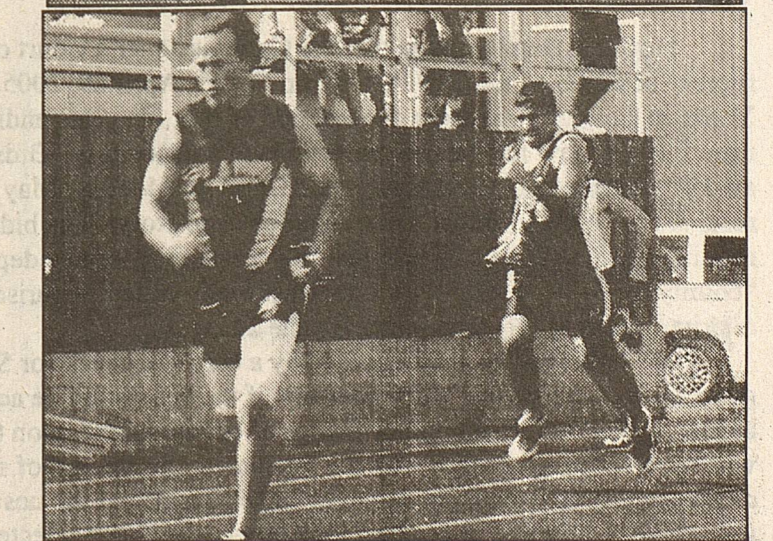
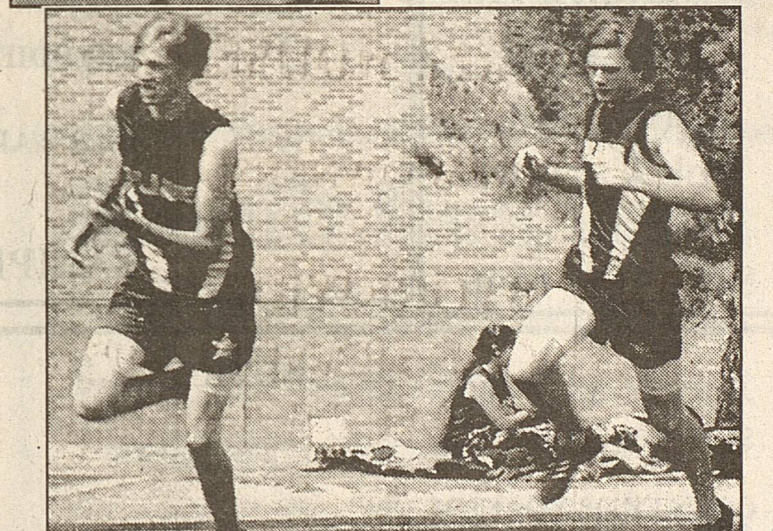
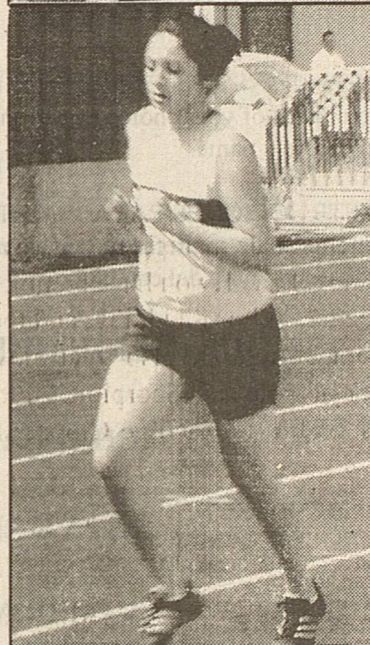
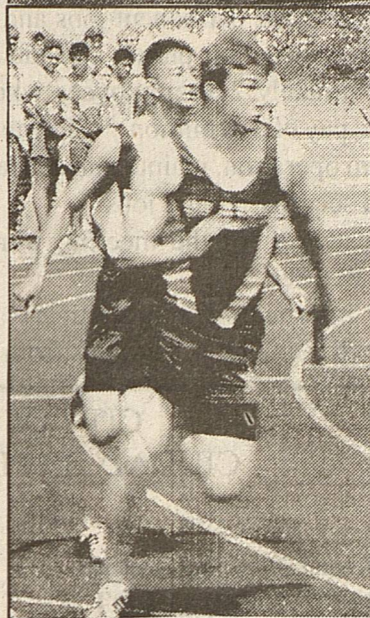
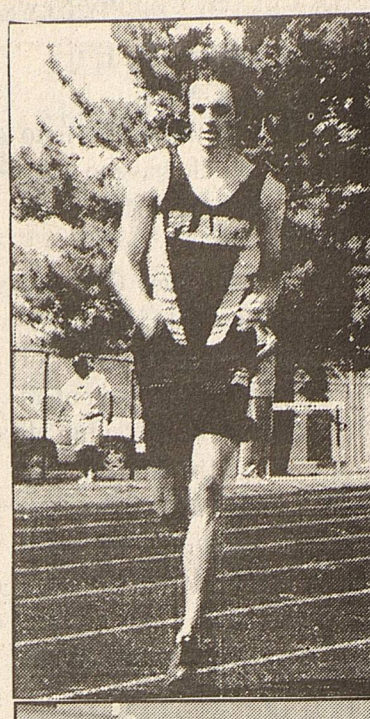
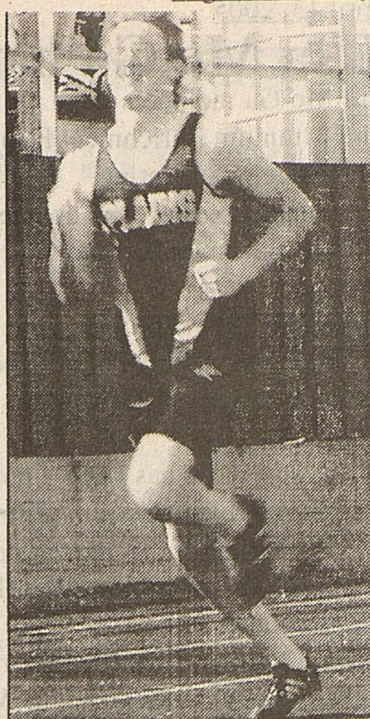
Coach Brink noted the young Cowboys had their best meet of the year, winning their District meet by scoring 117 points.
 3200 Run- Zack Ramos 2nd., Brandon Loya 3rd,
 400 Relay- Juan Lara, Cody Mayes, Chase Guetersloh, Blake O'Quinn 3rd.
 800 Run- Chase Guetersloh 1st, Antonio Martinez 2nd.
 800 Relay- Juan Lara, Blake O'Quinn, Rudy Gonzales, Michael Crump 2nd.
 400 Dash- Michael Crump 2nd, Antonio Martinez 5th.
 1600 Run- Brandon Loya 2nd, Zack Ramos 4th.
 1600 Relay-- Antonio Martinez, Blake O'Quinn, Cody Mayes, Michael Crump
 300 Hurdles- Cody Mayes 3rd.
 Long Jump- Cody Mayes 4th
 Triple Jump- Cody Mayes 5th.
 Shot Put- Sergio Olivas 5th.
 Discus- Sergio Olivas 5th

Cowgirls:

Shot Put- Joani Bell 4th, Area Qualifier.
 Discus- Priscilla Mares 5th.
 Long Jump- Joani Bell 5th
Varsity Cowboys: Coach McWhirter reported the Cowboys finished third at the district meet with 113 points. A number of Cowboys will advance to the Area Meet at Frenship. The first four places advance:
 Pole Vault- Ben Hayes 1st
 Triple Jump- Tyler Caffey 4th
 Discus- Daniel Parker 2nd.
 Long Jump- Tyler Caffey 6th.
 3200 Run- Payton Bean 2nd.
 400 Relay- Ben Hays, Mario Ruvacaba, Johan Cueto, Tyler Caffey 5th
 800 Run- Patrick Cotton 1st, John Tyson 4th, Scott Addison 5th.
 (Addison will advance to the Area meet because the 3rd place runner became ineligible.
 110 Hurdles- Ben Hayes 1st
 800 Relay 2nd- Ben Hayes, Joseph Loya, Johan Cueto, Patrick Cotton.
 400 Dash- Joseph Loya 2nd.
 1600 Run- Payton Bean 2nd.
 1600 Relay- 1st- Joseph Loya, John Tyson, Patrick Cotton, Payton Bean


PHS Golf:

The Cowboys and Cowgirls competed in the district tournament April 4 at the Meadowbrook Course in Lubbock. The only player to advance to regional was Skylar Keese, who won a one-hole playoff for 3rd place medalist honors. She will play in the Regional Tourney April 25 and 26 at Elm Grove in Lubbock..
 Individual scores included:
 Cowboys- Isaac Ramon 87 - David Alldredge 92 - Brant Huerta and Breck Hamm, 94 - Brandon Hise 99 - Kurt Alldredge 101 - Colby Wilmeth 102 - Scott Bruton 1-9 - Payton Bean 111 - Ryan Crump 137 - Colby Ortega 142.
 Cowgirls- Skylar Keesee 105, Joani Bell 110, Jordan Williams 3, Lauren Hise 4, Lauren Davis 136, Amber Friesen 147



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Tae Kwan Do Champ



Ten year old fourth grader Cruz Sigala Jr. competed at Clovis, New Mexico April 2 at the 2nd Annual Tae Kwan Do Championship Tournament. Cruz placed second in Form judging, and took first place honors in sparring competition. He also met movie actor Chris Casamassa, known for his role as "Scorpion" in the movie Mortal Kombat, and was stand-in for George Clooney in Batman and Robin.

Art Association Meets

Yoakum County Art Association members met in the old courthouse clubroom April 5, with club President Lisa Gentry presiding. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved, and a treasurers report was presented. Member Suzie Powell introduced guest artist Tommey Huggins of Seminole.

A retired art teacher, Huggins explained her sculpting techniques, from the clay stage to finished bronze, a very interesting and informative program.

Hostesses for the meeting were Wilma Powell and Beverly Bray, served by Linda Powell. Next meeting will be May 3, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Steve Hicks in concert at Denver City

On Sunday evening April 17 at 6 PM, Blake Hicks, formerly from Denver City, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church in Denver City.

Blake and his wife Brooke are currently residing in Fort Worth where he attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, working on his Masters degree. Brooke is employed by the Flower Mound school system in special education.

A 1996 graduate at Denver City

High, Blake later graduated from Texas Tech, majoring in advertising. After graduation he was employed by Temmerlin McClain Ad Agency in Irving. Blake felt the call from God to pursue his work in the ministry, and has recently begun spreading the Gospel in song and word in many places. He looks forward to returning home and seeing many friends, and wishes to invite all to come and be a part of the services Sunday evening.

Seniors Corner

We honored several of our group as we celebrated the birthdays and anniversaries this month. These are special days in our lives regardless of how many times we have celebrated before. Congratulations to each one!

Visitors this week include Howard and Teddi Carlson who are visiting with Ione Johnson as they pass this way from the warmer climes of the Rio Grande Valley to their home in Minnesota. We look forward to their visit each spring and fall as they pass our way. Jane and L.W. Sparks from Hobbs spent the lunch hour with us one day. This is another welcome couple who spend awhile with us at the senior Center when they come to visit Denver City relatives. Lulu Bell Crawford came on the Plains van last week. We haven't seen her for a long time. Welcome to each of these folks.

We have several of our senior family who have spent time in the local hospital. We are glad to welcome Melba Gayle, Anne Holland and Paul Sweitzer back this week after their sojourn there. Margie Forbus lost her long battle with cancer this week. Margie was part of my first line dancing group many years ago. She was an eager student and a wonderful friend. We have received word Mickey Evans also died last week. Our sympathy goes to each of these families. As one by one we lose many friends, we pause to ponder about this time of our lives. The road is not marked at all and we feel its uncertainties strongly - the restrictions and the opportunities trail up into a whole perspective of question marks, losing themselves in the distance and over the hills.

When Julie Andrews celebrated her 69th birthday with a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall she sang once more her song we all remember from all those years ago - "My Favorite Things." The lyrics were changed a bit from that other time and send a message we can all relate to. Remember those other days as you view this newer version.

Maalox and nosedrops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in strings,
These are a few of my favorite things

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixadent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts, and porches and swings
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so sad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and cornpads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heatpads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back Pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinned',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that's thinnin',
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad!

Thought for today: "Laughter is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot".... Josh Billings.

*Love must be learned, and
learned again, and again; there is
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Tortillas On Mars ?

Month-old tortillas may not be headed for the trash bin thanks to a professor at Texas A&M University.

Professor Ralph Waniska discovered that adding salt to the tortilla mix and reducing the amount of baking powder creates a fresher-tasting tortilla.

"The tortilla has a chemical taste when it has too much baking powder," Waniska said. "We have more of a wheat/flour taste in the tortilla."

Waniska said tortilla manufacturers already can prevent mold from growing on tortillas through quality control measures, but as bakery products age, they become firmer. He found that adding an enzyme during the baking process made the tortillas more flexible over a longer period of time, helping retain freshness.

Waniska said the next step is to make a tortilla that could make it to Mars.

"Every mission has tortillas because there are no crumbs," Waniska said. "We are looking at how to get tortillas in space that could possibly last the three or four years it would take to go to Mars." □



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From The Hack

I made the second trip to Midland to have my second cataractomy, if that's a word. I am extremely happy we only have two eyes. Not that it was painful. And not that I didn't know what to expect in the procedure. Same eye clinic. Same Doc. Same routine.

Scribble your name on the waiting list, express dismay there are eight patients ahead of you. Your dismay is ignored by everyone in the room.

Slowly your name works itself up the sheet, two to go, now only one, then they call YOU!

My palms are sweaty as I enter the Lab room. No, of course I'm not nervous! A piece of cake, but I fleetingly envision Dr. Ingram having a convulsion and the laser gun or whatever he wields burns a hole all two inches through my brain!

A cheerful nurse I remember from cataract #1 speedily plumps me down in chair number one of four in the room, all filled with elderly people, at least one older than me! She checks my blood pressure, gives the machine a swift kick and mutters something about the "dumb thing just shows your top pressure!" I am alarmed, to say the least. She scurries about, comes back with two small, evil looking bottles. She is beaming in what she thinks is an encour-

aging smile as she coos, "Now we start your drops, and this first one is, well, a bit hot. Hee Hee, we jokingly call it Jalapeno #1!" She squirts what I think is about an ink bottle full of the stuff in my right eye, and through gritted teeth I shriek, "Jalapenos Hell, that's molten LAVA!", which seems to greatly amuse the other three waiters, especially the older crone.

I am slowly moved to another chair, and each move calls for the same beaming lady bringing the eye drops. Finally, fairly certain there is no point in seeing the Doc for any type surgery, being as I am positive my eye has been melted into a mound of gory goo, the surgery room nurse bounces up to my reclining stretcher chair, to which the staff have now securely strapped me down in case I have a change of heart about it all. She beams, "Ahh, Mr. Dyer! I remember you from your last procedure! You're the one who sobbed when we rolled you in the op room, aren't you?" Naturally God and everyone in the building heard this.

Soon I am being placed on the sacrificial... er, operating table, and Doc Ingram races in, still smiling I guess from my last visit, and starts pushing and shoving me around, saying cheerfully, "Gotta get you just right for me, Gary, don't want me to be uncomfortable while I'm working on you, do we?" I manage to whisper, "Oh, God Forbid!"

He starts, humming a bit, cracking jokes with the standby Rescue Doc, in case I quit breathing from fear. As he does whatever he does, the light in my eye only a few degrees brighter than the sun, Dr. Ingram brightens our day by saying encouraging things, like "You're doing fine, just fine, WOW, this sucker is LOTS bigger than your left one!" Finally, he pats me like a good Collie, and says I did fine, probably won't have to see you anymore, etc. and I mumble "Please, God, let it be true!"

In the event you got the wrong message from all this, here's the straight poop - They all performed magnificently! Excellent work! Veyr Professional. I am also sending free issues of this to their office in hopes it might ease the size of my bill. I can hear the Doc now - "Fat Chance!"

From Ron: An old Indian Chief sat in his reservation hut, smoking a ceremonial pipe and eyeing two U.S. Government officials sent to interview him. "Chief Two Eagles," asked one official, "you've observed the white man 90 years. You've seen his wars and his material wealth. You've seen his progress, and all the damage he's done." The Chief nodded in agreement. The government guy continued, "Considering all this, in your opinion, where did the white man go so wrong?" The Chief stared at the two whites a long time, and finally, calmly said, "When whiteman found the land, Indians were running it. No taxes. No debt. Plenty buffalo. Plenty beaver. Women did all work. Medicine man work free. Indian man spend all day hunting and fishing. Spend all night having sex." The Chief leaned back and smiled, "Only whiteman dumb enough to think he could improve system like that."

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Cotton Market Weekly

May cotton futures closed lower seven consecutive days on the The New York Board of Trade before recovering slightly Thursday.

Analysts focused this week on the USDA's supply/demand report Friday. A jump in the projected world cotton crop and a rise in world consumption figures for the 2004-2005 season were the main feature of the department's report. U.S. supply and demand showed little change while world production and consumption figures were increased.

A slight rise was seen in USDA's production estimate as the figure was nudged to 23.08 million bales, up from 23.01 million the previous month. Domestic use remained unchanged at 6.3 million bales. U.S. cotton exports also were left unchanged at 13.2 million bales, and ending stocks remained steady at 7.1 million bales.

On the global side of the equation, USDA raised its world cot-

ton production estimate to 119.2 million bales, up 1.51 million bales from the March figure. With a rise in production, the department also raised its prediction for world domestic use to 107.05 million bales from 106.6 million in its last report. As a result, world ending stocks now are expected to increase 280,000 bales to 47.83 million bales.

In other news, the Committee for the implementation of Textile Agreements, an interagency group of the U.S. Department of Commerce, said last Monday it will initiate safeguard proceedings to determine whether imports of certain textile and apparel products originating from China are contributing to the disruption of the U.S. Market.

"This decision is the first step in a process to determine whether the U.S. market for these products is being disrupted and whether China is playing a role in that disruption," said Commerce Secretary

Carlos Gutierrez.

Market sources called the move positive for the U.S. textile and apparel industry. Industry observers estimate a final decision on the self-initiated petitions could be reached within five weeks. Provided the petitions are approved, a request for consultations would be made with the Chinese in an effort to reach agreement on the rate of imports into the U.S. market.

Meanwhile, USDA reported export sales of U.S. cotton were higher than last weeks figure, but shipments slipped from marketing year highs. Net export sales of cotton totaled 183,100 bales the week ended March 31, 18 percent more than the previous week and prior four week average. Major buyers included China, Taiwan, Turkey and Vietnam. Sales of 23,800 bales for 2005-06 delivery were primarily for South Korea and Indonesia.

Exports of 326,000 bales slipped 14 percent from previous week's marketing year high and 4 percent from the 4 week average

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Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties grew the most sugar cane in 2003, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. In 2002, Texas churned out 1.7 million tons of sugar cane worth \$52 million. Since 1997, sugar production in Texas has jumped 92 percent, and the value of sugar produced has more than doubled.

