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Texas Launches Safety Belt Enforcement Campaign

Law Enforcement Message to Drivers and Passengers: "Click It or Ticket"

Police called it a "miracle of safety technology" that 17-year-old Lindsay Canright of Austin is alive today after a devastating car crash.

About a year ago, after school had let out for the summer, Lindsay was driving down the freeway with two of her best friends in the car. Out of nowhere an SUV swerved in front of her. She turned the wheel sharply to avoid hitting it and consequently spun off the road and crashed.

The front and rear windshields of her car were smashed. The car was totaled. But because everyone in the car was buckled up, the only injuries Lindsay or her friends sustained were minor bruises from the airbags deploying.

Unfortunately, serious car crashes like Lindsay's are all

too common in Texas. In fact, the Lone Star State leads the nation in traffic fatalities. That's TxDOT and the Texas Department of Public Safety this week launched a special statewide safety belt public education and enforcement campaign called "Click It or Ticket."

From May 20 through June 2, DPS and local law enforcement officers will participate in a statewide crackdown on drivers and passengers who fail to buckle up or buckle up children.

Reminders carrying the "Click It or Ticket" message will be delivered via television and radio announcements and on billboards around the state during May.

This week during a news conference held at the state Capi-

itol to help launch the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, Lindsay summed up her experience: "The simple, easy task of buckling a safety belt saved my life and the lives of my two best friends."

"When safety belt use in Texas reaches 85 percent, we estimate that each year 241 lives will be saved and 5,275 nonfatal injuries will be prevented," said Dr. Jeffery Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). "The state could also save an estimated \$392 million dollars in associated societal costs."

State law requires drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts. Children under 17 years old sitting in the front or back seat of a vehicle must be secured with a seat belt or in a child safety seat.

"If the possibility of protecting yourself in a crash isn't enough, law enforcement will give you another reason to buckle up: a citation that can cost you from \$25 to \$200, plus court costs," said DPS Lt. Colonel Frankie Waller. "As Texans plan their Memorial Day holiday, they need to remember that not buckling up can cost them, whether it's a fine, a serious injury or worse."

Criminal cases in County Court

Six guilty pleas in criminal cases were heard in County Court May 8, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

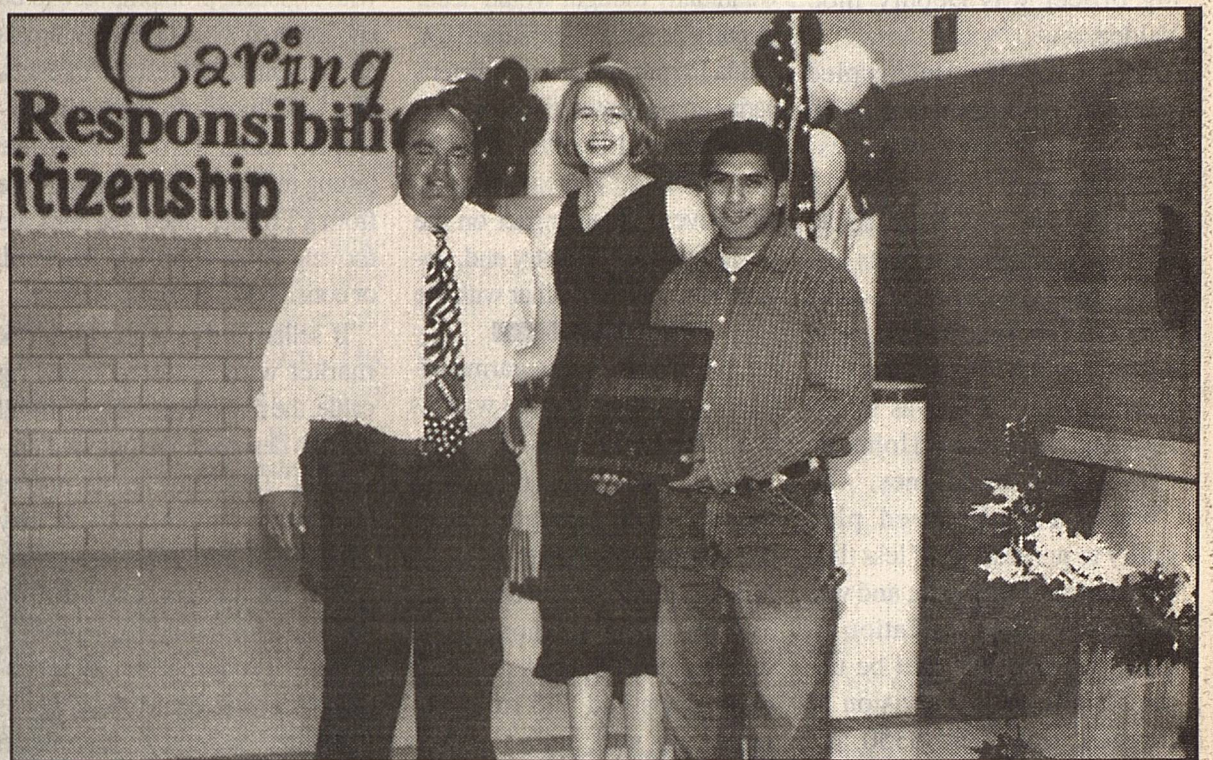
Victoria Bobbie Sanchez pled guilty and adjudication of guilt deferred in a possession of marijuana cause. Defendant will be under 18 months community supervision, must pay \$211 court costs by May 16, and complete the TAIP outpatient treatment program. Defendant will spend 36 hours in jail with credit for 15.5 hours served, and perform 50 hours community service.

Deputy Kenley Powell was investigating officer.

Casey Clay Spears pled guilty to possession of less than 2 ounces marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. He was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs and

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Booster Club honors PHS athletes at annual All Sports Banquet



The Athletic Booster Club hosted the annual All Sports Banquet this Monday evening, and drew a very large crowd of Cowboy and Cowgirl supporters. This year a combined total of 232 PHS students competed in cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, powerlifting, track, baseball, golf, tennis, and in the cheerleading corps. Blake McWhirter, PISD Athletic Director, is shown here with seniors Annaliesa O'Quinn and Joseph Rodriguez, winners of the prestigious Black and Gold Awards. More banquet scenes inside.

See No Weevil, Hear No Weevil

by Stuart Tendler Texas Department of Agriculture

The boll weevil crossed the Rio Grande sometime around 1892 and life for Texas cotton farmers has never been the same. For the 2000 growing season, it was estimated that weevil damage across Texas totaled more than \$240 million, distributed over spray costs and a crop loss of approximately 730,000 bales.

But things are changing, and the boll weevil is on its way out.

In 1994 the state's first boll weevil eradication program was signed into law, and progress since then has been substantial. In 2000, the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone became the first zone to be declared functionally eradicated of boll weevils, meaning no evidence of reproducing boll weevils has been found in cotton fields in the zone.

In February, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs declared the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone the second zone to be functionally eradicated of weevils.

"Texas cotton farmers are continuing to win the war against this destructive crop pest that has plagued the state for more than a century," Combs said. "Congratulations to the cotton growers in the Rolling Plains Central Zone for reaching this milestone."

Cotton has long been a top cash crop in Texas. It is the state's official fiber and fabric and has an annual statewide economic impact of more than \$2 billion.

"These eradication efforts help Texas cotton producers remain

competitive with other states where boll weevil eradication has been completed and production costs are consequently lower," Combs said.

Combs presented the declaration of functional eradication at the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers annual meeting in Abilene to Woody Anderson, the Rolling Plains Central Zone grower representative and chairman of the board of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

The Rolling Plains Central Zone covers approximately 700,000 acres in the following counties: Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Schackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor.

The boll weevil eradication program in the Rolling Plains Central Zone was initially approved on December 1, 1994, and in March 1998, cotton growers in the zone voted by more than a six to one margin to continue the program. In March 2002 they again voted to continue the program.

"This is a historic occasion. Boll weevils have long devastated Texas, and I look forward to declaring more zones functionally eradicated," Combs said.

There are currently 12 active boll weevil eradication zones in Texas covering more than 6 million acres.

2002 crop planting pace quickens



Peanut seed going in the ground

Agricultural producers and Las Vegas gamblers share a common trait - Optimism. A quick tour of the county will reveal dozens of farm tractors busy preparing crop land, or putting seed in the ground.

Area producers, encouraged now that President Bush has signed off on the new, multi-billion dollar farm bill, are busy planting cotton, peanuts, watermelons and other farm commodity crops.

A number of fields have newly emerged cotton up, and acres of transplanted watermelons, and some peanuts. A very informal survey of local producers reveals three main concerns - Weather, which translates "we need more rain"; full details on the farm bill and how it will impact individual farmers; and continued low commodity prices. Only time will produce answers to these concerns.



A row of newly emerged cotton in drip irrigated field



A good stand of irrigated onions

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\$46 restitution. He will spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 13 hours served. complete the outpatient program and the drug offender program, and attend weekly AA meetings. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer, and Mike Holmes was his attorney.

Marcie Melissa Khalyeh pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs and a \$25 time payment, plus \$40 community supervision fees. She must attend weekly AA (Narcotics) meetings, serve 24 hours community service, surrender her driver license 180 days, and complete the drug offenders program. Investigating officer was Deputy Inoe Valdez.

Joseph Hayden Herrin pled guilty to reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$225 court costs and \$25 time payment. He will serve 34 hours in jail with credit for 12.5 hours served. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer, and John W. Cliff Jr. was his attorney.

William Cody Reed pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. He will be under community supervision 12 months, was fined \$350 and must pay \$211 court costs and \$46 restitution. He will serve 36 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours served. He will perform 24 hours community service, and complete the TAIP outpatient program. Brad Tay-

Texas' Downgrade For Cattle TB Status

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "FREE" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1. The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan. Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the

lor, DPS, was investigating officer, and Mike Holmes was his attorney.

Rodger Paul Garcia pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused, open container. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$225 court costs and \$25 time payment. He will attend weekly AA meetings, spend six days in jail with credit for one day served, serve 24 hours community service and complete the DWI first offender program. Jimm Hammons was his attorney.

process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state."

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis of two TB infected cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB free status when a state has two more infected herds disclosed within a 48 month period.

The loss of status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state, explained Dr. Logan. Breeding animals are bred heifers, bulls and cows. Since many cattle sold at livestock markets are hauled out of state, producer groups have struggled with logistical problems sure to be encountered when untested animals are presented at livestock markets. She said breeding cattle are exempted from the interstate testing requirement only if they are from a TB accredited free herd are moving to an approved feedyard, or consigned directly to slaughter.

"If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as "Texas only" cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate," explained Dr. Logan. "Producers can avoid delays in moving their cattle, if they'll have their accredited veterinarian test animals prior to sale." Cattle raiser with questions about the cattle TB problem are urged to contact the Texas Animal Health Commission, 1-800-550-8242, ext.710.

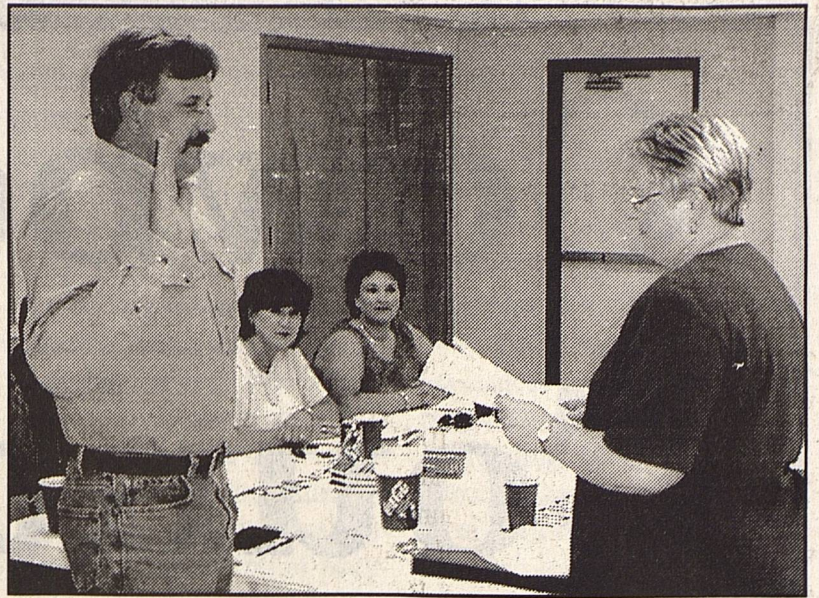
Comptroller wins in District Court

Austin - On the heels of a district court victory against USAA Insurance Company, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander on May 13 possibly saved Texas taxpayers potentially \$2 billion, and vowed to continue to "use every weapon in our arsenal" to fight a court battle brought by USAA Insurance Co.

District Court Judge Margaret Cooper granted Rylander's motion for summary judgement and denied USAA's motion, ruling the company must pay sales tax, motor vehicle tax and fuels tax. "We prevailed as we felt confident we would do," Rylander said. "USAA should pay the same taxes everyone else does."

The lawsuit filed by Mark Eidman, an attorney with the firm Scott, Douglas and McConnico, seeks a refund of taxes already paid by USAA Insurance. The company argues it should not have had to pay state taxes all other businesses pay.

New Mayor sworn in



Shane Mckinzie shown being sworn into office by City Secretary Pam Rowe at the Monday City Council meeting, Pam Redman was also sworn back in as council member. The council prepared a plaque for former Mayor T.J. Miller, which read in part, "Mayor T.J. Miller - In recognition of dedicated service and significant achievements as a member of the Plains City Council ** In appreciation of the sharing of his time, energy and talents on behalf of the citizens of Plains ** Mayor 1980 - 2002, Council Member 1965 - 1975.

When the sales tax law was enacted in 1961, the statute did not include exemptions for for-profit businesses, including insurance companies. "USAA's position is wrong on the law," Rylander said.

USAA is seeking approximately \$120 million in taxes, plus inter-

est, since August 1994. If the company were to win the legal case, setting a precedent for other companies, the Comptroller's office estimates the state could be liable for up to \$2 billion.

A Voice For Texas

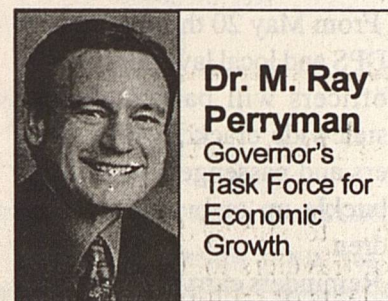
Over the course of my increasingly long career, I have seen both good and bad economic times in Texas.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, the state experienced growth and prosperity based on the good business climate and the booming petroleum industry. Buildings went up across the state faster than we could fill them, excess was in, and the J.R. Ewing lifestyle was closer to reality than to TV illusion.

Then, in the mid-'80s, the price of oil declined and along came a significant downturn in the state's economy. Whether you knew it or not, if you lived in Texas, your livelihood was dependent on the oil business, and business was not good. A banking and real estate crisis only made things worse.

During those hard times, the state made choices that positioned us to succeed in the new economy of the late-'90s. Governor Bill Clements, Speaker Gib Lewis and the rest of the Texas leadership worked to diversify our economy, market the state, invest in education and workforce training, and focus the economic development functions of state government into a single agency—the Texas Department of Commerce, a predecessor to Texas Economic Development. I was a member of a Task Force, which recommended this important step.

The benefits of these efforts became apparent during the last decade as the new, more diversified Texas economy boomed. This success, however, had a downside. Business was so good that some communities were experiencing all the growth they could manage, and attention drifted away from economic development. The state's efforts became fragmented, and many of the programs that had been gathered under one agency were scattered among several agencies. Eventually, our current situation emerged—a decentralized, disjointed approach to economic development at



Dr. M. Ray Perryman
Governor's Task Force for Economic Growth

a time the state needs a sharp focus on its future.

The economic slowdown of recent months has forced many communities to dust off their economic development tools once again. We need to be smart about how we move forward. By focusing our efforts and resources, we can build on what we have learned and ensure the state is positioned for growth.

Texas needs to reinvest in economic development, and that investment can come through increased support for Texas' lead economic development agency—Texas Economic Development (TxED). Admittedly, the agency has had its ups and downs over the years. But the past is the past. New leadership has made impressive strides toward transforming TxED into an aggressive marketing agency for Texas.

Last month, TxED demonstrated this new focus by contracting with an Austin firm to market the state as a business location, much as TxED markets the state as a tourist destination. With this effort, TxED will promote the many advantages Texas offers businesses, thereby enhancing the state's image as a business location; this will benefit all of our communities. While currently just a pilot program, these renewed marketing efforts can lead the state in the direction I think we need to go. The Texas Legislature should consider investing more money in this effort.

Governor Rick Perry also recognizes the need to rededicate our efforts.

In February, he announced the formation of the Governor's Task Force for Economic Growth to advise him on ways to ensure long-term economic growth in Texas. I am honored to serve on this task force and will be working with many of the state's most dynamic and successful business leaders. The first meeting of this group was April 10th in San Antonio. Later meetings will be conducted at locations around the state.

If we are going to insulate Texas from future economic downturns, we must spur our economy to new expansion and greater stability. We should look to expand our existing industries, but there also are many new opportunities out there. The state must work to identify emerging technologies and new growth industries and determine the role Texas can play. Biotechnology initiatives abound; it is clearly the hot topic of the day. But alternative energy and smart materials also are emerging industries. There are many cutting-edge industries people are not talking about right now that somebody, somewhere, is going to do very well with. Why not Texas?

Even though the state's economy has been thrown a few curve balls, through it all, Texas has fared better than the national average in just about every category. The Texas economy is still stronger and better prepared than most to take advantage of all the opportunities the improving business climate has to offer. But we need to start with one voice. Clear. Loud. And Powerful. TxED is proving to be that voice.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is a member of the Governor's Task Force for Economic Growth. He is also President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group and serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

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Obituary

Services Held For Jason Owen Sutton

Jason Sutton, 24 of San Angelo, Texas passed away on May 10, 2002 at a Shannon Hospital after a short and courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM., Monday May 13, 2002 at the Grape Creek Baptist Church, with Reverend Bill Wright of First Baptist Church of Plains, Texas officiating and Reverend Brad Winchester, Pastor of Grape Creek Baptist Church Co-officiating. Burial followed at the Grape Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Jason was born October 31, 1977 to Owen Banks Sutton and Nelda Marie Hasty Sutton. He married Stacey Jones on March 10, 2001 in San Angelo, Texas. He was employed at Mayfield Paper Company in the Production Department and at Rosa's Cafe as an Assistant Manager.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; Charles "Sonny" Hasty and Marie Hasty and Banks Sutton.

He is survived by his wife, Stacey Sutton, of San Angelo; his parents; Owen and Nelda Sutton, of The Woodlands; a brother, David Sutton and wife, Courtney of Hempstead; 4 uncles and 4 aunts all of San Angelo and many other family and friends.

Pallbearers were David Sutton, Eric Hasty, Jeremy Hasty, Brian Hasty, Cody Hasty, Sterling Cole and Zach Adkins. Honorary Pallbearers were Butch Hasty, Bill Hasty, Otis Sutton, Lance Prior, Derrick Teague, Clint Gunter and Leo Rodriguez.

The family suggests memorials be sent to your favorite charity. The family would also like to offer a special thanks to the staff at Shannon Hospital E. R., ICU and the 4th floor.

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Imagine slipping into a high-tech winter jacket that can create its own warmth, powered by lightweight, rechargeable lithium batteries that can heat it up to 114 degrees.

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Maiden Mills has licensed the technology to The North Face, which has incorporated it into its MET5 jacket, selling for about \$500. The Pentagon is



testing the jackets at its lab in Natick, Mass.

The company has also licensed the technology to Land's End Inc. for a blanket. The Polartec Blanket, using metallic fibers to conduct heat, sells for about \$200.

Also in development are gloves that incorporate the self-heating technology, and jackets that can transmit not only heat but data, such as heart rate and body temperature. The same technology may one day be used in reverse - providing air-conditioning textiles to keep wearers cool.

2002 Cowboy, Cowgirl All Sports Banquet Honorees

Cross Country

Patrick Cotton - Daniel Estrada - Payton Bean* - Arnold Cordova* - Brandon Davis* - Jonathan DeLaRosa* - Nathan Hays* - Chase Howell* - Chisum Justus* - Armando Ramirez*

* - Regional qualifier

Volleyball

JV - Lela Coronado - Jamie Covarrubias - Marlie Diaz - Sandra Gandara - Krystal Gonzalez* - Jill Gray - Daniela Lazos - Sarah Martinez - Kristian Morales* - Prisma Ortiz - Micaela Villegas*

* - Regional qualifier

Varsity - Chelsea Blount*R - Sandra Gallegos R - Annaliese O'Quinn*TR - Jessica Rodriguez*R - Moriah Traweek R - Manuela Villegas*R - Chelsi Wagnon R - Kayla Willis*R - Mackenzie Winn*R

* all district - R Regional qualifier

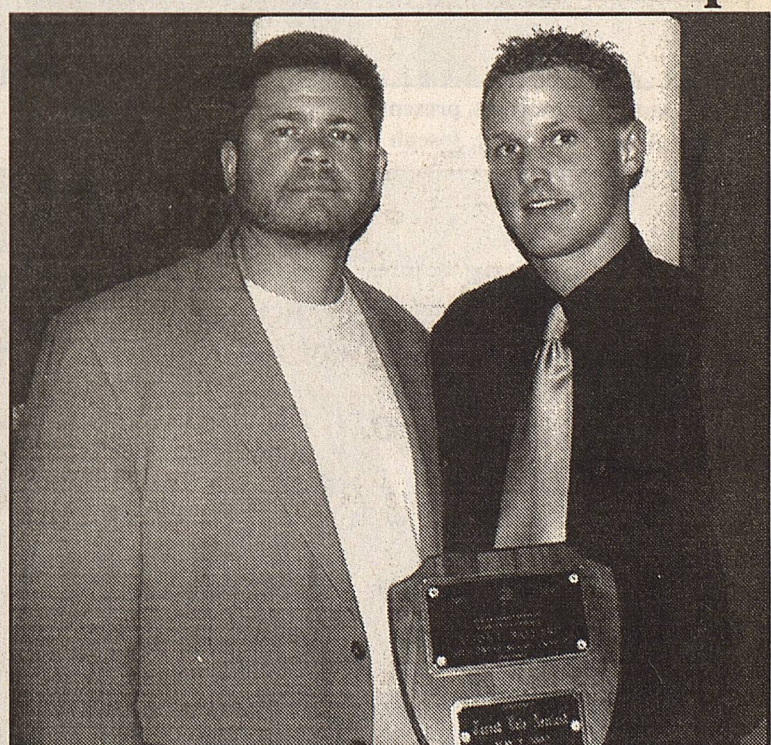
Football

JV - Zach Broome - Evan Cain - Trey Cleveland - Arnold Cordova - Brandon Davis - Marcos Dominguez - David Escobar - Cody Flores - Brandon Hise - Brant Huerta - Servando Luna - Justin Nevarez - Isaac Ramon - John Wagnon

Varsity - Kevin Bartley - Jared Bell *, S,T - Justin Chambliss - Louis Escobar* - Tanner Hamm* - Nick Hays* - Grady McNabb - Armando Ramirez - Manuel Ramoz - Angel Ruiz - Jordan Bean - Mario Bonilla - Richard Diaz - Moises Gonzales*, S - Chris Hansen - Ryan Martinez - Nolan Newsom - Jose Ramirez - Joseph Rodriguez*

* all district, S Lubbock AJ All South Plains, THSCA All Star

Newland Wins Scholarship



The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches recently held their annual clinic in San Antonio last Thursday. Jarod Newland was the first recipient of the Alton Ballard Memorial Scholarship. Jarod wrote an essay explaining why he deserved the scholarship, and his entry was judged the best in the state. He traveled to San Antonio and was presented the scholarship by Jeff Stout, Head Basketball Coach at Dallas Molina. Alton Ballard passed away this year. He published the news letter for years, and was a mainstay of the organization. Jarod was extremely honored to receive the award and scholarship. He is a senior at Plains High, and is the son of Jan Newland. His plans after graduation are to attend Texas Tech and be a student assistant for Coach Marsha Sharp and the Lady Raiders.

Top 20 Texas Attractions

A 2000 D.K. Shifflet Associates, Ltd. survey determined the most popular attractions for travelers to Texas. The study did not include local residents or multiple visits to any one attraction.

- * Paseo del Rio (River Walk) (San Antonio)
- * The Alamo (San Antonio)
- * San Marcos Outlet Malls
- * State Capitol (Austin)
- * Padre Island National Seashore
- * Six Flags Over Texas (Arlington)
- * Moody Gardens (Galveston)
- * NASA Space Center (Clear Lake)
- * Fort Worth Stockyards
- * Sea World of Texas (San Antonio)
- * San Antonio Zoo
- * Six Flags Fiesta Texas (San Antonio)
- * Ballpark at Arlington
- * USS Lexington (Corpus Christi)
- * Texas Aquarium (Corpus Christi)
- * Enron Field (Houston)
- * Texas Stadium (Irving)
- * Fort Worth Zoo
- * Schlitterbahn (New Braunfels)
- * Six Flags Astroworld (Houston)

Your attention Please!
We are taking a few days off. We will print the graduation issue May 22, and then skip the May 29 issue. The next issue of CCN will be on JUNE 5!

Plains Student Awarded LCU's Silver Medal

Brad Seaton, a sophomore Bible major from Plains, was selected by the faculty of Lubbock Christian University as winner of the Silver Medal.

The Silver Medal awards are presented to students who excel in campus extracurricular activities and organizations. Seaton was honored for Forte award at the annual Student Appreciation Banquet held at the end of the spring semester. Lubbock Christian University is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment. LCU was among only six Texas schools to be named in the John

Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Universities. LCU offers 39 bachelor's degree programs and five master's degrees with an enrollment of 1,800 students.

In recent years LCU has enjoyed national recognition. The sports program has produced nine national team championships, a dozen individual champions, and more than 200 All American performances. In addition to athletics, the Students In Free Enterprise team has placed in the top 11 for the last 14 years at the national level and has won four international championships.

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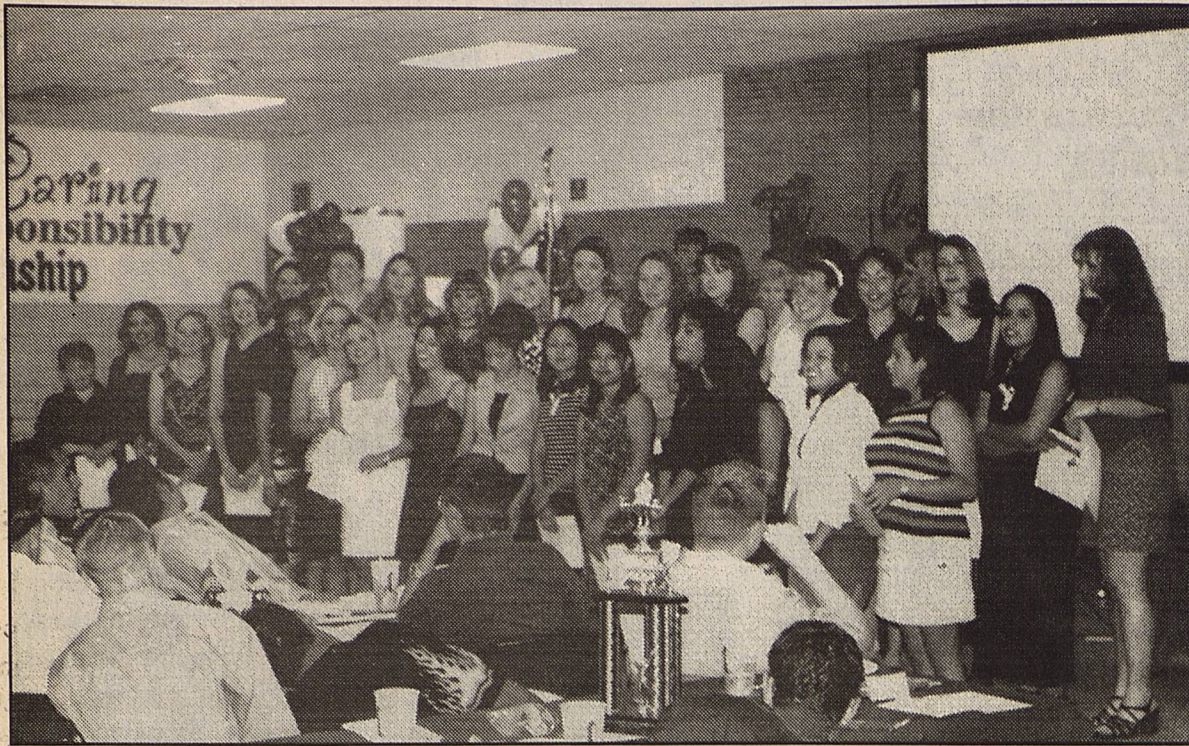
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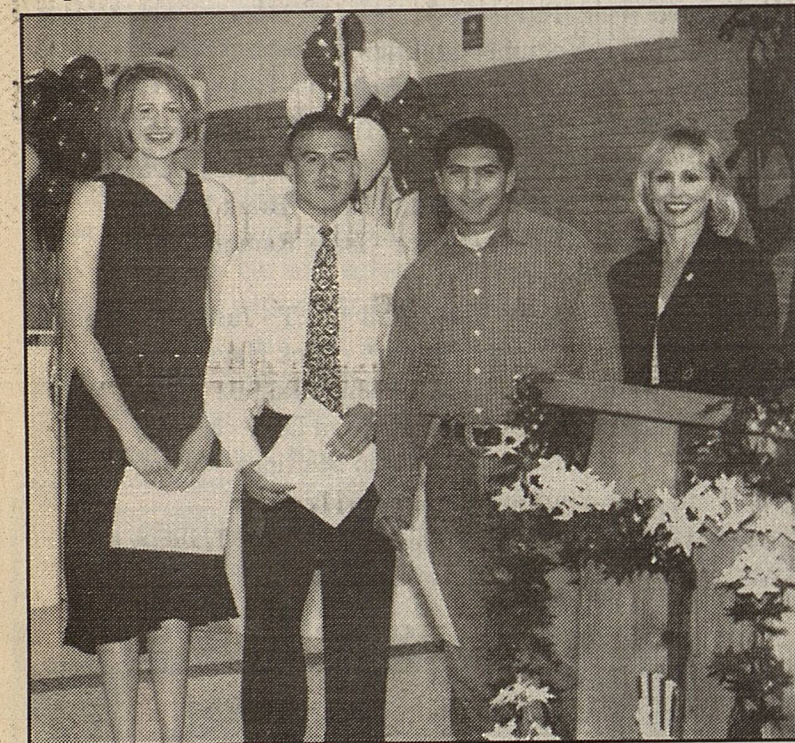
2001 - 2002 Cowgirl Athletes



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They led the cheering- Keri Hansen, Jamie Covarrubias, Kayla Willis, sponsor Jill Rotunno, Jessica Rodriguez, Jill Gray, Stacie Alldredge not present



Booster Dana Hamm, right, presented scholarships to Annaliesa O'Quinn, Moises Gonzales, Joseph Rodriguez



Jan Newland surprised son Jarod, presenting him with Kimberly Newland Memorial Scholarship

Basketball

JV Cowgirls - Lela Coronado - Marlie Diaz - Sandra Gallegos - Daniela Lazos - Kristian Morales - Jesenia Suarez - Micaela Villegas - Jamie Covarrubias - Mayra Flores - Sandra Gandara - Sarah Martinez - Prisma Ortiz - Manuela Villegas
 JV Cowboys - Gold Team - Kevin Bartley - Payton Bean - Evan Cain - Brandon Davis - Richard Diaz - Cody Flores - Brandon Hise - Benny Loewen - Justin Nevarez - Armando Ramirez - Angel Ruiz
 Black Team - Justin Chambliss - Arnold Cordova - Patrick Cotton - Josh Curtis - Jonathan DeLaRosa - Marcos Dominguez - David Escobar - Daniel Estrada - Breck Hamm - Joseph Martinez - Kerry Sisson
 Varsity Cowgirls - Chelsea Blount*S - Jill Gray - Jessica Knight - Annaliesa O'Quinn* - Jessica Rodriguez* - Moriah Traweek - Chelsi Wagnon* - Kayla Willis - Mackenzie Winn*
 * all district
 Varsity Cowboys - Jared Bell *,TS - Kelly Bowers - Zach Broome - Jeremy Diamond - Moises Gonzales *,S - Tanner Hamm *, S - Chase Howell - Servando Luna - Jarod Newland *,S - Bradley Palmer - Joseph Rodriguez*
 * all district - T all region TABC- S Lubbock AJ all South Plains

Power Lifting

Arnold Cordova - Louis Escobar - Adam Guerro - Chris Hansen* - Nick Hays - Chisum Justus - Flavio Martinez - Ryan Martinez - Chris McGinty - Jose Ramirez - Manuel Ramoz*
 * regional qualifier

Track

Cowgirls - Jamie Covarrubias - Sandra Gandara - Jill Gray - Daniela Lazos - Prisma Ortiz - Jessica Rodriguez - Moriah Traweek* - Manuela Villegas - Micaela Villegas - Kayla Willis
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 Cowboys - Payton Bean - Jared Bell - Mario Bonilla - Trey Cleveland - Arnold Cordova - Patrick Cotton - Brandon Davis - Jonathan DeLaRosa - Richard Diaz* - Moises Gonzales* - Adam Guerrero - Davis Escobar - Louis Escobar - Nick Hays - Chase Howell - Ryan Martinez - Chris McGinty* - Justin Nevarez - Armando Ramirez - Jose Ramirez - Joseph Rodriguez - Angel Ruiz
 * regional qualifier

Baseball

Kevin Bartley - Jared Bell - Evan Cain - Arnold Cordova - Miguel Coronado - Brandon Davis - Richard Diaz - Chris Hansen - Nick Hays - Ryan Martinez - Armando Ramirez - Joseph Rodriguez

Golf

Cowgirls - Allison Butler*,R - Jill Gray R - Mandi Rogers *,R - Chelsi Wagnon* - Liz Wilmeth*,R - Mackenzie Winn*, R -
 Cowboys - Jared Bell - Evan Cain* - Cody Flores - Tanner Hamm - Brandon Hise - Chase Howell - Isaac Ramon

Tennis

JV Cowgirls - Stacie Alldredge - Jamie Covarrubias - Elda Fierro - Wendy Fierro - Cendy Lopez - Arasley Luna -

Ragan McGinty - Carmen Mendoza - April Wilmeth - Becky Wilmeth
 Varsity Cowgirls - Elizabeth Clanahan - Jessica Knight - Kim Martinez - Sarah Martinez - Kristian Morales - Helen Neufeld
 JV Cowboys - Evan Cain - Cody Flores - Breck Hamm - Brandon Hise - Chase Howell - Angel Ruiz
 Varsity Cowboys - Kelly Bowers - Jeremy Diamond - Tanner Hamm* - Chisum Justus - Grady McNabb - Jarod Newland

Varsity Cheerleaders

Allison Butler - Jill Gray - Keri Hansen - Jessica Rodriguez - Stacie Alldredge - Jamie Covarrubias



Carolyn Culwell received the SUPER BOOSTER award from club president Billie Howll

Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Judy Luna, a freshman and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Luna. Judy was nominated by Mrs. Canada, who said " Someone said, "Helping our fellowman is the rent for the space we occupy on this earth, the more rent you pay the greater will be your happiness and joy in living. Judy is always willing to help a fellow student or teacher and does it with joy. She is a student who excels in her academic courses because of her hard work ethic. She is a delight to teach and have in the classroom."



Apologies to Liz Wilmeth- 11th grade-she was on the All A Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks, **not** the All A one B as printed.

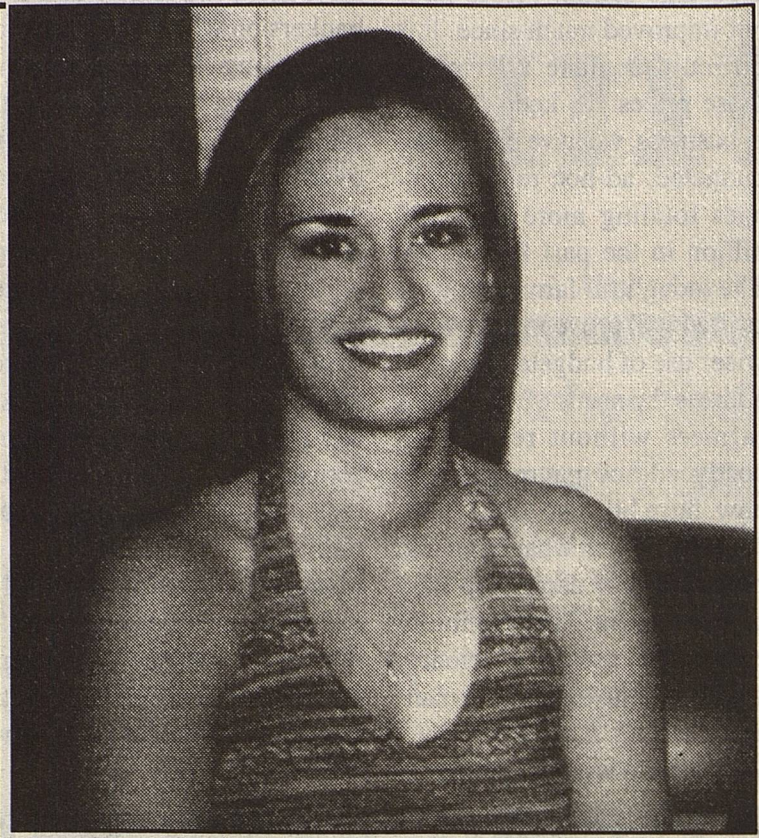
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 The staff of Plains Elementary School.
La matricula para kindergarten y Pre-kindergarten
 Si su nino tendra cuatro anos de edad en o antes del 1 de septiembre de 2002 ellos purden asistir al programa de Pre-kindergarten. Si ellos tendran cinco anos de edad en o antes del 1 de septiembre de 2002, ellos deben registrar para asistir lindergarten. La prematriculada sera la semana de Mayo 6-10. Todos los padres y los estudiantes que son elijibles, son invitados a gastar la manana en la escuela con nosotros el viernes, el 10 de mayo de 2002. Nosotros esperamos con ansia tener su estudiante en la escuela! Gracias. The Staff of Plains Elementary School.

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Tanya Hernandez, 1998 graduate of Plains High, recently received her Registered Nurse Certification in graduation ceremonies at Odessa College. Tanya is the daughter of David and Lupe Hernandez.

New Books At The Library

FICTION:

The Shelters Of Stone...Jean M. Auel, *Mortal Allies*...Brian Haig, *The Bartered Bride*...Mary Jo Putney, *Fatal*...Michael Palmer, *With These Hands*...Louis L'Amour (Collections Of New Tails), *The Last Chance Cafe*...Linda Lael Miller, *Let Freedom Ring*...Al Lacy, *Turbulence*...John Nance, *The Sacrifice*...Robert Whitlow, *So Little Time*...Al Lacy

NON-FICTION:

Cancer Schmancer...Fran Drescher, *Walking Wisely*...Charles Stanley, *Saying Goodby When You Don't Want To*...Teens Dealing With Loss...Martha Bolton, *When The Glass Slipper Doesn't Fit*...Claire Cloninger, *Life Or Debt*...Stacy Johnson, *Family Circle Quick Easy Recipes*, *Right Words At The Right Time*...Marlo Thomas and Friends, *Caring For Yourself While Caring For Your Aging Parents*...Claire Berman.

The Plains Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held from June 3rd - June 28th. Meals will be provided in the Plains School Cafeteria to children from ages 1 through 18, at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m., on Monday through Friday. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, natural origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MA W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

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Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met in the Methodist Church on May 7. The members enjoyed listening to B. J. Lester play selections on the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hanna, Jan Lester, Dana Altman and Bo Stephens were honored guests. Everyone enjoyed refreshments served by hostesses Pat Altman and Uvonne Morgan. Janelle Brantley won the door prize donated by the artist of the month, Lisa Gentry.

A new slate of offices were approved. The new officers are; President Jeannette Head, Vice President Eileen Fillipp, Secretary/Reporter Thelma Cheatham, Treasurer Betty Estep.

Chairpersons this year are; Program Shelia Stephens, Hostess Janelle Brantley, Education Inetta Teaff, Jured Show Uvonne Morgan, Pat McNabb, Lisa Gentry, Photography Linda Powell, Scrapbook Wilma Powell, Telephone Jimmie Bayer, Tina Coffman, Cards/Flowers Susie Powell, Membership Patria Altman.

Boost Women's Protective Services & Win A Tractor!

Women's Protective Services host 3rd Annual Tractor Raffle August 17th at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center at 7:00 p.m.

Tractor Raffle tickets are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased for \$100.00. All proceeds benefit Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold.

The ticket price includes admission for two, a raffle entry, a barbecue dinner provided by J & M Barbecue, a silent auction and live entertainment by the Rex Thomas Band.

A 150 hp John Deere Tractor will be raffled off. The tractor is valued at \$96,000.

This is the third year for WPS to host the tractor

raffle. Our goal is to raise \$120,000.

Children Follow Lead Of Parents In Eating Vegetables

For parents who want their children to eat more fruits and vegetables, "Do as I do," may be the best approach.

Dr. Jennifer Fisher, a behavioral nutrition scientist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, found that young girls were more likely to be pressured to eat fruits and vegetables, and less likely to actually eat them, when their parents ate few of these healthy foods themselves.

Fisher found parents who reported consuming the fewest

fruits and vegetables were also those who employed the most pressure in their child feeding practices. Yet, despite their efforts, their daughters consumed 1.6 fewer servings of fruits and vegetables per day than the offspring of vegetable munching parents.

"These findings underscore our previous studies suggesting that parents who try to tightly control what their children eat can inadvertently make 'healthy foods like vegetables even less desirable to their children," she said.



YOAKUM COUNTY CONNECTION wants YOU for Summer Youth Art Workshops

Enroll now!! Class size is limited!!
Pre-registration ends May 30. Please leave enrollment forms at the Plains or Denver City Libraries.

Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Program is sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, Yoakum County Connection, Texas Agricultural Extension Services and local supporters.

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Parent/Guardian _____ Daytime phone _____

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Leave a message with the students name and class.

Thank you for participating in the YCC Summer Youth Program.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

A Chairperson is needed to organize and supervise children's games at the upcoming August 31 Watermelon Round Up. If you can help in the annual project, please call 456-3566 as soon as possible!

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From The Hack

The following is courtesy of Writer Emeritus for the Lovington Leader, W.H. 'Hop' Graham, from his May 5 column. It's very palatable food for thought;

"Say your prayers - In a week that put prayer and Bible reading on the public forefront in my home town, I can't help but reflect this has been a bad year for religion. Millions of people are engaged in killing one another over what they believe. The United States, representing Western Christianity, finds itself at war with a deadly, unprincipled enemy. This is not a war over territory or political domination. In spite of what some say, it is not a war for economic advantage (access to oil). It is a war for the minds of people and what are their most basic beliefs about life. "At the core of this conflict are two of the world's great religions. Extremists of the Muslim world have taken tenets of the Islamic faith and distorted them into an anti-American manifesto. We suddenly find ourselves confronted by an enemy with no uniform or national origin, but rather a world-wide religious belief system that hates us. We hardly know how to deal with it.

"Most Americans have been doing crash courses on Mohammed and his followers, trying to get a read on what is at the root of this ghastly development. One thing that has come from my own reflections is a growing conviction there really is a Devil, an antithesis of God. It has always been easy for me to believe in a Creator, a source of goodness and light.

But grasping the concept of a Devil was something else. The presence of evil in the world is easy enough to see, but to personify it is quite another step. Well, I have been pushed very close to a believer status for the Dark Kingdom.

"Religion, especially Western Christianity, has been such a beacon of light and hope in our world, it pains me to see it fall into such disrepute. In the face of justifiable criticism from without for our worldliness and gross personal failings, made worse by materialistic ministers and pedophilic priests, we forget the blessings the faith has brought our society; canonical law, behavioral ethics, and human compassion.

"The Taliban, and Hamas, are aberrations of Islam just as the KuKlux Klan was of Christianity. Why do men twist their religion this way? It must be because there is an evil force in the world."

Very well said, Hop.

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From a granddaughter via the internet: Sitting alongside the highway watching for speeders, a DPS trooper sees a car putting along at exactly 22 miles per hour, and thinks, "That driver is just as dangerous as a speeder," so he flips on his lights and pulls the driver over.

He approaches the car and sees it contains five little old ladies, two in front, three in the back, and all but the driver are wide eyed and pale as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says, "Officer, I don't understand, I was driving exactly the speed limit. What is wrong?" The officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know driving slower than the speed limit is just as dangerous as speeding."

"Slower than the speed limit? No, sir, I was doing exactly the speed limit, 22 miles an hour, the little old driver says.

The DPS trooper, trying not to laugh, explains to her 22 was the highway number, not the speed limit. Very embarrassed, the lady smiled and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

He says, "Before I let you go, I have to ask, are these other ladies OK? They haven't said a word and seem a bit shaken."

The driver says, "Oh, they'll be alright in a minute, officer. We just got off Highway 119."

Larry Combest Reports

I had the pleasure of doing something this week I had been waiting for more than two years.; Signing a conference report that will become a good farm bill, with provisions critical for West Texas farmers.

West Texas farmers have endured one of the worst recessions in our country's history. In the past four years, farm net-cash has fallen to the lowest level in real dollars since the Great Depression. During a time when farmers were most in need of a safety net, they were having to rely on a farm

policy woefully devoid of one. And allowing that policy to remain in place would surely have cost many West Texas farmers their livelihoods. That prospect was unacceptable, so, as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, we began the process of crafting a new farm policy more than two years ago.

I believe one of the most critical components of this new farm bill is the addition of a safety net. I am confident this bill contains provisions that will prove critical to the success of our farmers during this challenging economy.

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 has several key components I believe will help West Texas farmers and rural communities survive the challenging economy they have faced in recent years. This bill puts a counter-cyclical program in place for farmers. That pro-

gram will assist farmers when commodity prices are low, as they have been in recent years. For example, at one point last year, West Texas farmers received less for producing one pound of cotton than we pay for a postage stamp. Prices have not improved much since. It is difficult to make a living at those prices. To keep farmers in business, we have passed unbudgeted, ad-hoc relief packages totaling more than \$30 billion in the past four years. The thoughtful farm policy we crafted will prove to be a much wiser use of budgeted funds to address the needs of America's farmers without relying on costly ad-hoc payments. The new farm bill also gives farmers flexibility in what crops and how much of each crop they plant that year. That flexibility encourages greater efficiency, which leads to better farm management.

Agriculture is a vital partner in

the success of rural America. As its title indicates, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 will build up rural communities while giving farmers and producers the support they need to survive.

I believe President Bush will be quick to sign it into law, so it can go into effect this crop year, providing much needed assurances to farmers and the bankers on whom they depend for funding. Much work went into creating the country's next farm policy, work that began over two-and-a-half years ago when the House Ag Committee began meeting with farmers and producers to ensure the bill contained what farmers would need. The first of those meetings was held in Lubbock, and I believe many of the concerns expressed in those meetings are addressed in the final bill.

Many people asked me after finalized discussions of the farm bill, "Who won?" I offered my answer, which I believe will prove correct; The American farmer is the winner in this farm bill.

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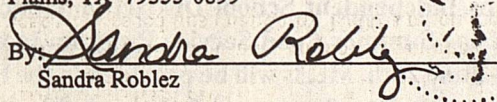
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