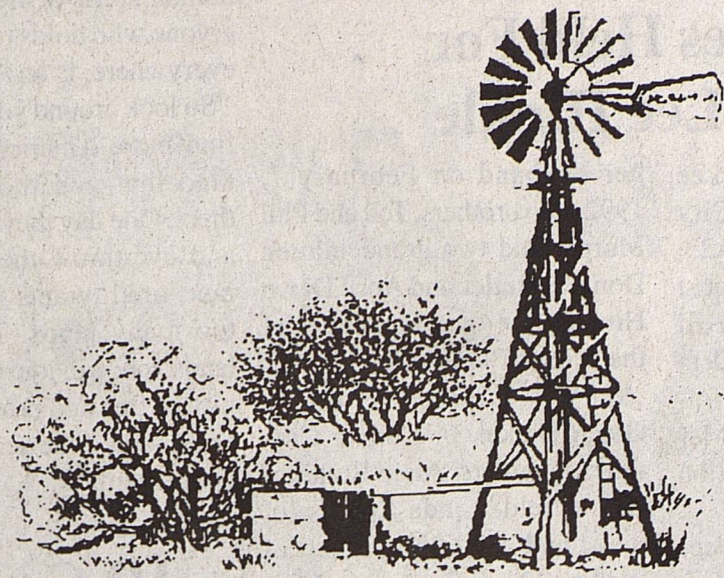


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Governmental candidates hats in ring for May 3 elections

Three governmental entities in Plains have elections scheduled for May 3, 2003, and last Wednesday at 5 PM marked the deadline for candidates to file for places on election ballots.

Three at-large places on the City of Plains Council will be up for grabs. Member Christy Brink's term will expire at the end of the year, member Owen

Schneider has chosen not to seek re-election, and former member Arlon Alexander passed away earlier this year.

Council member Christy Brink, owner of Image'n That, has filed for another two year term. Others completing filing applications include; Cull W. 'Bud' Forbus, retired from the petroleum industry and a Marine Corps vet; Steve

Allredge, a diagnostician with Plains ISD. Dave Wilkins, special education instructor with Plains ISD; Shayne Griffiths, Internet Mgr. with Crosswind; Michael Barrientes, Plains ISD employee; Alfred Martinez III, employee of Yoakum County Pct 4, and Dan Wall, local ag producer. Present Council members Bonnie Earnest and Pam Redman are not up for re-

election.

City Secretary Pam Rowe reported the May 3 election will be held in City Hall. The last day to register to vote for any of the elections is April 3, and early voting gets under way on April 15 and continues through April 29.

Voters in Plains Independent School District will elect three members to the Board of Trust-

ees May 3. Incumbent member John Gray is not seeking re-election. Alex Barrientes, a City of Plains employee, and Keith Earnest, a local ag producer will face off for Gray's seat on the board. Incumbent Ramon Diaz will be unopposed in the election. Incumbent Brad Palmer will be challenged for the position by Charles Diamond, another City of Plains

employee.

Sandy Land Water District will hold their election for three board of directors at-large May 3. Incumbents David Turnbough, Don Parrish and Darrell Barron will be unopposed in the election.

All three entities remind prospective voters April 3 is the last day to register for the elections.

Generous support for EMS ambulance radio funds nearing original goal

Curtis Coffman, President of the Plains EMS group, reported to CCN local and area donors have contributed some \$6,200 to be used for the purchase of new, state of the art radios for the new ambulance which is scheduled for delivery here around the end of March. The communication gear will cost approximately \$8,000.

"We are so very grateful for the generosity of so many of our Plains residents and several civic groups. The response to our request for help with the purchase of the vitally needed radios has just been incredible," Coffman said when the new emergency vehicle is delivered, the radios will be installed in Lubbock by South Plains Communications.

Plains City Hall personnel will continue to accept local donations for the project until the new ambulance is delivered. If the full \$8,000 has not been raised by then, the City of Plains Council has approved a cash donation to reach the \$8,000 goal. You still have time to contribute to this worthy project.

The new ambulance will be the principal EMS response vehicle, and another, older vehicle will be available as a backup unit. (after this article was written, Plains Chamber of Commerce donated \$196 to the fund; \$100 in Chamber funds, and \$96 representing membership fees from new members Neal Newsom, Dallas Brewer, Tony and Barbara Wright.)

Forgery Case In District Court

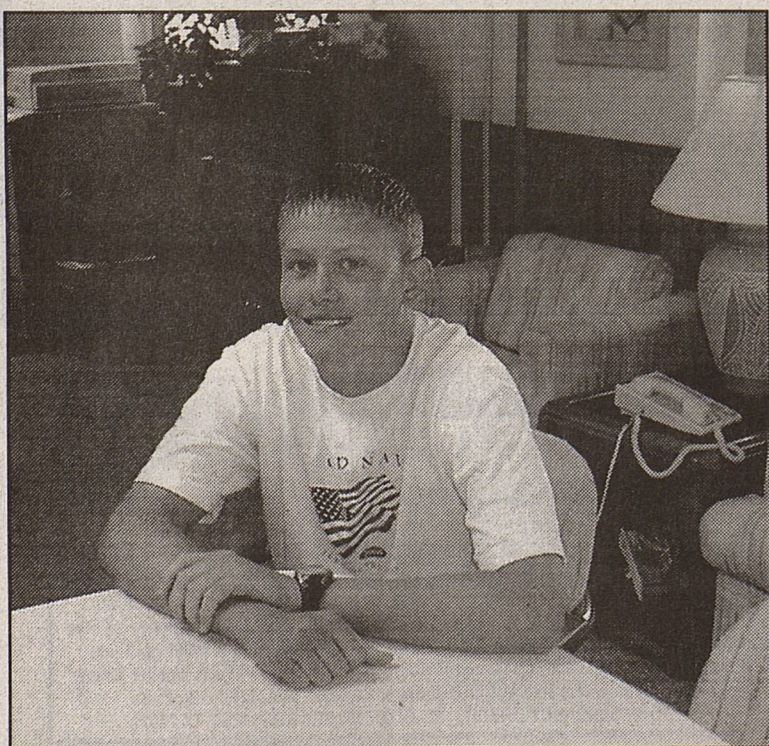
In the March 7 session of District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Cheryly Lynn Spratley pled true in a forgery cause. She will pay \$40 per month community supervision fees starting May 20. The \$503 arrearage in court costs, time payment fee and supervision fees shall be paid at \$25 per month also starting May 20. In another cause for the same forgery offense, \$256 arrearage in court costs, time payment fee and \$200 additional \$200 in appointed attorney fees at \$25 per month.

Hard to believe, but he was safe!



In a recent baseball game with the Hobbs JV, Cowboy base runner T.J. Cordova was forced to slide into homeplate in a cloud of dust. The Ump appeared to hesitate just a moment, but then yelled 'SAFE!' The action took place under watchful eye of next Cowboy batter Ryan Martinez. The Cowboys season record is now 9 and 1. More photos inside.

Nolan Newsom selected to represent Plains High School at Boys State



Nolan Newsom, a Junior at Plains High School and the son of Janice and Neal Newsom, was selected to attend the American Legion sponsored Boys State Convention in Austin June 7 through June 13.

Formerly sponsored and funded by the American Legion Post here, the Plains Lions Club is now the sponsoring civic group following the Legion's local post disbandment several years ago.

Newsom's selection was based on his current academic standing in the Junior Class, and his interest in the program. His grandfather, the late D. C. Newsom, was a long time member and supporter of the local Legion Post, a veteran of the Korean War.

The Boys State meet will again be held on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

The Legions program was

founded to assure the survival of our republic by training young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. The program stresses boys attending should actively participate in the democratic process, by participating in the election of leaders in city, county and state governmental agencies, and all are urged to seek election to a governmental position by the vote of their attending peers.

Rigid rules and regulations must be observed by the candidates. While at the convention, any personal vehicles are impounded, the students are not allowed to leave the campus except for convention scheduled events, and are allowed to have only a very minor amount of cash when they are registered at U.T.

This is the fourth year the Plains Lions have sponsored the Boys State Convention, paying for the nominees tuition, transportation, and a small amount of spending money.

Nolan will travel by bus to Austin from Lubbock with dozens of other candidates.

Multi-County Speciality Crops Meeting

A Multi-County Speciality Crops Meeting, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, is being held for Gaines, Terry and Yoakum counties at the Terry County Livestock Barn on March 27, 2003 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The program agenda is as follows:

- 1:00 - Welcome and Introduction
- 1:15 - Disease Control - Dr. Harold Kaufman
- 1:45 - Weed Control for Speciality Crops - Dr. Peter Dotray
- 2:15 - 2:30 - Break (Refreshments)
- 2:30 - Agronomics of Speciality Crops - Dr. Calvin Trostle
- 3:00 Watermelon Production - Russ Wallace
- Two (2) CEU credits will be given - one (1) IPM and one (1) General.

To VOTE in the MAY 3 Election, You MUST be registered by APRIL 3!!

Weevil eradication program underway, starts fourth full year of eradication efforts

Field Unit Supervisors in the Plains District of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone are placing pheromone enhanced traps for the cotton production pests around fields which have historically been devoted to cotton.

Darrell Dusek, Zone Manager, told CCN approximately 30 historical fields would soon have traps in place to monitor early weevil activity following the winter diapause phase. The Plains district has four Field Unit Supervisors in the following work units; W.U. 713, Cathy Minchew, 714, Johnny Don Davis, 715 & 716 Teresa Bell, 718 J.P. Senter. The District Manager at the airport headquarters is Earnest Taylor.

The Plains district is currently taking applications from prospective trappers. Following interviews, up to 36 trappers will be hired here by April 14, about the same number of seasonal trappers as last year.

Eradication efforts in the Western High Plains Zone started with

the diapause phase in 1999. 2003 will be the fourth year of full eradication efforts.

Dusek said the FUS' will soon be contacting district cotton producers. It is important to know where and when all fields will be planted for proper placement of the traps. Producers are urged to communicate with the four FUS' to work out any problems with placement of traps to assist in working the fields, while keeping the trap deployment within program guidelines.



Weevil trap at Y.C. Co Op Gin



Obituary

Services Held For Mary Lee Hinkle

Funeral Services for Mary Lee Hinkle, 80, of Denver City were held Sunday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with Reverend Bill Bowman and Reverend Jim Auld officiating. Interment followed in the Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home. Mary died March 21st in Denver City. She was born February 19, 1923 in Slaton, Texas to Sidney F. and Tinnie Jane Pride. She married Luther Lee Hinkle August 7, 1943 at Plains. She was employed with Brownfield General Hospital and Yoakum County Hospital until her retirement in 1973. Mary was preceded in death by

her husband on February 7, 1992, two brothers, Ted and Phil Murph, and two grandchildren Douglas Butler and April Dawn Hinkle. She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Mary is survived by a son, Glenn Hinkle, of Denver City, three daughters, Alice Butler of Brownfield, Linda Sparks, of Levelland and Gloria Smart of Baxter, TN. Four sisters, Marguerite Adams and Jean Wright both of Denver City and Helen Beal and Tommie Brown of Plains. 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers: Jerry McKinney, Rodney Childress, Bud Brian, Benny Connally, Toby Bishop, & Bo Boggs.

Some very palatable food for thought

In a recent issue of the Levelland and Hockley County News-Press, publisher Stephen Henry borrowed the following from his friend Jim Davis, publisher of the Slaton Slatonite. He said Davis' work had been featured in a number of area papers and had been on the Internet. We think it's not only very well written, but very well thought out, and is worthy of repeating. The comments were supposedly written by an Australian dentist after someone in Pakistan offered an award to anyone who killed an American.

"An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American can also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navajo, Apache, Seminole or any of the other tribes known as native Americans.

"An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America, they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

"An American is also free to believe in no religion.

"For that, he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

"An American is from the most prosperous land in the history

of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each person, to the pursuit of happiness.

"An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need.

"When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country.

"As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. Americans welcome the best, the best products, the best books, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least.

"The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the retched refuse of your teeming shoes, the homeless, tempest tossed.

"These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, including those countries that aided and abetted the terrorists.

"So, you can try to kill an American if you must.

"Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse Tung, and every blood thirsty tyrant in the history of the modern world.

But, in doing so, you would just be killing yourself. Because

Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American. "So look around you. You may find more Americans in your land that you thought were there. One day they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that trouble too many lands. Then those lands, too, will join the community of free and prosperous nations, and America will welcome them."

JP Court Summary

The following is a two week summary of cases filed and bonds set in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

- Cases Filed:
 150 traffic cases
 One felony case
 Two Class A misdemeanors
 One open container of alcoholic beverage.
 Bonds Set:
 Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing
 Two charges marijuana possession - \$500
 DWI, first- \$1000
 Theft by check, McCulloch County- \$750
 Aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury- \$6000 plus emergency protection order.
 False report to police office/law enforcement employee- \$500
 Two charges assault causes bodily injury to family member- \$1500
 Criminal mischief, over \$500, under \$1500- \$500

Manuel Ramoz places 5th in State Power Lifting meet

In the prestigious State Powerlifting Meet during the PHS Spring Break, Manuel Ramoz had his best performance in an outstanding year. His overall total lifting for the poundage in the three events in the state competition totaled 1,235 pounds, 45 pounds better than his year long efforts. The performance was against A, AA, and AAA schools. His event performances included; Squat Position- 485 pounds
 Bench Press - 260 pounds
 Dead Lift - 490 pounds
 His Coach, Blake McWhirter, said he had worked extremely hard all year, and his best performance at the state meet was proof of his dedication.

Keep Texas Safely Truckin'

Truck-Only Lanes Will Reduce Congestion, Save Lives

by Brooke Leslie Rollins

It is a scene all too familiar in Texas' metropolitan regions. Rush hour is at its peak, and tensions are high. The traffic report notes an accident ahead involving an 18 wheeler and a passenger car. All around cars and big trucks jockey for position as frustrated commuters dart between slow starting trucks.

Everyone just wants to get where they are going.

In what might be one of the more rational pieces of legislation filed in the 78th Session of the Texas Legislature, State Rep. Glenn Lewis (D-Fort Worth) has come up with a solution notable for its simplicity. In tight fiscal times, it has the added appeal of posing no cost to the state.

Quite simply, Rep. Lewis' legislation would allow the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Transportation Commission, working with local governments, to designate lanes of roadway exclusively for, or restricted to, the use of large trucks.

Indeed, these lanes have been proven, when used in regions around the nation, including a stretch of I-10 in Houston, to reduce congestion and improve travel times, while decreasing

accidents.

Trucks take up 3.8 times the road space of automobiles, but have less maneuverability and take longer to both accelerate and brake. In the 1990's Texas' truck traffic increased 48.7 percent, while other traffic rose only 26.9 percent. In the next twenty years, truck traffic could well double.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation's transportation expert, Wendell Cox, has suggested for many years that a low cost way to reduce traffic congestion is for TxDOT and municipalities to reexamine the interaction between cars and freight trucks on our highways and major thoroughfares. He found in a 2001 study that the creation of a truck highway around Austin would remove almost 400 million annual truck miles from Interstate 35 in the capitol city.

While Lewis' legislation doesn't take that large of a step, it does pave the way for a great number of innovative, low cost solutions to the state's future transportation infrastructure needs. His legislation has already passed out of the House Transportation Committee and will soon head to the House floor for a vote. A Senate ver-

sion of the bill is in the works.

By simply shifting large freight trucks to a certain lane, or prohibiting them from entering other lanes, traffic flow could well improve overnight. Average commuters will benefit by seeing their travel times improved, as slow moving trucks are moved out of the way. Truckers will give a sigh of relief as they are separated from the often frustrating, sometimes dangerous, driving habits of commuters trying to get home or to work.

Everyone benefits as the number of motor vehicle truck accidents are reduced simply by virtue of limiting the interaction between the two.

Rep. Lewis has found a way to do what is very rare in the legislative arena: seeing a vexing public problem, he has proposed a solution that costs almost no money, does no damage and provides almost immediate relief. That's the kind of thinking Texas needs.

Brooke Kestie Rollins is president of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a research think tank with offices in Austin and San Antonio. All of the Foundation's research can be found at www.TexasPolicy.com.

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Celebrate Texas

"I wasn't born in Texas, but I got here as fast as I could." We've all seen those bumper stickers on the highways and byways of our great state. It is a feeling shared by many who have come from all over the world to call Texas home. It is certainly indicative of the unique bond Texans and non-Texans alike share for the Lone Star state.

Very few states enjoy such a rich history. We are the only state to enter the United States as a sovereign nation. Each year, starting on March 2, when Texas declared its independence from Mexico, through April 21, San Jacinto Day, when we defeated the Mexican army, captured Santa Anna and won our freedom, people around the state find ways, small and grand, to celebrate being a Texan.

I have always loved Texas history in large part because of my family heritage. My great-great-grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, was an "Alcalde" or chief magistrate under the Mexican government. He was later elected as a delegate from Nacogdoches to the Convention, where he signed the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836. He, along with 58 other delegates, declared our independence from Mexico, setting Texas on course to be an independent republic for 10 years before joining the United States. One of his fellow delegates was Thomas Rusk, who would later hold a seat in the United States Senate, the same seat I proudly hold today.

Each year, on or about March 2, I take the opportunity to read Colonel William Barret Traves' letter, calling for reinforcements at the Alamo, on the floor of the United States Senate. This year was no exception.

Col. Travis wrote: "I shall never surrender or retreat, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything

dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country, Victory or death."

The bravery and solidarity of Col Travis and the men he led at the Alamo are unmatched. Their refusal to yield in San Antonio enable General Sam Houston build up his troops, preparing for ultimate victory at the Battle of San Jacinto.

It is important for Texans to revel in our history and celebrate the strength and valor of our forefathers. Our independence was born out of a great battle and must never be taken for granted.

In the nearly two centuries since the Battle of the Alamo, Texas has forged a distinct path, growing into a prosperous and vital state. We are the second most populous state, we contribute more than \$750 billion dollars to our nation's gross state product, and we have nurtured some of this country's greatest leaders. Our geography diversity, from the flatlands of the panhandle, to the lushness of the Hill Country, set the perfect backdrop for the varied industries, cultures and people that call Texas home. It is a unique blend that creates a rich state of contrast, color and flavor.

It is my hope that all Texans learn the wonderful and rich history of our state, and continue to pass the tales of our past on through the generations. I'm proud to represent Texas in Washington and will continue to make sure the lessons learned from the challenges of our past pave the way for continued growth and prosperity.

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court

On April 1, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. A petit jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on April 1, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

Plains & Tokio Residents: Robert Todd Davis, Linda Hernandez Lozano, T.J. Miller, Linda Sue Haragan, Steve Esteban Hernandez, Conchetta Lauria San Filippo, Mary Janelle Cobb, Elvina M. Friesen, Morris Jay Rushing, Janie Taylor Cunningham, Neal Wayne Bearden, Irma Lazos, Robert L. Graham, Eva May Mack, William Michael Davis, Patsy L. Longoria, April Shawn Ward, Evert McAdams, Christopher Allan Cleveland, Veronica Mancha, Michell Annette Lusk, Toni Jones, Rosia S. Bitolas, Cherie Kay Sanders, Ruby Kehl Hanna, Darrell Barron, Lynda Louise Jimenez, Kendra Hope Merritt

Denver City Residents: Carroll Glen Hart, Whitney Leigh Clifton, Marcus Garcia, Jerry Dwayne Birdsong, Daina Blount, Tracy Brian Moore, Camilo Coyote Escalante, Augrelino Frank Deleon, Linda S. Dawson, Diane H. Freeman, Jeffery Don Green, Cindy Ann Rodriguez, Erik Lawrence Deleon, Lyndell Neville Coker, Martha Elyvan Shelby, Angela Villa Zubiate, Sandra Franco, Carol J. Moore, Charles Lawrence Sessions, Christine Galvan, Richard Ferrell Gregory, Emanuel Ortega Yanez, Dolores Jimenez, David L. Bachman, Angel Hernandez Amanda Ann Arnold, Mary Olvera Pidalla, Stacy Ann Kleam, Brenda Gonzales Salazar, Jack Dennis Miller, Katharina Loewen Dyck, Leonard Lee Roberson, Guadalupe Perez Martinez, Bernard Walton Eads, Kenley W. Powell, Lloyd Shane Miller, Hectro Manuel Sanchez, Selva Singham Pillai, Rayburn Dudley Stephens, Alonzo Perez Velasquez, Sylvia Galvan, Wilma Merideth, Robert Lee McGee, Juanita Whitehead Shelton, Joyce Ann Tedford, Joe Dan Garcia, Jose Ramon Grajeda, Marsha Suzanne Parker, Larry Charles Boyd, Monica Marie Ramirez, David L. Box, Stephen Bryant Johnson, Betty Lanelle Smith, Denman Pate, Ashley Raye Green, Vinta Gutierrez Gonzalez, Rose Mary Prince, Gerry L. Cowley, Julia Ann Puentes, Martha Gene Chapman, David Allen Lemons, Gerardo Sanchez Villegas, Janalyn Kelly Epperson, Joseph Frederick Berck, Deborah Baker Birkenfeld, Rhonda B. McCulloch, Edgar Allen Moreno, Cristi Renae Locklin, Kenneth G. Beck, Jonnathan Tadd Coston, Cecil John Robles, Maria Concepcion Mendoza, Kenneth W. Poe, Thomas Norman Chambers, Timothy Ray Reep, Pedro Esquivel, Ramiro Rodriguez, Inocencia A. Garza, Ruby Carol James, Eva Maria Hernandez, Jean Patterson, C.G. Hulse, Jamie Allen Stoffer, Calvin Dwayne Eastteam, Dalton D. Dean, Lydon Ray Dearing, Mary Townsend, Martha Lozano, David Meredith Turnbough, Michelle Tramell Benson, Betty Fleming, Gregory Royce Durham, Felipe Ortiz Garcia, Cellia D. Moore, Alfred Escobar, Gary D. Turnbough, Ernesto Villarreal, John Benjamin Robertson, Fredrick Don Beners, Maria Teresa Aguilar, Michael Shane Coleman, Jacqueline Henson Roberson, Nanthan Jay Neatherlin, Brandon Earl Cox, Koa Jane Buckle, Celesta Esmeralda Galvan, Anna Blanca Knelsen, Cecilia Mendoza, Joelda Rodriguez, Kathrine Majorie Mullin, Soledad Olivas Gonzales, Angela Hallie Maxwell, John Mock, Bernice Green Freeman, Abdi Sanchez, Frank Ojeda Bernal, Donna Bey Crone, Jose Manuel Ayala, Sandra D. Bell, Robin Lee Videtich, Ruby Earlean Baxter, Jackie Korina Pate, Maria Martinez Gonzalez, Linda Romo Sanchez, Christi L. Warlick, Esperanza Almager Vareza, Esther Manzano Morales.

Math/Science team first in big meet



Team members Blake O'Quinn, B.J. Lester, David Alldredge, Allison Friesen, Todd Williams, Jordan Bean, Kerry Sisson, Jill Gray, Payton Bean, Brandon Hise. First place calculator team photo on page 5.

Ten PHS students competed in San Antonio March 14 in the large Texas Coaches Association Math and Science meet, and came away with Sweepstakes honors with 1,904 points, over second place San Isidro and third place Muenster. The Calculator team took first place, Math team was 2nd, Number Sense team 4th, and

Science Team 11th. Individual results: Freshmen- Allison Friesen 13th NS, 2nd Calc., 9th Math, 4th Sci. B.J. Lester 5th Calc, 14th Math. David Alldredge 10th NS, 17th Calc, 4th Math. Todd Williams 9th Sci. Blake O'Quinn 9th Calc., 18th Math, 11th Sci. Sophomores- Brandon Hise 3rd NS,

2nd Calc., 2nd Math, 4th Math. Payton Bean 14th NS, 18th Calc., 15th Sci. Kerry Sisson 19th NS, 17th Calc, 14th Math. Seniors- Jill Gray 3rd NS, 1st Calc, 8th Math, 3rd Overall. She also received an \$800 scholarship. Jordan Bean 9th NS, 2nd Calc., 8th Math, 15th Sci, and \$600 scholarship.

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Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up 2003 Poetry Contest

Yoakum County Connection and Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up Committee are sponsoring a poetry contest to be directed by the Yoakum County Wordsmiths. There will be a total of eight winners with \$25 cash awards in these categories. Winning poems will be published in the Watermelon Round-Up tabloid and may be read at the festival August 30, 2003.

Categories

Rhymed, Metered Poetry
Elementary Grades 1-4
Intermediate Grades 5-8
High School Grades 9-12
Adult

Free Verse
Elementary Grades 1-4
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RULES:

Must be on 8.6 x 11 inch or standard paper. Each poem should be limited to 24 lines. Theme of each poem should be watermelons, the Watermelon Round-Up or associated subject. To be eligible to win, a poem should use the word "watermelon" at least once. On reverse side of poem page, list name, category, age group, telephone and address.

DEADLINE:

Poems must be submitted by May 2, 2003 to be eligible. Poems may be mailed to Contest, P.O. Box 38, Plains, TX 79355 Or turned in to Christy Brink at Image'N That on Cowboy Way in Plains Or turned in to Connie Webb Yoakum Co. Sheriff's office 1010 N. Main in Denver City

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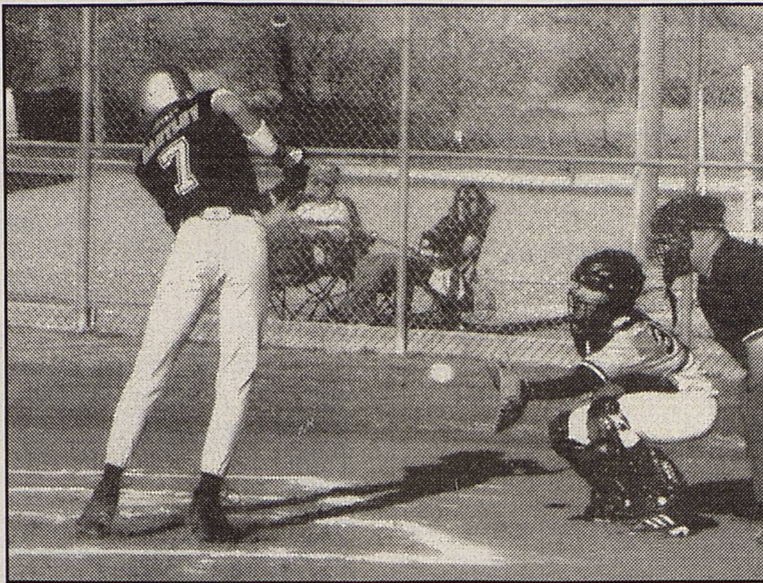
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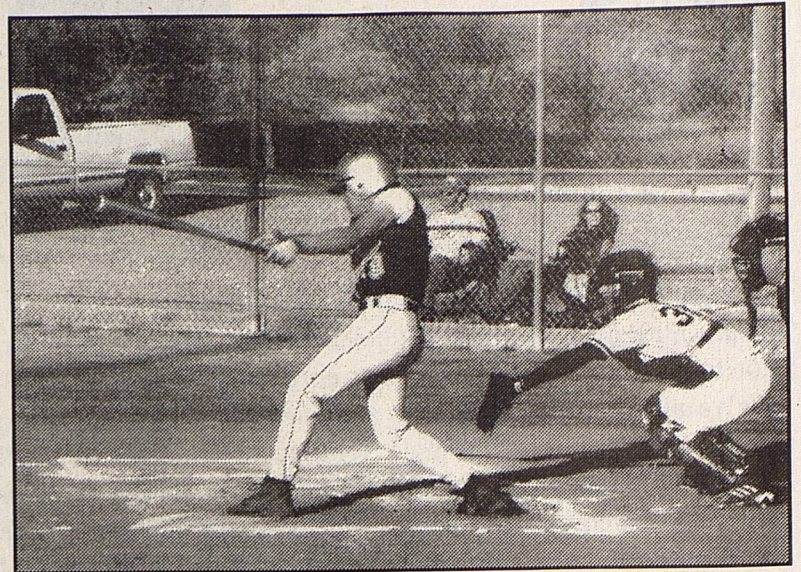
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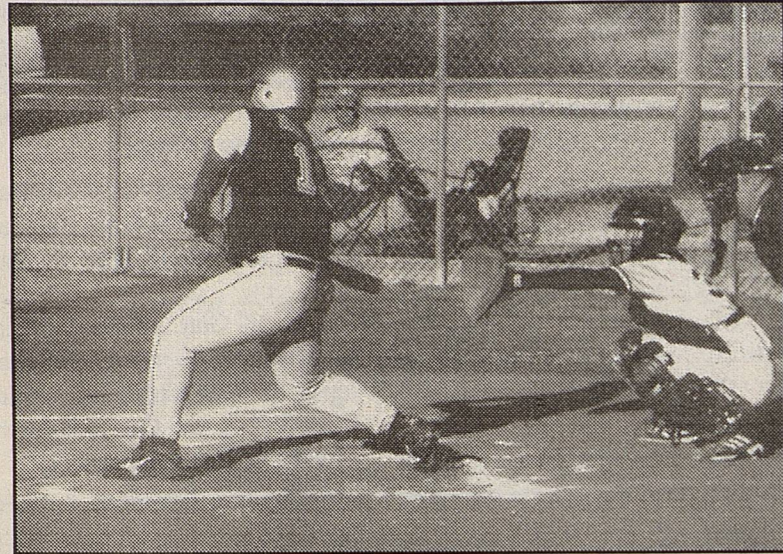
Richard Diaz trots home to score run



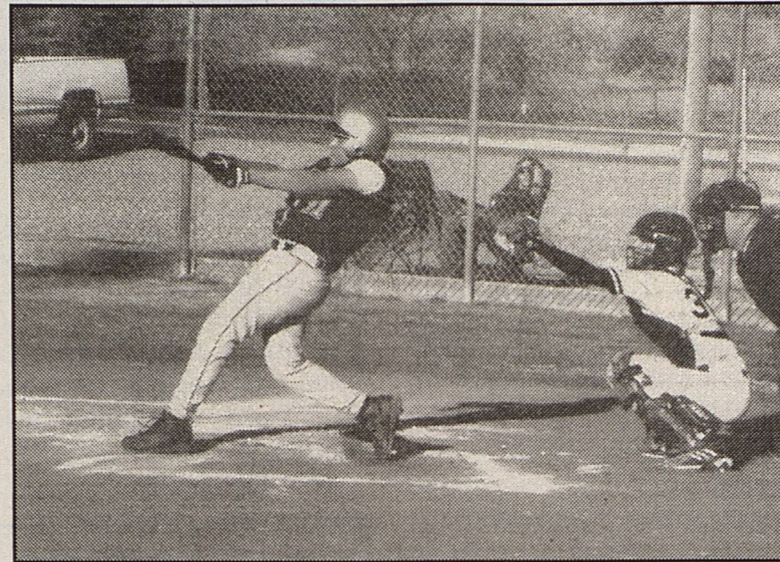
Kevin Bartley dodges wild pitch



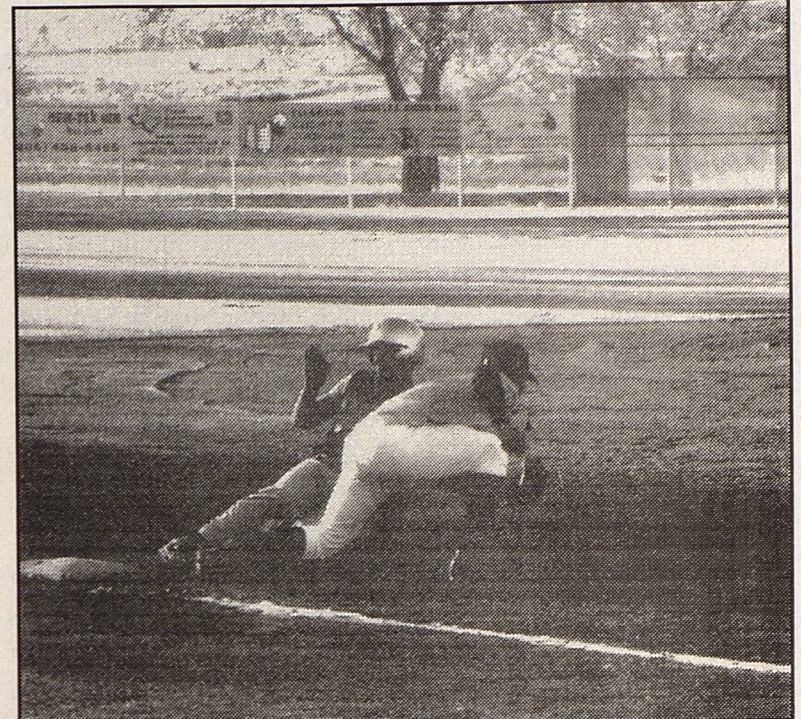
Richard Diaz got on base with this swing



Ryan Martinez swings away



T. J. Cordova swings as hard as he can



Evan Cain slides safely into third



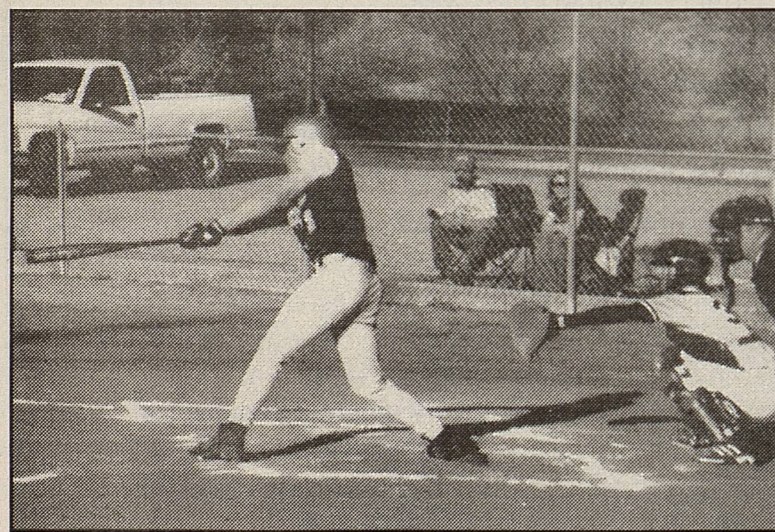
Arnold Cordova delivered some good pitching



Evan Cain safely on at third base



Cowboys gather to hear advice from Coach Bartley



Nick Hays hit towering fly ball here



Miguel Coronado gets a hit

PHS Sports Summary

Tennis:

Girls- In the March 13 Tourney, Jessica Knight was second in singles, Kim Martinez third. In girls doubles, second place went to Elda Fierro and Sandra Gallegos, while Kristian Morales and Sarah Martinez took consolation honors.

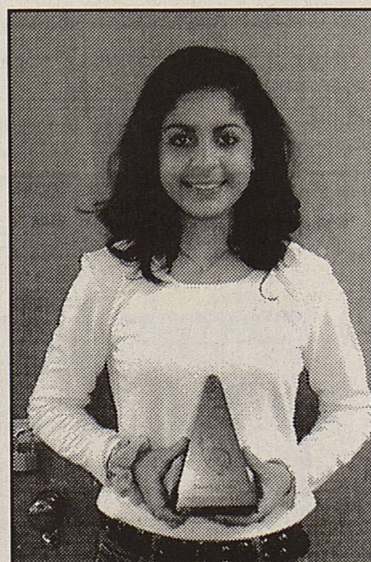
Boys- Kelly Bowers was third in singles, and in doubles, Mario Bonilla and Jose Ramirez finished third.

Baseball: On March 17 the Cowboys took on 3-A Muleshoe's Varsity, and won both games of the double header. In game one, Arnold Cordova was winning pitcher, striking out three and allowing only one walk. Kevin Bartley was 3 and 3 at bat with a double and 3 stolen bases, TJ Cordova was 2 and 3 with 2 stolen bases, Evan Cain was 1 and 2, Brandon Davis 1 and 1. Miguel Coronado and Richard Diaz also had 2 stolen bases. The Cowboys are averaging 10.2 stolen bases per game, and the team batting average is .384. The final score was Cowboys 10, Muleshoe 6. In game two, Richard Diaz was winning pitcher, giving up only 2 runs on 6 hits. His record is now 4-0 with a 2.14 ERA and 21 strikeouts.

Nick Hays a triple at bat, and the Cowboys had 5 stolen bases. Their season record is now 9 wins, one loss.



Plains High Student of the Week



Student of the Week is Micaela Villegas, a sophomore and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederico Villegas. She was nominated by Coach Thaggard, who said, "Micaela participates in volleyball, basketball and track. She is a hard worker in the classroom and in sports. her teachers appreciate her work ethic and good attitude, and she is admired and respected by her peers."

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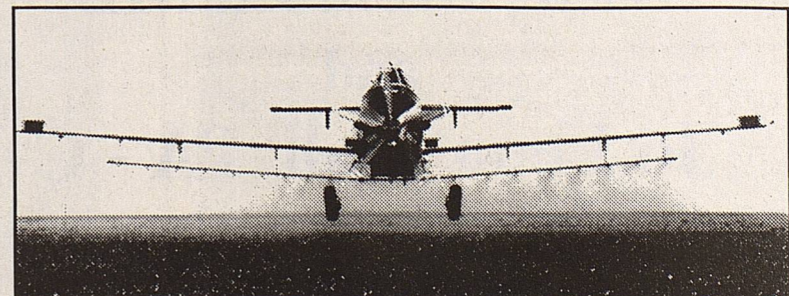
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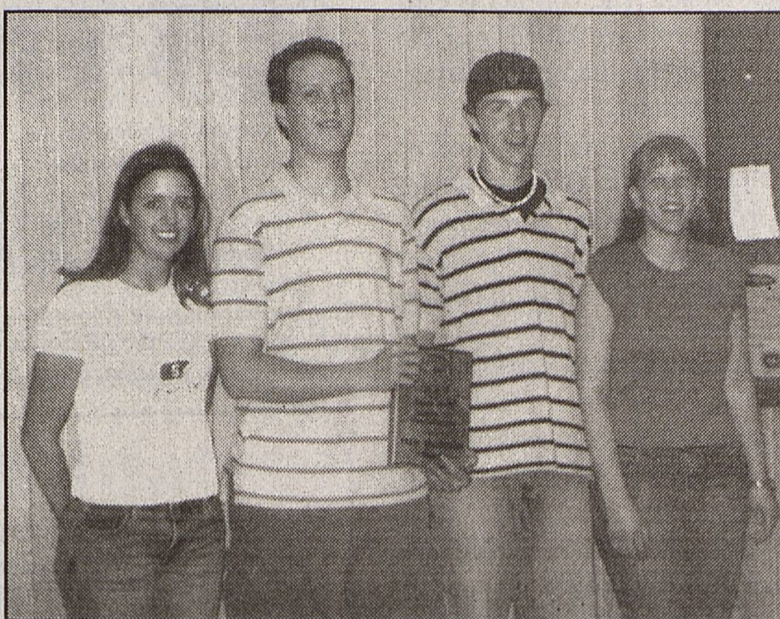
Lifelines & Styles

D. C. Art Show Scheduled

The Denver City Art Association is having its Annual Art Show and Sale on April 1st through April 5th, 2003. The show will be at 118 N. Main (the Yoakum County Connection building), in Denver City, and will include paintings, graphics and photography. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, April 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be on Thursday, April 3rd, with the Judge's critique from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The show will be open to the public on Wednesday, April

2nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, April 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be an awards presentation and reception at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5th. Cash prizes will be awarded for Best of Show in Photography and in Fine Art, and to ribbon winners in original categories.

For further information call Vivian Rice at (806) 592-3389 or Sue Holder at (806) 5692-2960 (after 5:00 p.m.).



First Place winning Calculator Team, Jill Gray, Jordan Bean, Brandon Hise, Allison Hise

Senior Citizens Corner

Names appearing on the visitors list this week included Ernest and Beryle Bullock from Midland. Ernest is a brother to Marsene Beattie. Mary Newman and her son, Jesu Yzaquire, had lunch with us one day, as well as Armando Bayona. Sara Narried and Betty Boatman were additional guests during the week for lunch and a few games of dominoes.

News has come from Ida Freeman that she is settled in her lovely, new apartment which was built especially for her as a part of her daughter, Judy's, home in East Bernard, Texas. She also said that she has been to visit her sister in Arkansas.

Get Well cards were sent out to Earon Cochran and Ann Greer this week. Both of them are recovering from surgery.

Faye Black and Ruby Kennedy were winners at the '42' tournament this time, and I noticed on the men's blackboard in the pool room the Gail Ribble won first place in both the 8 ball and 9 ball competition on Monday night. I felt sure this was due to the newly

covered tables, but another of the fellows said it worked in the reverse for him. The tables look great, guys! I wonder what the outcome would be if the ladies played against you.

Maidelle Mitchell reports a wonderful two hour program at the Sundown School this week. This was an all day, open house celebration with "Sound of the 70's" music. It was special for Maidelle because it also celebrated her son, Truitt's, retirement from that school system after thirty two years.

Paul and Wonda Sweitzer have returned to good old West Texas after spending the winter months in the Rio Grande Valley area. Welcome back to God's country, you two.

Word has reached us that Lenore Matus has returned from Puerto Rico and is in the local nursing home. She would love to have visitors.

We have begun saluting the Texas flag as well as the flag of our United States each Monday morning. It seems appropriate with our lovely, new set of flags in the dining room.

Shawna Box Named To Dean's Honor Roll

Shawna Box from Plains was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the fall semester.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester.

Located about 150 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, ACU is a national leader in Christian higher education with an enrollment of approximately 4,700 students from 50 states and 60 nations.

TDH Urges Parents To Have Children Screened For Lead

A culprit lurks in the dust created when some imported vinyl miniblinds "break down" in the sun. It can show up in tamarind candles or leach into food from some types of pottery. It can hide in the flaking paint on a windowsill, waiting for a small child to explore and taste from dirty hands, a toy or a pacifier. And it can steal a child's future by causing learning disabilities, lower IQ scores or other physical or behavioral problems. This culprit is lead, and young children are particularly vulnerable to damage from lead because their bodies and brains are still developing.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) estimates that if all Texas children ages 1 through 5 were tested for lead poisoning, we would find 59,300 of them with a blood-lead level of concern (10-19 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood). "Damage from lead in the blood cannot be reversed, but treatment is available to stop further damage," said Lisa Collins, health educator with the Childhood Lead

Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That's why screening and prevention are so important."

The screening for lead is a simple blood test that can be done during a routine visit to a health care provider. "Since lead is a problem in both urban and rural parts of the state, we encourage parents of all children age 6 or under to ask their doctors to screen for lead," said Collins. In addition, other children should be tested if any child in the family tests positive for lead exposure or if a member of the household works with lead.

Some of the most common symptoms of lead poisoning are irritability, abdominal and muscle pain, anemia, diarrhea of constipation. Severe cases can result in seizures, nerve damage or coma. Unfortunately, the culprit often is silent. "It is important to realize that children can be lead poisoned without showing any symptoms," says Collins. "The only way to know for sure is to have a blood-lead test."

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WITH A VENGEANCE..ETILEEN DREVER
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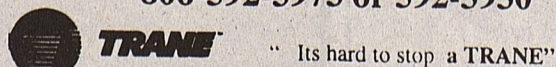
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From The Hack

Has your home, like ours, become Couch Potatoville since the start of Gulf War II? Our CNN, and FOX news channels may soon be demolished relics if the conflict doesn't start dwindling down.... and it definitely may not.

I continue to be in awe at the scenes we see, and the data available about this very high-tech war. Incredible. Five naval battle groups supporting five Navy carriers - that's some 150 ships, manned by thousands, the majority of the ships capable of firing hundreds of Tomahawk missiles, the five carriers of launching 50 plus warplanes carrying lethal weapons on multiple daily flights.

The Marines and Army forces on the ground are better trained, equipped and motivated than any armed forces our nation has ever produced. They are taking casualties, but Praise God, they are relatively few. And they are destroying Madman Saddam's so called 'elite's.'

The almost constant war coverage has kept me focused on the frightening war, and has sparked my memory of many past bloody conflicts endured by this Republic.

As a child I remember my

grandmother speaking of some of her ancestors, one who was in Sam Houston's Texan Army defeating Santa Anna at San Jacinto, ensuring Texas' claim of independence of Mexico. She also had an ancestor who was a U.S. Army Physician just prior to the Civil War, and family members in World War I, one who almost died from mustard gas, another from Pneumonia while in France.

I wasn't quite 10 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, '41, but I vividly remember much of World War II, which didn't end before well over 300,000 American G.I.'s were buried here and in sites around the world. Many thousands of those wounded vets are still among us.

Incredibly, just over four years later, our nation was at war again in Korea. North Korea invaded their former brother nation to the south, and when the shooting-bombing semi-stopped in late 1953, another almost 40,000 American young warriors had crosses or the Star of David over their graves. Now, fifty years later, the invading nation starting that conflict, North Korea is rattling sabres again, but this time the nuclear threat serves as their sword.

In late 1962, the U.S. started sending armed forces 'advisors' to assist South Vietnam forces train against threatening armed forces from neighboring and Communist North Vietnam. A 'minor police training expedition,' we were told. Almost ten years later, our Embassy would shut down in Saigon, all remaining troops

and thousands of South Viet civilians would flee, and there would be only one nation now- Communist dominated. There would also be some 64,000 less American G.I.'s on government payrolls, their names now inscribed on the Vietnam Wall of Honor. The conflict is estimated to have killed over 1.5 million Vietnamese military and civilians.

We've fought minor (not too minor to the G.I.s killed or wounded) wars in Grenada - Panama - Lebanon - Somalia - Bosnia - did I forget a bloody scene?

While we sit absorbed before the tube by the events taking place in Iraq, hundreds of thousands of our finest are suffering the rigors of mortal combat in a hostile nation, with one of the most hostile climates on the globe. Saturday last, I almost had to retch while watching film of war protestors marching in New York City, Atlanta, probably many other sites, exercising their rights of free speech. On one channel I scanned, a TV reporter asked this smiling little lady, possibly mid sixties, "Mam, you and these others are protesting the second Gulf War, and our troops are already taking casualties, and more will. Do you think it's very patriotic to wave your protest sign and march in this rally when we have Americans being wounded and killed in Iraq," words to that effect.

She just beamed and said, "Oh yes, of course, all this would be

over if they would just come back home."

May God forgive me for my thoughts, and she for hers.

NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS THE STATE OF TEXAS) COUNTY OF YOAKUM)

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive proposals until 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 4, 2003, for Pharmacy Management Services, for the Yoakum County Hospital. Proposals will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, April 14, 2003.

For proposal forms or information, please contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 412 Mustang

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Sealed proposals should be marked "PHARMACY" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P. O. 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/proposals

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of Aileen R. Wall, Deceased, No. 1420 in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, Probate Matter: The undersigned having

been duly appointed Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of AILEEN R. WALL, Deceased, by the Judge of the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, on the 6th day of March, 2003, hereby notifies all persons indebted to this Estate to come forward and to make settlement, and those having claims against this Estate to present them to the Co-Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address: Dan H. Wall, P.O. Box 490, Plains, Texas 79355

Dan H. Wall
DAN H. WALL, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of AILEEN R. WALL, Deceased

Notice of Regular Election (Aviso de Eleccion Regular)

To the Registered Voters of Plains, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del 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 Saturday, May 3, 2003 for voting in a school election to elect three trustees. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion para elejir tres consiados.)

Location of Polling Places - Foyer of Plains ISD Auditorium at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas (Direccion(es) de las Casillas Electorales - En el vestibulo dela sala de especta cu los en la escuela de Plains, 1000 calle 10, Plains, Tejas)

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Plains ISD Administration Offices at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 16th and ending on April 29th. (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en entre las 8:00 de la manana las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril y terminando el 29 de Abril.)

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