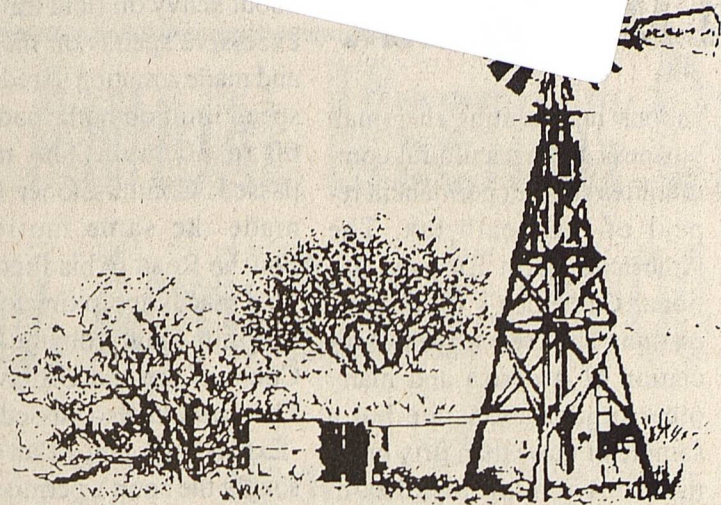


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## Assessment Dates And Rates Set Drinking, Driving & Death at Plains High Student Council's "Shattered Dreams" brings shattering emotions to student body, parents, school staff members

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2005 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Western High Plains zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2005 in the WHP is \$6 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated land acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres destroyed before the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must be free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 19, and payment is due September 30. Growers who pay by September 15 are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their assessment.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower initiated and funded organization dedicating to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

### State agency opens West Texas office in Levelland To serve 58 county area

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) is a state agency created by the Legislative HB 7 in 2001 to serve as a focal agency for community development, economic development, and healthcare programs targeting the rural areas of the state.

A ribbon cutting ceremony in Levelland Friday, April 22 at 10 AM will officially recognize the opening of ORCA's new office in Levelland. The ceremony will be held at South Plains Community Action Community Service Building meeting room at 1611 FM 300. Parking is available on the south side of the building.

ORCA's West Texas Technical Assistance Center will offer local and technical assistance to elected and appointed officials with economic and community development interests, health

care providers and other rural interests. Yoakum County is one of the 37 counties the office will serve.

The Center will also provide program information on all ORCA funding programs, information on other programs administered by the state for the benefit of local rural communities, and assistance in other areas such as business development, rural economy development, housing information, and small and minority owned business expansion and retention.

Orca's West Texas Technical Assistance Center in Levelland will serve a huge geographical area of West Texas, a total of 58 counties, stretching from the extreme northern portion of the Panhandle southwards to Midland and Odessa and most of the Permian Basin.

The Plains High School Student Council sponsored the "Shattered Dreams" program April 5 and 6 on the school campus. The program is a realistic demonstration of the consequences of drinking and driving. In the United States one person dies every 15 minutes from an alcohol related accident.

To illustrate this statistic, every 15 minutes a heartbeat was played over the school intercom system, which was followed by a costumed 'Grim Reaper' entering a room and pulling a student from class. When the student was gone, his or her obituary was read to the remaining class members.

The student was taken to a holding area, not to return to school or have any contact with either family or friends until the following afternoon. 13 of the "living dead" were removed from class during the day.

Playing the living dead were Nick Curtis, Michael Marin, Douglas Conway, Flor Lara, Ashli Hunter, Maria Andazola, Joe Luis Gallegos, Maribel Mendias, Allison Friesen, Steven Dominguez, Jacob Rivera, Lauren Davis and Priscilla Mares.

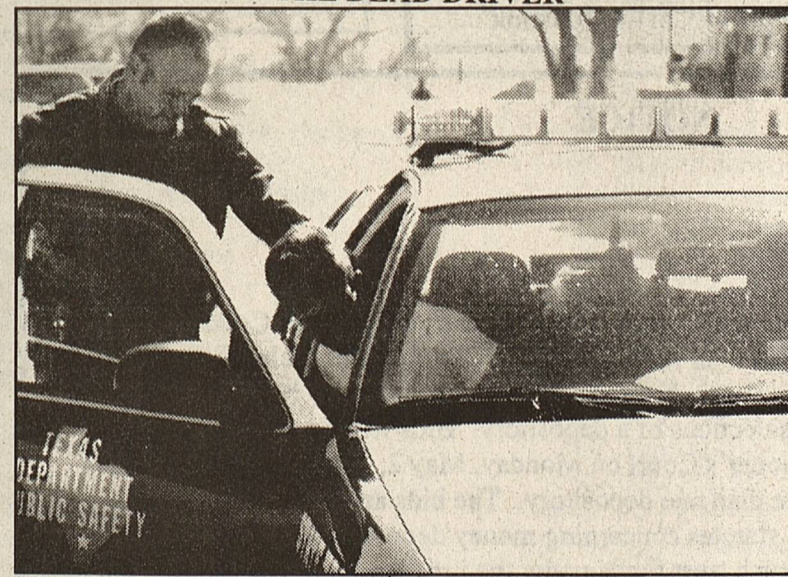
At 10:45 AM classes were interrupted with a 911 emergency call on the intercom. Students were instructed to proceed to the end of the football practice field in the gymnasium parking lot. There, they saw a white Ford pickup had crashed into a white Cutlass auto. Two boys in the pickup played students who were drinking. The three students in the white car played victims of the crash.



THE WRECK



THE DEAD DRIVER



THE DRUNK DRIVER'S ARREST

Very realistic makeup had been applied to all five of the students to make it appear they were actually in a wreck. The entire high school student body, teachers and administrators walked around the wreck, viewing the victims and the 'drunk driver' and his passenger.

After the wreck scene was viewed, realistic action began. The EMS and Fire Department began working on removing and treating victims in the car. The Sheriff Department deputies and DPS Troopers began testing and eventually arresting the drunk driver and his minor in possession passenger. EMS members carefully removed the passengers of the car, and they were placed in an ambulance and taken to Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City. Their parents had been notified of the wreck and asked to go to the hospital.

There, one of the victims was officially pronounced dead, and his mother was notified. The other victims injuries were severe enough to have him airlifted to Lubbock.

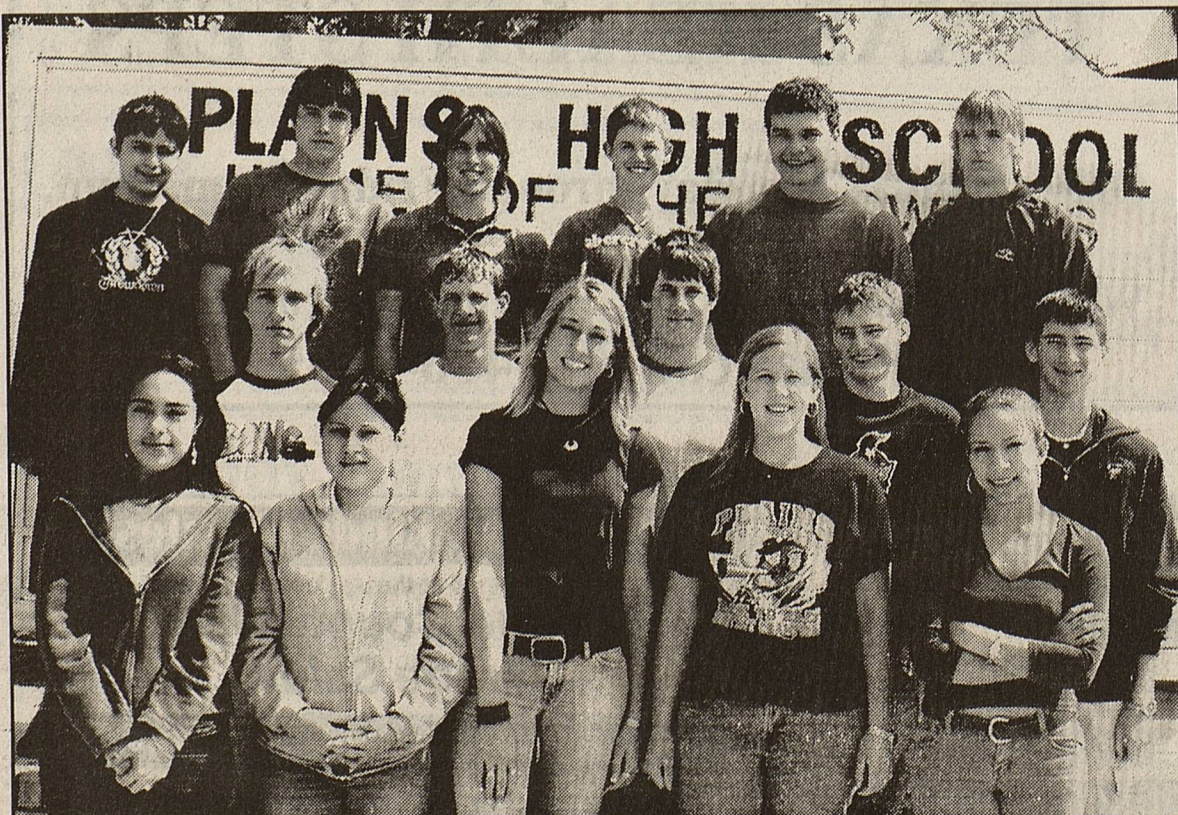
The driver of the car had been pronounced dead by the Justice of the Peace. A hearse arrived, and her body was placed in a bag and she was taken to the funeral home.

A DPS Trooper was sent to the victim's home to notify her mother of her daughter's death, and asked her to accompany him to officially identify the body.

While the victims were being cared for, law officers were testing the boys in the pickup. To

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### On To UIL Regional Academic Meet



These PHS students will represent the school at the tough Regional UIL meet to be held at South Plains College Friday, April 22. Shown on front row, left to right; Maria Andazola, Flor Lara, Skylar Keese, Allison Friesen, Araceli Mendoza. Middle row, Brandon Hise, Blake O'Quinn, Adam McCravy, Kerry Sisson, Scott Addison. Back Row, Joe Luis Gallegos, B.J. Lester, Breck Hamm, David Alldredge, Cody Flores, and Evan Cain.

The students will compete in 11 fields: Number sense, poetry interpretation, calculator applications, computer applications, persuasive speaking, science, spelling and vocabulary, feature writing, computer science, and mathematics

### Court vote split on fate of Pct. 2 Reclaimer

In the April 18 session of Commissioners Court, Precinct 2 Commissioner Ben Coston discussed on-going problems he was facing with a piece of motorized equipment called a 'reclaimer'. The machine is usually used in ripping up old roads for renovation, but the county mainly uses the device for digging caliche. Coston reported the reclaimer was very expensive to operate because of frequent break-downs, and recent repairs over a three month period totaled about \$10,000. Coston told the court he had recently received a couple of inquiries from parties interested in buying the old reclaimer. He said one offer he considered serious would be for about \$90,000.

Asked what a new caliche digging machine would cost, Coston replied "around \$260,000." Precinct 2 Commissioner Woody Lindsey suggested to Coston all four of the precincts share in the upkeep of the machine, and Coston indicated there had earlier been refusals to share in the expense. Coston made a formal motion to advertise for bids to sell the reclaimer, and after considerable discussion, Precinct 3 Commissioner Ty Earl Powell said he would second the motion.

After considerably more discussion, Judge Brewer said, "Alright, we have a motion and a second, and now we need to vote." after

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## Neugebauer, House Vote To Kill Death Tax

Congressman Randy Neugebauer and the House voted 272-162 last week to put a permanent end to a policy making death a taxable event.

"The death tax is unfair, hurts the economy and punishes a lifetime of hard work," Neugebauer said. "It is about time we put an end to the death tax, which has left many farmers, small business owners and their families in its wake."

The Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005, HR 8, will extend the Death Tax repeal beyond 2010. Congress passed a law in 2001 to begin phasing out the death tax so by 2010 it would be completely eliminated. The repeal, however, would only be temporary as current law "sunset" the repeal and reinstates the death tax on January 1, 2011. Death tax rates would then revert back to pre-2001 levels when the top rate was as high as 55%. HR 8 strikes this "sunset" provision.

"With tax day here, taxpayers know all too well the government taxes their income, their savings and their property each year," Neugebauer said. "It is grossly unfair after many years of taking away hard earned money from our farmers and small business owners, the government wants to take almost half of what is left when they die."

A wide range of leading economists including Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, and a large group of trade organi-

zations representing the small business and agricultural communities support permanent repeal of the death tax. The American Farm Bureau, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, The Newspaper Association of America and many other organizations are but a sample of more than fifty organizations joining together to voice support for the bill.

HR 8 has garnered such strong support because in addition to being unfair, the death tax also undermines economic productivity and suppresses job growth. Businesses are spending money to hire accountants and tax advisers instead of additional employees. A Wall Street Journal report indicated nearly 60 percent of business owners say they would add more than 100,000 jobs in a year if they were not compelled to comply with the death tax law.

The House approved legislation identical to HR 8 in the 108th Congress by a 263-163 margin. Companion legislation is being introduced in the Senate by Senators Kyl and Nelson.

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The Judge announced, "We have two votes for the motion, three votes against. The motion doesn't pass."

In other court issues, Commissioner Powell requested approval to change speed limits on

portions of County Roads 285 and 100. He said he has received a number of complaints about heavy oil field traffic and excessive speeds on the roads, and made a motion to reduce the speed limit on both roads from 60 to 30 mph. The motion passed. Commissioner Coston made the same motion for Fouché Road in his Precinct 2. That road is approximately one-half mile long, from the Gaines County Line and US Hwy. 83. That motion also passed.

Extension Agent Arlan Gentry sought the court's permission to approve a cost-share agreement allowing the Extension office here to purchase a new Gateway desktop computer and LCD projector for extension services. He said the equipment retail value would be about \$7,000, and the county's cost-share price would be \$1700. The request was approved.

### Sales tax collections rise

In February, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported that state sales tax collections rose for the 17th consecutive month in January. The state collected \$1.39 billion in sales tax revenue, up 6.1 percent compared with January 2004.

Also, Strayhorn returned \$502.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.2 percent compared with sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2004.

"These numbers indicate that Texas' recovering economy had a positive impact on holiday season sales," Strayhorn said.

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make the field sobriety tests more realistic for the driver, special goggles were placed on him, which made him act as though actually drunk. He and his passenger were taken to jail. The driver was arrested and taken before a judge for sentencing.

The drunk driver was played by Caylon Garnett, his drinking passenger was Bradon Loya. The driver of the car was Lela Coronado, and her passengers were Brant Huerta and Brandon Hise.

After viewing the wreck scene, the student body returned to their classes, and the Grim Reaper resumed his removal of students every 15 minutes.

The program is designed to impact parents along with their student children. Parents were advised about the program and gave their permission for their children to participate in the program. The parents of the five students in the wreck were required to see the actual scene, and the parents emotions were overwhelmingly realistic. Such emotions no parent should ever have to feel.

The following day a memorial service, conducted by Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors, was held in the

school auditorium. Slides of the wreck scene and "living Dead" students were shown. A young man from Crosbyton, Kerry Polvadore, told of his earlier drinking and driving resulting in the death of a friend. Donna Snodgrass, a speaker for M.A.D.D., described how her 17 year old daughter was killed by a drunk driver.

Both the student participants and their parents read letters they had earlier written, describing what they would want to say to each other if they could never see one another again. Former PHS graduate and Texas Tech outstanding football player Stoney Garland, confined to a wheel chair for many years following an alcohol related incident, described to the audience the difficulties and hardships he has endured.

All those attending the 'Memorial' were fully aware the entire program had been staged, but the atmosphere in the auditorium was genuine somberness and sorrow.

Student Council sponsors Treon Ortega and Melisa Dorsett directed Shattered Dreams. Assisting were students Daniela Lazos, Kevin Long, Prisma Ortiz, B.J. Lester, Araceli Mendoza, Lauren Hise and Colby Ortega.

**PHS Student of the Week**

April 11 Student of the Week is Jamie Covarrubias, a Senior and the daughter of Michael and Gloria Covarrubias. She was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "I have been amazed by Jamie time and time again. The world had better look out, because once she puts her mind to doing something, it will happen. She has a positive attitude that never lets her give up. She takes pride in everything she does. She has a wonderful, forgiving and compassionate heart, and is willing to give her time to help. Whether it's staying up till the wee hours creating a locker sign to make someone feel special, or talking to someone who seems to be all alone. She even has room in her heart for a mean old English teacher,



and I want to take this opportunity to tell her how special she is."

**CITY OF PLAINS  
EARLY VOTING  
GENERAL ELECTION  
MAY 7, 2005**

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OR  
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At Pannell Auditorium in Lovington, Lovington High School

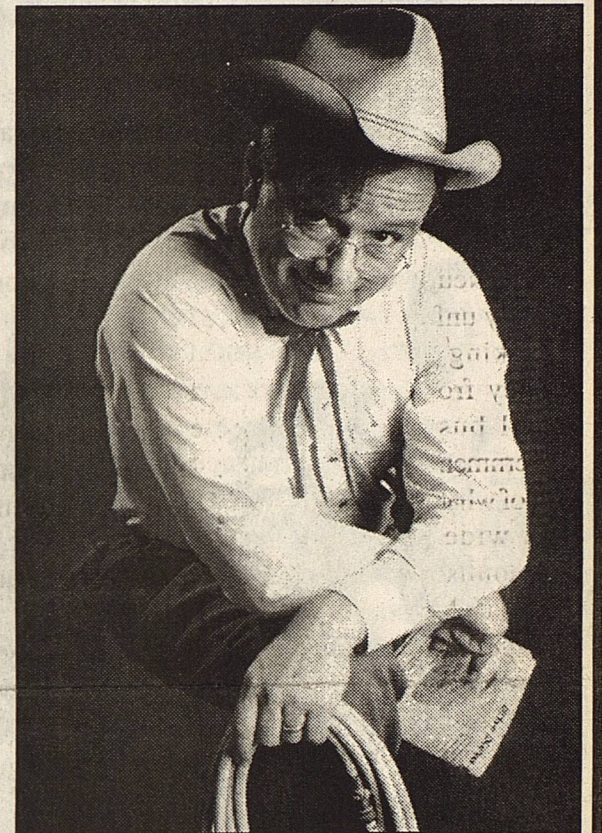
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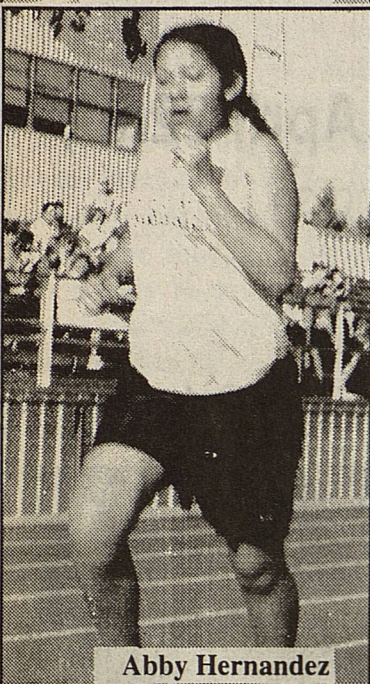
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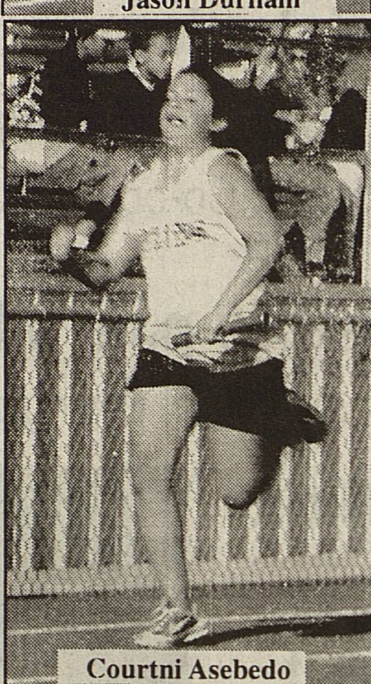
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Jason Durham



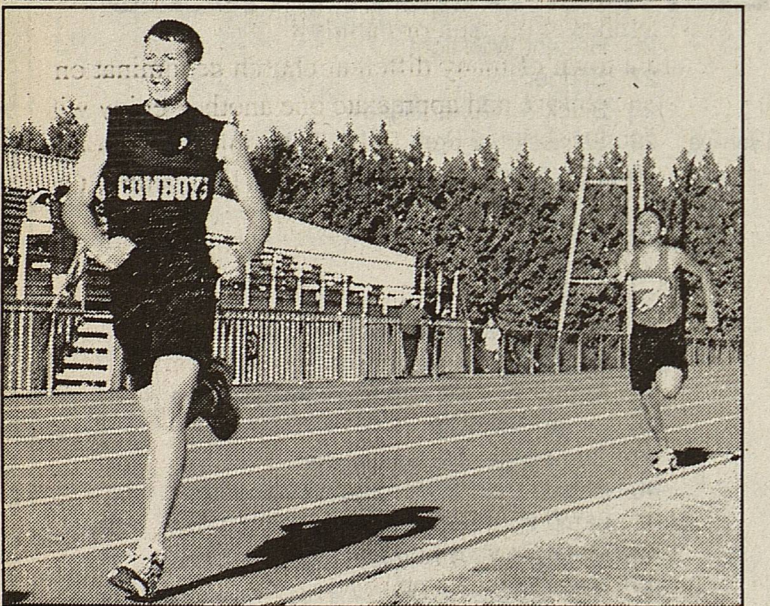
Abby Hernandez



Courtni Asebedo



Natalie Haynes



Holden Welch

**PHS District Tennis Tournament - SPC, April 11 & 12**  
 JV Boys: Scott Bruton and Isaac Ramon won the Championship in Boys Doubles.  
 David and Kurt Alldredge won 3rd place in doubles.  
 Elias Carrillo and Jacob Rivera were 4th in doubles.

**VARSITY:**

Kristian Morales won 3rd in Girls Doubles  
 Brant Huerta and Cody Flores were 4th in Boys Doubles.

**Junior High District Track Meet:**

7th Lady Wranglers:  
 800 Meter Run- Abby Hernandez 6  
 100 Dash- Maria Martinez 5th, Natalie Haynes 6th  
 400 Meter Dash- Courtney Asebedo 4th  
 200 Meter Dash- Natalie Haynes 8th, Daenna Ramirez 10th  
 1600 Meter Run- Abby Hernandez 5th  
 Long Jump- Daenna Ramirez 8th  
 Discus Throw- Natyalie Haynes 1st  
 Shot Put- Abby Hernandez 4thm Courtni Asebedo 5th  
 Triple Jump- Daenna Ramirez 3rd  
 7th Girls Team Finished 4th in the meet  
 8th Lady Wranglers:  
 2400 Meter Run- Sara Neudorf 2nd  
 800 Run- Emilia Gallegos 5th  
 100 Hurdles- Heather Parrott 5th  
 100 Dash- Jasmine Mares 3rd  
 4 X 200 Meter Relay- Plains 2nd- names unavailable  
 400 Meter Dash- Lydia Whitzel 4th, Kimber Williams 8th  
 200 Meter Dash- Sydney Caffey 8th, Kimber Williams 8th  
 1600 Meter Run- Sydney Caffey 3rd, Emilia Gallegos 5th  
 4 X 400 Relay- 2nd. Names unavailable  
 High Jump- heather Parrott 1st  
 Long Jump- Jasmine Mares 4th, Sara Neudorf 10th, Lydia Whitzel 14th  
 Discus- Sydney Caffey 2nd, Kimber Williams 4th  
 Shot Put- Sydney Caffey 3rd.

**7th Grade Wranglers:**

Jonathan Lirea 1st 2400 Run, 3rd 300 Hurdles, 5th Long Jump  
 Jason Durham- 1st 400 Dash  
 800 Relay- 2nd, Jonathan Lira, Jason Durham, Brandon Craft, Arthur Ruiz  
 Jacob Neudorf 2nd 2400 Run, 2nd 1600 Run  
 Arthur Ruiz 4th 1600 Run  
 Jacob Brink 4th 110 Hurdles  
 Brandon Craft 5th Triple Jump  
 400 Relay- 4th- Brandon Craft, Arthur Ruiz, Jacob Brink, Jason Durham

**8th Wranglers:**

Landon Earnest 1st pole vault, 2nd 110 Hurdles, 5th 300 Hurdles  
 Chris Addison 1st 110 hurdles, 5th Triple Jump, 6th Long Jump.  
 Holden Welch 4th 800 Dash  
 Chris Gonzales 4th High Jump  
 Derek Carza 5th Discus.

Coach Brink reported he felt both groups competed very well considering very little practice time.

**ON TO REGIONALS !**

All Cowboy Tracksters advanced from the Area meet last week to Regional competition at SPC April 29 and 30. Coach McWhirter reported the Cowboys finished second in the Area meet with 90 points. Seagraves won the meet with 114 points, and Sundown was third with 89.  
 Ben Hayes- 2nd pole vault, 2nd 110 hurdles.

Tyler Caffey 4th triple jump  
 Daniel Parker 3rd discus  
 Payton Bean 2nd 3200 run, 2nd 1600 run  
 Patrick Cotton 1st 800 run  
 John Tyson 3rd 800 run  
 Joseph Loya 2nd 400 dash  
 800 Relay - 4th, Tyler Caffey, Joseph Loya, Johan Cueto, Patrick Cotton  
 1600 Relay- 2nd, Caffey, Loya, Payton Bean, Cotton

**Cowboy Baseball:**

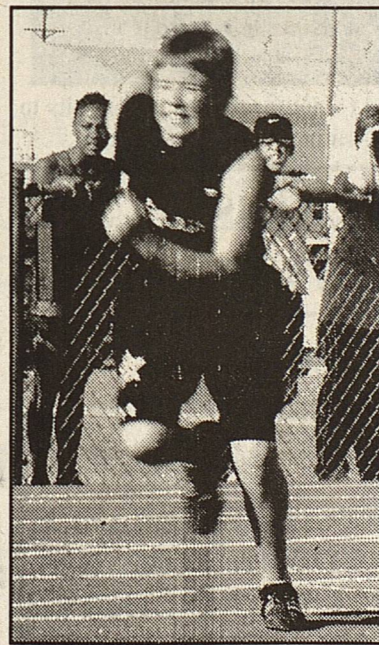
The Cowboys downed Smyer Saturday 10-2. Tyler Caffey was starting pitcher, and struck out two, gave up two hits and no earned runs. In relief, T.J. Cordova struck out 8 batters, walked one, allowed one hit and no runs. T.J. and Landon Craft hit back to back doubles to put the Cowboys up 1-0.



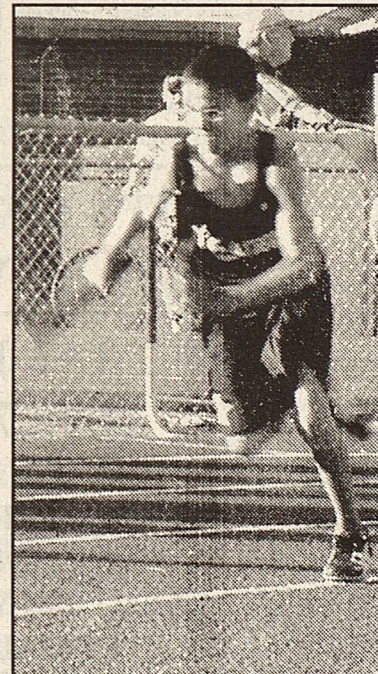
Emilia Gallegos



Heather Parrott & Sydney Caffey



Brandon Craft



Jonathan Lira

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# Lifelines & Styles

## United Supermarkets give helping hand to Texas Council on Family Violence

United Supermarkets has teamed up with the Texas Council on Family Violence and local family violence shelters to help raise funds ensuring the continuation of emergency shelter services to victims of family violence and their children. Because of shrinking dollars on federal and state levels, the ability of many Texas shelters to stay open and available for battered women and their children is in jeopardy. From April 15 to May 15, United customers will have the option to make a monetary donation to their local family violence

shelter while checking out. Minimum contribution is \$1. Shelters will use the funds raised during the Connecting To Hope campaign to meet the most basic needs of battered women and their children, including provision of emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical assistance and other personal needs. Funds will also assist with individual counseling for women and children, legal assistance, social services referral and prevention and intervention services through community education programs.

### What About.....



A great big THANK YOU to Plains High School for permitting us to be part of their "Shattered Dreams" program. It is a program that shares how dreams are shattered by drinking and driving. Several speakers came to share experiences or stories about drinking and driving. The time was very emotional for everyone there. Stoney Garland, a young man who was involved in an alcohol related accident as a Texas Tech student now living with his mom in Plains. Stoney shared about being a paraplegic and his life in a wheel chair and being a burden to his mother, Debbie. Mrs. Snodgrass shared the very emotional story about her 17 year old daughter, a sophomore at Coronado High. She was killed when a young man who was drunk on 50th Street in Lubbock flew through the air and landed on her Volkswagen Beetle convertible. She shared many photo slides of her daughter. One student, who was a fatality in the mock "car crash" shared a letter to his folks he had written the night before. The counselors asked the "victims" of the "accident" to write a letter to their parents as if they did not have another day to live, and the parents had to do the same. The guy stood there with tears running down his cheeks as he told how shocked he was to see his own pictures on the screen. He was a driver who was killed in the accident.

He shared about his love for his dad and how he didn't ever say it, or at least not enough, and he really needed his dad and his guidance. He told how he loved him and liked being around him. He then told about seeing "his" casket rolled into the auditorium for his "memorial service", and his friends being pallbearers. He could only imagine the pain they would feel if he had really died in the crash. Beth, myself and our staff were very moved to be part of such a wonderful thing. If only one student is saved from being drunk or "just having a drink" on the road, then it is worth it all. We have seen lots of pain. We have buried young people who never thought it would happen to them, but it did.... and sometimes on graduation night! I'll never forget the two seniors from Dimmitt High School I buried just prior to moving here. They were out one night on a dark county road drinking with their friends. The next thing they knew, two were dead, others severely injured, and two boys walked with broken bones about five miles to town to get help. We held a double funeral in the high school auditorium for the boy and girl killed. They never knew what sorrow and pain they had caused their friends, family, and the whole community. So when we hear about someone wanting drinking in our communities legalized, we just cringe. We know what that means. Until Next Time..... Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors

## College night in Denver City April 20

South Plains College has scheduled College Night April 20 in Denver City to provide information on higher education opportunities for the fall semester. College Night is set for 6:30-8 PM at the Learning Center, 500 N. Avenue C in Denver City, College Night is open to all area residents, including Plains.

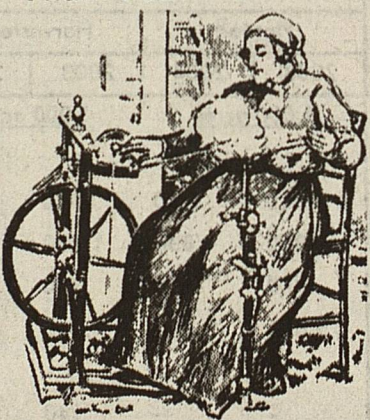
"We want to give people information on how to get into

college, access financial aid, testing and all the basics they will need to begin a college education," said Jim Walker, Dean of distance and continuing education. SPC representatives will be on hand from admissions, counseling, financial aid and other areas.

**Yoakum County Hospital is honoring their Pink Ladies ( Ladies Auxillary) at a reception April 20, 2005 at 10 AM in the hospital lobby. The Ladies will award their Years Of Service Pins at that time. Cake and punch will be served following the awards ceremony, and everyone is invited!**



A Happy Cheryl Today..... But Much Sooner Than You Wish....



Happy Almost 40th, and Love, Cat!

## Shattered Dreams Sale !!

A video of the entire program is being produced in DVD format, and will be on sale for \$15 each. Theme T-Shirts will also be available for \$12. Both items must be ordered AND Pre-paid by April 22. Order forms for the items are available at the High School office and the County Library. Both items should arrive here by May 9, and will be delivered by the Student Council

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## Seniors Corner

An author was asked by an admirer, "Which of your works of fiction do you consider your best?" The author replied, "My last income tax return." Well, the 'red letter' day is past for another year - good old April 15th. Whether you've sent some in or hope to get some back, it's always a relief when it's over one more time. You've heard about the new, simplified tax return, haven't you? It reads, (1) How much did you make (2) How much did you spend? (3) What do you have left? (4) Send it in.

I'm not the sharpest knife in the drawer and it seems that sometimes when I open my mouth it is only to change whichever foot was previously in there, but I seriously wonder about the tax payer who sent a letter to the state comptroller saying he had cheated on his income tax ten years ago and had not been able to get a good night's sleep since. He enclosed \$25 in the envelope and added, "If I still can't sleep, I'll send in the balance."

One day this week I visited our Senior Center Library. I was amazed to see so much variety in reading material available. Most of it would be classified as leisure reading, so if you're looking for study material, it's the wrong place. If you are a romantic, there are shelves of books for you; if you enjoy western lore, look no more. Mysteries abound for those seeking to find the clues. There are shelves of religious material and various action stories. The Reader's Digest condensed books with all of their different interests represented in the reading material are available on the shelves. There are books from the "White Indian" series and several states are represented in the "Wagons West" series. Come, take a look for yourself. You will probably find, as I did our lovely Melba Gayle quietly arranging and updating materials. If she's not available, take what you would like to read and return it when you are finished so someone else can enjoy it. We receive new and second hand books from various sources on a regular basis, so check it out to see what's available for YOU.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Jose Gonzales. Several of his daughters have served as members of our staff at different times. Mary Flores, his oldest daughter, is currently our head cook and a loved member of our Senior Family.

Since we are a town of many different church denominations, all of who appear to love and appreciate one another, enjoy with me this little 'funny' about church folks. The subject question is: "How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb?" One of the following answers will probably apply to your group:

1. Charismatic: Only 1 - Their hands are already in the air.
2. Pentecostal: Ten - one to change the bulb, nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.
3. Presbyterian: None - lights go on and off at predestined times.
4. Roman Catholic: None - Candles only.
5. Baptist- At least 15- one to change bulb, three committees to approve charge and decide who brings potato salad and chicken.
6. Episcopalians: 3-One to call electrician, one to mix the drinks and one to talk about how better the first one was.
7. Mormons: 5- a man to change the bulb, four wives to tell him how.
8. Methodists: Undetermined- Whether your light is bright, dull or out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Bring a bulb of your choice to the lighting service and a covered dish to pass.
9. Nazarenes: 6 - a woman to replace the bulb, five men to review the church lighting policy.
10. Lutherans- None- Lutherans don't believe in change.
11. Amish- What's a light bulb?.

Thought for Today; Have you noticed how people seem to read the Bible more as they get older? I am told it's because they are cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve!  
By June Hanneman.

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