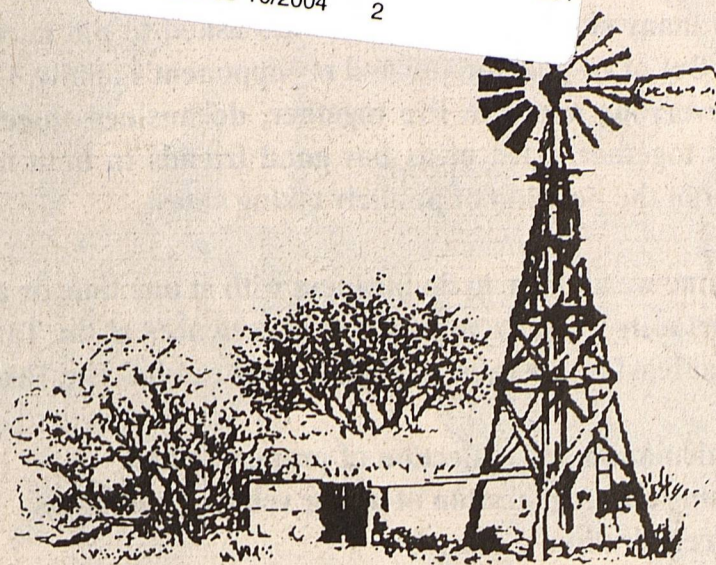


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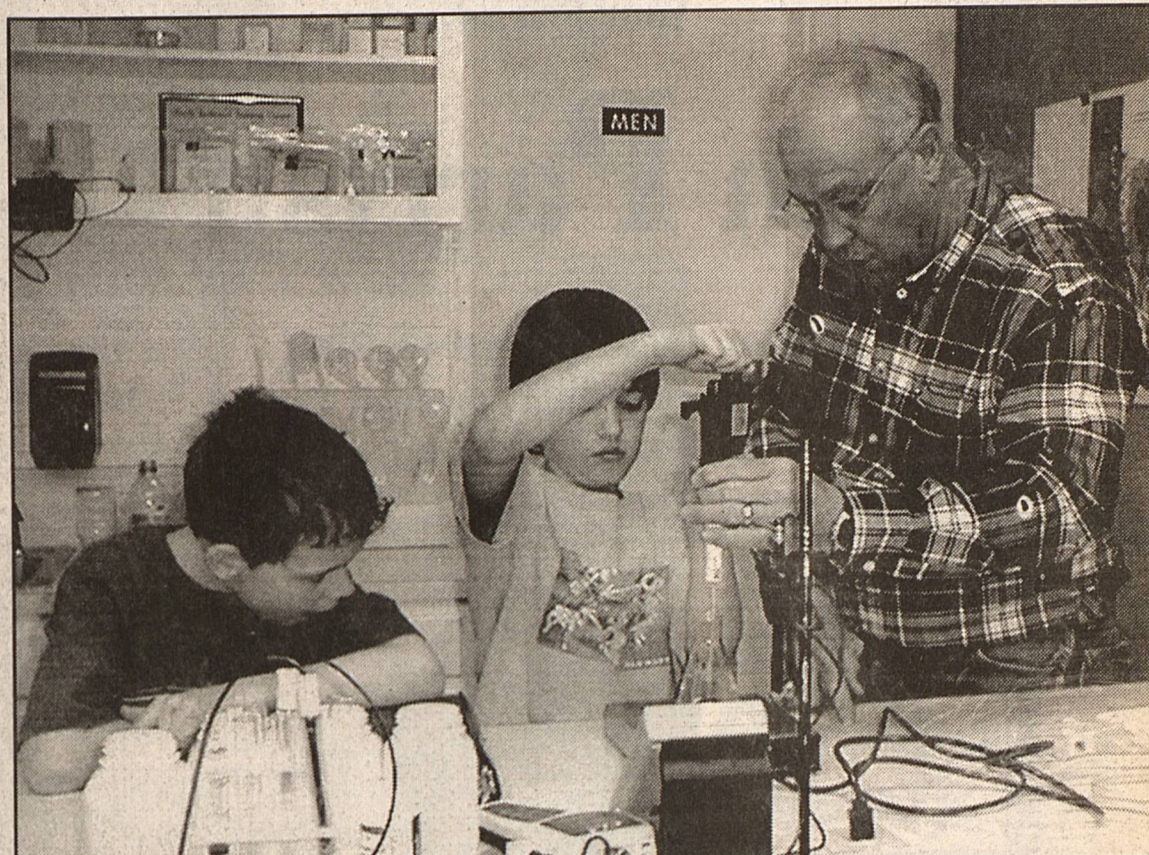
## Neugebauer Announces USDA Disaster Declaration For Yoakum County

Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced Wednesday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated Yoakum County as a primary agricultural disaster area due to last year's drought. Neugebauer said that the designation makes Yoakum County farmers eligible for emergency loans. Late last year the USDA declared a number of Texas counties as disaster areas due to hail damage. "I've heard from several farmers who have been waiting for this declaration in order to obtain a loan to finance this year's crop," said Neugebauer. "I encourage farmers who need these emergency loans to apply

at their FSA office as soon as possible." This drought severely reduced last year's yields for most West Texas producers. The designation makes all qualified farm operators in these counties eligible for low-interest emergency (EM) loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment abil-

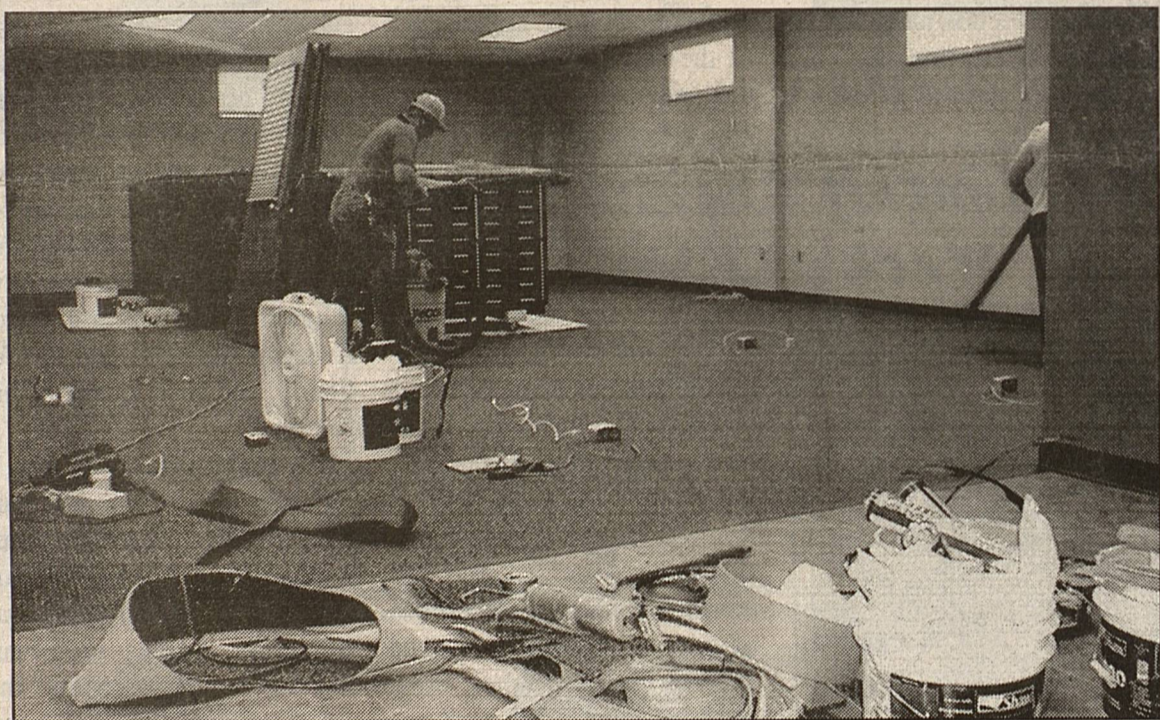
ity. FSA has a variety of programs available, in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity. USDA has also made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers should contact their local FSA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at : <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Tweaking young, inquisitive minds

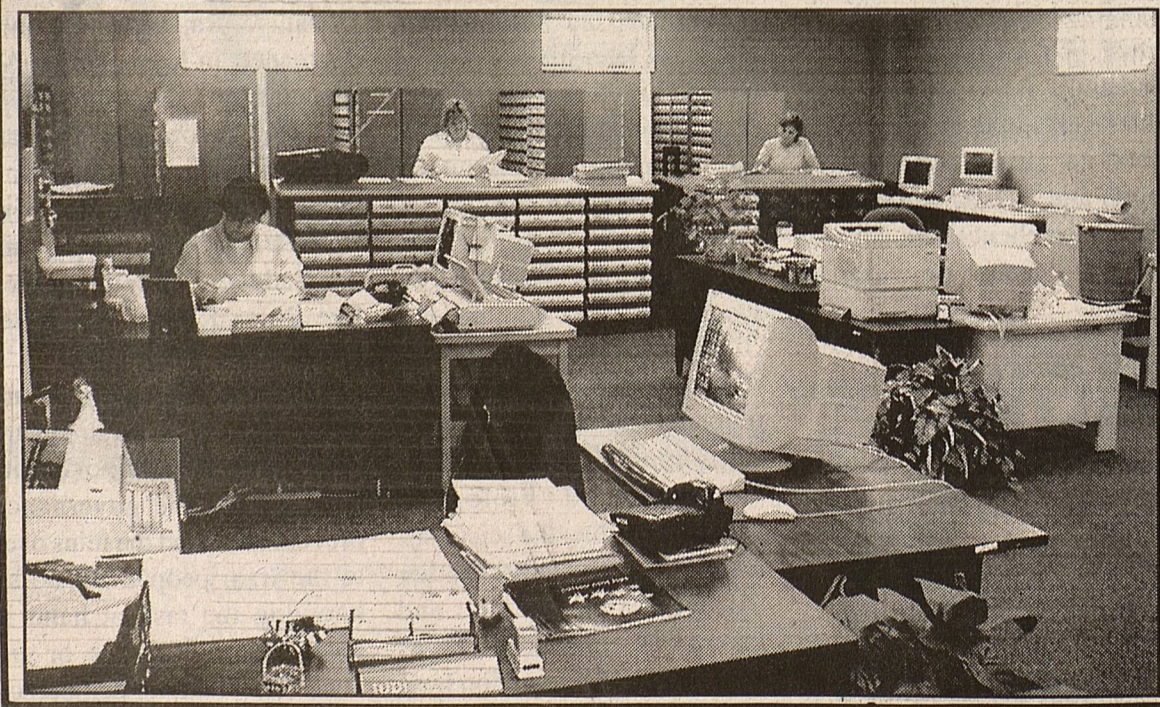


Sandy Land Underground Water District Consultant Gary Walker has the undivided attention of fourth grade Cub Scouts Brent Hansen, left, and Christopher Davis, as he leads them through the steps required to determine water purity and quality. The boys were escorted to the Sandy Land Office by Cub Leader Tina Davis.

## Dramatic before & after



This photo taken about a week ago in the County Clerk office at the courthouse shows Maintenance Foreman Danny Steffens moving furnishings, filing shelves and hundreds of bound documents from the office into temporary storage. Painting crews and carpet layers then descended on the office for a bit of badly needed refurbishing. The scene below shows office personnel working in the transformed quarters. Also freshly painted and receiving face lifting paint jobs and new carpet were Justice of Peace Judge Crutcher's quarters, and the office of Auditor Darinda McWhirter and her staff.



### Election and Voting Tips

- \*\*Early voting for the runoff election starts at the courthouse Monday, April 5 and runs through April 8.
- \*\* The last day to register to vote in the May 15 City Election is April 15, 2004. You MUST be registered to vote in this important election to select two council members and a Mayor

## Plains Youth Captures High Honors At Houston Livestock Show

A crowd of over 70,000 watched recently in Houston's Reliant Stadium as local Plains FFA member Kristen Knight's pig was named the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow at the Houston Livestock Show. Kristen's 261 pound Crossbred Barrow, named Bandit, later set a new World Record for a reserve champion barrow in the Junior Barrow Auction, selling for \$82,000, of which she will receive a guarantee of \$25,000. Kristen is the daughter of Tadd and Scotta Knight of Plains, and sister to Plains second grader Cameron Knight.

Kristen competed against 3,500 other youth around the state. These exhibitors had to first face off competition at the Brenham Swine Sift, which consists of two different processes of elimination. Only the top 660 head of barrows make it out of Brenham to compete at the prestigious Houston Livestock Show. Following the selection of the champions, Kristen Knight said, "When they announced I won, I just kept thinking, wow, this is big! I want to save my auction money for college. I want to go to Texas Tech and be a pediatrician."

Seven months may pass quickly for some; however, for Plains Fifth Grader Kristen Knight and her family, it seemed like an eternity. "Kristen, Cameron and Bandit are all real champions," said Tadd Knight. "We nearly lost Bandit two different times early in the show season due to serious medical conditions, but Kristen didn't give up on him and continued to work the long hard hours it takes to make a



champion. Cameron also helped a lot. He helped Kristen exercise her barrows and cleaned many pens. The kids work with their pigs every day and love them. They finish their home-

## City seeks grant funds for low income housing

In the March 22 City Council meeting, the council unanimously voted to submit a grant application for federal funds to create a new home project here for low income applicants. City Administrator Ed Hansen explained details of the grant process. "The contractor firm A.J. Howco of Lubbock will present the grant request for \$500,000. These funds would be used to construct a total of nine new homes in the city. Howco is in the process of interviewing possible applicants for the

grants. The new homes would contain two bedrooms and would have approximately 960 square feet of living space." Hansen said applicants for the grant money would have to be living in the city, and own the lot or lots the new homes would be constructed on. "This program would accomplish two goals; it would furnish lower income residents new and desirable housing, as well as improve the overall image of the

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'Housing'

## Thank You!

Thank you to my many supporters in Plains who asked to put my campaign signs in their yards. Out of respect for you and my opponent's family, I declined. In our hometown, everyone needs to live together, do business together, and attend our churches together. Each of us has good friends in both families. I chose not to put you in the position of publicly taking sides.

The Tax Office is one we all have to do business with at one time or another. I would like the opportunity to make your future experiences at the Tax Office a pleasant one..... or at least as pleasant as paying taxes can be. The Tax Assessor job includes:

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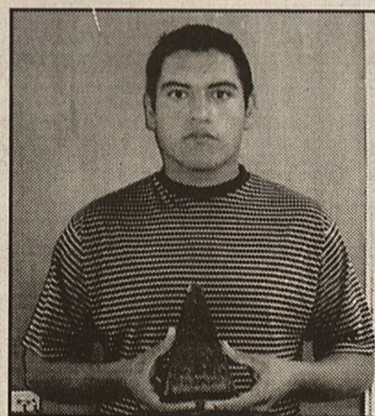
city." If a grant applicant is approved for one of the nine new houses, and his building site now contains a sub-par residence or other structure, the City of Plains and Yoakum County personnel would work together to clear the building site and do any required dirt work, and the City would furnish any needed water and gas taps.

Hansen said Howco officials report the project would go through four stages of construction; Tearing down any existing structures and clearing the site, pouring cement for the foundation, frame work for the structure, and final interior work. The company is confident the nine new homes could be finished within 45 days.

Some twenty prospective applicants for the program have been initially interviewed as possible recipients of the grant funds. City Hall personnel are encouraged by the local interest already expressed during interviews, but all interested citizens should be aware the grant review process is long and often cumbersome. A final decision on the application may not be available for many months.


During the meeting, the council also discussed advantages and disadvantages of hiring a City Police Officer. A resolution was also passed opposing any school finance or tax reforms negatively affecting city revenues and economic development efforts. Helen Beal was appointed election judge for the May 15 city election, and Toni Jones was named alternate judge

## Student of the Week



Student of the week is Antonio Martinez, a Freshman and the son of Antonio and Maria Martinez. Antonio was nominated by Mrs. Brenda Canada, who said, "Pearl S. Buck said, "The secret of joy in work is contained in one word-excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it." This week's student of the week works hard in the classroom, in sports and in UIL while striving for excellence. He is a joy to teach because he wants to learn."

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## Into Baghdad

One year ago this March, American troops rolled into Baghdad and in a matter of days, wiped out a brutal regime that had governed Iraq with an iron fist for decades. Many Americans will recall the 'shock and awe' campaign waged by the U.S. military that lit the skies of Baghdad in a brilliant display of the strength and precision of our Armed Forces. This one year anniversary is a fitting time to appreciate the hope that now exists in the hearts of the Iraqi people.

The gravest threat to the United States today is the potential cooperation between terrorist groups and rogue states developing or possessing weapons of mass destruction. Saddam Hussein was a threat to America and the world. He had a track record of unleashing terror. In 1988 he spewed forth a witches' brew of nerve agents, mustard gas and conventional weapons to kill 5,000 innocent Iraqi civilians, mostly women and children, in the town of Halabja. His wrath also frequently turned on his neighbors. In 1980 he invaded Iran leaving an estimated one million dead. A decade later his invasion of Kuwait killed at least 1,000. This ticking time bomb defied the international community for 12 years and through 17 United Nations Security Council resolutions. Words alone would not stop this monster.

To date we have not found the stockpiles of weapons we anticipated, but we have found the capability to produce chemical and biological agents, including the scientists, technology and labs. Rather than let this threat fester and grow, the United States of America acted. Operation Iraqi Freedom removed a vicious enemy, and our nation, and the world is more secure. Thanks to the skill and sacrifice of the U.S. military and our coalition partners, the threat has been eliminated and the Iraqi people are free and on a path to self-governance.

This March, members of the

Iraqi Governing Council signed the Transitional Administrative Law for Iraq, an interim constitution for the country. The document sets in place a framework for the future and provides essential freedoms and civil rights for all Iraqis. It states in part, "All Iraqis are equal in their rights without regard to gender, sect, opinion, belief, nationality, religion, or origin, and they are equal before the law. Discrimination against an Iraqi citizen on the basis of his gender, nationality, religion, or origin is prohibited. Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and the security of his person."

The inclusion of women's rights in the document is particularly significant, as Iraqi women have for generations been oppressed and denied basic rights. Ambassador Paul Bremer recently recalled the story of one Iraqi woman, Rajaa Khuzai, a 57 year old mother of seven and one of three women on the Iraq Governing Council. In 1991, when Saddam Hussein sent Republican Guards to put down a rebellion in her town of Diwaniya, Rajaa was the only doctor left in her hospital. An obstetrician, she remembers performing more than 20 cesarean section births working along in the candlelight. With Iraq leaving behind its past under Saddam Hussein, women like Rajaa Khuzai will never again be left in the dark.

The next months and years are critical for Iraq's development. As we work to remove ourselves from the governance process and hand the reins over to the Iraqi people, we do so knowing the task at hand is great. Three forgotten or undone. The fledging democracy has many challenges to overcome and the road ahead is not easy, but for the first time in many years, the future of Iraq is no longer one of terror, it is one of promise. And a working democracy in the Middle East will begin to have effects on the whole region.

## PHS One Act Play

The Plains High School one act play will present "The Diviners" at the district competition at 1:00 pm. at LCU in Lubbock next Saturday, April 3. The cast consists of Blake O'Quinn as Basil Bennett, Stacie Alldredge as Dewey Maples and Goldie Short, Breck Hamm as Buddy Layman, Nolan Newsom as Melvin Wilder and Ferris Layman, Kristian Morales as Luella Bennett, Allison Friesen as Jennie Mae Layman, Payton Bean as C.C. Showers, Moriah Traweek as Norma Henshaw, and LaShonda Diamond as Darlene Henshaw. The crew is Nick Curtis, Angelica

Mendoza, Nicole Culwell, and Clarissa Zorilla. The Director is Donna Friesen.

"The Diviners" was presented here in Plains March 2 with "Into the Woods" presented by Whiteface, "The Rude Mechanicals" by Sundown, "A Canterbury Tale from the Wife of Bath" by Morton, and "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" from Smyer. Plains and Whiteface both advanced to the next level.

Earning individual honors were: Honorable Mention - Stacie Alldredge, Allison Friesen, and Nolan Newsom - All Star Cast - Payton Bean, and Best Actor - Breck Hamm.

## Pesticide License Training

Texas Cooperative Extension in Yoakum, Terry, Gaines, Dawson & Cochran counties are hosting an area wide Private Applicator Training & Testing on Tuesday, April 6 in the Amphitheater at the Terry County Park in Brownfield.

The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the tests will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please contact the County Extension office at 901 Avenue G in Plains, 806-456-2263, to register and pick up a training manual. The cost of the training manual is \$20.00.

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There will be two Shooting Sports Sign-up & Safety Trainings at the Extension Office in Plains. They will be held on April 5th and April 12th with sign-up at 6:30 p.m. and safety training at 7:00 p.m. All participants must attend one of the safety trainings (even if you participated last year). If you need additional information, call the office at 456-2263.

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## Congressman Neugebauer launches his bid for re-election to U.S. 19th District seat

With a theme of new ideas for the future and backing conservative ideals with conservative votes, Congressman Randy Neugebauer kicked off his congressional re-election bid Monday.

Neugebauer met with large crowds in five cities across the new 19th District, with stops in Plainview, Lubbock, Abilene, Graham and Big Spring.

"I am a conservative. This election is about the future of West Texas, not its past. I stand before you asking you to let me be part of your future," Neugebauer said in formally launching his campaign.

With his wife Dana at his side, Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) spoke about his work and vision on a number of regional issues at each stop including agriculture, water, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas Tech, the Ports-to-Plains transportation corridor and the Big Spring VA Hospital. He also echoed his stand on the major national issues in the campaign.

"My vision for the future is one that enables all Americans to have access to affordable health care, and one where veterans and seniors are cared for. My vision for the future requires the federal government to leave more of your money, hard earned money in your pocket-book and not in Washington's. My vision is clear, my resolve determined," he said.

Neugebauer also told the crowds about his recent visits with President Bush aboard Air Force One and in the Oval Office, where the two West Tex-

ans discussed issues important to the overwhelmingly conservative 27 county Congressional District.

The President and I both belong to a party which supports the basic principles on which we both stand. Our future is under attack by those who want to erode many of our fundamental, treasured values," said Neugebauer as he spoke about his work with the President on banning same-sex marriages, permanently repealing the estate or 'death' tax, and encouraging small business growth.

Neugebauer has already established himself as a solid conservative who better represents the values of most 19th District residents. He has been named a 'Hero of the Taxpayer' by Americans for Tax Reform and received the 'True Blue' Award from the Family Research Council for his conservative votes on both social and fiscal policy. In addition, Neugebauer earned the "Guardian of Small Business" award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise Award" for his work to promote small business job growth.

Neugebauer's campaign is already off to an impressive start. Recent polling shows the former small business owner with a 49 to 38 percent lead over long time Democrat incumbent Charles Stenholm, who only won his last election by less than two percentage points over an under financed and relatively unknown chal-

lenger. Neugebauer is also outpacing Stenholm in fund raising and expects to keep that advantage through November.

"Just as in my last campaign, when I won over 16 other candidates, I pledge that we will not be outworked and that we will have the resources needed to win this race," he said.

Randy Neugebauer was born in St. Louis, Missouri but was raised in Lubbock. He graduated from Coronado High School and then from Texas Tech University in 1972 with a degree in accounting.

Neugebauer founded Lubbock Land Company, a land development firm that helped Lubbock grow. He is a past President of the West Texas Home Builders and the Texas Association of Builders. In 1999, Neugebauer was voted to serve on the Board of the National Association of Home Builders.

Neugebauer served on the Lubbock City Council in 1992 until 1998. While on the Council he worked to reduce the city's property taxes and privatized some city services. He also worked to establish the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, a new transportation route between the U.S., Canada and Mexico that will bring more jobs and help diversify the West Texas economy.

Randy and Dana, a Ropesville native, are the proud parents of two sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandsons. They have lived in Lubbock since they were married while students at Texas Tech.

**PISD Sports Capsule**

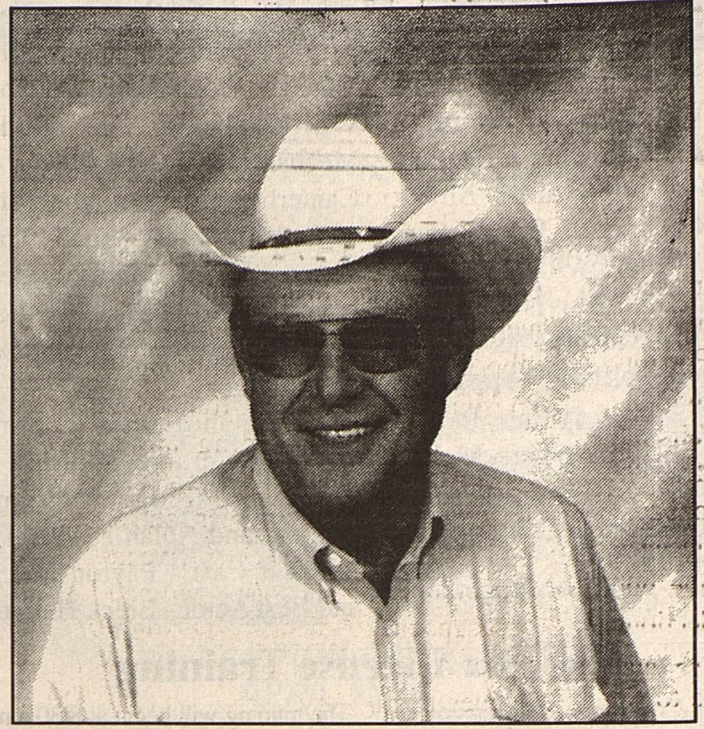
**Baseball:**  
The Cowboys whipped up on O'Donnell 19-0 last week. Going the distance on the mound was T.J. Cordova, allowing just one hit. Top batters included T.J. 3&3, Adam McCravey 1&1, 3in4, Evan Cain 2in4, Blake Parrish 1in2, Richard Diaz 1in 3, Peter Neufeld 1in2.  
**Tennis:** Levelland Tourney Grady McNabb won consolation singles; Brant Huerta & Cody Flores played for third doubles, def. by Wellman  
Div. 2 Boys singles, BJ Lester 3rd. Div. 2 Doubles, Nolan Newsom, Isaac Ramon 3rd.  
Girls doubles, Helen Neufeld & April Wilmeth, 3rd.  
**Track:**  
Junior High Girls: 8th grade; Sundown Meet:  
400 Relay 1st- Katie Winn, Joani Bell, Reyna Gallegos, Brianna Conway 1st place.  
800 Run- Reyna Gallegos 2nd, Lauren Davis 3rd  
100 Hurdles, Heather Parrott 4th  
100 Dash- Joani Bell 2nd  
800 Relay-3rd-Maretta Trent, Mari Ruiz, Lauren Davis, Joani Bell  
400 Dash- 3rd Brianna Conway, 5th

Heather Parrott  
200 Dash- Katie Winn 2nd  
1600 Relay-1st, Reyna Gallegos, Lauren Davis, Brianna Conway, Katie Winn.  
High jump- 3rd Reyna Gallegos  
Long Jump- 2nd Joani Bell  
Shot Put- 4th Joani Bell  
Triple Jump- Katie Winn 2nd  
7th Girls:  
100 Dash- 4th Kimber Williams  
200 Dash- 4th Kimber Williams  
400 Dash- 3rd Lydia Whitzel, 4th Kimber Williams  
800- 4th Lydia Whitzel  
1600 Run- 4th Lydia Whitzel  
Shot Put- 2nd Kimber Williams  
Discus- 3rd Kimber Williams  
Boys, Sundown Meet:  
400 Relay, 2nd, Zach Ramos, Chris Loya, Juan Lara, Cody Mayes  
800 relay- 1st, Mario Sigala, Rudy Gonzales. Chase Guetersloh, Doug Conway  
1600 Relay: 1st, Lara, <ayes, Sigala, Loya  
Chris Loya 1st 400, 2nd pole vault Sergio Olivas 1st 110 hurdles, 2nd discus, 300 hurdles  
Zach Ramos 3rd 2400, 4th 1600, 5th triple jump  
Cody Mayes 1st 300 hurdles, 2nd long jump, 3rd triple jump  
Juan Lara 2nd 100, 5th triple jump  
John Tyson 1st 800, 3rd 1600

Ryan Crump 4th 2400, 5th 1600  
Rudy Gonzales 5th 100  
Doug Conway 4th 200,  
Mario Sigala 5th 200  
Kurt Alldredge 5th high jump  
Jacob Rivera 6th discus  
Chase Guetersloh 6th 400  
8th Boys 1st, 199 points  
7th Boys  
800 Relay 3rd, Dylan Hunter, Landon Earnest, Chris Gonzales  
Chris Addison  
Zack Ramon 1st 800, 5th Long Jump  
Chris Addison 1st 110 hurdles, 2nd triple jump, 4th 300 hurdles  
Holden Welch 2nd 2400 run, 5th 1600  
Landon Earnest 2nd 110 hurdles, 5th 300 hurdles  
Dylan Nunter 3rd high jump  
High School:  
Varsity Girls-Sundown  
Pole Vault-Kim Trent-2nd  
Long Jump-Moriah Traweck-3rd  
Long Jump-Desiraye Broome-5th  
400M relay-Prisma Ortez, Micaela Villegas, Angelica Gomez, Kim Trent-6th  
800M run-Manuela Villegas-3rd  
100M dash-Moriah Traweck-1st  
800M relay-Manuela Villegas, Moriah Traweck, Micaela Villegas, Desiraye Broome-1st  
200M dash-Desiraye Broome-3rd

1600M relay-Manuela Villegas, Moriah Traweck, Micaela Villegas, Desiraye Broome-3rd  
JV Cowboys:-Sundown- 3rd place  
Shot Put- Scott Bruton 1st, Daniel Parker 2nd  
Discus- Scott Bruton 1st, Daniel Parker 2nd  
200 Dash- Ramiro Martinez 2nd  
110 Hurdles- Blake O'Quinn 1st  
400 Relay- 3rd, Michaels Crump, Daniel Parker, Ramiro Martinez, Scott Bruton  
1600 Relay- 3rd, Crump, O'Quinn, Marinez, Bruton  
Varsity Cowboys - 2nd place win  
Pole Vault- Ben Hays 2nd  
Triple Jump- 1st, Mario Ruvalcaba  
110 Hurdles- 2nd Ben Hays  
400 Dash- 1st Patrick Cotton, 6th Brandon Davis  
100 Dash- Todd 4th Williams  
200 Dash- 5th Evan Cain  
800 M- 1st Patrick Cotton, 3rd Brandon Davis  
1600 M- 1st Payton Bean, 3rd Abel Ramos, 6th Armando Ramirez  
3200M- 1st Payton Bean, 4th Abel Ramos, 5th Armando Ramirez  
400 Relat- 1st, Williams, Ruvalcaba, Arnold Cordova, Richard Diaz  
800 relay- 1st, Cain, Ruvalcaba, Cordova, Diaz  
1600 relay- 2st, Ruvalcaba, Cordova, Diaz, Cotton

**Please Re - Elect  
Ty Earl Powell**



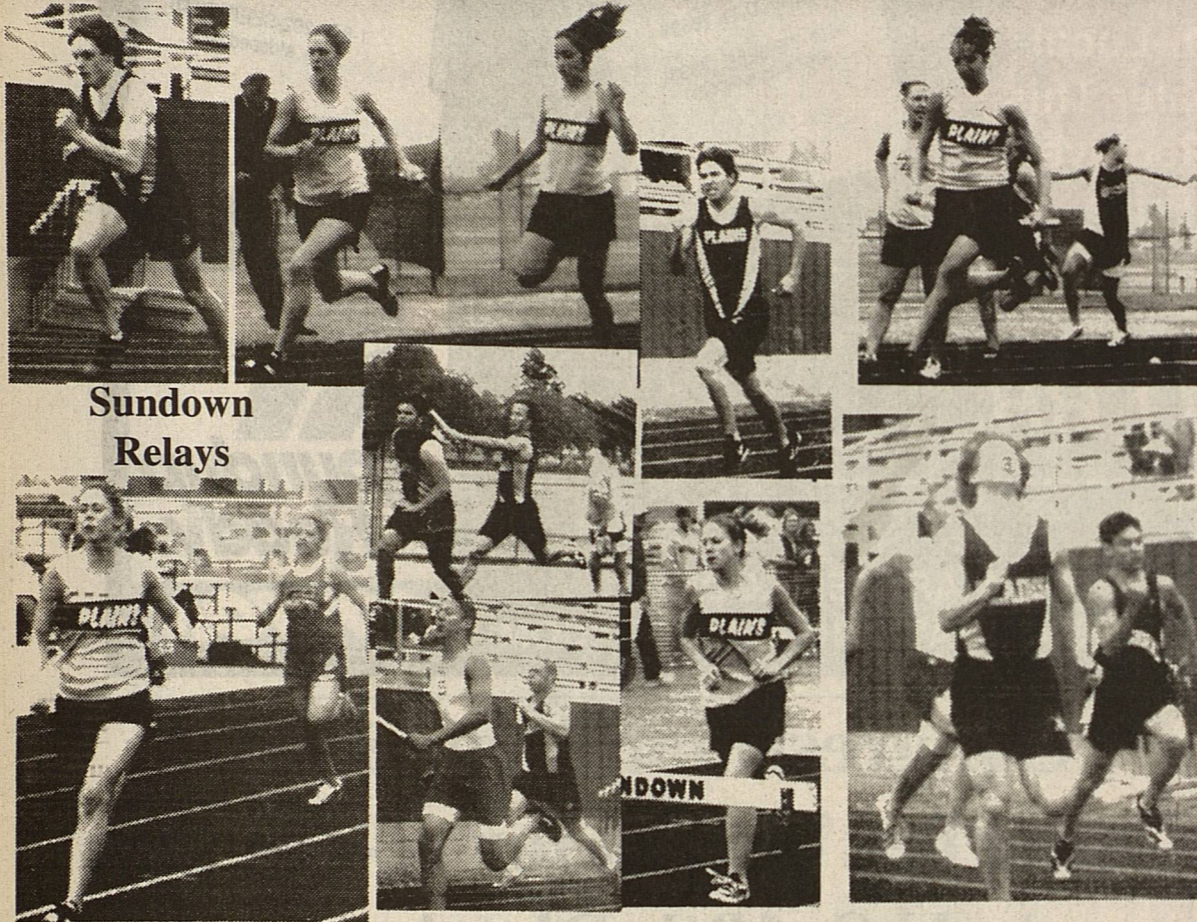
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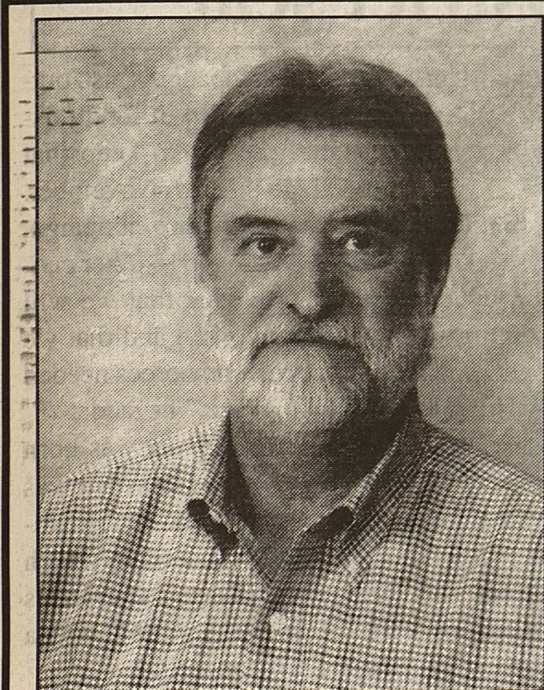
**TDA Secures Specific  
Exemption To Use Tracer On  
Pasture And Rangeland**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of spinosad (Tracer 4E Insecticide) on pasture and rangeland for control of beet armyworm, true armyworm, fall armyworm, southern armyworm and yellow-striped armyworm.  
Tracer 4E Insecticide, manufactured by Dow Agrosciences, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice. The specific exemption will expire September 23, 2004, and replaces a crisis exemp-

tion that went into effect September 23, 2003.  
Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.  
\* The product may be applied at a rate of 1.0 to 2.0 ounces (0.031 to 0.062 pounds active ingredient) per acre. No more than 14.4 ounces (0.45 pounds a.i.) of product per acre per season should be applied. \* A maximum of 250,000 acres of pasture and rangeland may be treated.  
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Notice is hereby given that Plains Independent School District intends to destroy records of students who have received special education services. Records to be destroyed are for persons who received Special Education, including speech therapy services, prior to 1995-1996 school year. These records are located at  
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Box 479, Plains, TX 79355  
Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records at the school.

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Aviso esta dado que La Escuela de Plains tiene intencion de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Educacion Especial. Documentos que deben ser destruidos son para personas que recibieron educacion especial, incluyendo servicios de terapia de lenguaje hasta el ano escolar 1995-1996. Los unicos documentos que van estar destruidos son los que estan localizados en:  
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# Lifelines & Styles

## TSA MO GA Meets

Ann McGinty presented a book review on Caroline Kennedy's A Patriot's Handbook at the March 22 TSA GA MO Public Affairs meeting.

Mrs. McGinty said the Kennedy, who selected and introduced each of the 13 sections of the book, put together the collections of speeches, poems, songs, and writings of Americans to pass on values to future generations and interest our children in history.

The daughter of a former president sees the book, which McGinty said should be used as a guide and handbook and not particularly to be read cover to cover as most books, as 'her collage of America'.

Kennedy recalled dinners at her grandmother's table where

history was the topic of discussion. She believed that one person could change the course of history. Kennedy also recalled becoming more interested when her mother took she and her brother John to see the musical 1776. "We memorized all the songs and had debates" as to which person had the most influence in founding the country.

Mrs. McGinty favors the section of the book on 'The Law.' In regular business the club was presented a slate of officers for the coming two-year term. The officers will be installed at the May 10 meeting. Billie Blundell and Dolores Davis were hostesses for the meeting.

## Yoakum County Child Welfare Board

The Yoakum County Child Welfare Board would like to remind everyone that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Child Welfare Board (CWB) is a part of Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) and CWB board members are appointed by the County Commissioner's Court. The board conducts open meetings to discuss various issues pertaining to child abuse and/or potential child abuse cases. Notices with agendas and subject items are posted at the Yoakum County Court House 72 hours prior to a meeting.

CWB is responsible for providing updates in children, board activities and budgetary needs to County Commissioner's Court. Fund raisers are held to help provide money to buy clothes, school supplies, and toys for the chil-

dren who unfortunately find themselves in the program.

Please help us to make this year a better year for all our children. You may make a donation at any of several businesses that will have donation jars displayed. If you would rather, please call Suzie Parker at 592-3191 and we will come by and pick up your tax deductible donation. If you wish, you may mail your donation to the Yoakum County Child Welfare Board, P.O. Box 202, Denver City, Texas 79323.

At the very least, use this notice to remind yourself to hug your children often. Give them all of your love and let them know how important and valuable they are to you.

Yoakum County Child Welfare Board Members  
Texas Abuse Hotline is 1-800-252-5400.

## Luminaria Ceremony Honors Cancer Survivors And Those Who Have Lost The Battle

A special luminaria ceremony will be held during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Yoakum County. Relay For Life remembers those lost to cancer and honors survivors. Luminaria candles will be lit at Mustang Stadium in Denver City, May 14, 2004 at 10:00 pm to represent those individuals. Anyone desiring to purchase a luminaria may do so by contacting Sheri Curry at 592-3189 or in person at Wells Fargo Bank by contacting David DeLeon. The Yoakum County Relay For Life Committee asks for a minimum of \$1.00 for each luminaria candle.

Relay For Life brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back. Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. This 'celebration of life' takes place May 14, 2004 at 6:00 pm to May 15, 2004 at 8:00 am at Mustang Stadium in Denver City.

Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society. Participants camp out at the Relay site and when they are not taking their turn walking or running, they

pm with the first official lap; then the rest of the participants join the fun. Information about purchasing luminaria, forming a team, or walking in the survivors lap is available from Stacey Meece at 592-6288 or 593-5169, or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-792-7126. For information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24 hour hot line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

The 2004 Relay for Life Committee would like to memorialize those who lost to cancer. If you have lost someone to cancer, and would like to have them honored at Relay for Life, please write a brief biography of that person, and contact any committee member listed below. The honorees' biographies will be read during the event.

Yoakum County Relay For Life Committee: Stacey Meece 592-6288, Mendy Johnson 592-5133, Stan David 592-8418, Melissa Howell 592-3153, Sheri Curry 592-3189, Robbie Sturdivant 592-3886, Beth Ann Cain 456-7157.

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Perhaps you were not there at all, Just prayed for us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part. On behalf of the children and family of Norman L. Bangle, Sr., we thank you for all your kindness shown.  
Sherry Rosenbaum, Debbie J. Smith, Norman Bangle, Jr., Pamela Valdes

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# From The Hack

I had the distinct displeasure of spending most all of last Friday AM in the Lubbock VA Clinic - blood, other exotic sampling at 9 AM, followed by the follow up consultation and check up by my practitioner, one Angela (Angie to friends and patients she is about to punch, probe and otherwise physically violate in her very thorough exam) Rampy. Angie is very professional, and about seven, eight years ago when she became my practitioner of record, I thought a bit dry, solemn, too serious. One

of us has apparently mellowed, for we get along fine now, no matter how I detest her asking in her calmest, sweetest voice, "Well, Mr. Dyer, I suppose you're ready for your annual prostate exam?"

Quick, tell me the truth, male readers, would a single, solitary one of you ex-GI's sweetly respond, "Oh, yes, please, Angie, I have been absolutely, positively looking forward to this moment at least ten of the last twelve months. May I bend over now, please?"

No, with capital NO'S. I usually try to influence Angie with logical male logic; "Angie, let me come back next week, I ate about eight pounds of Greek stuff last night, you know, the squid stuffed grape leaves, the Feta Cheese Loaf, what ever a Feta is. I'm really afraid your, uh, digital exam might embarrass us both!"

It counts for naught. Angie is adamant. "No. Mr. Dyer, I won't be available next week at all, and you would have to see one of our MALE Doctors, all whom have much, much larger hands and FINGERS than moi. You would be extremely wise to bend over and spread now.... and besides, I very carefully trimmed that hangnail which seemed to overly bother you last year, and almost prompted Lubbock EMS to respond to your screams, which I continue to consider a bit childish considering your age..... Now, that's a good boy, cheeks just a bit wider please... by the way, Mr. Dyer, do you realize you have the skinniest cheeks I have ever explored between?"

A gasp and groan or two later, when my eyes have stopped weeping, my friend Angie purrs, "Ah, wonderful, Mr. Dyer, the old prostate gland's smoother than a babe's bottom, which is great news, so I'm making an appointment to see you again a year from now. By the way, I know you are doing your own laundry now, but your shorts have rather prominent skid marks in them and I would definitely consider making them eligible for retirement."

Yes, I admit I have taken a few liberties here. Angie has become a true friend.... but I still hate that hangnail!

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**NOTICE OF RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION, REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
(AVISO DE ELECCION PRIMARIA DECISIVA, PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

To the Registered Voters of the County of **YOAKUM**, Texas.  
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de **YOAKUM**, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., April **13TH**, 2004, for voting in a runoff primary election to nominate Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and for the purpose of electing county and precinct chairs.

(Por lo presente se da aviso que los sitios de votación designados abajo estarán abiertos de las 7 de la mañana a las 7 de la noche el día **13TH** de abril de **2004**, para poder votar en una elección primaria decisiva para nombrar a los miembros del Congreso, los miembros de la Legislatura, y los oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto; y con el propósito de elegir al presidente del condado y del precinto.)

**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES**  
(UBICACION(ES) DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACION)

*Precinct No.(s) (Núm. de Precinto(s))	Location (Ubicación)
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: **APRIL 5-8 (MONDAY-THURSDAY)**  
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

**BRANCH TAX OFFICE, 122 W. 4TH, DENVER CITY**  
**YOAKUM COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, AVE G AND COWBOY WAY, PLAINS**  
(location) (ubicación)

**Recommended but not required**

Between the hours of **8:00** a.m. and **5:00** p.m. beginning on **APRIL 5, 2004**  
(date)  
(entre las **8:00** de la mañana y las **5:00** de la tarde empezando el **ABRIL 5, 2004**  
(date) (fecha)  
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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

**P.O. BOX 309**  
(Address) (Dirección)

**PLAINS, TEXAS 79355**  
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**APRIL 6, 2004**  
(date) (fecha)

**NOTICE OF RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION, DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
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(UBICACION(ES) DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACION)

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305	BRANCH TAX OFFICE, 122 W. 4TH, DENVER CITY

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