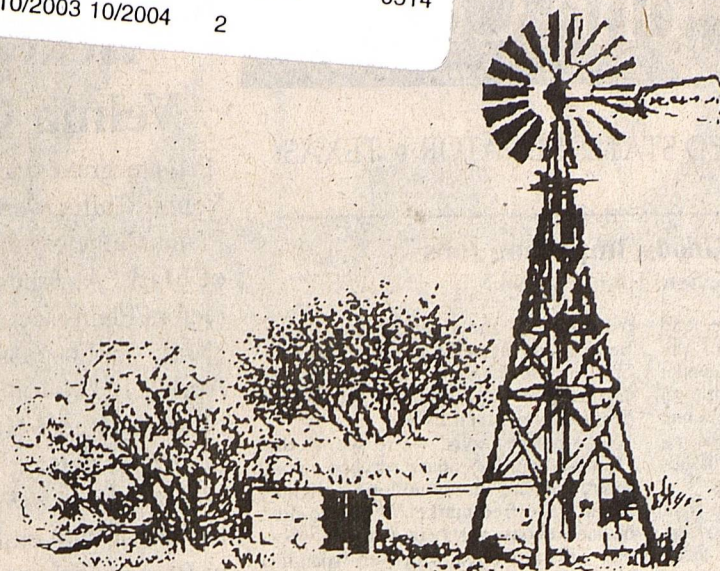


# Cowboy Country News

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## District Court Felony Cases

In the April 20 session of 121st District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, five felony cases were heard.

Joel Vega Mata pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A five years prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$238 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 160 hours community service, spend 8 days in jail, lose his license 145 days, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI repeat offender program, pay \$50 monthly community supervision fees, and complete the outpatient treatment program at his expense. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer, and Angela French was his attorney. Mario Humberto Orona pled true to an order modifying community supervision from a prior DWI, third or more. He will be jailed not to exceed 180 days until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility not more than one year or less than 90 days. He must pay additional \$60 court costs. Barry Critchfield was his attorney.

Dennis Lynn Fulcher pled true and community supervision was modified from a prior cocaine delivery cause. He must pay a \$960 fine in \$30 monthly payments, \$13 monthly payments on delinquent \$406 su-

pervision fees, and \$10 monthly installments on additional \$250 appointed attorney fees, and \$70 additional court costs. Warren New was his attorney.

Ronald J. Power pled true to modification of supervision from a prior Burglary of building cause. He will report to the county jail not more than 15 days until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility for not more than one year or less than 90 days. The defendant must also pay additional \$60 court costs. Richard Waldroup was his attorney.

Robert Paul Reynoso pled to adjudication of guilt deferred on an aggravated sexual assault of a child cause. He will serve five years community supervision, was fined \$1000, must pay \$553 court costs and \$50 monthly supervision fees. He will serve 320 hours community service. He will not communicate with or go near the victim's school, residence or place of employment. He will furnish a copy of the court judgement to his school principal, pay for any needed victim counseling, submit a sample to DPS for creating a DNA record, and shall not participate in activities associated with participants 17 or younger, and have no unsupervised contact with any minor child. Karen Hobbs, Denver City Police, was investigating officer, and Jimm Hammons was his attorney.

## Volunteers pushing hard to make cancer relay success



Members of the Yoakum County RELAY FOR LIFE Committee, Corporate and In-Kind Sponsors of the American Cancer Society's fund raising RELAY met recently in Denver City's Mustang Stadium, site of the May 14 RELAY FOR LIFE activities. Ladies on the front row are Mistie Boyer, Melissa Howell, Stacey Meece, Janie Durham, Melva Ramos, Janice Smith, Robbie Sturdjvant, Christie Gibson, Teresa Brock, and Debbie Smith. Men in back row include Gene Boyer, David DeLeon, Wade Roberts, Brad Howell, Harlen Curry, Larry Mason, Doug Brown and Gary Dyer.

There may not be a single family in Yoakum County who has not suffered a devastating loss of a friend or loved one to that insidious disease, cancer. This is probably why interest and excitement continues to build over the upcoming Relay For Life events the evening of May 14 at Mustang Stadium in Denver City. Relay teams from Denver City and Plains have been organized, and have volunteered to run, walk, even wheel-chair around the stadium, with each lap hopefully drawing donations from supporters. Prior to the fund raising team efforts, cancer survivors will celebrate their victory with the first official lap of the field at 6:30 PM.

During the 14 hour Relay, team members will 'camp out', and when they are not taking their turn on the track they can take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

Supporters of the "celebration of life" event may, for a minimum one dollar each, purchase luminarias which will be lit at

10 PM in honor of cancer survivors and those who lost their battle. To make a luminaria donation, contact Sheri Curry, 592-3189, or David DeLeon at Wells Fargo Bank.

The Relay Committee will memorialize those lost to cancer during the event. If you have lost someone to the disease and want to remember them during the Relay, write a brief biography of the person and deliver it prior to the event to any committee member.

The organizers are looking for more volunteer teams, particularly from Plains. Beth Ann Cain, 456-7157, is the Plains committee member. Denver City committee members are Stacey Meece, 592-6288, Mendy Johnson, 592-5133, Stan David, 592-8418, Melissa Howell, 592-3153, Sheri Curry, 592-3189, Robbie Sturdjvant, 592-3886, Karen Tovar, 592-2322, David DeLeon, 592-2181, Gene Boyer, 592-5499, Della Sherman, 592-8023, and Becky Sandlin, 592-3606.

## Second YCH Foundation golf tourney another success



Winners of last Thursday's second YCH Foundation golf tournament were, L-R, Rodney Garcia, Roger Garcia, Ismael Ramon and Ernest Hilburn. They shot 55 and won on a score card playoff over another team with the same 55 score. More photos inside.

## Caliche, water contract featured in court

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Pct. 2 Commissioner Ben Coston described a contract signed in February, 2003, between his precinct and the New Tex Gin, located on the state line in Pct. 2. Coston described the contract as a county money saving agreement, which has already benefited the county greatly. The document states Pct. 2 and only Pct. 2 may secure both free needed water and caliche from land owned by the gin, provided both are used in Pct. 2 projects. In return, the precinct will perform any needed dirt work on the gin yard at no cost.

Coston detailed how the agreement is saving tax payer dollars. "My precinct can now have access to a source of much better quality caliche than we are now able to obtain, with most of it being used near the source location. We also have a much closer source of water we must have for county road projects. Before the contract, we were having to come all the way in to Denver City to load our trucks, and many

times that was a 50 mile round trip, and re-filling the truck was much slower than at New Tex. We are saving diesel and employee time." Pct. 1 Commissioner Lindsey told the court he could see nothing illegal or un-ethical about the contract, but had serious doubts about approving it, "Simply because of the size of the potential project we could face at some point, and that it could be harmful to local contractors"

With Judge Brewer absent, presiding over a juvenile hearing, and following more discussion, Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Powell. The approval passed 3 to 1, Commissioner Lindsey voting no.

In the next agenda item, Ross Hilburn, owner of Sun Cot Gin west of Denver City and also in Pct. 2, spoke to the court on a very similar issue. He stated he had, after heavy local rains, been in contact with dirt contractors about possible extensive repairs to his gin yard. One

contractor "Told me it would be as much as a \$50,000 job."

He said he had discussed the matter with Commissioner Coston, asking if he could get county assistance with the dirt work project. Coston visited Sun Cot, and later told Hilburn it would be a large project which he felt the county could not assist with, and should be awarded to a private dirt contractor. Mr. Hilburn told the court he discussed the contract with County Attorney Richard Clark, who advised him the contract had probably been filed with the County Clerk. Hilburn then stated the County Clerk had no record of the contract being officially recorded. Hilburn stated he was not appearing to cause court problems, but was seeking advice on how in the future he could be advised of county policy in such matters, to reach common ground between his business and county services. The court took no action on the matter.



# John Cornyn

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## Exporting Goods, Importing Jobs By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The debate over free trade and outsourcing has become one of the prominent early conflicts in the presidential race. There's a lot of heated rhetoric on this important subject, but very few real answers — and I believe that we are missing an opportunity to truly address the issues affecting our economy.

I believe the economy is on the right track to recovery. The latest numbers bear that out: Homeownership is at an all-time high in this country. Interest rates are low. Productivity is booming. The gross domestic product is growing by leaps and bounds. And while some are talking in feverish tones about job loss, unemployment is down to 5.6%, same as it was for most of 1998.

Yet we are also facing a larger problem here, and this recovery is an opportunity for us to make an effort to face it head on.

Sometimes it seems like the world is moving faster every day. New technological achievements have given the citizens of the 21st Century instant access to information, on-demand services available anywhere, and an ability to communicate faster and more comprehensively than ever before. With these technological advancements and enhanced abilities, many companies have come to the conclusion that location no longer matters, particularly when it comes to manufacturing, customer assistance, and related positions — so they "outsourced" some facet of what they do to another part of the globe.

Yet while it seems there is talk mostly of the jobs that are lost, we rarely hear about the jobs that are created in Texas.

I'm proud to say that Texas is one of the leading beneficiaries of insourcing. According to the Texas Department of Economic Development, Texas benefits from more than \$110 billion in foreign direct investment in the state. There are 437,000 Texans on the payrolls of foreign corporations. And there is approximately \$5,000 in foreign investment in our state economy per Texan. I believe we can all agree that this is a good thing for Texas, and we shouldn't change it.

The hard reality behind outsourcing, most people agree, involves cheap labor force in other countries. In response, some have concluded that the answer is more job training and funding for education and advanced learning programs to broaden the skills of American workers — and statistics suggest that more people are taking advantage of these educational and work-related resources.

I support the job training and community college initiatives that President Bush has endorsed, and that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan recently espoused. These programs give many Americans the opportunity to change their job track midstream, to pursue greater dreams and more fulfilling careers.

That is not enough, however. As Ronald Reagan once said about this nation: "We've

lost sight of the rule that individual freedom and ingenuity are at the very core of everything that we've accomplished. Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives."

In America today, we're seeing that clearly. Many states have reached a point where they are simply no longer friendly towards the free market. Why should a business choose to stay in America, where they will have to deal with ever-expanding red tape and regulation, where they will face exponential legal risks in states without real tort and class action reform laws, where they are virtually guaranteed to pay higher taxes every year?

The answer of many Democrats is to raise your taxes — in the Senate; they tried to raise them by \$24 billion just this month. But raising taxes won't solve this problem. The knee-jerk response of many in government who want to take more money from the taxpayers so they can throw it around just doesn't work.

In the end, we will only solve this problem when the federal government and the states work to fundamentally change our government's attitude toward business and the free market. We must once again value the principles of free trade and competition. We must encourage success and innovation, not punish it. And we must renew that old American conviction that protecting freedom, not restricting it, is the highest goal of government.

The vision of America as a free market paradise is a very real one, not just the stuff of so-called over-exuberant economists. America has the best work force in the world. We have innovators and thinkers, we have doctors and scientists, and we have all the resources they need. We have people who started their businesses in their garage, and now create things that change the way we live and communicate. We have dedicated young people who are ready to follow in their footsteps. The foundation for a thriving free market economy is all right here.

We still hear from people who think that bureaucrats know best, not small business owners — people who say that we ought to add to the tax burden on the American people by eliminating the President's tax cuts, not lowering it so that they can keep more of their hard-earned money. And there are still people, many of whom call Washington home, who still honestly believe we can sue, tax, and regulate our way to economic growth and prosperity.

Those arguments are simply wrong. America is a nation of broad shoulders and heavy lifters. It's high time that government got out of the way, and let the free market work.

*Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Budget Committee, received the 2004 "Spirit of Enterprise" award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his strong support of a pro-business and job growth legislative agenda.*

## Graveside Rites Held For Velma Callis

Private graveside services for Velma Callis were held at the Plains Cemetery under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors/Plains Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Callis passed away on April 21, 2004 at the Children of the Pioneers Nursing Home in Denver City.

She was born to Will and Pearl Hester on November 24, 1911 in Benton, Arkansas.

Left to cherish her memories is a brother, Tommy Dickens of Georgetown and many nephews and nieces. Mrs. Callis was preceded in death by her husband Edward.

## Conference highlights Ag Diversification for rural economies

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to host a conference on agricultural diversification for rural Texas.

The conference, called 'Agricultural Diversification: Sustaining Rural Economies and Lifestyles,' is scheduled for May 5 and 6 in Amarillo, Texas, at the Ambassador Hotel on 3100 Interstate 40 West.

The target audience includes landowners, farmers, ranchers and chambers of commerce, but the conference is also for anyone who is interested in agricultural diversification in their communities.

The program will feature professionals in the field of economic development, and the conference will cover a variety of subjects related to starting and running a small business, as well as specific information on diversification options. Topics will include customer service, landowner liability issues and break out sessions on web design, photography and alternative crops.

To register for the event in Amarillo, which takes place from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on May 5, and from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on May 6, please call Sheila Martin at 806-358-7285, or e-mail sheila.martin@agr.state.tx.us. Registration is due April 30, 2004. The conference fee is \$60 per person, and luncheons, refreshment breaks and a reception are included.

## More YCH Foundation Tournament Scenes



Mark Iden, Jim Risley Wade Roberts and Dennis Warren shot 59 to win the Second Flight, and claimed new, state of the art wedge clubs for the prize.



Almost eight dozen golfers entered the tournament, and almost all of them stayed around after the golf for the awarding of dozens and dozens of door prizes.



Ricky, Beverly, Steve Mills, and Brandon Hicks shot 55 in the First Flight, but were bumped to 2nd place in the score card play off.



Joe Kay, Lee Kidd and crews cooked barbecue for the golfers and guests.

## Judge Moore Recognized

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 4211 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon on March 27 in Dallas. The College is an honorary society made up of lawyers who strive to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels through attendance of an extraordinary number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.

Established in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas, the College counts in its ranks most of

the leaders of the legal profession in Texas, including many judges. Only about six percent of Texas lawyers qualify to become members. The College is the only organization of its kind in the United States and was the first to provide attorney recognition for making the commitment to lifelong learning, a need now widely acknowledged across many professions. 121st Judicial District Court of Yoakum and Terry County's Judge Kelly G. Moore was among the attendees.

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**Due to a change in the baseball schedule, Little League Tryouts are now scheduled Saturday, May 1, 9 AM at the Little League field**



**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**



On December 16, 1836, the First Congress of the Republic of Texas chartered the Texas Railroad, Navigation, and Banking Company. Just 10 years after the first public railroad was chartered in the United States and a mere nine months after the Texas Declaration of Independence was penned, our founders knew that a comprehensive rail system was critical to the future growth and stability of our state. Railroads ultimately made the development of Texas possible and for years, economic growth paralleled railroad expansion.

Ensuring decades brought new models of transportation to the American people, but trains remain important to our nation. They also present a security challenge as America faces the new enemy of terrorism in the 21st century.

Congress addressed the most glaring transportation security issues identified by the September 11 attacks. But most of the improvements have logically focused on aviation. Rail security remains vulnerable. Passengers are rarely required to show identification to buy tickets or board trains. Their baggage is hardly ever scrutinized. Worse than that, thousands of tons of cargo are transported by rail every day and the containers in which it is moved from ship to train or airplane are not secured.

Our economy relies heavily on rail and our country cannot afford a devastating loss of mobility, or worse, American lives, like the recent attack in Madrid, Spain. A statewide or national rail shutdown would be catastrophic. Communities depend on railroads to carry a huge quantity of cargo, nearly 42 percent of all intercity freight, including 65 percent of coal shipments, 30 percent of grain and important public safety supplies. For example, service disruptions following the 2001 terrorist attacks caused emergencies for several cities awaiting rail deliveries of chlorine for water purification.

The U.S. must develop an aggressive, proactive approach to security requirements that ensure safety without crippling the industry. Standards to address passengers and their baggage are a good start. In addition, parameters must be developed between the Department of Homeland Security and affected cargo carriers. It may not be realistic to

expect we can physically screen every container on the move in our nation's vast economy. But instead of leaving immense amounts of cargo completely unchecked, we should lay out a systematic plan to coordinate and expand on existing technologies. Safeguarding rail infrastructure is an important goal. In the past month an explosive device was found buried in the bed of a French passenger line, and a partially assembled bomb was discovered under a high-speed rail line south of Madrid. In our country, Amtrak serves more than 500 train stations and owns just 135 of them. The remainder and overwhelming majority are owned by cities and states. All of the system's trains travel in close proximity to homes and schools across the country, and a train traveling through a major metropolitan area, such as Dallas, is just as vulnerable as one traveling in the Northeast Corridor from Boston to Washington, D.C.

I recently introduced a comprehensive cargo container security bill to better safeguard shipments in the four major modes of our interconnected transportation network: aviation, highways, maritime and rail. Internodal tracking systems that connect the dots from packaging to delivery are critical to securing our overall transportation infrastructure. Commercial shippers should be held responsible for the contents of packages they choose to transmit, value established relationships and use available technology to determine whether items are safe.

Sealed, so-called, 'smart' boxes can play a key role in limiting the costs of widespread screening. My legislation would coordinate information collected by 'smart' containers, so those which have been deemed safe need not be re-inspected without a specific reason, saving millions of dollars. I want to ensure that trains traveling Texas railways are loaded with goods and products to keep America's economy moving, not weapons that would bring it to a grinding halt.

I will continue to work toward increasing transportation security across the network. It is my hope Congress will develop bolder, more effective standards to address 21st century rail, air cargo, and maritime container security needs.

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**Newsom Family Annual Grape Day Held**

Another successful Grape Day was celebrated last week at the family vineyard on North 214. Neal Newsom reported over 100 guests from as far away as California attended the day long wine grape symposium.

Events and instructive sessions included pruning plants, varital trials, labels and laws, and plant diseases were offered throughout the day by ten noted instructors.

The Newsom family wine business started in 1986, when Neal planted the first small acreage to Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. They now have 65 acres of excellent irrigated plants.



The cabernet is still a major variety, but Neal said they now have many varieties at the two vineyard locations, including Merlt, Muscat, and Tempranillo.

The family has contracted part of their annual production with Caprock Winery in Lubbock

for many years, and also sends part of their crop to wineries in the Fredericksburg area. The wineries consistently rate the Newsom grapes as top quality, with high sugar content.

The town of New Washington was burned to the ground today by order of General

Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana. It is reported here the Mexican Army, now camped a short distance from New Washington at a point overlooking San Jacinto Bay, will leave tomorrow for Anahuac by way of Lynch's Ferry. Galveston, April 19, 1836

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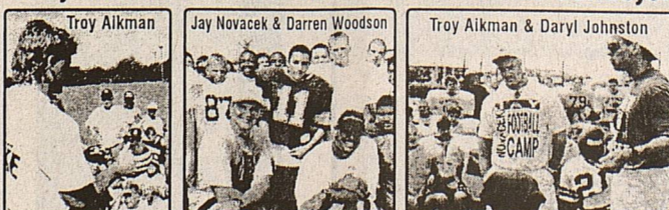
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## PHS U.I.L. Results

Six students from Plains High School will compete in Austin at the Academic UIL state meet.

Evan Cain was in the first place calculator team to earn his place at the state meet. Adam McCravey programmed his as a part of the first place computer science team to earn his ticket. B.J. Lester placed fifth overall and scored his part of the calculator team. Nolan Newsom placed third in computer science to advance with the team and was alternate to state in the physics portion of the science test. Allison Friesen led the calculator team by becoming the regional champion in that event. She also placed fourth overall in computer science and will compete in that event as well. Brandon Hise earned his way to Austin in four events. In addition to competing on both advancing teams, Brandon placed second in computer science, second in number sense, and was regional champion in mathematics.

## Cowboy Baseball

The Plains Cowboys defeated Smyer 15-0 April 20. The Cowboy offense was explosive getting 15 hits in the game. Armando Ramirez went 1-1 with a double, Richard Diaz 4-4 with a double and a triple, Peter Neufeld 3-4 with 2 doubles, and Arnold Cordova 1-3 with a double. TJ Cordova was the winning pitcher giving up only 5 hits, striking out 6 and walking 2.

The Cowboys continued their winning streak April 24 by defeating New Home 11-1. Richard Diaz got the win and threw a 2 hitter, striking out 10, and walking 1. The Cowboy Offense was strong again getting 10 hits in the game. The game ended in a 10 run rule. Evan Cain was 1-4 with a ground rule double and a stolen base, Abel Ramos 2-4 with a double and 2 stolen bases, TJ Cordova 2-3 with a doubles and 3 RBI's, Richard Diaz 2-3, Ryan Martinez 1-2 with a home run, Scott Addison 1-1 with a double, and Blake O'Quinn 1-1 with a home run.

The Cowboys are 12-4, (7-1) in District. They play the Morton Indians at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, in Morton for the District Championship. Coach Bartley stated, "We really appreciated the fan support we received during our home games, but Morton will be the most important game for us in District. We will have a fan bus going to the game in Morton. The cost is \$2.00 per person to cover the cost of gas to transport our fans. Please come and show your support in Morton on Thursday." For further information contact the High School Office.

## 4-H'ers participate in judging contests

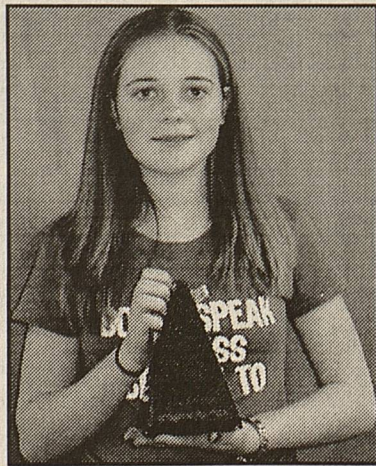
Four Yoakum County 4-H members participated in the Regional Horse Judging Contest in Canyon April 2, hosted by West Texas A&M.

Team members Elias Carrillo, Sky Sellers, Natalie Butler and Kameran Loya were coached by Tiffany Peters. In the halter division, Elias placed 4th, Skye 9th and Natalie 16th. Overall, Elias was the 15th high individual and Skye was 19th.

The District 2 4-H Livestock Judging contest was held on the Texas Tech campus April 16. Yoakum County 4-H members participating included: Junior 1 - Matthew Merrit; Junior 2- Cody Mayes, Elias Carrillo and Skye Sellers; Senior- Sara Horn and Marty Roberts. CEA-Ag, Arlan Gentry coached the two teams,

## Student of the Week

PHS student of the week is Erika Loewen, a freshman and the daughter of John and Mary Loewen. Erika was nominated by Mrs. Michell Lusk, who said, "Erika is a hard worker with a thirst for knowledge. She always comes to class prepared and willing to learn. She has a bubbly personality, a great smile, and a pleasure to teach."



### 'A' Honor Roll

#### 1st Grade

William Boyles  
Perla Corrales  
Kristian Cueto  
Riley Earnest  
Isidro Fehr  
Clayton Gass  
Kay'd Lamar  
Karina Loya  
Brock McWhirter  
Iris Mejia  
Micah St. Romain  
Kasidee Taylor

#### 2nd Grade

Eiliza Cabellero  
Chasity Chavez  
Lucas Hernandez  
Cameron Knight  
Taylor Michaleson  
Brittney Roper  
Herman Sawatzky  
Jacob Sawatzky  
Kelli Sellers  
Zackery Wilkins  
Bailey Winn

#### 3rd Grade

Merrit Crump  
Vanessa Cueto  
Whitney Davis  
Katie Dearing  
Isaac Fehr  
Autumn Friesen  
Joseph Sainz  
Haley Welch

#### 4th Grade

Mayra Cueto  
Dakota Earnest  
Denise Tarango  
Brooke Wilson

### 'A-B' Honor Roll

#### 1st Grade

Daitlyne Broome  
Trevor Locklin  
Elizabeth Martinez

#### 2nd Grade

Jaston Brink

#### 3rd Grade

Stacy Loewen  
Matthew Ramos  
Kailey Vasquez

#### 4th Grade

Adriana Corrales  
Carolina Hernandez  
Zachary Lamar

### 'A' Honor Roll

#### 5th Grade

Forrest Booth  
Hannah Crump  
Cody Friesen  
Kevin Gass  
Kristen Knight

#### 6th Grade

Brandon Craft  
Natalie Haynes  
Abby Hernandez  
Nathan McCravey

#### 7th Grade

Troy Parrish

#### 8th Grade

Maria Andazola  
Ryan Crump  
Amber Friesen

### 'A-B' Honor Roll

#### 5th Grade

Hunter Welch

#### 6th Grade

Emilia Gallegos  
Miguel Lopez

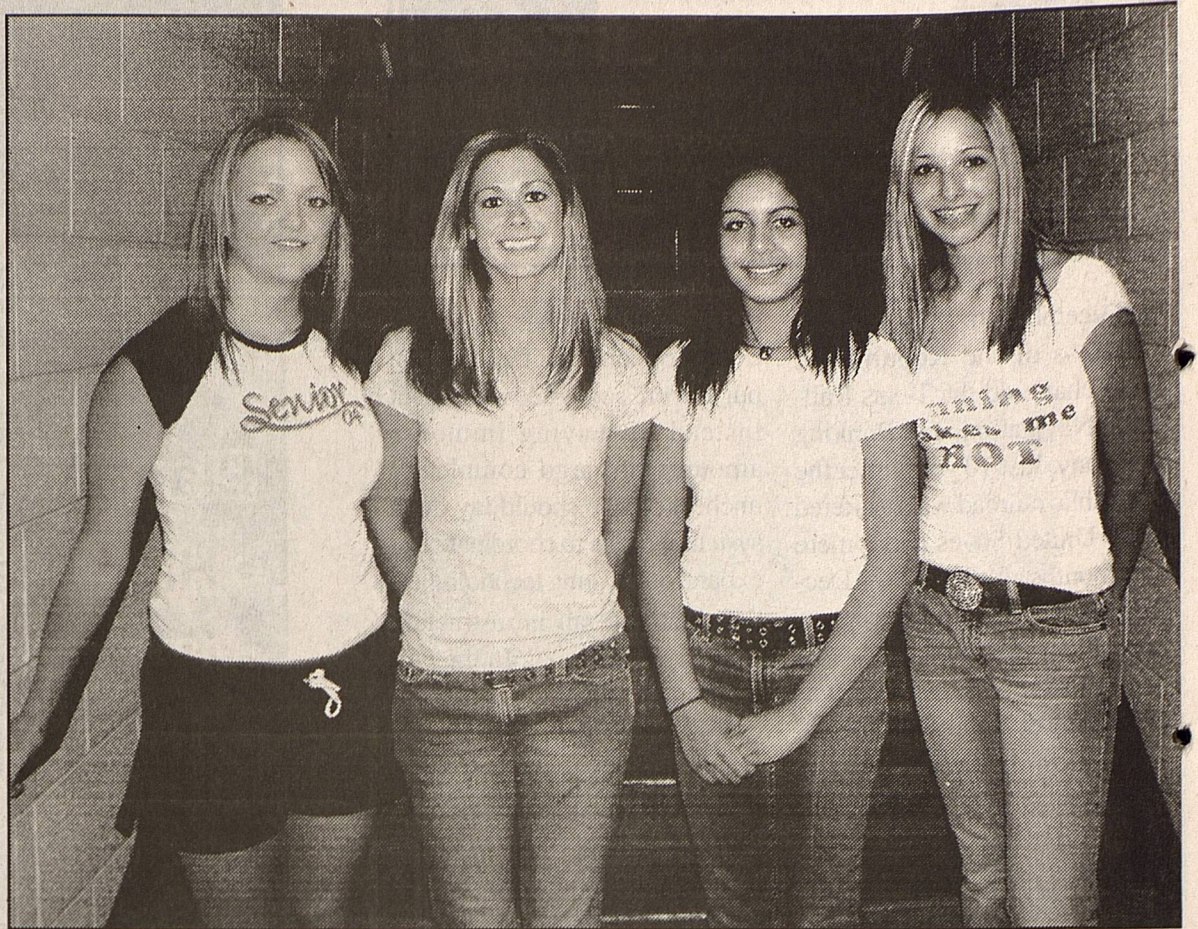
#### 7th Grade

Chris Addison  
Reyna Gallegos  
Yesenia Loya

#### 8th Grade

Joani Bell  
Douglas Conway  
John Tyson

## Regional qualifiers, and hoping for State!



Cowgirls Kim Trent, Moriah Traweek, Michaela Villegas and Desiraye Broome. Manuela Villegas no present. Kim will compete in the pole vault at the Regional Meet in Levelland Friday and Saturday. Moriah qualified in the 100 dash, 800 and 1600 meter Relay. Michaela also runs on the 800 and 1600 Relay, and Desiraye qualified in the long jump, 200 dash, and both relay events. Manuela Villegas, not in photo, will run on both relay teams



Cowboys going to the big Regional meet include, front, Johan Cueto, Jose Villegas, Richard Diaz, Arnold Cordova, Mario Ruvalcaba. Back, Evan Cain, Ben Hays, Patrick Cotton, Payton Bean, Michael Crump, Todd Williams. Head Track Coach Blake McWhirter said, "The Cowboys have some talent this year Patrick has run an unofficial 1:56.8 in the 800, and is ranked in the three top 800 class A runners in the state, and is one second off the scgool record set by Michael Sainz, He is also in the top 5 in the region 40 meter runners. I consider this the best 1600 relay team I've had since I've been here. Cain, Cordova, Cotton and Diaz 3:29 at Tech last week, and have a great chance to advance to state. Ben Hays has cleared 13 feet in the pole vault, and also qualified for regional in the 110 hurdles. Payton Bean and Jose Villegas both qualified in the 3200 and 1600 meter run, and they can do well at regional. Cain, Ruvalcaba, Cordova and Diaz ran 1:33.5 in the 800 relay and do well at Levelland."

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## Certified Nurse Aide Class May 10

A Certified Nurse Aide class begins May 10 at South Plains College.

Classes will meet 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through June 12 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 100. Clinical instruction will be scheduled Saturdays at the Levelland Nursing Home. Tuition is \$325, state exam fee is \$76 and cost of textbook is \$36.58. Textbook is Skills and Techniques for the New Nursing Assistant, 6th edition, by Barbara Gillogly. Instructor is Barbara Brattain, L.V.N.

The course will cover necessary skills to work in long term care, home health or hospital

environments. On completion of the 60 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction, students will be required to take the State of Texas certified nurse aide competency exam.

Students need to provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus and have a current negative TB test.

Enrollment is limited to 14 students. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 8.4 continuing education units.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

## Senior Citizens Corner

The first week in May will be 'Open House' for the Senior Center! You are invited to come share in these activities if you are sixty years old or more.

Partners of seniors who are over sixty are counted as part of the 'senior' family and qualify for all of the privileges of others who are over sixty. Ladies of the Site Council have been busily engaged in planning a special week of activities for you, so don't miss this opportunity to visit (or revisit) our Senior Center. If you attend on Monday, May 3rd, for the first time, you will receive a free luncheon. The lunch for that day is to be chicken fried steak with all the trimmings. Tuesday is labeled 'Photo Day'. There will be photos of many of our seniors posted around the room. These photos are half a century old (at least), and your challenge is to identify who each one is. Prizes will be given to the one (or ones) who identify the most photos. Wednesday is to be 'hat' day. You will want to be present to view the many hats from all eras and locales, including some originals. Wear one of your own and you may be caught wearing the prize winning hat of the day!

Since the following Sunday is Mother's Day, our thoughtful ladies have chosen Thursday for a Bake Sale. Come and buy one of the great baked items to grace your Mother's Day table! As a fitting ending for the week, Friday has been chosen as the day you are to bring a guest with you.

If this guest has not come to our Center before, both you and your guest will be treated to a free 'brisket' luncheon with all of the additional goodies that continually come from our kitchen staff. Beginning on May 3rd, and continuing from that time forward, lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. each day. This will result in one hour serving time daily to meet your needs more efficiently if you have a later breakfast or if you are working until noon and need the extra time to come to the Center for your lunch.

Our Director and Bookkeeper came home from the SPAG meeting in Lubbock last week with a telephone number that you

may want to cut out and put away in a convenient place. This is a twenty-four number available to anyone who is in need of information, assistance, referral; or in case of an emergency. The number is 1-800-858-1809.

If you are looking for information about nursing home facilities for a loved one, you may also call the above number and ask for Paul. He is head of our Ombudsman Program and will be glad to assist you in any way he can.

A special note of appreciation to the ladies who have undertaken the enormous task of cleaning up the ceramic room. They have spent many hours of cleaning, painting, repacking, and boxing the many articles stored there.

Ann and Lee Wayne Hardin were luncheon guests on day this week. They are most welcome and we hope to see more of them in the day to come.

Twenty one seniors gathered in the pool room on Monday evening for a meal together and a time of fellowship before the pool and '42' games got underway. Everyone reported a great time.

Ninety three students filed into the auditorium wearing their traditional caps and gowns as proud parents watched. The class would not pray; not by choice but because of a court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches but no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were nice but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then it happened. All ninety two students, every single one of them, suddenly sneezed! The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said "GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!" and he walked off stage.

Thought for Today: "Why is it people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?"

## CSW Registration In Progress

College of the Southwest announces registration is in progress for the summer and fall semesters.

A copy of the CSW 2004 Summer and Fall schedule is now posted on the CSW website at www.csw.edu.

Registration forms may be picked up in the administration building on the CSW campus between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students should meet with their assigned advisors regarding

registration no later than May 7 during office hours, which are posted at www.csw.edu/academic/faculty.

Once complete, registration forms should be returned to the registrar. Forms will not be accepted without an advisor's signature. All current students must register for summer and fall classes no later than May 7.

For further information, call the Registrar's Office at 392-6561.

## "National Day of Prayer" Rally

**12:30-1:00 PM**  
**Thursday - May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
Join us as we gather at the **Courthouse Flag Pole** to pray for **Our People, Our Churches, Our State, Our Nation, Gov't Leaders & Our World!**  
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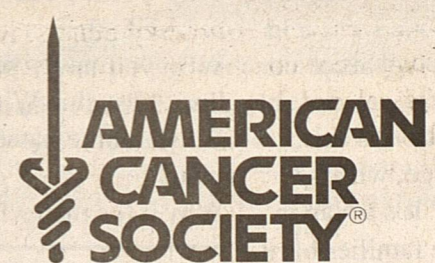
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# From The Hack

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl told the teacher Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

The teacher reiterated a whale could not swallow a human, it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "Well, when I get to Heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to Hell?"

The little girl said, "Then YOU ask him!"

I have, over the years, heard of some absolutley assinine governmental decisions and policies, but I think the following should earn some type award, say a boiling vat of oil for some decision making genius. This was reported in the most recent publication of the American Legion's *Legion Times*, and credited to Bill Gertz of the Washington Times; "U.S. Air Force members in Iraq are furious over a recent order to take down all American flags at Kirkuk air base to avoid offending Iraqis. Air Force Tech Sgt. Samuel Arbuckle said, "We were told we are not occupying this country and apparently are not in charge. My question is this, If we aren't in charge, who is?" He continued, "It's a slap in the face of those families back home who have lost loved

ones." Sgt. Arbuckle said he would not mind flying the Iraqi flag together with the American flag, "But don't tell us we can't show respect for our flag, when so many have died in the name of freedom. The only people I think would be offended (by flying our flag) are the people who kill innocent women and children in the name of religion."

The flag order states all outdoor U.S. flags must come down except on special days or occasions. One airman responded, "Sir, when we carry the bodies of our fallen men and women to the aircraft for their final flight home, can we still drape the coffins with our flag, or will that offend the people we are dying for, so they can be liberated?"

The article concluded by reporting a new command policy is being studied. Let's hope it is being studied by those with at least a gram or two common sense and patriotism.

Speaking of the flag, a Senate joint resolution was recently introduced reading, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." If the resolution passes, the constitutional amendment goes to all the states for ratification. Wanna bet it won't be bitterly attacked by 'the Free Speech' fanatics?

The following material arrived by e-mail marked, "Squirrel Mail", an apt description; EVER WONDER.... Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin? Why women can't apply mascara with their mouth closed? Why you never see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"? Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is the man who invests all

your money called a broker? Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'? Why is it the time of day with the slowest traffic is called the rush hour? Why is there no mouse flavored cat food? Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitos when he had the chance? Why do they sterilize the needles used for lethal injections? Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? Why don't they make whole airplanes out of that indestructible black box stuff? Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together? And finally, why is it if Con is the opposite of Pro, is Congress the opposite of Progress? Some pretty hearty food for thought here!

## Help Wanted

Plains School Cafeteria is accepting applications for full-time, part-time and substitute employees. Persons applying for positions must have no medical restrictions that would prevent them lifting 40 pounds. Application forms available at the school superintendents office. For more information call 806-456-7401.


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## CITY OF PLAINS EARLY VOTING GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY 15, 2004

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE FOR THE MAY 15, 2003 CITY OF PLAINS GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT PLAINS CITY HALL LOCATED AT 1015 AVE F, PLAINS, TEXAS.

EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD EACH WEEKDAY DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004 AND ENDING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2004.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IS TO ELECT ONE (1) MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION IS TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE ADOPTION OF A SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY FOR PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EXPANDED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AT THE RATE OF 1/2 OF ONE PERCENT.

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 15, 2004 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 15 de Mayo de 2004 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 28<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 11<sup>th</sup>.  
(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en entre las 8:00 de la mañana las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 28 de Abril y terminando el 11 de Mayo.)

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Shari McCravey  
Plains ISD  
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 7, 2004.  
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## NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 P.M., Friday, May 7, 2004, for the Physical Therapy/Wellness Exercise equipment for the Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday May 10, 2004.

For a list of the equipment and more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806-456-2422 or P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355

Bid price will be paid from 2004 budgeted funds.

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