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### Disaster Relief unit helps feed thousands of Los Alamos fire fighters



The conference center parking lot was swarming with vehicles, equipment and workers last Wednesday. First Baptist Disaster Relief trailers shown in center of photo.



Cooking crew pours 20 gallons of stew into insulated container to be transported to firefighters battling blaze at Los Alamos.

The May 10 issue of CCN contained photos and an article about the First Baptist Church's Disaster Relief Trailer being almost ready for service. Pastor Bill Wright was quoted, "We all pray the trailer will never be needed, but if a disaster occurs, and people need food, we're ready to help." The almost prophetic statement became stark reality just one day later when the church was notified by the Red Cross the unit and workers were desperately needed to help feed thousands of firefighters battling the huge fire at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The unit left Plains Thursday, and made stops in Lubbock and Albuquerque for food and supplies, then went to The Southern Baptist Convention's Conference Center at Glorieta, New Mexico. The unit was ready to prepare meals Friday, but Red Cross officials were still making plans and assembling delivery vehicles and crews to take the hot meals to the scene of the fire, about an hour drive from Glorieta. The initial crew started pre-

paring food Sunday, May 14. Manning the ten propane cooking units were Marc and Zanna Traweek, Jered and Kay Sellers, Larry and Paula Morrow, Greg McCravey and Jeff Roper.

When CCN visited the scene May 17, the large parking lot at the center was swarming with vehicles, equipment, food, and very busy, hard working volunteers. Over 40 Red Cross personnel were on hand, along with 20 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVS) for food delivery. Another disaster relief trailer, the Permian Basin unit, was also present, but their crew found the Plains unit so much more efficiently equipped their trailer was parked outside the work area, and their people assisted the Plains crew. At noon Wednesday, 'Blue Cap' leader Jered Sellers reported they had prepared and delivered 8,780 meals to the firefighter crews. On hand that day were the Sellers', Morrows', and joined by Bill and Linda Wright, Valerie Blair, Kiley Bearden, and Mola Morehead from First Baptist Church, Denver City.

The volunteers are preparing lunch, a mid-afternoon snack, and supper for the fire crews. The hot food main course is usually something relatively simple to prepare; stew, pasta dishes, chili, etc. It is cooked and heated to at least 180 degrees. It is then stored in insulated containers, and when it reaches the fire site an hour away, the contents are at at least 140 degrees to ensure sanitation. The parking lot Wednesday contained 7 semi-truck rigs, loaded with pallets of food and supplies, and two fork lifts were available to move the pallets. Red Cross ERVS came to the site from Texas, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Utah, Louisiana and Colorado.

One Plains worker said, "This effort is going fairly smooth, but we never know until the last truckload of food leaves how many meals to prepare. The numbers change at the last minute."

MORE ON DISASTER RELIEF ON PAGE 2

### Forgery, DWI cases In District Court

In 21st District Court last Monday, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Linda F. Garcia, aka Linda F. Ortega, pled guilty to forgery. She received a two year prison sentence, suspended and probated five years. Her fine was \$750, and she must pay court costs of \$231.00 by August 8. She must also pay appointed attorney fees of \$250, and restitution to First National Bank of Seminole. She will also serve 120 hours public service. Her attorney was Paul Mansur.

Mary Lou Ybarra, aka Mary Lou Medrano, pled guilty to multiple DWI charges, and pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision. Causes of driving with suspended license, evading arrest and detention and two assaults on a public servant were

adjudicated. She must serve 180 days in jail, with credit for 78 days served, or until space is available in a substance abuse felony treatment facility where she will be confined at least 90 days but no more than one year. Upon successful completion of the course she must attend weekly AA meetings. She was also fined \$2,500 and must pay \$237 court costs. She was represented by Attorney Mike Brown. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both causes.

**Last  
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No May 31  
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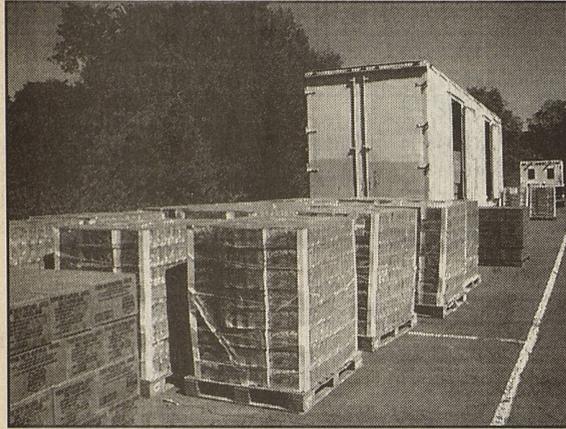
### Graduation Jubilation....



## More Glorieta Scenes



It takes a paddle to stir 20 gallons of rice



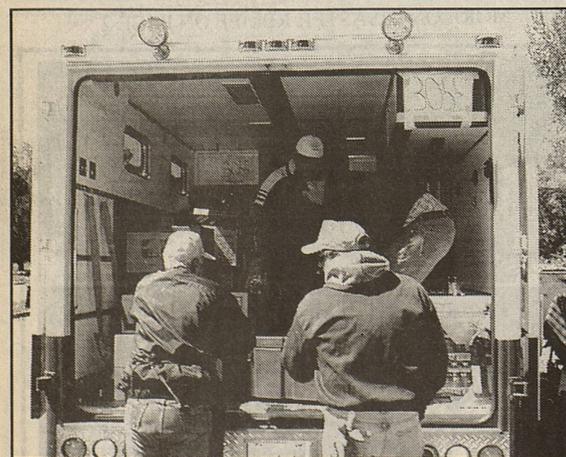
A small portion of the tons of palletted food and drink



Ten large propane burners furnish heat for the meals



After long sessions of cooking, long sessions of cleaning



Larry Morrow, left, assists in loading Red Cross truck.

## County Court Criminal Cases

Six criminal cases were heard in County Court May 17, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Sharlyn Delbosque Curl pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision resulting from a prior DWI offense. The defendant will serve 90 days in jail with credit for 34 days served, was fined \$600, and must pay \$900 supervision fees and \$10 urinalysis fee. Bill Helwig was the defendants attorney.

Steven Carr Gonzales pled guilty to theft by check, more than \$20 but less than \$500. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$187 court costs and \$976 restitution, and serve 24 hours community service.

Felix Ray Williams pled guilty to a first DWI cause. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$300 and must pay \$225 court costs and court appointed attorney fees of \$200. He will spend 72 hours in the Terry

County jail with credit for 8.5 hours served, must attend weekly AA meetings, and complete the First Offenders program at his expense. Jimmy

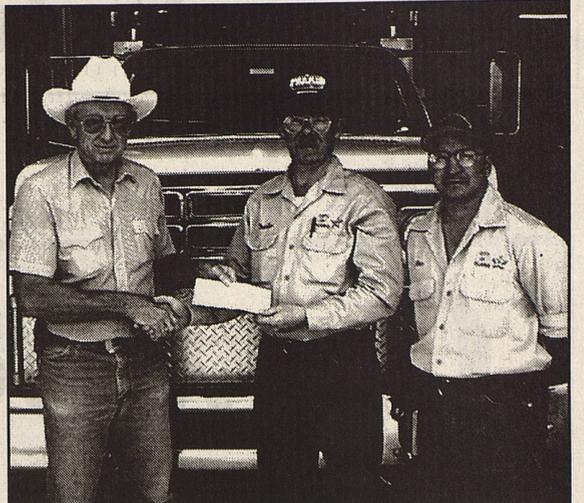
Hammons was his attorney.

Leopoldo Carmona Ochoa agreed on the state's motion to modify conditions of his community supervision allowing removal of a vehicle interlock device resulting from a prior DWI cause. Other provisions of his supervision will remain in force. His attorney was David Martinez.

Jaime Perez Carrasco pled guilty to criminal trespass. His 53 day jail sentence had been met with 53 days served. He was represented by Attorney Paul Mansur.

Jeremy Jason Gonzales pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$300 and must pay \$184 court costs. He will serve 80 hours community service and complete the batterers prevention program. His attorney was Bill Helwig.

## Fire Department gets \$ boost



Farm Bureau Pres. Lanny Smith presents heck to Fire Chief Charles Diamond and Assistant Chief Alex Barrientes

The Plains Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$150 check from Texas Farm Bureau Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Anna Chadwick during a devastating fire. The money will be used for the department's loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Companies pay fire departments this amount when they work at fires in rural areas involving property insured by them.

The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire, and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope the money will help the Plains Department in their program.

**Vacation Time !  
No CCN on May 31 !**

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## TxDOT employees recognized

Five Plains employees were recognized last month at the Texas Department of Transportation's Lubbock District Awards held in Plainview.

The annual safety banquet is held in honor of employees with five or more years service or who have gone years without a driving accident or personal injury. Winners of this year's Plains Rodeo were also recognized.

The Plains Maintenance Section took first place in preventive maintenance. "Safety is extremely important in our business," said Ken Sylvester, District safety coordinator. "The banquet recognizes employees who put safety first on the job."

Plains employees recognized were Isaias Jimenez, 10 years safe service; Jerry Morphis, 15 years no injury service, David Huerta, 2nd place Rodeo, 15 years safe operator; Carlos Howell, 1st place Rodeo, 5 years service; Jean Patterson, 20 years service.

## Lea County Electric Board Reorganizes

The Board of Trustees of Lea County Electric Cooperation, Inc. recently held elections for officers following the Annual Meeting of Members on April 22, 2000. Billy Royce Medlin and J.W. Spears were returned to their posts of President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. Dean Kinsolving was elected as Vice President following a decision by Jack McMillan to step down from the executive position. McMillan will continue to serve as a member of the Board representing District 7 (Gaines County, Texas).

McMillan, who had served in the Board's number two spot since 1990, decided to step down from his role as Vice President in order to devote more time to his family and farming operations. "In his leadership position, Jack has been instrumental in helping us meet the tough challenges facing the electric cooperative business in the last several years. Dean will continue in Jack's stead to ensure the Cooperative provides the best service and lowest rates possible to its members," said President Medlin.

In accordance with its bylaws, the Lea County Electric board holds elections for officers each year immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members.

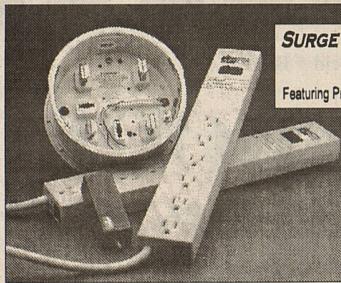
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## Athletic Banquet Scenes



Some of the athletes were more interested in their plates than the awards



As always, the kids were able to eat before the adults



Just a bunch of the guys trying to look serious

## Weevil Eradication Effort Needs Producers Input

Abilene - For eradication to be successful, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel must know the location of all cotton being grown in active zones.

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently adopted rules designed to enhance the process of making that information available to the foundation.

Under the rules, which clarify the language contained in the Agriculture Code, all commercial cotton producers in active zones must report all information about commercial cotton, noncommercial cotton, and all cotton grown for commercial, research or any other purpose.

The reporting may be accomplished in two ways. First, producers may certify their acreage at their local Farm Service Agency by the final reporting date set by FSA for their area. If producers choose

not to certify their acreage through FSA, they must report the acreage to the foundation on a form available through the foundation's district offices. The deadline for reporting the acreage this way is the same as the final FSA reporting date.

Patches of ornamental cotton, volunteer growth, or any other unreported cotton, can be breeding grounds for boll weevils and need to be monitored in the same way as commercial fields - treating them should infestations appear.

Although foundation personnel are always on the lookout for a field that inadvertently may have not been reported, diligent reporting by growers will ensure accurate monitoring of weevil activity and will help save effort and money. More information may be obtained by calling foundation headquarters at (915) 672-2800.

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## Faye, Alfred Bearden honored as 'Super Boosters'



Faye and Alfred Bearden were announced as the 1999-2000 Plains ISD SUPER BOOSTERS. In a secret ballot, the Seniors chose the Beardens over a number of worthy nominees. The couple have been following athletic events of the three school campuses since 1940, and there is no way to calculate the miles they have driven to support our young athletes. They have also seen three of their family generations enter the Plains school system.

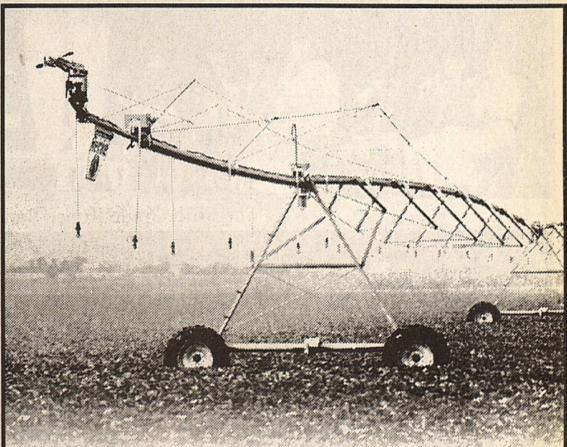
## Lea County Electric Names Scholarship Recipients

The Lea County Electric Education Foundation has announced scholarship recipients for the Fall 2000 semester according to Mike Dreysspring, General Manager of the Cooperative. Those receiving the \$500 per semester renewable scholarships are: Tommie McNabb, Evan Brown, Robert Floyd, Wendy Hernandez, Dustin Graham, Laura Morales, Mark Staton, Elizabeth Myers, Luke James, Kelton Mason, Patricia Ruiz and Sky Jones.

The Lea County Electric Education Foundation currently provides scholarships for fifty students. According to Dreysspring, "Twelve openings for the Fall 2000 semester became available primarily through the graduation of prior recipients during this Spring semester. Lea County Electric is able to fund the program through individual donations to

the Foundation as well as undeliverable capital credits that would otherwise be absorbed into the treasuries of the states of New Mexico and Texas." Since 1988, the Foundation has provided over \$285,000.00 in scholarships to students whose families are members of the Cooperative. Recipients may use the scholarships to attend any accredited institution of higher learning in New Mexico or Texas for up to a maximum of eight semesters provided they maintain a cumulative 2.50 grade point average, and are enrolled as a full time student.

In addition, Clay Hardin has been named as this year's recipient of the Jackie C. Noack Memorial Scholarship. This award provides \$375 per semester for up to four semesters at the New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico.



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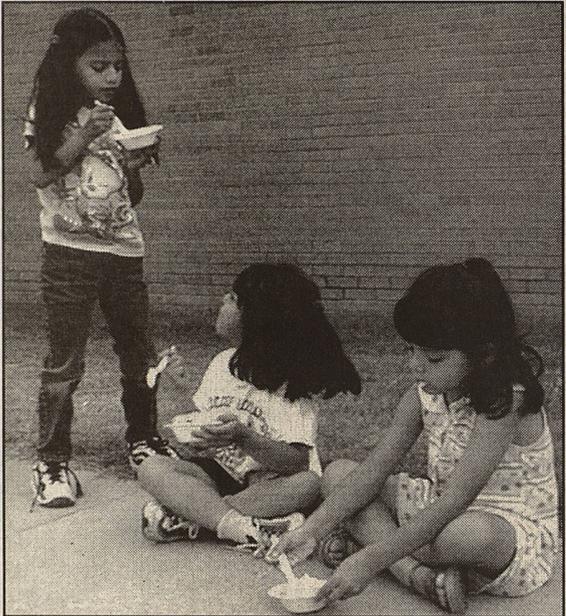
## It's "Split Time"



Teachers, administrators and staff built the end of school delight

At the start of school last September, Elementary teachers and administrators set lofty goals for the students taking part in the Accelerated Reading Program. Just recently, the teachers, administrators, and the students were elated when they achieved their reading goals. For each book read, the elementary kids were credited with points, and they exceeded their goal of 9,000 accumulated points. They read over 14,000 books during the school year.

As a reward for their efforts, the staff hosted all grades at a giant Banana Split party. Tables were set in place behind the elementary building, and joints of plastic rain gutters were joined and laid on the tables. The staff then filled the 60 foot long 'trough' (or is it bowl) with vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream on sliced bananas, and added Redi-Whip topping, cherries and nuts.



It took some 30 minutes to build the huge split, and less than ten for the excited kids to completely devour every bite. Joining CCN in covering the

event was a video film crew from Lubbock's KLBK Channel 13.

## PISD Spring 2000 Band Concert

All three of the school districts fine bands performed an impressive concert May 15, under the baton of Director Ray Portillo



The Fifth Grade Roper Band



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## Student of the Week

PHS student of the week is Patty Ruiz, a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angel Ruiz. Patty was nominated by Miss McCravey who said, "Although I have only known this student for a short time she has proven herself to be an extremely hard worker, who is able to wear many hats both athletically and academically. I have enjoyed the opportunity to have her in my class and foresee a very bright future as she graduated last Friday and steps out into a whole new world. Best wishes to her and all the senior class."

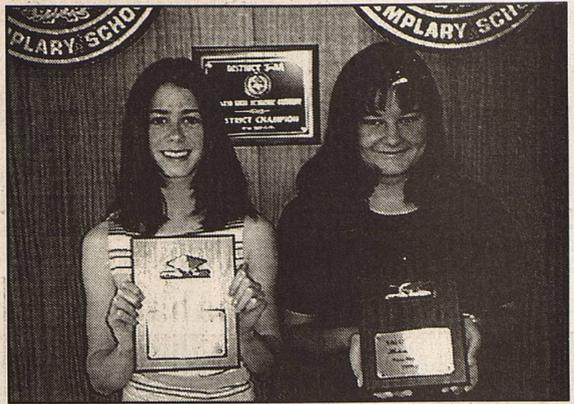


## Plains Student Graduates From SPC

Casy Aaron Forbus of Plains was one of 643 students who received degrees or certificates during South Plains College's 42nd annual commencement exercise May 12. He received the Associate in Science Degree.

Richard Stansifer from Levelland and Kimberly Allen were named outstanding male and female graduates as recipients of the Thomas M Spencer and Vera Sue Spencer awards. The awards are named in honor of SPC's founding president and his daughter.

## Top 8th grade achievers



## Valedictorian Moriah Traweek, Salutatorian Helen Neufeld

The Plains Middle School graduating Valedictorian and Salutatorian were named last week, and determining the first and second place winners wasn't easy. Moriah Traweek earned a grade point average of 94.73, and she was pushed hard by Helen Neufeld, with a GPA of 94.70. Both of the young scholars furnished CCN the following statements:

Moriah - "Through my 7th and 8th grade years in Plains, I have had the privilege of being involved in many activities. I am a member of the Cowboy Band. I have participated in UIL events the past two years. Some of my events were Oral Reading, Modern Oratory, Spelling, Impromptu and Math. I performed in the Junior High One Act Play which won district, and I was rewarded with Honorable Mention All Star Cast. I played volleyball, basketball and ran track. In 7th grade track I was 1st in district in the 400M dash. In 8th grade, I was 1st in district in the 400 M, 1st in the 200 M dash, and 2nd in the 100 M dash.

I am an active member of First Baptist Church, enjoy singing and love to participate in all our activities. My parents are Marc and Zanna Traweek, my grandparents are Thelma and C.B. Traweek Jr. of Midland, and Obara Angel and the late Jess Angel of Stanton. I have two brothers, Josh and Gideon, and a sister, Michaela. I would like to thank all my teachers, administrators, family, friends for all your encouragement and love. I have enjoyed being part of Plains ISD and I thank you!"

Helen - "I am the daughter of John and Elizabeth Neufeld. The sports I participated in are volleyball, basketball and tennis. In tennis I placed 1st in district playing doubles with April Wilmeth. In UIL the events I participated in were dictionary skills, mathematics and spelling. I placed 3rd in mathematics. This year I have worked very hard to get where I am now."

CCN congratulates both young ladies.

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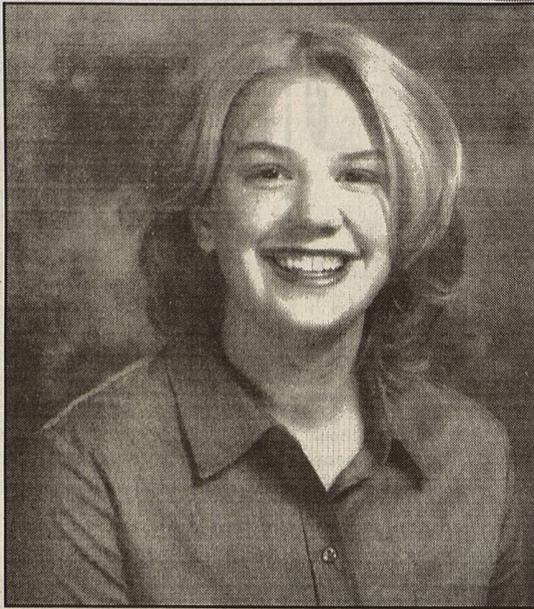
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# Lifelines & Styles

## "HOBY" Ambassador Elizabeth Clanahan



Elizabeth Clanahan, a PHS Sophomore, daughter of N.C. and Beth Clanahan attended The Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation "HOBY", Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar in Amarillo, Texas April 28-30, 2000, held at The Bishop Quarterman Conference Center. TSA MO GA Club sponsored Elizabeth as their "HOBY" Ambassador. Interaction with fellow ambassadors, speakers, and counselors is key to learning what "HOBY" has to offer. Their participation will give students a better understanding of our American incentive system, our democratic process, and what makes our United States tick. In 1958, Hugh O'Brian returned from Africa, inspired by his visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Motivated by his remarks, "The most important thing in education is to make young people think for themselves," Mr. O'Brian established the youth foundation. From 1958 to 1967, Leadership Seminars took place in Los Angeles for sophomores from California. In 1968, the scope of the Foundation program grew to include national and international participants, and the seminar locations expanded to major cities across the United States. In an effort to include more students the program, weekend state seminars were instituted in 1977. TSA MO GA Club Congratulates Elizabeth for her participation as ambassador from Plains High School.

### First United Methodist Church

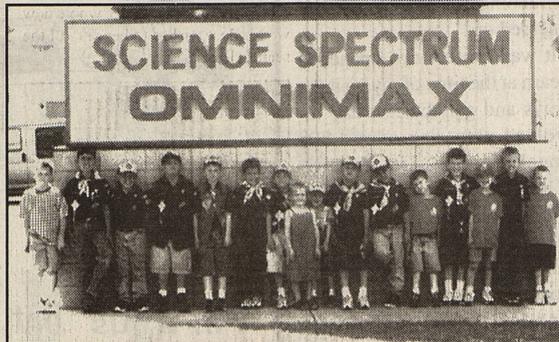
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## A Day OFF!



Plains Cub Scouts the recent 'Snow Day' No School! They enjoyed pizza and games at Gatti Land, then toured the Science Spectrum at Lubbock. Attending Scouts were: Chris Gonzales, Derek Garza, A.J. Martinez, Jacob Brink, Zachary Guerra, Justin Gonzales, Arthur Ruiz, Zachary Ramon, Hunter Welch, Holden Welch, Chase Ortega, Blake Longoria and Kevin John Gass. Visiting siblings were: Colby Ortega, Haley Welch, Clayton Gass, Jaston Brink, Julie Gonzales and Fabion Garza. Participating mothers were: Christy Brink, Lisa Garza, Cissy Gomez, Debbie Longoria, Darla Welch, Kim Gass, and Treon Ortega.

## New Baby!

Austin Michael Hinkle, was born May 2, 2000 in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The proud parents are Randy and Pam Hinkle, grandparents are Don and Pat Hinkle of Plains, Mary Simon of Lomira, Wisconsin and Harvey Simon of Leroy, Wisconsin, great grandparents are Margaret Simon of Leroy, Wisconsin, Alfred and Bernice



Schraufnagel of Lomira, Wisconsin.

## Nicole Haynes Going To Girls State



Nicole Haynes, a Junior at PHS has been selected as a candidate to the annual American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State Leadership Meeting, co-sponsored by TSA MO GA Study Club. Nicole, daughter of James and Kathy Haynes, is a member of the Plains Student Council, Junior Class Treasurer, FCA Vice President, National Honor Society, involved in extracurricular activities of tennis, One Act Play and UIL journalism. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Youth Choir, volunteers nursing home, volunteer at Ronald McDonald House. In the event she is unable to attend Girls State, Kimberlee Jones will serve as alternate.

The Girls State Leadership Meeting will be held June 13-22, 2000 on the campus of Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. During the meeting 586 citizens, 22 from the South Plains area will undergo intense programs to make them aware of the importance of understanding and exercising their duties, rights and privileges associated with citizenship in this nation.

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## From The Hack

The fast and furious one day trip to Glorieta for this issue's feature article and photos was certainly not a fun thing, but it was a real eye opener for me. The 597 mile jaunt proved to me the human bottom is capable of enduring incredible stress and strain. When I wearily entered the house on my return the Bride shrieked, "OH, my God, what have you done to yourself? You've never had much of one, but now your butt is perfectly square!"

The trip last Wednesday, if you'll recall, was on the day the wind blew. Yes, I know, the wind always blows, but thankfully not like last Wednesday. On the stretch of highway between Roswell and Vaughn, NM, an area famed for absolutely nothing, the wind was in my face, and I could only make the Bride's little Chevy exceed the speed limit by 9 m.p.h. The only form of ani-

mal life I spotted in that 90 some miles was one sheep which the fierce wind had partially sheared, and a sorry looking buzzard the wind had crashed into a utility pole. Human life was abundant, 9,000 men operating that number of slow moving, cumbersome road working machines on a 30 mile stretch of the highway.

Another eye opener occurred when I got to the Baptist center at Glorieta. The parking lot was almost full, but this big guy with authority written all over his face, and "Disaster Boss" written all over the jacket he wore directed me into the last parking spot. When I got out, he approached and said in a semi-friendly manner, "Morning, are you one of us or are you a Baptist?" I probably blushed when I confessed, "Uh, I guess I'm a Baptist." He gave me a toothy smile, slapped me on the back and jovially said, "It's OK, no one's perfect, and we'll still talk to you"

It was another eye opener to see our locals work so hard. I know very few if any of you who weren't there will believe the following, but I'm going to tell it any way... I saw Bill Wright with his hands dirty. At first I thought he may have

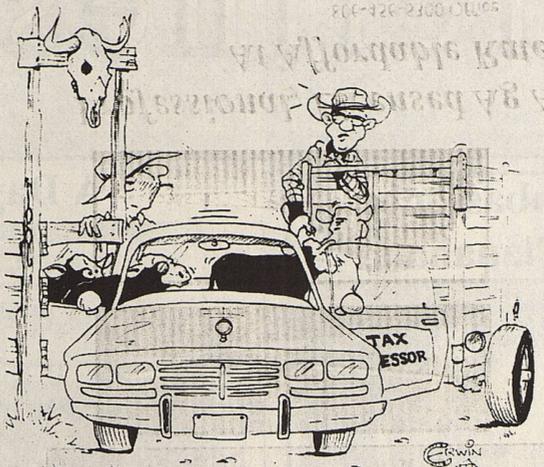
been playing mud pies or something, but he was actually doing something constructive. It seemed like most of the male volunteers were all gathered around the cooking pots, stirring stuff with long looking paddle things, while most of the female gender were doing things really, meaningful and productive, washing and scrubbing the stuff the guys had messed up.

It was another eye opener to learn at the time of my visit the guys and gals busiest day involved preparing over 4,800 meals for the fire fighters. That's a lot of gruel, or what evey they fixed, and a lot of hard work.

I was asked to play taxi for local volunteer Valerie Blair and Mola Moorehead of Denver City. They both looked a bit worn around the edges from their work. At the last moment, Mola announced she wasn't going to leave. Brother Bill Wright told her in his best deep baritone, "Oh, yes you are, darling." That was a MAJOR mistake. She got in his face, eyeball to eyeball, and declared rather forcefully, "Oh no, I'm NOT, big boy. I was married to a guy lots tougher than you, and he never got away with telling me what to do, and you're not either." End of conversation. That was her final answer.

College student Emily was eager to get home, so she could jump in her pickup and drive to Canyon that night, to catch a plane the next morning. She was a great help with the driving. We must have been on the road at least 7 miles and she was asleep. Her soft snoring helped keep me awake!

## HOOVES & HORNS BY A.W. ERWIN



"Ah'll jus' bet he's alot more careful where he parks his car in the future."

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of STELLA MAE KISER, Deceased, were issued on May 16, 2000, under Docket No. 1369, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to EARL KISER

Claims may be presented in care for the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:  
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HUFFAKER, GREEN & HUFFAKER  
Attorneys at Law  
1629 Avenue K,  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
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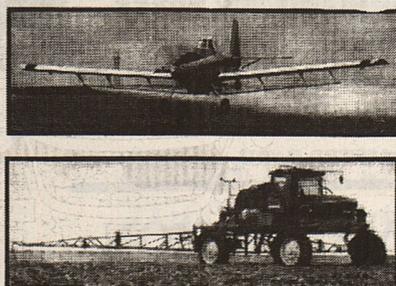
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