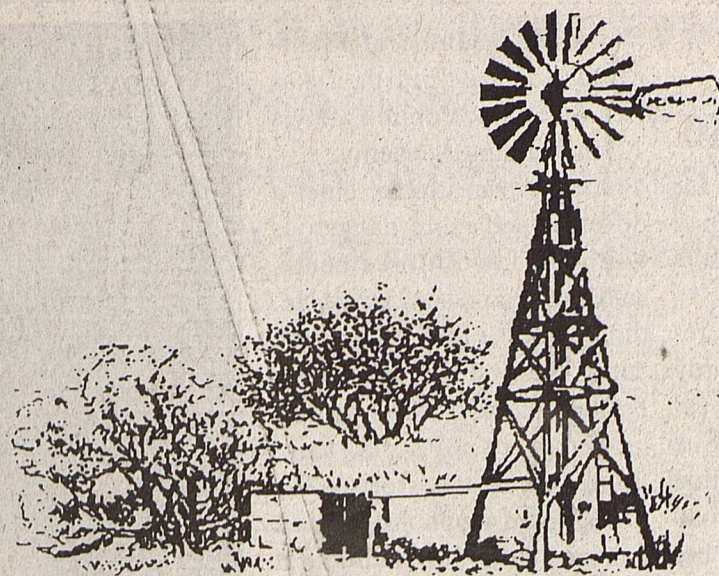


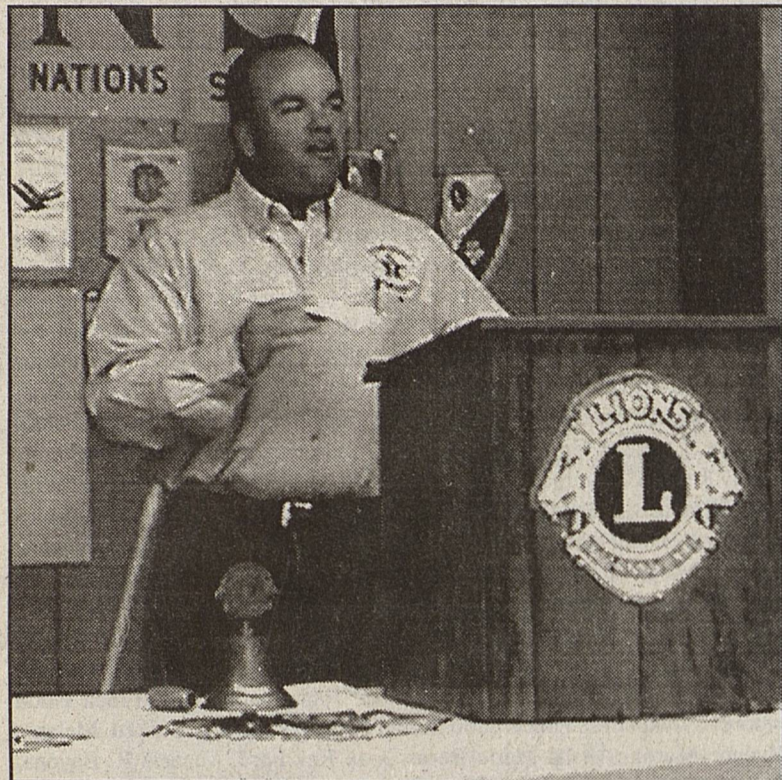
# Cowboy Country News

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## Plains ISD Coach stresses positive attitude



Blake McWhirter, athletic director and head Cowboys football coach was guest speaker at last week's Thursday meeting of the Plains Lions Club.

McWhirter described his appreciation for the local Lions Club. "Going through the school system here, and then after I returned to Plains as a coach I was aware of the strong role you Lions play in this town, and I appreciate a great deal what you put into Plains to make it a better place to live."

He related last year's and the current Cowboy football team have faced trying times. "Our kids try hard, work hard, but we're just not very big, and that makes for an uneven playing field, but they haven't given up, and we aren't going to give up on them."

McWhirter, 32, said his career in school athletics had instilled in him the importance of a positive attitude, not just on the playing fields, but in everyday life. "Develop a positive attitude and you'll find it easier to deal with negatives which confront all of us. I think this town helps develop positivity, our schools, churches, organizations like this club all play im-

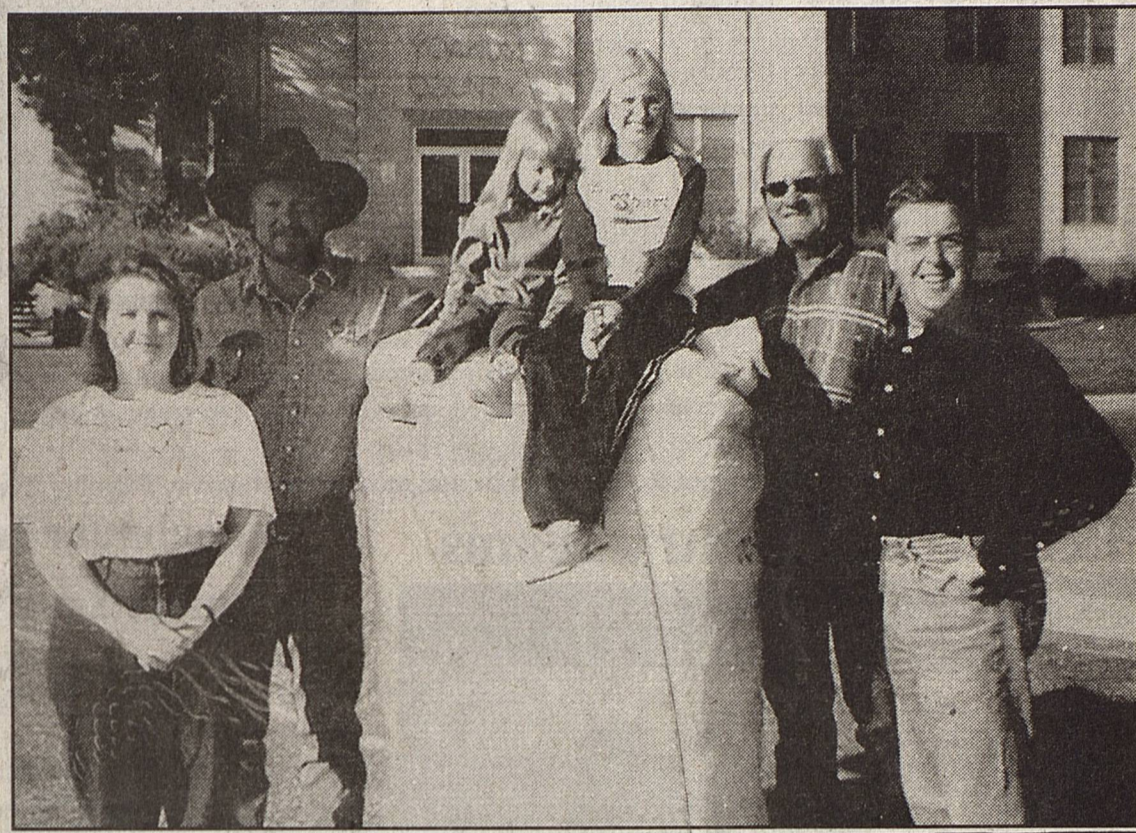
portant roles instilling positives in our lives."

McWhirter described an episode at Plains ISD illustrating how the school played a huge role in one youngsters life. McWhirter was aware of a sixth grader doing miserably in class, and probably would not advance in school because of homework and academic problems. "One morning I saw the kid sitting in the hall before classes began. I stopped and asked if he had his homework ready, and he said no. I asked him why not, and he said he just didn't understand it. Well, math is not my favorite thing, but I sat down by him and he showed me his work. As I talked to him, I could tell something was really wrong; this kid couldn't read! I was stunned. Our school took that kid, installed him in an intensive reading program, and in a short time, that boy learned how to read, and his academic problems just stopped. I'm very proud of our schools."

McWhirter told the Lions he felt very fortunate to have grown up in Plains, even more fortunate to return to live, work and raise his family here.

## Terry W. Davis harvests first bale

Terry W. Davis got an early start harvesting his 2003 cotton crop, and on September 24th was running his stripping machines. It was last Wednesday before the bale could be brought to the courthouse here for the ritual photo. The cotton was raised on the Wilmeth farm some 13 miles west, The Fibermex 958 seed was planted on May 9. The first bale weighed 506 pounds, and produced 920 pounds of seed, and was ginned at Sun Cot Gin, the oldest gin in the county. Shown in the photo are Dana and Terry, daughters Courtney, 3, and Emily, 10, and representing Sun Cot, Ronny Marion and Ross Hilburn



## Criminal cases heard in County Court

Six criminal cases were heard in County Court October 1, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Marque Scott Morin pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior marijuana possession cause. He was sentenced to 14 days in jail, with credit for 15 days served. He must also pay \$52 delinquent supervision fees.

David Moreno also pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from an assault causes bodily injury cause. He was sentenced to 34 days in jail, with credit for 34 days served.

Luis Carlos Delgado pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .126/.122. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 12.5 hours, must at-

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## TxDOT Urges Students To Clean Up Game Decorations From Right Of Way

It's football season, and the fun has already started!

Each year, high school students deck the city with school colors, including attaching colorful paper streamers to highway signs.

While decorating the signs may be fun, it's not so much fun when TxDOT crews have to come back later and clean up this mess.

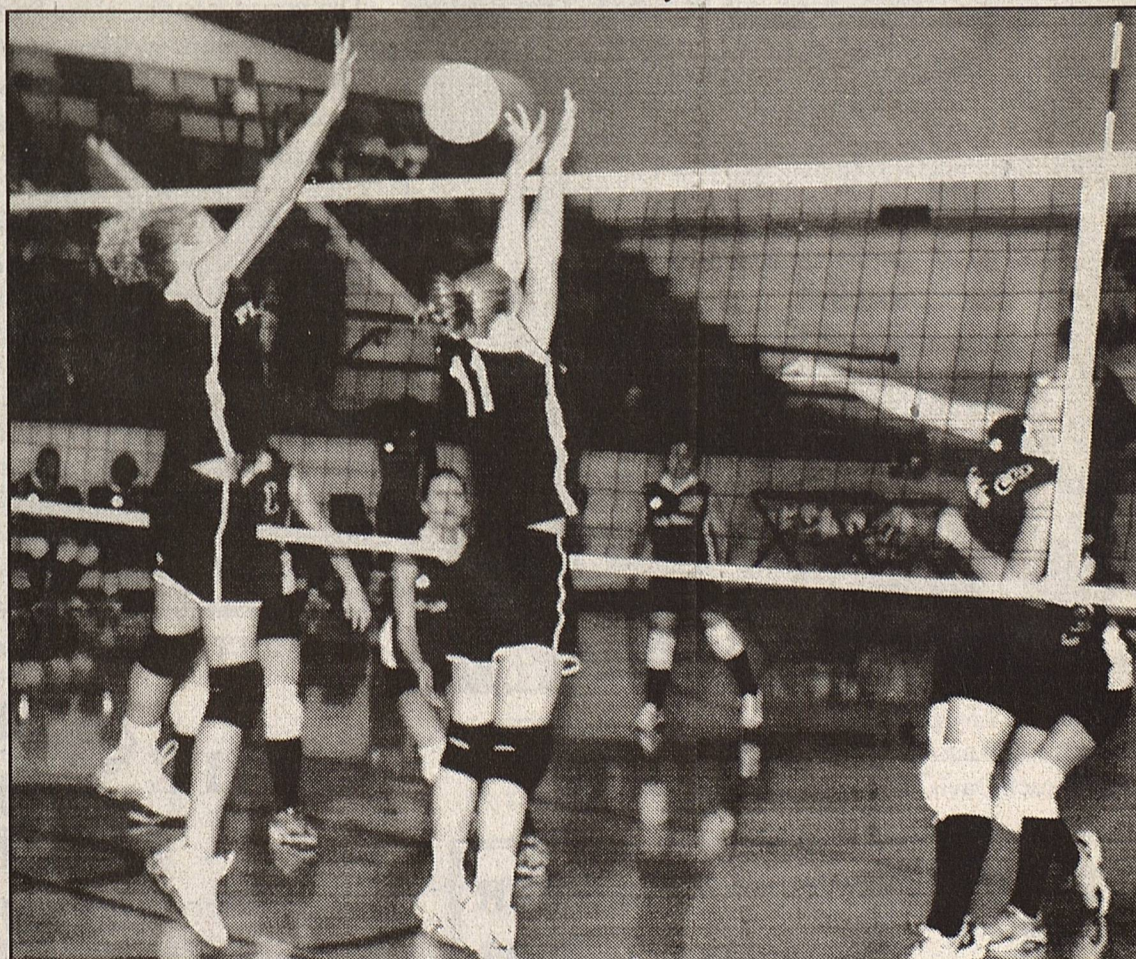
"We spend a lot of time removing the streamers from the highway signs along our right of way," said Carlos Howell, Plains Roadway Maintenance Supervisor. "It costs us a lot of money and manpower to clean up after the

games."

Said Howell, "The streamers are great for boosting school spirit, but they become trash when the game is over and they end up on the highways."

"Littering is illegal, and that's essentially what is happening," he said. "If we don't get out there in time to pull the streamers and signs down, they eventually blow down, and then we are paying someone to pick up after the games."

The Lubbock TxDOT District spends about \$1 million a year picking up trash in its 17-county area.



Great net defense by Skylar Keesee and La Shonda Diamond against Colorado. More photos inside



This 6 row peanut digger was just starting into a irrigated circle of Valencia peanuts west of town last week. The peanut harvest will be in full swing in just a few days, weather permitting.

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer will visit Plains Tuesday, October 14 at the Community Building at 3:15 PM for a brief Town Hall meeting. All area residents are invited to attend and visit with our Congressman

## Routine business session in Commissioners Court

In the regular session of Commissioners Court, date changed to Friday, October 10 because of court officials conflicting interest out of town, only four agenda items were discussed and acted upon.

A prior advertised bid by Yoakum County Hospital for the sale of various laboratory

equipment including equipment and urinalysis instruments in the amount of \$650 was accepted from ABW Lab, LLP. The firm had earlier earlier submitted a check to the county but no bid offer.

County Librarian Pat McNabb requested court approval to

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## Unit Cracks Seventh Murder Case

The DPS unsolved Crimes Investigation Team has helped solve its seventh case since its formation in March 2002. A murder indictment was recently returned against Hardy Don Capps, 39 year old estranged husband of Gina Sue Knape Capps, who was found murdered on the side of a road in Jack County on December 16, 1995. Her pickup truck was still running and her two year old son was still in his car seat when her body was discovered. The arrest was a direct result of a combined investigation conducted by the Jack County Sheriff's office and Texas Ranger Companies B & C, and the Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team. Law enforcement agencies who are interested in having the team examine old, unsolved cases should contact the Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team at 210-832-9447 for details about submitting unsolved cases.

## Jason Redman A DPS Graduate

Jason K. Redman of Plains graduated today from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 126th Training Academy.

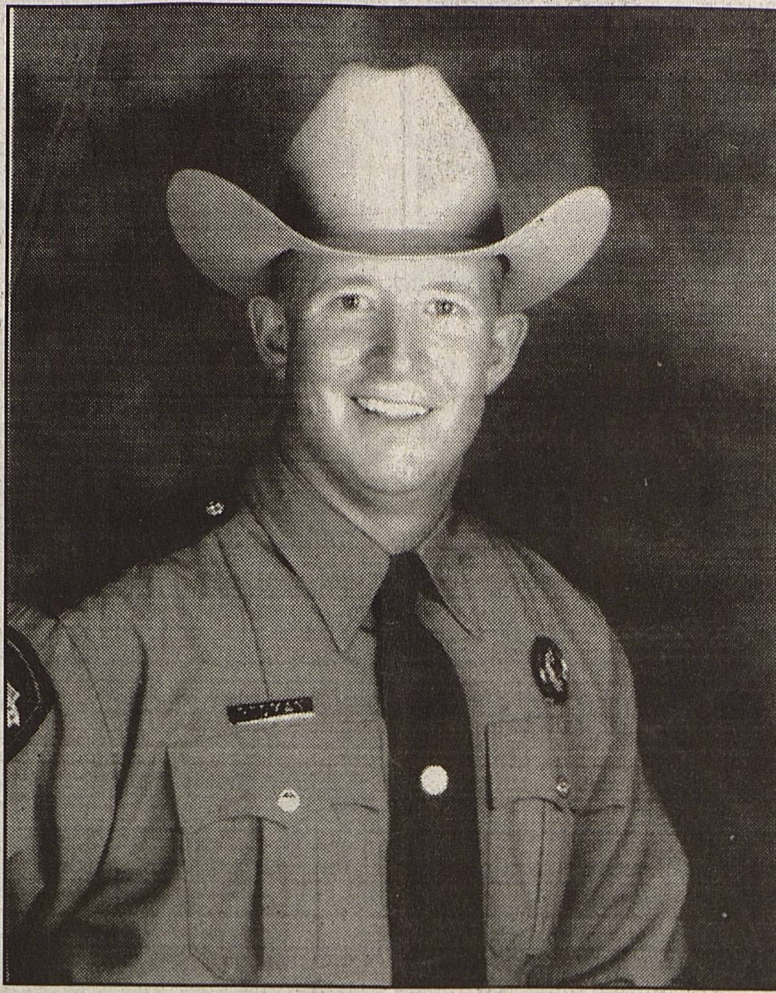
"Our graduates today enter a different and more dangerous world in law enforcement," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "They will act as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas against criminals of all sorts, from drunk drivers to terrorists. We expect them to uphold and even enhance the proud tradition of the Texas Department of Public Safety."

Texas State Senator, Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, addressed the graduating class at Shoreline Center in Austin.

Lt. Col. David McEathron, DPS assistant director, also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The 27 week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas, and one of the longest in the nation. The cadets entered the Academy in March and completed 1,214 hours of instruction, more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. The students received instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects, as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal skills.

Trooper Redman will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Claude.



From Page One, "County Court" tend weekly AA meetings, Jr. pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. serve 24 hours community service, and complete the DWI first offender program. DPS Trooper Robert Smith was investigating officer.

Raul Alarcon pled guilty to marijuana possession, less than two ounces. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for 27 days served. he will be held for the U.S. Border Patrol. Investigating officer was Antonio de la Cruz, Llano Estacado drug task Force.

Raymundo Lozono Ramirez

He was sentenced to 46 days in jail, with credit for 46 days served, and was held for the U.S. Border Patrol. Warren New was his attorney, and Deputy Nancy Baize was investigating officer.

Crispin Martinez Jr. pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior assault causes bodily injury to family member cause. He was sentenced to 80 days in jail with credit for 58 days served.

### JURY SELECTION LIST FOR COUNTY COURT ON OCTOBER 14, 2003 AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE YOAKUM COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN PLAINS

#### Plains & Tokio Residents:

Tanner Douglas Hamm, M. Braden McWhirter, Joel Chris Chambliss, Maria Jessie Alvarado, Nelton Ray Lemley, Steven Lynn O'Quinn, Ladonna M. Diamond, Judi L. Addison, Lyndall Layne Morrow, Diana Delossantos Guerra, Eunice Uvonne Morgan, Rachel Auora Garcia, Roberto Luna (Tokio), Elizabeth Acosta Ramirez, Cesar Luna (Tokio), David Bayne Sanders, Wenceslao Castro Reyna, Nancy Luna (Tokio), Maria Ortiz, Jess Gass, C.R. Gayle, Larry R. Longoria and David Hardy Lollar (Tokio)

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## PHS cross Country Teams



Kneeling, Coach Davis, front row- Manuela Villegas, Kim Trent, Ashley Vantine, Micaela Villegas, Back, Lamanda Sainz, Stacie Alldredge



Front- Chandon Loya, Abel Ramos, Jose Villegas, Adam Guerrero, Brandon Davis. Back- Scott Addison, Patrick Cotton, Armando Ramirez, Coach Davis, Arnold Cordova, Steven Dominguez

## Neugebauer Introduces Bill To Designate La Entrada Al Pacifico

Congressman Randy Neugebauer introduced his first bill Thursday. H.R. 3240 designates La Entrada al Pacifico as a high priority corridor on the national highway system.

This corridor, like it's name "Gateway to the Pacific" suggests, has international significance linking a key deep water port on the Pacific coast of Mexico with the interior of the United States.

"La Entrada al Pacifico will relieve current congestion at the Texas boarder crossing, as well as enhance economic development in the U.S. and West Texas," said Neugebauer. "This corridor will provide considerable benefits for West Texas and the United States in the future."

This corridor begins at the Port of Topolobampo in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico and traverses through Midland. In West Texas, this corridor meets Interstate 20 leading east to Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor that runs north to Denver, Colorado and south through many Texas cities. Midland and Odessa are only a few of the West Texas cities the corridor will benefit.

Support for La Entrada is wide ranging. The State has designated La Entrada al Pacifico as a priority trade corridor and Mexico has been very involved in it's planning and development. The corridor is supported by the Governors of both Durango and Sinaloa, Mexico and by several Mexican cities.

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### Cross Country results at Sundown meet

Cowgirls- The girls finished 9th in the meet. Manuela Villegas finished 22nd, Desiraye Broome 27th, Micaela Villegas 44, Stacie Alldredge 47, Kim Trent 63rd. Cowboys finished second, just 7 points behind Sundown. Freshman Jose Villegas was 2nd over all. Abel Ramos 7th, Armando Ramirez 15, Adam Guerrero 17, Chandon Loya 18, Scott Addison 24, Arnold Cordova 41. JV Boys were led by Brandon Davis, 1st, Payton Bean 4th, Steven Dominguez 17th. Two Jr. High runners competed- Lauren Davis placed 27th, Zachary Ramos was 5th. The varsity Cowboys and Cowgirls compete at Lamesa this weekend, with the district meet the following Saturday.

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## From Pg. 1

## 'Commissioner's'

purchase a new computer for the local library. She told the court the unit would replace a computer outdated to the extent it would not be economical to update it. The request was approved.

The Court discussed appointing an outside auditing firm to analyze county financial business annually, a normal routine for the court. Bids for the audit were received from Duff, Myatt and Blume, LLP, Lubbock, and Gary, Bowen & Miller, Lubbock. Following discussion indicated the firm of Duff, Myatt & Blume had submitted a bid considerably higher than the other firm, but had considerably more experience auditing governmental type institutions. Following more discussion, Pct. 1 Commissioner Woody Lindsey moved to hire the firm of Duff, Myatt and Blume because of their experience and expertise, and Pct. 2 Commissioner Ben Coston moved to hire Gary, Bowen and Miller at the lower bid price. Duff, Myatt and Blume were awarded the auditing job in a four to one vote.

## Plains Middle School Honor Roll - First Six Weeks

**'A' Honor Roll****5th Grade**

Stephanie Addison  
Kelbi Bartley  
Forrest Booth  
Hannah Crump  
Cody Friesen  
Kevin Gass  
Kristen Knight  
Roberto Reyna  
Hunter Welch

**6th Grade**

Jacob Brink  
Brandon Craft  
Natalie Haynes  
Abby Hernandez  
Nathan McCravey  
Troy Parrish

**7th Grade**

Chris Addison  
Reyna Gallegos  
Kurt Alldredge  
Douglas Conway  
Ryan Crump  
Amber Friesen

**'A-B' Honor Roll****5th Grade**

Pati Avila  
Jaxon Bean  
Samantha De La Rosa  
Chase Ortega

**6th Grade**

Emilia Gallegos  
Maria Martinez  
Kenyon Powell  
Shyann Vantine

**7th Grade**

Yesenia Loya

**8th Grade**

Maria Andazola  
Lauren Davis  
Laureb Hise  
Zachary Ramos  
John Tyson



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

What do Chile and Singapore have in common? The first nation is in South America; the second is halfway around the globe in Asia. Chileans speak Spanish; the language of Singapore is Mandarin. Fifteen million people live in Chile, while Singapore has only four million. Until recently these countries shared little. But this summer they became the most recent countries to engage in free trade agreements with the United States, an exclusive group of nations destined for economic prosperity. The agreements were the first to be signed under the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) enacted by Congress last year. TPA gives the president the ability to negotiate trade agreements Congress can accept or reject, but not modify. Unfortunately, TPA lapsed in 1994 and was not renewed. As a result, trade negotiation has remained stagnant for nearly a decade. While other nations built partnerships, America largely sat on the sidelines as an observer. Foreign governments did not want the waste effort crafting a complex and far-reaching agreement, only to see it altered in the initial stages. Our economy and our workers suffered.

The Chile and Singapore agreements signaled an end to that era. This trade legislation was an important step to promote economic growth, bring lower prices to consumers and create jobs in America.

An environment for Economic Growth Trade is essential to our current and future prosperity. Texas exports everything from computer and electronic products to rice. The absence of favorable trade agreements imposes an invisible tax that Americans pay every time we shop, whether we buy tennis shoes or tractors. Economists predict that reducing tariffs by one-third would boost the U.S. economy by \$177 billion each year. That's an average savings of \$2,500 a year for a family of four.

Trade jobs are high paying jobs. One in 10 Americans work in industries that depend on the export of goods and services. Accounting for more than one quarter of all U.S. economic growth in the 1990's, export jobs pay wages approximately 13 to 18 percent higher than the national average. Clearly, opening markets for American businesses creates employment here at home. And

export opportunities are not only beneficial for large companies. Small business is the backbone of our nation's economy, creating three out of every four jobs and producing one-half of the U.S. gross domestic product. To stay at the forefront of innovation, small businesses need access to global markets and a level playing field. Free and fair trade provides that and more.

It also creates opportunities for farmers and ranchers, especially important for Texans, the nation's third largest agriculture exporting state. Texas' number one agricultural export is live animals and red meats, totaling more than \$800 million annually. As the nation's number one cotton exporter, Texas exported 1.5 million bales in a single year to Mexico alone. And when it comes to feed grains and products, Texas ranks seventh. One in three U.S. farmers plant for exports, and they will ship an estimated \$54.5 billion overseas in agricultural products and crops this year. That means more jobs here at home and growing markets for our products.

Our global standing is increasingly reliant on the economy of the Western Hemisphere, and political stability is largely dependent on economic factors as well. Unfortunately, the slow down in the U.S. has trickled down throughout Central and South America, threatening fledgling democracies. Building and establishing trade relationships with our neighbors is critical. If our Hemisphere is economically viable everybody wins. The North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, opened the doors for free and fair trade in the northern part of our hemisphere. In fact, of the 233 destinations for Texas exports, more than half go to Canada and Mexico as a result of NAFTA. The agreement with Chile is our first with a South American country, but certainly not the last.

Free and fair trade agreements with Australia, the Dominican Republic, Bahrain, Morocco and a number of nations in Central and South America, as well as in Southern Africa, are in the works. Soon, doors will be open a little wider on all the earth's continents, helping to expand foreign markets and strengthen our nation's economy. By extending our global reach, we will share the fruits of democracy and continue to be the beacon of freedom for the world. And our country and our people will be richer for it.

## Cornyn Welcomes New Head Of American Legion, Expresses Strong Support For All America's Veterans

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, welcomed the new head of the American Legion, John Breiden of Brenham, Texas, on Wednesday. Cornyn hosted Breiden in his Washington office, and reiterated his strong support for full concurrent receipt, quality health care and other issues important to American veterans.

"When it comes to concurrent receipt, the bottom line is that veterans earned it," Sen. Cornyn said. "Veterans shouldn't have to take no for an answer, especially from government bureaucrats. The honor bound agreement between our men and women in uniform and our nation does not end at retirement. No veteran should ever be left behind." Sen. Cornyn voted in June to

include full concurrent receipt in the Senate version of the Defense Authorization Bill. Currently, the House and Senate are negotiating the final version of the defense bill, and Cornyn is committed to continue supporting the Senate position. In the meeting with the National Commander of the American Legion, Cornyn also voiced support for adequate veterans' health care funding, in particular for VA medical facilities. He pledged to work with Breiden to ensure the future of these and other important services for veterans.

Cornyn has been very active in working to prevent the possible closure of the VA facilities in Waco and Big Spring. He joined Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (Texas-19) earlier this month for a meet-

ing in Washington with Dr. Robert Roswell, Under Secretary of Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs to discuss the future of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Also, Cornyn joined Sen. Hutchison and other members of the Texas delegation in sending separate letters of support for the Waco and Big Spring VA Medical Centers to Everett Alvarez, Jr., Chairman of the CARES Commission, which will make a recommendation to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi, on the future of the facilities.

Within the Armed Services Committee, Cornyn serves on the subcommittees for Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Readiness and Management Support, Personnel, and the Strategic Subcommittee.

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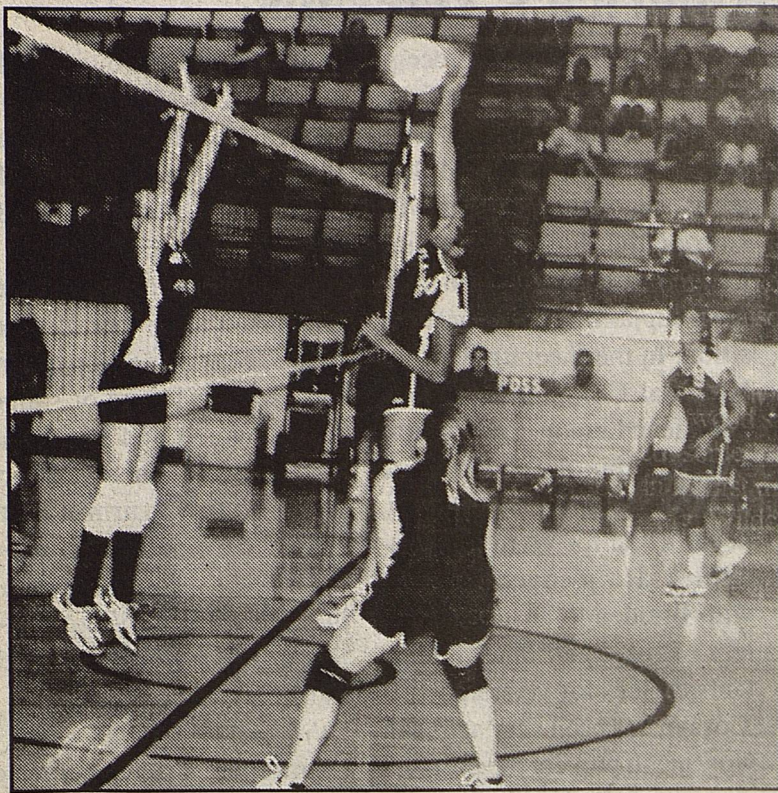
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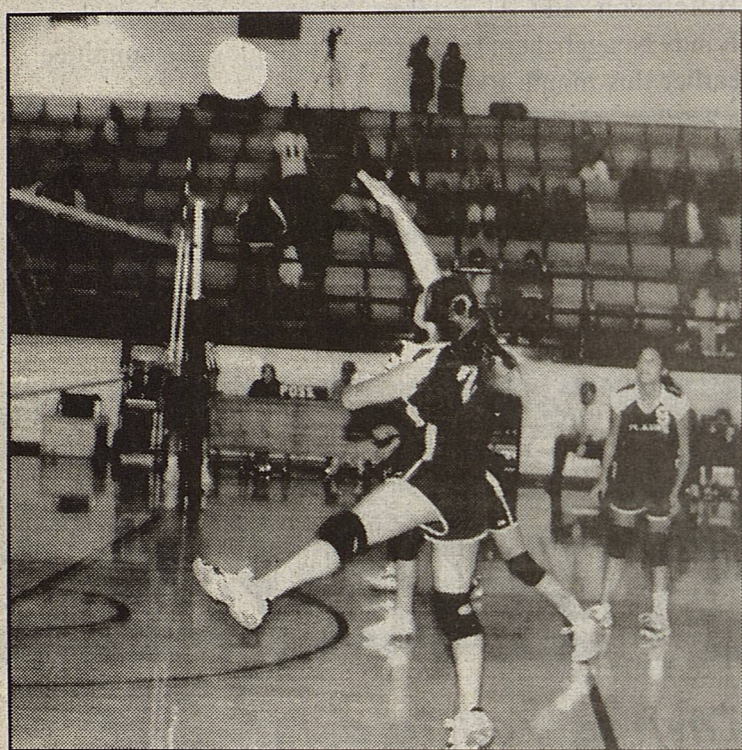
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## Cowgirl vs Colorado Lady Wolves scenes



Yesenia Suarez smacks one over the net to Wolves



Prisma Ortiz scored with this hit

### PHS COLLEYBALL SUMMARY:

(Varsity results unavailable)

JV Cowgirls: On September 30, the younger Cowgirls faced the Colorado City Lady Wolves, and won handily in two, 25-17 and 25-14.

On October 4, they met the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs the third time this season and got their second win, 25-17 and 25-10. Coach Thaggard says the girls have improved steadily throughout the season. "They're getting good blocks and hits, and their passing and serving have greatly improved. I am proud of their work."

### Plains Elementary Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

#### 'A' Honor Roll

##### 1st Grade

Marisa Alvarado  
William Boyles  
Perla Corrales  
Kristian Cueto  
Arista Davis  
Riley Earnest  
Deidrick Fehr  
Dora Gallegos  
Tania Gallegos  
Clayton Gass  
Taya Hamilton  
Kay'd Lamar  
Trevor Locklin  
Halee Lowrey  
Karina Loya  
Elizabeth Martinez  
Juan Mata  
Brock McWhirter  
Iris Mejia  
Sol Sosa  
Micah St. Romain  
Kasidee Taylor  
Brennan Whitzel

##### 2nd Grade

Colby Bearden  
Jaston Brink  
Eiliza Caballero  
Chasity Chavez  
Brianna Coffman  
Daniel Cueto  
Lucas Hernandez  
Cameron Knight  
Jennifer Lira  
Taylor Michaleson  
Brittney Roper  
Herman Sawatzky  
Jacob Sawatzky  
Kelli Sellers  
Percy Sosa  
Zackery Wilkins  
Bailey Winn

##### 3rd Grade

Merrit Crump  
Whitney Davis  
Katie Dearing  
Isaack Fehr  
Autumn Friesen  
Jacob Neufeld  
Matthew Ramos  
Joseph Sainz  
Isaac Vasquez  
Haley Welch

##### 4th Grade

Adriana Corrales  
Mayra Cueto  
Dakota Earnest  
Zachary Lamar  
Brooke Wilson

#### 'A-B' Honor Roll

##### 1st Grade

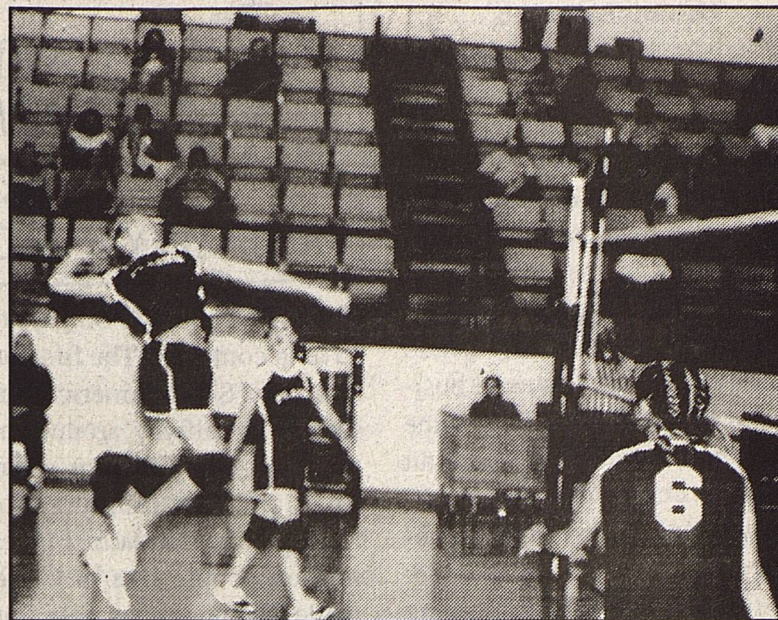
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Miguel Garcia  
Anthony Torres

##### 3rd Grade

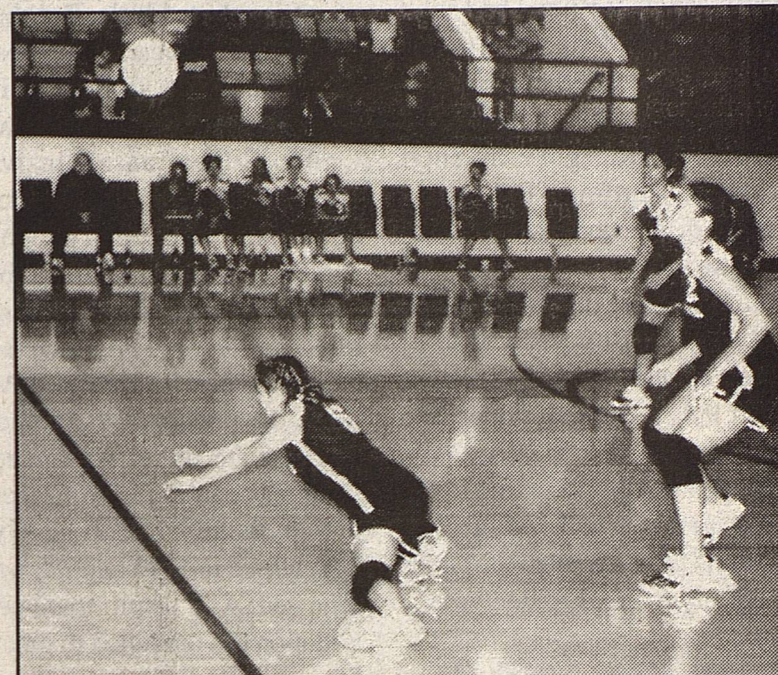
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Vanessa Cueto  
Elizabeth Davila  
Stacy Loewen  
Gerardo Martinez  
Karla Powell  
Kailey Vasquez

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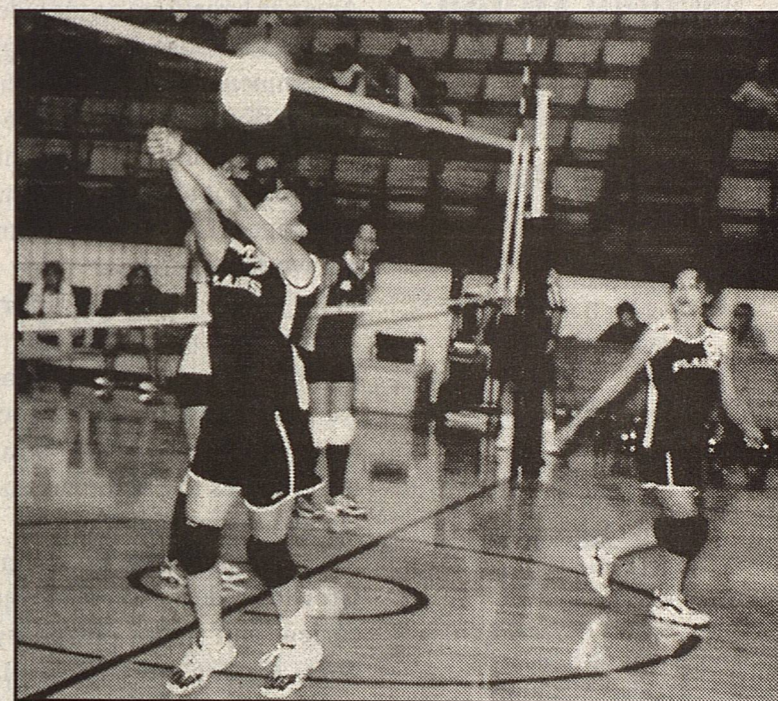
Troy Aldredge  
Greg Andazola  
Shelby Covarrubias  
Taylor Fitzgerald  
Carolina Hernandez  
Mariela Martinez  
Samuel Melendez  
Denisa Tarango



Skylar Keesee fakes a 'kill'



Cowgirls get ready for 'incoming'



Unknown Cowgirl passes the ball



Working the ball to a ready 'hitter'

## Beat O'Donnell

### Student Of The Week



Student of the week is April Wilmeth, a senior and the daughter of Jet and Gay Wilmeth. April was nominated by Brad Friesen, who said, "We may not have control over many areas of our lives. We may not be able to control when we have to get up, what homework is due, who our teachers are, or even who will be our true friend, but we do have control over our attitude. A positive attitude can make our day and make the day for people around us. April demonstrates a positive attitude with her questions, the inflection in her voice, and her smile."

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Senior Citizens Corner

The West Texas skies were azure blue with a few billowy white clouds floating lazily about. The sun was shining and a gentle breeze whispered over the landscape. Countless people were walking, standing, or seated comfortably under umbrellas. The time was Saturday, September 27, and the place was the Midland/Odessa airport. Overhead droned the vintage planes of the Confederate Air Force as they presented "Airshow 2003" celebrating 100 years of powered flight. Wilbur and Orville Wright would have stood in awe! I stood with tear filled eyes as I watched the battles of Normandy, Midway, and Pearl Harbour reenacted before my eyes. Beside me stood Gary Markley, the son of my brother who flew and died in a plane like those. It was our first meeting in countless years and I felt this moment was my brother's final gift to both his son and me.

Several people attended the potluck supper last week. Reports tell us that both the food and the music were great.

We remind everyone again that there will be flu shots available at the Center on October 9th from 10:00 am. until 2:00 pm., in the conference room.

On October 10th, there will be both Osteoporosis and Diabetes screening in conjunction with a prescription drug presentation. The hours for this are also from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

We need volunteers to sign up for working the register desk for each week during the month of October. You have only to welcome guests and

make change when needed. A board member will be present after lunch to help you count the money and make your report.

Spencer and Lorene Randolph enjoyed a quick visit to Branson, Missouri, to enjoy the entertainment last week. They highly recommend the Japanese violinist who performs there.

There are several of our Center family recovering from various illnesses at this time. We send 'get well' wishes to Mickey Evans, Jimmy Steele, Fraulein Ralston, and Genevieve Gordy.

The visitor list this week included Juanita and Stanita Wright, Linda Isenburg, Pam Young, and Gene Hudgins who is Minister of Music at the Methodist Church. On another day, Earon and Vanette Cochran came to enjoy lunch at the Center. Welcome to each one.

Dare I share this little tale? It has such a familiar ring. While getting ready for bed, the wife is standing in front of a full length mirror (something any wise woman would never do.) She says, "I look in the mirror and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my body sags everywhere, my legs are fat, my arms are flabby." She turns to her husband and says, "Please tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself." He thinks for a moment then says, "Well, dear, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Though for today: "I've learned it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular."

## Seniors To Benefit From Research And Development Of New Drugs

There is good news for senior citizens in Yoakum County, of which there were an estimated 842, or 11.5% of the population, aged 65 and older in 2000 census figures.

A new survey by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) found drug companies are testing more than 800 potential medicines for diseases of aging, including 123 for heart disease and stroke, 395 for cancer and 309 for such debilitating diseases as Alzheimer's, diabetes, and osteoporosis. All of the medicines are either in human clinical trials or awaiting approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

"The medicines in development offer hope of continuing and accelerating the remarkable improvements in the lives of seniors achieved over the past few decades," PhRMA President Alan F. Homer said. He cited a study by Duke University researchers finding chronic disability among the elderly was falling and fewer seniors are going into nursing homes. Alzheimer's disease offers one example of the importance of stepped-up pharmaceutical research, Homer said, noting that an estimated 14 million Ameri-

cans will have Alzheimer's disease by the middle of the 21st century unless a cure or prevention is found. Pharmaceutical companies are working on 18 potential treatments for Alzheimer's disease, he added.

Eighteen of the medicines in development target depression, which affects one out of every five seniors, and 34 are aimed at diabetes, which costs the U.S. about \$132 billion a year in direct medical expenses, lost productivity and disability. Seventeen of the medicines are for osteoporosis, a major health threat for an estimated 44 million Americans, and 15 target Parkinson's disease 60,000 new cases of which are diagnosed each year. Other medicines in development target bladder and kidney diseases, eye disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, osteoarthritis, pain, prostate disease, respiratory and lung disease, rheumatoid arthritis and other conditions of aging.

"The promise of research underscores the need for prescription drug insurance coverage crafted in a way that gives seniors access to the medicines of today and provides incentives for companies to discover and develop the medicines of tomorrow," Homer said.

## Delta Kappa Gamma News

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a society that promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

The Gamma Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in Denver City on Thursday, September 25. Members, who comprise key women educators from Denver City, Plains, Seagraves, and Seminole were informed about various methods of scrap booking by Creative Memories consultant Jennifer Everitt of Plains. Mrs. Everitt gave important information about scrapbook materials as well as new and creative ways to set up your scrapbook pages.

Chapter members adopted a UNICEF program to help educate Afghanistan women to become teachers and support for Afghanistan schools as a special project for the coming year.

Monies collected will be given to Mrs. Sue Clampitt, special projects chairman, who will send the donations to UNICEF designated for this project.

Members were also informed of a conference to be held at the United Nations in New York in January. The conference, Poverty-Partnerships-Peace: The Role of Educators in the 21st century is open to all teachers worldwide. Members who may be interested were given the web address to ascertain more information about the conference.

Chapter awards received at the State Convention held in Waco last summer were presented to the chapter with special thanks going to Mrs. Laverne Connally for her work on the winning project.

Members were invited to Seagraves for the October meeting.

## Cisco Networking Academy at SPC

Registration for the Cisco Networking Academy offered by South Plains College in Levelland is October 27th.

Registration is set for 6 p.m. in the Electronics Service Technology Building. Cisco courses are offered through SPC's Electronics Service Technology Program.

Cisco, the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, has training academies in all 50 states and many countries around the world.

The Cisco Networking Academy program teaches Internet technology skills. "Cisco is dedicated to giving students important skills for an increasingly competitive global work-

place," said Jim Walker, dean of continuing and distance education.

SPC will offer Cisco classes 1-4 toward the Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA), and Classes 5-7 for those seeking Cisco Certified Networking Professional (CCNP). Local area management (LAN) and wide area management networks (WAN) will be covered. Tuition and fees for each Cisco semester are \$330. Classes will meet 6-9 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, contact the SPC Electronics Service Technology Program at 806-894-5611, ext. 2297.

## Texas Tech University Announces Summer 2003 Graduates

Summer 2003 commencement at Texas Tech University saw approximately 1100 students awarded degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place August 9 in the United Spirit Arena on campus. Jaime Caballero, a Plains High graduate, was one of the Tech graduates. About 390 Texas Tech University students made either the

President's List of the Dean's List for the Summer 2003 semester. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively. Krystle Blundell, also from Plains, was named to the President's List.

**The Athletic Booster Club will meet in the School Cafeteria Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 pm.**



What about?... At times, I think ministers feel they have to say everything that is said at a graveside. Many times it's the way ministers are trained and nurtured. That is great in many services, but some families need more than a few scriptures or 'religious' sayings to make them feel better.

Some of our graveside services have permitted those attending to have a time of sharing. This was started by the minister telling a humorous story about the deceased. This was either something they personally were involved in or a family had shared with them.

The minister would invite comments from the family or anyone else who wanted to share a good memory of the person. Gradually, others would see this as a good thing and they too would have a story to share. Before you knew it, everyone would be grinning, sharing or 'heaven forbid' there would even be laughter at the graveside. You see, laughter is a good thing, yes,

even at the grave or a funeral. It is that small humorous antidote that relieves the tension and formality to allow a family to remember the good times.

A member of one family shared that a grandchild was having a difficult time with the death of a grandparent. The grandchild had been the one to help care for the grandparent.

The person shared that after leaving the place of death, the grandchild was crying and grieving when suddenly a car zoomed past the car they were driving. The car pulled quickly back into the lane directly in front of the grandchild's car and just stayed there. Suddenly, the grandchild realized the license plate 'Gon 2 Hvn'! That was it. It was a sign from the grandparent that all was well with him.

Of course, not a dry eye in the place, but it was so very meaningful for the family.

Cookie cutter funerals and graveside services...a thing of the past. Until Next Time... Mark A. Jones

### A Special Invitation to Plains Community.

Wish Roger Harvey Happy Birthday on his 90th October 11. Join us in the Parlor Room of the Park Place Towers, 1300 S. Harrison in Amarillo from 2:30 - 4:00 pm., Saturday, October 11. Your presence is the only present we desire! If you can't join us for his 90th, you can send him a card to Rajanna Luster, Box 84, Wildorado, TX 79098 or 1300 S. Harrison, Apt., 409 Amarillo, TX 79101.

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Worship to the glory of GOD

# From The Hack

For several weeks now it has been a toss up to determine the first one to go completely hysterical laughing, the Bride or yours truly. We are regularly regaled by the Glade room deodorizer commercial being played on Channel 11. WHAT? You haven't seen it? Call the Channel Moguls and find out when they have it scheduled next. It's Oscar material, if they ever award Oscars for commercials.

This guy is sitting slovenly in his recliner, when he looks up, puzzled look on his face, then, it's apparent he is sniffing the air, looking about, and then he makes this horrible face, disgust obvious, and he begins to frantically fan the air with a magazine. He spots the little Glade room deodorizer plugged into the wall by his chair, and it is obvious he is now trying his best to fan the very, very disgusting smell towards the Glade thing. His wife comes in about this time, sees him beating the air with the magazine, and purrs, "Now see, doesn't that make everything better?"

The first time we watched the drama unfold, we were absolutely stunned, after we finished laughing of course. I said something to Bride about being surprised they now make commercials about - uh - passing gas? Would you feel easier with breaking wind?

She looked at me long and serious like. "I wish to God I had known they are paying handsome amounts of money doing commercials about it.... I could have made us richer than Ben Gump AND Donald Trump, living with you these past thirty something eons!"

I REALLY got offended a bit later when I happened to glance at the wall by my chair. - you guessed it, a double-barreled Glade thing.

This guy was in his chair reading when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a rolled up newspaper.

Stunned, he stammered, "What was that for?" "That was for the piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Mary Jane written on it," she huffed.

"Two weeks ago when I was in Ruidoso Mary Jane was the name of one of the horses I bet on!", he affirmed.

"Oh honey, I'm so sorry," she cooed, "I should have known you would have a reasonable explanation."

Just a few days later he was in his chair, absorbed in a ball game, when she walked up behind him, and whacked him in the head, this time with a big cast iron skillet, knocking him cold as a wedge.

When he finally came to, he asked, "What was that all about?"

She replied, "Your horse in Ruidoso just called."

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If I could pick my choice of occupations, an English teacher in the older Elementary grades and Jr. High would definitely NOT be anywhere near the top of my list. Consider some of the following pearls of youthful genius in writing school essay I came across recently;

**History;**

No humans were born during the first of the world because this was the prestork age.

Descendants are people who presently reside in the future tense.

An hourglass was a lady's figure in olden days. As she grew older, she gradually sank to the bottom.

Olden sailors were often battered about by fierce unexpected squaws.

**Science;**

Astronomy is to look in the sky and see stars while astrology is to look up and see lions and virgins and other spooky stuff.

The sun is really a star. How it folks us is by shining in the day and being of the unpointed kind.

For zillions of years there was a sun but no earth. This kept man from making much

progress.

**Language Skills**

Q. Use the word Warrant in a sentence. A. I wouldn't be learning English if it warrant for you.

Q. What is an adverb? A. I was real sick the week we studied adverbs.

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Heard of any good deals lately?  
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This program is offered through the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

The Yoakum SWCD has received funds for approved conservation practices, under the direction of the Yoakum SWCD Board of Directors, for Water Quality Management Planning in 2004.

Technical assistance is provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the TSSWCB.

Approved practices are eligible for a 50 percent cost-share (not to exceed the limit set by Yoakum SWCD) following successful completion and certification by NRCS / TSSWCB.

The amount of funds each producer may receive is based upon the total number

of eligible producers who apply and the type of practice approved by the Yoakum SWCD.

Recent practices have included brush control (shinery and mesquite), irrigation pipeline, Low Pressure In Canopy (LPIC) and Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) sprinkler conversions.

Selected producers will work under the guidance of a certified Water Quality Plan and be subject to the practice guidelines and requirements of that approved plan.

What's that mean?

In a nut shell, it means that the producer will be required to follow a rotation (high residue crops such as wheat/grain sorghum in rotation with cotton, peanuts, guar, etc) based on the needs of the particular soil type of the farm and manage those residues to control soil erosion and maintain / improve soil quality.

It means a soil test in each field at the beginning of the contract in order to arrive at some common sense yield goals and subsequent

fertilizer recommendations for that years' crop.

After the initial soil test, soil testing will be required every three years on irrigated acres and every 5 years on dryland.

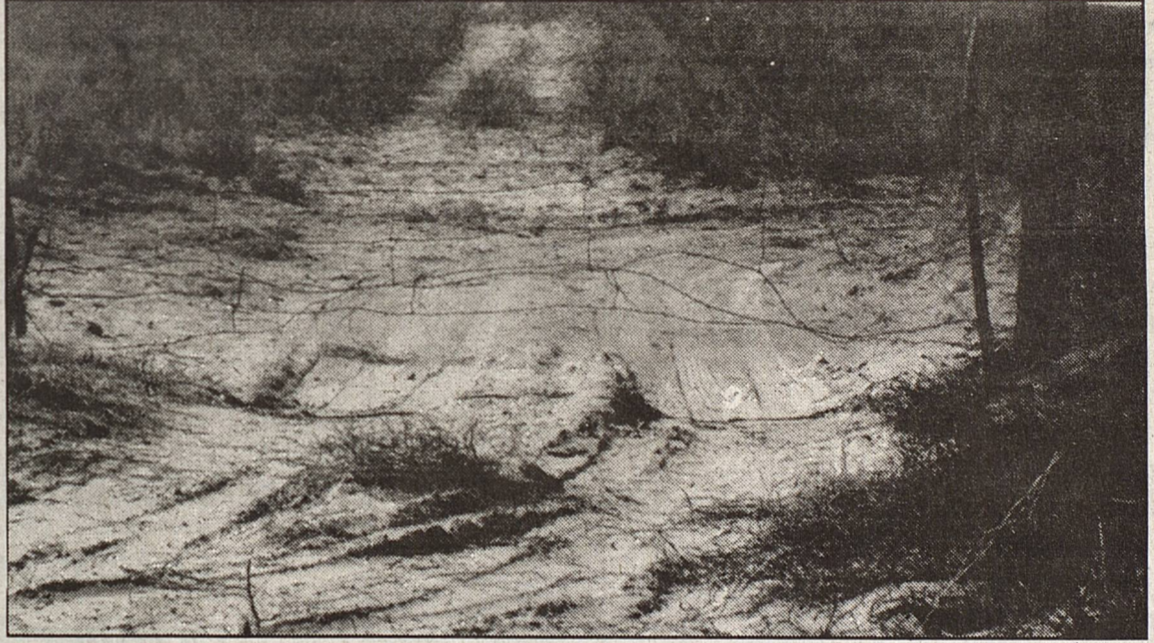
The TSSWCB recommends that the contract be in effect for one full crop rotation plus two years, which means six years in most cases.

These required contract items are common sense elements that most of our excellent Yoakum producers are already doing to sustain the productivity of their land.

This is a broad-based explanation of the Water Quality Management Planning assistance offered through the Yoakum SWCD.

If you're interested and these short explanations have caused more questions than they've answered, please stop by or call the NRCS office for more details (456-3703 ext. 3).

And like I used to hear my Granddaddy say...."a good deal is like a West Texas mud puddle...it's here today and gone tomorrow..."



1999 photo of a section pasture belonging to Bud Forbus northeast of Plains prior to sand shinary treatment.



2001 photo of same acres showing return of native grasses following treatment of sand shinary.

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