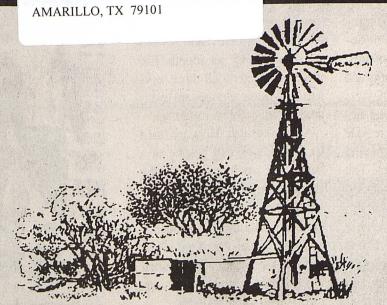
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City partners with high tech mobile communications firm

Blue Moon Solutions, Reese Technology Center to build state of the art WiFi broadband network

City of Plains Administrator Terry Howard said last week the City Council members and city staff members are excited about the recent agreement reached between the city and Blue Moon Solutions and Reese Technology Center in Lubbock to provide residents expanded and improved communication systems. He reported the City Council had throroughly examined the proposed network of services offered by Blue Moon before agreeing to the partnership.

Mayor Pam Redman said " The Council and I consider this a positive step to provide our residents with the very latest in three packages of communication programs, telephone, internet and satelite TV services all in one pack-

The following is the official press relase from City Hall received last week;

The City of Plains has partnered with Blue Moon Solutions and the Reese Technology Center to build a state of the art mobile WiFi broadband network. Marty Hale, CEO of Blue Moon states, "The City of Plains is the first in West Texas to join the World Wide WiFi revolution, and although Plains is a small cimmunity, they definitely think big!"

ture has been proven to improve the quality of life for rural and mobile throughout the city and City will be offering their residents and businesses a series of reliable service at a fraction of the services including: Internet, tel- cost of cable or satelite. ephone and television. Terry Howard, City Adminitrator, states, " I think the people of

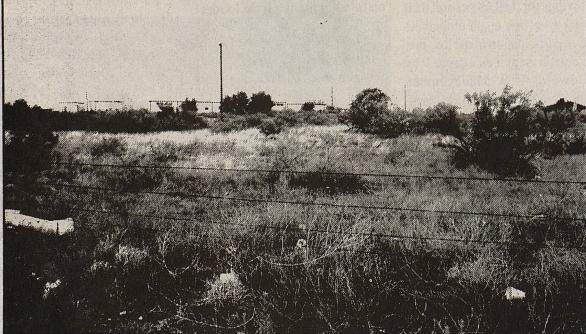
Plains deserve a choice and a more competitive market for these services. The City will offer incredible services not currently existing here." The City will offer Internet, telephone and television services that will travel with subscribers all over town."

For instance, if a resident subscribe's to the City's WiFi phone service they will eliminate local and long distance charges. Their WiFi phones work at home, at the store, at Mobile broadband infrastruc- the park and anywhere else in town. Internet service will be underserved communities. The our IPTV television service will offer more channets and more

Plains is the first city in West

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age". CITY HALL Site for new county jail approved by Court



New jail site, north of TxDot yard to intersection with Brownfield Highway

In the lengthy June 26 session of Commissioners Court, the last item on the agenda was approved, the long sought selection of the propoerty where the new County Jail will be located. Present for the session were J.T. and Annie (Fitzgerald) Jackson, of Artesia, New Mexico. The Jacksons are owners of an approximate ten acre plot of land which is located just north of the TxDOT Maintenance property on Hwy. 214, and extends north to the intersection of 214 and US 82/380, or the Brownfield Highway. Sheriff Don Corzine and Judge Dallas Brewer discussed attributes of the property, including sewer, water and electric service. The architectural firm to design the facility has appoved the site choice. An official survey will have to be made, along with a opographical profile of the land, as well as asuring all environmental requirements are met.

The court agreed to pay Mr. and Mrs. Jackson \$50,000 for the land when all requirements are

Joe Kay, of Denver City and a recent selection to a delegation from both towns studying the feasability of constructing a new nursing home/assisted living facility for the county, gave an update on the plan. . Kay said Margaret Evans, experienced in such proposals, had recommended hiring the services of Mark Nichols of Austin, specialist in determining all needs and requirements of such medical projects. Nichols fee would be \$10,000, half the sum up front, the remainder payable when the final assessment of the proposed project would be presented at a public meeting. Discussion indicated the court favored having a professional and knowledgable survey made to answer all

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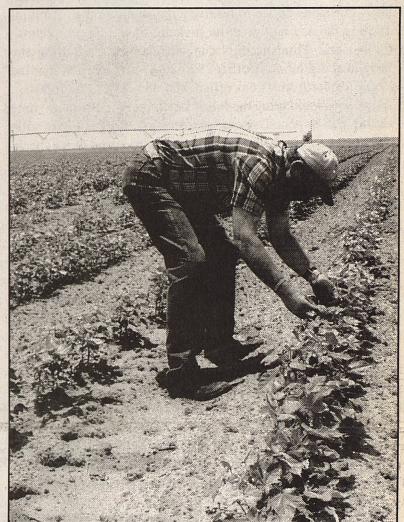
'Mini-Farm Tour' not all bad - or all encouraging

An escorted tour of the agricultural scene in at least a portion of Yoakum County convinced the editor the 2006 cotton crop cefinitely will not set production records equal to the 2005 crop. This visual assessment was strengthened upon learning crop insurance adjustors have recently been busy touring heat and drought stressed fields of dryland cotton, and have already "zeroed out" thousands of acres of the commodity.

Texas Cooperative Extension Ag Agent Arlan Gentry was navigator and pilot on a driving tour of croplands last week, and furnished CCN his assessment of Yoakum County's 2006 staple crops; cotton, peanuts, and smaller plots of small grains, grapes and watermelons.

He discussed the irrigated cotton crop guardedly; "For this time of the year, I would say it ranges from only fair to good in some areas. Time will tell the final story. If producers have enough financial resources left they will need to spend money watering the crop for it to reach its full potential. Irrigation today is an expensive practice, and some of our growers are running out of funds. Many producers are facing labor problems, with the current oil boom drawing laborers from farms and ranches for the oil patch. This twist of the economy may also make hoeing crews this growing season hard to locate." He said the current hot and dry conditions are having one positive effect, by helping keep insect pests in check for the present.

The 'mini-tour' included observing a number of fields of county peanut growers. Gentry estimates ten to twelve thousand acres of the legumes are planted in the county. He said in past years Runner and Virginia varieties have dominated production, but for the past two years the number of acres planted to Valencias have increased. Gentry said, "It seems a paradox but recent years of less production."



Extension Agent Arlan Gentry inspects row of irrigated cotton



This stalk of dryland cotton's next neighboring stalk was at least six feet away

good production has tended to inches of rain since June 21. ture over the immediate next lower producers prices and even Unfortunately, the vast major- few weeks. Some things seldom production. Peanuts tend to cre- ity of cropland in the county has change. The county's crop inate more growing risks, and less received nowhere close to that surance providers estimate it money for the crop results in amount of moisture. Gentry will take several more weeks echoed many local producers to complete the assessment of At the time of writing this ar- outlook on the agricultural as- damage to this year's cotton ticle, Plains City Hall official sessment-it depends largely on crop, but all agree it will be

instruments had recorded 1.98 the benevolence of Mother Na-substantial, and expensive.

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Texas to embrace this technology. until the 100 subscribers are ac-The City wants their citizens to quired. Dairy Queen certificates benefit technologically. In addi- for Blizzard and other treats will tion to the business and business be available for the subscribers. services, the mobile broadband network will enhance economic- service package of mobile Internet, development, job creation, distance learning opportunities, health care, homeland security and more.

The City and Blue Moon Solutions will begin the pre-sale Friday, June 30 at 10 'AM in the Dairy Queen parking lot. The City and Blue Moon intend to sell a minimum 100 subscriptions before deploying the new infrastructure. The City needs your help to insure the project will be a success. Blue Moon will be in town signing up residential and business customers

The City will offer a bundled telephone and television servics for only \$99.95 per month. For those not needing all three services, individual services are available for only \$39.95 monthly.

Administrator Howard told CCN, "Plains will be one of a handful of small towns with the Blue Moon Solutions program. The City of Corpus Christi offers the same program to its residents, and city officials reported to me they are more than well satisfied with the program, as are their citi-

South Plains College second summer registration

South Plains College will hold summer registration July 3 at both the Levelland campus and the Reese Center. Summer classes begin July 5. Late registration will be held July 5 and 6.

New and current students wanting to register should contact the Admissions Office to receive a registration time permit indicating the day and time the students should report to enroll for classes. Time permits can be received by calling the Levelland Admissions office, 806-894-9611, ext. 2572 or the Reese Center Admissions office, 806-885-3048, ext. 4660

Students should bring the following items to registration: time permit, pen or pencil, photo identification, vehicle registration information and a form of payment for tuition and fees (check, cash or credit card).

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questions, including actual needs for such a facil- each library showed 100 percent increases in the ity. Further discussion indicated the market area past 12 month period. She asked the court to apfor such a plan should include both Plains and prove the purcahse of new library cards for the Denver City, Seagraves, and the area of Gaines Denver City facility at a cost of \$2500. The re-County just south of Denver City. Kay reporetd a quest was approved.

later meeting would probably be held here in Other agenda action included Sheriff Corrzine ers Compensation Program, Plains to determne citizens ideas about the pro-receiving permission to replace a cook stove for Plains ISD's workers compenthe jail, and a new copier for his Denver City of-sation provider, recognized the Chief Librarian Pat McNabb delivered statistics fice at a cost of \$4240.

on the two county libraries indicating impressive BPO Pipelines was granted permission to install growth of patron numbers at both the Plains and and maintain a four inch oil line on portions of its Safety Excellence Decade Denver City libraries. Program participation at Sections 816 and 817.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE **CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners Court of Yoakum County Texas, will convene at 10:00 a.m. on the 17th day of July, 2006, at its regular meeting place thereof in the Yoakum County Courthouse, Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas, and, during such meeting, the Commissioners Court will consider passage of orders and take such other actions as may be deemed necessary to authorize the issuance of the following: certificates of obligation in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (1) construction and equipping of a new County Law Enforcement Center (County Jail), including the acquisition of a site therefor in the City of Plains, and (2) the payment of professional services and costs of issuance related thereto. The certificates of obligation will be payable from the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the County.

The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Local Government Code Section 271.041, et. seq.

2006

/s/ Dallas Brewer County Judge Yoakum County, Texas

A True Community Effort

The Plains Roping Club, Plains Lions and Chamber of Commerce joined forces with the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association to stage a very successful two days of junior rodeo last weekend. It made the organizations a little cash, and helped many young cowgirls and cowboys to hone their rodeo skills.



A young 'Bull Rider' made the whistle with this ride



A pretty young roper goes whipping and spurring after a calf

PISD earns safety award

The South Plains School Work-District for their overall safety and loss prevention efforts, with Award. This distinction was earned based on Plains ISD's involvement and performance in the area of safety and injury prevention. The District has participated effectively and wholeheartedly in the area of safety training and education for employees, and in controlling injury claim occurences and costs through their effortss.

This award recognizes Plains ISD for obtaining significant savings for the District and their taxpayers as a result of their active participation in the loss prevention services offered by Edwards Risk Management, their partner in workers compensation loss prevention services. This award recognizes the outstanding performance of the District's employees in creating a safer workplace for themselves and the students of PISD.



Capitol **Comments**

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison R., Texas

CELEBRATE AMERICA ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Texans know how to celebrate Independence Day. From fireworks displays in public parks to backyard cookouts with family and friends, Fourth of July events make this holiday one of the most anticipated days of the year.

The history of our nation's birth is familiar to most. In the summer of 1776, our country's first leaders gathered and asked Thomas Jefferson to draft a document declaring our independence from England and King George III. Our country was officially born July 4 in Philadelphia, when the Second Continental Congress ratified this declaration asserting our unalienable rights. The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in history, and the original is on display at the National Archives in Washington D.C.

Americans celebrate Independence Day in appreciation of the determination and spirit of our forefathers. Our country's fight for freedom was arduous and difficult, with victory delayed until 1783. These patriots put their money, their property and ultimately their lives on the line for democracy. And now, some 230 years later, our soldiers bravely continue to sacrifice while protecting our freedom and exporting democracy to the oppressed.

Today, as our men and women of the armed forces continue to serve with honor and dignity in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must support this mission. Recently some Senators supported legislation to establish a hard deadline for withdrawing our troops from Iraq. I adamantly opposed these amendments, as I cannot think of a worse message to send to our allies as we continue the War On Terror.

Winning the War on Terror is the great challenge of this generation. Anything less than complete victory will pass along this burden to our children and our grandchildren. If we begin withdrawing our troops before our mission is complete, terrorists will once again be emboldened by our retreat or inaction, just as they were following the attack on the USS Cole, following the bombing of our embassies in East Africa, and following the first attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993.

Terrorists will be reinvigorated by the knowledge the way to defeat America is to wait out the storm. They will recruit future terroists by telling them Americans cut and run if you just hold out long enough. They will say Americans do not have the stamina or the political will to engage in a long battle. And a future battle may be waged on our shores rather than in the deserts of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan.

To establish a time table for redeploying any of our troops from Iraq would be handing the enemy our playbook. We would be declaring, for the entire world to hear, that our commitment to winning the War On Terror has an expiration date. Had the Continental Congress established a time table for winning the American Revolution, Generat George Washington would have been forced to wave a white flag and abandon our struggle for fredom. Similarly, there cannot be a timetable for winning the War On

Independence Day is a time to remember our country's beginnings. Our commitment to freedom has never wavered, as America will never shrink from her responsibilities. On July 4, stand a little taller, wave our flag more proudly, and sing the national anthem a little louder!



Young cowboy makes successful run on a speedy calf

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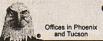
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23 years 'Corraling' Plains youths at center



Bobbie Payne was honored by friends, family and fellow county employees last week with a going away celebration in the Plains Courthouse. She was appointed in 1983 by Commissioners Court, then headed by Judge Paul Cobb, to serve as Director of the local youth center, known as the Corral. Since then several thousand of Plains youngsters have benefited from her guidance and patience. Bobbie is being replaced at the Corral by Diane Flores starting July 1. Future users of local Stanford Park should know reservations are needed to reserve the park for group gatherings, and a \$20 deposit is required for the key to the gazebo facility.

Seniors Corner.....

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Our Senior Center isnDenver City is saddened by the loss of so many of Denver City's outstanding citizens. Our director Rojean and her father and mother Layne and Wanda Black have lost their brother and son so very suddenly. We wnat them to know our love and prayers are with them, especially today when they have the services in Seminole.

Also, one of our most outstanding and beloved women of Denver City, Jean Kidd, went home to be with the Lord. She was an outstanding lady and lived here many years with her husband Willard. They raised four fine childrenwho have also made an impact in our town. Jean was a lovely Christian woman who lived her faith for all to see. She will be missed by all, and our love and prayers go out to her family.

Euple Taylor went home to be with the Lord after a long illness. She was also a fine lady who raised four daughter here with her husband Sam wha died a few years back. Euple was in my Sunday School class and was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and was a member of our senior Joy Choir. She was loved by all and our love and prayers are with her family.

Then we were shocked by the sudden death of Dick Stafford, also a long time citizen. He worked may years with my husband and raised two children here. He would walk four miles every day in the walking park early in the morning, faithfully. He always came to the center for lunch and was a good friend to all. Our center is open five days a week, Monday through Friday 8AM until sometime after lunch. Many stay for bingo, 42 or pool, and we have the excercise equipment and TV rec room. Meals are served at 11:30 and of course we have carry out meals for those who qualify and are age 60 or older. We also have carryout meals for those who qualify, mainly 60 or older and essentially home bound because of illness, and delivery is available in Denver City and Plains.

Pray For More Rain!

Tsa Mo Ga inducts 2006-2008 officers

Toni Jones installed officers for the 2006-2008 term at the final meeting of Tsa Mo Ga in

Sarah Jane Shelton was inducted as president of the club. Her officers include vicepresident Billie Blundell, recording secretary Dolores Davis, corresponding secretary Mary Jo St. Romain, treasurer Betty Rushing, critic Connie McWhirter, parliamentarian, reporter Rennetta O'Quinn, federation counselor Debbie Rushing Spears.

Mrs. Field expressed thanks to Mrs. Spears for her "youth and exuberance" during her two years leading the club. Mrs. Jones presented a gift of appreciation to the out-going presi-

Mrs. Field presented her term theme, "Celebrating the Spirit of Women 1907-2007", with focus on the centennial of



Front, Connie McWhirter, Debbie Rushing Spears, Mary Jo St. Romain, back, Wilma Powell, Betty Rushing, Rennetta O'Quinn, Dolores Davis, Sarah Jane Field, Toni Jones. Photographer Elouise St. Romain.

volunteer our services to help with the centennial programs".

As a forerunner to the theme, the club cookbook committee Members will be taking prerecently compiled and submitted 1,300 recipes from county residents to be set and bound in

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Yoakum County, "so we can a cookbook celebrating the centennial. It is scheduled for print and ready for sale at the Watermelon Round Up this year. sales will be used to purchase funds.

Park, adjacent to City Hall.

Elouise St. Romain was winner of a crocheted tablecloth donated by District President Donna Hogue for a raffle to sale orders. Proceeds from the benefit district scholarship

and install a gazebo for Pioneer **4-H Archery Project Starts**

Yoakum County 4-H is starting an Archery Project for youth nine years old (or in the third grade) to 18 years old. A sign-up and organizational/safety meeting is planned for Thursday, June 29, at 7 PM at the Plains Extension Office, 901 Ave. G.

All interested youth in the county are invited. The program is being led by Steve Crump, Certified Leader and Coach, and parents are encouraged to attend, and volunteer support is welcome. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may call the Extension office at 456-2263 or Steve Crump, 456-7459 to make other ar-

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Wedding plans announced



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Valdivia of Victoria proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Irene of Lubbock, to Abraham Garcia of Kress, son and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garcia Sr. of Plains. The couple will marry at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic

Church in Victoria on July 8, 2006. Irene is a 2005 cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University with

a bachelor degree in Spanish. She is employed at Lakeside Rehab and Care Facility in Lubbock.

Abraham is a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor degree in Excersise and Sports Science. He is a high school history teacher and the boy's varsity basketball coach at Kress High

We sincerely apologive for the typographical error in mis-identifying Mr. Richard Garcia Sr. of Plains in this announcement last week

Texas A &M Graduation

Diplomas were awarded to 5,398 Texas A&M University graduates during recent spring commencement ceremonies. Annaliesa Marie O'Quinn, a senior, was recognized as a graduate awarded her Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Biology. Annaliesa is a graduate of Plains High School and the daughter of Steven and Rennetta O'Quinn.

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M. **Morning Worship** 10:45 A.M. **Evening Program** 6:00 P.M.



From The Hack

The following is the type stuff that comes from Pecos, Texas: A guy is driving around in Tennessee and he sees a sign saying, "Talking Dog For Sale". Intrigued, he stops, rings the door bell, and the owner tell him the dog is in the backyard.

He goes to the back, and there sits a Golden Lab Retriever. He asks, "You talk?"

"Yes I do," the Lab replies. "So, what's your story?" The dog looks up and says,

"Well, I discovered I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help our country so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because of course no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But all that jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. and I decided to slow down a bit. I signed up for a job at the airport for some undercover security work, wandering near suspicious looking characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible security dealings and the government gave me a bunch of medals. I retired, got married, had a bunch of puppies,, and now I just take it easy." The interested guy is amazed, and goes to the owner. "How much for the dog?"

"Ten bucks", the owner replies.

"Ten Bucks! What's wrong with you, the dog is amazing. Why so cheap?"

The owner replied, "Because he's a born liar. He never done none of that BS."

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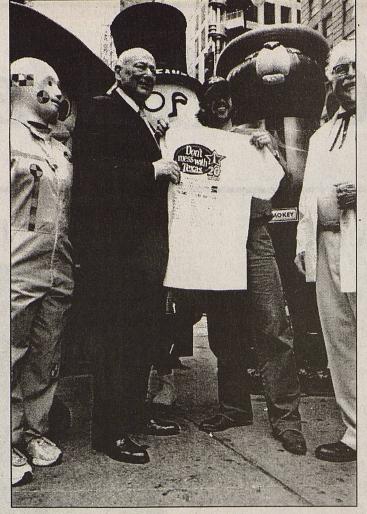
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"DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS" - Don't Mess with Texas spokesperson Morgan Delk (center) presents a Don't Mess with Texas T-shirt to former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch on June 20 in Times Square for the kickoff of Advertising Week's Walk of Fame. They are joined by icons (L to R) Crash Test Dummy, Mr. Peanut, Smokey Bear and Colonel Sanders. Don't Mess with Texas - the well-known litter prevention campaign has been nominated as one of America's favorite slogans for the Walk of Fame. The public can vote by visiting www.VoteDMWT.com.

survey of what men really think comments; They ignore me; of playing golf with women, They drink too much. and vice-versa.

Men said (in descinding order I shall respond to the survey of their responses) They're too in this truthful manner; I am alslow; don't play well enough; ways leery of playing with talk too much; don't know the women because they probably rules; like to bicker.

der; They assueme I can't play vulgarity at my stupidity; Some well; They give unwanted ad- of their gossip is titilating vice; They're impatient; They enough to spoil my putting smoke cigars; They don't wait when they are trying to whis-

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can beat me; I feel extremely Women responded in this or- cramped when unable to vent per; They ARE too slow. It's also a distraction that they look so much better in shorts than ANY male.

> On the other hand, I must admit the female answers are about 98.75 percent correct.

I know it's strange, but I still admire Ann Richards, our ex-Gov. She once told this story about Reagan-Bush in 1988. Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Jim Wright were in a plane over Texas. Pres. Reagan took a hundred from his wallet and threw it out the window, saying," I'm going to make someone really happy today!"

Bush pulled out ten 10 dollar bills, chunked them out the window and said, "I'm going to make TEN people happy today. Jim Wright then posed the question, "Why don't you BOTH jump out the window and make everyone really happy?"

Columnist Molly Ivins once reported "Real Texans don't wear blue slacks with little green whales on them and don't refer to trouble as ' deep doodoo.'

In Politics, a lie unanswered becomes factual within 24 hours.

