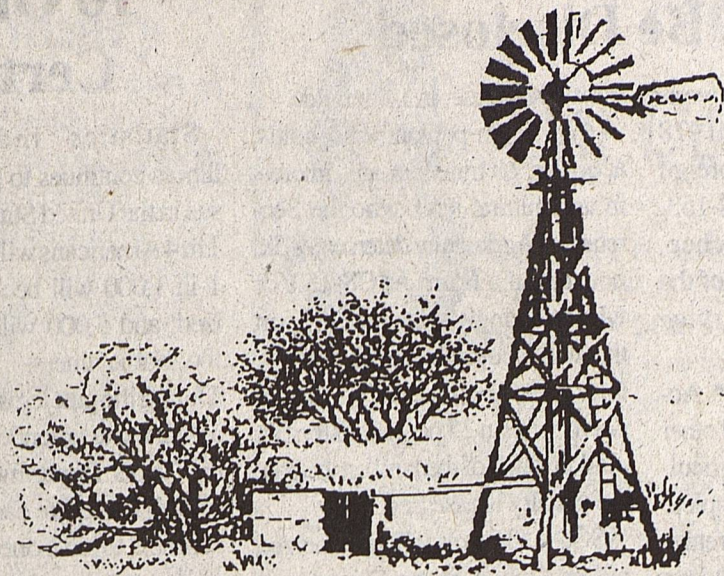


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Plains ISD Losing Major Asset

Eddie Carter accepts Principal position at Sundown

Eddie Carter has accepted employment as Principal of the Sundown Middle School, the same position he has held here since 1999. Interviewed Monday, Carter said his decision to accept the Sundown position was difficult, but he considered it a positive step for he and his family.

Carter came to Plains High School as a biology instructor in 1997. Prior to the move here, he had taught biology in the Lovington, New Mexico high school for ten years. His wife Shelley also taught in Lovington, and is currently a fourth grade teacher here. Their two children, Caitlin and Brock, are PISD students.

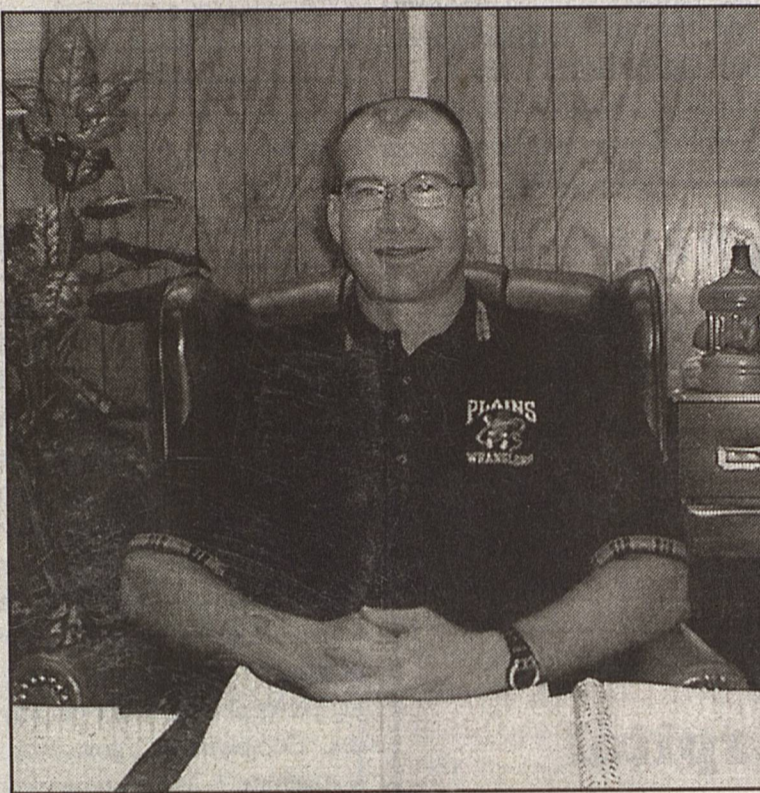
Eddie received his Bachelor of Science degree from New Mexico State, his Science Masters degree from New Mexico Technological, and School Administration Masters degree from Lubbock Christian University.

Carter taught biology here for two and one half years. "During that time, I was encouraged by Steven O'Quinn and the late Arlon Alexander to complete work on my administration degree. At the time I came here from Lovington, I was perfectly content with staying in the classroom, for I love teaching. Steve and Arlon kept encouraging me, and of course now I am very glad I listened to their advice," Carter told CCN. He was named Junior High Principal here in 1999.

During his tenure as Junior High Principal, that campus has been rated Exemplary three of the last four years. Last year it was listed as a Five-Star school, rated as one of the very top ten middle schools in the state of Texas.

Carter was instrumental in bringing baseball to Plains High students. He served as head coach the first three years of participation.

Asked how he felt about his stay in Plains and the school district, Carter responded, "When I had the opportunity to move here and work in this school, I was very excited, for I had heard nothing but good things about the community and the school. Gary Davis, a former teacher at Lovington, had assured me I would enjoy the experience, and he was right. The academic focus here is phenomenal. I had been teaching 25 to 28 students



in my Lovington job, and here there were usually no more than 14 or 15, and that's a much more effective environment. The teachers and administrators in this district are its strongest assets - they get the job done."

Asked what he considered the greatest challenge facing small West Texas schools similar to Plains, Carter said, School funding, beyond a doubt. Under the current funding plan, the state takes money from our district and allots it to so called poor districts, hopefully to make them better performing districts. I'm not at all sure that goal is being reached, but I am sure taking our money from the district is affecting our system in a truly detrimental way."

Carter said his wife Shelley remains under contract for her elementary teaching position here, and plans to commute to Sundown next year.

Drug offenders draw state sentences in District Court

In the May 2 session of Judicial District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, two felony drug cases were heard.

Justin Ray Fenton was found guilty of delivery of cocaine. He was sentenced to two years in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, with credit for 305 days served in jail. Jason Johnson, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, was investigating officer, and Warren New served

as his attorney.

Deenie Ellison Locke entered a plea bargain guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine, more than one gram, but less than four grams. She was sentenced to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division. She must pay \$272 court costs and \$140 restitution to the DPS. Charges of failure to appear and possession of cocaine were dismissed. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS, and her attorney was Paul Mansur.

Congressional runoff election slated for June 3

Governor Rick Perry has announced Tuesday, June 3 as the runoff election date in the District 19 Congressional race.

C.D. 19 consists of Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Hockley, Howard, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Parmer, Terry, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties, as well as part of Lamb County.

The names of Republicans Randy Neugebauer and Mike

Conaway will appear on the runoff ballot, the two garnering the most votes in the May 3 special election. Gov. Perry certified the election results last week.

Early voting for the runoff election will run from May 19 through Friday, May 31.

The U.S. Representative elected in this special election will serve out the remainder of retiring Larry Combest's term.

High winds, continued drought lengthening faces of ag producers

According to data collected at the Texas Tech University's Mesonet weather station just north of the local airport, 5.01 inches of precipitation had been recorded as of May, 2002.

Figures for the same period in May, 2003 reveal these sobering numbers; To date, 0.80 inches of rain have been collected at the site.

More disturbing data for this article was made available at the Sandy Land Underground Water District. Water district consultant and Southern Ogallala Aquifer Rainfall (SOAR) enhancement program coordinator Gary Walker reported, "We are ready to go to work with our two aircraft, we have our second pilot on board, our radar and high tech gear is ready. We just need some clouds to work on."

The starting date for precipitation enhancement cloud seeding started April 15. Walker furnished a printout detailing statewide cloud seeding operations since the April start date; No seeding operations had taken place here, Big Spring, Pleasanton, Del Rio or Pecos

because of lack of operable clouds. Five seeding flights had taken place at Cotulla, San Angelo, and White Deer, with two flights at Dumas.

Walker said the locally based SOAR operation is ready to work the original three counties of Yoakum, Terry and Gaines. Last year, a large portion of neighboring Lea and Roosevelt counties joined the rainfall inducing operation. "Last year Lea and Roosevelt County contracted for our services, and according to the contract, we still owe them service for this years months of April, May and June. I hope a change comes along in our weather patterns which will allow us to perform the work they've contracted for."

In the 2002 SOAR operational time, a persistent high pressure system moved into the area, lingering through the majority of the enhancement period, resulting in very few seeding flights.

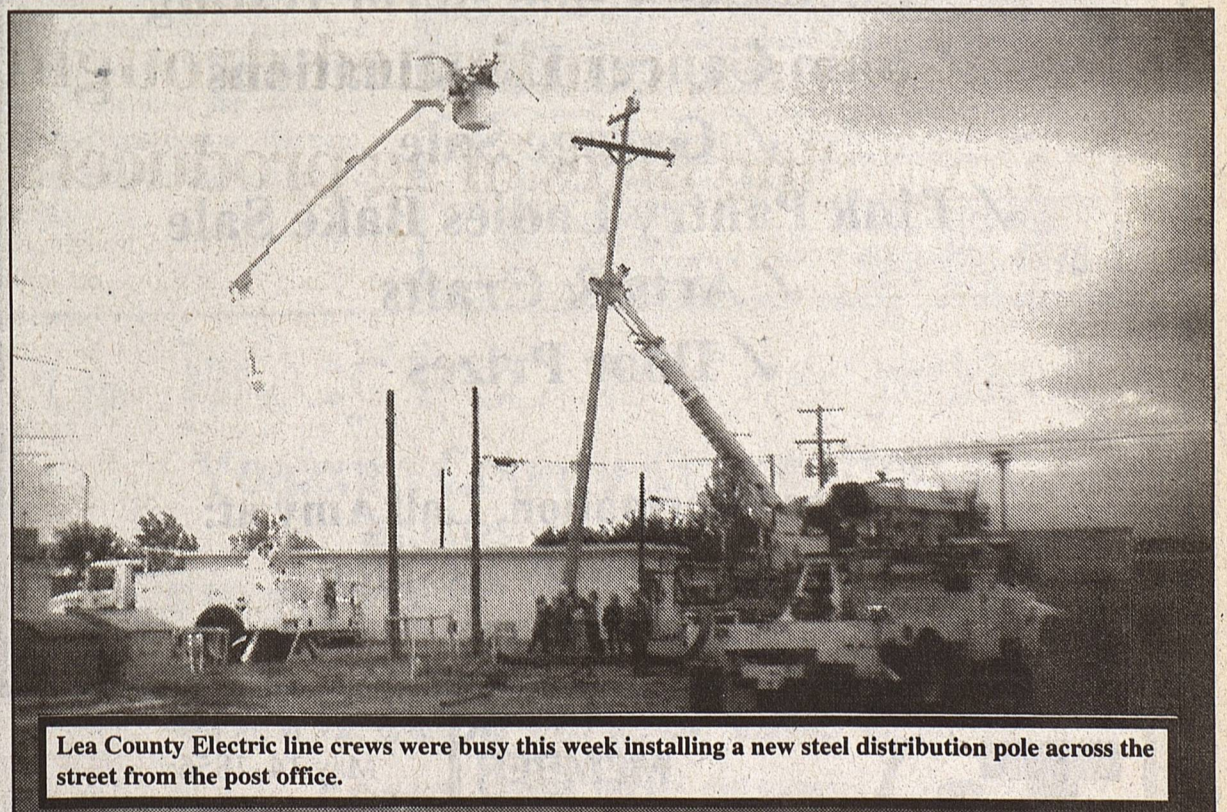
SOAR Meteorologist Duncan Axisa could not add a great deal of optimism to the current picture. Asked if he had data offering a clue to a possible break

in the long lived drought, Axisa said, "I can show you an illustration of what I have been working on, but I don't think you will like what you see."

He had developed a model on his lap top computer, using rainfall data dating back to 1916. He plotted this data into ten year segments (1916-1926) up to the current year, then drew connecting, curved lines indicating highs and lows of annual rainfall to the current date. The image on the monitor resembled a sideview of a classical roller coaster path, with long climbs, peaking out at the top, then falling to eventually bottom out, then another ascending curved line over the plotted 87 year period.

"The rainfall data I have used in the illustration is valid. We are currently in the process of continuing the slide downwards into dry periods. If this trend continues for the remainder of the ten year cycle, it's indicating to me there could be a few more years of the persistent drought, not news you wanted to hear."

He was absolutely correct.



Lea County Electric line crews were busy this week installing a new steel distribution pole across the street from the post office.

Court assists in Denver City rubber chipping plans

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Mike Fears, Denver City Economic Development Administrator asked the court to deed a small portion of county land at the site where the long planned used tire chipping plant is to be built. He explained the 1.57 acres of land would allow the plant's main building 100' by 280' building slab would be poured, avoiding a spot where an old oil field dump pit had been located years ago. Fears reported all signals are on go for the project which will bring many new jobs to that city and the county. Twent two investors have guaranteed \$500,000 cash to the

project, and a \$2.5 million loan commitment has been secured for the plant. Fears said some equipment has already been purchased for the plant, and major equipment has been ordered and will probably be shipped within ten months. The court approved the land donation.

In other court business, the court voted to be a partner in the South Plains Rural Transit District, which will continue to utilize Spartan for area residents travel. Ben Coston was nominated to serve on the Transit District Boards.

A \$300 bid from Sam Dominguez was accepted for a vacant lot held for delinquent taxes totalling \$2067.

Foreign Acquisitions Should Be Disclosed

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA), requires any foreign person to file Form ASCS-153, according to Jim McGehee, County Executive Director of the Lamb County Farm Service Agency.

Any foreign person who: * Acquires or transfers any interest other than a security interest in agricultural land to submit a complete Form ASCS-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than 90 days after the date of acquisition or transfer, or: *B.Holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land on Feb. 1, 1979, should have submitted a report to the secretary not later than Aug. 1, 1979. According to McGehee, the information required by the secretary should be reported on Form ASCS-153 that may be obtained through the local Lamb County FSA Office, located on Highway 84, near

Farwell Avenue, in Littlefield. Any foreign person, who holds, acquires, or transfers any interest in agricultural land, who the Secretary of Agriculture determines did not submit a Form ASCS-153, or who knowingly submitted a report that was incomplete, misleading or false, is subject to civil penalty of not more than 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed.

ASCS-153 forms will be analyzed by the United States Department of Agriculture for issue to Congress and the Agriculture Department in each state. Completed ASCS-153 forms and the analysis will be available for public inspection at the Department of Agriculture located in the District of Columbia.

This program or activity will be conducted on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or disability.

Texas Cooperative Extension To Offer Food Manager Certification Training

Statistics indicate that illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of Health must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid 5 years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, Yoakum County, is offering a food

manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$79 on Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28 at the Extension Office meeting room located at 901 Ave. G in Plains. You must pre-register by May 20 in order to attend the class. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include: * Increased customer satisfaction, * Improved relationship with health officials, * Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness. By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about: * Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling, * Preventing contamination and cross contamination of food, * Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees, * Complying with government regulations, * Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings, * Controlling pests. Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety": It's Our Business, call Debbie Pollard at 806-456-2263.

Capitol Comments by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Visiting our military bases—Texans rightly brag on many things, particularly our state's contributions to the U.S. military. In protecting the freedom we enjoy each day, our troops proved once again they are the best trained, best equipped military in the world.

The Lone Star State has the largest number of active duty service members in the military. More than 114,000 are based here. We are home to the most soldiers (64,000) and Air Force members (43,000) in the United States. The Navy has 6,000 personnel here and there are 1,700 Marines. In all, one in ten active duty personnel calls Texas home.

In April, I criss crossed the state on a weeklong tour of our military installations. As Chairman of the Senate Military Construction Subcommittee on Appropriations, it is my job to ensure our bases have the facilities they need to sufficiently house, train and support our troops. This trip gave me an opportunity to meet with commanding officers to review on going projects and assess their needs for new construction and improvements to existing facilities.

And while that's important business, Operation Iraqi Freedom gave this tour added significance. I also took the opportunity to pay tribute to our troops, whose bravery and dedication is exceptional. This sacrifice, and that of their families, is testament to the mettle of this generation.

While our troops protect us and defend our way of life, they miss out on births of their children, tee ball games, anniversary celebrations and babies' first steps. They are separated from family and friends for days, weeks and months. And they serve in the harshest conditions of intense heat, blinding sandstorm and little sleep. This visit came at an incred-

ibly poignant time. On the eve of my tour, seven former prisoners of war (POW's) rescued in Iraq returned to Texas. Weeks earlier, the eyes of the world focused on Fort Bliss, after members of its 507th Maintenance Company were captured, and on Fort Hood, home base of two downed Apache pilots. I remained in close contact with the families of these POW's throughout their captivity, to ensure their needs were met and to offer support and encouragement.

To get the chance to meet the fine former POW's hospitalized at Fort Bliss and see the smiles on their faces was pure joy.

I admire the strength, both mental and physical, it took for the POW's to survive behind enemy lines. In fact, it's the commitment and caliber of our young men and women in uniform that struck me as I toured each base.

This spirit was best exemplified by the special operations team which rescued the young soldier Jessica Lynch from her captors. Upon learning that American's were buried near the hospital where PFC. Lynch was held, and having no shovels, the soldiers used their hands to dig up the graves, literally racing the sun in order to leave before daylight exposed them to the enemy. Americans never leave our own behind.

At each stop on the tour I was reminded how vital a role these Texas installations play in protecting our national defense. The bases and their communities made extraordinary contributions to the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and showed the world America's steely resolve and determination in the face of those who would destroy us. Our overwhelming victories affirm the critical role they play in preparing our troops for battle, and I could not be more proud to call Texas home.

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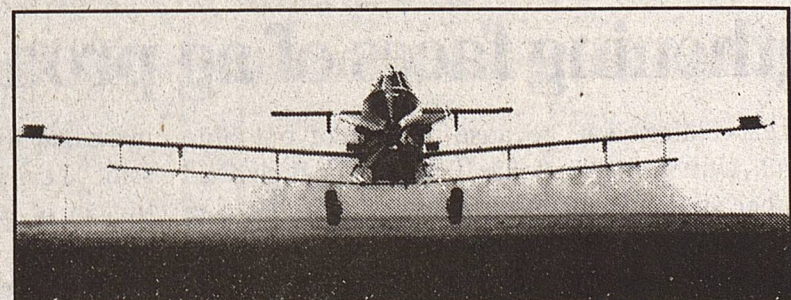
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ORDER OF SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 for the purpose of

To fill the vacancy in the office of U.S. Representative, District 19.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

The County Clerk's Office, in the Courthouse at Plains, Avenue G. and Cowboy Way and the Denver City Branch Tax Office, 122 West 4th Street, Denver City.

Voting will be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (with the exception of **Monday May 26, 2003, Memorial Day**, voting will be held for 3 hours only, 8:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.) beginning on Monday May 19, 2003 and ending on Friday, May 30, 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Deborah L. Rushing, Yoakum County Clerk, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 309, Plains, Texas 79355

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 28, 2003.

Issued this the 12th day of May, 2003.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
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- #202 Community Building, West 15th Street, Denver City, TX
- #303 Yoakum County Library, 901 Avenue E. Plains, TX
- #305 Denver City Library, 205 E. 4th Street, Denver City, TX
- #404 Corral Youth Center, 911 Avenue G, Plains, TX
- #406 Tax Office (Branch), 122 West 4th Street, Denver City, TX

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 100 traffic cases, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol by minor.

Bonds set: Unlawful consumption of alcohol by minor-\$500. Purchase/furnish alcohol to minor-\$500. Possession of marijuana-\$500. Driving while intoxicated-\$1000. Driving while intoxicated-open container-\$1000. 2 charges-tampering with Government document-held for Border Patrol. Assault causes bodily injury-\$1000. Violation of protective order-\$3,500. Assault causes bodily injury/family violence-\$1,000. Driving while license suspended-\$500. Criminal mischief-\$500. Theft 0/5 u/500 by check-\$1,000. Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.



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China

The world's first train using magnetic levitation (maglev) made its inaugural run in Shanghai, China on December 31, 2002. Reaching 267 mph, the train traveled 19 miles in about eight minutes. A car usually takes 45 minutes to make a similar trip. The maglev has no wheels, axles, brakes or motors. Instead, the track on which it runs powers the cars, using alternating magnetic fields.

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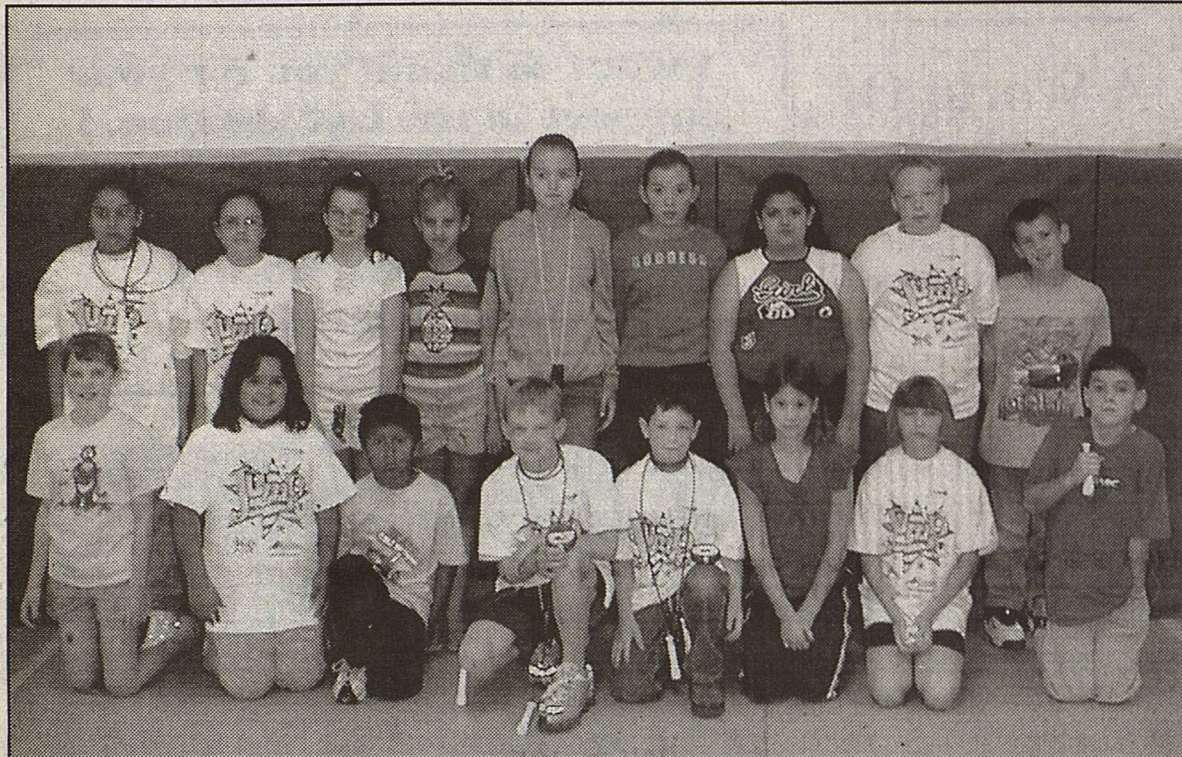


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All classes are free!
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Students Jump Rope For Heart



Plains 3rd and 4th grade students participated in the American Heart Association's Annual Jump Rope for Heart. 34 of the students collected donations. The money collected went for research to help fight against heart related problems. They collected a total of \$1776.90. Students collecting money received prizes based on the dollar amount they raised. The top money raiser in 3rd grade was Brooke Boyles (\$103.30) and 4th grade was Jaaron Bell (\$170.00). To finish this year's event the students who raised money will have a pizza party compliments of Principal Vernon Hise.

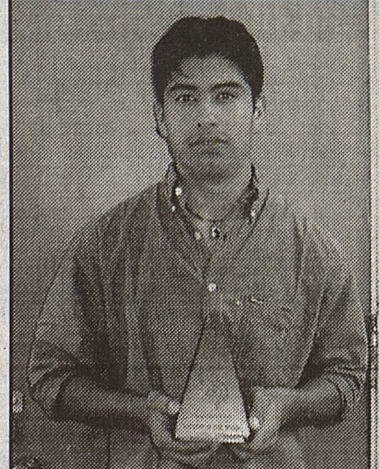


Students of the Week

Student of the week is Kerry Sisson a sophomore and the son of Wayne and Judy Sisson. Kerry was nominated by Coach McMinn, who said, "I have the privilege to recognize Kerry Sisson as student of the week. He has done an outstanding job in World History. He has a vast knowledge and interest in history. He is an excellent student, and he participates in school and church activities. He is an asset to Plains ISD and the community."

Second student of the week is Ramiro Martinez a freshman and the son of Mr.

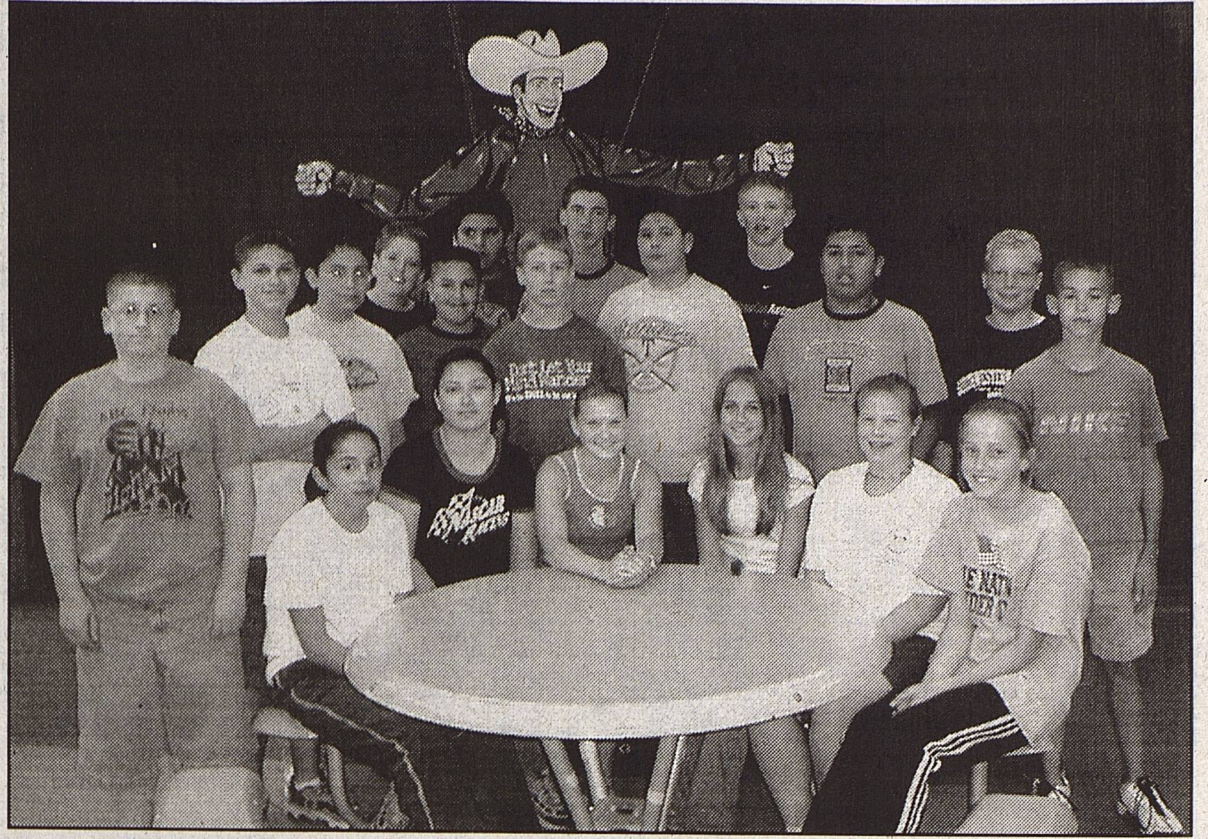
and Mrs. Francis Martinez. Ramiro was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "It is a great thing to do little things well and well done is better than well said, are two thoughts that describe Ramiro. He quietly goes about his work, absorbing and soaking up knowledge each day. He works conscientiously at every task and always works to the best of his ability. He does not take school for granted and understands what an opportunity it is to come to school and learn. His work habits are commendable and he is a delightful young man."



Pre-registration for the 2003-04 school year will be held the week of May 12 through May 16. If your child will be four years old before September 1, 2003, you may register them for Pre-Kindergarten. A child that is five years old by that date may register for Kindergarten. Call the elementary school at 456-7438 for details.

El preregistro por el año escolar 2003-04 será sostenido la semana del de mayo 12 al de mayo 16. Si su niño es cuatro años de viejo antes de septiembre del 1 de 2003, usted puede colocarlos para el Pre-Kindergarten. Un niño que es cinco años de viejo al lado de esa fecha puede colocarse para el Kindergarten. Llame la escuela primaria en 456-7438 para los detalles.

7th and 8th Grade Tennis Players



Group photo of 7th and 8th grade tennis team. Results from the May 1 District Meet.

7th Grade Girls Doubles	2nd place - Trent Hawthorne & Colby Ortega
1st place - Katie Winn & Lauren Davis	7th Grade Boys Singles
4th place - Lauren Hise & Amber Friesen	4th place - John Tyson
Girls 7th Grade Singles	8th Grade Boys Doubles
4th place - Marretta Trent	2nd place - Justin Vasquez & Landon Craft
8th Grade Girls Singles	8th Grade Boys Singles
2nd place - Angelica Mendoza	1st place - Scott Addison
7th Grade Boys Doubles	2nd place - Colby Wilmeth
1st place - Douglas Conway & Jacob Rivera	

Industrial Tech Students In State Meet

The Plains Industrial Technology Students participated in State Contest in Waco, May 8 - 10. The results were as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Jonathan Delarosa	Pen. paper towel dispenser	2nd, 3rd
Mario Bonilla	Drafting	2nd, 3rd
Elda Fierro	Drafting	2nd, 3rd
Angel Ruiz	Eagle Ceramic. Ring	2nd, 2nd
Judy Luna	Cube, Wallet, Indian Ceramic	3rd, 3rd, 2nd
Noe Martinez	Chest of Drawers	2nd
Shandi Sellers	Cube	3rd
Janie Wright	Waller, Ring, Birdhouse	3rd, 2nd, 2nd
Reagan Haynes	Gun Cabinet	1st
Keri Hansen	Birdhouse	2nd
Tiffany Canon	Ring, Wallet, Clip board,	3rd, 2nd, 3rd,
	Ceramic Bear, Ceramic Dog,	2nd, 2nd,
	Money Clip	3rd

We also entered two team projects, cutting boards made by Reagan Haynes, Jonathan Delarosa, Noe Martinez & Meguel Coronado and pens made by Angel Ruiz, Tiffany Canon, Shandi Sellers, Judy Luna, Keri Hansen & Janie Wright. Both projects were 1st and Best in State. I appreciate these students hard work and willingness to do extra work in order to compete.

Renaissance Productions will again make video tapes of the PHS graduation ceremony. The tape and case will sell for an even \$20. This year we will also offer DVD's of the 2003 graduation for \$30 each. You may pay when you pick up. 806-456-3171 (home) 806-456-3456. Thank you, Linda Powell

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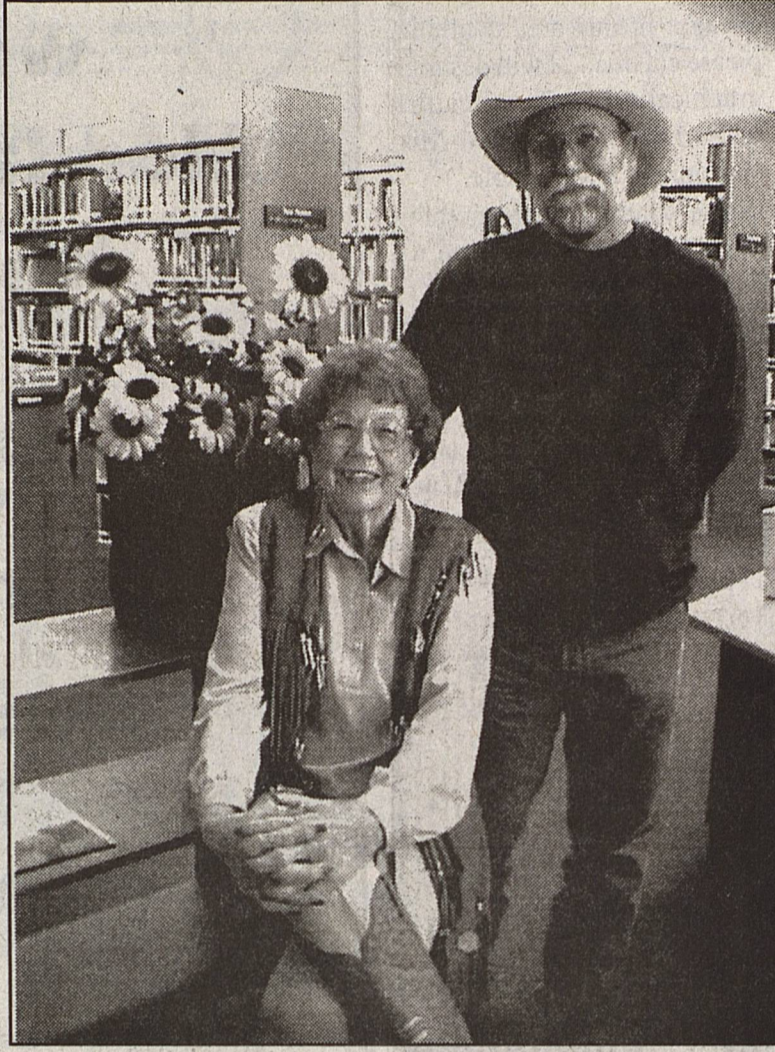
Lifelines & Styles

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met Tuesday May 6, 2003 in the clubroom of the old courthouse. Jeanette Head, called the meeting to order. Jimmie Bayer moved that all officers from last year be elected by acclamation. Eileen Fillipp seconded the motion. The motion carried. Linda Powell announced volunteers were needed to help with a young people's group who will be painting a mural at the swimming pool. During the month of July, Susie Powell will be showing her flag pictures at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Lubbock. It was also noted that Cristi Brink had donated a memorial to the art

association for Jeanette Head's mother. Lisa Gentry announced Kelly Bowers will be the recipient of the Yoakum County Art Association scholarship fund. Shelia Stephens brought the door prize which was won by Jimmie Bayer. Shelia Stephens introduced the guest artist, Renee Simpson, who demonstrated color pencil art. After the demonstration, refreshments were served by hostesses Pat Altman and Linda Harris. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3. The guest artist will be Dyan Dennison Newton who will do a demonstration in watercolors. Anyone interested is encouraged to come.

Local Lady Nominee To National Cowgirl Hall Of Fame



Dr. Scott White, an associate of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth was a recent visitor to the Plains Library, where he interviewed Wilma Powell. Ms. Powell said Scott would visit many other locations to interview prospective Hall of Fame Cowgirl nominees. Powell was born and raised on the Luna Ranch here in Yoakum County, and would marry Bill Powell, another local rancher. At one time the Powell's also owned a ranch in the northeastern part of New Mexico. No details were known about when the inductees will be announced.

Mobile Mammography Clinic

The YWCA of Lubbock and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will bring the Mobile Mammography Clinic to Seminole, on Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at WalMart, 2000 Hobbs Highway. The clinic provides clinical breast exams, mammograms, and educational brochures on breast awareness and the importance

of mammography. Clinical breast exams and mammograms will be at no cost for women ages 40 to 64 who qualify. Please call 1-800-222-8388 for information and to schedule an appointment. Remember, mammography can save your life through early detection of breast cancer.

Walk Across Texas

Walk Across Texas is a physical activity program with one goal, to increase your physical activity level. Participants walk for eight weeks in teams of eight (you do not need to walk together, but you can if you want to). Members of a team combine mileage and compete with other teams in their school or company during the eight weeks to see which team walks across Texas first and which one walks the most miles. Mileage is given by team members to their team captains to enter on the Walk Across Texas web site each week. You can see how you and your team are doing on the web site too. Everyone knows regular exercise greatly improves health, but getting started is not easy. To help people get started and establish a habit of regular exercise, Texas Cooperative Ex-

tension created Walk Across Texas in 1996. Walk Across Texas uses friendly competition and group support to help people not only start exercising regularly, but also to continue exercising long after Walk Across Texas is over. Walk Across Texas is a FREE program. All you need is a pair of comfortable walking shoes and seven other people for your team. The Walk Across Texas Project will begin on Sunday, May 25 and conclude on Saturday, July 19. If you want to find out how to start a Walk Across Texas group in your county, company, church, school, club, neighborhood or family, call Debbie Pollard at 806-456-2263 and we will send you the necessary registration materials or come by the office located at 901 Ave. G in Plains.

Retirement Reception Honoring Pam Smith and Larry McMinn
Thursday, May 15
4-5:30 P.M.
Resource Center hosted by Plains High School Faculty & Staff

National Health Week

Hospitals across the U.S. will unite for one week in May to celebrate the power of care and its impact on communities. "Bring the Power of Care to the Community" is the American Hospital Association's theme for the 2003 National Healthcare Week Celebration, running May 11-17. AHA members will host events in their local communities promoting awareness of health care programs and recognizing the contributions of health care workers. Yoakum County Hospital will host a Health Fair, Saturday, May 17th in recognition of National Hospital Week. The Health Fair will offer free blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks, glucose testing, and skin cancer examinations along with health related information. There will also be many booths filled with arts and crafts and lots of entertainment for the family. The Health Fair will be on the Yoakum County Hospital parking lot, east of the hospital. Launched in 1921, National Hospital Week has grown into the nation's largest health care event. Health care has a personal and very powerful role in the lives of every member of our community. For more information, please call Yoakum County Hospital at 806-592-2121.

Plains Elementary Staff
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Retirement Reception
honoring
Ann McGinty
Monday, May 19, 2003
3:30- 5:00 p.m.
Resource Center

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Treatment

Cancer researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center have found the curcumin, the substance that gives the curry spice tumeric its yellow color, may help protect skin during radiation therapy. Curcumin is a natural anti-inflammatory that scientists have shown can suppress tumor blood vessel growth. Now researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center say that in tests on mice, the substance appeared to protect skin from the burns and blisters that often accompany radiation treatment.

Retirement Reception Honoring Yoakum County Librarian Opal Roberts Thursday, May 22, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Yoakum County Library in Plains, Texas

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6:00 pm.

From The Hack

After laboring over the first page story dealing with our water (or lack thereof) woes, I have been in deep depression, and apparently, in a near psychotic state at night, when I awaken with (A) a near unquenchable thirst, and simultaneously, (B) an irresistible need to relieve myself. I wake up in a cold sweat, near panic stage, wondering "Do you need to get up and GO or get up and DRINK, or maybe BOTH?"

It's depressing when you create something others can read, and then it affects you more than the readers.

All this started me thinking about all the dry spells, the truly serious droughts I have experienced, and remember, I'm not absolutely positive about all the details, but it seems I recollect in my elementary school years hearing my grandmother describing an arid period in her

lifetime "when the hens could only lay hard boiled eggs... and on the really HOT days they were scrambled."

When the Bride and I lived in Georgetown, with visions of sugar fairies and immense wealth glistening in our heads from my fabulous real estate sales, I submitted an article to the Williamson County Sun. They were offering \$100 cash for the liveliest article describing the severe drought in the area. Not that I needed the money- no more than my right arm, so I submitted a semi-hysterical piece about dry spells I'd heard of.

Amazingly, a few days later, I received a call from a lovely lady who published the long running daily. Only God could have been more surprised!

When we'd chatted a bit, as I mentally worked the odds on which barbecue and beer place Bride and I would enjoy on the \$100 for several days, the lady editor purred, "Mr. Dyer, if you might be interested, my paper may have a position open for someone with your talent if you would be interested in writing a bit of humor and general interest for us. Of course, you must understand, our pay scale for this writing could no way compare per column inch or per word for what I awarded you for your excellent comedy column. Would you possibly be interested?"

Being the mathematical genius I am, I quickly calculated my earning possibilities. The comedic article I'd submitted paid

me.... ME... the winner, about 2.1 cents per word. You can imagine what second and third places were worth.


I calmly announced, "Ms. Murdoch, I sincerely appreciate your kind offer, but I am resigning my real estate position here, in order to fulfill a 13-month assignment with National Geographic, in which I will immaculately describe the mating habits of Baboons, Warthogs, and my favorites, the Dingo Dogs, with a few snake traits as a freebie. You can see I will be extremely busy in the future. A few years from now, however, should the beastly drought in this area continue, please call me.... I will describe graphically how Texas catfish walked all the way back to Mississippi for a water hole."

Surprisingly, I heard nothing more from the lady before we departed. What the Hell... I'm now making as much as she offered!

Confused, puzzled about how our federal government really works? I urge you to read humorist Dave Barry's column in the Sunday AJ! You'll learn all about Congressional pork... and lamprays, and be much wiser.

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Help us preserve yesterdays of Yoakum County
Yoakum County Historical Commission needs your old, or not so old, photos and stories to be included in the 2004 Historical Calendar and Centennial Drama for 2007, to be written by Connie Webb.

Please date, identify as to place, person (s) and event photos (copies preferred). We will not be responsible for lost or damaged photos, but will handle them with utmost care and return to donor. Insertion is not guaranteed, but effort will be made for inclusion. DEADLINE is JUNE 6, 2003. Mail info to PO Box 605 Plains, TX 79355 or deliver to any historical commission member.

Mattie Field, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Euple Taylor, Brenda Canada, Laverne Newsom, Crip Henard, Janelle Bratley, Latrell McDonnell, Vera Bennett, Wilma Powell, Ed Gayle, Liz Chandler or Dallas Brewer.

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