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How many are needed to plant an onion patch ?

In this case, at least 117 people, all with aching backs

Like onions on your burger, in your stew, salad, in the form of onion rings, a necessity in a pot of red beans, or just as a finger food type relish on your table?

You would probably appreciate the normally low price of this vegetable a great deal more if you could witness the planting of the savory bulb. Every single phase of the hand operation requires stamina, hand dexterity, and a back structure capable of withstanding incredible stress and strain for hours at a time.

Last week, well over one

hundred laborers finished hand planting some sixty acres of yellow and white onions on land operated by Robbie Guetersloh and Billy Dan Curtis. In an arrangement common to the production of many produce crops, the onion operation is a venture of 'middle-man' Griffin Onion Company of Hereford. The company furnishes the plants for the crop, and once the onions are harvested, transports them to their plant at Hereford for cleaning and grading. The company

then markets the crop, and ar-

ranges for transportation to the highest bidder for the onions.

The thirty acre field pictured here is on irrigated land south of Tokio. The yellow onions planted were the Spano variety, and whites were New Mexico 889's. The logistics of the hand/stoop planting process are staggering.

A minimum of 156,000 plants are hand inserted in each acre of soil, spaced around four inches apart on the forty inch rows. Three lines of onions are planted on the bed of each row. The two producers said there



Eight to ten hours of this type labor would lead to frequent visits to Chiropractors for most.

were 117 laborers present the day photos were taken, supplied by three different contractors. They are literally 'paid by the foot' for their labors. Each contractor stakes off a certain number of rows to be planted, assigns members of his crew to the area, and all day long, patrols the field with a two-foot

long measuring stick, which he lays along side the planted onions, making sure enough plants are inserted in the soil. The labor crews normally start work around 6 a.m. and shut down around 3 p.m. For their back breaking efforts, they are paid cash each day, for the number of feet they have planted. The

number of workers here averaged 15 to 18 acres of planted onions per day while working on the Guetersloh - Curtis fields. The large clusters of young onion plants must be broken apart for easy handling. The workers grasp the small plants between

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Legislative appropriations may spell relief for revenue strapped "wealthy districts"

Number of finance questions must be answered

Articles from the Morris News Service in last Thursday and Friday issues of the Lubbock A-J recounted the House Appropriations Committee passage of a mammoth \$97 billion state budget for the next two years.

A portion of the proposal includes "up to \$166 million in the next fiscal year for school districts that suffer revenue losses due to declines in property values", which in Yoakum County have resulted from plummeting oil and gas valuations.

A State Senate Finance Committee bill has been proposed which would make \$146 million available for the same type districts.

State Representative Gary Walker said last Friday morning he was scheduled to receive copies of the proposals, "Which will probably be about two inches thick", sometime this week. He said he was certain both versions of the proposed school finance bills would have to be carefully reviewed, with differences between the two versions thrashed out before they come up for the vote next month. In a brief meeting with Plains ISD Superintendent James Haynes Friday, he indicated he was well pleased with the proposed House of Representatives version of the bill. "The wording of both articles seems to me a bit vague

about certain things. If they are proposing the entire \$166 billion in relief for their fiscal year, plus the proposed additional \$26 million Education Commissioner Mike Moses could distribute in each of the next two years if needed, it would be great for our district. Our dollars losses would be at an acceptable level, one we can live with." He, like Walker, indicated it would be necessary to see the final bill reached in compromise between the House and Senate before PISD school officials could actually start "crunching numbers" to determine its final effect on day to day operations

Attorney reminds Lions Club of importance of proper estate planning

"Death, and resulting estate taxes, do not have to spell catastrophe for surviving family members", was the message carried to Plains Lions at last week's Thursday meeting.

Sam Hawthorne, Attorney at Law and Certified Public Accountant, told members and guests death and taxes may be inevitable, but the pain of taxes after death can be greatly lessened with proper planning.

Hawthorne said in this area of farming and ranching interests involving expensive land and equipment, it is absolutely vital for couples to have a properly drawn will or revocable trust if estate assets total more than \$650,000. Lack of these documents could result in hundreds of thousands of dollars due in federal estate taxes.

One area young married couples often neglect, even when their assets are very meager, is a simple will describing the couples wishes for guardianship or custody of minor children. Lack of the document could result in the court deciding the issue.



Hawthorne said there are many tools available to assist couples and individuals in keeping estate taxes to the minimum including the will, revocable, or living trusts, irrevocable trusts, family limited partnerships, and lifetime gifts. An audience member asked how often Hawthorne recommended reviewing wills. He said he felt all wills and other estate planning documents should be reviewed every five

years, possibly more often if a party's income/asset situation is undergoing substantial changes. He strongly recommended couples and individuals seeking the advice of professionals when creating a will, or other estate planning tools. Constantly changing tax laws make it almost impossible for the layman to stay informed concerning tax saving provisions in the laws.

Motivational speaker Johnson attracts and inspires hundreds here

The two day program featuring motivational speaker Ron Johnson attracted almost 2,000 adults and youth in appearances here and in Denver City recently. Kathy Clark, Director of Yoakum County Even Start, was enthusiastic about both communities response and attendance at the programs. Her organization, along with both schools, churches and other organizations, jointly sponsored Johnson's "Rites Of Passage" presentations.

Mrs. Clark reported some of the comments she noted in the 'Men Only' and 'Women Only' sessions; "It challenged me to be a more active

and concerned father, and to be a mentor for young men." "I am the mother of four daughters. He gave me goals and principles I need to teach them to be successful and happy women." And from a youth, "I'm 15 - he helped me take a plane back to the real world."

A total of 1,034 Plains and Denver City students attended sessions at both schools. 328 males attended their presentation, and women only sessions drew 506. Another 130 people heard Johnson at an Even Start and community leaders meeting, for a total attendance of 1,998.

Cowgirls Run Hard For Photograph !

Just prior to the start of running events in last Friday's track meet at Seagraves the four members of the Cowgirl 400 Meter Relay Team approached the CCN photographer with a 'deal.' They wanted their photo on the front page if they won the event. The photographer, a 'doubting Thomas' type, agreed. The four girls won the prelim event, then came back to win the finals, and beat the old school record set in 1984 with A GREAT TIME OF 52.34! We're happy to keep our end of the bargain.



Anne Palmer, Kristen Gray, Krystle Blundell, Michaela Traweek

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grasp the small plants between thumb and first two fingers, and force the plant into the soil. Virtually of of them protect their hands from the abrasive, sandy soil. Some of them wore gloves, many wrapped black electrical tape about the three digits of their hands, and at least one innovative planter wore tight fitting balloons for protection.

A close inspection of the planting showed many of the plants are barely inserted into the soil, with some of the bulb portions hardly covered. Rob Guetersloh said, "As soon as the planting is finished, we start watering them with the center pivot irrigation system. The

water tends to push soil around the exposed plants. Some of the exposed shoots actually fall off, but quickly re-emerge when the bulb starts growing."

He said the onions, which are 80% water when developed, take more irrigation water than cotton, and about two times as much commercial fertilizer.

In this area, onions are normally planted between the first of March and first of April. The harvest date will be somewhere around mid-July. The onions will be dug (plowed), clipped, bagged and then shipped to the Griffin Plant in Hereford for grading. There are four grade sizes of the onions, Colossals, Jumbos, Mediums, and Pre-Packs, and all grades will bring different prices.

Like many produce production efforts, the dollar success of the venture is determined by the market price, an item which is always murky in 'crystal ball forecasting.' Guetersloh said, "It's a matter of supply and demand, playing the market, seeking out that best offer. We're both hoping we can clear \$2 to \$5 per fifty pound bag, but this early, who knows?" Good production yields would be from 800 to 1,000 fifty pound bags of onions per acre.

**PHS Student
of the Week**

This week's Student of the Week is Maranda Box, a Senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



Tommy Box. She was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "This time of year, many students are ready to quit working, or they simply get by enough to make the grade. There are some, however, who have plans for the future, and are ready to go forth with those plans. Maranda is planning on a college career with her sister Shawna next fall at ACU."

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Lea County Electric Names Scholarship Recipients

The Lea County Electric Education Foundation has announced scholarship recipients for the Fall 1999 semester according to Mike Dreyspring, General Manager of the Cooperative. Those receiving the \$500 per semester renewable scholarships are: Ben Matthews, Jenna Kinsolving, Jennifer Stafford, Clint Burrus, Sara Fort, Emily Hogue, Maranda Box and Erin Wise.

The Lea County Electric Education Foundation currently provides scholarships for fifty students. According to Dreyspring "Eight openings for the Fall 1999 semester became available primarily through the graduation of prior recipients during this Spring semester. Lea County Electric is able to fund the program through individual donations to the Foundation as well as

undeliverable capital credits that would otherwise be absorbed into the treasuries of the states of New Mexico and Texas." Since 1988, the Foundation has provided over \$230,000.00 in scholarships to 203 students whose families are members of the Cooperative. Recipients may use the scholarships to attend any accredited institution of higher learning in New Mexico or Texas for up to a maximum of eight semesters provided they maintain a cumulative 2.50 grade point average, and are enrolled as a full time student.

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

Funeral Mass held for Valdo Salas, Jr.

Funeral Mass was held for Valdo Salas, Jr., 61, of Hobbs, N.M. Saturday, April 3, 1999. Services were held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Hobbs, N.M. with Father Virgilio Flores officiating. Burial was 1:30 P.M. at Plains Cemetery in Plains, Tx. under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home, Eunice, N.M. Father Andreas Mendoza of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Denver City, presided over the burial.

Mr. Salas was born April 3, 1937 in Nordheim, Tx. He was a truck driver and farm laborer for Joe Crump Farm. After he retired in March, 1990 he and his wife Francisca moved from Plains, Tx. to Hobbs, N.M.

Survivors include his wife Francisca of the home, four

sons-Ernest and Lee both of Hobbs, Lionell of Eules, Tx. and Edwardo 111 of Midland, Tx. Four daughters-Esmeralda Puzon of Fairfield, Ca., Cindy Salas of Hobbs, N.M., Rene Salas of Albuquerque, N.M., Roxann Cantu of Hobbs, N.M. Three brothers-Robert and Alonso of Plains, Tx., Antonio of Hobbs. Five sisters-Hortencia Chavarria of Ft. Stockton, Tx., Ofilia Garza of Giddings, Tx., Eva Conde of Seagraves, Tx., Juanita Garcia of Hobbs, N.M., Yolanda Rodriguez of Lubbock, Tx. Seventeen Grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father Edwardo Salas in 1985, his mother Margarita Salas in 1982 and a sister Oralia Ramirez in 1993.

Letters to the Editor

It is with the utmost gratitude that I say "Thank You" to so many whose contributions made the Ron Johnson event a success. The collaboration between Plains and Denver City School Superintendents Jim Haynes and Steve Mills and their principals was outstanding. The work of our planning committee plus the expertise of Channel 16 Director Judy London and her students was commendable. Jim Auld and Denver City Trinity Baptist Church members cooked and served hamburgers Monday night and Jim Haynes, his principals, and school staff cooked and served hamburgers Tuesday night. Bill Wright and the First Baptist Church cooks hosted the luncheon for community leaders which was funded by Judge Dallas Brewer, Hicks Air & Appliance, Steve Mills, and the Parent Youth Forum. Criminal District Attorney, Richard Clark, funded the cost of the hamburger suppers along with the school districts. The most important key to the success of the event is the students and parents who came to hear Ron Johnson's message. Contact my office at 592-5977 if you are interested in a video tape of Ron's presentations. Committee members are now working on follow up opportunities in our community.

Thank You Again,
Kathy Clark
Yoakum County Even Start Director

PHS Track results at Seagraves meet

COWGIRLS:

The PHS Cowgirls scored 65 points at last Friday's meet at Seagraves, finishing in 5th place behind Sundown, Post, Seminole and Shallowater. In-dividual performances:

400 Relay - 1st place, 52.34; Michaela Traweek, Anne Palmer, Krystle Blundell, Kristen Gray.

300 Hurdles - 1st place, Kristen Gray, 46.10

Shot Put - 2nd, Kayla Redman, 33' 6.5"

100 Dash - 2nd, Michaela Traweek 12.93, 4th Anna Palmer 13.28.

200 Dash - 4th, Michaela Traweek 28.55, 6th Krystle Blundell, 30.18.

3200 Run - 4th, Amanda Garcia 14.00

1600 Run - 4th, Wendy Hernandez, 6:11.63

Discus - 5ht, Kayla Redman, 88' 11"

COWBOYS:

Junior Varsity:

3200 Run - Manuel Hernandez 1st, 11:46.2.

1600 Run - Manuel Hernandez 2nd, 5.23.

110 Hurdles - Nathan Hayes 5th, 17.9

300 Hurdles - Nathan Hayes 4th, 45.9

800 Run - Jeffrey Lollar 6th, 2.25.

Varsity:

3200 Run - Felipe Reyna 1st,

10:47.9

1600 Run - Felipe Reyna 2nd

400 Relay - 3rd, 45.7. Tanner Blount, Adam Garcia, Joseph Rodriguez, Jared Bell.

400 Dash - Jared Bell 4th, 52.9

Shot Put - Dustin Brunson 2nd, 43' 11". Steven Bunch 4th, 41' 5.75".

Josh Bell 6th, 40' 5.5"

Discus Steven Bunch 4th, 129' 2".

Long Jump - Tanner Blount 5th, 18' 10".

1600 Relay - 6th, 3.39.1 - Adam Garcia, David Granados, Jared Bell, Joseph Rodriguez.

The Cowboys also finished in 5th place with 55 points.

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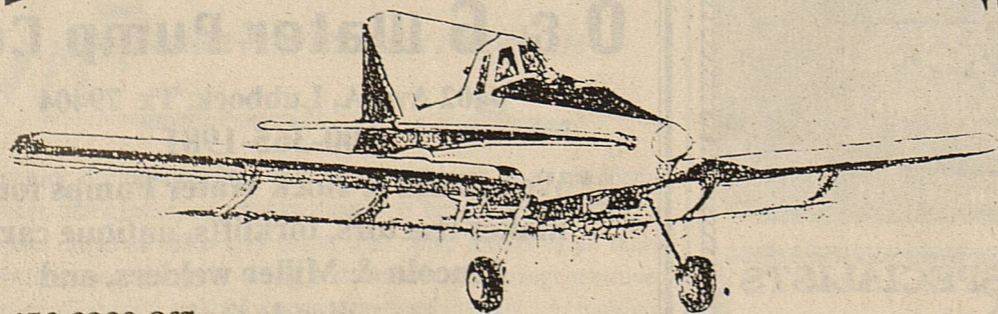
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PHS Track action at Seagraves meet



A pair of running machines - Manuel Hernandez, left, won the JV 3200, Felipe Reyna won the varsity 3200.



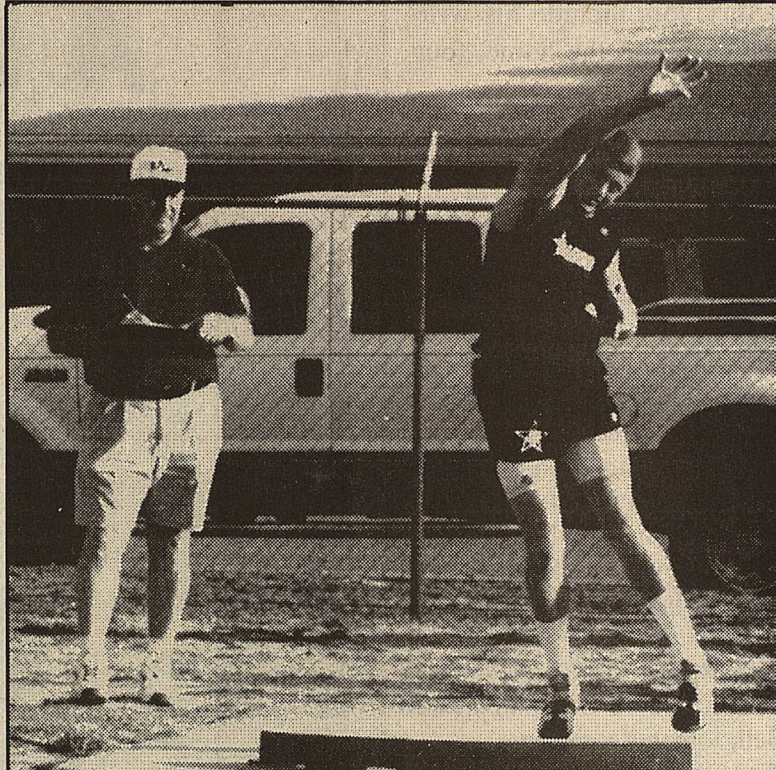
Kristen Gray ran away with 300 Hurdles event



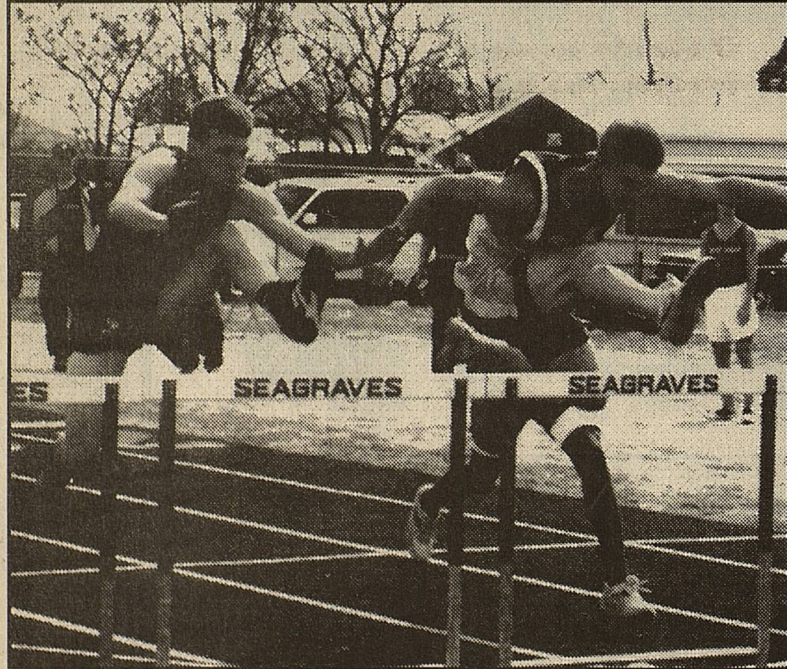
Kayla Redman sends discus and her hair flying



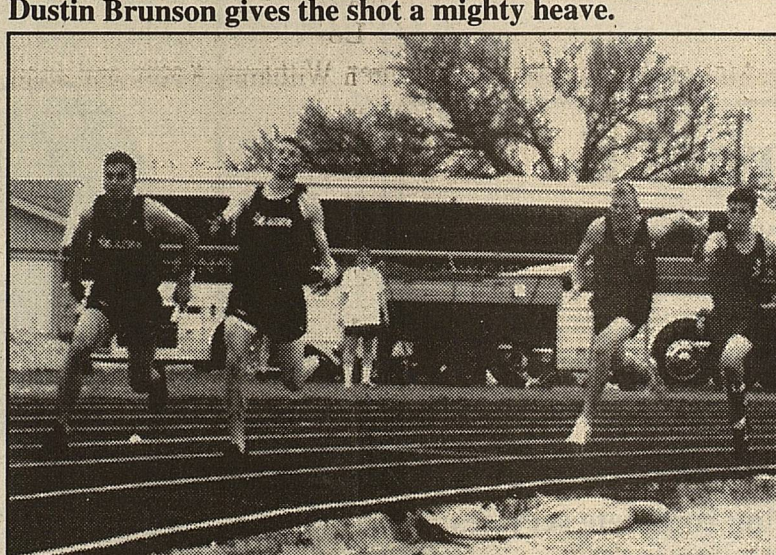
Amanda Garcia gave a gritty performance in the girls 3200.



Dustin Brunson gives the shot a mighty heave.



Nathan Hayes with good start in 110 hurdles.



Tanner Blount hands baton to Adam Garcia in 400 relay.



Good relay handoff between Anne Palmer, L., and Michaela Traweck

PHS Shines in District Academic Meet

The Plains High School Academic Team scored a milestone record competing in last weeks Districts 3AA meet at Tahoka. Almost two dozen academic areas were entered by the Plains team.

A total of 704 points in all events may be achieved by a school team, a feat never accomplished to our knowledge.

The Plains High did set a new school record in winning the District UIL Contest, 609 points, an outstanding performance. In the four previous years of district competition, PHS managed 236, 229, 399 and 503 points. 2ns place Post had 286.

Individual performances included;

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| Accounting | Tandi Jones 2nd |
| | Anne Plamer 5th |
| Calculator Applications | Kristen Gray 1st |
| | Tommie McNabb 2nd |
| | Clint Burrus 3rd |
| Computer Applications | Maranda Box 5th |
| | Tandi Jones 1st |
| | Kyle Sisson 2nd |
| Computer Science | LaCresha Johnson 3rd |
| | Kristen Gray 1st |
| | Kyle Sisson 2nd |
| | Wendy Hernandez 3rd |
| | Velvet Canada 4th |
| Current Issues & Events | Lisa Parrish 1st |
| | Taylor Gray 6th |
| | Maranda Box 2nd |
| Literary Criticism | Kristen Gray 1st |
| Mathematics | Clint Burrus 2nd |
| | Tommie McNabb 3rd |
| | Maranda Box 6th |
| Number Sense | Kristen Gray 1st |
| | Annaliesa O'Quinn 2nd |
| | Clint Burrus 3rd |
| | Amanda Garcia 4th |
| Ready Writing | Maranda Box 3rd |
| Science | Kristen Gray 1st |
| | Tommie McNabb 2nd |
| | Clint Burrus 5th |
| Top Physics | Kristen Gray |
| Top Chemistry | Kristen Gray |
| Top Biology | Tommie McNabb |
| Spelling & Vocabulary | Wendy Hernandez 4th |
| | Juanita Rodriguez 5th |
| Informative Speaking | Krystle Blundell 2nd |
| | Taylor Gray 5th |
| Poetry Interpretation | Lensey Cullins 1st |
| | Emily Blair 2nd |
| | Krystle Blundell 3rd |
| Persuasive Speaking | Matt Willis 1st |
| | Clint Burrus 2nd |
| | Velvet Canada 3rd |
| Prose Interpretation | Velvet Canada 1st |
| | Lisa San Filippo 3rd |
| Lincoln Douglas Debate | Jason Swann 1st |
| | Juanita Rodriguez 2nd |
| | Matt Willis 3rd |
| News Writing | Maranda Box 1st |
| | Nicole Haynes 2nd |
| | Clint Burrus 3rd |
| Editorial Writing | Annie Palmer 1st |
| | Lesli Rowe 2nd |
| | Nichole Newsom 5th |
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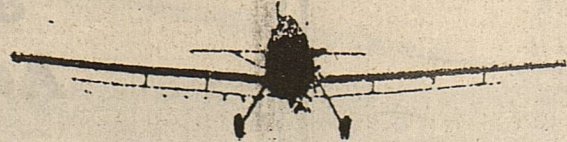
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TSA MO GA Club Attends Convention

Tsa Mo Ga members attended the 39th Caprock District Convention March 27th in Lubbock. District President Loretta Tekell, Tahoka, introduced the special guest and speaker Tatum Hubbard, Miss Texas of 1998. Her theme was "Community Involvement for Children". She grew up in Odessa, is a second grade teacher and is involved in many youth programs. She entertained the ladies with the song "Paper Moon", asking two club lady volunteers help with the dance as "Do Op" performers. To everyone's surprise, volunteers Judy Head, Plains and Evelyn Greer, Lorenzo, did a Super "Do Op" performance with Miss Texas. Keynote Speaker for the convention, Mary Beth Guy, TFWC President-Elect, spoke on "Federation", asking the clubwomen to join her in the

Club Collect for Women.

The Tsa Mo Ga Club Yearbook received a first place award. Other Tsa Mo Ga included Judy Head, for her Presidents Report on Texas Heritage, Wilma Powell for Arts and Crafts entries and China Painting, Indian Dream Catcher, Elouise St Romain, Judy Head for Floral Arrangement and Crocheted Afghan, Valeria Winn.

Club members donated thirty of some 150 books donated to the Lubbock Grove Library and presented by Eleanor Simpson, former club member. The April 12th meeting will be a special Federation Program and dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Plains Community Center. Keynote Speaker will be Caprock District President Loretta Tekell. Special guest will be Tejas Study Club Members, Denver City.

Library Filmtime

The Plains Library hosted their annual Filmtime Easter Egg Hunt at Stanford Park recently. The "Hunters" enjoyed cookies and drinks after all the eggs were found. Those attending included; Karla Powell, Clayton Gass, Matther Ramos, Autumn Friesen, Johnathan Davis, Marina Corrales, Victoria Reyes, Justin Barnhart, Haley Welch, Ashley Sellers, Krisite Lopez, Bailey Winn, Silas Williams, Marcy Banfield, Brittney Roper, Sam Melendez, Merrit Crump, Colby Bearden, Jasmine Riveria, Wjitney Davis, Alexander Barrientes, Andrew Conway, Jarin Cummings, Riley Earnest, Steeli Sellers, Dakota Earnest, Reagan Young, Jaxon Williams, Azucena Mejia, Halle Lowery.



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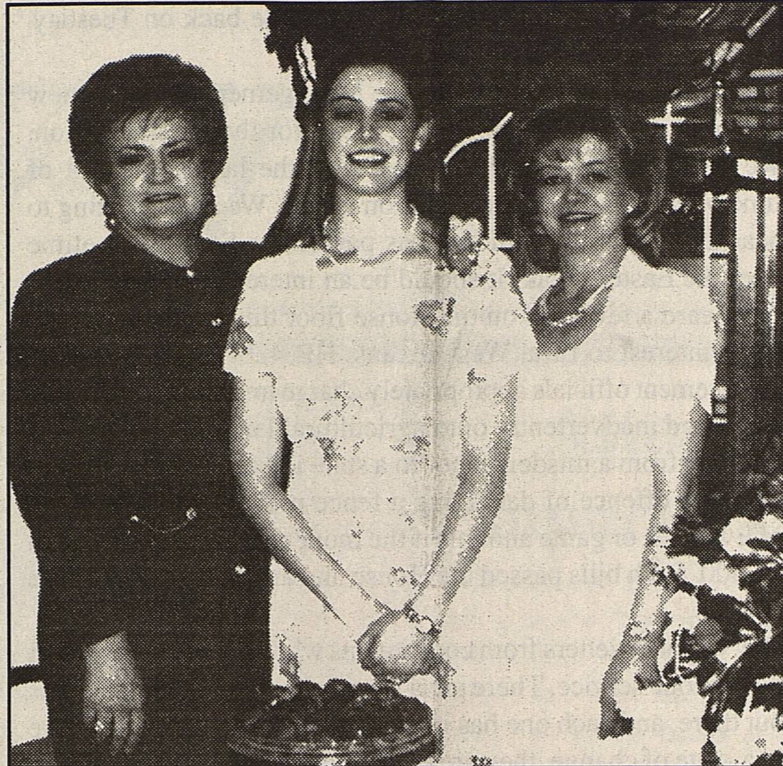
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Bridal Shower



A Bridal Shower honoring Miss Daphne Lowe, bride elect of Mr. Mike McKaskle was held Saturday, March 13, 1999 in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Culwell.

The table was accented with a picture of the couple a flower arrangement with the Brides colors and unity candle both given as gifts Chocolate dipped strawberries, sausageballs, coffee cake, quiche, fruit platter, blueberry muffins, coffee and punch were served.

The bride was presented with a corsage of fresh pink roses. The hostess gift was a queen size comforted and money.

Hostesses were Jan Lester, Carolyn Culwell, Leann Lewis, Elouise St. Romain, Kay Swann, Jan Parrish, Janelle Cobb, Toni Jones, Mary St. Romain, Dolores Davis, Brandy Gayle, Latrell McDonnell, Linda Harris, Connie McWhirter, Ashlee Davis, Sue Alexander, Lois Miller, Phyllis Addison and Frankie Walker.

Special guest were grandmother of the Bride Faye Bearden, sisters Michelle and Kassie Lowe. Grooms mother Jan McKaskle, Nita Williams, Karen Williams, Kathy and Joani Bell, Donna and Candace Bowers.

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THANK YOU!

The Northwest Missouri family of Kimberly Newland would like to thank the entire community of Plains for the countless expressions of kindness and caring shown to us. You opened up your homes and hearts while we were there, and the meals served at Jan's and the Church provided by the entire community, made a difficult time much easier. We are comforted in knowing that friends, neighbors, the school, and the Churches of Plains will provide the support Jan and Jarod so desperately need in dealing with the loss of Kimberly.

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Senior Citizens Corner

Last weeks visitors were Dr. Charles Self, Carol and John Had-dock, Glen and Conney Jennings. Visitors are always welcome. Mrs. Altha Scott has had a hospital stay in Lubbock but is home now. We all wish her well.

Our condolences to the family of Pauline Furguson.

The Center is planning an Auction and Bake sale on April 20. Anyone having good serviceable items for the Auction is urged to bring them in. Also bake a cake or pie. The Auctions are always fun.

I am writing this on April Fool Day. How many can remember some joke they have pulled on people for April Fool? The one I remember most is playing 'hooky' in my Senior year at school. The whole Senior class almost got in trouble over the prank.

A Happy Easter to All!

See You Next Week,

Smitty

PHS One Act Play Advances

The PHS One Act Play cast had an outstanding performance in district competition here last week. Their entry, "The Rimers Of Eldritch", and Coahoma's "Steel Magnolias", will advance to area finals in Post April 10.

In the contest here, Emily Blair was named Best Actress, Clint Burrus and Jeremy Morphis were selected for the All Star Cast, and Lisa San Filippo received Honorable mention.

CAST; Clint Burrus, Jeremy Morphis, Chris Gscheidle, Taylor Gray, Dustin Six, Emily Blair, Lensey Cullins, Lisa Parrish, Juanita Rodriguez, Lesli Rowe, Nicole Haynes, Lisa San Filippo, Annaliesha O'Quinn, Patty Ruiz, Maranda Box.

Crew; Jennifer Lollar, Autumn Deaton, Kyle Sisson, Jason Swann.

Alternates; Tanner Hamm, Ross Rogers, Lexi Warren, Elizabeth Clanahan.

The family of Errolene Brimberry would like to say THANKS for all the prayers, cards and beautiful flowers sent during the loss of our sister.

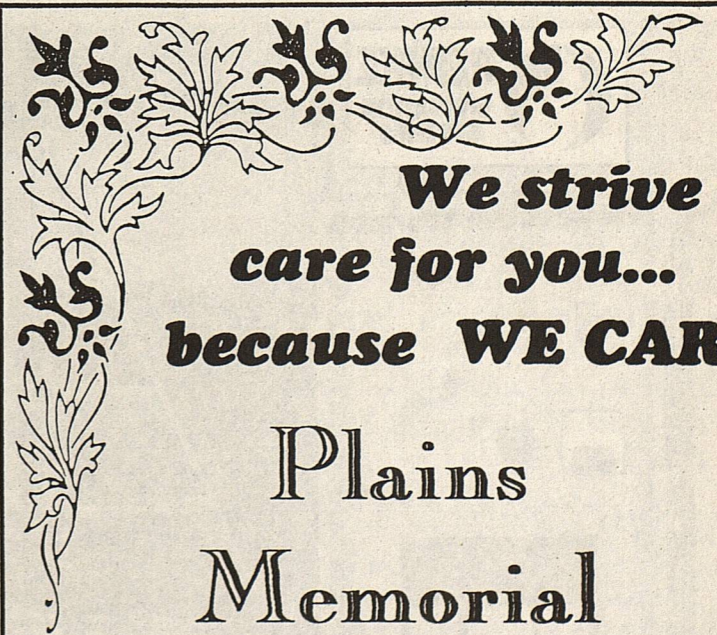
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We would like to thank everyone for their calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and prayers during the loss of Kim Newland. She was so very special to all of us. Kim was only here ion Plains for a short time, but she left friends, loved ones and touched many lives, young and old. Words can't explain how devastating the loss of Kim has been to this town and this family. She was a positive ray of Sunshine to us. Kim will be remembered forever in our hearts.

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From The Hack

Stephen King must have slipped in to create!

I never dreamed the Bride could move so swiftly. The shriek had hardly ended when she burst into the room, then she shrieked, "What is it, what is it, what is it?"

I frantically rolled my eyeballs downward to my Fruit Of The Looms and shrieked back, "Aaack, Uugggh, I've been ruptured... I gotta hernia... maybe I'm PREGNANT!"

(At this point I should explain, I do not wear jammies. I only have one pair, purchased 11 years ago when it appeared I might have to go to the hospital. I didn't. The Bride has worn them since when painting or cleaning the bathroom.)

She looked downwards, where I was pointing with trembling fingers at the huge round swelling in my 'Looms', and then she began to shriek uncontrollably with gales of laughter. She lost such composure I thought of dialing 911.

Finally gaining just a bit of control, she gasped, "Look in your 'Looms, mud head!" I did, and was revolted, yet relieved, to see this huge bright pink plastic Easter Egg nestled there, all warm and cozy.

By this time, she had collapsed on the floor, rolling, thrashing about, laughing hysterically, and I momentarily thought of seeking a straight jacket. She finally recovered just a bit and gasped, "OOhhh, this is so great, so wonderful! In all the centuries we've been wed, you've never, ever found a single Easter egg I hid until today! I Love it, I Love it. I waited until you were hitting High C with your snoring, then stuffed that sucker in there, and you found it! I am so proud of you!"

I was dumfounded. How do you explain women? I retrieved the ugly pink egg, and noticed it was one of those snap open things. I snapped it open, expecting a nice, sweet Easter theme message. I read the note... "What did you expect, MONEY??"

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Did you find all your Easter eggs? I found mine. Of course, I was only looking for one, which makes the search simpler. The reason I only have to look for one, according to the Bride, who started the stupid game years ago, is I would never, ever find more than one in any given three days. She is constantly berating me, "You can't find your glasses, you can't find the notes you make for yourself, you can't find the notes you make to remind you not to lose that first note."

Of course, it is not 'MOI' who loses the car keys 17 times a day. I swear this is true; She once came in from gathering mail at the post office. Before her departure, we had both spent 22 minutes looking for her car keys. She entered the door with mail, I shouted, "Don't lose your keys," and she shouted back, "Don't be a dolt, stupid, I'm not about to misplace them twice in one day!"

Just moments later, she said, "Oh, Drat! (or something similar) I forgot to get a loaf of bread. I'll run back to Lowe's right quick. What did I do with my keys?"

13 minutes later, we found her keys, where she had placed them in the fridge veggie crisper.

Anyway, I digress. This started out about the hunt for my Easter Egg. Roughly about 3:12 A.M. Sunday morn, I awoke, realizing I was being urgently called to the necessary room.

I stumbled and staggered my way down the hall, flipped on the room's light, proceeded to the necessary appliance, glanced down, and at that moment, my eyes bulged out in horror, and I shrieked a shriek which I am sure was heard in Kosovo or Macedonia. I was looking at a sight I thought



Walker, Texas Rep

By State Representative Gary Walker, Dist. 80

Short Week

This week was an abbreviated one, to give our families time to get together once more before the crunch time hits and we don't see each other at all. My colleagues are really looking forward to the long weekend, and we'll be back on Tuesday, April 6.

Testimony in Land and Resource Management went to a new record; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a break for the House session. We heard a total of fifteen bills, with the largest amount of time being spent on condemnation issues. We are expecting to hear the annexation bill that has passed the Senate sometime after the Easter break. It should be an interesting discussion.

We heard a few bills on the House floor this week that might be of interest to rural West Texans. HB 436 would help law enforcement officials appropriately charge trespassers who have wandered inadvertently onto agricultural land. HB 690 would increase from a misdemeanor to a state jail felony the criminal mischief offence of damaging a fence used in the production of livestock or game animals if the monetary loss was less than \$1,500. Both bills passed the House and are on their way to the Senate.

We've gotten letters from constituents who are concerned about their phone service. There are a lot of telecommunications bills out there, and each one has its supporters. Most of the bills are in a state of change, they are being amended and substituted in committee. Once they reach the full House for debate, it will be easier to predict how each one will help or hurt our area.

West Texas representatives continue to push for money to keep our schools open this fall. Preliminary estimates show that our area will need approximately \$145 million in additional funding for the 1999-2000 school year.

The number of visitors to legislative offices is starting to decline as the work picks up. When members are always on the House floor or in committee, it's hard to find time for a good visit. However, we did have visitors from Pecos, Lenora, Andrews, and Kermit this week.

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