

# Cowboy Country News

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## Three PISD Trustee Seats Up For Grabs

A Plains Independent School District regular election for three seats on the Board of Trustees has been called for Saturday, May 6. District 1, District 5, and At-Large District 6 board positions will draw the scrutiny of district voters.

District 6 board member Brad Palmer has announced for re-election. He was first elected to the position in 1994, and is a past President of the board. Palmer is a local ag-producer.

Board member Anna Gonzales, District 1, has also announced she is a candidate for re-election. She too was elected in 1994, and is a Supervision Officer in the Adult Probation office here. She will be opposed in the election by Raymond Diaz, a County employee of Precinct 4.

Tim Addison, a board member since 1994, recently announced he will not seek re-election to the board. Addison is also a past President. Two candidates have announced for Addison's District 5 seat, Brad Crump, a local producer, has filed for the position, along with John Gray, another ag-producer.

Details on early voting hours and location, and the official Saturday election day may be found inside this issue of CCN.

## COUNTY COURT CRIMINAL CASES

In the April 5 session of County Court with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Jeremiah James Cook pled guilty to possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was ordered to pay court costs of \$210, and \$140 restitution to the Texas DPS. He must serve 24 hours community service and attend the drug offenders education program.

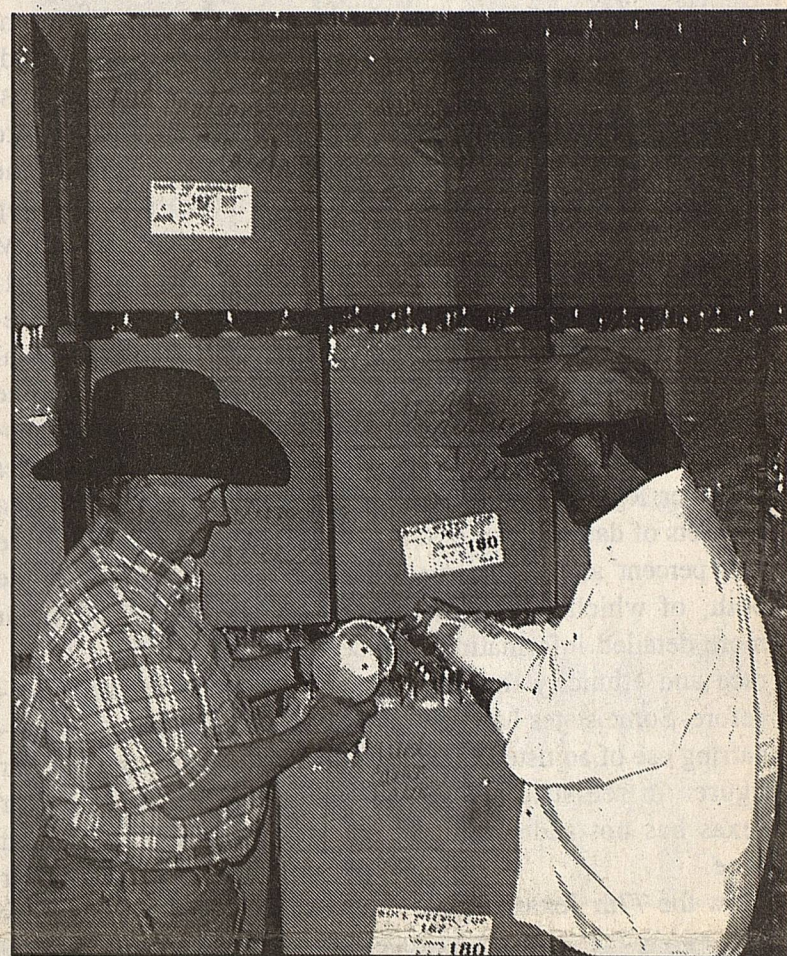
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## Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs?

Experts very doubtful it will work in weevil battle

The April 2 issue of *The Lovington Leader* featured an front page article covering a meeting organized by Lea County ag producers. The farmers heard Malcolm "Buddy" Maedgen tell them cotton boll weevils can be biologically controlled by utilizing beneficial insects in their fields. Maedgen told the group, "Yes, you can eradicate boll weevils with these beneficials." He is president of Biofac Crop Care of Mathis, Texas. He continued, "When you follow the guidelines, I don't have any doubt in my mind you will be pleased with the results you will get. Anybody who tells you biological control doesn't work, doesn't know what they are talking about."

The *Leader* article reports Maedgen told the group one of the potent control insects is the 'catolaccus grandis', the scientific name for a parasitic wasp. Maedgen said this insect is available to producers for \$18.26 per 100, and recom-



Field Unit Supervisors Ken McGinty, Ruben Garza inventory huge supply of boll weevil traps to be deployed in 2000 eradication season office in Abilene were contacted, and referred CCN to Dr.

Officials of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

Turn to Page 6, 'Boll Weevil'

## Jolena Wall to head up county clinic here

Ed Rogers, Administrator of the County Hospital in Denver City, informed CCN arrangements have been finalized for Physician Assistant Jolena Wall to take over duties at the Plains Health Clinic about May 1. Wall currently serves as P.A. in Doctor Larry Boyd's office in Denver City. When she transfers here, she will be assisted by RN Terry Dearing and Receptionist Hope Coronado.

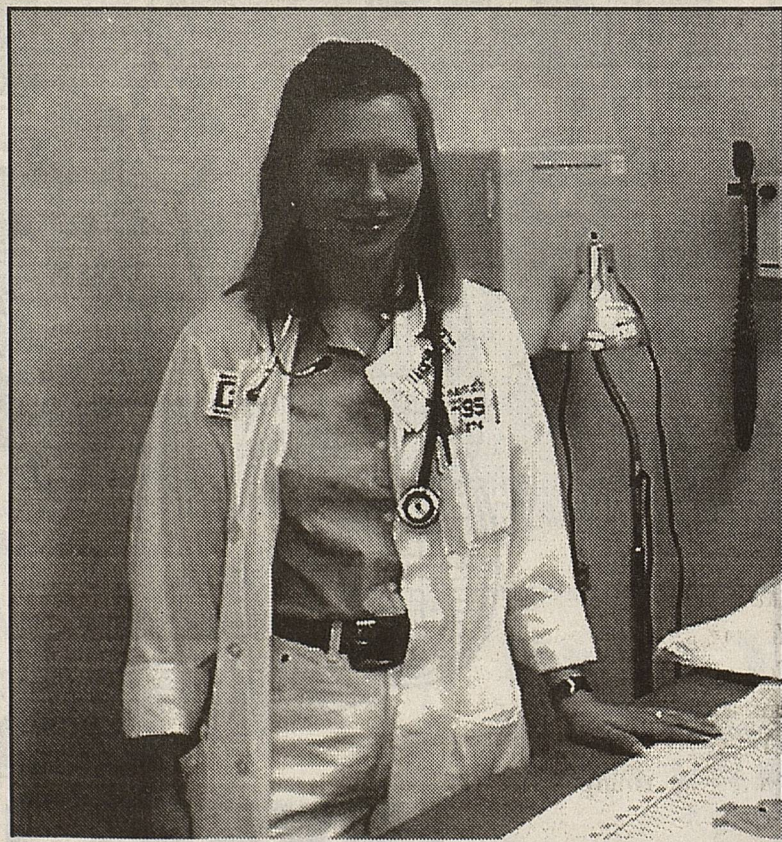
Jolena is a graduate of Plains High School, the daughter of Ty Earl and Linda Powell. She and her husband Chad are residents of Plains.

She received a Bachelor Degree from Texas A & M in 1996, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physicians Studies from UT Southwestern in August, 1998. She has worked with Dr. Boyd since September of that year.

She laughingly told CCN, "When I graduated and came home, my dad told everyone I was a nurse. I had to straighten him out and tell him I don't know the first thing about nursing. I'm qualified to work as a team member with a physician. There are certain practices I am allowed to do on my own, and others I must first consult with the physician I work with."

Jolena said the physician assistant program started in the early 1970's at Duke University. There were many veteran medics returning from duty in Vietnam who wanted to continue their education in the field of medicine without all the years of school required for a Physicians degree.

Asked how she was liking her career, she said "I love it. I think it's the very best of



two worlds - I get to practice medicine, really help people, and unlike most physicians, I get to home and stay home at night!"

She said she was anxious to get started at the County owned Plains Clinic. "It's a facility that has been proved a real necessity in Plains. There are so many people who need medical assistance and often don't have time, or transportation to go out of town to see a Doctor."

She said the local clinic hours would remain 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM weekdays. She hopes to be able to take one weekday off when Dr. Boyd can relieve her. She said the clinic would continue the policy of suggesting patients call ahead for an appointment

Track, Baseball Photos Inside

## Republican County Convention Held

The Republican Party held their county convention Saturday evening, April 1, at the Denver City Bank. A crowd of twenty was present for the convention. Those in attendance included H.A. and Dene Richardson, Rep. Gary L. Walker, Lois and T.J. Miller, Rex Swann, Terry and Wadonna Davis, Candy Seaton, Steve and Kathy Jones, County Chairman Ray Young, Don and Suann Parrish, Don and Carol Corzine, Steve Slentz, Terrell and Donna Givens and Tom Clevenger.

Officers elected for the county convention were Ray Young, Chair; Steve Slentz, Parlia-

mentarian; and Kathy Jones, Secretary.

Steve Slentz, proposing a National Energy Policy that addresses oil price fluctuations, presented a resolution for passage to the convention. The resolution passed and will be forwarded to the State convention to be held in Houston June 15-17.

The Republican Party elected four delegates and five alternates to the State Convention. Delegates seated are Kathy Jones, Harry and Ursula Richardson, Deborah Rushing and Judi Addison. Alternates will be Suann Parrish, D'Shan Seaton, Woody and Patti Lindsay.

## Democrats Convene In Denver City

The Yoakum County Democratic Party held its county convention Saturday, April 1 in Denver City at the home of Billy Ray Moore, who is the county chairman. Those in attendance were Moore, his wife Dolores, County Judge Dallas Brewer, Sheriff Jim Rice, Commissioner Jim Barron, State Committeewoman Linda S. Lowrey, and precinct delegates Melvin C. Lowrey, Shannon Patton and Tonya Patton. The youngest Democrat present was 2 year old Makenzie Patton.

Convention participants unanimously adopted two resolutions, one calling for prescription coverage to be included as a benefit of Medicare, the other urging a new national agriculture policy (both resolutions may be found on page 6 of CCN).

Melvin C. Lowrey and Linda S. Lowrey were elected delegates to the state convention to be held in Fort Worth June 9 and 10. Shannon Patton and Tonya Patton were elected convention alternates. All convention participants signed in for Al Gore as their presidential preference. It was announced Linda S. Lowrey is a candidate for the Democratic National Committee. That election will take place at the state convention.



County Chair Billy Ray Moore and Sheriff Jim Rice



# Census May Open Can Of Worms For 77th Legislative Session

## Numbers may cause redistricting headaches

Every 10 years, America takes stock of its population. The census this year could be one of the most divisive and complicated ever. The Bureau of the Census plans to produce two numbers - a headcount (the "100 percent" total) and a second total adjusted to correct for under counting (the "sample") - but a new administration taking office in 2001 could alter that decision. Census figures have become important variables in a series of calculations determining congressional representation, state legislative and local government boundaries, and to a large extent the distribution of federal dollars from revenue-sharing and grants in aid programs amounting to almost \$200 billion a year in population based funding to state and local governments.

Post-census redistricting has become commonplace for state legislatures since a series of Supreme Court rulings in the 1960's established the principle of "substantial equality of population" among electoral districts. For the first time, however, legislators may have two sets of data available (the '100 percent' and the 'sample') both of which will contain more detailed information on race and ethnicity than ever before. Some states have laws barring use of adjusted census figures in redistricting, but Texas has not addressed the issue.

How the 77th Texas Legisla-

ture chooses to use census data in redistricting will be closely watched, for Texas will be among the first states to redistrict after data is released in the spring of 2001.

The Texas Data Center at Texas A&M estimates the Texas population now exceeds 20 million, second only to California with 33 million.

Texas gained three U.S. House seats after each of the previous two censuses. If growth projections hold true, the state should gain at least two more seats after the census for a total of 32.

After the 77th Legislature convenes January 9, 2001, it will have to decide whether to use adjusted or non adjusted census data in redrawing boundaries for legislative, congressional, judicial and State Board of Education districts. The Census Bureau plans to ship each state its data on CD-ROM on overnight delivery April 1.

The Texas Constitution requires completion of legislative redistricting during the regular session following publication of the census. Under current rules, the last day for a second reading of a bill in the House would be May 10, the Senate May 11. The regular session ends May 28.

If the Legislature fails to enact valid House and Senate redistricting during the regular session, or if the Governor vetoes a plan, or it is invalidated by the Justice Department or state or federal court, the redistricting task goes to the Legislative Redistricting Board. They must submit a plan within 150 days of the session adjournment.

Census numbers are an important factor making the legal determination whether redistricting plans discriminate against minority voters, and the decision concerning which set of censuses to be used in determining redistricting. Release of the two sets of census figures could also result in redistricting plans being challenged for violating "one person, one vote" equal population requirements. Additionally, hundreds of provisions in state statutes apply to cities, counties and other political subdivisions based on their population. If the Census Bureau releases both unadjusted head count and adjusted numbers, the Legislature will have to decide which numbers to use in making any changes - and decide quickly.

\*\*Courtesy of Focus Report, a publication of the House Research Organization, by Patrick K. Graves

### From Page1, 'County Court'

Paul Steven Madrid pled guilty to driving while his license was suspended. He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$210 court costs.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both cases.

## PHIL GRAMM CONGRESS RESTORES BENEFITS TO WORKING SENIOR CITIZENS

By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



I am proud to say that Congress has approved and sent to the President a new law that lets workers over 65 collect their full Social Security benefits, abolishing the Social Security "earnings test." Last year, I had introduced legislation to do exactly that.

The so-called test limits the amount many senior citizens can earn without having their benefits cut. Currently, benefits are reduced by \$1 for each \$3 of earnings over \$17,000. This test takes money out of the pockets of nearly a million seniors, and provides a disincentive for seniors who want -- or need -- to work.

The policy is a relic of the Great Depression, and it should have been eliminated long ago. Back in the 1930s, with unemployment over 20 percent, the idea behind the earnings test was to prod seniors to quit and turn their jobs over to younger workers.

Today, we do not have a labor surplus, but a labor shortage. Unemployment is at an all-time low of 4 percent, one-and-a-half points lower than the so-called 'full employment' mark of 5.5 percent. America needs people who want to work more than ever in our history.

Another reason to ditch the test is that it treats work as bad and punishes people who engage in it. When com-

bined with federal, state and other Social Security taxes, taxes on the elderly can total more than 80 percent. An individual who is struggling to make ends meet should not be faced with an effective marginal tax rate that grabs half or three-quarters of his paycheck.

Worst of all, the test amounts to old-fashioned discrimination against people simply because they are no longer young. Nobody, regardless of creed, color, gender, or age should be penalized for wanting to work, or lose the money they earned because the law deems them "too old."

If the President accepts the legislation, the change will be retroactive to Jan. 1, generating refunds for many of the senior citizens who are already working.

It marks the first significant change in the 65-year-old Social Security program since 1983, when Congress voted to gradually raise the age at which workers become eligible for benefits.

According to a news report in *The Los Angeles Times*, "Although Republicans have been pushing for years to repeal the earnings limit, Democrats have opposed the move for fear its cost would reduce the amount of money available for other domestic programs."

"President Clinton initially opposed repealing the earnings limit unless it was coupled with longer-term reforms in Social Security," the *Times* said.

Now that we seem to have finally defeated the earnings test, I hope we can focus on full-scale reform of the Social Security system in order to prevent it from going bankrupt. I want to make certain that Social Security is there not only for my mother, but for my children, too.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)

## Computer Training Coming To Plains

An "Essential Computer Skills" class will be presented in PLAINS on Wednesday April 19th, by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center of Amarillo. "This three hour class covers computer skills that everyone needs," says Mr. Cowan. "For reasons I fail to understand, very few computer users are learning the latest techniques developed by Microsoft to handle routine tasks such as downloading files from the internet, copying files, and organizing your files into folders and subfolders. That's what we teach, plus a whole lot more."

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to learn techniques. Our class cuts to the core and teaches material that will take most computer users years to learn on their own. In just one session students learn techniques that they will use for a lifetime."

Two classes will be held in PLAINS, an afternoon class and an evening class, at the PLAINS COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1006 Avenue G. The cost is \$69.00 per person, payable at the door. Group discounts are available. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat.

The class is suitable for all beginning and intermediate computer students. Each student will be given a reference guide that will probably be the student's constant companion for all Microsoft applications. This permanent guide gives the simple keystrokes that separate the computer competent person from the person who lacks computer skills.

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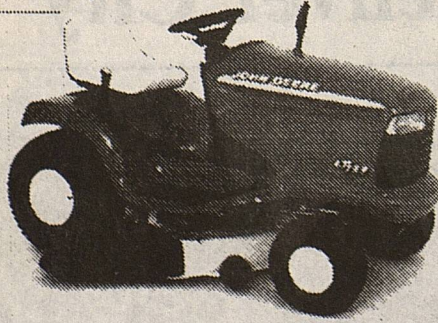


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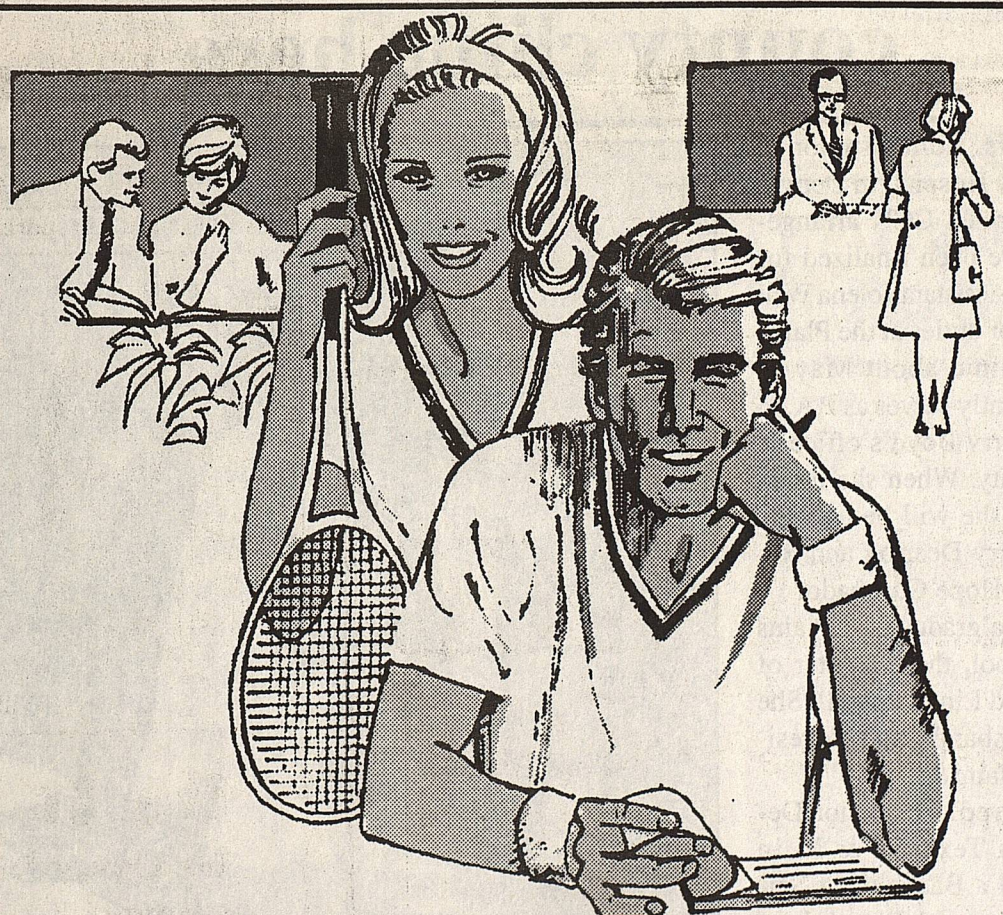
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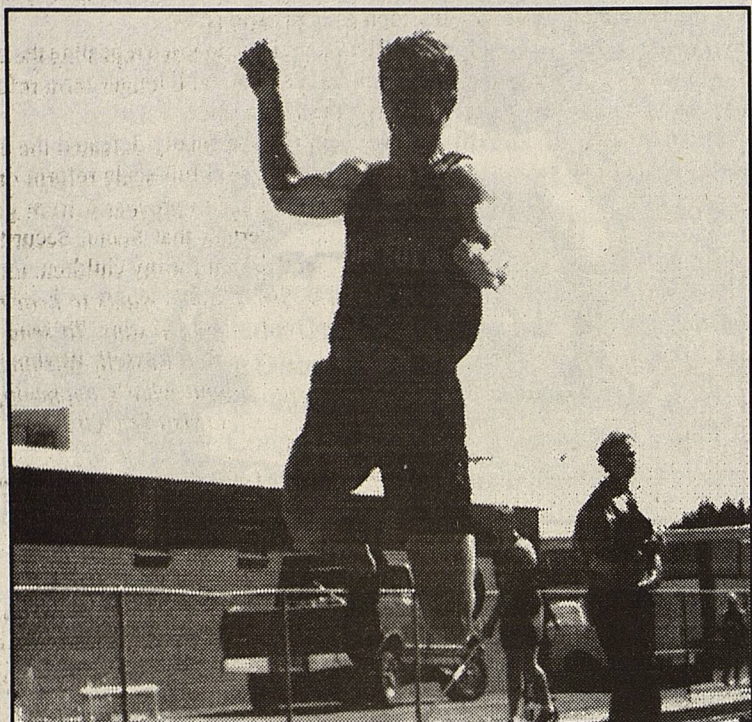
## Plains ISD Track Summary

Junior High:  
 7th Girls - Kristian Morales, 5th, 800M run.  
 8th Girls - Moriah Traweck, 1st 200 dash, 1st 400 dash, 2nd 100.  
 Kim Trent - 4th, 800 M run, Ashley Vantine 5th 300 hurdles.  
 Cowboy-Cowgirl Relays:  
 Cowgirls:  
 Kristen Gray, 1st 300 hurdles, 47.56, Chelsea Blount, Anne Palmer, Wendy Hernandez, Jessica Rodrigue, 2nd, 800 M Relay, 2:01.74  
 Chelsea Blount, 4th, 800 M, 2:42.16. Chelsea Blount, Anne Palmer, Jessica Rodriguez, Kristen Gray, 4th, 1600 Relay, 4:37.97. Wendy Hernandez, 5th, 1600, 6:33.55. Jessica Rodriguez, 6th, 100 dash, 14:14  
 Cowboys:  
 JV - Chase Howell, 6th 300 hurdles, 50.10, 2nd high jump, 5'.  
 Angel Ruiz, 4th Shot put, 32' 5".  
 Cowboys:

The Cowboy team scored 76 points to finish third behind Tahoka and Farwell. Chisum Justus, 4th, 3200 run, 11:39, Manuel Hernandez 6th 3200, 11:52. 400 Relay - 4th, 45.93, Aaron Cain, Joseph Rodriguez, Jared Bell, Moises Gonzales. David Granados, 1st 800 run, 2:03.42. Nick Hays 4th 110 hurdles, 16.93. Jared Bell 3rd 200, 22.97. 1600 relay 1st, 3.32- Joseph Rodriguez, Josh Bell, Jared Bell, David Granados. Josh Bell, 1st shot, 48' 5.5". Josh Bell 1st discus, 124' 9". Jared Bell 6th long jump, 18' 11". Jared Bell 5th triple jump, 39' 5".



Michaela Traweck wins 400 heat



Jared Bell soars in Triple Jump



Krystle Blundell leaves blocks in 400



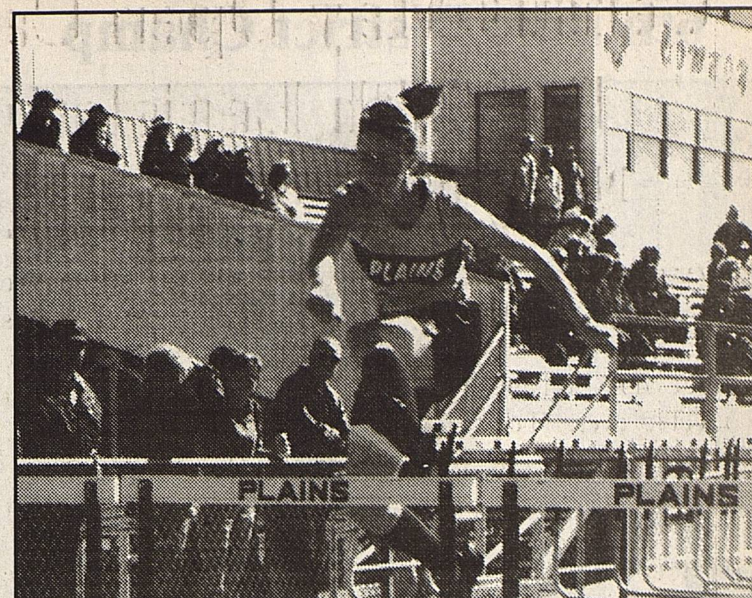
Moises Gonzales takes baton from Joseph Rodriguez



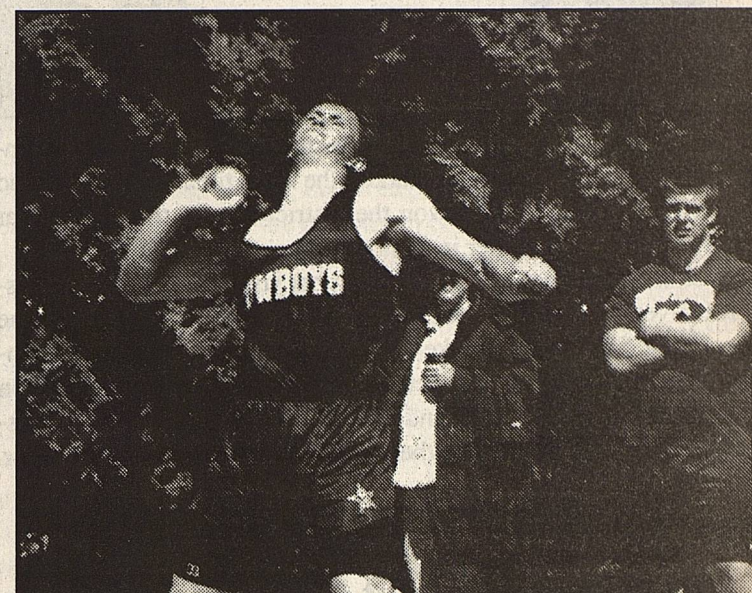
Anne Palmer prepares to get baton from Chelsea Blount



Kayla Willis runs hard in 100



Kristen Gray wins 300 hurdles



Josh Bell won shot put



Jill Gray clears last hurdle in 300 M

District 3-AA track meet  
 will be held at  
 Seagraves Monday, April 17



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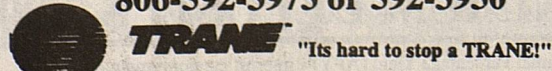
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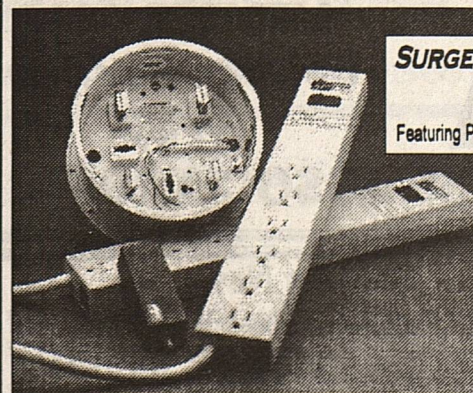
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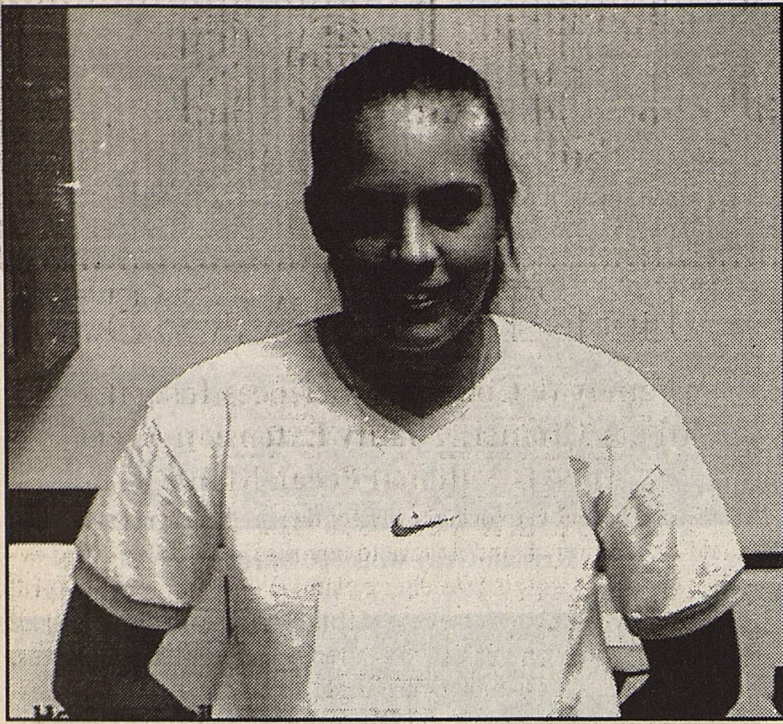
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## 6th time District Champ



When PHS Senior Velvet Canada collected her district singles championship trophy last week, it marked the sixth time she has claimed the coveted prize. She has won the district singles title every year since she was a 7th grader in Junior High.

Velvet has been accepted as a September student at Abilene Christian University, and is slated to receive a tennis scholarship in the near future. She hopes to make the university's tennis team her Freshman year. She will next compete in the Regional tennis competition at Abilene April 26 and 27, and hopes to advance again to the prestigious state meet in Austin, where she competed in 1999 as a Junior.

## District Tennis Recap

### PHS wins district Championship

JV:

Girls Singles- Jessica Knight 1st, Kim Martinez 2nd, Keri Hansen 3rd. Girls Doubles- Lexi Warren, Lesli Rowe 2nd, Liz Wilmeth, Mandi Rogers 3rd.

Boys singles- Jeremy Diamond 1st, Mario Bonilla 3rd. Boys Doubles- Jarod Newland, Kelly Bowers 2nd, Chase Howell, Angel Ruiz 3rd.

Varsity:

Girls singles- Velvet Canada 1st, Patty Ruiz 2nd. Girls doubles- Jessica Flores, Laura Morales 1st.

Boys doubles- Dustin Six, Kelsey Blundell 2nd, Tanner Hamm, Jason Swann 3rd.

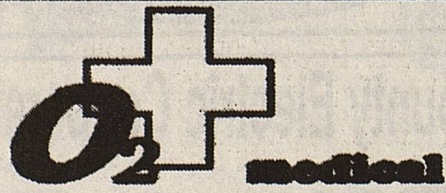
The Cowgirls won the division trophy with 45 points, and the Cowboys were second in the division with 25 points. The combined team won district honors with 70 points, 35 more than second place Tahoka. Advancing to the Regional meet in Abilene are Velvet Canada, Patty Ruiz, Jessica Flores, Laura Morales, Kelsey Blundell, and Dustin Six

## Elementary UIL Results

Plains Elementary hosted the UIL Academic Meet here on Thursday, March 30th. The grades that competed in the meet were 2nd thru 5th. All of the kids did an outstanding job. The results were as follows: Post 292, Plains 286, Stanton 214, Seagraves 200, Coahoma 180, and Tahoka 178.

Students placing 1st were: Brett Hawthorne-creative writing, Chandra Carpenter-ready writing, Angelica Mendoza-dictionary skills, A.J. Martinez-story telling, Mari Ruiz-oral reading, Lauren Hise-oral reading, Caitlin Carter-oral reading. Other rankings were; Emilia Gallegos-4th creative writing, Kimber Williams-2nd ready writing, Holden Welch-4th ready writing, Chris Addison-6th spelling, Nicole Culwell-2nd dictionary skills, Landon Craft-3rd maps, graphs, charts, Amanda Wilson-2nd listening skills, Natalie Butler-4th story telling, Taylor Banfield-2nd story telling, Holden Welch-6th oral reading, Douglas Conway-4th oral reading, Chase Guetersloh-4th oral reading, and Adrianna Ponce-6th oral reading.

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## PISD Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

### Elementary

#### 'A' Honor Roll

**First Grade**  
Stephanie Addison  
Patricia Avila  
Jaxon Bean  
Jaaron Bell  
Forrest Booth  
Chloe Carpenter  
Jose Corrales  
Hannah Crump  
Lee Dearing  
Samantha Delarosa  
Cody Friesen  
Gladys Gallegos  
Kevin John Gass  
Guadalupe Lara  
Brittanie Lira  
Roberto Reyna  
Hunter Welch  
Joseph Williams

#### Second Grade

Claudia Andazola  
Taylor Banfield  
Jacob Brink  
Natalie Butler  
Brock Carter  
Hannah Cotton  
Brandon Craft  
Sydney Cueto  
Jason Durham  
Emila Gallegos  
Justin Gonzales  
Brett Hawthorne  
Natalie Haynes  
Maria Martinez  
Nathan McCravey  
Troy Parrish  
Kenyon Powell  
Katelynn Young

#### Third Grade

Chris Addison  
Brianna Conway  
Wyatt Dearing  
Landon Earnest  
Reyna Gallegos  
Derek Garza  
Zachary Guerra  
Jonathan Mindieta  
Holden Welch  
Kimber Williams

#### Fourth Grade

Kurt Alldredge  
Maria Andazola  
L' Shae Arnett  
Chandra Carpenter  
Douglas Conway  
Ryan Crump  
Lauren Davis  
Amber Friesen  
Lauren Hise  
Zachary Ramos  
John Tyson  
Katie Winn

### Elementary

#### 'A-1 B' Honor Roll

**First Grade**  
Chase Ortega  
**Second Grade**  
Carmen Gomez  
Abigail Hernandez  
Hector Luna  
Jacob Neudorf  
Sara Neudorf  
Victoria Valverde  
Shyann Vantine  
**Third Grade**  
Yesenia Loya  
Lydia Whitzel  
**Fourth Grade**  
Joani Bell  
Flor Lara  
Juan Lara  
**Junior High**

#### 'A' Honor Roll

**Fifth Grade**  
Scott Addison  
Caitlin Carter  
Landon Craft  
Nicole Culwell  
Joe Luis Gallegos  
AngelicaMendoza  
Araceli Mendoza  
Adriana Ponce  
**Sixth Grade**  
Michael Crump  
Allison Friesen  
Reagan Haynes  
Skylar Keesece  
B.J. Lester  
Ramiro Martinez  
Adam McCravey  
Blake O'Quinn  
Abel Ramos  
**Seventh Grade**  
Payton Bean  
Evan Cain  
Cody Flores  
Breck Hamm  
Brandon Hise  
Daniela Lazos  
Kerry Sisson  
**Eighth Grade**  
Helen Neufeld  
Nolan Newsom  
Moriah Traweek  
**Junior High**

#### 'A-1B' Honor Roll

**Fifth Grade**  
Casson Curti  
Skylar Keesece  
**Sixth Grade**  
Casson Curti  
Skylar Keesece  
**Seventh Grade**  
Mayra Flores  
Brant Huerta  
Kelby Johnson  
**Eighth Grade**  
Grady McNabb  
Carmen Ponce

### High School

#### 'A' Honor Roll

**Ninth Grade**  
Sandra Gallegos  
Jill Gray  
Ismari Guzman  
**Tenth Grade**  
Allison Butler  
Wendy Fierro  
Arasely Luna  
Ragan McGinty  
Annaliesa O'Quinn  
Becky Wilmeth  
**Eleventh Grade**  
Emily Blair  
Lensey Cullins  
Roxy Fuentes  
Kari Guetersloh  
Nicole Haynes  
Kinbe Jones  
Eric Nixon  
Lesli Rowe  
Elva Ruiz  
Lexi Warren  
**Twelfth Grade**  
Joshua Bell  
Krystle Blundell  
Candace Bowers  
Velvet Canada  
Leticia Canon  
Jessica Flores  
Kristen Gray  
Wendy Hernandez  
Laura Morales  
Nicole Newsom  
Anne Palmer  
Patty Ruiz  
Kyle Sisson  
Jason Swann  
Staci Tuggle

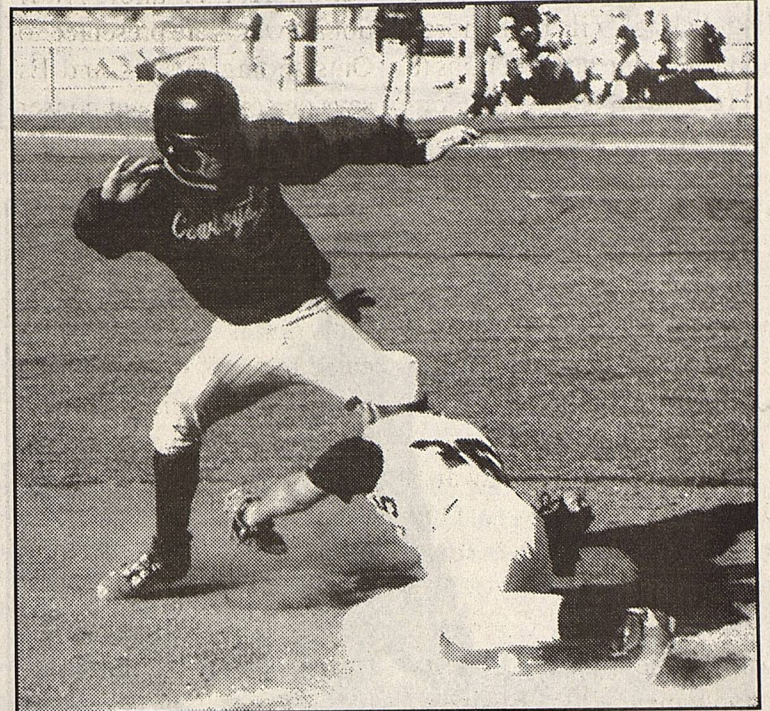
#### 'A-1B' Honor Roll

**Ninth Grade**  
Jordan Bean  
Mario Bonillo  
Kim Martinez  
Liz Wilmeth  
**Tenth Grade**  
Chris Hansen  
Roberto Luna  
Servando Luna  
Jarod Newland  
Scott Tirrell  
**Eleventh Grade**  
Kelsey Blundell  
Aaron Cain  
Joel Gallegos  
Taylor Gray  
Skylar Johnson  
Kimbe Jones  
Armando Luna  
**Twelfth Grade**  
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Chris Cleveland  
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Angie Longoria  
Brenda Lozano  
Fermin Luna  
Patrick McGinty

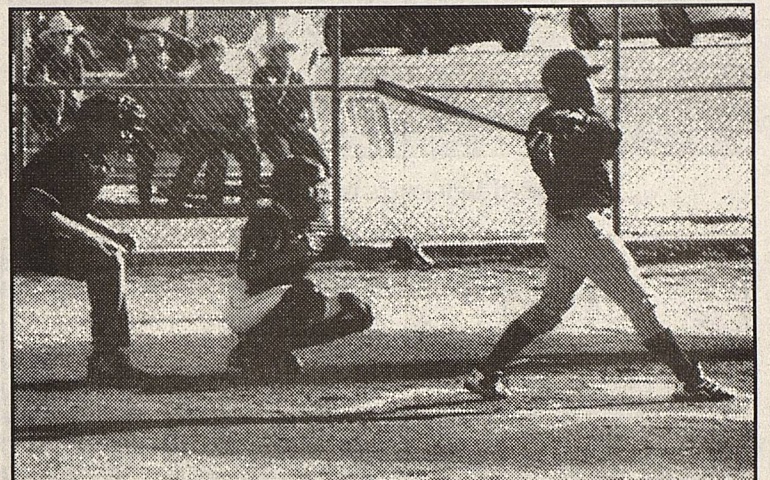
## Cowboy Baseball

In district play last week, the Cowboys fell to one win and 5 losses. They lost a close game to Post 2-1. Jerry Rivas only gave up 4 hits but was the losing pitcher. The team could manage only three hits in the game, with singles going to Adam Garcia, Jeremy Morphis and Jared Bell. Adam scored the only run.

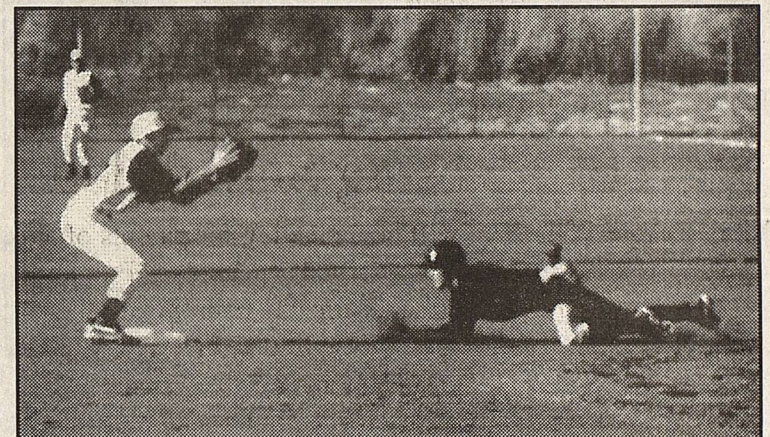
The Cowboys lost another squeaker to top rated Coahoma, 2-1. Jared Bell and Aaron Cain shared mound duty, and held Coahoma to 5 hits, but the offense again could manage only 3 hits from Morphis, Cain and Josh Bell. Josh scored the only run. In district play, Rivas continues to lead hitting with .474, followed by Morphis .368, Garcia .286, and Cain .250



Josh Bell safe at third against Post



Jerry Rivas takes a big cut



Doesn't look like it but Jared Bell slid safely into second

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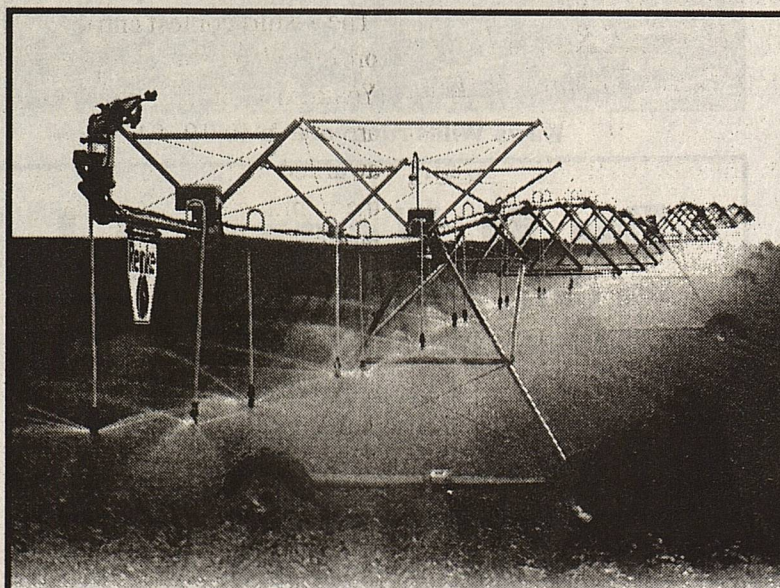
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# Lifelines & Styles

## SWCD Essay Winner

Kristen Gray, a senior at Plains High School will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation program at an Area 1 Awards Banquet on May 11, 2000. The banquet will be held at 7:00 pm. in Plainview, Texas. Area 1 consists of 49 counties in the Panhandle. Kristen will receive a third place award for her recent Essay on Conservation.

Categories in which awards will be presented include: Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Rancher; Resident Conservation Farmer; Water Quality Management Plan; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; and Conser-

vation Homemaker. Additional awards are presented for Outstanding Posters and Essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area. The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals that have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

## Lowie Inducted Into Kappa Mu




Kassie Lowe from Plains was among those inducted into

Kappa Mu, chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at South Plains College during spring initiation ceremonies. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for students in two-year colleges. Initiates must be full time students who have completed at least 15 semester hours with a minimum 3.25 grade point average. Chapter adviser is Gary Poffenbarger, SPC associate professor of English.

## Parent Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, April 25th there will be a meeting for parents of students currently enrolled in Plains Gifted and Talented Programs. Mrs. Cynthia Blair, program coordinator, will explain the selection process and this year's course of study as well as other items of interest in the Plains Gifted and Talented Policy Book. Anyone interested in this program should attend. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



*"The Other Wiseman"*  
an Easter Drama  
presented by  
First United Methodist Church  
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April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.  
refreshments following  
Come and bear his story!

**First United Methodist Church**  
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Sunday School - 9:45 AM. Morning Worship - 10:45 AM.

## Engagement Announced



Shandy Willett of Plains and Eric Harrel of Denver City would like to announce their engagement. The couple will marry June 9 at the First Assembly of God in Denver City. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jerry and Paula Willett of Plains. The future bridegroom is the son of Ross and Martha Harrel of Denver City.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Plains High School, is a student of South Plains College and will be attending New Mexico Junior College's nursing school in the fall. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Denver City High School, is a graduate of Texas Tech and is employed by Denver City I.S.D. as the Ag teacher.

## New Books At Art Association Meets

**Fiction:** *City of God*, E.L. Doctorow, *The Attorney*, Steve Martini, *Tis*, Frank McCourt, *Sick Puppy*, Carl Hiaasen, *Lethal Measures*, Leonard Goldberg, *The Lion's Game*, Nelson Demille, *Atlantis Found*, Clive Cussler, *Where You Belong*, Barbara Taylor Bradford, *All Rivers To The Sea*, Bodie Thoene, *Jerusalem Vigil*, Bodie Thoene. **Non-Fiction:** *Baseball: 100 Classic Moments In The History Of The Game*, Joseph Wallace, *Burt Lancaster: An American Life*, Kate Buford, *Favorite Comfort Food*, *The Best Of Martha Stewart Living*.

The April 4th meeting of Yoakum County Art Association was held in the Old Courthouse Clubroom in Plains. Carrie Swinson of Lovington gave the pastel demonstration on landscapes. Ms. Swinson has taught at MNJC in Hobbs and has been drawing all her life.

The Yoakum County graduating seniors entries for a \$200 scholarship are due May 5.

The T-shirt contest entries (coordinated by the club for the Yoakum County Connection) are due May 19. \$100 will be awarded by the Connection for the winning entry. Any county resident or student in Yoakum County schools may enter the contest.

Officers for the coming year were elected.

The annual garage sale is April 29th. Call Betty Estep if you would like to make a donation.

## Just The F.A.C.S.

### Family & Consumer Sciences Insight JoBeth Cromer, County Extension Agent April is National Pecan Month

Pecans have been loved for centuries for their outstanding taste. They can add flavor, crunch and texture to any meal or snack, giving everyone the perfect reason to celebrate National Pecan Month in April. Pecans are packed with so much NUTrition, they can be enjoyed all year long! Each pecan nut contains over 19 vitamins and minerals, including vitamin A, vitamin E, folic acid, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, several B vitamins and zinc. To ensure your pecans will stay fresh and flavorful, and to maintain their nutritional value follow these buying and storage guidelines: When buying pecans make certain they are uniform in color and size. Shelled pecans can be kept in the refrigerator for about nine months and up to two years in the freezer. Pecans can be thawed and refrozen repeatedly during the two year freezing period without loss of flavor or texture. Airtight containers, such as jars with lids, are best for storing pecans in the refrigerator. Sealed plastic bags are best for storing pecans in the freezer. After removal from cold storage, pecans will stay good for an additional two months. In shell pecans can be stored in a cool, dry place for six to 12 months.

If you are in the mood to whip up something different in the kitchen try this recipe.

**BBQ Pecans**  
2 Tablespoons melted margarine 1/4 Cup Worcestershire Sauce  
1 Tablespoon catsup 1/8 Teaspoon Hot Sauce  
4 Cups pecan halves Salt (optional)  
Combine first 4 ingredients, stir in pecans and mix well. Spread pecans evenly in a shallow baking pan. Bake at 300 degrees F for 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Drain on paper towel, and sprinkle with salt if desired.

## We Get Letters



Dear Plains Friends,  
I reached my ninety years old birthday on March 26, 2000. My children and grandchildren gave me a party on the 25th. The party was at the Potpourri House in Tyler. Sixty five guest registered.  
The big-big beautiful birthday cake was decked out with nine candles, one for each decade. I think they were afraid I could not blow out ninety.  
And adding to the joy of the occasion were the many "Good Wishes" by cards from my friends in Plains.  
I was thrilled that my sister, Hattie B. Brantley, was able to be with me.  
Thank you so much for your love and may each of you reach ninety.  
Eunice Moore

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## County Democrat Resolutions

### Medicare Resolutions

WHEREAS, the Medicare system is the primary source of health care for approximately 39 million retired and disabled Americans and Medicare beneficiaries now pay approximately 20% of their health care costs out of pocket, and prescription drug costs are not covered by Medicare, and prescription drugs enable millions of older Americans to live longer, healthier lives,  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Yoakum County Democratic Party in convention assembled **URGES** the Congress and the President to strengthen the Medicare system so that it continues to provide affordable, high quality care including prescription drugs for all current and future beneficiaries.

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WHEREAS, American agriculture is facing one of its most difficult times in our nation's history, and Texas is in the fourth year of a devastating drought, and Texas farmers and ranchers have been battered by low prices, shrinking global demand and record worldwide production, and many Texas producers would have been unable to continue in operation without the emergency assistance provided by the Clinton administration over the past two years, and food and fiber are vital to the national security of the United States, and a healthy agriculture economy is essential to the well being of rural America and the fabric of our nation,  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yoakum County Democratic Party calls on the nation's elected officials to stand shoulder to shoulder with our producers in working toward a new national agriculture policy that is realistic and fair and that honors the importance and unique contribution the nation's farmers and ranchers make to the well being of the United States.

## Private Water Well Screening Day Set

The Yoakum County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a water well screening day for area residents on April 17, 2000.

This well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants; fecal coliform and nitrate.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces have microorganisms present that can cause a number of "waterborne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body. Nitrate is converted to nitrite which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methoglobin. Oxygen can not bind with methoglobin, therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. If left untreated, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition, left untreated, may result in death. Infants less than six months of age and livestock are most susceptible.

The cost of the screening is \$3.00 per sample and you should contact the Yoakum County Extension Office by calling 456-2263 to receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking your well water sample. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Yoakum County Extension Office be used to insure accurate results. Samples must be turned in to the Yoakum County Extension Office no later than noon on April 17, 2000.

The PHS Theatre Department presents  
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## The Trojan Women

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April 18th-Gym Foyer/Auditorium  
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 Tickets on sale NOW by theatre students

## Babe Ruth Baseball

Ages 13-15 & 16-18

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 please contact Kathy Smiley as soon as  
 possible.

Day 592-2106 after 5:00 592-3982

## Girls Softball Meeting

Thursday April 13, 2000

Cecil Bickley Library-Denver City @ 7:30 pm.

All interested parties need to attend

18 and under - fast pitch

11 and under - slow pitch

Questions call Judy @ 592-8472

## J P Court

April 7, 2000- In Justice of the Peace Court with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding there were 41 Traffic cases, 1 felony case, 3 public intoxication cases, 1 county court case, 1 civil case trial, 1 pretrial hearing.

Bonds set: Theft \$50.00/\$500.00, \$500.00 bond. 2 cases Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing. Consumption of alcohol by minor, \$500.00 bond. Criminal trespass, \$500.00 bond. Harassment, \$500.00 bond.

Law passed by Mexican Congress prohibiting further colonization from the United States and any importation of blacks into Mexican territory.  
 April 6, 1839

## From Page 1, 'Boll Weevil'

Tom Fuchs, Coordinator of Texas Integrated Pest Management located at the Texas A&M Research Center, San Angelo. A Fax copy of the *Leader* article was sent to his office. Later Friday, he told CCN by phone, in addition to his IPM duties at the Center, he served on an advisory committee for the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "It's true the weevil has some predator insect enemies, and a major one is the notorious fire ant, but I don't think any of our cotton producers are eager to import fire ants into their production area." He also explained the parasitic wasp preys on weevils, but not in a very efficient manner. He said the wasp will enter into a cot-

ton boll a boll weevil has already laid eggs in, and would devour second and third stage weevil larvae, not the offending weevil itself.

"A big problem here is, the damage to the cotton bolls has already been done. Another factor to consider is cost of the insects. Effective control with the wasps could call for multiple 'sowing' of the insects, at \$18 per acre per 'sowing'. That's just not economically feasible."

Dr. Fuchs said in July of 1998, after extensive testing and experimenting, the USDA's Agricultural Research Service issued a statement indicating no mass production method of destroying the boll weevil had been discovered or developed, other than eradication by pesti-

cide application. "I think all of us would prefer letting 'friendly' insects destroy all the weevils for us, but it's just not going to happen."

A Western High Plains Weevil Eradication Zone spokesman confirmed Dr. Fuchs assessment. He said last year an area producer had heavily deployed the *catolaccus grandis* insects in a field of cotton. He and another district employee carefully examined the field. The weevils were still present, but their numbers were not great. Unfortunately, the 160 acres of cotton plainly had suffered severe and very costly damage from the pest.

\*Our appreciation to  
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# Lea County Electric Cooperative

## 51ST ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS Saturday, April 22nd

at

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### Registration:

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., MDT

Friday, April 21st,

at Lea County Electric Coop in Lovington

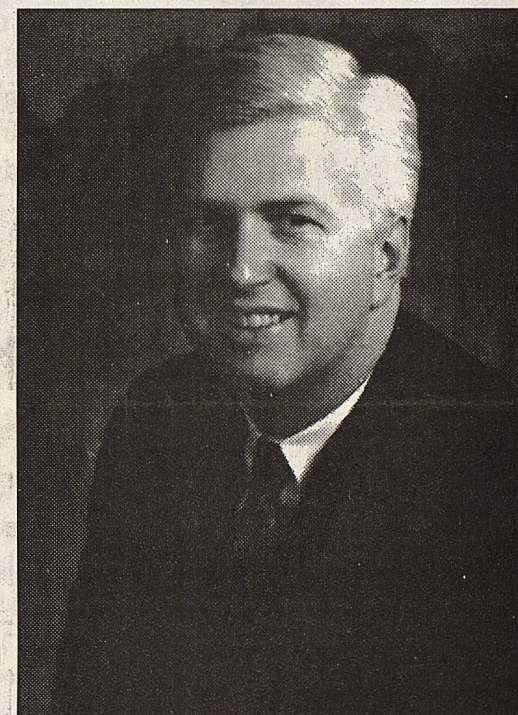
OR

10 A.M. to 12 Noon MDT

Saturday, April 22nd

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 President & General Manager

The business portion of the meeting will  
 begin at 1:00 P.M.

Two Trustees will be elected:

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- Circular Saw
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- China Desk Lamp
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- Boom Box
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- AM/FM Clock Radio Phone
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# Domestic Violence Hotline Responds to Call Increase

## Advocacy group issues call to action in wake of public awareness campaign

AUSTIN, TEXAS — A national advertising campaign on domestic violence resulted in a dramatic increase in phone calls to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH), demonstrating in stark terms the scope of this national epidemic, according to a report released last month by the Texas Council on Family Violence, the organization that operates the hotline.

Citing the report, Sheryl Cates, executive director of the organization, said that calls to NDVH increased by almost 70 percent during the last three months of 1999 — the period during which Philip Morris Companies Inc. aired a national television ad highlighting the problem of domestic violence. The ad, titled "Laura," tells the story of one victim's struggle for independence and features NDVH's toll-free phone number. The ad began airing nationally on October 13, 1999.

"The good news is that the results of this advertising campaign demonstrate unequivocally that public awareness efforts work," Cates said. "Education efforts like this saves lives. Thousands of people, for the first time, were exposed to our phone number, called and got help."

Last month at a series of events

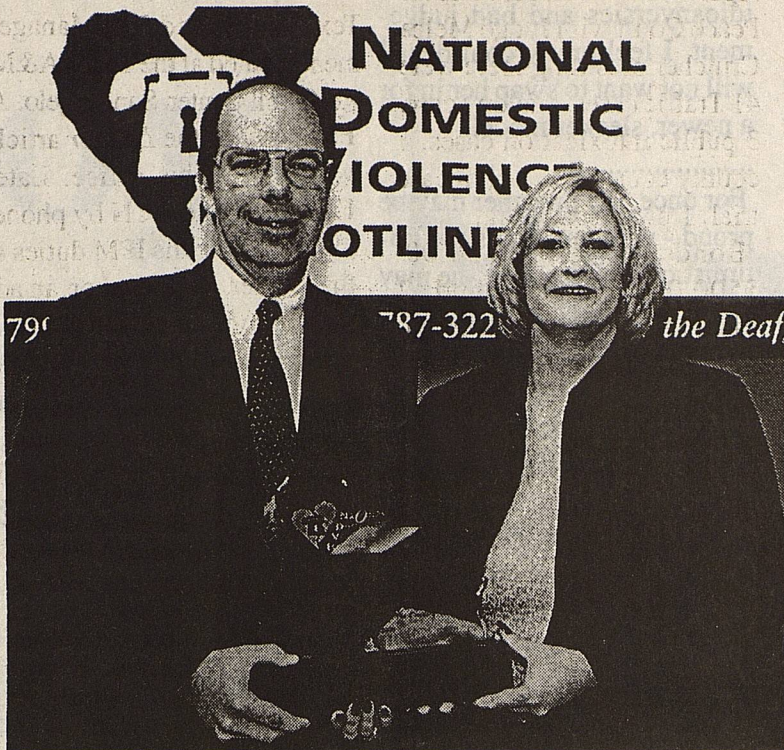
designed to raise public awareness in Texas, Cates is reminding local business and civic groups that there is a flip side to the volume of calls generated by the advertising campaign.

"The bad news is that the upsurge in call volume generated by the ad shows that domestic violence is an epidemic in this country," Cates said.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is operated by the Texas Council on Family Violence and located in Austin, Texas. The phones are answered by trained advocates, many of them survivors of domestic violence, who assist people from throughout America — directing callers to a network of family violence service providers around the country.

Philip Morris provided the Hotline with a \$400,000 grant to help it handle the huge increase in phone calls. The grant was used to hire more advocates and to make permanent technological improvements, enabling the call center to expand their computer and phone workstations from 15 to 24.

Cates recognized Philip Morris for their leadership by presenting Tom Collamore, vice president of public affairs, with the *Laura Award* at a Call-to-Action luncheon. The *Laura Award*, named for the brave



Sheryl Cates, executive director of The National Domestic Violence Hotline, presents the "Laura Award" to Tom Collamore, vice president of public affairs for Philip Morris Companies, Inc., for their support in efforts to break the cycle of domestic violence.

survivor who came forward to tell her story in the Philip Morris ad, pays tribute to leading organizations, corporations or individuals who have made significant steps to solving the problem of domestic violence.

"We must all work together to end the cycle of abuse and the phys-

ical and emotional pain suffered by victims of domestic violence," Collamore said. "The Hotline provides an invaluable service that has undoubtedly saved numerous lives. Philip Morris is pleased to be able to support such an important service and will continue efforts to drive awareness on this issue."

All the Lubbock export activity is not just cotton. Lubbock also exports the machinery that processes the cotton. Jay Dycus, vice president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, says, "There is probably more cotton gin manufacturing in Lubbock than anywhere in the country." He says there are also 40 to 50 cotton brokers in Lubbock, some selling locally and others internationally. "Agriculture drives this economy 110%."

the four cities was in El Paso, up 111% to \$5.5 billion.

It should be no surprise that high-tech center Austin-San Marcos' major exports were technology related. Industrial machinery and computers, electric and electronic equipment, accounted for the bulk of the area's \$3.8 billion exports in 1998. The increase can also be attributed to the many global companies in the area, South Korean and Japanese companies beginning operations there in the late '90's, and the international growth of Dell Computer Corp.

In Lubbock, cotton is still king. Pat Helton, Northwest Texas International Trade Center director, says the major cause on increases in the Lubbock and surrounding area is cotton and NAFTA. "This is the biggest cotton field in the world," Helton says. Some 4 million acres of cotton are grown in the area.

## Texas Fabulous Four

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and technology have helped push Texas exports to record levels.

In 1998, the latest year for which figures are available, Texas exports reached \$59 billion, 65% higher than in 1993. Texas exports are second only to California, which sent \$99 billion abroad in 1998.

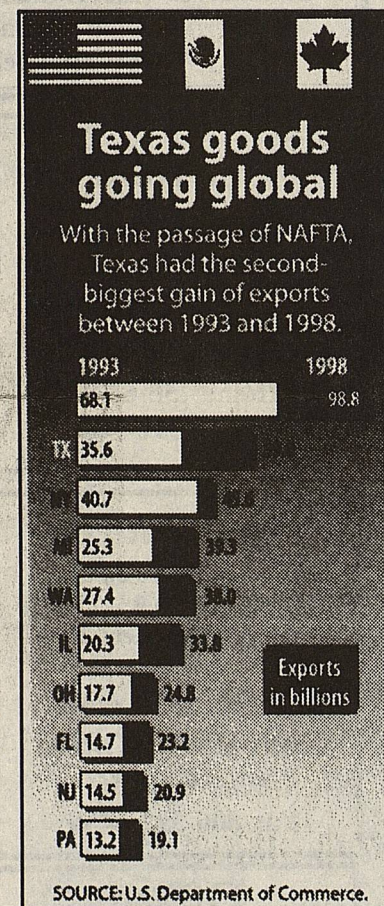
Exports have increased in most of the major metropolitan areas in Texas, with Houston totaling more than \$19 billion in 1998.

Four metropolitan areas - Lubbock, Austin-San Marcos, El Paso and Fort Worth more than doubled the value of their exports during the period. The biggest percentage increase is in Lubbock, 128 percent, or \$225.1 million in 1998.

The NAFTA countries are the state's largest export targets. Exports to Mexico were \$21.6 billion, up from \$12.9 billion

in 1993. Texas exports to Canada rose from \$3.8 billion to \$8.5 billion in 1998.

The biggest dollar increase of



### Finding A Telephone Service That Fits Your Family's Budget

Your family's effort to reduce the monthly telephone bill can have a positive impact on your wallet when you find a service that compliments the household's calling needs. To pinpoint the lowest long distance rates, you will want to look beyond advertisements.

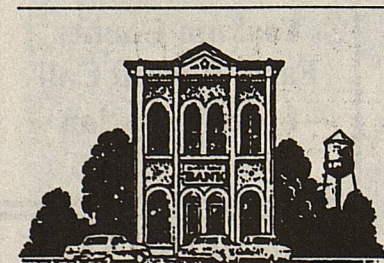
Hidden costs? Rate restrictions? There are very important questions to consider when choosing a long distance service.

#### Look For Hidden Costs

- Make sure you are not required to pay a monthly fee or surcharge to receive a special low rate.
- Look to see if there is a minimum charge for each call. If every call has a 50-cent minimum, a two-minute call will cost you 50 cents. Also, be cautious of those "20 minutes for a dollar" plans, you could be paying a dollar for a one-minute call or a message you leave on an answering machine.
- Watch for climbing rates. If calls up to 20 minutes are a dollar, what is the rate after that? You may find that the rate increases dramatically.

#### Check Restrictions on Rates

- Some rates only apply at certain times of the day or on certain days of the week. Know these times, so that you are not overcharged for a call made outside the specified time frame.
- Is the special deal available for all long distance calls? Some plans are limited to either out-of-state or



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in-state calls. It is necessary to find the rates for all the calls you anticipate to use and factor them in when choosing a plan.

• Verify if promotional rates are constant or an introductory offer. Then, find out when the special plan will end and what the rates will be after the promotion.

#### Consider Pre-Paid Calling Cards

• To stay within a budget, you can pre-pay your calling time at the first of the month by using a card. This way, you can regulate calls to agree with the fixed dollar amount paid.

• When you buy a pre-paid phone card from the store, you bought a telephone service not a product. The store doesn't control the quality of the service. You may want to buy an inexpensive card first to test out this calling method.

• Check out the rates for domestic and international calls included in the card's package. If you can not find the rate, call the phone card's customer service number. Be aware that very

low rates may indicate poor customer service.

- Find out if you are charged for calls that are not answered or busy.
- Inspect the expiration date. Most cards expire one year after its first use or are considered active until the allocated time is used.
- Is there a disclosure about surcharges, monthly fees or a rate-per-minute fee? Some cards add a surcharge to the first minute of use and others charge an activation fee for recharging cards.

#### Beware of Comparative Claims

• Take a second look at ads that claim to be 50 percent lower than the basic rate. The "basic rate" can be the highest available, leaving you with no real savings.

#### Read the Small Print

• Each long distance provider has its own deals and it is your responsibility to read the details from all the companies you are considering before you make your decision.

#### Monitor Your Monthly Bills

• Pay attention to your bill to make sure your being charged for what you signed up for. If you find a mistake or do not understand your bill, you should call your provider for an explanation.

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### Student of the Week

This weeks PHS student of the week is Eric Nixon a junior at PHS.

Eric was nominated by Mr. Collins who said, "Over the course of this year Eric has done an excellent job in my Pre-Calculus class. He has ranked at or near the top on most of the tests. This year he has also joined the UIL math and science team and has traveled with us to many of our practice meets, including San Antonio. He has consistently scored high enough to place in the medals or ribbons on the mathematics test at these meets. Last week, he placed second in district on the Mathematics test and advanced to Regional as both an in-



dividual winner and as a member of the first place Mathematics team.

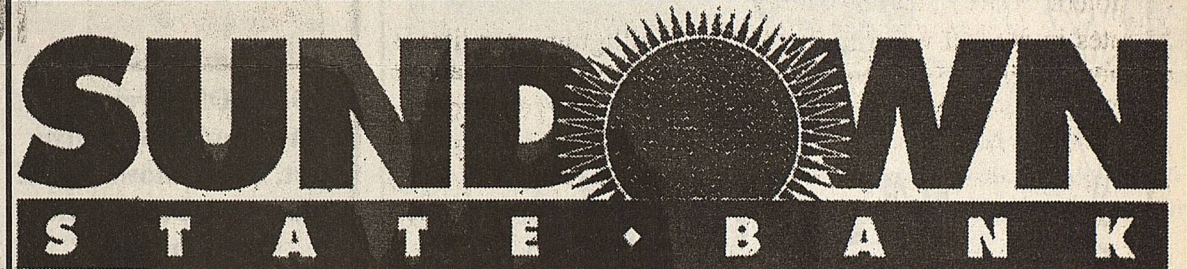
## USDA Assesses Future Of Terminator Technology

WASHINGTON- The National Farmers Union (NFU) is encouraged that U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has directed the newly formed Biotechnology Advisory Committee to review terminator seed technology. The committee will delve into the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) role in researching and developing the controversial technology. This process genetically alters commercial crop seed, making it impossible for a farmer to save seed from a harvested crop for replanting, greatly benefiting seed companies.

Secretary Glickman is directing a 38 member panel whose members include, scientists, consumer advocates, seed company executives and farmers, including Minnesota Farmers Union president David Frederickson. The committee began a two year project to discuss the ethical as well as the technical implications of the developing terminator technology.

"NFU has long been a strong supporter of agricultural research," said NFU president Leland Swenson. "We believe research is vital to ensure we are able to continue to produce high quality and abundant food and fiber far into the future. However, we do not support agriculture research that aims to enable private seed companies to increase their profits at the expense of farmers worldwide."

A NFU spokesman said, "Texas cotton farmers normally catch much of their own cotton seed to use for planting seed. This keeps their cost down and reduces overhead. The terminator gene threatens this practice. Genetic material in the field can be transferred via cross pollination, making it possible to have all sterile seed, even in cotton not from such technology."



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Consider this - even the Bride and I are not exactly hewn out of the same stone, mesquite tree or whatever;

She religiously uses Metamucil or it's equivalent like it is one of the Ten Commandments, for obvious reasons. I swig Kaopectate for the same but opposite reasons.

She has been known on very special occasions to sip a bit of blackberry wine, or any other color if black is unavailable. I prefer something of higher voltage normally in an amber color, poured over the rocks.

I enjoy the great outdoors on

a lake, river, mountain or golf course. She enjoys exactly the same thing as long as it's on ESPN and she's nested in her chair.

She normally spends some ten months a year kicking the blanket off the bed. while I insist it wraps me some 9 1/2 months.

We both take arthritis medications. She claims hers gives her gas. Everything I eat including lettuce gives me gas. You don't even want to think about the results of navy beans.

She is thrilled if we have seven of the twenty grandkids we own in the house at the same time. I fall on my knees, tears in my eyes and thank God when I see them drive away.

The Bride loves to drive and listen to Gospel music. I am much more thrilled when I catch B.B. King and his guitar or some honky-tonk Hank Williams. Hey, I can't help the year I was born!

I like Kentucky Fried Chicken. She swears she would suck grease out of a skillet before she would chew it..

She enjoys sipping papaya juice for breakfast. I would swirl out my mouth with a fat ladies bath water before I'd let it enter mine.

She prefers sleepin on the left side of the bed, I prefer the right, and these days, seldom do

the twain meet.

You know what... despite all her idiosyncrasies and bad judgement, I feel pretty confident I will not want to swap her in for a newer, sleeker model.

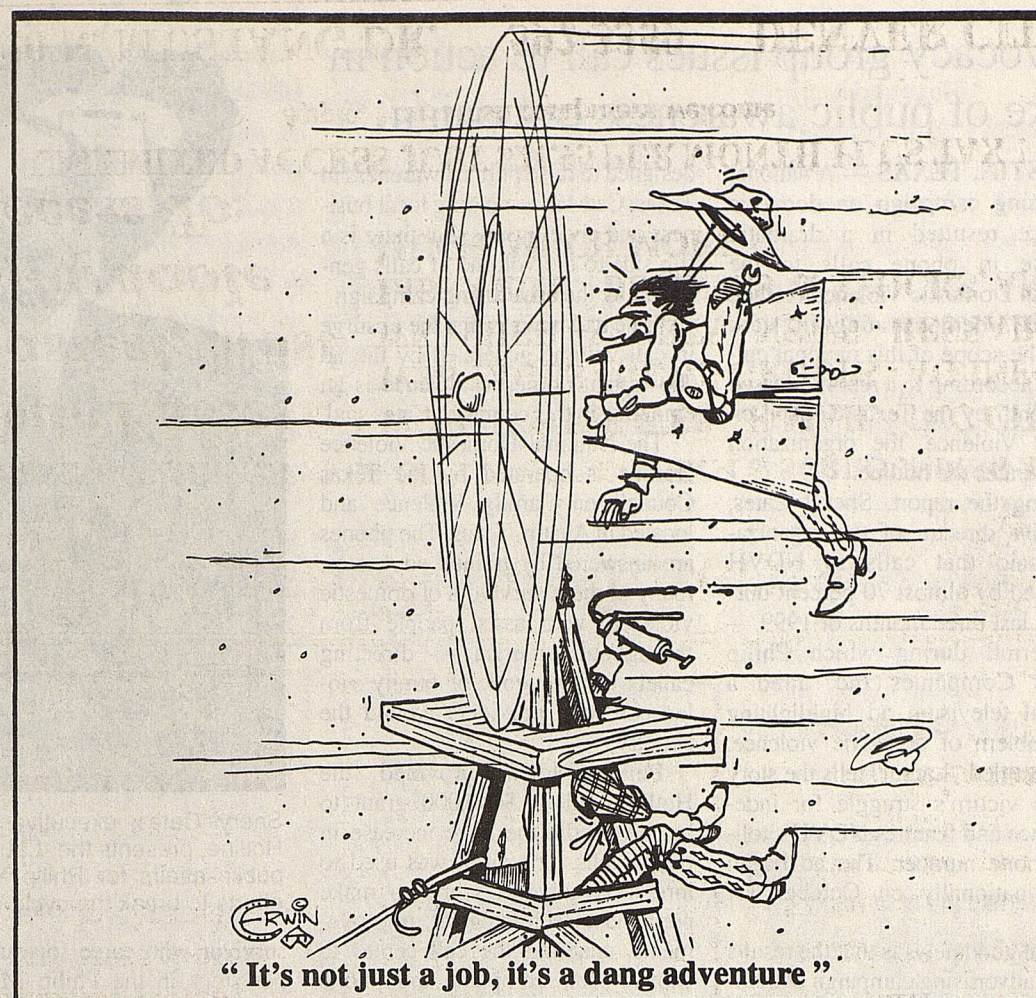
For once, my preacher may be proud - well, no, that's too optimistic, knowing him - he may be semi-proud I brought four visitors to church Sunday to enjoy the musical pre-Easter production, "The Journey". All four were greatly impressed with the service, the superb work of the choir, director and soloists. Two in our crowd were so impressed I saw some ey-dabbing and sniffing. Both were males, one from out of town, the other you all know quite well. A very special morning indeed!

An elderly lady had just returned from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man robbing her home of all its valuables, she yelled " Stop! Acts 2:38!" (... turn from your sin...)

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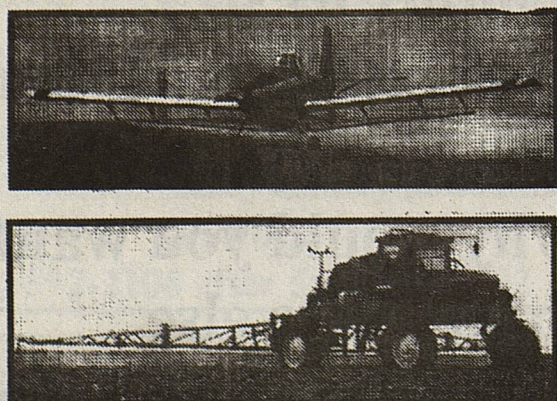
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