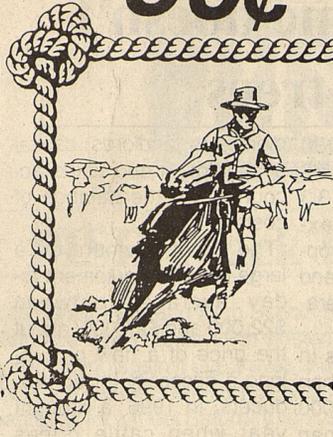


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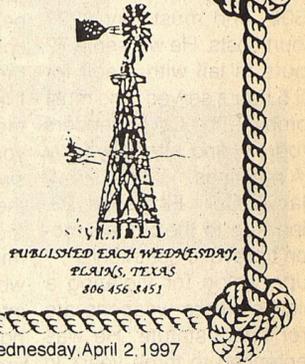
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Final acreage figures announced for CRP

Big question remains - How much per acre?

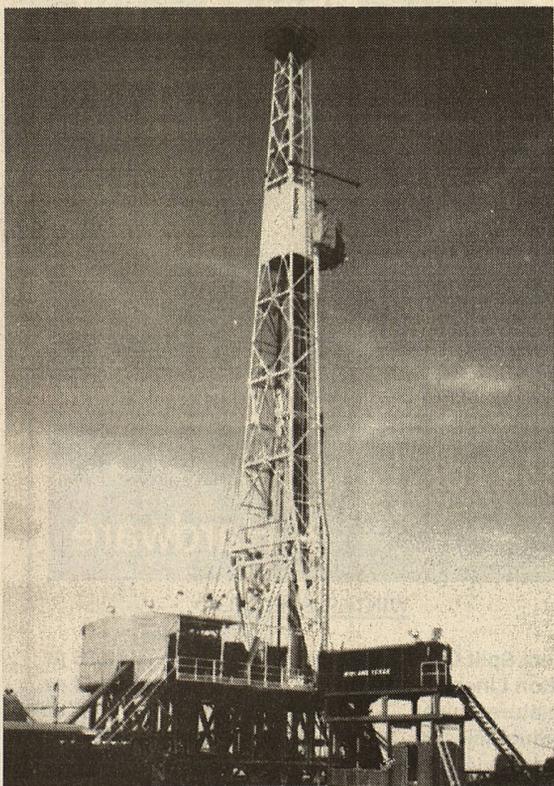
Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel have completed the paper work required to enroll county land in the new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

According to a report released Friday by the two government agencies, 312 tracts of land, totalling 70,080 acres, have been declared eligible for CRP benefits. Prior to the just expired sign-up period, 68,089 acres of county land were due to expire in the program on September 30, 1997. Almost 7,400 acres of that amount, however, had already been removed from the CRP and restored to production. NRCS spokesman Phillip Carter said 60,700 acres of the land was already in grass, indicating 9,380 new acres would be added to the CRP program in Yoakum County.

All of the acreage in the county is eligible for the program because of its high erosion level. The individual tracts are judged on a Erodibility Index, ranging from 0 to a high mark of 410. Carter said the eligible county land here ranged from an index scale of 98 to 196 points.

The big question for producers is what is the maximum dollar per acre they can expect to receive in payments under the program. Carter said no official word had been received from Washington, but the decision should be announced by July 1 of this year. He said preliminary estimates indicated payments could range from a low of \$29 per acre to a high of \$40, including the announced \$5 per acre maintenance payment.

Drilling activity booms around town



Almost within spitting distance of the city limits of Plains, oil drilling rigs are busy boring into the earth in the quest for black gold, the resource which has made Yoakum County one of the perennial leaders in the production of oil for many years.

A large, offset drilling operation is underway in the established Amerada-Hess field northwest of town on land owned by the Hennard

and Powell families. Another drilling project is underway just two miles east of town on ranchland owned by Johnnie Fitzgerald.

While taking photos of these operations, it became apparent again of what it takes to develop an oil well to help satisfy the nation's needs.

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Variety of criminal cases heard in County Court

Eight criminal cases were heard in County Court on March 26 and March 27 last week. Judge Dallas Brewer presided, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Michael Earl Gilbert, 23, pled guilty to driving while his license was suspended. He received a 90 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$157 Court costs. He must spend four days in jail with credit for two days served. His license is suspended 180 days, he must obtain proof of insurance, pay reinstatement fees to DPS, and must attend For Kids Sake Seminar.

Juan Miguel Ruiz, 30, pled true to the State's motion to revoke Community Supervision for a DWI offense. He will serve 60 days in jail with credit for 7 days time served. Rodney Wayne Roberts, 41, pled true to the State's motion to revoke community supervision for an assault offense. He received a 60 day jail sentence, with credit for 17 days served.

Amado Hernandez, a.k.a. Amado Reyna Hernandez, 47, pled guilty to a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$157 Court costs, and successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention Prevention Program at his own expense.

Darlene Diane James, aka Darlene Diane Craft, Darlene Leverette, 30, pled guilty to a charge of assault. Her 180 day jail term was suspended and probated 24 months. She must pay \$157 Court costs by June 26, and spend three days in jail with credit for two days served. She must also successfully complete her GED, and attend Parenting Education, Life Styles and Home Visits with the Denver City ISD, and attend weekly AA meetings.

Robert Soto pled guilty to a first offense DWI charge. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and pro-

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"Up From The Grave He Arose" Easter Sunrise services held in Stanford Park



More than three dozen faithful braved early hours and a 32 degree temperature last Easter Sunday morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with hymns and prayers. The services were conducted by Rick Doyle, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church. A non-denominational gathering, the services were attended by Methodists, Baptists, Catholics and one Menonite family.

Grain Sorghum meeting to be held here

The Texas Grain Sorghum Association (membership) and the Texas Grain Sorghum Board (checkoff) organizations will host a joint meeting in Plains on April 4 at the Community Building. The meeting is open to all area sorghum producers, and will feature a free Barbecue Lunch.

Prior to the meal and sorghum meeting, at 11 a.m., a free Estate Planning Program will feature speaker Mike Morgan of the New England Financial Group. Both husband and wife are urged to attend the informative planning program. A beautiful Waterford Crystal Bowl will be the door prize at this meeting.

Following the noon meal, Travis Taylor, Executive Director of both the TGSA and TGSB will explain how the two separate organizations promote grain sorghum and help the sorghum industry and producers. The membership organization has helped in assuring no cuts in sorghum in the new farm bill, and getting emergency exemption for needed sorghum pesticides. The Sorghum Board has played an important role in research and market development, sorghum promotion, and applying legislative pressure for the industry.

The two organizations urge producers to bring a friend to the meeting.

Firetruck destroyed in CRP grassfire

Two volunteer firefighters escape serious injuries in blaze.

Plains Volunteer Fire Department members Tony Perez and Anna Luna responded to a grass fire report last Sunday afternoon, and soon found themselves in Harm's Way. They drove a 1978 Ford truck primarily used to combat grass fires some eleven miles north on Highway 214, where a large fire raged in CRP grassland. They exhausted the truck's supply of water and were attempting to get back to the highway when the unit be-

came stuck in sand, and apparently the heat from the blaze robbed the air of oxygen, killing the engine.

Both Perez and Luna ran from the truck and fire. Perez suffered minor burns, but was treated and released.

The truck and all the firefighting gear was a total loss. The tireless vehicle had to be hoisted on an oil field winch truck owned by Five Star Consolidated, and taken to their yard in Denver City.

County honored with Safety Award

Prior to Monday's meeting of Commissioner's Court, Judge Dallas Brewer displayed a plaque awarded to the county at a recent County Management Training session in Austin. The Gold Star Safety Award is one of only seven awarded to the state's 254 counties for an outstanding work force safety record over the last five years.

During the Court session, a petition from Texas Alltel, Inc. was approved, granting the company authority to lay, construct and maintain communications cable across and under county roads in Precinct 3. A soil conservation request from Dorris

Tuggle was approved, to create a fire lane in Section 15 of Precinct 4.

The Court entered into Executive Session with Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark for a personnel and liability discussion.

* Reminder *

Voting ballots for the proposed Expanded Local Calling Service to Brownfield must be turned in to City Hall by April 7. If the service passes, there will be no toll fee for calling Brownfield, but individual telephone customers will be charged \$3 per month, and business customers will pay \$7 per month.

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bated 12 months, was fined \$500, and must pay \$227 Court costs. He will serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 15.5 hours served, and must complete the DWI offenders program and attend weekly AA meetings.

James Colin Fitzgerald, 23, pled true to the State's motion to revoke community supervision for violating a 'places where weapons are prohibited' statute. He was sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division, with credit for 145 days jail time served.

Stephanie Ann Krebsbach, 35, found guilty earlier this year to a charge of Arson, received a ten year state prison sentence, suspended and probated ten years. She was fined \$1000 and must pay \$201.50 Court costs. She must also pay a total restitution of \$25,000, and must serve 240 hours of community service.

• The Postal Service handles 40 percent of the world's mail volume.

**From page 1,
"Drilling Activity"**

Everything on the large, expensive rigs is steel, bitter cold in the winter, blistering hot in West Texas summers. It all clangs and bangs with movements, and can hurt you badly when it swings and sways. The roughnecks in the derrick, and on the floor, must orchestrate a ballet of muscular, agile, movements when the drill pipe is going into or out of the hole. Technology has revolutionized a large portion of our lives, but it has not entirely replaced lots of labor calling for muscle and sweat during spring and summer days, muscle and numbing cold in the winter, and dangerous work the year round.

Did you know?

*Andrew Jackson's nickname was 'Sir Veto'?

*Ancient Romans used a form of the bagpipe, and it was also used in Persia, Turkey and Palestine in the A.D. 100's.

*Vasco De Gama sailed around the Cape of Good Hope in the late 1490's, the first water trade route between Europe & Asia.

**Search for
PISD
Superintendent
in final count-
down**

In a special called meeting Saturday, March 29, the Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to add two new names to the list of finalists applying for the school superintendent position.

The move was prompted by the withdrawal of Phil Warren, Lazbuddie ISD, as a 'final four' candidate for the position.

Joining the other three finalists are Guy Nelson, Superintendent at Crowell, and Randy Berryhill, Assistant Superintendent at Clyde.

The Trustees hope to be able to announce their final choice for the job April 7.

**JP Court
Summary**

The following is a summary of cases heard in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding;

43 traffic cases filed, 4 Class C misdemeanors file, 2 felony bonds filed.

Bonds and fines set; Minor in possession, alcoholic beverage, \$132 fine.

Possession of controlled substance, marijuana, \$1000 bond.

Possession of drug paraphernalia, \$232 fine.

Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.

Deadly conduct-\$500 bond. Speeding, DPS warrant-\$185 fine.

Failure to appear, DPS warrant-\$267 fine.



Michaela Traweek, top left, off on her leg of relay.

**Farm, ranch income doesn't
just grow on trees**

City folks may think all there is to farming is to plant some seeds, wait for them to grow and harvest a crop. Ranching may seem even easier; just buy some calves, let them graze the "back 40" and sell them for profit once they're ready to market.

Agricultural producers know it's not that easy. As with any business, they must keep track of every dollar they spend on their operations to keep costs down and wind up in the black at year's end.

Producers must figure in feed and seed costs, manufactured inputs, equipment maintenance, interest on loans, labor costs and land payments each year when they calculate their budgets. In 1995, gross farm income

from more than 202,000 farms in Texas totaled \$15.7 billion. After subtracting \$13.3 billion in production expenses, and deducting property taxes, depreciation and damages, returns to operators totaled \$2.1 billion.

In 1995, 123,000 farms in the state produced less than \$10,000 in crops, and 61,000 farms produced less than \$100,000. Only 18,000 farms across the state produced crops worth more than \$100,000.

Feed, seed and livestock purchases cost producers more than \$4 billion in 1995, and fuel and oil costs added another \$546 million. Fertilizer and other expenses brought operating costs to \$9.2 billion, and pay-

ments to landlords, capital consumption and taxes accounted for the balance of costs.

The down payment on a large piece of equipment today averages between \$22,000 and \$25,000, about the price of a new pickup.

long a necessity for ag producers. In 1996, a drought year when cattle prices plunged, a farmer or rancher had to sell about 60 calves to afford a base model three-quarter pickup truck. The calf

-to truck index has climbed gradually over the last 30 years, with truck prices rising and calf prices fluctuating. In 1970, the producer only had to sell 15 to 20 calves to buy the standard working truck.

**Watermelon
Round-Up
being
promoted
early**

The Yoakum County Connection has gotten off to a fast start in publicizing the second annual 'Watermelon Round-Up', scheduled Saturday, August 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 'Connection' has created an attractive, full color brochure promoting the event which was so successful in it's debut last year. The brochure will be mailed and distributed throughout the High Plains area in an effort to equal or better last years crowd of several thousand visitors.

Some of the events in the brochure include an arts and crafts show, brisket/chili cook-off, 5K run, cow patty bingo, live bands, antique tractor show, melon eating contest, big melon contest, free melons, classic car show, melon rolling, style show, melon costume contest, seed spitting contest and lots of good food and fun.



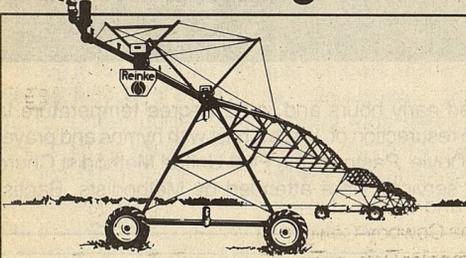
Kari Guetersloh finishes 2nd in 100 dash



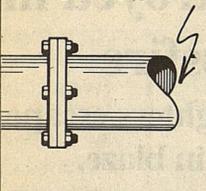
Kelsey Blundell wins grueling 2400 M run



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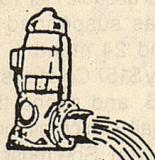
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'PISD ACTIVITY PAGE'

PISD Track Results

Both Junior High and High School track athletes were in action last week. Junior High hosted a meet here March 27, competing against Seagraves, Sundown, Littlefield and Whiteface, while the High School athletes traveled to Seagraves for a meet Saturday. Individual results included:

Jr. High Lady Wranglers;

Shot Put- Elizabeth Clanahan, 1st, 25' 6"
 Long Jump- Kari Guetersloh, 1st, 13' 11"
 Triple Jump- Kari Guetersloh, 1st, 30' 8"
 2400 M. Run- Wendy Fierro, 4th, 11:07:86.
 400 Relay- Nancy Koncaba, Michaela Traweek, Kimbe Jones, Kari Guetersloh, 2nd, 57.94.
 800 M. Run- Carmen Mendoza, 4th, 3:11:62.
 100 M. Dash- Kari Guetersloh, 2nd, 14.32.
 800 M Relay- Nancy Koncaba, Michaela Traweek, Kimbe Jones, Kari Guetersloh, 4th, 2:07:02.

Jr. High Wranglers;

7th Boys;
 Shot Put- Sergio Sandoval, 1st, 34' 11".
 Discus- Sergio Sandoval, 3rd, 96' 1".
 2400 M Run- Manuel Hernandez, 2nd, 9:00:81.
 1600 M. Run- Manuel Hernandez, 3rd, 5:54:86.

8th Boys;

Shot Put- Armando Luna, 2nd, 38' 5.75".
 Discus- Armando Luna, 2nd, 124' 5".
 Long Jump- Joseph Rodriguez, 3rd, 16' 7".
 3200 M. Relay- Marcos Hernandez, Jeffrey Lollar, Israel Moreno, Joel Gallegos, 2nd, 9:51:83.
 2400 M. Run- Kelsey Blundell, 1st, 2:26:33, Louis Hernandez, 4th, 9:08:20.
 800 M. Run- Joel Gallegos, 1st, 2:26:33, Israel Moreno, 4th, 2:28:30.
 100 M Dash- Joseph Rodriguez, 2nd, 12:24.
 800 M Relay- Kelsey Blundell, Nathan Hays, Jared Bell, Adam Garcia, 1st, 1:52.
 400 M Dash- Moises Gonzales, 4th, 60:08.
 300 Hurdles- Nathan Hays, 3rd, 49:21
 1600 M Run- Kelsey Blundell 2nd, 5:41:90, Marcos Hernandez, 4th, 5:53:49, Louis Hernandez, 5:58:83.
 1600 Relay- Joseph Rodriguez, Joel Gallegos, Moises Gonzales, Adam Garcia, 3rd, 3:54:46

PHS Cowgirls;

Shot Put- Kayla Redman, 3rd, 34' 7", Marcey House 5th, 31' 6.5".
 Discus- Kayla Redman, 3rd, 102' 3.5, Marcey House 5th, 87'.
 300 M Hurdles- Kristen Gray, 1st, 49.6.
 100 Hurdles- Kristen Gray, 4th, 17.7.
 1600 M Run- Wendy Hernandez, 5th.
 100 M Dash- Anne Palmer 5th.

PHS Cowboys;

Shot Put- Coley Burgess 1st, 47' 3", Derek Brunson 4th, 44'.
 Discus- Coley Burgess 3rd, 121' 5.25".
 400 M Dash- Jesus Hernandez 1st, 51.9.
 3200 M Run- Will St. Romain, 1st.

JV Cowboys;

Shot Put- Dustin Brunson 2nd, 37' 5", Steven Bunch 3rd, 37' 1".
 Discus Steven Bunch 1st, 115' 9.5".
 1600 M Run- Josh Bayer 6th, 5:42.

PHS UIL competitors win District Meet

Plains High School UIL academic competitors combined for 399 points last week to win the 5-AA district literary meet in Sundown. Sixteen UIL competitors from various academic events qualified for regional meet in Abilene April 19. Students who placed first, second, or third qualified for regional, along with those who were members of a winning team event.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING	Clint Burrus	3
POETRY INTERPRETATION	Roni Ponce	3
	Audra Ellis	6
	Maranda Box	6
FEATURE WRITING	Clint Burrus	1
NEWS WRITING	Tommie McNabb	2
	Maranda Box	4
	Summer Howard	4
	Wendy Hernandez	5
EDITORIAL WRITING	Clint Burrus	3
HEADLINE WRITING	Sandi Warren	1
ACCOUNTING	Kristi Guetersloh	4
	Priscilla Valdez	6
ACCOUNTING TEAM	Heath Bowlin	1
CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS	Kristen Gray	2
	Tommie McNabb	3
CALCULATOR TEAM	Wendy Hernandez	1
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	Kyle Sisson	2
	Tandi Jones	3
	Clint Burrus	1
	Tommie McNabb	2
	Yancey House	3
	Jacob Lester	6
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Stephen Bitolas	5
	Maranda Box	3
	Lisa Parrish	6
COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM	Shawna Box	3
CURRENT ISSUES & EVENTS	Shawn Cullins 4	3
LITERARY CRITICISM	Kristen Gray	5
	Shawn Cullins	2
	Shawna Box	2
	Kristen Gray	5
	Shawn Cullins	3
	Shawna Box	3
	Kristen Gray	5
	Mary Morales	5
	Mary Morales	3
	Vicki Bayer	6
	Heath Bowlin	3
LITERARY CRITICISM TEAM		
MATHEMATICS		
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'Riders' wins District honors

The PHS cast and crew of it's One-Act Play, "Riders to the Sea", walked away with the top spot in district competition here last Friday. They triumphed over plays presented by Tahoka, Seagraves, Sundown, Shallowater and Morton, and will compete in area competition in Post April 5. There they will face Eula, Ralls, Tahoka, Post and Hawley productions; For their performances here last week, Lindi Rowe was named Best Actress of the meet, and Gideon Traweek won Best Actor honors. Shawna Box was named to the All Star Cast, and Kassie Lowe received Honorable Mention All Star Cast honors.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
 Once again we received many compliments on how well the High School and Jr. High track meets were run. The Relays were a success because of the quality of workers that were present. The coaching staff and I wish to express our appreciation to the workers for their time and effort that they put into the Cowboy-Cowgirl and/or Wrangler Relays. The track meets could not have been the success they were if it were not for your work. Thanks- for a job well done.
 Sincerely,
 Larry McMinn
 Athletic Director

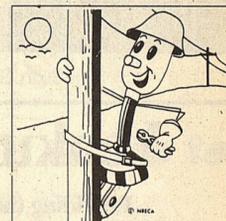
Student of the Week

The PHS Student of the Week is Gideon Traweek, a junior and the son of Mark and Zana Traweek. He is involved in the student council, runs on the Cowboy track team, and plays tennis. He was nominated by Mr. Davis, who said, "Gideon has been a pleasure to work with during the One-Act play season. He is focused and mature in his actions, which has been a positive influence on the other students."



Gideon Traweek

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Coach Brink congratulates Manuel Hernandez after 2400 run. He's not very big, but he's a tough runner.

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5th and 6th graders poems to be published

Several of Ms. Foster's 5th and 6th grade English classes submitted poems to the Anthology of Poetry, Inc. of Asheville, North Carolina. The following students were notified their poems had been selected for publication in The Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans.

Fifth grade-Austin Keese, Trent May, Grady McNabb, Sara Martinez and Carmen Ponce.

6th grade-Chelsea Blount, Kelly Bowers, Chisum Deaton, LaShonda Diamond, Sandra Gallegos, Crystal Garcia, Krystal Gonzalez, Jill Gray, Isamari Guzman, Nick Hays, Jessica Knight, Sandra Luna, Kimberly Martinez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Mandi Rogers, Liz Wilmeth, and Mackenzie Winn.



Fifth Grade Poets



Sixth Grade Poets

Brisket, Bean Cook-Off scheduled in Brownfield

The Brownfield Chamber of Commerce has announced plans for its annual brisket and bean cook-off celebration on April 19 in Coleman Park. Cash prizes, trophies and ribbons will be awarded to winners of the first three places in both cooking contests.

The cook-off is slated between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Arts and crafts booths will be available for \$10 each, and live entertainment will be provided by Cowboy Poet Mike Querner, the Jerry Dugan West Wind Band, Blue Prairie Band, and local entertainers. A public dance will start at 8 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce says free RV hookups will be available in the park during the celebration.

The entry fee for the brisket, chicken or pork sparerib cook off, one or all, is \$45, and there is a \$5 entry fee for the bean contest.

Rules for both events are stringent, and for detailed information about the cook-off or other events, call 806-637-2564.

Tax Tips

"Texas homeowners!...A homestead exemption can lower your property taxes. If you haven't signed up, fill out an application with your local appraisal district no later than April 30."

"If you are 65 or older, or, if you're disabled, you can lower the property taxes on your home by filing a homestead exemption application. Contact your local appraisal district by April 30 for details."

TxDOT out of the driveway business

The State of Texas could save \$9 million dollars this year since the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) got out of the driveway business. As of last year, TxDOT no longer installs or maintains private or commercial driveways along state highways.

The department changed its policy last year because of reduced funding and personnel. TxDOT will now have a uniform policy throughout the state. Previously, driveway installations were based on work load, which means in some areas of the state, driveways were built by department crews, and in other areas were not.

Private or commercial property owners wanting driveway access to state highways must obtain a TxDOT permit, but the cost, installation and maintenance is now the responsibility of the owner.

For driveway installations, TxDOT personnel will set the drain line in the ditch to establish proper drainage, determine the size of the pipe and inspect the installation to comply with regulations.

To obtain a permit or for more information about driveways in Yoakum County, call Jerry Morphis, 806-456-7456.

Texas Baseball Legend to Pitch for Texas Dairy Queen

FORT WORTH, Texas— Country Reporter," has been Celebrating their 50th year of a DQ spokesman for more business in Texas, officials of than 10 years.

The Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council (TDQOC) announced today that baseball legend and future Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan will be a new Texas Dairy Queen spokesman. Ryan will endorse Texas Dairy Queen stores through 1999.

"Dairy Queen is a part of Texas," said Ryan, "and I know Dairy Queen has a special place in the hearts of Texans. So working with the Dairy Queen folks seemed like a natural fit for me."

The agreement between Ryan and TDQOC stipulates that Ryan will promote Texas Dairy Queen products in a variety of print and broadcast materials. Texas Dairy Queen stores will offer a Nolan Ryan premium during each year of the three-year agreement. Ryan joins Bob Phillips as a Texas Dairy Queen spokesman. Phillips, host of television's "Texas

"Dairy Queen was founded in Texas in 1947, the same year Nolan was born," said Robert Lozano, president of TDQOC. "So as we each commemorate our 50 years, Nolan thought it would be exciting to do a combined celebration."

"Growing up in Texas, Dairy Queen was a part of my basic diet," said Ryan. "I spent many afternoons hanging out at our local DQ. And after all these years, I take my own family there. They all tease me that I can still find a DQ Blizzard anywhere in the state!"

"A reminder for farmers and ranchers!...Productivity appraisal can lower the 1997 property taxes on your farm or ranch land. To sign up, contact your local appraisal district by April 30."

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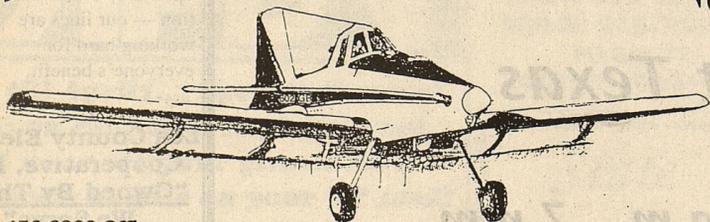
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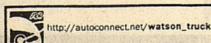


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Tsa Mo Ga hosts workshop

The Tsa Mo Ga Club held a workshop meeting on March 24 on special projects and standing committees.

Toni Jones discussed last year's Christmas season fundraising project, which included Innisbrook wraps and Christmas gift wrapping. The project theme will be repeated this year.

Zareta Winn spoke on leadership qualities, which include vision and knowledge, time management skills, the ability to always be kind and a mentor to others, a role model. She urged the members to attend club, district, state, region and national meetings, and to help promote the 1996-98 membership theme, 'MEMBERSHIP MEANS ME'.

Mary Jo St. Romain spoke on legislation, stressing the importance of citizen's participation, and taking the opportunity to vote in all elections. She expressed the Club's appreciation for the interest and time State Representative Gary Walker had devoted to the club.

Sarah Jane Shelton and Billie Blundell gave reports on the Caprock District Convention held earlier in Lubbock. Several club members, including Wilma Powell, Sarah Jane Shelton, and Mary Jo St. Romain plan to attend

the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs 100th Anniversary Convention, to be held in Waco April 30 thru May 2.

The April 14 club meeting will feature a skit, "Take a Bite Out of Crime". Hostess Lattrell McDonnell served refreshments at the meeting.

Library Filmtime

Twenty-five youngsters enjoyed filmtime this week on March 26, 1997. They played two games. It was our Filmtime Easter Egg Hunt in Stanford Park. The moms brought cookies, punch and decorated napkins. Everyone found lots of eggs and had a great time.

Those attending included: Kevin John Gass, Autumn Friesen, Hunter Welch, Jacob Brink, Adam Nixon, Carolina Hernandez, Sammy Melendez, Kristie Lopez, Stephanie Addison, McKensee Caswell, Kelsey Curry, Kenyan Powell, Troy Parrish, Issac Doyle, Cody Friesen, Haley Welch, Jaston Brink, Dakota Earnest, Marina Martinez, Andrew Conway, Lexus Jimenez, Jamsmine Whitzel, Carlie Caswell, Sean Curry, and Karla Powell.



Booster Club Plans Banquet

The Plains Booster Club will meet Wednesday, April 2nd, 8:30 p.m. at the Sandy Land Office to plan the Annual Athletic Banquet set for Monday, May 19th in the cafeteria. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Banquet decorations and theme
- Scholarship Committee
- People who still owe the club money
- Super Booster Award
- Meeting date to elect new officers

Anyone who still owes the Booster Club money from Signature ads on the Poster, or for T-Shirts or buttons, please send it to the Booster Club at Box 233, Plains, or drop it by the Sandy Land Water District office with Kathy Jones, the Booster Club Secretary-Treasurer. The club needs to close its books for the year and prepare for the Banquet, which is what the money is needed for. Please help us out.



Senior Citizen Corner

News is scarce as hen's teeth at the Center this week. All regular attendants seem to be in good spirits and looking forward to a new month and less March wind. April showers will be a Welcome change.

Wednesday's Turkey and Dressing was well attended. Visitors enjoying the treat were: Ted and Claudia Sue Gurgism, Mariana Williams, Mary Harner, and The Cowboy Country Editor, and daughter from Plains. We enjoy the Cowboy News the Editor brings along when she visits. Words why The Hack doesn't come along some times.

Our quilts are on display at D. C. Library. Tickets are available there, and we urge everyone to buy a few.

Next weeks Calender of events are:

- Lunch Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.
- Line Dancing Mon., Wed., and Friday at 9:30 a.m.
- Pool/Game Mon. 6:30 p.m.
- Generations B/P Wed. 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- Gale Ballau Insurance at 11:00 a.m.

Visitors are Welcom everyday, some come on down and enjoy a day of fellowship. See you next week, Smitty

HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



The Air Bag Media Attention Continues

Texans cannot expect the media attention on air bags to "go away" anytime in the near future. Air bags have been deployed in more than one million crashes, and more than 1,600 people are alive today because of an air bag. There has been considerable media attention focusing on the children and adults who have died in low-speed crashes where air bags deployed. Almost everyone hurt or killed by an air bag has been unbelted, improperly belted or improperly positioned in the vehicle.

As the controversy continues to swirl, the U.S. House and Senate are planning to hold hearings on air bag safety this year, while NHTSA is requiring improved warning labels on new cars. The NHTSA is also planning to allow car makers to use less powerful air bag inflators and may even allow motorists to have their air bags disconnected--a dangerous practice. Engineers around the world are working to perfect "smart" air bags that can detect occupants' weights and adjust deployment speed accordingly.

There is absolutely no question that air bags save lives and will continue to save lives. The system we have today was designed to the detriment of people who are faithful about buckling up, in order to provide limited protection to those who do not buckle up every time they are in a vehicle. Reducing the velocity of the deployment virtually solves the problem of occupants who are properly positioned and belted.

The bottom line is that air bags are extremely effective, and they save lives when seat belts are used properly.

DON'T FORGET!

Day Light Savings Time goes into effect April 6th. Set your clocks FOWARD one hour.

Bridal Shower

Miss Rhonda Cowart, bride elect of Shayne Griffiths of Whiteface, will be honored with a Bridal Shower on Saturday, April 12th. The event will be held in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Fitzgerald at 602 2nd Street in Plains, from 2:30 until 4:00 pm

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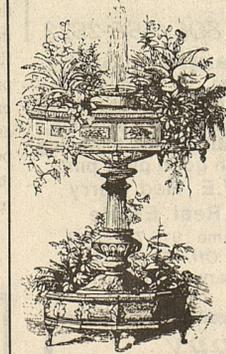
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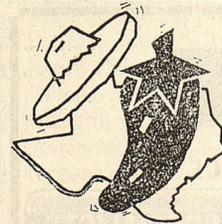
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From The Hack



I heard an interesting and apparently true story from Cherie Sanders, mogul of the local 'Lavender Patch' store, about her husband David, just back from a movie filming in which he appears as a stuntman.

They live in the old Price place west of town, and Cherie said they had experienced plumbing problems for more days than she cared to remember when she finally layed the law down to David: "Fix it or leave".

Like most males, he chose to fix it. Cherie said he announced he was going to dig the offending sewer line up and replace it with brand new stuff. She was busy in the kitchen, and heard a muffled conversation taking place outside, something like, "Go, Travis, Go, good boy, good dog" repeated over and over.

She looked out the window, and saw David leaning on a shovel, and their dog 'Travis' energetically, frantically pawing away at a hole in the backyard. She ran outside and screamed, "David, that poor dog is too old to dig that hole, get him out of there!"

David, unperturbed, said, "Hey, he's lots younger than I am, leave him alone".

Unpacified, Cherie ran outside, yelling "Yeah, but he's eight dog years old, and you're only 41. He's at least 56!"

David responded, "Cherie, don't mess with the dog... he's headed in the right direction, finally, and I want him to finish this hole!"

"But you're the one with the shovel, you're supposed to be digging the hole", she yelled.

"Not if you're smarter than

the dumb dog, and get him to dig it", David responded, urging Travis to dig harder.

Cherie said she finally threw her hands up in despair when she looked out again and saw David trying to teach Travis how to use a hack saw to cut into the offending sewer line.

The Bride and I attended Easter Sunrise services Sunday, but had to miss regular Church to journey to Lubbock for some emergency film developing. We passed by a City Park where a large Easter egg hunt was in progress, sponsored by who knows. Kids were frantically running about in their Easter finery, clumsily looking for the treasured eggs, and it made me recall my first formally organized egg hunt.

In 1940, I was a tender 8 years old, and some organization in Denver City sponsored their very first Easter Egg Hunt. Memories of the details are sketchy, but I know it was held in the south part of town. I know it was on a Saturday, prior to Easter. Kids were running about, shouting, laughing, when a rumor suddenly swept thru the crowd. 'Someone's hidden a \$100 bill in an egg!'

Innocent fun turned into mayhem. In 1940, \$100 was a small fortune. Mommas, daddies raced into the area, shoving kids aside, looking for the golden egg. Several fist fights broke out over eggs found. It was reported a divorce even resulted.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0215526, Well no. 1406, Plains Unit, 3731 Acres, Sec. 392, Blk. D., J. H. Gibson/GW Nelson Survey, A-739, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, being 1.5 miles in a Northwest direction from Plains, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 4039' from the South line and 4050' from the West line of lease. 1229' from the North line and 1229' from the East line of survey.

Rule 37 Case No. 0215527, Well no. 911, Plains Unit, 3731 Acres, Sec. 369, Blk. D., J. H. Gibson Survey, A-320, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, being 2 miles Northwest direction from Plains, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 4047' from the North line and 6723' from the West line of lease. 1320' from the South line and 1195' from the East line of survey.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0215525, Well no. 1603, Plains Unit, 3731 Acres, Sec. 392, Blk. D., J. H. Gibson/GW Nelson Survey, A-739, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, being 1.5 miles Northwest direction from Plains, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 2535' from the South line and 2725' from the West line of lease. 2535' from the South line and 1235' from the East line of survey.

Field rules for the Brahaney field are 660/1320, 40 acres. These wells are to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5400 feet. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h)(2)(A), these applications may be granted administratively if no protest to the applications are received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected person include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the ap-

plication with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Dianne Sumrall - Production Admin., at (915) 687-3435. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6748.

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