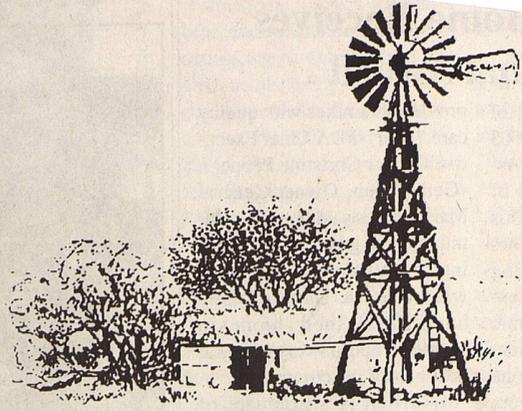


# Cowboy Country News

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## PHS Athletes Named To All-District Teams

### The following 2003 Cowgirls were named to the All-District 4-A Volleyball team:

Kristian Morales - S/OH - Jr.  
Jesenia Suarez - MB - Jr.  
Moriah Traweek - OH - Sr.  
Manuela Villegas - S/OH - Sr.

### Receiving Honorable Mention:

Skylar Keesee - MB - SO.  
Micaela Villegas - DS - Jr.

### The following 2003 Cowboys were named to the District 6 All-District teams:

#### Offense:

Running Back 1\* - Richard Diaz - 5'9" - 165 - Sr.  
Quarterback 2 - Evan Cain - 6'0" - 150 - Jr.  
Tight End 2 - Armando Ramirez - 5'11" - 175 - Sr.  
Receiver 2 - Zach Broome - 6'0" - 150 - Sr.  
Full Back 2 - Todd Williams - 5'7" - 160 - So.  
Linemen 2 - Nolan Newsom - 5'10" - 175 - Sr.

#### Defense:

Secondary 1\* - Richard Diaz - 5'8" - 165 - Sr.  
Line Backer 1\* - Armando Ramirez - 5'11" - 180 - Sr.  
Secondary 2 - Ramiro Martinez - 5'8" - 160 - So.  
Line Backer 2 - Grady McNabb - 5'11" - 170 - Sr.  
Defensive Tackle 1 - Ryan Martinez - 5'11" - 230 - Sr.  
Defensive Tackle 2 - Isaac Ramon - 5'10" - 210 - Jr.  
Defensive End 1 - Nolan Newsom - 5'10" - 175 - Sr.  
Honorable Mention - Blake O'Quinn - Line Backer - So.  
Honorable Mention - Cody Flores - Defensive Tackle - Jr.

## Business as usual in Court

In the December 1 session of Commissioners Court, advertising for bids for the purchase of a new 2003 extended cab pickup truck, with or without trade-in of a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck for Precinct 1 was approved. Deadline for receiving bid is 4 PM Friday, December 19. Bids on the sale of the used 1994 Chevrolet pickup were also approved with the same bid acceptance deadline.

Troy Scott, Justice of Peace in Precinct 2, requested approval to purchase a new Birth & Record book. The request was

approved, purchase not to exceed \$600.

Teresa Howard, to assume duties of the new County Human Resource Officer on January 1, 2004, requested approval to purchase a new telephone and calculator for the office. The court approved a \$400 maximum purchase price.

The court approved adding the additional names of members Sandy Bell, Sharon Boyd and Judy Tinley to the Yoakum County Child Welfare Board.

When the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was approved by cotton producers in 1991, a formal war was declared on the cotton boll weevil in Yoakum, Gaines and Andrews counties, and portions of Terry and Lynn County. That year, 2,376,682 weevils were found in traps deployed around cotton fields in the five county zone. In the 2003 eradication season, which officially ended when the first killing freeze occurred throughout the zone, not a single weevil had been discovered in Yoakum County, and the heaviest infestations in southern Gaines and northern Andrews county produced less than four hundred weevils.

Seasonal field personnel throughout the zone are now removing thousands of weevil traps, re-cycling those capable of re-use next year, and getting the fleet of vehicles cleaned and winterized. Weevil traps with the pheromone attractant will remain in place only on five 'historical' fields in each working unit.

Darrell Dusek, manager of the Western High Plains Zone, told CCN he and zone staff were extremely pleased with the results of eradication efforts in this fifth year of operation.

"From a high weevil count of almost 2.4 million in the first diapause year, we trapped 1,515,313 in 2000, 41,683 in 2001, and 4,973 in 2002, well less than 1,000 this year. We think this is excellent progress," Dusek stated.

Aerial application of Malathion on cotton fields

## Boll Weevil war has 5th successful year



Almost 60 vehicles like these will soon be parked when eradication season ends

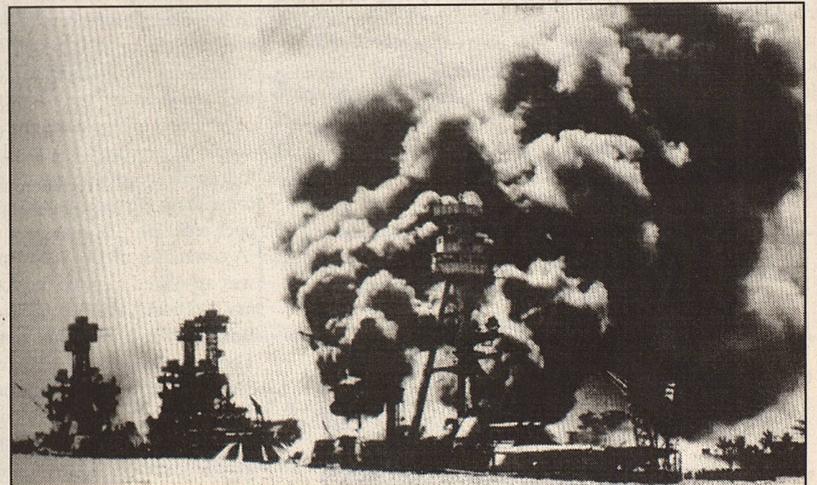
where weevils had been trapped totaled 6.8 million acres treated in the initial diapause year, 9.7 million acres in 2000, 1,200,000 acres in 2001, 306,000 in 2002, and only 145,000 acres this year. "To put a different perspective on the program, we sprayed all the

cotton acreage in the zone 11 times in 2000. In the current year, we sprayed each acre only .176 times.

Asked what the 2004 eradication program would consist of, Dusek said "A technical advisory team will come in and evaluate the 2003 program,

enabling decisions to be made on how to plan the next year program. Their findings and decisions could result in leaving the program essentially as it works now, or a possible reduction in eradication activity.

## Remembering Pearl Harbor



U.S. Battleships West Virginia, Tennessee and Arizona aflame in Pearl Harbor

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, a Japanese battle fleet including six aircraft carriers with 423 planes launch an air attack on the Pacific fleet in Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, and on Army, Air Force and Marine bases on the Island. In two waves of attacks, Japanese planes hit eight U.S. Navy battleships in the harbor, leaving five sinking, in addition to sinking three cruisers and three destroyers and other support vessels. 188 U.S. aircraft are destroyed, the Japanese lose 29. Our armed forces dead number almost 4,000, and the next day, President Roosevelt declares war on Japan, later on Germany and Italy. Almost 14 million American men and women will serve in uniform by time World War II ends.

## Cornyn Urges Court To Support Pledge

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, chairman of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday to defend the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, based in San Francisco, ruled last year that it is unconstitutional for teachers to lead the pledge in public school classrooms because of the phrase "under God".

The brief is the first to be filed on the merits in the case, Elk Grove Unified School District

v. Newdow. It argues that "the Supreme Court should reverse the decision of the Ninth Circuit and uphold both the Pledge of Allegiance and the school district's policy providing for the voluntary recitation of the Pledge."

"The Pledge of Allegiance was designed for all Americans, regardless of religious faith, to express their devotion and allegiance to the great nation, founded upon a commitment to religious liberty and justice for all," the Senators wrote in the brief.

The brief points out that references to God can be found in

the nation's founding documents, its currency, its national motto, on public buildings, and can be heard during the commencement of daily sessions of our courts and legislatures.

"Logic and reason dictate that these common place and customary references to the Almighty, found in the basic civic documents and institutions of our nation, do not establish an official state religion in violation of the First Amendment, any more or less than does the reference to God that is contained in the Pledge of Allegiance."

## Getting our town In The Spirit



The Plains Chamber of Commerce, the Plains City Council and the Plains 4-H Club recently entered into a joint venture project to further dress up our town for the Christmas season. The black and white art work shown here, depicting a jolly Santa with reindeer, and a carrot-nosed snowman will be shown in full color on a total of fifty flags ordered recently, and hopefully to arrive in plenty of time for the holiday season. The flags are roughly two and a half feet wide, and almost four feet long, and will be flown from brackets on light poles along Cowboy Way, installed by the City prior to this years Watermelon Round Up.

## Former Residents' Funeral Home Receives National Award

Kerrville Funeral Home, of Kerrville, TX received the 2003 National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Pursuit of Excellence Eagle award. This mark of excellence honors firms for their outstanding community service, professional integrity and dynamic public relations programs. Kerrville Funeral Home is one of 311 funeral homes that were presented a Pursuit of Excellence award during the 2003 NFDA Convention & Expo in Las Vegas, NV, October 19-22, 2003.

"The Pursuit of Excellence program is the premier standard for funeral service excellence. Funeral homes that achieve this special recognition are raising the bar when it comes to community involvement and

providing families with quality care," said NFDA Chief Executive Officer Christine Pepper. Gene Allen, Owner/General Manager has said that the community has given overwhelming support since the purchase was made. He and his family have made their home in Kerrville, and are very happy to be a part of the community.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of Plains High School and South Plains College. He attended Wayland Baptist University, and received his Mortuary Science Degree from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He is the son of Frankie Allen and the late Elbert Allen, Sr. of Brownfield and formerly of Plains. He and his wife, Kate, have four children; Esther, Jordan, Reese, and Bryce.

## Funeral services held for Marvin Lee Brown

Funeral services for Marvin Lee Brown, 54, were held at 2 PM Saturday, November 29, 2003 in the First United Methodist Church in Tatum, NM, with Reverend Kevin Bruton officiating. Interment followed at the Tatum Cemetery. Services were under direction of Stevens Funeral Home of Lovington. He died November 26 at his home in Lubbock.

Mr. Brown was born March 8, 1949 at Morton, Texas. He married Diane Boatright at Higginbotham, Texas April 15, 1990. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Plains, a lifetime member of the NRA, a US Navy veteran who served in Vietnam, a talented musician and the author of the book, "Empty Holster".

He is survived by his wife Diane of Lubbock; two sons, Buster Lee Brown and wife Lisa of O'Donnell, Texas, Royce Brown and wife Gail of



Capitan, NM; his mother, Edna Brown of Lovington, NM; a sister, Kathy Ozburn of Lovington; a step son, Todd Thompson; two step daughters, Carisa Carlton and Zeta Ray, both of Lubbock; a step brother, Dr. Jerry Brown and wife Carolyn of Bayfield, Colorado, and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

## Congratulations!



To Nicole Culwell for making the **FINAL FOUR** in the **MAKE KIDS COUNT** scholarship contest... and Thumbs Up to Carolyn Culwell for her loving support and encouragement. Nicole won a \$1000 scholarship!!  
**Bob & Billie Blundell**

## 'Not only the right - but the duty - to revolt' The Declaration Of Independence

The single document which defines our founding fathers burning desire for independence from England and the tyranny of King George III, the Declaration Of Independence, had a shaky, even perilous birth.

In 1774, in retaliation for the infamous Boston Tea Party, the English Parliament passed a number of harsh and restrictive acts on the 13 colonies. Citizens throughout the colonies, already inflamed against England, reacted by forming the First Continental Congress, with a major objective to petition George III to rescind many harsh and unfair laws. He ignored their efforts, and in June of 1776, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia.

It was clear to members of the congress the English King had no intentions of granting any of their requests, and the majority of members agreed a document should be prepared declaring the independence of the colonies, formalizing what was to become open rebellion.

A committee of five members was appointed to write the formal declaration of independence, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston. Jefferson, with writing talent, was assigned the job of writing the document.

Jefferson researched both the Virginia Constitution and Declaration of rights, and edited philosopher John Locke's idea, "life, liberty and the pursuit of

property" to read, "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

When Jefferson finished the first draft, the committee and Congress met on July 1 to edit the draft, and in the July 4, 1776 meeting of the Congress in Philadelphia, the document was finalized and approved.

Realizing England would consider the inflammatory document an act of treason, punishable by hanging, only the president and secretary of the Congress signed the original draft - John Hancock and Charles Thompson.

The manuscript was taken to official printer of the Congress John Dunlap, who prepared the typesetting on some 200 sheets, called broadsides, or poster size copies approximately the size of today's newspaper sheets.

The document was circulated throughout the colonies. After all 13 approved the declaration, the Congress decreed all 56 members should sign the document, a process which actually took several months. The signed, or 'engrossed' copy is now kept at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Americans have been celebrating the declaration with fireworks, speeches and cheers since its first public reading in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. Later, following the War of 1812 it became more of a symbol of American nationalism, but its July Fourth printing date did not become an official American holiday until 1941.

**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

### Looking Back; Moving Forward

On March 4, 1789 the first session of Congress convened. More than two centuries later, January 7, 2003 marked the beginning of the 108th U.S. Congress. As always, this one brought new and unexpected challenges, but overall we were able to accomplish some good things for the American people. This column is a look back over the year and looks forward to what the second half of the 108th Congress in 2004 will achieve.

### Economic Security

In May, President Bush signed into law the 2003 Jobs and Growth package to return \$350 billion in tax cuts to the American people, building on the 2001 tax relief. The legislation accelerated many of the reductions that were being phased in over several years including my marriage penalty relief bill, an increase in the child tax credit and lower marginal rates. It also provided important relief for businesses and \$20 billion to states where many are facing difficult budgetary shortfalls. I fought to adjust the allocation formula so that Texas ultimately received \$1.3 billion to help balance the state budget, a full \$100 million more than they were on track to get.

The good news is that our policies to boost the economy are working. In October, employment rose by 126,000 for a total of 286,000 new jobs over a three month period. Additionally, the real gross domestic product, or output of goods and services produced in the U.S., increased at an annual rate of 8.2 percent in the third quarter of 2003, building on a 3.3 percent increase in the second quarter. We experienced the fastest growth in nearly two decades. Other important indicators, such as new housing starts, which hit a 17 year high in 2003, and increased productivity, greater disposable income and a stock market that experienced gains of more than \$2 trillion, all point toward a recovering economy. Putting people back to work is our highest priority.

### Domestic Security

We kicked off the year by confirming our nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, passing national AMBER Alert legislation to more quickly recover kidnapped children and enacting a budget to provide a spending blueprint for Congress. Our "Healthy Forests" bill was adopted to help protect America's public forests from catastrophic fires, diseases and infestations. We approved a record \$2.4 billion in funding to combat the global HIV/AIDS epidemic devastating Africa and the Caribbean, and passed the "do-not-call" registry bill to pro-

tect consumers from unwanted phone solicitations (which is now held up in Federal Court). We also enacted free and fair trade bills with Chile and Singapore to open new markets to U.S. exports.

In the final days of the session we were finally able to fulfill a promise made to America's seniors by bringing Medicare up to date and offering a prescription drug benefit for the first time. We passed sweeping reforms that will provide choice, offer greater assistance for low-income Americans and create Health Savings Accounts that will benefit millions of Americans.

### National Security

Perhaps the issue that most dominated 2003 was Operation Iraqi Freedom. In March we descended on Baghdad to remove the threat of Saddam Hussein. A democratic Iraq will stand as an example to all the Middle East and help ensure a safer world for future generations.

We have stood firm in support of our troops, providing the necessary funds to fight the war and help the Iraq people more quickly gain control of their own destiny. We also passed the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act and the Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act to help military families. Our efforts to eliminate terrorism continue in Afghanistan and points around the globe, and the passage of the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Act will help further our national security.

### Moving Forward

As with every year there are some important issues that were not resolved. We were unable to pass a comprehensive energy bill, something I have advocated during my decade of service in the Senate. Though we didn't get a bill this year, it is a top priority heading into 2004. The bill is long overdue and we will not give up the fight. It means increased energy independence, conservation and new jobs in our country when we need it most, and we won't rest until we have an energy bill for the president to sign.

We'll also act to reauthorize highway legislation to create better highways and transportation systems, and hope to make progress on legislation I introduced to make Amtrak a viable, national alternative. In 2004 we'll continue to fight for the fair treatment of judicial nominees and encourage up-or-down votes in the Senate to fill critical vacancies in our nation's courts. We'll also work to pass class action and asbestos litigation reform and continue working to create jobs. As we move forward, we'll undoubtedly face new challenges and we'll tackle them for the good of the American people.

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## PISD Sports Summary

### Junior High:

7th Boys - The younger Wranglers hard to go to overtime, but won a thriller 31-27 over Sundown last week. Chris Gonzales topped scoring with 12 points, 5 in overtime, Zack Ramon 9 points, 3 in OT, Chris Addison 6, AJ Maryinez 4.

8th Boys - The Wranglers played well on offense and used a pressing defense to defeat Sundown 33-24. Rudy Gonzales had 16 points, Cody Mayes 10, Zach Ramos 3, Juan Lara and Chase Guetersloh 2 each. John Tyson and Jacob Rivera were cited for their defense play.

JV Cowgirls: The younger Cowgirls squeaked out a good 22-20 win over Coahoma last week. Cecilia Bonilla topped scoring with 14 points, Priscilla Mares had 5, Nicole Culwell 2. their record is no2 2 & 1.

Varsity Cowgirls: They Cowgirls also found Coahoma a bit too much and fell 52-42. Coach Thaggard said "We had a cold first half, making only 4 baskets in 23 attempts. They really pressed Coahoma and caused lots of turnovers. Good efforts from Jesenia Suarez, 9 rebounds, a blocked shot, 2 steals, and 19 points, while Desiraye Broome scored 11 points, had 9 rebounds and 17 steals. Meghan Garcia had 4 points, Jamie Covarrubias, Moriah Traweek, Regina Morlaes and Daniela Lazos 2 each.

JV Cowboys: The Cowboys recorded their third win of the season, beating Sudan 59-24. Coach Brink said help from off the bench helped in the win. Blake O'Quinn managed 12 points, Todd Williams 10, John Wagnon and B.J. Lester 7 each, Brant Huerta 8, Landon Craft 6, Breck Hamm 3, Blake Parrish, Scott Addison and TJ Cordova 2 each.

Varsity Cowboys: Coach Davis reported he was very proud of the effort made in a double-overtime loss to Brownfield last week. Zach Broome had a good night, having 36 points and 10 rebounds, Richard Diaz scored 9, Evan Cain 8, Kerry Sisson 6 and 7 rebounds, Cody Flores 5 and 4, Blake O'Quinn 4 and 4.

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COUNTY OF YOAKUM  
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM, Friday, December 19, 2003, for the purchase of (1) new 2003 Extended Cab Pickup with or without trade-in of (1) used 1994 Chevrolet Extended Cab Pickup, for Precinct #1. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded by Commissioners Court on Monday, December 22, 2003. Bid price will be paid from 2003 budgeted funds.

To inspect the trade-in or for more information, contact Commissioner Woody Lindsey, Precinct #1, 806/592-3601, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City, Texas, 79323.

Sealed bids should be marked "PRECINCT 1 NEW PICKUP" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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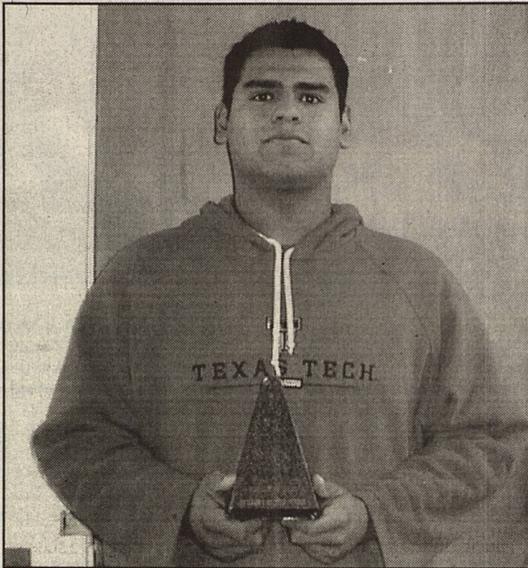
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## Student's of the Week



First student of the week is Jesenia Suarez a junior and the daughter of Irma Garcia and Jose Suarez. Jesenia was nominated by Treasure Thaggard, who said, "Jesenia works hard and approaches obstacles with a determined attitude. I often hear her en-

couraging and praising other students and athletes. She even inspires and motivates me on a daily basis. She understands we should make every day count and she does. A person can make anything of their life they wish to and I know she is on this path."



Second student of the week is Ryan Martinez a senior and the son of Johnny and Ester Martinez. Ryan was nominated by Treon Ortega, who said, "Sir Winston Churchill once said, "courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities...because it is the quality which guarantees all others." It occurred to me this applies to one of our students. To have the courage to step out of the comfort zone and attempt new things is the sign of a hero. Ryan is one who has definitely stepped out of his comfort zone in everything he has attempted. This has paid off for him in athletics, in the classroom and in the community. He has dis-

played perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, and leadership in many different arenas. I will always remember him as one of the greatest teacher I have ever had. He is an all-district first team payer, and Coach McWhirter recounted that he was impressed with this student's ability to persevere through the adversity of his "hyena" last year."

## Workshops explore futures, options

Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options, and how to effectively use them as marketing tools at two, one-day workshops slated for December 18, 2003 and March 4, 2004, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"These workshops are designed to help producers improve their pricing and marketing strategies through the study of futures and options," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension ag economist marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "In order to take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities, producers must know how to evaluate market alternatives."

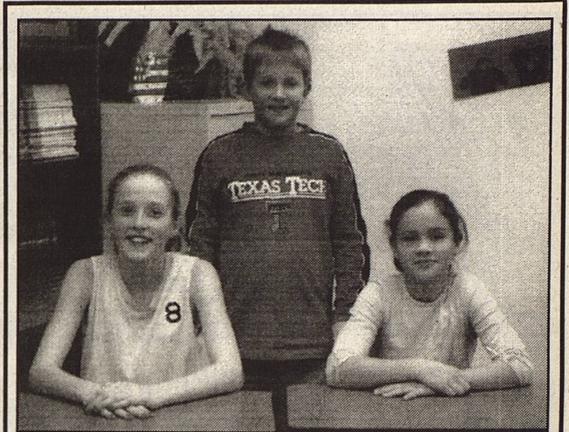
"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or

indirectly linked to the futures market. So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies using these tools."

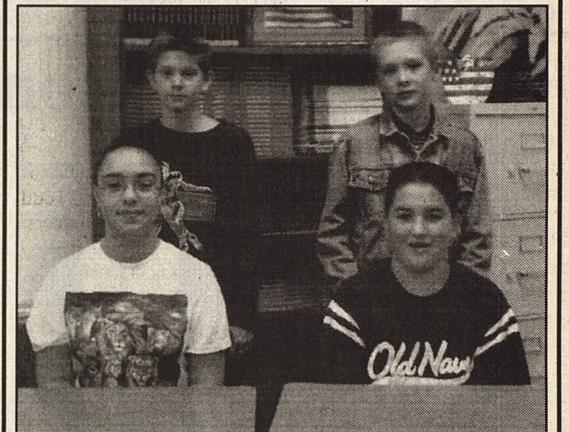
Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock will host both one-day workshops. The center is north of Lubbock on Interstate Highway 27 -take exit 11, turn right on FM 1294 and drive one-half mile east.

Smith will teach both workshops, designed for those with a beginning knowledge of the futures market. Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Registration costs \$30 per person for each workshop.

Producers can register, or get information by calling 806-746-6101; or by contacting their local county Extension office.



September Students of the week at Plains Junior High are: Lauren Hise and Hannah Crump (seated) and Nathan McCravey (standing).



October Students of the Week at Plains Junior High are: Maria Anazola and Jacob Rivera (seated) and Landon Earnest and Jacob Neudorf (standing). Students of the Week are selected based on teacher submissions. Each of these students has demonstrated outstanding character and academic performance.

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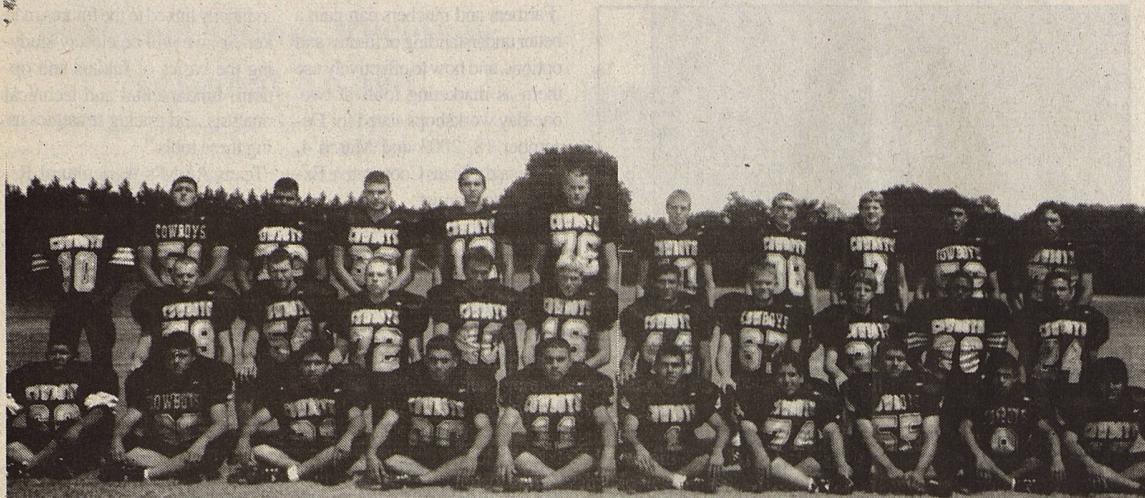
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**2003 Cowboys**  
 Front: Arnold Luna, Peter Neufeld, Ramiro Martinez, Arnold Cordova, T.J. Cordova, Richard Diaz, C.J. Tarango, Antonio Martinez, Jose Villegas, J.L. Vasquez. Middle: Trey Cleveland, Grady McNabb, Reagan Haynes, Michael Crump, Ben Hays, Armando Ramirez, Nolan Newsom, Todd Williams, Jacob Flourney, Mario Ruvalcaba. Back: Jarett Stell, Brant Huerta, Ryan Martinez, Cody Flores, Zach broome, Adam McCravey, Evan Cain, Payton Bean, Blake O'Quinn, Isaac Ramon, Adam Guerrero.



**Hey Kids!!**  
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After he arrives, bring a can of food  
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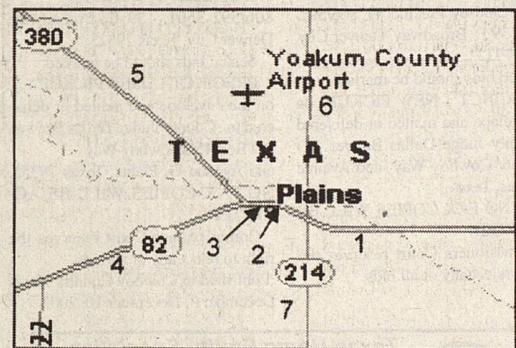
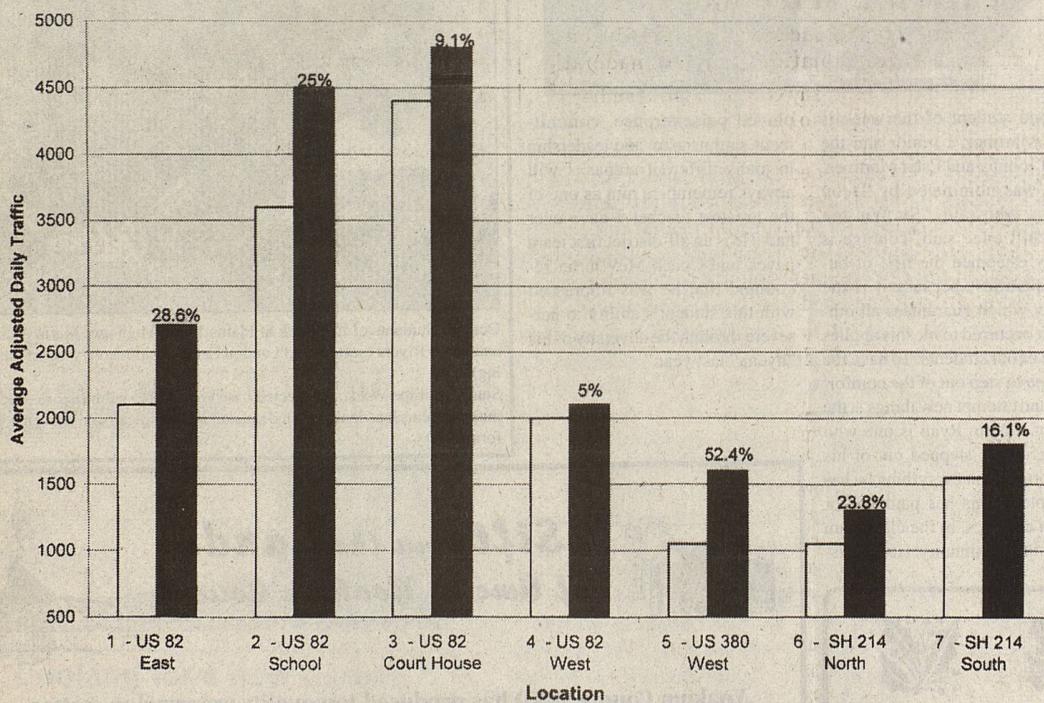


**2003 8th Grade Wranglers**  
 Front: Zachary Ramos, Rudy Gonzales, Jacob Rivera, Ryan Crump, Colby Ortega, Kurt Alldredge. Back: Chase Guetersloh, John Tyson, Elias Carrillo, Sergio Olivas, Cody Mayes, Juan Lara



**2003 7th Grade Wranglers**  
 Front: Holden Welch, A.J. Martinez, Derek Garza, Chris Gonzales, Zack Ramon, Jonathan Mindieta, Landon Earnest. Back: Zachary Guerra, Jose Flores, Dillon Hunter, Menjamin Marquez, Alejandro Lara, Larry Caballero, Chris Addison, Skyler Sainz.

## Tx DOT monitors traffic flow through Plains



□ Year 1992    ■ Year 2002

The graphics shown here were developed by staff at Sandy Land Underground Water District, with data furnished by Carlos Howell, supervisor at the local TxDOT maintenance office, from data recorded at the Lubbock District office. The flow of traffic will show another increase at the end of the current year.

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\$100.00

(One ticket admits one couple or one single person into the ball)

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 If you would like to purchase a ticket to the Denim and Diamonds New Year's Eve Ball, please call one of the following Gala Committee Members:

Sharon Boyd - 592-2939 \* Edith Kidd - 592-2269 \* Beverly Mills - 592-2121  
 Linda Moore - 592-8829 \* Wilma Powell - 456-2288  
 Louise Swanson - 592-2069 \* Judy Thompson - 592-2580, or 592-6444

# Lifelines & Styles

## “Miss West Texas Pageant”

Entry forms are available for the Miss West Texas Scholarship Pageant and the Miss Teen West Texas Pageant to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brownfield Middle School auditorium. The winner of Miss West Texas will advance to the Miss Texas pageant in Fort Worth, Texas the first week of July 2004. Miss Texas is part of the Miss America Organization. Miss America is the largest scholarship pageant in the nation for women.

Miss contestants must be at least 17 and a Senior in High School, but can be no older than 24. Competition includes Physical Fitness in swimsuit, Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown. There is no entry fee for the Miss competition. Several

scholarships are awarded at this preliminary and also at the Miss Texas competition. Anyone interested can contact Yvette Harris, 806/637-8130 or yvie@door.net for more information.

Miss Teen West Texas is for young ladies 13-17 years of age. This competition will also be held Saturday, December 6, 2003. Competition will consist of Physical Fitness in swimsuit, Interview, Talent and Evening Gown. Miss Teen West Texas will advance to the Miss Teen Texas pageant in Burleson, Texas on July 5 and 6, 2004. Scholarships will be presented to the winner. For Teen information contact Paula Parker, 784-0029 or psplub@yahoo.com.



What about? It's Thanksgiving Time and the holidays are upon us.

We will be sitting down to a giant table with family and friends around us. The table is full of all kinds of wonderful food and fun, but you know, something is terribly wrong.

For some of us, someone is missing. That someone is a mom, dad, child, or sibling. That loved one that is missing, has left an empty place at the table and in our hearts. So, what do we do now? Holidays are lonely for a family who has had a loss. They are times that emphasize the loss of a family member.

There are many meaningful things though that can be done so you can feel better about the holidays.

Number one, plan ahead. Folks who have lost someone experience a great deal of confusion about what to do. What will I cook? Who will come over? It may take you longer to get things done.

Some even hope to go to sleep and wake up in a couple of months when all the hul-a-ballu is over.

Number two, accept your limitations about what you might or might not want to do. Do you really want to go to all those parties? Or do you want to throw a big party yourself?

What about the children? Should you decorate the house as if nothing has happened? And all those fun traditions you used to do with-----? Do you want

to still do them or maybe wait until next year?

“Maybe we should all go out to the cemetery...or I'll just stay in bed that morning!”

Think about this one. Pick a couple of traditions and deal with them without your loved one. Or maybe go over to the kids' house or a friends' instead of having Christmas at your place.

Questions, questions, and more questions...and confusion!

One family I knew even set a place at the Thanksgiving dinner table, in the same place as usual, for a loved one who had passed away during the year. Everyone set and talked about the fun times they remembered with them and how that person had enjoyed the holidays.

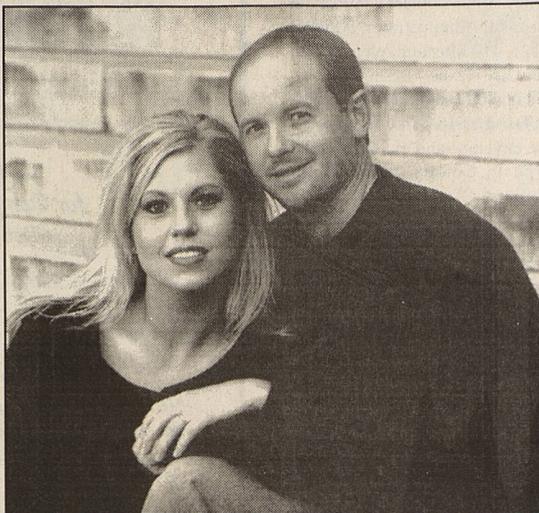
It seemed to ease the atmosphere and tension when everyone was able to talk about the loss and how they missed the person.

Holidays are difficult for families who have experienced a loss during the year. Those of us who have not lost someone need to remember those hurting this holiday season and try to help keep them busy.

Each of the 'firsts' after a death is a bad time for all. Help someone make the best of this 'first' Thanksgiving and Christmas without a loved one.

Until Next Time!  
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## Wedding Plans Announced



Kirby and Vickie Burch, of Lazbuddie, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, of Lubbock, to Dan Partin, of Plains, son of Morris and Donna Partin, of Plains.

Jessica, a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and Texas Tech University, is the accountant for AMA TechTel Communications in Lubbock. Dan, a graduate of Plains High School and The University of North Texas, is engaged in farming near Plains.

The couple will marry January 17th, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect's grandparents are M.C. Street and Lillian Street, both of Muleshoe, and Hazel Burch of Clovis.

The future bridegroom's grandparents are Bobbie Partin of Plains and Alvin and Dorothy Largent of Bridgeport.

## Operation Christmas Card

Plains Dirt Gardeners will once again sponsor Operation Christmas Card. Donations may be made at Richardson Insurance or to any Garden Club Member. The funds collected are used to beautify the Plains Cemetery.

Previous projects have included the South gate & planting, marking unmarked graves with small tombstones, placing street signs, and the planting of live oaks on the east side of the cemetery. The next planned project is replacing dead trees in the lines around the cemetery.

All donations are appreciated & will be recognized in the Christmas edition of CCN. **Deadline for having your name on the card is Friday NOON, December 19.**

## “Room In The Inn”

Lubbock, Texas-Fairfield Inn, Towne Place Suites, and Courtyard by Marriott, and the Hampton Inn by Hilton are proud to be participating in the “Room In The Inn” program. This program offers free hotel rooms to those visiting loved ones in the area hospitals, nursing homes and treatment centers on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Tharaldson Lodging Company, which operates the Fairfield Inn, Towne Place Suites, Courtyard and Hampton Inn, began the “Room In The Inn” program in 1988. Linda Tharaldson, executive vice president for Tharaldson Lodging Company said, “By offering free rooms to those in need, we hope to make it a little easier for families to get together during the holidays.”



### 2002 WPS Client Population

- WPS served 5,602 clients in 2002.
- WPS served 378 clients who were victims of sexual abuse.
- 48% of WPS clients were children.
- 30% of WPS clients were women, ages 18-39.
- 45% of WPS clients were Anglo, 30% were Hispanic, 15% were African-American and 10% were Asian and Bi-Racial.

### WPS Mission

It is the mission of WPS to reduce and prevent the incidents of family violence in West Texas by providing emergency shelter to women and their dependent children. It is also the mission of WPS to help clients build healthy and promising futures by providing them with the emotional support and life skills to overcome the pattern of violence that has dominated their lives.

### WPS Programs

- Crisis Intervention
- Job Readiness Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Social Service Referral
- Counseling
- Children's Programs
- Case Management
- Community Education

### WPS Territory

WPS serves a primarily rural, 10,500 square-mile region comprising the 12 West Texas counties of Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum.

## The Fight Against Rising Child Abuse Cases

Austin, Texas-Already struggling against a 25 percent turnover rate among caseworkers, Child Protective Services (CPS) projects reports of child abuse and neglect to the state agency will increase at a double digit pace in the next two years.

CPS estimates it will receive 181,423 reports of either child abuse or neglect throughout Texas in fiscal year 2005, a 15 percent increase over the 157,544 reports the agency handled in FY 2002. As a result of those reports, CPS expects to investigate 131,722 cases of child abuse or neglect in 2005, a 7 percent increase

over the 125,258 investigations carried out in 2002.

CPS is one of the three divisions within the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the state agency responsible for protecting this state's most vulnerable population: children, the elderly and disabled who have been victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

The work carried out by PRS is highlighted in the current edition of Texas Public Employee, the official magazine of the Texas Public Employees Association (TPEA).

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**2003 Christmas Assistance Program will accept applications November 19 thru December 12 at Plains City Hall. Only one adult per household may register. Applicants must have driver license or other identification and have a receipt of payment from gas or electric bill with correct address.**

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9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship  
10:45 A.M.

Evening Program  
6:00 P.M.

# From The Hack

The Supreme Court has recently ruled there cannot be a Nativity scene in Washington D.C. this Christmas. Their ruling is not based on any religious or constitutional issue - it has simply been impossible to find three wise men and a virgin in the nation's capitol. On a brighter side, there was absolutely no problem finding enough asses to fill the stable.

I did not steal the following article; I BORROWED it from Hop Graham, who writes for the Lovington Daily Leader, where we print CCN. It's a better deal for me than them... I borrow more often than they do.

Hop was writing about Bill Gates in his weekly column, and admitted he was no big fan of Microsoft founder and owner Bill Gates, but did appreciate part of the message Gates delivered to a graduating class at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, California. Gates delivered his 11 Rules of Reality;

- #1- Life is not fair. Get used to it.
- #2- The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
- #3- You will NOT make \$50,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car and cell phone until you earn both.
- #4- If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you have a BOSS.
- #5- Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity.
- #6- If you mess up, it's not your parents fault, so don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.
- #7- Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, clean-

ing your clothes and listening to you talking about how cool you are. So, before you save the rain forests from the parasites of your parents generation, try de-lousing the closet in your own room.

#8- Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades, and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This rule doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

#9- Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

#10- Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shops and go to jobs.

#11- Be nice to Nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Some thoughts from.....  
*Abraham Lincoln.*

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Husband: "What have you been doing with all the grocery money I give you?"  
Wife: "Turn sideways and look in the mirror."

## THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 PM Thursday, December 18, 2003, for the purchase of (7) Hemodialysis machines for Yoakum County Hospital Dialysis Center.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, December 22, 2003

Bid price will be paid from Hospital Equipment Grant Funds.

To receive a bid sheet or for more information, contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 806/592-2121, 412 Mustang Avenue, Denver City, Texas 79323.

Sealed bids should be marked "DIALYSIS MACHINES" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. **NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in Cowboy Country News December 3 and 10, 2003.

A husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. From the laundry room he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It all depends," she replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

"Texas A&M Aggies," he yelled back.

Christams is the only holiday we sit around looking at a dead tree and eating candy out of our socks.

(The following is for Judge Dallas Brewer and Attorney Emeritus Paul New.)

Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus were riding in an elevator of a luxury hotel. Just before the car stopped and the doors opened, they all noticed a \$100 bill on the floor of the elevator.

Which one picked it up? Why, Santa Claus, of course..... the other two simply don't exist.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 PM Tuesday, December 16, 2003, for the purchase of a water treatment system, bicarb system, and primary acid system with a cleared 510(k) from the FDA for hemodialysis for Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, Decem-

ber 22, 2003. Bid price will be paid from Hospital Equipment Grant funds.

To receive a bid sheet or for more information contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 806/592-2121, 412 Mustang Avenue, Denver City, Texas 79323.

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- Troy Venson Jewelers - Fort Worth
- Wasson Investment Stock Club
- Wentz Orthodontics - Lubbock
- West Texas National Bank

There is still plenty of time to make a monetary contribution or donate an auction item. For more information, call Beverly Mills at the Yoakum County Hospital, 592-2121 or Linda Moore at 592-8829.

### GRAND JURY SELECTION LIST FOR THE 121<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 8, 2003 AT 9:00 A.M.

A Grand Jury selection will be held for the 121<sup>st</sup> District Court of Yoakum County, Texas, on December 8, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom at the Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens have been summoned to appear:

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