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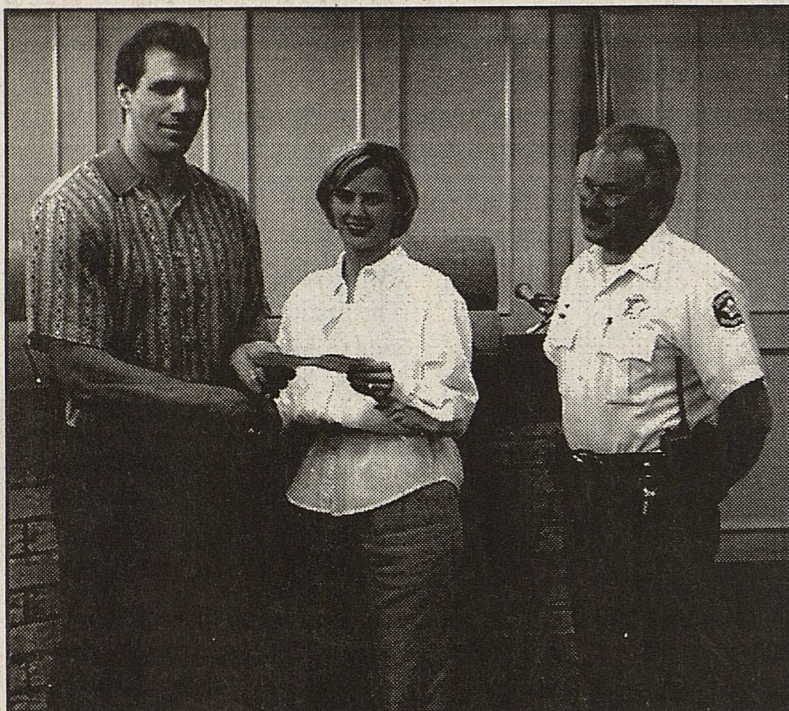
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Vandalism repairs funded by culprits' check



Stan David, left, accepts \$1650 check from Stephanie Ashburn, CDA Office, with investigating Deputy John Matus looking on.

Last July 4, the Denver City Cemetery was vandalized, and the impressive stone statue of Jesus Christ in the main entrance lane was severely damaged. Both extended arms of the statue were broken off. Sheriff Deputy John Matus was assigned to investigate the case. Matus developed leads and information which eventually led to the arrest of a suspect, Bobby Joe Clark, who was charged with criminal mischief

by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark. The defendant later pled guilty in District Court to the charge and received deferred adjudication. In addition to a \$1500 fine, and had to pay \$1650 in restitution. Stephanie Ashburn, victim assistance coordinator in the CDA office, said the \$1650 restitution check will be used by the City of Denver City to repair the statue.

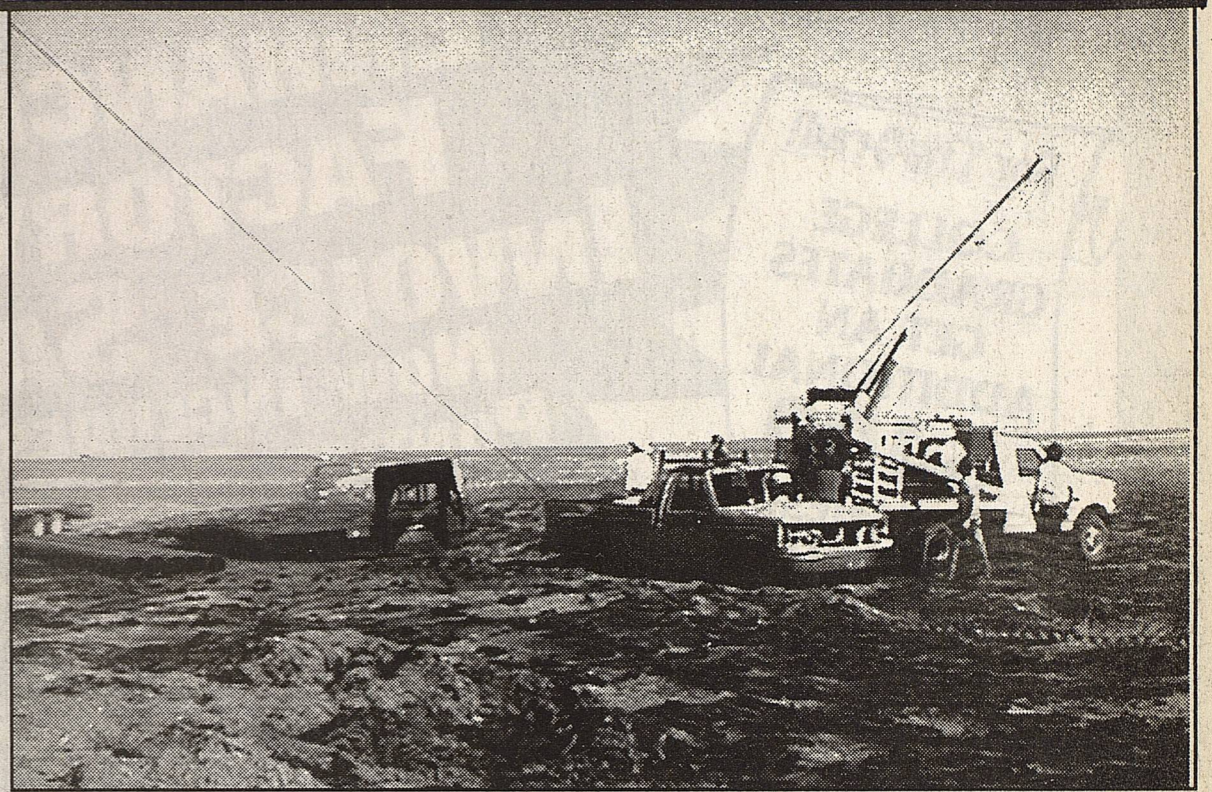
Criminal Cases in County and District Court

In 121st Judicial District Court April 5, 1999, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and with Richard Clark representing the state, Jeffrey Sanchez Lopez a/k/a Jeffrey S. Lopez, 20, pled guilty to delivery of controlled substance-cocaine charge and was sentenced to serve two years in jail, suspended and probated five years. He must pay \$186.50 court costs, pay a fine of \$1500, and pay attorney fees of \$425 and \$140 restitution. He will serve three days in jail and 120 hours community service. He was represented by attorney Ramon Gallegos.

Peter Leon Garcia, 31, agreed on the state's order to modify conditions of community supervision, resulting from a prior conviction of criminal mischief over \$750 but less than \$20,000, order modifying conditions of community supervision. His period of community supervision shall be extended for six months beginning April 10, 1999 until October 10, 1999. He will pay the balance of delinquent

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Fire destroys truck and trailer



Around 2:30 p.m. last Tuesday, the Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to a 911 call, reporting a pickup truck on fire west of town. Fire Chief Charles Diamond said the next morning, "We answered the call with only one unit, and when we arrived at the scene found a pipe trailer attached to the pickup was also on fire, and the fire covered a large area of CRP grass-land." Diamond said two more fire trucks were dispatched to the scene before the fire could be extinguished. The truck and trailer were totally destroyed.

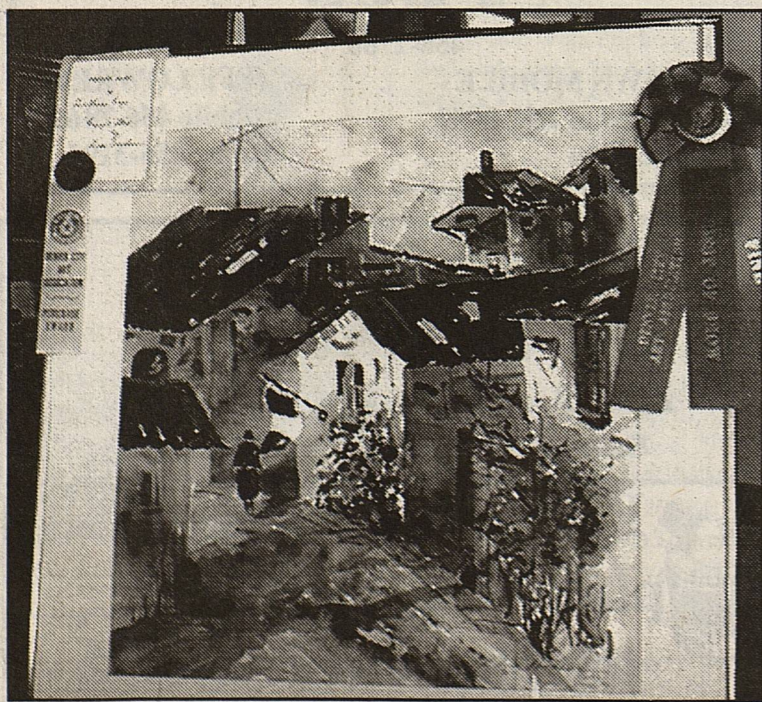
The equipment was part of a new irrigation project taking place at the site, a farm operated by Larry Morrow. A spokesman for VIP, Inc., of Seminole, the drilling company, said the trailer was loaded with new casing for the well,

and became stuck in the very sandy CRP grass-land just short of the drilling rig. The trucks hot muffler and catalytic converter apparently started the fire.

Precinct 3 employee Sam Dominguez happened to be nearby on his motor grader, and managed to grade around the grass to prevent it from reaching the drilling rig. Diamond added, "We were very lucky the fire didn't get to the rig, which was being powered by a 100 gallon tank of propane."

Other firefighters making the run included Donna Diamond, Alex Barrientes, Jerry Dominguez and Michael Barrientes. The fire occurred about 1 1/4 miles north of US 82, on County Road 175, some 5 miles west of Plains.

D.C. Art Show draws many talents



Best of Show Painting - "Peaceful Village", by Dyan Dennison, Abernathy, purchased by Dr. and Sharon Boyd.

The Annual Denver City Art Association show and sale April 6 through April 10 drew many visitors and buyers, and showcased a great deal of local and area talent. Over 130 works of art and photography were entered in the show, judged by Mr. Greg Price. Please see inside for more results and photos.

FINE ART - ORIGINALS

LANDSCAPES

- 1st: "Vineyard" by Mary Evelyn Jones
- 2nd: "Hone" by Suzy Pal
- 3rd: "Home in Fredricksburg" by Suzy Pal

STILL LIFE

- 1st: "Bowl of Apples" by Carol Skinner
- 2nd: "A Pink Ribbon" by Linda Culp
- 3rd: "Stripes & Tulips" by Suzy Pal



Best of Show Photography - "The Tea Party", by Wadonna Davis, Plains, purchased by Attorney Bill Helwig.

PORTRAIT and WILDLIFE

- 1st: "Brandy" by Dyan Dennison
- 2nd: "Ears Looking At You" by Dyan Dennison
- 3rd: "Mountain Lion" by Denise Stelby

MINIATURES

- 1st: "White Petunias" by Inetta Teaff
- 2nd: "Pots in Window" by Carol Skinner
- 3rd: "Daisies in the Dark" by Vivian Rice

NOVICE

- 1st: "Country Flowers" by Marlene Gibson

CLASSWORK AND COPY

LANDSCAPE

- 1st: "Proverbs 21: 31" by Mola Moorhead
- 2nd: "The Gate Beyond" by Sue Holder
- 3rd: "Rain Possibility" by Ann Greer

Grand Jury indicts eight

The Yoakum County Grand Jury returned true bills of indictment against eight individuals on March 31. Bonds for felony indictments were set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

James Davies Long was indicted for failure to appear, a third degree felony. Bond was set at \$2500.

Shane Frank Holmes, a/k/a/ Fevin Lynn Halpin, Kelly Dale Williams, Christian Michael Ritter, Daniel Boone Robinson, and others, was indicted for two causes of forgery, third degree felony. Bonds of \$2500 were set in each cause.

Faustino Hernandez was indicted on three charges of sexual assault. Bonds totaling \$12,000 were set on the first degree felony charges.

Bryan Hiler was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, first degree felony, and bond was set at \$7500.

Edgar Ubaldo Barriga was indicted in two causes of forgery, and two bonds of \$2500 were set.

Joshua Bullock was indicted

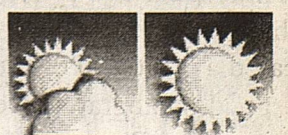
for a second degree felony cause of sexual assault, and bond was \$10,000.

Juan Garcia Jr. was indicted for possession of at least one gram but less than 4 grams of cocaine, a third degree felony. Bond was set at \$7500.

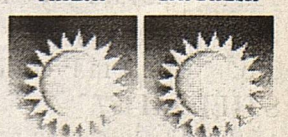
Juan Fernando Leyva a/k/a Juan Valenzuela, Fernando Morales Leyva, John Valenzuela, and others, was indicted for DWI, a third degree felony. Bond was set at \$2500.

Policarpio Casarez was indicted in four causes of aggravated assault on four Denver City law enforcement officials, William Gardner, Tracy Henson, Gary Hester and Chris Ballard. The third degree felonies each drew \$1000 bonds.

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY



7US 6US
FRIDAY SATURDAY



6US 7US

STILL LIFE

- 1st: "Milk Can Use" by Ann Greer
- 2nd: "Rose, Lilly Bouquet" by Euple Taylor
- 3rd: "Sunflowers" by Sue Holder

LANDSCAPE

- 1st: "The Covered Bridge" by Eileen Phillipps
- 2nd: "Eagle in the Wild" by Margie Moore
- 3rd: "Texas in Bloom" by Margie Moore

PHOTOGRAPHY

LANDSCAPE

- 1st: "Winter Wonderland" by Sue Holder
- 2nd: "Old Faithful" by Tim Winkler
- 3rd: "After the Rain" by Sue Holder

STILL LIFE

- 1st: "Sunflower" by Pat McNabb
- 2nd: "Out of the Past" by Sue Holder
- 3rd: "Yellow Cannas" by Elfida Winkler

PORTRAIT

- 1st: "Taking It Easy" by Elfida Winkler
- 2nd: "It's Mine" by Marlene Gibson
- 3rd: "God Creates Beauty" by Vivian Rice

WILDLIFE

- 1st: "Help" by Wadonna Davis
- 2nd: "Restful Waters" by Elfida Winkler
- 3rd: "Texas Longhorns" by Tim Winkler



"Sunflower", by Pat McNabb - First Place Still Life

Services held for Milton Bayer

Services for Milton J. Bayer, 73 were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday April 10, 1999 at First Baptist Church, with Brother Bill Wright officiating. Mr. Bayer died April 7 in the Denver City Hospital.

He was born July 9, 1925, in Rowena, Texas, the son of Max and Julia Bayer. He lived in several South Plains towns, and graduated from High School at Ropesville.

In 1946 he married the former Jimmie Teaff at Close, Texas, a small community near Post. During World War 11, he served as an infantryman in the U.S. Army's 7th Division. He fought in several campaigns in the retaking of the Philippine Islands from Japanese forces and was one of his company's men carrying the old Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR's). Later he would take part in the battle to take Okinawa, where he received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action.

In 1968, he purchased the local lumber yard and hardware store here, which had been closed a number of years. In 1987, fire destroyed the main building of the business. Mr. Bayer was still operating the business at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Maxey Bayer.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Keith of Plains, and Scott of Wimberly; three daughters, Pam Burnett of Austin, Sandy Kreller of Lightning Ridge Australia, and Laine Bayer of Abilene; eight grandchildren, one great grand son; a brother, Albert Bayer of Meadow; three sisters, Anne Wright and Helen Trull of Lubbock, and Lil Glandon, Imperial Beach, California.

Interment was at Plains Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were; Alan Bayer, Brian Bayer, Paz Sainz, Jeff Bayer, Matthew Bayer, and Andrew Ruiz

Clerks attend annual seminar

Deborah Rushing, Yoakum County clerk, and Vicki Blundell, District Clerk, recently received 13 hours certification attending the 27th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the College Station Hilton Conference Center on March 16-18, 1999.

The seminar was sponsored by V. G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Texas is one of a very small number of states that requires

continuing education credits. The institute provides that service to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks," explained John Gilmartin, Extension coordinator.

The theme for the seminar was "Teamwork Allows Common People to Achieve Common Goals." Included were education workshops on child support, civil and criminal appeals, probate, fraudulent filings and new technologies.

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PHS Golf Action



Cowgirl and Cowboy golfers take a rest after completing 18 holes of district play last week



Autumn Deaton chips to the green



Erica Bell hits fairway shot



Allison Butler with a good swing



Leticia Canon hits her driver

The Cowgirl and Cowboy Golf Teams found plenty of competition in last week's second round of district competition, and both teams are in fourth place heading into the third and final round of district play at Gaines County this week. Individual scores at the Yoakum County Course last week included:

Cowgirls; Allison Butler 107; Autumn Deaton 111; Erica Bell 128, and Leticia Canon 133.

Cowboys; A Team - Jared Bell 85; Dustin Six 86; Aaron Cain 89; Colt Winn 89 and Kelsey Blundell 89. B Team - Justin Bennett 97, Josh Bell 97, Keith Jackson 109, Tyrel Tyson 144, Eric Nixon 137.

PHS Track Summary

7th Boys:

3200 Relay- 2nd, 11:35.03, Armando Ramirez, Zach Broome, Trent May, Larry Escobar.

Shot - 3rd Ryan Martinez, 28' 4"

2400 M - 1st, 9:30.11, Jose Ramirez, 3rd, 9:42.55, Trent May, 6th, 10:38, Zzach Broome, 10:38

800 M - 1st, 2:30.77, Larry Escobar

110 Hurdles- 5th, Joseph Martinez, 22:48

1600 Run-1st, 6:02.49 Larry Escobar, 2nd, 6:04.31 Armando Ramirez, 3rd, 6:04.33 Trent May

8th Boys:

3200 Relay- 2nd, 10:09.45, Jonathan DeLaRosa, Chisum Deaton, Jose Ramirez, Raul Casias.

Shot - 6th, 32' 10", Angel Ruiz

2400 M Run- 1st, 8:48.94, Jose Ramirez, 2nd, 8:50.27 Chisum Deaton

Triple Jump- 3rd, Chase Howell 30' 7"

400 Relay 1st - Richard Diaz, Jonathan DeLaRosa, Raul Casias, Nick Hayes 49.81

High Jump- 4th, Chase Howell, 4' 10"

110 Hurdles-2nd, Nick Hayes, 18.21, 3rd Arnold Cordova 10.07, 4th Chase Howell 19.63

300 Hurdles- 2nd Nick Hayes 47.09, 3rd Arnold Cordova 48.48

1600 Run- 1st Jose Ramirez 5:34.27, 3rd Chisum Deaton 5:45

1600 Relay- 2nd, Richard Diaz, Arnold Cordova, Jonathan DeLaRosa, Raule Casias 4:04.80

7th & 8th Girls:

Joana Diaz 3rd 2400M, 10:47

Kim Martinez 3rd Discus, 66' 6"

Kayla Willis 2nd 400M, 69.

4th 800M, 3:02

Chelsea Blount 2nd 800M, 2:54. 5th 400 M, 74"71, 4th Long Jump

Jessica Rodriguez 2nd 200M, 30.86, 3rd 100 M, 14.06, 5th triple jump, 26' 8"

Jill Gray 3rd 100 hurdles, 19:15. 4th 300 hurdles, 58.9

Mackenzie Winn 3rd long jump, 14' 1",

2nd triple jump, 28; 5.5"

Jessica Knight 4th Shot, 23' 9", 5th discus, 61' 5"

April Wilmeth 7th Sot, 17' 7"

Moriah Traweek 2nd 800M, 2:59, 2nd 200 M, 32.18

Kimberly Trent 4th 800M, 3:17, 2nd 1600M, 7:44, 6th Long jump 11' 2"

1600 Relay- (First time for girls to run this season)- 1st Place-

Jessica Rodriguez, Chelsea Blount, Mackenzie Winn, Kayla Willis, 4:50.44

PHS Cowgirls-Stanton

Kayla Redman 1st, Shot, 34' 7"

Kristen Gray 1st 300 Hurdles, 45.54 ** New meet record**

Cassie Dearing 1st, 800M, 2:42.1

Kayla Redman 2nd Discus, 92' 7"

Jolyne Burgess 3rd, Shot, 29' 9"

Michaela Traweek 3rd 200 M, 27.96

Amanda Garcia 3rd 3200 M, 13:58.07

400 M relay- Michaela Traweek, Anne Palmer, Krystle Blundell, Kristen Gray, 51.37 ** Set New School Record**

1600 M Relay- Krystle Blundell, Lisa Parrish, Anne Palmer, Kristen Gray, 4:25.7

Cowboys: Stanton Meet

1600 Relay- 1st, 3:33.7- Fermin Luna, David Granados, Moises Gonzales, Jared Bell.

400 Dash- Jared Bell 2nd, 52.2

200 Dash - Joseph Rodriguez 4th, 23.7

1600 Run- Felipe Reyna 2nd, 4:52.2

3200 Run- Felipe Reyna 1st, 10:44.4

Long Jump- Tanner Blount 6th, 18' 9.5"

JV Cowboys

110 Hurdles- Nathan Hayes 3rd, 18.3

300 Hurdles- Nathan Hayes 2nd, 45.0

800 Run- Jeffrey Lollar 2nd, 2:21.9

1600 Run- Manuel Hernandez 1st, 5:23.2, Jeffrey Lollar 4th, 5.34

3200 Run- Manuel Hernandez 1st, 11:47

Shot- Chris Gschiedle 2nd, 35', Skyler Johnson 3rd, 34'

PHS One Act Play advances to regional

Plains High School's One Act Play, "the Rimers of Eldritch", continued to move closer to a possible trip to state competition last Saturday, being named one of two area productions to advance to regional competition. Stamford's production will also advance to the regional meet in Abilene.

Competing in the Post Area meet were plays performed by Idalou, New Deal, Eula, Coahoma, as well as Plains and Stamford.

The PHS production is directed by Gary Davis. In the Post competition, Jeremy Morphis, playing the role of 'Robert Conklin', was named to the All Star Cast. Emily Blair, as 'Eva Jackson', and Clint Burrus, playing 'Skelly Manor', received Honorable Mention for the All Star Cast.

Junior High triumphs in UIL Academic Meet

Plains Junior High 6th thru 8th graders competed in District UIL competition in Seagraves April 6, and came home with championship honors.

The Plains students finished with 490.33 points, well ahead of second place Tahoka's 348 points. 34 students represented junior high in the competition.

Principal Ronnie Watkins was elected with the performance, saying, "The teachers and the students just did an outstanding job, and they are to be congratulated."

No individual results were available at press time, but will be featured in another issue of CCN

Cowboy Baseball Recap

The Cowboy baseballers found tough going in their two games last week. They fell to Coahoma 4-1, unable to get their bats working. Only Gerry Rivas and Jeremy Morphis managed to hit the Post pitcher, and Morphis scored their only run. Rivas and Steven Bunch shared pitching time.

The Cowboys were also felled by Post 6-2. Steven Bunch was on the mound. Adam Garcia hit a triple and single, Aaron Cain, and Jared Bell had singles, and Josh Bell knocked both Plains runs in with a single and double.



A hard working batboy, Brock Carter. His batters helmet could fit just a tiny bit better.

PISD Honor Roll

ELEMENTARY:

ALL A's

1st Grade:

Claudia Andazola
Natalie Butler
Brandon Craft
Brett Hawthorne
Hector Luna
Troy Parrish
Shyann Vantine
Taylor Banfield
Brock Carter

All A's

2nd Grade:

Chris Addison
Wyatt Dearing
Reyna Gallegos
Derek Garza
Jonathan Mindieta
Eva Unger

All A's

3rd Grade:

Maria Andazola
Chandra Carpenter
Ryan Crump
Amber Friesen
Lauren Hise
John Tyson
Douglas Conway
Trent Hawthorne
Marissa Melendez

All A's

4th Grade:

Scott Addison
Landon Craft
Kimberly Jackson
Araceli Mendoza

HIGH SCHOOL:

All A's, 1 B

9th Grade:

Allison Butler

All A's

10th Grade:

Emily Blair
Roxy Fuentes
Andrea Haynes
Lesli Rowe
Elva Ruiz
Lexi Warren

All A's

11th Grade:

Joshua Bell
Krystle Blundell
Candace Bowers
Velvet Canada
Leticia Canon
Jessica Flores
David Granados
Kristen Gray
Wendy Hernandez
Fermin Luna

All A's

12th Grade:

Maranda Box
Dustin Brunson
Clint Burrus
Cosme Casillas
Cassie Dearing
Tandi Jones

** Junior High Honor Roll Next Week **

Emilia Gallegos
Natalie Haynes
Nathan McCravey
Kenyon Powell
Katelynn Young
A - B Roll
Jason Durham
Carmen Gomez
Miguel Lopez
Victoria Valverde

Lydia Whitzel
Brianna Conway
Landon Earnest
Christopher Garza
Zachary Guerra
Maria Ruiz
Holden Welch
Kimber Williams

Zachary Ramos
A - B Roll
L'Shae Arnett
Joani Bell
Britnie Duran
Rubi Castillo
Juan Lara
Cody Mayes
Colby Ortega
Matthew Jiminez
Katie Winn

Caitlin Carter
Nicole Culwell
Angelica Mendoza
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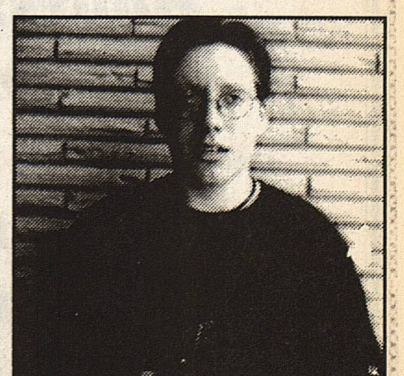
Ragan McGinty
Annaliesa O'Quinn

Matt Willis
All A's, 1 B
Chris Estrada
Amanda Garcia
Taylor Gray
Kari Guetersloh
Kimbe Jones
Lensey Cullins

Laura Morales
Nichole Newsom
Anne Palmer
Patty Ruiz
Kyle Sisson
Jason Swann
All A's, 1 B
Elizabeth Casillas
Chris Leggett
Angie Longoria
Patrick McGinty
Staci Tuggle

Tommie McNabb
Lisa Parrish
Ofelia Trevino
All A's, 1 B
Steven Bunch
Norma Delgado
La Cresha Johnson
Kayla Redman

Student of the Week



PHS student of the week is Patrick Brintle, a Freshman and the son of Debbie Brintle. He was nominated by Mrs. Canada, who said "He is a conscientious and talented young man who works hard in class. He does his best, and when given a task does not take the easy way. He is always helpful to teachers and fellow students."

MORE SCHOOL INFORMATION ON PAGE 8

*** NOTICE ***
All students in 7th & 8th grade athletics Next Year **MUST** have physicals! The physicals will be free, but you must sign up at your office! A bus will carry students to Lubbock Friday, April 23, 4:45 pm, and money for a meal will be needed. If it is impossible to make the Friday trip, another bus will be leaving at 7:15 am the next day, Friday, April 24

Yoakum County Hospital Health Fair held

Yoakum County residents had an opportunity last Saturday to learn first hand what health and medical services are available right here at home. Yoakum County Hospital's Health Fair, held from 9 am to 2 pm in the Denver City Community Building, drew scores of citizens exploring the many exhibit stations, and receiving free health related "giveaways".

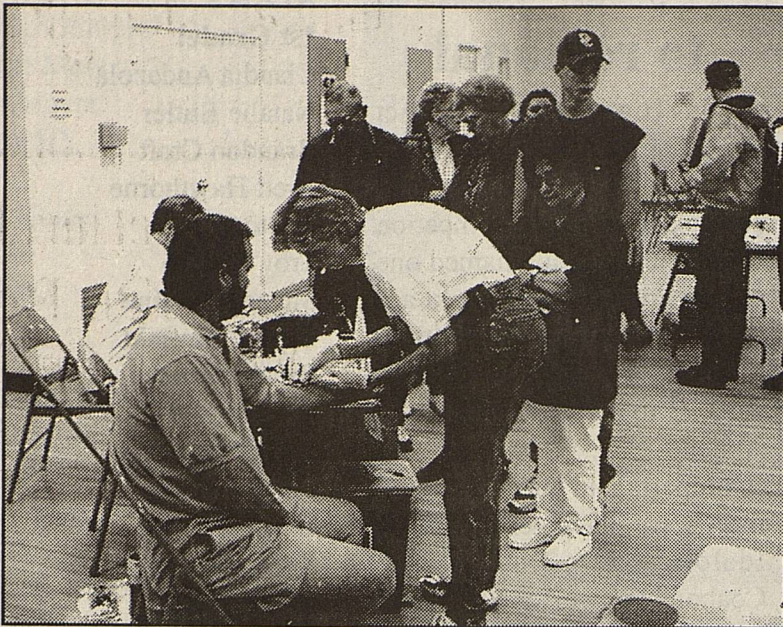
One exhibit station, featuring the hospital's nursing department, offered free blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

The hospital's lab personnel manned another exhibit station, and a steady stream of visitors waited patiently for free cholesterol level blood samples to be drawn. The hospital dietary and pharmacy departments also had displays. Larry Rossi manned the hospital rehab booth.

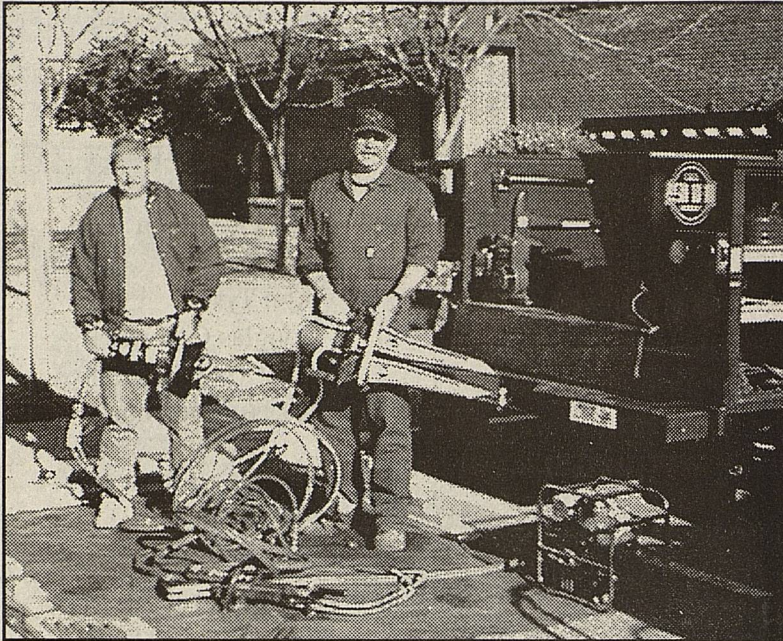
Other exhibitors with booths or tables at the fair included the Plains Family Health Clinic under direction of Dr. Larry Boyd and Shirley Watson, AFNPC; Family Hospice; Total Home Health Care, a service of Covenant Home Health Center; The Basin Detox Systems, Inc.; Permian Basin Blood Institute.

Outside, The Denver City Fire Department and EMS had an impressive display of their emergency use equipment.

Ed Rogers, Administrator at the



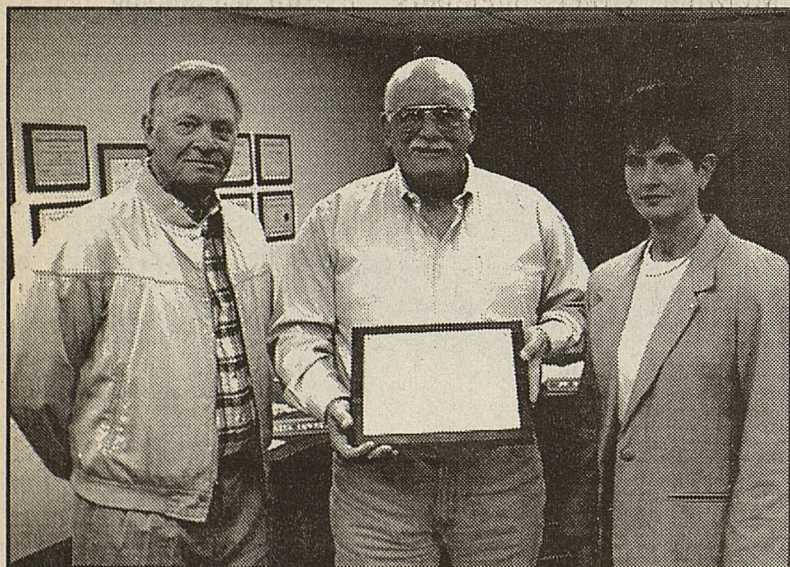
A steady stream of visitors took advantage of the Fair's free cholesterol check



Dave Tedford with power saw, Bill Anderson with 'Jaws Of Life' used by Denver City's fire department

hospital, said some 140 people visited the fair.

County earns Gold Star Safety Award from T.A.C. Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to staff office here



Johnnie Jones, Loss Control Coordinator for the county, accepts award from James Cain, while Kay McClure, Loss Control Committee member looks on.

In Commissioner's Court Monday, Johnnie Jones, County Loss Control Coordinator was presented with a Gold Star Safety Award by James Cain, Safety Specialist with the Texas Association of Counties. He

told the court "This is a very special and prestigious award; Yoakum County is one of only eight counties in the entire state to receive this recognition of safety programs. You are in the top three percent of counties

participating in the self-insurance pool around the state."

In other court business, the members discussed making space in the old courthouse building available to employees of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Western High Plains Zone. Commissioner Jim Barron told the court the foundation would need temporary space for approximately 5 months, until the Foundation can construct new and permanent office quarters. He said representatives of the eradication foundation would have five to ten employees based here during the next few years of the weevil eradication program.

The court approved a one dollar lease of the space for the five month period.

Are you investing your energy in those things which are most important to you? Take time today to feel really good about yourself; let someone you care about spend some time with you.

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court cost, court appointed attorney's fees, restitution, and community supervision fees of \$3,865.50 in monthly installments of \$773.00. He must also pay community supervision fees of \$40.00 a month during the extended period of community supervision beginning on the 10th of May, 1999, and additional court appointed attorney fees of \$200 at the rate of \$40 per month. He was represented by attorney Bill J. Helwig.

In County Court April 7, 1999 with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Richard Clark representing the State, Anthony Edward Rakus, 27, pled guilty to DWI-1st and was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail, suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay court cost of \$199.25 and pay a fine of \$150. He must also successfully complete a batterer's treatment program and a first offenders program on drug and alcohol abuse.

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Front; Lexi Warren, Wendy Hernandez, Emily Blair, Becky Wilmeth, Elva Ruiz, Tanya Vasquez, Nicole Haynes. Back; Lisa San Fillippo, Lesli Rowe, Elizabeth Clanahan, Jessica Flores, Ratty Ruiz, Laura Morales, Velvet Canada.



Front; Sterling Deaton, Tanner Hamm, Jason Swann, Greg Gonzales, Jeremy Diamond. Back; Dustin Brunson, Clint Burrus, Dustin Six, Taylor Gray, Rustin Knight, Jarod Newland.

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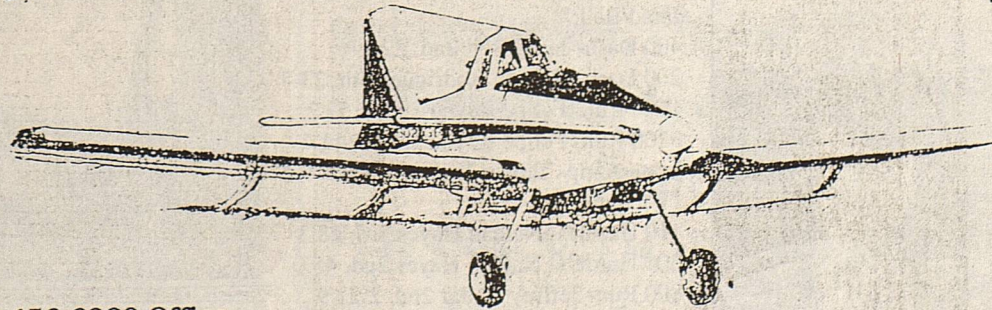
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Lifelines & Styles

Senior Citizens Corner

Thanks to a secret pal for a beautiful Easter Lily. The Birthday lunch was enjoyed by these Birthday people - Jo Holland, Marianna Williams, Teresa Lile, Lida Carpenter, Margie Forbus and Walter Gayle. Happy days to each. Remember the Domino Tournament. Bring a friend and come enjoy the challenge. Anna Taylor brought a lot of good ideas about meals prepared at home. Here at the Center our meals are well balanced, but on our own we get a bit lazy. She also brought pill boxes, courtesy of Plains Health Clinic. Everyone took one, so there's lots of pills going round - or down. Thanks Plains Health Clinic.

Opal Jefferson back after an absence. Everyone remember the Auction on April 20 at 12:30 P.M. Reusable household things, hand crafts and baked goods will be Auctioned for a benefit for the Center. If you can't bring items in, please call and we will get them picked up.

See You Next Week,
Smitty

SPC Theatre Production Features Plains Student

South Plains College's theatre program will present the female version of the Neil Simon comedy "The Odd Couple" April 15-18 in the Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The cast for the production includes Lyndi Rowe of Plains who has appeared in a long list of recent SPC productions. She is the daughter of Bill and Pam Rowe of Plains.

"This is an enjoyable, funny play that is loads of fun in Neil Simon's classic style," said Gene Cole, director of theatre at South Plains College. "And we have a very strong cast that is working quite well as an en-

semble."

"The Odd Couple" was the third play written by Simon and its plot centers around two totally opposite personalities embodied in the characters of Felix and Oscar. The female version, written by Simon, is similar to the original "Odd Couple," but it is upended. The characters that were originally men and now women; the male friends who gather for weekly poker games are now women who meet for a weekly game of Trivial Pursuit; and the infamous Pigeon sisters are now two brothers from Spain who live upsatirs.

College of the Southwest to Host Dave Barry

College of the Southwest's Spring 1999 Distinguished Lecture Series will feature syndicated columnist, author, and funnyman Dave Barry at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, at Nelson Tydings Auditorium, Hobbs High School campus.

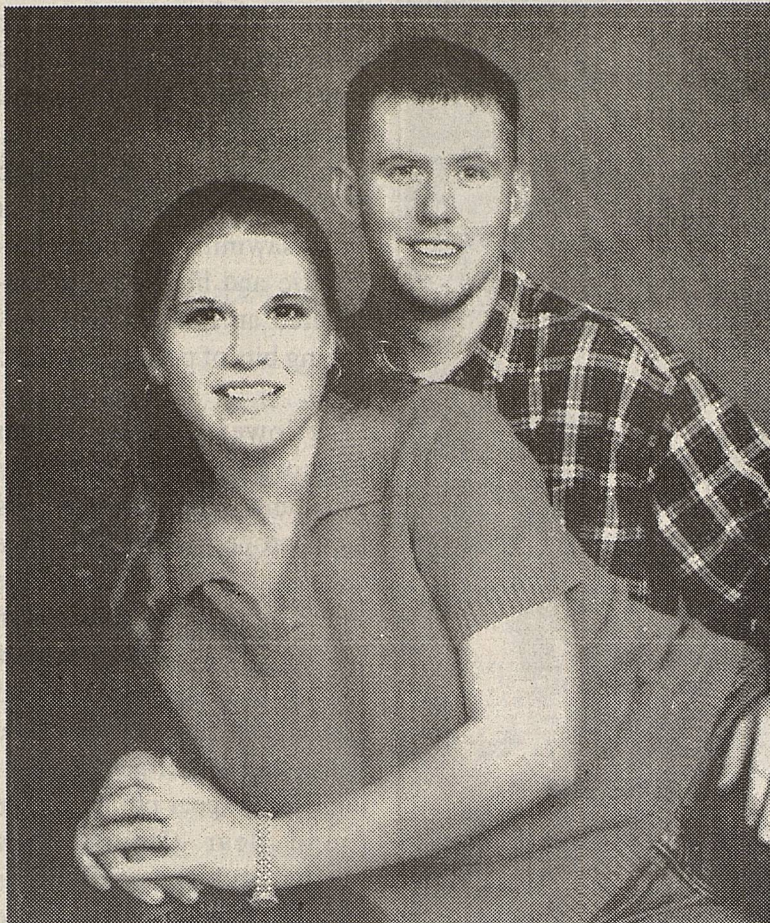
Although he writes for the *Miami Herald*, Barry's column appears in hundred of newspapers across the country, which, according to him, is yet another indication of the worsening drug crisis. More importantly, however, is the fact that he has now fully recovered from the bout of genius which won him the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

Barry is the author of numerous books, which critics have hailed as "containing a tremendous amount of white space." His books, considered "short but harmful", include *Dave Barry in Cyberspace*, *Babies and Other Hazards of Sex*, *Dave Barry is from Mars AND Venus*, and *Dave Barry Turns 50*, among others. Barry has vowed never to grow up and has promised to share his unique perspective on life in an evening with Hobbs. As always, admission to the Lecture Series is free; however, tickets are required. Reserved seating will be available for members of CSW'S Inner Circle (supporters of the College). For tickets or information about the Series, please call CSW at 505-392-6561.



Ann Greer's 1st place 'Milkcan in use' from D.C. art show

Beck, Galyean Wedding Announced



Tara Lynn Beck and Corey Galyean

Danny Beck of Winona with the blessings of the late Vicki Beck is proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Tara Lynn Beck to Corey Galyean both of Lindale.

The groom-elect is the son of Tim and Cathrine Reeves of Lindale. He is a graduate of Lindale High School and is currently employed with Target Distribution Center. He is also a member of the Lindale Volunteer Fire Dept. and is currently enrolled in EMT school.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Avinger High School. She is currently employed with Applebee's and is also a student at Kilgore Junior College.


Grandmothers of the bride-elect are Marilyn Rogers of Saginaw and Doris Beck of Plains. Godparents of the couple are Kerry and Norma Mears of Avinger and Gary Kim Churchwell of Brownfield.

The wedding is set for May 22, 1999.

Smith - McDonnell Wedding Announced

For hearing my thoughts, understanding my dreams, and being my best friend...for making my life complete, and loving me without end...from this moment on, I do. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gene Smith request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Jenette Sheryl Smith to Brandon Shane McDonnell son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie McDonnell, on Saturday, the seventeenth of April Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, at six o'clock in the evening. First Baptist Church, Plains, Texas. Reception following in the Church Fellowship Hall.

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Connection Hard At Work On Round Up

The Yoakum County Connection Watermelon Round Up publicity committee met Thursday, April 1 at Lalito's restaurant. The 1999 brochure was passed out to members and David Mitchell was commended for his Watermelon Willie design on the cover. The new Connection web address is on the brochures, www.yoakumconnection.com Crosswind.net is giving server space and L.J. Sanders bought the domain name.

Russell Jones is working on the poster design to be passed out for drawing additions and colors for an elementary student contest in Plains and Denver City. A field trip to a watermelon patch in fall for kindergartners was a suggestion to publicize the melon industry.

Attorney Bill Helwig will chair the watermelon weight-in this year at the September 4 festival. This years winning melons will become the property of the Yoakum County Connection so they can be auctioned off with briskets from the cookoff.

Many volunteers are making plans for the Round Up Tabloid promoting the event, including Debbie Steffens, Debbie Rushing, Bea Pippin, Travis Jones, Ann Hartman and Bonnie Earnest. Gene Snyder and Gary and Holly Dyer, publishers of local papers, have agreed to help with the layout.

Other committee members present were Wilma Powell, Jill Durham and Jason, Mike Nealey, Vickie Blundell, Danny Steffens, Ty and Linda Powell, and Tonya Patton the new Brochures will be mailed to the media this week by volunteers. Interviews at TV and radio stations are scheduled in August. Arts and Crafts chair Cindra Box and Foods chair Carolyn Culwell will be mailing vendor brochures the first of June. An entree committee meeting will be held in May, and volunteers for any activity may call 806-45MELON.

Fine Arts Meeting

The Plains Fine Arts Club met Thursday April 8th. Hosting the event were Melba Crutcher, Beth Ann Cain, Michelle Hawthorne, and Paula McMinn. Other members bringing salads included Judy Fitzgerald, Martha Palmer, Carolyn Culwell, and Sandra Ellison.

The Club was entertained by several people from school. Mr Ray Portillo, band director, and Chris McGinty and Isaac Gonzales performed a baritone ensemble. Three U.I.L. oral readers also preformed, Jordan Bean, Peyton Bean, and Breck Hamm. Special guests were Mrs Dana Hamm and her father. The Fine Arts Club wishes to invite everyone to their annual Sacred Music Festival this Sun-

day, April 18th 2:00 PM. First Baptist Church.

DQ having A Ball!

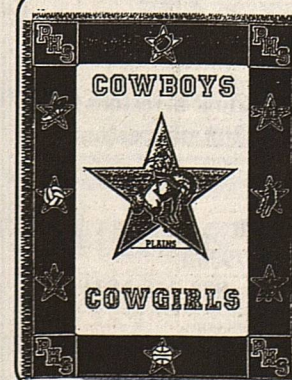
Dairy Queen stores throughout Texas will be having a ball in April and helping their local hospitals for children in the process.

Beginning April 5 until supplies last, Dairy Queen stores across the state will be promoting the sale of a special baseball commemorating the achievements of future Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Nolan Ryan. For each ball purchased, the Dairy Queen store will donate \$1 to the Children's Miracle Network, to benefit the hospital for children in that area. The collectible ball includes Ryan's facsimile signature

THANK YOU !

The family of Muriel Zo Snodgrass Wilson would like to express our appreciation of your prayers, words of condolence, phone calls, cards and visits during our time of sorrow. May God bless you all!

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Unearthing History In Texas

Texas' diverse cultural background is revealed in its present day archeological finds - shipwrecks, pioneer settlements. Indian artifacts, Civil War battlefields, cattle trails and settlements of early Europeans and Africans. The state's 30,000 recorded archeological sites, including Indian campsites that date back 12,000 years, are among the oldest in the U.S. The State Comptroller's office contributed material for the following article;



The discovery of a 10,000-year-old burial near Austin is considered one of the most significant archeological finds in North America.

An archeological site is typically more than 50 years old, with some evidence of human endeavor. About 2,000 of these sites have been designated as Texas archeological landmarks, making the state one of the nation's richest in this history.

While some of the archeological sites may be familiar historic homes or well known landmarks, others are hidden behind cave overhangs, at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico or atop a mesa.

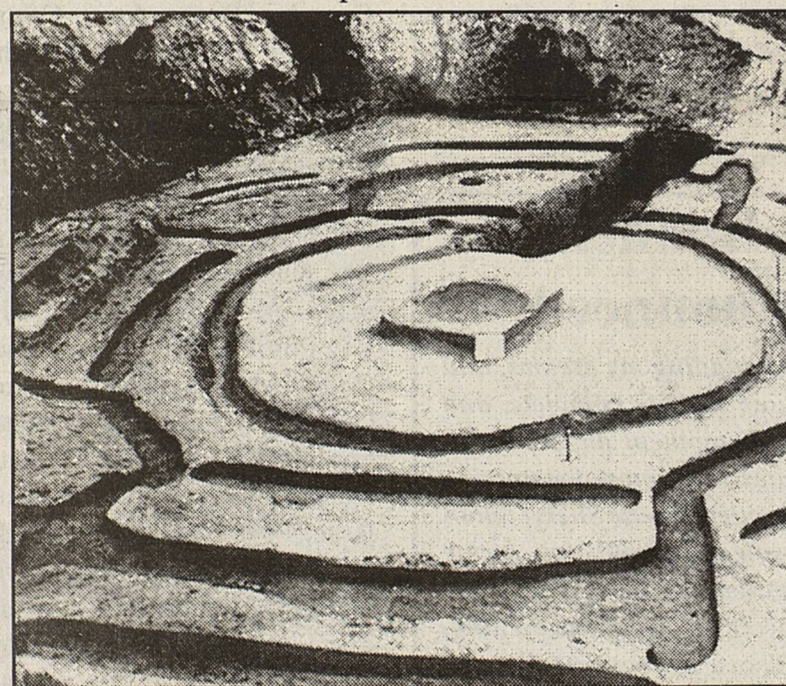
Archeological sites and artifacts on public land are protected by the 1969 Texas Antiquities Code, but private landowners are not required to report or preserve archeological sites or artifacts on their land.

Scientists date the earliest human activity in Texas at 12,000 years ago. Archeologists have found river terraces containing burned rock from hearths and baking pits revealing human inhabitants along the rivers of North Central Texas.

Weapons and tools found at mass bison kills on the High Plains have unlocked the secrets to strategies used by Paleo In-

dian hunters dating from 10000 B.C. to 6000 B.C.

In 1982, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) uncovered human remains about 20 miles northwest of Austin. The site is known as Wilson Leonard, but the remains have been nick named "Leanderthal Lady" because they were discovered near Leander. The site also yielded clues to 11,000 years of cultural history in the Archaic and Paleo Indian peri-



Rotted posts in a circular pattern are some remains of a Caddo Indian village in East Texas.

ods. In the carefully arranged grave, archeologists found the remnants of a last meal, the bones of a small rodent, a shark's tooth, probably worn as an ornament, a grinding stone and evidence of a bison killed about 11,000 years ago. They determined the site was abandoned sometime around 1000 A.D. The site is considered one of the most significant in North America: one of less than a

dozen in the U.S. with human remains more than 9,000 years old. Spanish and French explorers left their histories along the coast and other areas. Archeologists are studying a Panhandle site linked to the Spanish explorer Coronado, who pursued his dreams of gold as far as New Mexico and Kansas. Mud plaster huts on the Rio Grande date back 4,500 years,

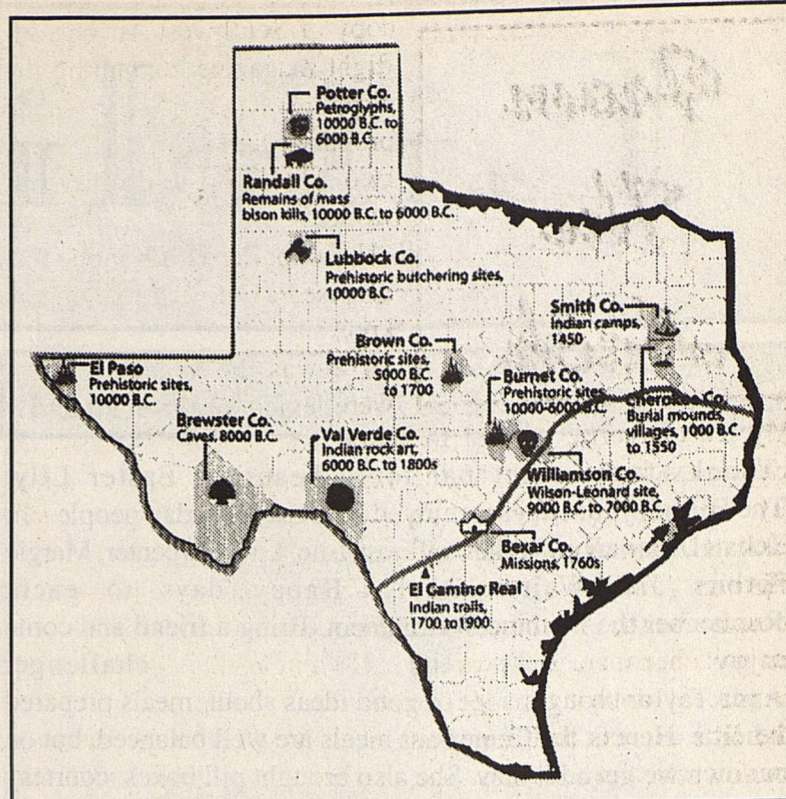
about the time the Egyptian pyramids were built, archeologists estimate. A 200 mile stretch of the river shore also contains some of the oldest and largest examples of pictograph rock art on the continent.

Archeologists have determined that French traders in Texas supplied Indian village along the Red River. Studies of these sites tell historians and archeologists not only how the explorers lived, but revealed how Europeans affected native American history and culture.

Archeologists who scoured Tyler State Park looking for small sawmills and other prehistoric and historic sites discovered an Indian camp containing bits of pottery dating to 1450.

The lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has an abundance of prehistoric sites on its property. Few sites have been excavated, but along the shores of the Colorado River in Burnet County, scientists have located rock shelters that held extinct animal bones alongside Paleo Indian artifacts, including Clovis spear points, a type found near Clovis, New Mexico and even older tools and camping remains. Little evidence has been found of pre-Clovis human life in Texas. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for water and waste water project construction and improvement, which can disturb the environment of historic sites and often must be examined on foot.

TWDB projects include work in the El Paso County Lower Valley Water District. This region contains evidence of prehistoric settlements dating back 12,000 years, as well as the Socorro mission older than any in San Antonio and the only presidio in West Texas. Colleges and universities play a crucial role in preserving Texas history. Though an overall cost to discover, excavate and preserve these ruins has not been calculated, it is estimated that half of state agency archeological contracts are awarded to colleges and universities. Cultural and historic tourism is one of the most popular sectors of the state's travel industry, and Texas ranks fourth among the states in this type of tourism. In 1997, 22 million of 100 million leisure trips to Texas included visits to cultural, historical or archeological attractions, according to THC. The Gulf waters along Texas' shore hide treasures sought for decades. In 1995, divers located the wreck of the French ship BELLE, part of La Salle's 1684 expedition to establish a French

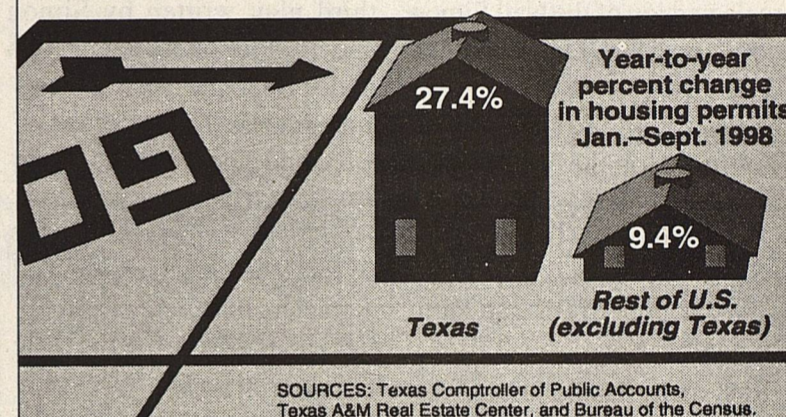


A few of the 2,000 state designated archeological landmarks. A colony in Texas. France claimed dating from 5000B.C. to 1700 ownership, but the ship's permanent home is Texas. Archeologists have discovered more than 200 prehistoric sites

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas monopolizes housing starts

Low interest rates are spurring on housing starts, but more than low interest rates account for a rapid increase in Texas housing permits. The increase in Texas has been about three times greater than the increase nationwide, reflecting a particularly healthy economy in most Texas industries and the relative appeal of the state.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas A&M Real Estate Center, and Bureau of the Census.

DPS Seeking Recruits

The Texas Department of Public Safety has begun recruiting for Trooper Trainees. The Department encourages qualified candidates to contact their local DPS office for information on how to become a State Trooper.

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From The Hack

My least favorite date of the year approacheth.... April 15, the day we pay homage to the beloved IRS with our tithes and offerings. 'Tithes' is not a very accurate word, if I understand our preacher man. He says it's ten percent of what you receive; The IRS expects and demands considerably more than that, seems to me.

We received our income tax paper work from our CPA about a week ago. We signed it, stuffed it in the envelope, and the Bride said she would put it in the mail. "Not on your life!" I shouted. I told her there was no way I would be EARLY sending them my blood, sweat and tears. I am going to wait until 11:59 pm to drop the thing in the box on April 15, not a nano-second sooner.

Speaking of taxes, received a note and clipping from Buster Graham yesterday. He is scouring around Arizona in the Flagstaff and Sedona area, and said on the flight to Phoenix, stole a

Peace Officer Certification Course Set

A course in Basic Peace Officer Certification begins May 24 at South Plains College. Registration deadline is May 3.

The course is designed for persons who wish to take the state peace officer licensing exam and meets requirements established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

Classes will meet 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays May 24 - August 11 in the SPC Petroleum Technology - Law Enforcement Building, room 115. Residents tuition is \$653, and non resident tuition is \$873. Students can also stay in college dorms. Cost is \$400, plus a \$100 deposit.

copy of Southwest Airlines in-flight magazine containing the clipping. Knowing Buster, he probably tried to steal a drink or two also, but I doubt that worked.

The clipping is all about that despised word, TAXES. Did you know:

1672 was the year first taxes were levied on the colonies by England. They taxed sugar, tobacco, indigo, wool and cotton. Today, if something has shape, or substance it is taxed.

1789 is the year Benjamin Franklin uttered his famous "Nothing in this world is certain but death and taxes."

126 MILLION personal income tax returns will be received by the IRS. I suspicion at least 39% of those persons will be over charged.

2.83. That is the magic number of hours you must spend working each and every day to pay your taxes. Just think how much harder you'll have to work if you take time off to golf, fish, or lay in the shade swilling cold beer.

9,471. That is the number of pages in the Internal Revenue Tax Code. Compare that to the Bible's 1,291 pages. And you thought Moses was long winded!

1862. That's the year in which the first federal income tax was imposed, a temporary 3% tax on incomes exceeding \$600. Yeah,

The course will include basic topics such as Texas laws, procedural requirements, use of force, human relations, professional and ethics, fitness and wellness, strategies of defence, mechanics of arrest, criminal investigation and many other topics necessary to begin a career in law enforcement.

Enrollment is limited to 25 persons.

Registration packets may be obtained in the SPC Petroleum Technology Law Enforcement Building, room 102. A non refundable \$25 application fee is required to obtain a registration packet.

For more information, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.

temporary. Maybe the Russians have something right after all. Consider these numbers; They killed 26 tax collectors in 1996. 46 collectors had their houses burned to the ground. 6 of them were kidnapped.

1.28%. That's the percent of personal income tax returns subject to auditing by the IRS. Think about this a bit, that's way better odds than you get in Vegas. Sure is tempting to screw around with the numbers just a bit, isn't it. But hold on! **88%** is another magic number. That's the percentage of those charged with tax crimes who were convicted.

May 10. That's called Tax Freedom Day, the date you have to work to pay off your total annual tax bill, according to the Tax Foundation. I am seriously considering a lobby campaign in Washington to have the date declared a national holiday. But on second thought, if we didn't work, and produce income, our other taxes would continue on, and when we got back we'd just have to work harder for being off. Wouldn't we??

The following is a blonde joke with a different twist.

A couple of blonde men drove into a lumberyard. One of the blond men walked into the office and said, "We need some four-by-twos."

The clerk said, "You mean two-by-fours, don't you?"

The man said, "I'll go check, and went outside to the pickup. He returned a minute later and said, "Yeah, I meant two-by-fours."

"Alright. How long do you need them?"

"Uh...I'd better go check."

After a while, the man returned to the office and said, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."

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Back to Work

The Legislature was back in session Tuesday of this week, due to the Easter break. We've been hearing bills on the House floor that would continue several state agencies for a few more years. Every twelve years, state agencies must prove their existence. The agencies are staggered, so we never hear from all of them in one session. Several things can happen to an agency. It can be abolished, or its duties can be transferred to another agency. Usually, the agency is continued, with changes.

On Tuesday, we had our first verification vote. This is a time consuming process when the vote is so close, that each vote must be verified by the clerk. Each member's name is called, and their vote orally verified. With one hundred and fifty of us, this takes some time. In the end, the vote was 69-69, and the bill failed passage.

Bills are stacking up in committee, and the committees are doing their best by hearing as many as they can on their allotted hearing days. Many committee meetings are lasting into the night. It's a frantic time, as bills must be heard soon to have a chance of final passage.

Those of us who belong to the rural caucus have received a briefing on how the proposed appropriations bill affect rural Texas. Sixty nine percent of the new money in the budget will go towards public education. There is also money allotted for brush control, precipitation enhancement, and rural health initiatives.

The appropriations bill is expected to come to the House floor next week. \$3 billion has been allotted this biennium for school finance, teacher compensation and benefits and property tax relief. It will be up to various House committees such as Public Education and Pensions and Investments as to how to specifically direct this money. \$772 million is left for tax relief other than property tax relief. The House Ways and Means Committee will decide how this will be accomplished.

It's always interesting to see how various House members think the budget bill will be amended. Next week will be a busy one.

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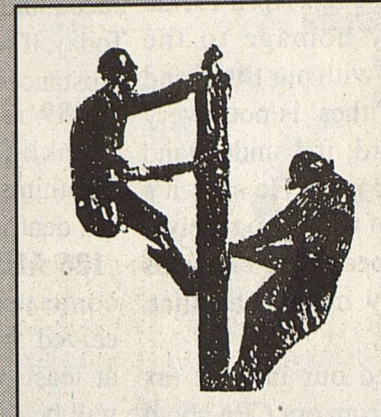
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Rig Count Paramount

For years I've been telling mommas in PTA meetings why we need to keep the rig count up; it means severance taxes for our state, property taxes for our schools, and paychecks and jobs for Texans. Because of the recent collapse of oil prices, the rig count is at historic lows. The Independent Producers Association of America estimates that low oil prices have caused the loss of 41,000 jobs and the shutting of 136,000 oil wells and 57,000 gas wells in the past 15 months. Sadly, thousands of Texans are out of work and our state revenues are dented.

That's why Governor Bush's fast tracking emergency tax relief for small producers is wise. Wells producing 15 barrels or less per day or 90,000 cubic feet or less of gas per day would have their severance taxes waived when oil prices fall below \$15 per barrel or \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet of gas.

While we moved swiftly to reduce the tax burden on marginal producers, there's an equally devastating problem in the oil patch. In some areas of the state, where oil and gas reserves

comprise more than 20% of school tax values, school districts could see their tax collections fall by about \$154 million. According to our analysis, at least 30 districts could each sustain losses of more than \$1 million in fiscal 2000. Iraan-Sheffield ISD in Pecos County could lose as much as \$8.3 million, while others, such as Post ISD in Garza County, would sustain a smaller loss of almost \$1.1 million.

The financial shortages facing some school districts as a result of the crisis in the oil and gas industry are staggering. Texas homeowners could see their property tax rates climb even higher, at a time when we are trying to reduce the burden on property tax payers.

The rig count is crucial to Texas schools. That's why I want to unlock the 120 billion barrels of oil that are still locked under the ground in Texas worth \$4 trillion to \$7 trillion that will educate young Texans well into the 21st century. Nothing is more important than education.

Carole Keeton Rylander

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

**Notice To Parents
1999 - 2000 Pre-Registration
Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten**

Pre-Registration Dates:

Tues. April 20

Wed., April 21

Thur. April 22

PISD will hold pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten pre-registration from 8:30 am till 3 pm on above days. Parents should report to Plains Elementary to register and bring documents listed. It's not necessary for children to be present

Pre-K - Certain guidelines must be met to enroll students in the pre-K program. Any child who will be four years old on or before September 1, 1999, may qualify providing all guidelines are met. Please bring child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and proof of family income, which may be a recent pay check stub or food stamp eligibility form #1009. We cannot accept the food stamp card as proof.

We must have 15 qualifying students to be able to offer this program. If you know a child who may qualify, please pass this information to the parents.

Kindergarten - To enroll in kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 1999. Bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card.

If you know a child who may be eligible for kindergarten, please pass this information on to the parents. It is very important we know how many children will be in our pre-K and K classes for the 1999-2000 school year. If your child is registered in pre-K or kindergarten, it is not necessary to register.

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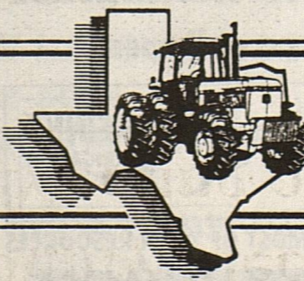
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