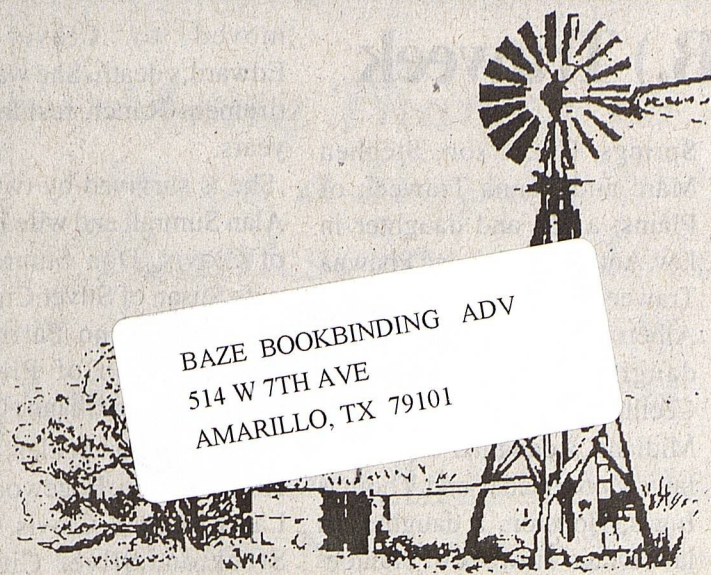


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2006 All-District Volleyball Cowgirls



Last week's issue of CCN featured a brief writeup recognition of these ladies being honored as members of the 2006 District 3-1A volleyball All-District team. All five of the standouts were not available for a group photo at the time. We congratulate these Cowgirls again for outstanding performances this year; Front, Meghan Garcia, Senior, Katie Winn, Junior. Back, Desiraye Broome, Senior, Joani Bell, Junior, Lauren Hise, Junior

Attention holiday drivers County Court Crime Cases

Thanksgiving travelers should slow down, buckle up and drive sober! They should expect to see plenty of Highway Patrol troopers on Texas roadways. They will be looking for drivers who are speeding, driving while intoxicated or who are not properly restrained, or have passengers who aren't buckled up.

"Thanksgiving should be a happytime," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of DPS. "Don't turn the holiday into a tragic time for you or others because of bad driving decisions."

During the Wednesday through Sunday Thanksgiving period last year, DPS troopers wrote 14,686 tickets for speeding, 3,358 tickets for no insurance. They wrote 2,138 tickets for no seat belts and 298 tickets for child restraint violations. DPS has a no-warning policy for seat belt and child restraint violations.

Troopers also arrested 613 people for DWI and issued 60 tickets for minors operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol. "If you drink you should not drive. Be sure to designate a driver who has not been drinking," Col Davis said.

DPS is participating in Operation Care-Combined Accident Reduction Effort- a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends. Since roads will be crowded DPS reminds drivers to allow themselves plenty of time, and avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as; not using turn signals* driving in passing lane* tailgating, flashing lights, honking* high beams in traffic. When confronted with aggressive drivers, DPS recommends: Put your pride in the back seat and move aside* Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes* report extreme cases of reckless driving* do not retaliate, gesture, or make eye contact* make sure everyone is buckled up.

Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus coming to Pioneer Park

The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held at 5:30 PM Wednesday, November 29, at Plains Pioneer Park. The joint effort of the City of Plains and the Chamber of Commerce highlights the local celebration and decorations with a special visit from Santa Claus. Plains High Cowboy Band is scheduled to play upon the arrival of Santa, along with a sharing of the Christmas story by Cecil Van Hoose, Minister of Plains First Assembly of God Church. Those bringing canned food items may have their photo taken with Santa in the Community Building. You are invited to share hot chocolate there. Your canned food donations will help supply the needs of local families during the holidays.

County Court Crime Cases

Six criminal cases were heard in County Court November 15, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Auden Petronilo Wislar-Sanchez pled guilty to failure to identify/false, fictitious information. He was sentenced 20 30 days in jail with credit for 40 days served, will pay \$224 court costs, and will be released to U.S. Border Patrol. Warren New served as his attorney, and Deputy Danny Crutchfield was investigating officer.

Thomas Lynn Lybarger pled guilty to second DWI, blood test .182. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$750, must pay \$335 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He had served 26 hours of a 72 hour jail sentence. He must complete the DWI Repeat Offender program, pay \$50 monthly supervision fees, complete the TAIP program, surrender his license 90 days, and install interlock device on any driven vehicle. Investigating officer was Karen Hobbs, Denver City Police.

Gregory Keith Kelton pled guilty to failure to identify, B misdemeanor. A one day jail sentence had been met with one day served. He was fined and must pay \$220 court costs. Investigating Officer was Deputy David Bryant.

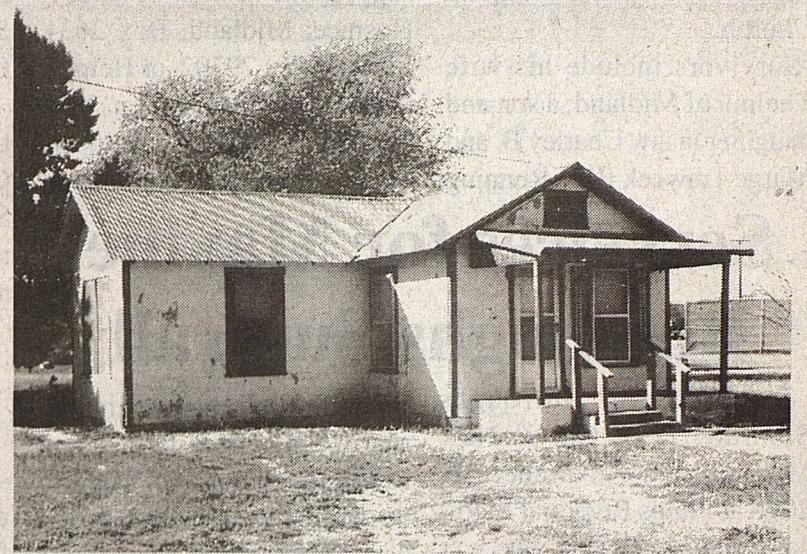
Saul Valenzuela Madrid pled guilty to assault, bodily injury.

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Candidates for housing project selected, contractors to present bid proposals by December 1

In Plains City Council's November 13 meeting number one agenda item was the final selection of three residents named first place choices and one alternate for the new housing grant program sponsored by the City and South Plains Association of Governments. Finalist selected by the council, in the order chosen, were residents Juanita Crawford, Marie Ortiz, and Lucia Hernandez, with Patricia Hernandez named the alternate should one of the others decline prior to start of construction.

City Administrator Terry Howard said council's judging was based on criteria set by the State, including items such as age, annual income, and condition of the property which will be razed as a site for the new homes. The new houses will have a maximum of 888 square feet in the liv-



House At 1106 Avenue K

ing area, and can be designed as two or three bedroom homes. The homes will be considerably larger than present facilities.

The City has issued a bid proposal notice for contractors interested in the job. Deadline for accepting bids is December 1. When the contractor is selected by the state, a demolishing date will be given to

present residents with time to relocate during construction.

Howard said the City is expecting a start date around March 1 for the long planned project.

Addresses for the property sites are 1106 Avenue K for Crawford, 706 12th Street for Ortiz, and Hernandez at 108 11th.

Student Councils meet with Commissioners Court

A joint delegation of both the Plains and Denver City High Schools student councils recently made a presentation to the Yoakum County Commissioners Court, providing information about formation of a joint project of the two county schools. The group will be known as the Yoakum County Teen Coalition Against Destructive Driving. They are working jointly to decrease the number of teen traffic fatalities in the South Plains area.

"Each year there are more than 6,200 teens killed in vehicle accidents. This is the number one killer of teenagers in the nation. It isn't just alcohol related accidents - alcohol accounts for only twelve percent of the auto accidents involving teens. Many other factors are involved. Our joint goal is to get all 61 schools in the Region 17 Education Service Center at Lubbock involved in the coalition. The coalition has received a great deal of publicity in the area as a result of the recent eight teen fatalities from traffic accidents in recent months. Students truly want to help make a difference," reported Adriana Ponce, PHS Student Council president.

Plains recently had three students attend the Area 16 Teen



Lisa Neufeld, Adriana Ponce, Ignacio Lozano at Shallowater

Coalition's recent meeting in Shallowater. Lisa Neufeld, Adriana Ponce and Ignacio Lozano represented PHS in the ground breaking stages of organization. Plains Student Council is the chair school for the committee for recruiting schools for the Area 61 Coalition.

Following the presentation in the court session, County

Judge Dallas Brewer expressed his appreciation to both school delegations for their presence and efforts in the program. "I think I speak for the entire Commissioners Court by telling you we appreciate you being here and outlining your project for us. I can assure you we will support you in your efforts to guard the

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Applications for the Annual Toy & Food Drive will be accepted November 20 thru December 14. Resident families wishing to receive Christmas Holiday assistance can turn in application at either of two locations; Plains City Hall or the Courthouse (see Toni Jones). Times to submit applications are Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. For those wishing to donate food or toys, leave with Toni Jones or Sylvia Martinez at City Hall

Services held for Charley (C.B.) Traweek

Charley (C.B.) Traweek Jr., 82, of Midland, passed away Thursday, November 14, 2006 in Big Spring. A funeral mass was held Thursday, November 16 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland with Father James Bridges officiating. Charley was born February 2, 1924 in Burkburnett, Texas to Charley Bee and Mary Isbell Ogburn. He married Thelma Mott July 25, 1947 in Hamilton, Mo.

He attended schools in Commerce, Texas. He joined the US Marine Corps, serving two years in WWII on Guam, Iwo Jima and in China. He worked for the Postal Service many years, retiring in 1983. He enjoyed gardening and caring for his animals, and was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Thelma of Midland, a son and daughter in law Charley B. and Marge Traweek III of Running

Springs, CA; a son, Stephen Marc and Zanna Traweek of Plains; a son and daughter in law, Anthony Allen and Shawna Traweek, East Bernard, a son Albert Edward of Midland, a daughter and son in law, Cecillia Marie and Gary Moore, Midland, a daughter and son in law, Mona Isabel and Thomas Ingas, Houston, a daughter in law, Diana Traweek of Stanton, brother Leslie Traweek of Lubbock, brother Cecil Traweek, Greenville, thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Timothy Russel Traweek, his brother Dean, and his sister Mary Colleen Traweek.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice, Midland, Box 2621, Midland, Tx 79702, or Helping Hands, 1301 Brinson Ln. Midland, 79703. Arrangements under direction of Nalley-Pickle

moved to Clovis after Edward's death. She was a Retirement Ranch resident five years.

She is survived by two sons- Alan Sumrall and wife Barbara of Clovis, Don Sumrall and wife Susan of Silver City, NM; daughter Suann Parrish and husband Don of Plains; 7 grandchildren- Shanna Claytor, Plano, Erin Van Soelen, Clovis, Holly Massey, Edgewood NM, Lance Sumrall, Clovis, Christy Stockton, Silver City, and Blake and Troy Parrish, Plains, six great granddaughters, one great grandson, a brother Glen Burroughs, Dallas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister Jocile Best.

Pallbearers were Lance Sumrall, Chris Claytor, Fred Van Solen, Blake and Troy Parrish, David Massey, Clay Stockton, Max, Connor and Corbin Best.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grady Baptist Church or Grady Schools Scholarships funds. Arrangements were by Steed-Todd Funeral Home, Clovis.

Services for Maxine Burroughs Sumrall

Mrs. Maxine Burroughs Sumrall, 77, of Clovis New Mexico died November 18, 2006 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis. She was born February 2, 1929 in Silver Valley, Texas to Randolph and Rudy Burroughs.

She attended grammar school in Goldsboro and Lalera, Texas. She graduated from Coleman High. She attended Texas Tech University where she studied clothing and textiles. It was there she met her future husband, Edward

Sumrall. They married in February, 1949. They farmed and ranched west of Grady throughout their marriage. She was an excellent seamstress and even as a child she would rather sew than any other chore. She was also an excellent cook and for years prepared meals and took them to the field for workers every day. Maxine stayed busy and her family said she always kept an immaculate house. She and Edward also stayed active in Grady Baptist Church. She

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safety of all our teen students, and hope you will keep us informed of your progress."

Treon Ortega, co-sponsor of the PHS Council, told CCN, "This is a very big undertaking for our council, but they have jumped into the project with lots of enthusiasm for the cause. We're excited to be part of a project so important, and we appreciate the assistance from Denver City's Council."



FROM THE EDITOR: What ever your political leanings are, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Bull Moose Party, Whig or Tory, there is a message in U.S. Senator John Cornyn's following column. We feel it deserves your attention because of only one rather unique quality - it is TRUE.

On November 19, 1854, Gen. Sam Houston was baptized in Little Rocky Creek in Washington County. He also joined the Independence Baptist Church that day. Gen. Houston took these steps at the urging of his wife and mother in law, who both desperately wanted Gen. Houston to moderate his habits, and to live a more sober and devout life.

I've always believed in periodic re-evaluations, and in course corrections as the results warrant. For those of us entrusted with public office, there is nothing like an election to provide information on what changes are needed.

The election results were a strong reminder of who works for whom in a democracy. We work for the people - not the other way around. Public officials must adhere to our principles and beliefs, but we also should remember who we work for, and who has the final say.

On November 7, control of both houses of Congress was turned over from the Republicans to the Democrats. It's safe to say voters made a similar judgement about the way things were going in Washington as that of Houston's wife and mother-in-law. They wanted change.

As a Republican I've been asked what I learned from the election. My short answer is this: our principles are sound, but we've strayed from them. Complaints about complacency and non-responsiveness reached critical levels. Business as usual in Washington frustrated a growing number of voters, and the majority party was held accountable.

One source of frustration was the re-emergence of 'earmarks', projects for their own districts sponsored by individual lawmakers. This "pork-barrel" spending was attacked by Republicans in their successful 1994 Contract With America and a cleanup soon followed.

But in recent years, with Republicans in charge of Congress, earmarks have returned with a vengeance. The Congressional Research Service counted some 16,500 earmarks in 2005 spending bills, at a cost of almost \$50 billion. This is unconscionable, and the public knows it. I hope Congress knows it now, too.

I've heard many complaints about backroom deals in Washington, both in Congress and the rest of government. I've long believed the public should have far more information about the way decisions are made, so they can make an informed judgement. In the coming Congressional session, I plan to work across party lines to open access to government information, particularly through reform of the Freedom of Information Act.

I believe voters were also angry at our seeming inability to come to grips with the even bigger problems of over spending, particularly on enti-

tlements. Health care costs in Medicaid and Medicare are rising at a double-digit rate, and the huge Baby Boomer population is preparing to retire and receive Social Security payments. Yet proposals for reforming these entitlements, to the dismay of many, have become bogged down in partisan bickering.

Another major factor in the election was documented cases of unethical behavior by Congressmen, their aides, and lobbyists that in some cases crossed over into outright criminal conduct. Of course, officials from both major parties were caught up in these charges. But the voters rightly demanded change, and the party in power was held accountable.

Frustration over Iraq was also part of the election. Some Democrats have called for a withdrawal from Iraq, either immediately or through a set timetable. In my view, that is not the correct course of action, nor is it in the long term interest of our country or the world.

Most Americans realize Iraq is part of a larger war against Islamic terrorism, what some have called the major struggle of the 21st Century. They realize the conflict will be long, costly, but they know it is a battle that must be joined to ensure the safety and security of our country.

I believe the American people are looking for confidence that we have a plan to win this war, not merely to carry it on. President Bush is now re-evaluating our approach. My hope is Democrats, now in a Congressional majority, take their criticism of our Iraq operation to a positive level, and work constructively with the President on a plan to win the war against terrorism.

Some commentators have suggested the Republicans lost the majority because we were too conservative, and others have said we have not been conservative enough. In my view, the core Republican principles remain sound; limited government, individual responsibility, and opportunity for all. We have to do a better job in the future of advocating, and delivering, on these principles.

I am privileged today to occupy the U.S. Senate seat first held by Sam Houston, a man whose career in public service for our state and its people will likely never be matched. Gen. Houston was serving in the U.S. Senate when he was baptized at the Independence Baptist Church.

The church pew in Independence where Houston sat during services has been preserved so visitors may view it. It serves as a testimony to man's power to turn weakness into strength, and his ability to learn from missteps of the past. That power is as strong today as it was 150 years ago.



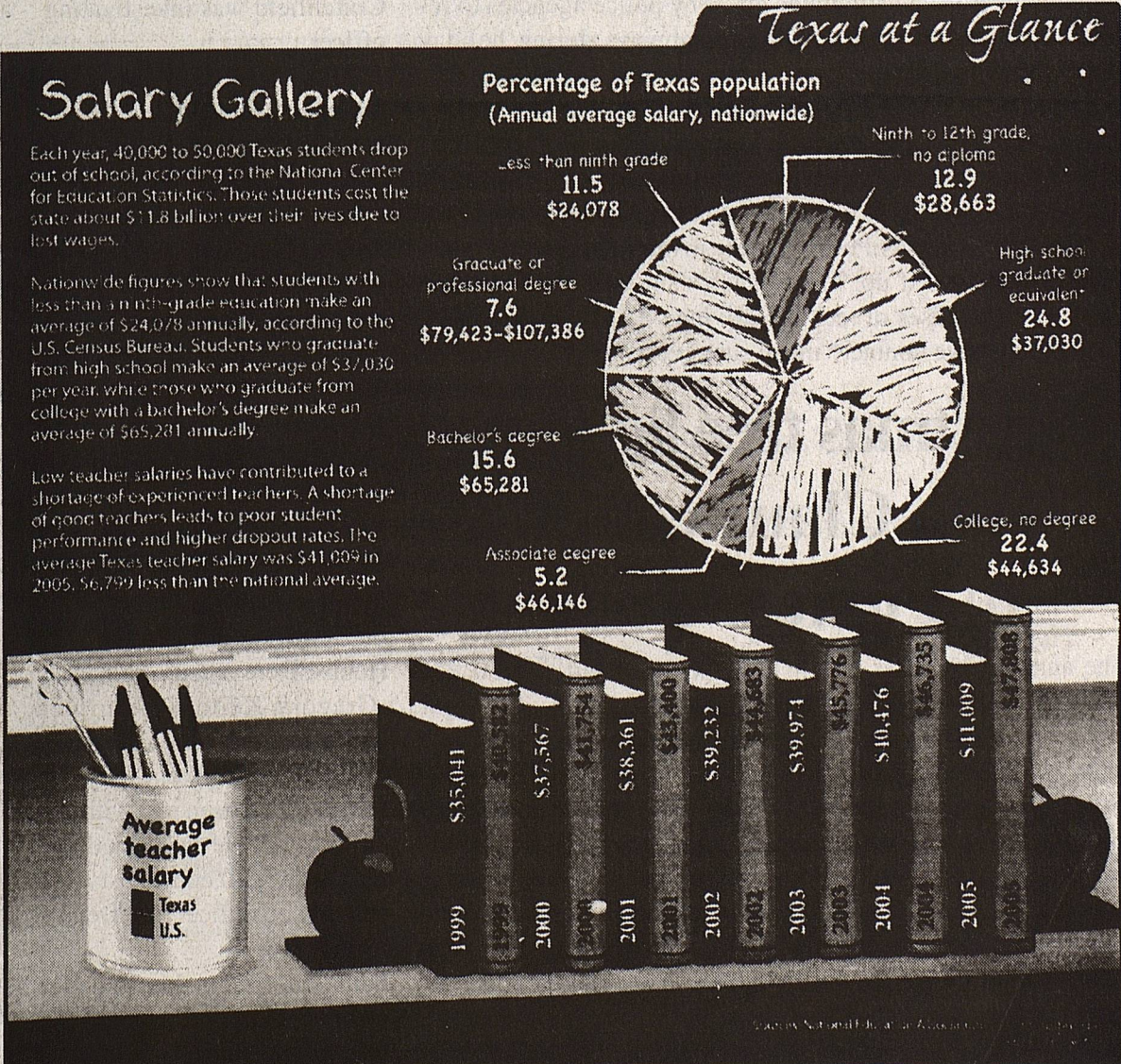
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Goliad, Oct. 10, 1835- The valiant band of Texans which yesterday captured the Mexican garrison here had a welcome addition when before the battle found an exhausted man in tall grass near here. The man was no stranger but Ben Milam, well known in Texas. He had earlier escaped from the Mexican army in Mexico. A 600 mile journey on foot led to his discovery here. Milam entered the ranks of the volunteers at Goliad as a private and played an important role in the defeat of the Mexican forces here. He has already stated his intent to staying on with the Texan army.
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Templeton Cons. wins Manager-at-Risk bid for county jail project

The county moved a bit closer to the start of construction on the Yoakum County Law Enforcement Center in the November 20 session of Commissioners Court. A final report to County Judge Dallas Brewer from Burns & Gill Architects, Inc. indicated comparative data from Templeton Construction submitted a proposal of \$406,735 to oversee construction of the \$5 million project, a bid \$85,685 lower than the bid from A&S Construction. Following discussion from the court members, it was unanimously voted to accept the Templeton bid. The actual start date of the state mandated project has not been determined.

County Clerk Debbie Rushing requested approval to purchase badly needed letters and numbers for the advertising sign in front of the courthouse, originally obtained from the Plains Chamber of Commerce. She also requested approval to purchase another display case for inside the courthouse corridor. The present two cases are always filled to capacity, and the new display case would be reserved for official documents only. The court approved purchase of both items for a total cost of \$1,268.78.

Amber Powell's appointment to the County Welfare Board was approved.

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family violence. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$269 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will complete the Batterer's Treatment Program and serve 80 days community service. Cody Dean Cothren, in plea bargain guilty plea, pled guilty to assault, bodily injury to family member, Class A misdemeanor. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$224 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. Charges of protective order violation, terroristic threat and harassment were adjudicated. He must complete the BIPP program within 30 days, must not communicate with Kimberly

Michele Cothren and Merica Dianne Andrae, and must not go near their residence, school or place of employment. His attorney was Mike Brown and Patricia Valdez, DC Police, was investigating officer. Jose Luis Moreno pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. .116/.114. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$750, must pay \$335 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with 15 hours served. He must complete the DWI first offender program, attend weekly AA meetings and complete the DWI first offender program. Curtis Coffman was investigating officer.

District Court Crime Case

In District Court November 17, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and CDA Richard Clark representing the state, Jeremy Jason Gonzales had probation revoked on a bail jumping and failure to appear motion, third degree felony. He was sentenced to two years in state prison with credit for 146 days jail time. He must pay additional \$65 court costs and \$36 delinquent court costs. His attorney was Jimmy Hammons.

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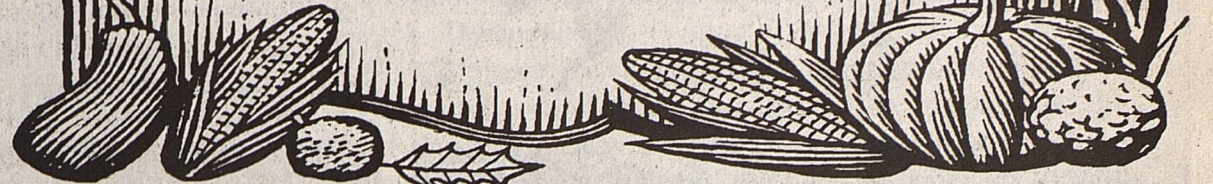
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Tue, Nov 14	Ralls	Away	4:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Nov 17	Ropes	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Mon, Nov 20	Lubbock Warriors	Home	5:00	JV B/V G-B
Tue, Nov 21	Wellman-Union	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Tue, Nov 28	Stanton	Away	5:00	JV/V G-B
Th-Sat, Nov 30-Dec 2	Tatum NM Varsity Tourney	Away	TBA	V G-B
Th-Sat, Nov 30-Dec 2	Denver City JV Tourney	Away	TBA	JV G-B
Tue, Dec 5	Meadow	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Dec 8	Grady	Away	TBA	JV/V G-B
Tue, Dec 12	Dawson	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Th-Sat, Dec 14-16	Texico, NM Varsity Tourney	Away	TBA	V G-B
Tue, Jan 2	Wellman-Union	Away	4:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Jan 5	Smyer	Home	5:00	JV/V B
	*Seagraves	Home	5:00	JV/V G
Tue, Jan 9	*Sundown	Away	5:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Jan 12	*O'Donnell	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Tue, Jan 16	*Morton	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Jan 19	*Whiteface	Away	5:00	JV/V G-B
Tue, Jan 23	*Seagraves	Away	5:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Jan 26	*Sundown	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Tue, Jan 30	*O'Donnell	Away	4:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Feb 2	*Morton	Away	4:00	JV/V G-B
Tue, Feb 6	*Whiteface	Home	5:00	JV/V G-B
Fri, Feb 9	*Seagraves	Home	5:00	JV/V B

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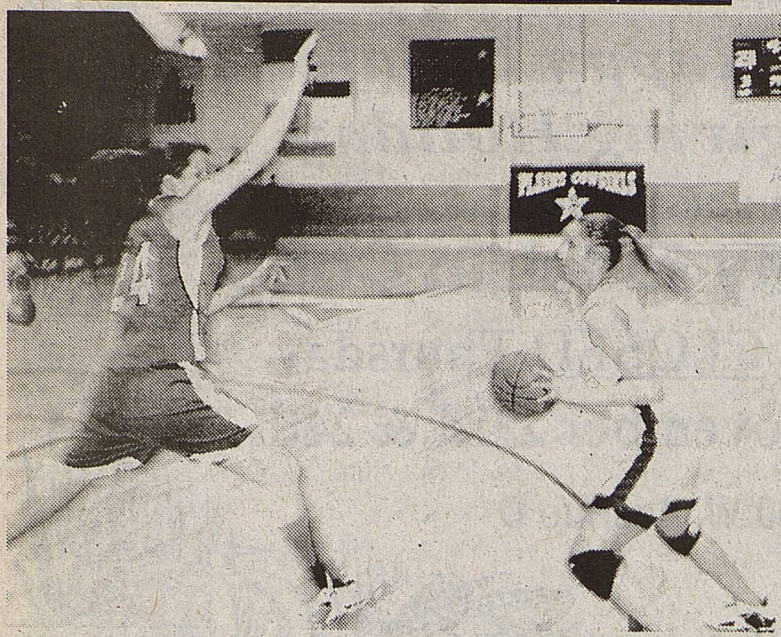
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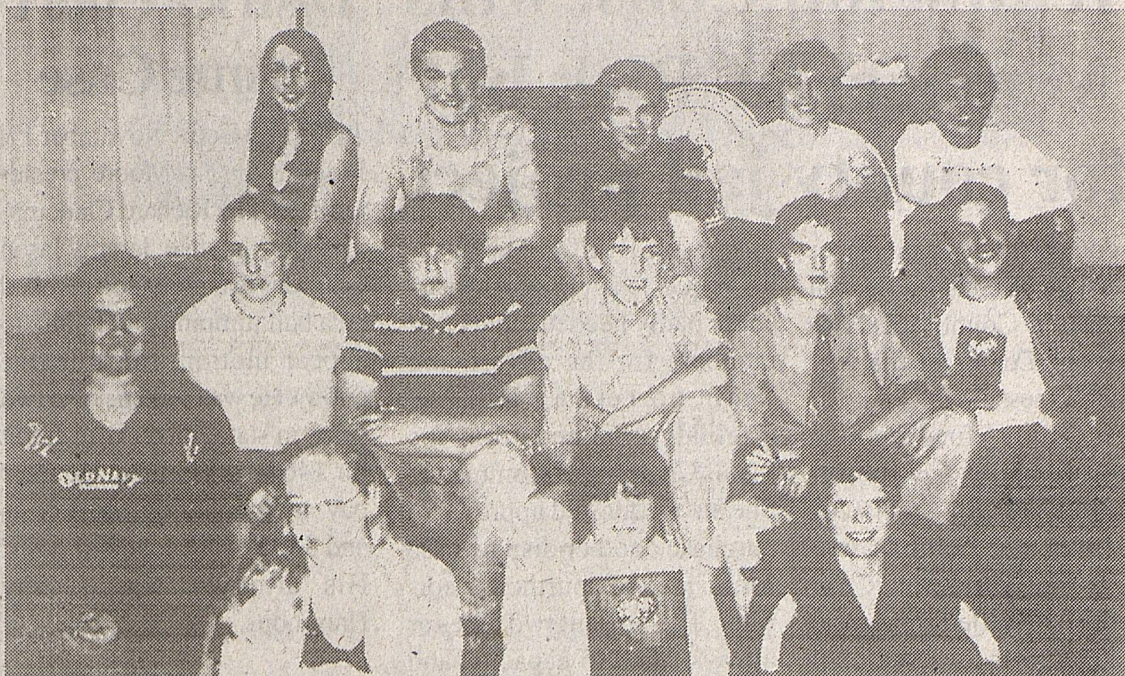
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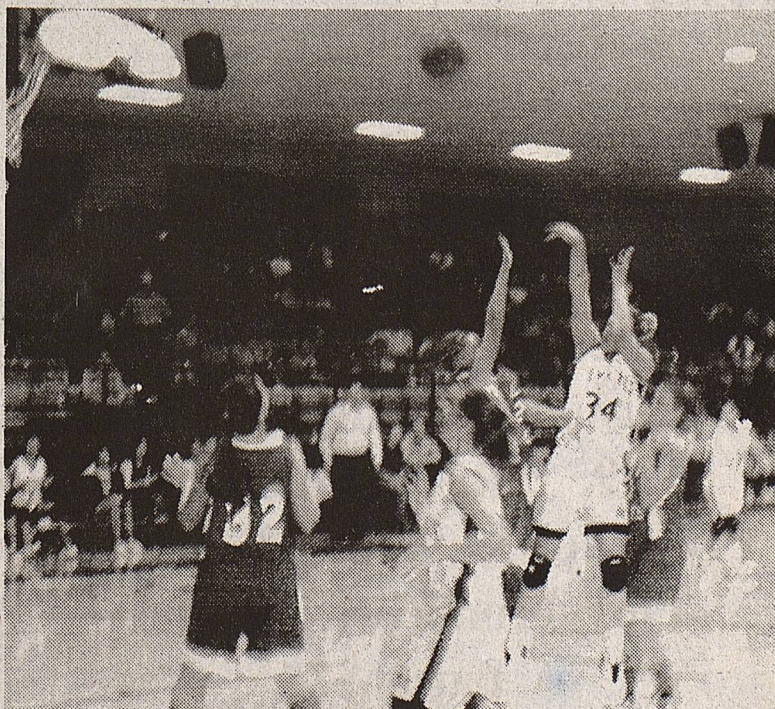
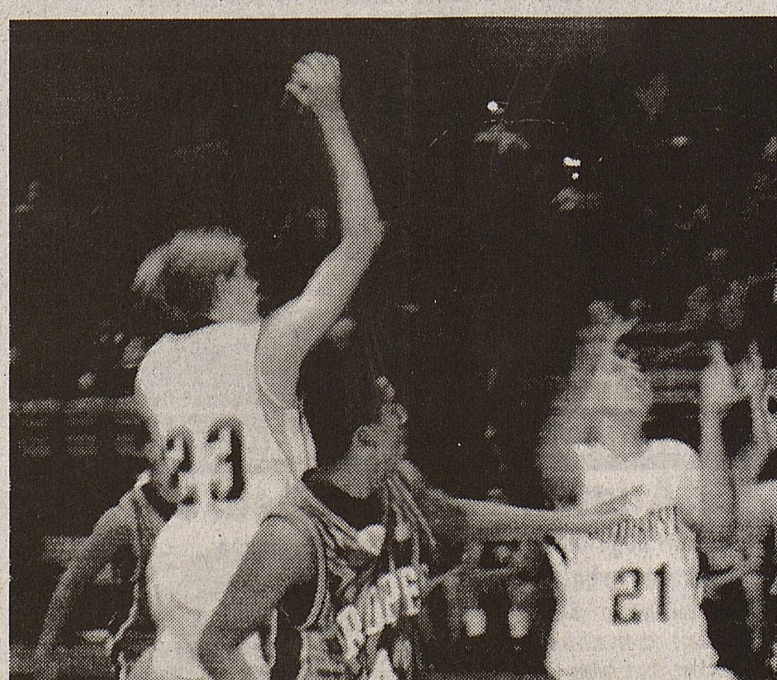
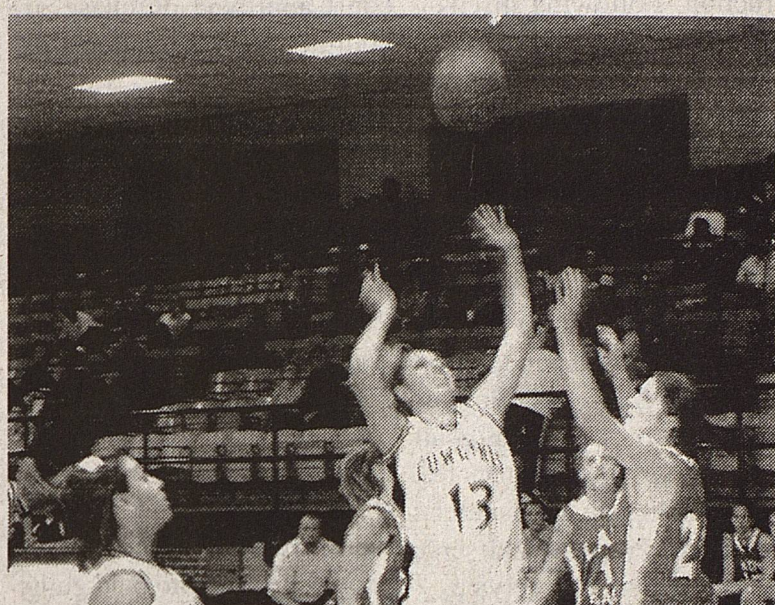


Plains Middle School One Act Play performed here in District 7 competition November 11 against troupes from Sundown and Seagraves. Scenes from The Boys Next Door performed by Plains was selected as the winning play in the competition. Additional honors were earned by Shaylin Taylor-Best Actress; Chase Ortega- Best Actor; Jaaron Bell, Dylan DeBusk, Merritt Crump, and Jaxon Bean- All Star Cast. Directors for the play are Lou Lindsey, Paula Cullins, and Kacy Richards.

Junior High Play scenes earn honors



Cast & Crew- Top row, L-R, Shaylin Taylor, Jaaron Bell, Dray DeBusk, Joseph Sainz. Middle, Haley Welch, Sam Melendez, Hunter Welch, Jaxon Bean, Chase Ortega. Bottom, Brittanie Lira, Katie Dearing, Merritt Crump, Jonathan Davis.



**Hopefully Back On
Schedule Next Week !!**

Lifelines & Styles

"Spirit of Freedom, Patriotism" at Tsa Mo Ga meeting

By Renetta O'Quinn

Four Plains High students reported on their experiences for the "Spirit of Freedom and Patriotism" program at Tsa Mo Ga November 13. Dolores Davis introduced the speakers for the club's annual focus on patriotism.

Junior Lauren Davis attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar in Amarillo in May. "I met some great people while I was there," she said. The seminar focuses on volunteerism, innovative thinking and leadership qualities. The three day week end is attended by sophomores from the Panhandle area. They are put into groups, hear speakers from various careers and take tours.

"My favorite part was when we went to the hospital. We talked to nurses, doctors and surgeons," she said. "I had a blast and learned to be a better leader. We sang some funny songs and had to carry around a raccoon because it was my group's mascot."

Senior Jennifer Eccles was the Blubonnet Girls State representative at Texas Lutheran in Seguin. Jennifer described the trip as "one of the most amazing experiences of my life." The week long camp focuses on state and local government and how each runs. A girl from Jennifer's city was selected as the 2006 Girls State governor; "We were so happy and proud of her."

Jennifer was able to hear two candidates for Texas governor; incumbent Rick Perry, at the girls' trip to the state capitol, and Carol Keeton Rylander. The capitol tour was also a highlight of the week. "I didn't realize how big and beautiful our capitol really is." She also cited the daily raising and lowering of the flag, with taps, as "a very moving experience." "We thought we would be so happy to go home, but we had really made lifelong friends and didn't want to come home. We never thought in a week you could make such good friends."

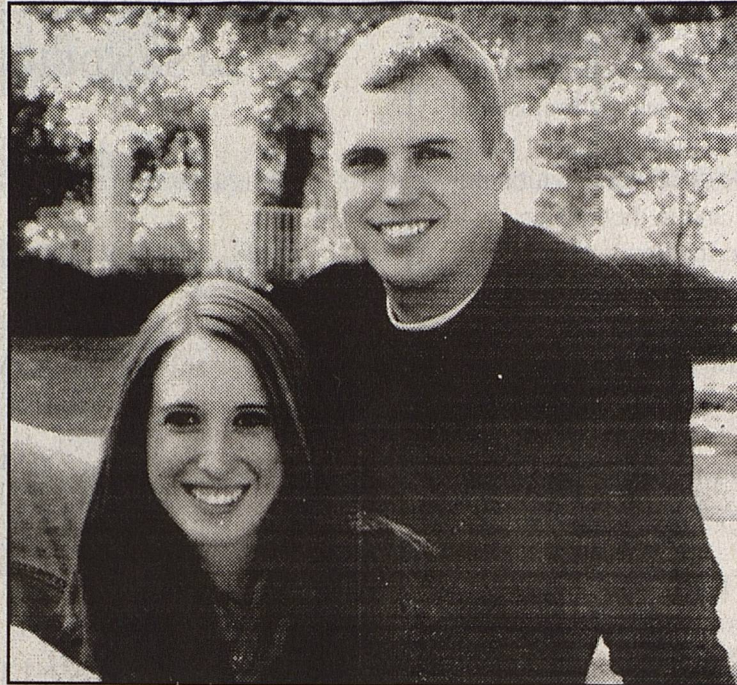
Juniors Ryan Crump and Colby Ortega were Lea County Electric Cooperative Youth Tour winners and visited Washington DC in June. Colby explained the selection process of winners, including an interview selection. "The best part of the trip would have to be seeing the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknowns because they are so disciplined," Ryan said, and Colby agreed the trip to Arlington National Cemetery was a highlight.

Colby also enjoyed "the memorials and the one of Iwo Jima, and the silent marching of the Armed Forces Marching Band." The Smithsonian Museum was interesting as was the tour of the capitol and visit to the Senate and House chambers in session".

The trip was not without some fun and frivolity. "The best part would have to be when we broke the elevator," Ryan said. "I met a lot of people and still keep in touch with some. Washington is a real cool town and I would love to go again."

To keep the spirit of Americanism and freedom, hostesses Toni Jones and Debbie Spears decorated in red, white and blue.

Engagement Announced



Doug and Tammy Gilmore of Carrolton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jamie Gilmore to Aaron Cain, son of Charles and Beth Ann Cain of Plains.

The couple will exchange vows January 7, 2007 at the Tribute in the Colony.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Creekview High School and a senior sociology major at the University of Texas at Arlington. The future brodegroom is a graduate of Plains High School and the University of Texas at Arelington. He is a systems engineer for Lockheed Martin in Grand Prairie.

Special shopping event at Old Mill Trade Days

Departing from their usual 'First Friday' schedule, Old Mill Trade Days will have a special shopping event November 24-26. Friday and Saturday hours are 11 am to 5 pm; Sunday shopping hours are 9 am to 5pm. The next First Friday Trade Days will be December 1-3.

"This is a great fun shopping event ushering in the Christmas season and gives shoppers a unique shopping weekend of the year. We'll have over 125 vendors selling a huge variety of merchandise, and if you're tired of turkey, a great menu of food specials will be available. A special treat for the kids is Santa's visit both Saturday and Sunday afternoon", said Gen. Manager Rosa Latimer.

Thanksgiving Storytime

Storytime was held November 15. We shared the books Thank You, Thanksgiving, and 1,2,3 Thanksgiving, and enjoyed the film "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." The youngsters had a great time making a turkey out of construction paper, and received a coloring page of a turkey to take home. Attending were Trayn, Delese and Bries Willis, Raven and Ranger Harvey, Kiern Harris, Ellie and Cason Russell, Diana Seaton, Braleigh Lowret, and Mallory Bunch. Following a Thanksgiving break Storytime will return November 29, and at 2,3, and 4 year olds and their parents or caregivers are invited. We hope you will join us.

*I have a simple philosophy.
Fill what's empty. Empty
what's full. And scratch
what itches...*

Alice Roosevelt Longworth

WEDDING SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT HONORING

**MR. AARON CAIN
&
MISS JAMIE GILMORE**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006
TIME: 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
WHERE: MRS. MELBA CRUTCHER'S HOME
1008 4TH STREET
PLAINS, TEXAS**

**SELECTIONS:
BED, BATH & BEYOND TARGET**

A WORD OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

What a blessing it is to live in this community with such wonderful people. Your support during Macie's illness and your compassion in our loss will never be forgotten. We can't begin to thank you all for all you have done, kind words, hugs, cards, calls, flowers, donations, and most of all, the heartfelt prayers you offered for Macie. God Bless You for your kindness.

*Our love & appreciation,
Macie Robinson family,
Jinger & Toby Robinson,
and Joani Hancck.*

Information, Please at the library



Plains City Administrator Terry Howard, at podium, was guest speakers at last week's session of Information Please at the county library. Howard discussed a number of fuel conservation practices to ease heating bills this winter. He also discussed the ongoing project of repalacing all water meters in the city. He said, mainly because of age, most of the meters are under-reading water use both for residential and business customers. Attending the monthly program were, left to right, Dolores Davis, Lee Hanna, Zareta Winn, Bill Adams, Marguerite Adams, Melba Bearden, Mary Lou Parks, Patsy Six, Kay Dawson.

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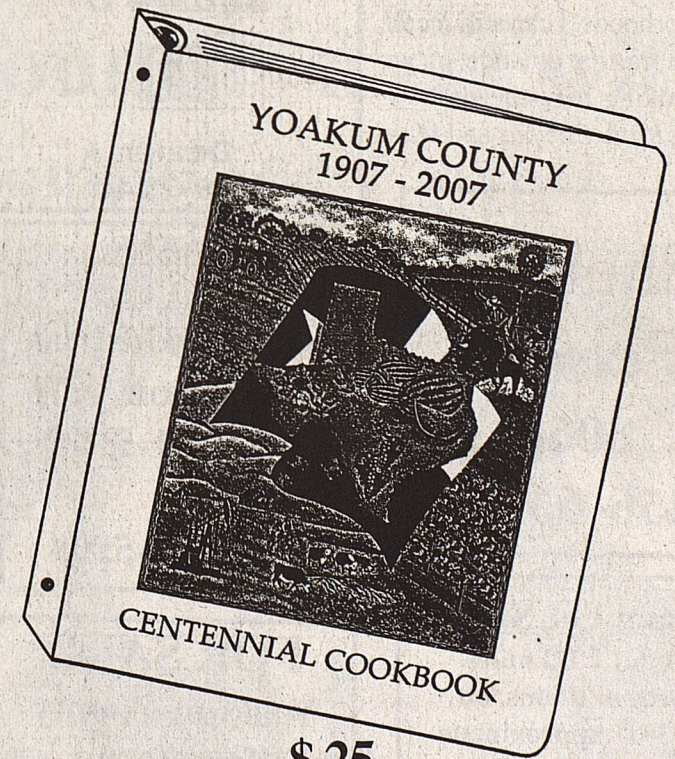
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On The Calendar

Annual food & toy drive now underway.
Tree Lighting, Santa's visit Nov. 29.
'Roast' for Judge Brewer - more later.
Courthouse closed noon 12-22 to 12-27
CNN will publish abbreviated issue on December 27. Happy Holidays!

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Plains, Texas

Sunday School

9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Evening Program

6:00 P.M.

From The Hack

I had a recent, novel experience. I played golf with a stranger, and actually enjoyed his company. The others in our group were the normal assortment of ruffians - greedy, uncouth, foul mouthed, born with larcenous habits.

The stranger's name was Frank, he has a business in Brownfield, he advertises each week in CCN, and more importantly, pays me ON TIME FAITHFULLY! Yes, I am aware this is a novel approach to indebtedness these days, but it works fine for me. To our male readers, if you don't have a farm, go get one, and spend some money with Terry County Tractor! It will make me feel warm and fuzzy and secure. Won't bother Frank, either.

By the way, Frank very favorably impressed me in another manner or two; One, I only heard him barely mutter one slightly off colored word during the round. The other shiny impression I left with was, "Hey, I think I can probably beat this guy most times!" You have to know how seldom I feel such exhilaration!

Do you recall not so many weeks and months ago the media furor over the horrors of the arrival of dreaded Asian Bird Flu here? You recall... eating a chicken thigh would be equivalent to leaping off a tall building sans parachute. A sparrow falling dead from the sky within twenty feet of a human would fatally contaminate entire urban neighborhoods. I can still recall a much earlier episode of an NBC talking news-head show starring *Katie Curious* and *Matt*

Lower when they so somberly discussed the forthcoming doom. At the moment my first thought was, "What? No turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas?? This is beyond scary - it's a disaster!" , which should tell you right off, I DO like the holiday bird. Especially crammed full of cornbread dressing and surrounded by a small lake of giblet gravy.

A question: What have you heard very recently about avian flu? Very, very little. The turkey lobbyists must be doing an effective job. Way To Go!

Sometimes politics and religion raise their head in heated political contests. A story about Louisiana's notorious Governor Earl Long has circulated for years. Once he was giving a speech in a parish which was half Catholic, half Baptist. Cagey like a fox, he spoke to the Catholics first and began by saying the happiest days of his youth were Sunday mornings when he would hitch up the family wagon and take his grandparents to the Catholic Church. When the services were over, 'Uncle Earl' would take them home, where he would hook up a fresh team for the wagon. He would then call on his other-side grandparents and drive them to their Baptist Church.

When he finished giving his speech, he and his aide were driving home, and the aide said, "Governor, I didn't know you had a Catholic grandfather and grandmother. Uncle Earl snorted and said, "Hell, son, we didn't even have a wagon!"

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of W.F. Geisler, Deceased, were issued on November 13, 2006, in Cause No. 1500, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: **LONNIE GEISLER.**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **LONNIE GEISLER**
PO Box 661
Sundown, Texas 79372

DATED the 15th day of November, 2006

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Facsimilie 806-894-5259

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 PM Thursday, November 30, 2006 for the purchase of One (1) New 2007 one-ton flat bed truck with or without trade-in of one (1) Used Chevrolet Flat Bed Truck.

Bids shall be opened with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, December 4, 2006.

For specifications and or more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 896' 456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. To view trade-in, contact Ben Coston, Commissioner Pet. 2, 806/456-592-3287.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 PM, Thursday, November 30, 2006 for the SALE of one (1) Used 1982 One-Ton Flat Bed Truck from Precinct #2.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, December 4, 2006.

For information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. To view used vehicle, contact Ben Coston, Commissioner, Precinct #2, 806/592-3287.

Sealed bids should be marked, "SALE-TRUCK PRECINCT #2" 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.

NOTICE OF RULES OF HEARING

Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District will hold a public hearing December 13, 2006 at 11:00 AM. This hearing will be held at the District Office, located at 1012 Ave. F, Plains, Texas 79355.

Changes in definitions and hearings procedures will be considered to conform to changes in Chapter 36, TEXAS WATER CODE, passed by the the Texas Legislature, 79th Regular Session.

Copies of the proposed rules will be available at the District Office during regular business hours. Those hours are:

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 12 Noon, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LJ SANDERS'---LOOKING FOR THE TRUTH

Long Term

Yoakum County Cloud Seeding Evaluation
Fourth Year - 2006

(using rain gages and seeded and non-seeded areas)

Seeding Period: April - August

Available Gauge Data: May - August

2006 RAINFALL INCHES

AREA ONE

	Starting Cumulative	During Period	Ending Cumulative
SEEDED PART			
Yoakum Co.(26)	39.25	6.32	45.57
NON-SEEDED PART			
Cochran Co.(31)	41.11	7.12	48.23
Baily Co.(43)	52.98	8.05	61.03

AREA TWO

	Starting Cumulative	During Period	Ending Cumulative
SEEDED PART			
Terry Co.(33)	40.40	3.93	44.33
NON-SEEDED PART			
Hockley Co.(38)	42.22	6.82	49.04
Lamb Co.(29)	50.46	7.96	58.42

number of gauges in 2006---(26)

Data compiled by L.J. Sanders from public information at various water districts serving the above counties

Present long term cloud seeding evaluation I started needs improvement which I believe is available at nominal cost. In Yoakum County, we need to increase rain gauge density by adding in-expensive gauges to areas smaller than county wide. In addition, instead of monthly, the new gauges need to be read to measure each significant rain event. By comparing what is calculated for each gauge area and assumed to reach the ground with what did reach the ground will allow a better evaluation of seeding benefits. I am available to read the new gauges as often as needed at no cost. I will discuss these changes with SandyLand after some requested expert input.

Seeding evaluation is really in a state of flux. Some projects continue and thought to be successful, some have been stopped (High Plains and North Plains), some continue not knowing if successful or not. The above changes will help Yoakum County decide which of these is the right one.

PUBLIC NOTICE AVAILABILITY OF HOME PROGRAM OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING FUNDS YOAKUM COUNTY



Yoakum County is announcing the availability of HOME Program Owner Occupied (OCC) housing rehabilitation/reconstruction funds for qualified residents residing in Yoakum County, specifically in the rural area of Denver City.

Applications can be picked up at Denver City City Hall (located at 102 W. 3rd, Denver City, TX 79323) or the Yoakum County Courthouse (located at Avenue G & Cowboy Way, Plains, TX 79355) for thirty (30) days from the date of this publication (November 19, 2006 through December 19, 2006). Applications will only be accepted on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applications can be mailed to either address listed above, to be received on the 19th. Applications will not be accepted prior to the 19th. Arrangements can be made for persons with special needs, language interpretation needs or for persons with disabilities by calling Stan David, Denver City, 806-592-5426, or Toni Jones, Yoakum County, at 806-456-7491.

All applications will be reviewed for completeness in the order in which they are received. All eligible applicants will be rated on a first come, first serve system in order to establish a priority of funds. However, priority will be given to applicants who are below 30% income level, elderly, disabled and located in the rural area of Denver City.

For more information, contact Kelli McElhone, South Plains Association of Governments, at 806-762-8721.

The HOME Program is being administered under all applicable federal, state and local housing laws, including Fair Housing regulations.

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Monday / Wednesday SPCH 1321-541	Business and Professional Speech 1:00 - 2:15 pm	*SOCW 2361-541	Intro to Social Work 6:00 - 9:00 PM
ENGL 1302-545	Composition II 4:00 - 5:15 pm	Tuesday / Thursday READ 0320-541	College Learning Strategies II 1:00 - 2:15 pm
Wednesday GOVT 2302-542	American Government, Functions 6:00 - 9:00 pm	*ENGL 0302-541	Developmental English 2:30 - 3:45 PM
Monday / Wednesday / Friday MATH 0315-541	Beginning Algebra 2:30 - 3:45 pm	*ARTS 1301-541	Art Appreciation 2:30 - 3:45 PM
		*MATH 0320-541	Intermediate Algebra 2:30 - 3:45 PM
		Thursday ENGL 1301-541	Composition I 6:00 - 9:00 pm

*Locations will choose one class offered at this day and time (varies upon location)

For admissions and online registration information, contact 806-894-9611, extension 2374, 2375 or 2372
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