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CRIMINAL CASES IN COUNTY COURT

The following are summaries of cases held before County Judge Dallas Brewer in County Court. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

In cause # 7283, Aurelio Hernandez Larrea, 26, plead guilty to DWI to an original complaint by Danny Crawford, DPS. He was sentenced to 24 months jail, probated, fined \$500, drivers license suspension for 90 days, and to serve 72 hours in the County jail. He was represented by Attorney Philip Wishkaemper.

In cause #7545, Jose Cosme Fabela plead guilty to DWI charges filed in a complaint by Kevin Edwards, DPS. Blood tests revealed an alcohol content of .128%. He was sentenced to 12 months in the county jail, probated, fined \$500, drivers license suspension for 180 days, and sentenced to 72 continuous hours in county jail.

In cause #7547, Larry Ray Simmons, 25, plead guilty to driving while license suspended charges filed by Kevin Edwards, DPS. He was sentenced to 12 months in the county jail, suspended, and fined \$500.

In cause #7553, Jesus Ruiz Villegas, 20, plead

SERVICES FOR BILL OVERTON

William Monroe 'Bill' Overton 89 passed away May 11, 1995 in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 13, at 4:00 pm in the First Baptist Church here. Reverend Bill Wright officiated in the services, and Reverend Jim Bozeman assisted. Interment was in the Plains Cemetery, with services provided by Ratliff Funeral Home, Denver City.

Mr. Overton was born January 20, 1906, in Cook County. He married Burve Clegg April 30, 1934 in Fort Worth. They moved to Denver City in 1949.

He worked for the Agricultural Stabilization Service in Plains from 1949 to 1973, when he retired. He belonged to the First Baptist Church here, and was a past member of the Oddfellows club.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Melvin, in 1958.

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guilty to evading arrest charges by Joe Hester, Chief, Denver City Police Department. On April 9, Officer Jack Miller, DCPD, responded to a call of reckless driving on Fir Street in Denver City. There he observed a vehicle on radar doing 49mph in a 20 mph zone. He turned his emergency lights on and attempted to stop the vehicle. In the ensuing pursuit, the vehicle was observed swerving into the wrong lane, onto the dirt shoulder, weaving in and out of traffic, running stop signs and turning into alleys to elude the police car. When finally stopped, he was arrested for fleeing from a law officer.

He was sentenced to 12 months in county jail, probated, fined \$500, and was to serve 24 hours in jail.

In cause #7563, Tom Cleavenger, 68, plead guilty to charges filed by Joe Hester, DCPD, to hindering apprehension.

On April 4, Hester and Texas Ranger Larry Gilbreath investigated a drive-by shooting incident

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FINAL RITES FOR FOY COGBURN

Memorial services for Foy L. Cogburn, 72, were held Thursday, May 11, in the Tahoka Road Church of Christ, Brownfield, with Reverends James Martin and Bob Smith officiating.

He was born June 14, 1922, in Gorman, Texas, and moved with his parents, Fayette and Katy Cogburn to Littlefield in 1927. He graduated from Lubbock High School, and attended Texas Tech University.

He married Redell Parks in Lubbock November 30, 1942. He served in the Army during World War II, and later worked for the J.B. Knight Company in Brownfield.

In 1951, he entered into a 25 year partnership with the late Robert Young and established Cogburn-Young Hardware here in Plains.

In 1971, he moved to Durango, Colorado to farm and serve as the City building inspector. He was active in many civic organizations, and served as President of the Four

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CHANGE COULD COME WITH UNFUNDED MANDATES ACT

State Government and voter disenchantment recently brought about passage of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, to take effect October 1 this year. It could change the historical relationship between Washington and the states. By forcing Congress to define the cost of individual mandates, and to vote on the basis of those costs, the measure brings 'sunshine' to the process.

The law bars any future mandate that would cost state and local governments more than \$50 million, unless Congress provides funding, but the law does not eliminate a single federal regulation on the book today. It does not apply when existing statutes, such as The Clean Air Act, come up for reauthorization, as long as renewing those statutes does not add significant costs to cities and states.

WHAT THE LAW DOES:
* Instructs Congressional committees to identify, and through the Budget Office, assess the cost of any legislation creating significant new mandates or changes existing ones.

* Bars Congress from considering any unfunded mandate costing state and local governments more than \$50 million, unless funding is identified, or would cost the private sector more than \$100 million.

* Requires federal agencies to develop

WATER STATS, FACTS & FIGURES

Just about everything we do or touch involves water; Read this newspaper-water produced the paper. Eat a burger-water sustained the cow. Grow a rose-you must have water. Mine for coal-can't, without water.

The nation uses some 339 Billion gallons of fresh water a day from lakes, streams and underground sources. It is easy to understand why many refer to water as our most precious physical asset.

DID YOU KNOW:
Some 30% of groundwater used for agricultural irrigation comes from the Ogallala Aquifer, the one beneath us here?

There are more than 3.2 million miles of streams within the contiguous United States, and most have been dammed, drained, diverted or altered someway by humans. Only one river over 600 miles in

procedures minimizing unfunded mandates, and publish cost-benefit analysis of any new expensive regulation.
* Exempts from the provision any federal law or regulation or regulation that enforces constitutional or civil rights or anti-discriminatory laws, provides for emergency relief or is vital to national security. It

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SOUTH AFRICA TRIP IS LONG, ENLIGHTENING FOR LOCAL MAN

It's a long, long way from Plains, Texas to the Republic of South Africa, even as a crow or jet liner flies.

Jack Cobb returned from a visit to that country last week, and said the non-stop flight from Kennedy field in New York to Johannesburg took 13 1/2 hours. "Returning home, we flew from Cape Town to Miami and were in the air 14 hours", Cobb reported.

He and a group of nine other delegates involved in grain sorghum market development attended a nine day "Agribusiness Trade and Investment Mission" to the African nation, sponsored by the US-South Africa Trade Association. Cobb was tabbed for the trip because of his role as Chairman of the Texas Grain Sorghum Board, and his involvement

length, the Yellowstone, still flows freely.

The five Great Lakes, Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie and Ontario, hold 18% of the WORLD'S surface fresh water.

More U.S. water is used to produce electricity than any other purpose. Power is generated through, thermoelectric or hydroelectric processes. Thermoelectric plants guzzle over 131 billion gallons a day, yet only 3% of that is consumed, the balance returned to lakes and rivers. It takes 4,000 gallons of water to produce one kilowatt hour of hydroelectric power, enough to light a 100 watt bulb ten hours.

300 million gallons of water are used to produce one day's supply of newsprint.

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COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Mon., May 15th, County Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners present were John Avara, Bob Thurston, Jim Barron, and Macky McWhirter.

Also attending were Toni Jones, Treasurer, Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, and Ruby Bruton, Clerk.

In an abbreviated agenda, the Court approved all bills and part time salaries, and approved three line item transfers from the general fund totaling \$13,108

to various departments and precincts.

Commissioner McWhirter made a motion to advertise bids for the sale of a 24.7 acre tract of land in County Section #313. Bids must be made by 5 PM, June 9, and payment for the tract should be in the form of caliche and or water in an amount equal to the dollar value of the winning bid.

Following the acceptance of the treasurer's monthly report, Court adjourned at 10:15 AM.

in promoting and expanding marketing of the grain.

"We were fortunate to visit with a number of highly placed South African government officials who expressed an interest in obtaining more US food quality grain, particularly the newly developed and improved white varieties being raised by a number of Panhandle farmers". He added that sorghum is a very large and important staple in the daily diet of South Africans and citizens

of many other African nations.

It is also extensively used in making 'Sorghum Beer', the brew of choice for the majority of the population there. Cobb said the sorghum beer was an eye opener for him. "They make the beer, and it usually had an 'aging' period of 24, 48 or 72 hours, and instead of then bottling or canning it, they put it into plasticized cardboard cartons just like we do milk here at home"



Dry South African corn crop. Note width of rows.

He also said it is made in and you have almost dozens of different flavors, including orange, grape, cherry, even chocolate, and its alcoholic strength varies from one brand to another. "They even sell a sorghum flour beer mix. All you do is take it home, add water, let it sit a few hours,

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CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR 'WELCOME' SIGN

Several Donors have already contributed to the \$2,000 construction costs of the Chamber of Commerce 'Welcome' sign to be erected east of town, but more funds are needed. Plains Lions Club is matching dollar for dollar each contribution, up to one-half the cost of the project. Help with this project welcoming travelers to our community. Donations may be made to any Lions member, or at City Hall.



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milling companies, breweries and other food processing firms. "South Africa is easily the largest and most important economic unit on the African continent. We feel the interest shown there in our grain, particularly the high quality white variety, could possibly spill over into other African nations, extending our market potential". He added he and his group were surprised at the large role sorghum plays in the solid and liquid diet of so many South Africans.

Surprisingly, very little sorghum is grown in the country for livestock fodder, the bulk of the animals being fed corn and hay. The delegation visited one farm about 35 miles from Johannesburg, and were amazed at the row spacing of one corn grower and cattle feeder. The corn field rows were 84 inches (7 feet) apart. The farmer told them it was a practice developed in the extremely arid lands of Israel. A severe drought was taking



JACK COBB WITH DELEGATES IN SOUTH AFRICA GRAIN FIELD. NOTE DROUGHTY GRAIN HEADS.

place in South Africa at the time of their visit, but the visiting delegates expressed their private opinions the farmer would have been much better served with narrower rows, affording the plants some shade, and a reduction of water evaporation.

Cobb said the meeting after meeting daily schedule

was tiring, but felt the missions primary purpose, exploring possible new marketing areas for US grain, was encouraging. He added, "South Africa is a large and interesting land, but I'm not too interested in returning real soon, and I doubt if I ever move there".

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occurring April at a residence of one 'Smokey' Herrera, 1506 Cole Street.

Later, Tom Cleavenger came to the Police Department for questioning. He stated he knew nothing about the shooting, then admitted his grandson, Ernie Strickland, told him he fired the shot. He also said Herrera had earlier threatened him with a knife and his death. Strickland asked Cleavenger to give him \$20 to go to his father in Brownwood, and he did.

Cleavenger was sentenced to 12 months jail time, deferred, fined \$750, and forfeited the .22 caliber Ruger pistol used in the incident. He was represented by Attorney Tom Wilkins Jr.

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Survivors include his wife of Plains; A daughter, Joan Mann of Ruidoso, NM; 6 grandchildren, David Mann, Chicago, Judge Edward Mann, Midland, Melvin Lloyd Young, Arlington, William Morson Portwood, Corpus Christi, Daleta Susan Choate, Abilene, and Sherry Baldwin, Tulsa, Oklahoma; 11 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Serving pallbearers were Jim Barron, Gary Six, Macky McWhirter, Ty Earl Powell, Royce Blair and Johnnie Fitzgerald.

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Corners Gem and Mineral Club.

He is survived by his wife; Two sons, James, of Hobbs, NM, and Eddie of Monahans; Two brothers, Blanton Cogburn, Sierra Vista, AZ., and Blanton, Abilene; One sister, Bonnie Faye Champie, Pleasant Hill, MO.; Eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Roger Bennett, Plains, Jerry Cogburn, Amarillo, Ronnie Sullivan, Brownfield, Gaylord Cogburn and Clay Cogburn, Happy.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Southwest, Box 14710, Odessa, Tx, 79768.

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also exempts any regulation related to Social Security. **WHAT IT DOESN'T DO:**

* It does not absolutely prohibit Congress from imposing new unfunded mandates. It does require bills, amendments and joint resolutions to include cost estimates, and allows any member to halt consideration of the legislation under "point of order" if those costs exceed \$50 million per year. If a majority votes to override the 'point of order', debate would continue.

* It does not protect private companies against unfunded mandates, although private firms would be able to sue when federal agencies fail to follow the procedures of

the mandate law.

Texas and other border states failed in recent attempts to get Washington to fully reimburse states for the educational, health and correctional costs of illegal immigrants. It does, however, protect future funding of border control agencies.

It will be interesting to follow the course of this new act after its enactment this fall.

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Alaskan streams release more than a third of the nation's average annual water flow. Three of it's rivers (Yukon, Kuskokwim and Copper) are among the nations largest in terms of flow.

Land has sunk as much as 30 feet since the 1920's in the California San Joaquin Valley due to over pumping of groundwater for irrigation.

Mormon pioneers tapping into Utah's Wasatch range drain were among the first to use large scale irrigation in the U.S.

A cow must drink four gallons of water to produce a gallon of milk, and it takes eight gallons of water to grow a tomato.

Hydrologists estimate our groundwater reserves to be at least 33 trillion gallons, equal to the amount discharged into the Gulf by the Mississippi over the past 200 years.

SUMMER EXIT LEVEL TEST

ADMINISTRATION

Out-of-school students, enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district, and TEAMS examinees will be required to register for the summer assessment. Registration packets will be provided to districts and education service centers by May 12, 1995. Completed registration forms must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 PM, JUNE 9, 1995.

DATES	TAAS	TEAMS
7/11	Writing	Math
7/12	Mathematics	Math
7/13	Reading	English Language Arts

FROM GARY WALKER,

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
* DISTRICT 80 ***

AUSTIN--The long hours I spoke to you about have come to pass. Staying up until 2 a.m. is hard on us farm boys who wake at dawn and go to bed at dusk.

After 40 ours of continuous debate, members of the House passed the omnibus revision of the education code. Changes include a much needed and long overdue pay increase for all teachers and a flexibility that allows for a "home rule" system of school governance. Members also debated the issue of silent prayer. I find it ironic that everyday of session is started with a prayer, but our kids can't pray in school if they so choose.

I understand education is a complex issue. What works for rural areas may not work for urban areas. However, I am confident that the education code that we passed is good public policy.

Another measure considered in the House has to do with the Open Records Act Representative Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, offered a new measure that allows easier access to official records. I believe it is important for people to have access to public documents that tax money funds.

As we wade through the last days of session, I keep the oath I took January 10 in mind. I swore I would, with each policy we pass, protect, preserve and defend the constitution. That is what you have sent me here to do and that is what I will continue to do.

Until next week,

Gary Walker

For more information contact Warren E. Mayberry, Legislative Director, at (512) 463-0678.

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JOHN W. HARDIN IS KILLED

EL PASO: John Wesley Hardin, one of the state's most notorious bad men, was shot to death in the Acme Saloon here last night by Constable John Selman. The constable claims that he mistook Hardin's reflection in the mirror for Hardin coming toward him. The two had a serious argument only a few days ago.

Hardin, credited with killing over thirty men, was pardoned only a year ago after serving sixteen years in the penitentiary. He was shot in the back of the head.

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PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN AWARDS

Brad McMinn

SALUTATORIAN AWARDS

Ken McAdams

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
KEYBOARDING
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Yancey House
Kiri Ancinec
Ken McAdams
Brad McMinn
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Vicki Bayer
Veronica Mancha
Becky St. Romain
Veronica Mancha
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Jeremy Dearing
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Jeremy Dearing &
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
GIRLS TRACK
GIRLS TENNIS
GIRLS GOLF
GIRLS BLACK & GOLD
FOOTBALL
BOYS BASKETBALL
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS TRACK

BOYS TENNIS

BOYS GOLF
BOYS BLACK & GOLD

SCHOLARSHIPS

FINE ARTS - MUSIC
(Lea County Electric)

STATE LINE EXTENSION
(FCE Club)
SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANN CLARK LOGAN
RICHARD CLARK

ALEXANDER - MUSIC
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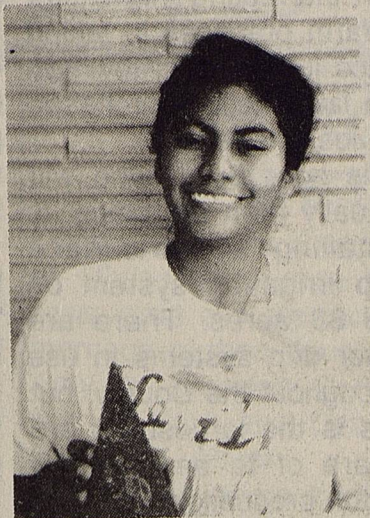
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PHS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the Week is Mary Morales. She is a sophomore at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Angel Morales.

Mary was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn. "Since this is the last week of school, this will be the final Student of the Week award. It seems like there aren't enough weeks in the year to recognize all the good students who have deserved this honor this year. The weeks ran out and there are approximately 135 of you.

This week's student of the week sets standards in academics and athletics and I find the other students asking her for advice -- on what classes to take next year -- how to juggle a hard academic schedule, yet continue to be in athletics, something she loves. It has been a pleasure to have this student in class and work with her in UIL events this year. This week's Student of the Week, the last of 1995, but not the least," said O'Quinn.

KEN McADAMS WINS BIG TRIP

Soon to graduate Ken McAdams, son of Evertt and Estelle McAdams, walked away with top honors in a recent Lea County Electric Cooperative contest sponsored for area Seniors.

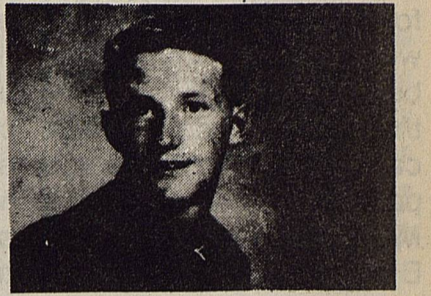
He submitted eight essays to the judges on subjects ranging from energy issues, education, conservation, and preserving our resources. Three other entrants from Seminole and Lovington joined this fall.

McAdams in Lovington for a lengthy personal interview to determine the winning order of finish for the finalists. Ken said he answered questions for some 45 minutes, and ended up in first place.

He will leave in June with a large group of other contest winners for an all expense paid bus trip to Washington, D.C., and during the 13 day tour will see much of the southeast US, and spend several days taking in the sights of the Washington.

Congratulations to Ken, who has been accepted for entrance in Texas Tech and Lovington joined this fall.

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE SMALLWOOD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



South Plains College recently announced that these are Heather McDonnell, daughter of Jackie and Gale McDonnell, and Ken McAdams, son of Evertt

and Estelle McAdams. Both students will be attending South Plains College in the Fall. These seniors were chosen from a very select group for their outstanding academic and leadership qualities.

THANKS TO THE VOTERS OF P.I.S.D. DISTRICT 2 FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AT THE POLLS, & MANY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT. I WILL ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THE TRUST YOU HAVE PLACED IN ME WHILE FULFILLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS IMPORTANT OFFICE. THANKS AGAIN, Randy Tuggle

PHS EXES HONORED BY SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

Faculty from all departments of South Plains College in Levelland recently selected students to receive awards at the annual SPC Awards Assembly held May 4. Over 100 SPC students were honored in the ceremonies, including two former PHS students, Betsy Blair and Jay Rushing.

Betsy, the daughter of Royce and Cynthia Blair, was selected to Who's Who at SPC, representing the Engineering and Math Club.

Jay, the son of Morris and Debbie Rushing, was recognized as the Outstanding Freshman Mathematics Student.

Mc MINN FINISHES STRONG IN FINAL U.I.L. CONTEST

Graduating Senior Brad McMinn, son of Larry and Paula McMinn, competed recently in the big State Final Literary Contest in Austin. Over 250 Class 1-A schools around the state sent contestants to the meet.

In such a tough and competitive field, Brad fared very well, finishing 2nd in calculator, 6th in numbers sense, and 9th in mathematics.

Our congratulations to Brad, who plans to enroll in Texas Tech this fall and Major in Chemical Engineering.

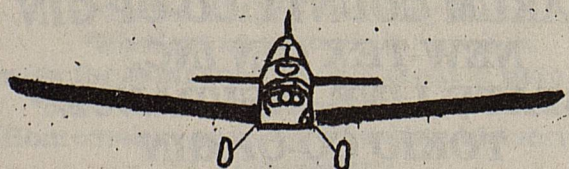
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HOSPICE BENEFIT SAVES MEDICARE MONEY

A Washington, DC study confirms that Hospice care for terminally ill patients saves money over traditional medical treatment.

An analysis of the Cost Savings of the Medicare Hospice Benefit was conducted by Lewin-VHI.

According to the study, Hospice care saves money while meeting the very basic and important human needs. Hospice care is an interdisciplinary, individualized form of care that emphasizes pain control and symptom management rather than attempting curative treatment. It is designed so patients do not die in pain, alone or without personal dignity.

The study compared the relative cost of hospice care to conventional care for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer. Analysis of beneficiaries' claims found that for every dollar Medicare spent on hospice patients, it saved \$1.52 in Medicare Part A and Part B expenditures.

The National Hospice Organization undertook the study to determine whether the results of a 1988 Health Care Finance Administration hold true today. Lewin-VHI found that hospice cost savings have increased since the previous study. In 1988, Medicare saved \$1.26 for every dollar spent on Part A expenditures for Hospice users; in 1992, the amount saved increased to \$1.41.

According to the HCFA study, Hospice care savings were greatest in the last months of life. In the last year of life, hospice patients on average incurred \$1,786 less in cost

than those who did not select the Medicare Hospice Benefit. These savings totaled \$3,192 in the last month of life.

"In an environment where there is intense scrutiny of health care costs, Lewin-VHI's study shows that hospice services more than pay for themselves," said John J. Mahoney, president of the National Hospice Organization. Locally, Hospice Services, Inc. is the only non-profit, community based, Medicare certified hospice provider serving Lea and eddy County, NM and Gaines/Yoakum, Tx. Hospice Services, Inc. provides care to an average of 70 patients a day.

When a patient receives services from Medicare approved hospice, almost the entire cost is covered under Medicare. Generally, coverage includes: Physician services, Nursing care, Medical appliances and supplies, Drugs for symptom management and pain relief, Short-term inpatient and respite care, Home-maker and home health aid services, Counseling, Social work service, Spiritual care availability, and Volunteer participation.

Brenda Chambers, executive director of Hospice Services, Inc. hopes that managed care and other organizations will take this information into consideration when deciding what services will be more of a benefit to terminally ill patients and their families. For more information on the study or on other aspects of hospice services please call (505) 393-4717.

DRIP SYSTEM GOING IN WEST OF TOWN

An interesting innovation in farm practices is taking place just west of town on the farm recently purchased by Joe Ancinec.

His son, Brad, who will actually farm the place, is installing a sub-surface drip irrigation system on the 33 acres. There are other drip systems in use throughout the County, but this is the largest we are aware of to be used for cotton production.

Brad said the move was prompted by the irregular shape of the field, making irrigation with other types of watering systems difficult if not impossible. "Of course, we were also influenced in the decision because of the greatly reduced amount of water the drip system uses. Our dwindling supply of ground water made the idea more attractive," Brad stated.

Installing such a system is neither easy nor cheap. Brad said all the components and doing the installation, work himself will amount to an initial cost of some \$420 per acre. He said Randy Hensley, with Caprock Drip, has installed a number of the systems in the Tahoka and O'Donnell area, and some of the earlier systems are still operating ten years later.

The 33 acre plot will be divided in 2 stations, and the system will put down at

least 2 inches of subsurface water in a 2-1/2 day span. A big plus of the drip scheme is the water is placed exactly where it is needed, on the plants themselves.

Commercial fertilizers can be injected thru the "ribbons", rubber sections that become tubes carrying water, if acid is mixed with the fertilizer to inhibit root growth in the ribbons.

Brad said he hopes to have the entire system in place and watering in June. He said several producers in the Tahoka area have recorded 3 bale plus yields using the drip systems.

The project is being closely monitored by other cotton producers in the county. Brad said, "I am being asked questions of every type about the drip system, and some of them I can't answer because I just don't have the knowledge now. Hopefully I will by time this cotton season is over".

The curious should not hurry out to the farm to see the system in operation. The portion of completed lines are buried 16 inches in the ground, soon to be supplying this years plants with water. At this time, the field looks exactly like any other unplanted cotton patch.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Card cuts back on food stamp fraud

Grocers report that food sales increased \$4.5 million in the Houston area with the introduction of the Lone Star card—a 'credit card' sized plastic card that replaces food stamps. Sales jumped because food stamps, which are paper coupons, were being traded illegally for non-food items. Unlike food stamps, the card—which will be available in 32 Metroplex and Gulf Coast counties June 1—cannot be trafficked illegally, and requires a personal identification number to purchase grocery items.



1) The "pelvic tilt" exercise strengthens the pelvic and stomach muscles by drawing the stomach in and tilting the hips forward.

2) Knee-chest exercises are done by lying on your back and drawing a knee up towards your chest and holding it 3-5 seconds. Alternate the knees, and later on, both knees can be brought up at once.

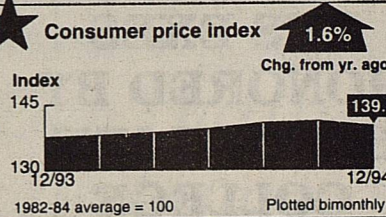
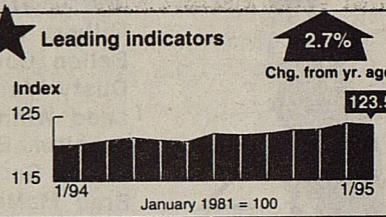
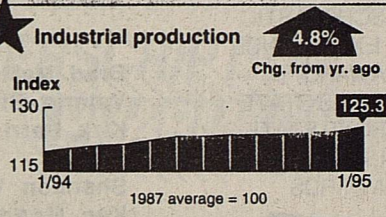
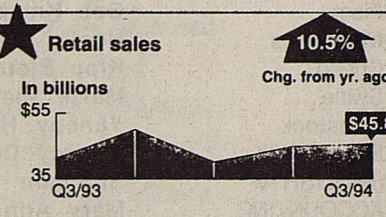
3) Partial sit ups—just bringing your head and shoulders off the floor several inches strengthens the abdominal muscles.

4) Sleep on a firm mattress and put a pillow under your knees if you lie on your back, or between your knees if you lie on your side.

5) If you are standing for long periods, you should put one foot on a stool or

Texas stats:

Lone Star 5 ☆☆☆☆☆
Texas' employment growth of 4.4 percent in the past year matched its highest rate in 10 years. Despite economic difficulties in Mexico, the Texas economy still enjoys a more favorable outlook than the nation's, judging from comparative leading economic indicators. The Texas unemployment rate has now remained below 6 percent for three months, a feat not accomplished since 1984.



EXERCISES TO KEEP YOUR BACK STRONG

Posture and proper lifting are things we don't think about much until it is too late. We develop poor work habits, improper posture when sitting and standing and we get overweight.

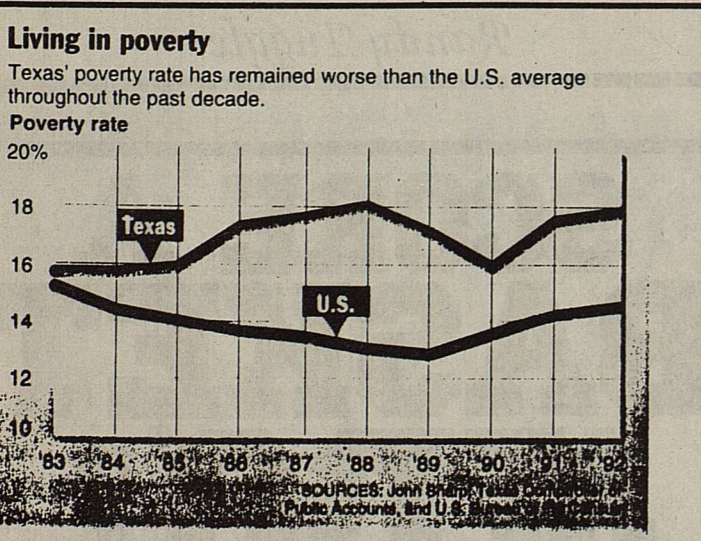
These things put a strain on our backs, and sooner or later, the back begins to ache. Here are a number of exercises you can do to keep your back healthy and to help the pain go away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who supported me during my time on the school board. During my six years on the board I had the pleasure to serve with many capable members and administrators. I learned something from each of them, and for that I also say thanks. I consider Randy Tuggle my friend, and I want to wish him, and the rest of the board, the very best. We have a good school, and I know they will work hard to keep it that way. Thanks again.
Respectfully,
Jerry Parrish

School Is Out Friday, May 19. Early Release... 1:15 PM

The Plains Little Dribbler Association ALL STARS want to thank EVERYONE who generously made the recent trip to the National Tournament possible. We want to recognize Liz Wilmeth who sold over \$500 of Tupperware in the fund raising contest, and will receive prizes for her efforts. Another 'Thank You' to Steve and Glenda Patton, Vision Enterprises, and Danny and Kathy Bell for their support and hard work. The following merchants and individuals generous help enabled the teams to make the big trip;

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TEXAN ARMY IN CAMP

SAN ANTONIO: The Texan army which left Gonzales on October 12 has gone into camp near the Old Mill just outside this city.

Since General Austin has no artillery, the Texans will probably adopt a policy of watchful waiting rather

than making an immediate attack upon the forces of General Cos. Since they are poorly equipped, some doubt exists as to the Texans' ability to maintain the siege throughout the winter.

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Summer Birthdays:
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 Joani Bell, Hunter Welch, Chris Addison, Coty Friesen

LIBRARY FILM TIME

Thirty-two youngsters attended Film time Wed., May 10. A special program celebrated summer birthdays of the following children; Ryan Crump, Cody Mayes, Marissa Melendez, Joani Bell, Hunter Welch, Chris Addison, Zachary Guerra, Isaac Doyle, Coty Friesen, and David Barron. Those attending film time were; Sherman Gressett, Kevin John Gass, Isaac

Doyle, Stephanie & Chris Addison, Quade Crawford, Katie Winn, Jaaron & Joani Bell, Marissa Melendez, Ashten & Cody Blomstedt, Curtis Artega, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Jonathan Penner, Jacob Brink, Cody Mayes, Ryan Crump, Troy Don Parrish, Lauren Davis, Holden, Hunter & Haley Welch, Sammy Melendez, Morgan Willis, Zachary Guerra, Lauren Hise, David Barron, Jason Durham, Amber & Cody Friesen.

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The Plains Band Boosters met Wednesday, May 10 in the Library's Heritage room. Present for the meeting were President Dawn Dearing, Karol and Byron Morgan, Margarita Avila, Dianna Flores, Timmie

Johnson, Jerri Lollar and Alice Robertson. Possible amendments to the organizations By-Laws were discussed, as well as fund raising events for the coming year. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 24, at 5:30 PM in the same location.

FINE ARTS CLUB PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Plains Fine Arts Club met Tues. May 9, 1995 in the home of Linda Simmons, where the progressive dinner began with finger foods. The members then went to the home of Tana May, where dinner was served. The dessert was served by Martha Palmer and Carolyn Culwell.

There were 17 members present: Christy Brink, Sue Banfield, Karen Baucom, Beth Cain, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Cyndy Koncaba, Tana May, Paula McMinn, Martha Palmer, Yvette Ramos, Linda Simmons and Sharon Willis.

Outgoing President Christy Brink was presented with a gift for her services, and in turn presented gifts to the other outgoing officers. The Vera Smith Music Scholarship was awarded to Delilah Gonzales.

The hostess gift was drawn by Paula McMinn.

ENGAGEMENT AND FUTURE WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Dennis and Melba Crutcher of Plains announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Amy, to Brandon Carter, son of Mark and Debbie Carter of Lubbock.

The couple will be married July 15th at 1:30 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Plains.

Amy, a graduate of Plains High School, is a student at South Plains College in Levelland. Brandon attends Texas Tech University. They are both employed by El Chico Restaurants in Lubbock.



You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

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SPECIAL TSA MO GA MEETING

A special Tsa Mo Ga Study Club meeting was held Monday, May 8, honoring the Presidents of other local organizations. Those recognized included T.J. Miller, Plains Cemetery Association, David Brunson, Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce, Carolyn Culwell, representing Christie Brink, Fine Art Club, Inetta Teaf, Yoakum County Art Association, Dene Richardsen, Dirt Gardeners, Larry Murphree, Roping Club, Charles Diamond, Volunteer Fire Department, and Sit Jones, Tsa Mo Ga. Postmaster Norris Jones was guest speaker and gave a history of the art work and murals found in many larger postoffices, a program initiated during the 1930's depression, under the administration of Pres. Franklin Roosevelt. Twenty-one regular members attended the event.



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For persons not covered by Medicare/Medicaid, other sources of payment may be used, such as private insurance or pay. Funds are also available for individuals who do not qualify for either Medicare/Medicaid or private Ins. For more information, call the Hospice office, 1-800-658-6844.

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FROM THE HACK



This Sunday past, Mother's Day, our preacher Rick Doyle spoke of the role Mother's play in all our lives, and for some reason I was reminded of an embarrassing moment in my young life more than fifty years ago.

Growing up, I spent the summers with my maternal grandparents in Eden. The Sunday routine was a constant; Sunday school, then church at the First Baptist, a big Sunday dinner, a forced nap, then later, Church again, if they could find me in time to get me scrubbed and shiny once more.

The remembered Sunday was also a Mother's Day. My grandad, the elder Deacon in the Church, had invited the preacher and his wife to eat, along with an aunt and uncle of mine. I recall the menu, not because of a remarkable memory, but because it was standard Sunday summer fare, fried chicken, blackeye peas, biscuits, gravy, potatoes and rice, 'cause grandad didn't like mashed potatoes.

The adults talked, and as instructed, I kept my mouth shut, except when stuffing another chicken leg in it. I happened to notice a few grains of rice on the table by my plate, sort of glued together with my grandmother's often imperfect

gravy. Intending to flick the offending morsel off the table, I cocked my index finger with my thumb behind the rice ball, and with far more force than intended, fired away. I can still recall the flight, as if it were in slow motion.

The glob flew across the table, and with an audible 'Splat', found the exact center of the Preachers wife's rather prominent nose, and just stuck there, like it was welded in place.

The silence around the table was deafening. The lady looked down her nose, which caused her eyes to cross, which was just too much for an eight year old brat. I could not suppress a hysterical giggle at the sight of a fat lady with rice and gravy on her nose, her eyes badly crossed.

In a voice cold as a banker's heart my grandmother advised me I should go to my room. Redfaced from embarrassment and holding my breath to keep from laughing, I trudged away from the table, and my uncle, a twinkle in his eye, handed me something in a napkin. In my room, I found it was a chicken leg. He was one of my favorite uncles.

It seemed to me the Preacher and his spouse didn't stay as long that Sunday as normal. I sat in my room, gnawing the now nude chicken bone, when the door opened, and the stern faced Preacher stuck his head in, and in his best strong, Bible Belt voice said, "Pray for forgiveness, boy!"

Recalling the embarrassing event last Sunday, I must have committed another sin and giggled out loud, for the bride rather cruelly gouged me in the ribs, hissing "SSSHHHHHH ! Rick will think you're giggling at him!"

Sitting on the deck the other evening I listened to the Old Bob Wills classic hit "Faded Love".

Remember in the lyrics, "As I watch the mating of the doves....." ? Sounds sweet and romantic, doesn't it? Let me tell you something, I've been out there watching the antics of these springtime birds, and what's going on up in the trees and on the phone lines is not all 'kissiee kissee, yummy yummy' stuff. My observations have led me to believe all female doves must suffer from migraine headaches, the way they reject the advances of the obviously over heated males. I've seen far more ardent males pecked ferociously between the eyes than I have seen sweet little females warm to the advances.

When I started this, I thought I would have a message for my fellow males. Guess I was wrong.

HOUSTON OPPOSES PROHIBITION

AUSTIN: Senator Sam Houston, who recently joined the Sons of Temperance, has refused to lend his support to an effort to secure passage of an act prohibiting the sale of alcoholic drinks on Sunday. The Senator, whose fondness for alcoholic beverages was at one time notorious, has issued the following statement explaining his reasons for the refusal:

"I agree with you that any unnecessary amusement that is calculated to disturb and annoy persons engaged in religious worship on the Christian Sabbath is wrong and censurable, such as horse racing, gambling in all devices, and indulging in a social glass in public.

"You request me to use my influence and exertions, such as I possess, to induce the legislature to enact a law to affect the suspension of the same. I understand by that you desire the law-making power to declare it a penal offense for persons to perform certain acts on a particular day.

"In reply, I hold and maintain that it is far better to endure and suffer from the ills of even a great evil than to violate, in the least, a vital principle of civil and religious liberty.

"When tyrants ask you to yield one jot of your liberty, and you consent thereto, it is the first link forged in the chain that will eventually hold you in bondage....

"I do not object to total abstinence. I believe that total abstinence is the only way by which some intemperate drinkers can be saved. I know it from my own personal experience. when a person's appetite for stimulating beverages becomes uncontrollable, he should 'touch not, handle not.' If I cannot indulge in the use of the same in moderation, it is my misfortune. To undertake to prescribe rules of conduct for others more fortunate, by legislative enactments, is a species of legislation that will not be tolerated in a free land...."

The Texas News,
July 1, 1854

NOTICE FOR BIDS SALE OF LAND

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 1995, for the sale of a tract of land in Precinct 4 described as the N/24.77 acres of Section 313, Block D, JHG Survey in Yoakum County.

Award will be made in regular session of the court on Monday, June 22, 1995.

County requests that payment be made in one of three ways; in money payable to the County, or in an equal amount in caliche, or in an equal amount in water.

For more information or to see the property, please contact Commissioner McWhirter at Precinct 4 Building in Plains, or call 806-456-6525.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-PRCT 4 PROPERTY" on the envelope and be mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355. No FAX copies will be accepted.

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

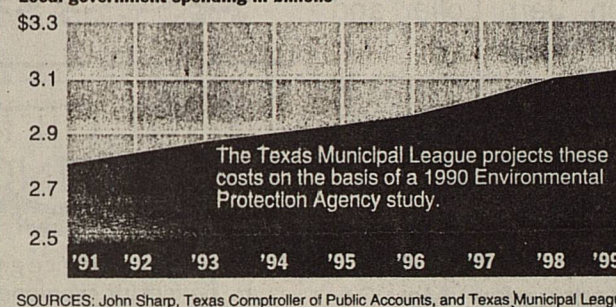
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Texas cities' environmental costs

Local government spending in billions



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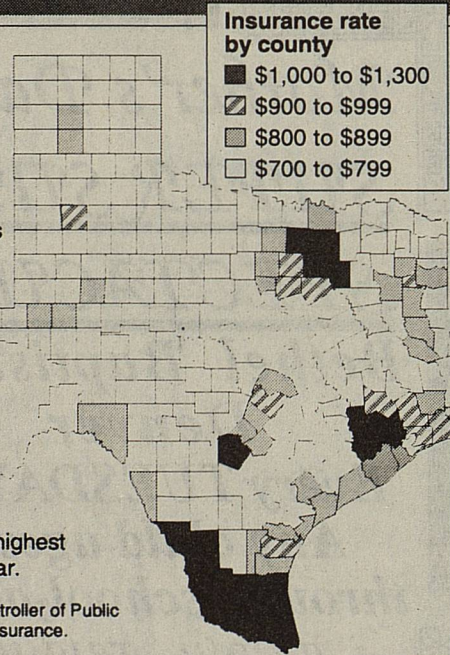
Keeping an eye on Texas

Auto insurance rates vary

Auto insurance rates in Texas are determined by the Texas Board of Insurance, which sets benchmark rates for different parts of the state. Insurance companies can charge within 30 percent of that benchmark rate. Drivers in Brazos County pay about \$745 annually for automobile insurance, the lowest benchmark rate, while Harris County drivers see the highest rate in Texas at \$1,238 per year.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Insurance.

Insurance rate by county
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▨ \$900 to \$999
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KIDS TREATED TO PIZZA

Kindergarten and Elementary First thru Fourth grade students with the school years highest attendance ratings were recognized Monday, May 15 for their efforts.

Kids from the class rooms of Maggie Avila, Willie Mae Engle and Phyllis House traveled to

Brownfield on the big Cowboy Bus, where they were treated to Pizza at 'Mr. Gatti's'.

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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On April 20, I impounded one stray Hereford red & white cow, marked with X on left thigh, 6 on left shoulder, notched left ear. A notice of Estray was filed May 10.
Jerry Howard, Deputy Yoakum Co. Sheriff Dept.

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