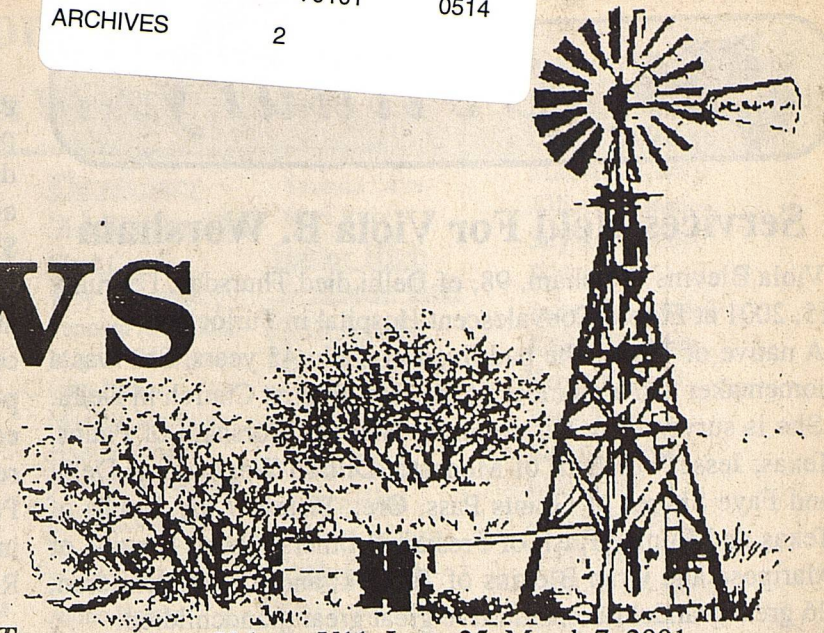


# Cowboy Country News

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## New eradication zone to north assists boll weevil fight here

The recent successful effort to create a new Boll Weevil Eradication Zone to the north greatly encouraged officials at the Western High Plains Eradication Zone here. Zone Manager Darrel Dusek told CCN Friday, "The new Southern High Plains Caprock Eradication Zone will be a big asset to us here, and all the other zones in this portion of West Texas. When the zone to our north gets their eradication program underway, the problem of weevils migrating here will be greatly reduced, and successful eradication of the weevil throughout the West Texas cotton production area will be much sooner."

Dusek discussed some personnel changes in the zone here which occurred when cotton producers approved the referendum for the new Caprock Zone. Michael Hester, formerly assistant zone manager in the Plains office, was promoted to that same position in the Caprock Zone. He will be working out of the zone's Lubbock office. Dusek said Josh Helms, former Zone Environmental Monitoring Specialist (EMS) here, will assume Hester's zone assistant manager duties, and continue his EMS duties.

The new Caprock zone will have district offices in Tahoka, Ralls, Slaton, Lubbock, Levelland and Morton. The zone manager is Patrick Burson, former assistant zone manager of the Northwest Eradication Zone at Muleshoe. Dusek said the new Caprock zone will follow the same procedures utilized when the Western High Plains Zone was approved, with a diapause spraying program starting this fall.

The zone office here will have six full time employees this year, the district office ten. Approximately 50 seasonal field personnel will be hired sometime in April.

## School start date Bill modified to encourage local control

SAN ANTONIO — A proposal to give teachers, parents and school officials equal say in when their academic school year begins drew praise this week from Texans for a Traditional School Year.

The modification to Senate Bill 108 would require public school districts to have referendums that would allow residents to determine when school would start.

Senate Bill 108 would require

residents in each school district to vote on when to start school. Under the plan, voters could pick a starting date between Aug. 21 and Aug. 31, or after Sept. 1.

"This addition is a big step," said Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year, a grassroots organization concerned about the negative impact early-August school start dates can have on teachers, students and

families.

"Besides being disruptive to families, early-August school start dates minimize students' summer work experience and interfere with teachers who are continuing their education during the summer," Bruno said.

She praised the bill, saying it takes into account the needs of people on both sides of the proposed legislation. She said it

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## DWI Cases in County Court

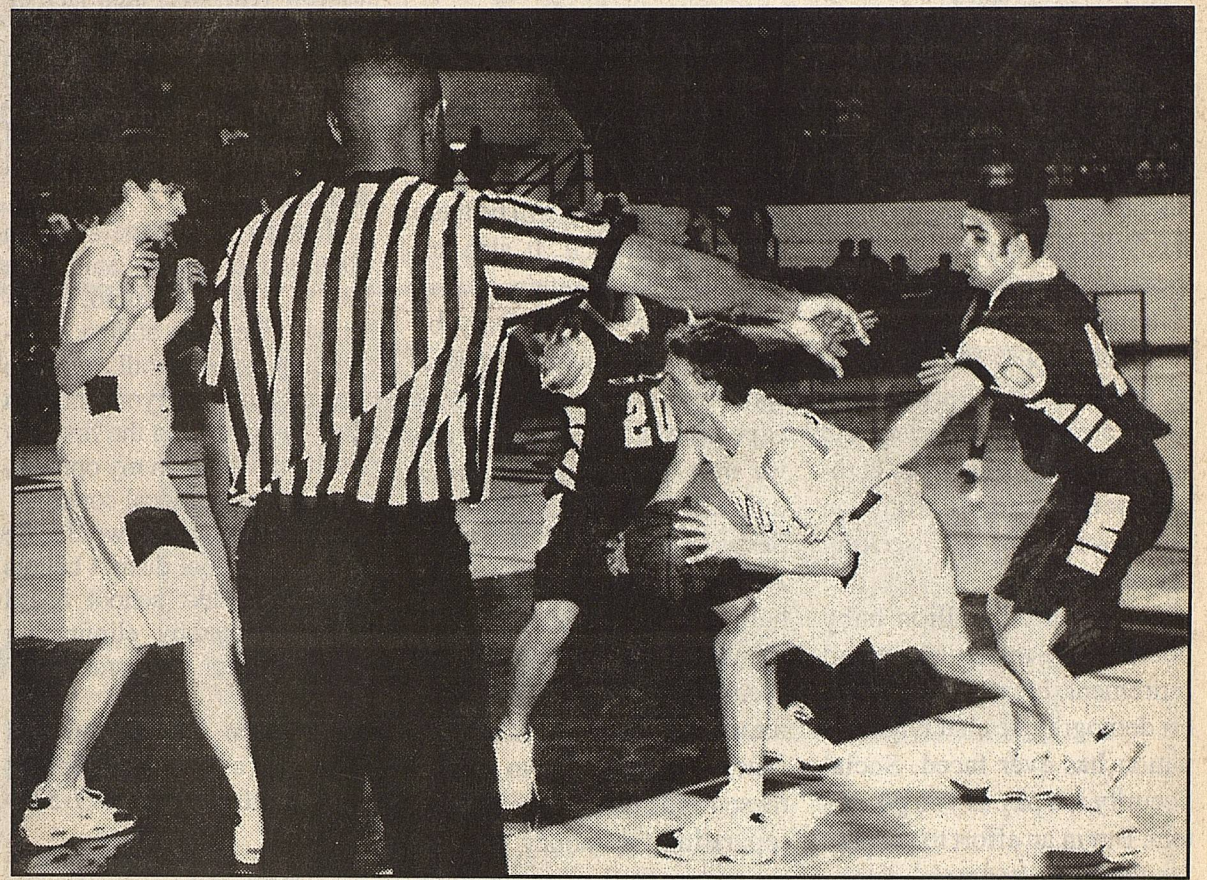
On February 28, in a plea bargain guilty plea, Danny Martin Bernal pled guilty to DWI, with open container, and breath test .170/.163. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$225 court costs and \$600 fine will be met with time payments. He will be jailed 72 hours in Hale County with credit for 8.5 hours served, must attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and successfully complete the DWI first offender program.

His attorney was David Martinez, Judge Dallas Brewer was presiding court official, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Another charge of DWI, subsequent offense, was heard by a jury, and the defendant, Lonnie L. Leonard was found

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## Bummer! Cowboys miss trip to state meet, lose to Olney 53-47



An often repeated cliché in horse racing circles is 'Great starts do not always produce great finishes', which could be applied to the PHS Cowboys basketball game against Olney last Friday evening.

The Cowboys took the floor in the first period, and while not exactly red-hot, managed 8 points to Olney's 10. In the second period, they regrouped, and outscored the Olney Cubs 18-2 for a comfortable 26-12 lead at halftime.

It is unknown what Olney's coach told his team during the halftime rest, but it was effective; The Cubs came back strong to outscore the Cowboys

19-8 to close the scoring gap to a 34-31 Cowboy lead. In the final frantic period of regulation play, the Cowboys led 43-41 with just a minute to play, but a last ditch effort by the Cubs resulted in two points to force the game into overtime.

It was disaster time for the Cowboys. Olney poured in 10 points, and their stout defensive effort and sudden cold shooting allowed the Cowboys only three points, and the final 53-47 score.

This Monday, a disappointed but upbeat Coach Marc Johnson told CCN, "I'm extremely proud of this year's team. This is the first year

Plains has made the Regional Tournament at AA level. We set a goal early in the year to still be playing in March, and the team met that goal. Our seniors had a great year and finished their careers at PHS with the trip to Abilene. I want to thank all the players for their commitment and hard work through a long, tough season. It was a fun ride I will never forget. I also want to thank the parents, fans and community for their great support. I look forward to continued success for the Cowboy basketball program."

Additional stats on Olney game inside.

## Another School Shooting

By James Haynes, Plains ISD Superintendent

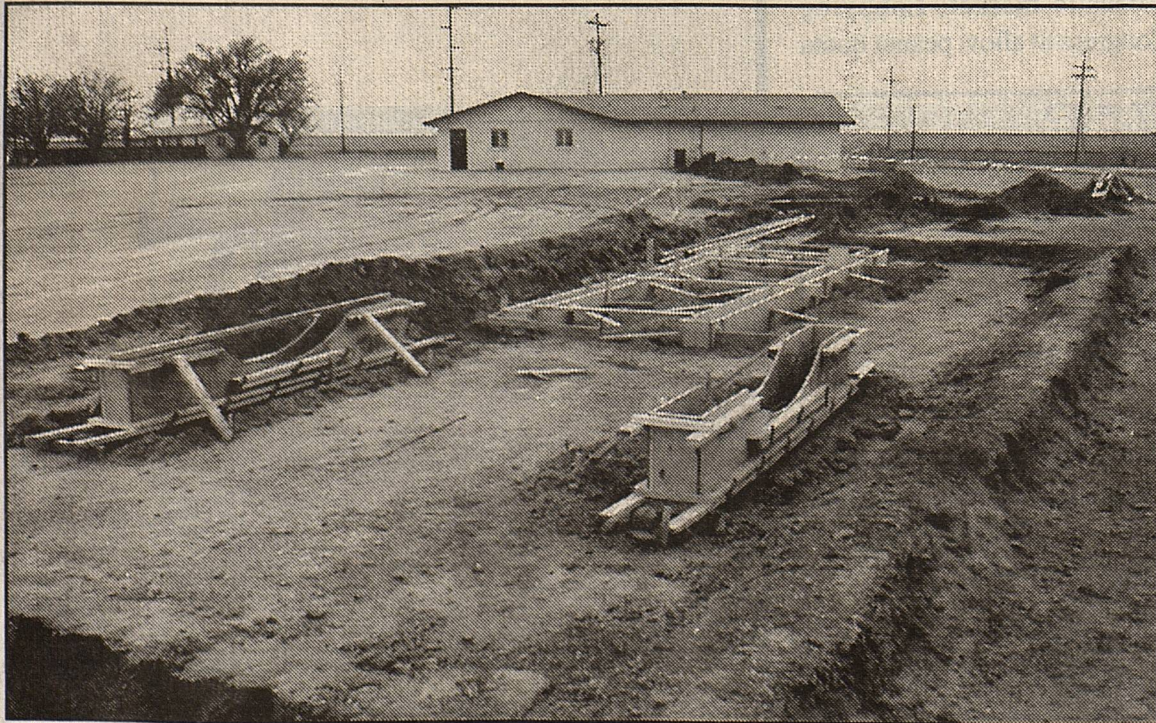
It has happened again. Another disturbed child has chosen to make a statement about his personal agony by hurting people at his school. As you look at these happenings, you have to wonder, why do some children choose this particular method to deal with their anger, hurt and frustration? What can we do? How can we stop it? Is it even possible to stop it?

I watched the news last night and was amazed one of the friends of the shooter said Charles Andrew Williams (the shooter) told him he was going to do the shooting. Charles wasn't taken seriously. Once again there will be reaction to the incident. People will call for banning guns or backpacks or violent movies. They will say, put metal detectors at all doors, search every person coming into the building, limit who can come into the building. All of these are a reaction to the problem; they do nothing to solve the problem.

As our children grow up, they are going to be subjected to the harsh reality that everything is not fair or fun. There will be those who make fun of them and those of whom they will make fun. They will be accepted by some of their peers and not by others. All of these things will happen when we teach by example or by neglect that because some people are different from us, they are not as worthy of our care and attention. We are often too busy to pay attention long enough to recognize when someone is hurting.

Can this violence be stopped? I think so. It will take time and effort and a caring approach. We won't solve it with psychiatrists, more laws, or banning anything else. We will solve it when we teach and model to every person that they have worth and dignity and meaning in their lives. We must teach these things to our children and model them to our friends and to everyone our lives touch. We must listen to what people are saying, and be brave enough to help them. We must take the time and make the effort to help them.

## New fuel site coming soon



This construction scene depicts work going on at the site of Brownfield Farmer's Cooperative fuel station. That cooperative recently purchased land for the new facility from Yoakum County Coop Gin, whose office is shown in the background. Storage tanks for gasoline and diesel will soon be in place at the site, offering area producers another source for farm tractors and vehicles. Bad weather has slowed work at the site, and it will be several weeks before the facility is in operation.

### It was no monsoon, but it beats a sandstorm



This rain gauge indicates almost six tenths of an inch of precip which fell here last Friday and Saturday. According to official National Weather Service instruments at City Hall, the showers amounted to .56 inch of rain, bringing the year to date total to 1.64 inches.





## Obituary

### Services Held For Viola B. Worsham

Viola Blevins Worsham, 98, of Delhi died Thursday, February 15, 2001 at Elness Convalescent Hospital in Turlock. A native of Texas, she had lived in Delhi 45 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Delhi. She is survived by her children, William Worsham of Plains, Texas, Jesse Worsham of Modesto, Dillard Worsham of Delhi and Faye Shores of Grants Pass, Ore.; Sisters, Lilly Hobbs of Texas and Eunice Rash of Fresno; Brothers, Owen Blevins of Mariposa and Oran Blevins of Turlock; and 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. A graveside service was held at 11:00 am. at Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson.

### Larry Combest Comments

Everyone wants a secure retirement. After years of hard work, the independence that comes from financial security ought to be the one thing you can count on. Workers should have confidence that the money they pay into Social Security will only be used for Social Security. Congress and the White House are working together on a plan to secure the retirement of every American by locking away funds used to go toward Social Security and Medicare. What may seem like such a sensible idea has actually been an uphill fight on which we are just now seeking major progress.

More than 76 million baby boomers are marching toward retirement, creating the greatest demographic challenge this nation has ever faced. Social Security is a pay as you go system. But in an effort to prepare for the baby boomers' retirement, reform were instituted to run large surpluses for the Social Security system so that when significantly fewer people paid into the system but more people received benefits, there would be a pool of funds to use. If we do not protect these funds, the government will have no way to pay for future retirees who have already paid into the system.

Seniors currently rely on Social Security for nearly half of their income. Medicare provides an overwhelming amount of the elderly with basic health coverage. This is why Congress topped President Clinton's plan to spend 38 percent of the Social Security surplus on non-Social Security programs. We also stopped the thirty year raid on the Social Security trust fund. Under Republican control, the previous Congress made retirement security a priority and we followed through on our word. Now, Congress must continue to devote 100 percent of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses to be used only for those retirement programs.

Recently, the U. S. House of

Representatives passed legislation to create a Social Security and Medicare lockbox. H.R. 2, the "Social Security and Medicare Lockbox Act of 2001," locks up the \$2.9 trillion surplus from the Social Security and Medicare trust fund. The plan protects the taxpayer, ensuring your money will be there when you need it. It also enables you to maintain control over your own life. Only by ensuring that any new federal spending does not come at the expense of Social Security, can we truly protect the surpluses that will be needed for Social Security and Medicare reform. At a minimum, this will save hundreds of billions of dollars in interest payments and make it easier to finance our future retirement needs.

The concept we use to protect these funds is a "lockbox". By separating the money put into the system from other spending initiatives, we create a kind of safe deposit box to ensure that no one dips into seniors' money. These funds will not be able to be borrowed. H.R. 2 sends a loud, clear and concise message that the Social Security and Medicare trust fund will be protected for future generations.

Even while offering tax relief to working Americans and paying down the debt, we must resist tampering with the retirement of people who contribute to the system. By paying down the public debt, we are also safeguarding future Social Security surpluses from being raided for other purposes. With an estimated \$5.6 trillion surplus over the next decade, Congress has a unique opportunity this year to provide meaningful tax relief for hard working Americans while guaranteeing the Social Security and Medicare trust fund remain untouched. I look forward to making sure that a lockbox becomes a standard practice and that the retirement security of all tax-paying Americans is guaranteed.

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guilty. The jury also assessed punishment including a 180 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 24 months. A \$2,500 fine was also probated. He must pay \$225 court costs, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the repeat offenders program, and serve 80 hours community service. He was represented by Attorney Sean Patrick Abeyta, and investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

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allows districts to finish the first semester before winter break and for the school year to be completed by the end of May.

Parents, she said, have grown increasingly frustrated over the past few years over their lack of involvement in setting school calendars. In some cases, she noted as few as two parents were included on committees of 30 charged with setting school district calendars.

"Parents must have a say in when school starts," said state Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville. "By adding a referendum to our bill, we are ensuring that everyone has an equal say in setting the first day of school, which, in my opinion, is the essence of local control."

The referendum would be placed on school district ballots when they elect school board members, thereby eliminating the expense of a separate election.

For more information call Texans for a Traditional School Year toll-free at 1-877-531-9011.

### JP Court

**March 2, 2001**-In Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding there were 72 traffic cases, 1 issuance of bad check, 2 cases filed by Yoakum County Sanitarian.

Bonds set: Assault causes bodily injury-family member-\$1,500.00 bond. Display altered/fictitious driver license-\$500.00 bond. Driving while license suspended-\$500.00 bond. Possession of marijuana-less than 2 oz.-\$500.00 bond. Theft over \$50.00-under \$500.00-\$500.00 bond.

### Cowgirls Named To All-District

First Team:  
Chelsea Blount-Sophomore  
Second Team:  
Chelsi Wagnon-Junior  
Lexi Warren-Senior  
Honorable Mention:  
Annaliesa O'Quinn-Junior  
Jessica Rodriguez-Sophomore

## Congratulations to the Plains Cowboys !!

What a great season you had! You showed a great deal of maturity throughout the competition. I watched you on several occasions win games simply because you would not give up. Don't second-guess what happened this season. "If I would have", or "If you would have" does nothing to change what has already taken place. Learn from your mistakes, but do not dwell on them. You need to take pride in what you accomplished. If anyone tries to second-guess, just remember, they weren't with you through countless hours of practice, and they certainly weren't on the court with you. They didn't have to make split-second decisions with an opposing player in their face. That's all part of the game, a part of the game only the player can experience.

Playing on a team teaches one many lessons that will help throughout life. First, individuals very rarely make it totally by themselves. The team makes the difference. Everyone working together is better than one working and the others watching. Each player has a different task. Some are starters, some are on the bench. However, the behind-the-scenes guys are the

ones who make the starters better. No person on the team is more important than the other.

Secondly, we don't always win. If we always win, there is nothing to strive for - there is no challenge. The goal of playing is to get better as an individual and a team. The same strategy will help us in life. It has been my experience, the things I appreciate and cherish the most are the things I have worked for the hardest.

The third lesson I saw the team learn was to never give up. Anyone who watched you knows there were several occasions when you would not have triumphed if you had given up. Apply that same habit in your life. It will serve you well.

I personally am extremely proud of every member of the Cowboy basketball team. You played with class and determination, and represented your school and your community in an outstanding fashion. Cherish the time and the memories. You will have them forever, and so will the Plains fans and community.

Sincerely,  
**James Haynes,**  
Plains ISD Superintendent

## Western Peanut Growers Association Annual Meeting Set

Peanut producer members of the Western Peanut Growers Association, Inc. will attend their annual meeting Monday, March 12, at 12 noon in the Gaines County Civic Building at Seminole. Association President Doyle D. Fincher recently mailed a letter urging members to attend, and invite other producers and friends of the peanut industry.

A number of national peanut industry experts will be guest speakers at the meeting including; Murray Campbell, National Peanut Board President, and Marie Rizzo, CEO, will make a presentation of recent activities of the National Peanut Board; Pat Kearney, a former Assistant Secretary in the USDA, and the first woman appointed as Chief of Staff in the USDA, and now President of PMK Associates, a marketing and communications firm specializing in food, agriculture and public health areas.

Western Peanut Growers Assn. (WPGA), was organized in 1983 to serve interest of West Texas peanut growers.

Some of the successful efforts of WPGA include lobbying Congress to allow new growers to produce peanuts for the domestic market; Lobbying Congress to allow peanut quota

allocations in West Texas; Succeeding in farm bill changes allowing 33% of the state increase in national peanut quota to be distributed to counties; And perhaps the largest change in the peanut program since its inception, the sale and lease of quotas across county lines.

These successes have been an extreme boost to the South Plains agricultural economy. Since 1980, peanut acreage in the area has increased 4,500%, and West Texas now produces some 75% of all peanuts grown in the state.

A catered lunch will be served at the meeting, and after guest speakers comments, a short business meeting will follow, along with the election of four officers with expiring terms to

serve in 2001.

Current WAPG officers and directors include Doyle Fincher, Pres., Ted Higginbotham, VP, Roger Neitsch, Sec/Treas., and board members Jimbo Grissom, Aaron Thompson, Mark Boardman, Tony Dill, and Andy Timmons. Robbie Blount is Executive Director of WPGA. For further information, she may be reached at 915-758-2050, or by e-mail, wtpeanut@wtaccess.com

### Cowgirl Golf

The Plains High School Girls' Golf Team participated in their first tournament on February 27th. Denver City hosted the tournament at Yoakum County Golf Club.

The Cowgirls and their scores in the tournament were Liz Wilmeth-105, Mackenzie Winn-109, and Allison Butler-113.

**Yoakum County Hospital is seeking a Controller to be responsible for the financial operations of the organization. Duties include gathering and analyzing financial data, developing reports on the financial conditions of the organization and reporting findings to administrative and management staff. Minimum of two years experience in a health care setting, and bachelor's degree in accounting or related field required. CPA license preferred. Please send resume and salary history to Yoakum County Hospital, ATTN: Clay Taylor, PO Box 1130, Denver City, TX 79323.**

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## Texas 4-H Reaches Million Member Milestone

Each child in Texas 4-H is now literally "one in a million". Enrollment figures announced at a Capitol news conference today show that nearly 1.2 million Texas children ages 5-19 took part in one or more 4-H programs last year.

Ireaching the million member milestone for the first time, Texas 4-H also leads the nation in participants, accounting for one sixth of the total national enrollment of 6.6 million.

In Texas, 4-H is administered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in partnership with the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the county commissioners courts of Texas.

Texas 4-H began in 1908 with a 25 member boys' "corn club" in Jack County west of Fort Worth. Formed initially to teach rural children new methods of agriculture production and food preservation, 4-H has evolved into an organization dedicated to the development of young people themselves.

"4-H is about more than just numbers or enrollment totals, it's about the whole child, providing education, leadership and character development that will help each 4-H'er grow into a leader of tomorrow," said Dr. Charles Fehlis, Extension deputy director and associate vice chancellor for the Texas A&M system.

Texas 4-H remains rooted in the heart of rural communities, he noted, but it also thrives in the cities where most young people in Texas now live. More than half of the Texas children in 4-H live in Houston and surrounding Harris County, the state's largest population center. Harris County actually has more 4-H'ers than any other state in the country.

Texas 4-H is active in every county, led by county faculty of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service working with 55,700 youth and adult volunteers statewide.

The Yoakum county 4-H program has 4-H Clubs in both Plains and Denver City. County FCS Agent, Debra Pollard and County Agriculture Agent, Arlan Gentry want to encour-

age any county youth interested in becoming a 4-H member to call the Extension office in Plains at 456-2263 or come by the office at 901 Avenue G. All school age youth are eligible for membership.

## Cub Scout Derby Race

Plains Cub Scout pack #778 had their 2nd annual pinewood derby race Saturday, February 24th at the Scout hut. The boys all made their cars to race in the event. First place winners for each age group were: Samuel Meledez, Kevin John Gass, Blake Longoria and Derek Garza, overall Grand Champion was Kevin John Gass.

Other participants were: Zack Lamar, Christopher Davis, Hunter Welch, Jacob Brink, Justin Gonzales, Robert Davis, Arthur Ruiz, Troy Parrish, Skyler Sainz, and Holden Welch.

This year we added a group called cub buddies, little brothers and little sisters of the scouters. They made cars and also raced. They were: Jaston Brink, Clayton Gass, and Haley Welch. All the participants received a patch and a trophy. The Grand Champion winner received a \$50 saving bond, donated by Plains State Bank.

Our start and finish judges were Steve Jones and David Brunson, and they were given gift certificates as a token of appreciation, donated by Amigas and Life's a Party. A special thanks to all the parents, judges and donors for another successful pinewood derby race.

March 14, 1852

Ft. McKavett established on south bank of San Saba River in Menard County; abandoned March 1859; re-occupied April 1868; served as headquarters for General R.S. Mackenzie. Finally abandoned June, 1863.

## PISD Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

### Elementary

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### First Grade

Greg Andazola  
Suzette Bonilla  
Andrew Conway  
Adriana Corrales  
Shelby Covarrubias  
Mayra Cueto  
Myles Diaz  
Dakota Earnest  
Carolina Hernandez  
Zachary Lamar  
Samuel Melendez  
CamiShay Rubio  
Denise Tarango  
Destini Thomas

#### Second Grade

Stephanie Addison  
Paty Avila  
Jaxon Bean  
Forrest Booth  
Hannah Crump  
Lee Dearing  
Samantha DelaRosa  
Chris Addison  
Cody Friesen  
Gladys Gallegos  
Kevin John Gass  
Kristen Knight  
Lupe Lara  
Brittanie Lira  
Sara Martens  
Adam Nixon  
Chase Ortega

### Elementary

#### 'A-B' Honor Roll

#### First Grade

Roberto Reyna  
Edgar Vasquez  
Hunter Welch  
Claudia Andazola  
Taylor Banfield  
Natalie Butler  
Brock Carter  
Hannah Cotton  
Brandon Craft  
Jason Durham  
Emilia Gallegos  
Justin Gonzales  
Brett Hawthorne  
Natalie Haynes  
Abigail Hernandez  
Miguel Lopez  
Hector Luna

#### Second Grade

Nathan McCravey  
Jacob Neudorf  
Troy Parrish  
Shyann Vantine  
Katelynn Young  
Chris Addison  
Reyna Gallegos  
Holden Welch  
Justin Gonzales  
Hector Luna  
Shyann Vantine  
Brittanie Lira  
Sara Martens  
Adam Nixon  
Landon Earnest

### Elementary

#### 'A-B' Honor Roll

#### First Grade

Troy Alldredge  
Vanessa Andazola  
Miguel Carrillo  
Lexi Isaacs  
Mariela Martinez  
Hunter Parrot  
Fabiola Rubalcaba  
Jaaron Bell  
Jose Corrales  
Johna Harms  
Natalie Butler  
Jason Durham

#### Second Grade

Yesenia Loya  
Mari Ruiz  
Troy Parrish  
Shyann Vantine  
Katelynn Young  
Chris Addison  
Reyna Gallegos  
Holden Welch  
Justin Gonzales  
Hector Luna  
Shyann Vantine  
Brittanie Lira  
Sara Martens  
Adam Nixon  
Landon Earnest

### Junior High

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### Fifth Grade

Maria Andazola  
Douglas Conway  
Ryan Crump  
Lauren Davis  
Lauren Hise  
Zachary Ramos  
Scott Addison  
Caitlin Carter  
Landon Craft  
Joe Luis Gallegos

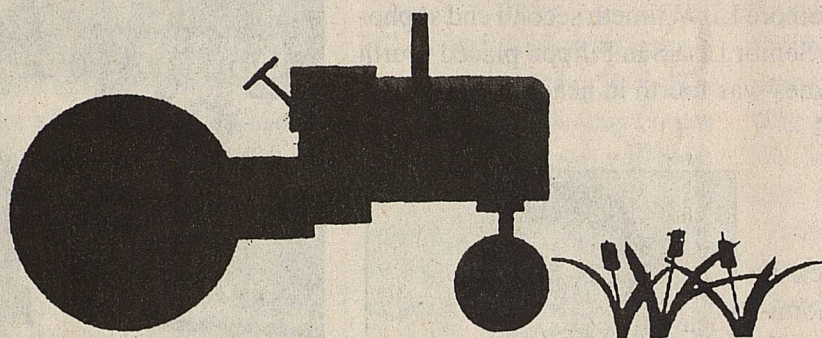
#### Sixth Grade

Lauren Hise  
Zachary Ramos  
Scott Addison  
Caitlin Carter  
Landon Craft  
Joe Luis Gallegos

Angelica Mendoza  
Araceli Mendoza  
Colby Wilmeth  
**Seventh Grade**  
David Alldredge  
Michael Crump  
Allison Friesen  
Skylar Keesee  
BJ Lester  
Adam McCravey  
Balke O'Quinn  
Blake Parrish  
Abel Ramos  
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## Cowboy Baseball

In recent baseball action, the young Cowboys have met hardtimes. They fell to the Morton Indians 12-3. Batters getting hits included Gerry Rivas, 2, Arnold Cordova, Ryan Martinez and Cody McDonnell, 1 each. Arnold, Gerry and Ryan each scored one run.

In the next practice game versus the Denver City JV, they were downed 14-4. Arnold, Ryan and Stan Caballero each got one hit, Cody scored two runs, Brandon Davis and Arnold each scored one.

They fell to Brownfield 13-3 in the tourney there. Arnold managed two hits, Gerry and Jose Ramirez each had one. Cody, Arnold and Justin Chambliss each scored one run.

## Cowboy Basketball Stats

In the Regional quarter final game against Reagan County at Midland Greenwood, the Cowboys only made 28% of their field goals, but that was enough to score a 50-47 win and advance to the Region tournament. Jarod Newland made three 3 pointers to lead the scoring with 13 points, Brett Squyres had 12 points, Dustin Six 10, Adam Garcia 6, Jared Bell 5, and Eddy Gallegos 4. Eddy grabbed 11 rebounds, and he and Adam each had 3 steals.

In the regional semi-finals at Abilene, their shooting percentage improved, but they came up short against Olney in overtime, 53-46.

Jarod Newland again led the scoring with 14 points, Eddy managed 13, Dustin 8, Adam 7, and Jared Bell 4. Eddy was busy under the boards with 16 rebounds, and Adam was credited with 4 steals. The Cowboys finished the year with a 25-9 record

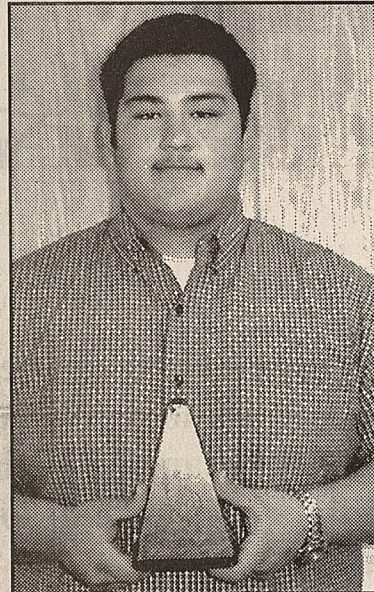
## PHS 2nd In Journalism Meet

Plains UIL journalism competitors won the seconds place team award at their home meet Saturday.

The team swept the news writing contest with senior Nicole Haynes placing first, sophomore Liz Wilmeth second and sophomore Mandi Rogers third. Senior Lisa San Filippo placed fourth in feature writing and Haynes was fourth in headline writing.

## Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Armando Luna. He was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "We have all heard that "Patience is a virtue," and those who have read John Donne realize "They also serve who only stand and wait." Armando is an example of patience and consis-



tency we could all stand to follow. He sits quietly and listens attentively to all that's presented. He takes in and digests facts and discussions; then when it is time to express his knowledge and understanding of any topic, the ideas come pouring forth with his own interpretation stamped on them. Thinking deeply and performing conscientiously are his strengths. He is polite, dependable, helpful, considerate, and sure to be a success."

PHS Junior Chris Hansen, the only Cowboy competing, finished 6th in Regional Power Lifting at the meet in the Dome at SPC.

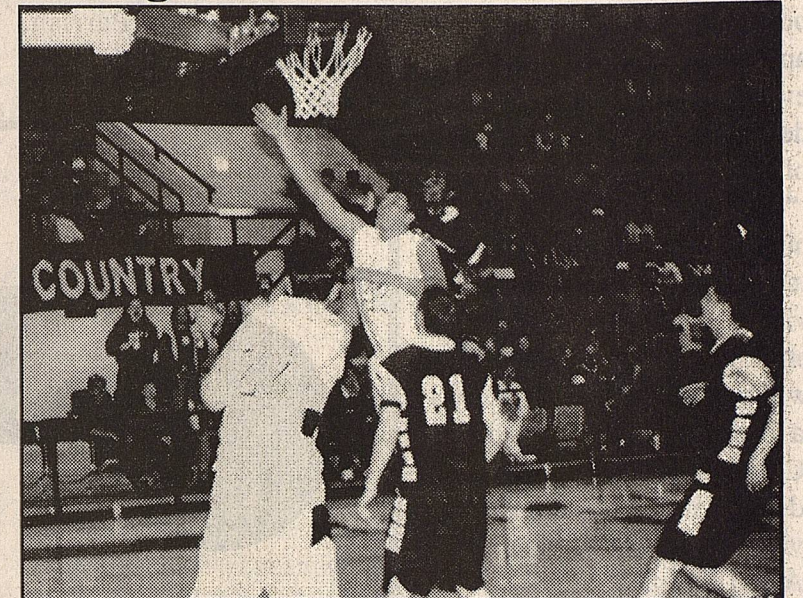


Cody McDonnell prepares to slide to third

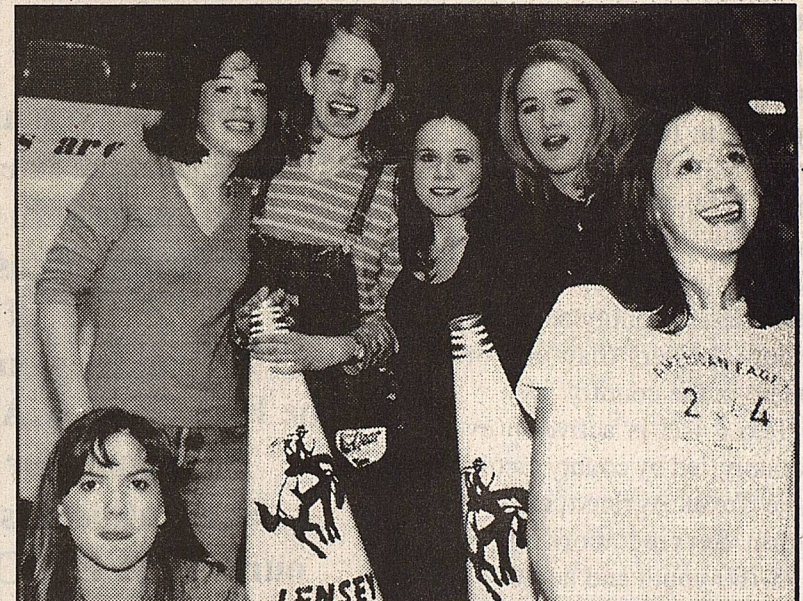


Jerry Rivas takes big cut at ball

## Regional Tournament Scenes



Eddy Gallegos lays one in



Chelesa Blount, Michaela Traweck, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Emily Blair, Kim Willis, and Jill Gray did their best to cheer the Cowboys on



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## Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Melba Crutcher was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held February 27-March 2, 2001 in South Padre Island, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace as they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Judicial Decision Making, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Chapter 45, Magistrate Duties and Consulate Issues, Alcohol/Tobacco Laws, Landlord Tenant Issues, Contempt, Small Claims vs Justice Court, Miscellaneous Hearings and Trial Procedure.

## Openings For SPC Summer Cosmetology Instructor Classes

Licensed cosmetologists who want to teach in their field can complete an instructor's certificate program this summer at South Plains College in Levelland.

SPC's cosmetology instructor certificate option has openings for summer classes, according to Carolyn Newkirk, assistant professor of cosmetology.

"Enrollment is limited, but we need to know right away if someone is interested," said Newkirk. Registration is sched-

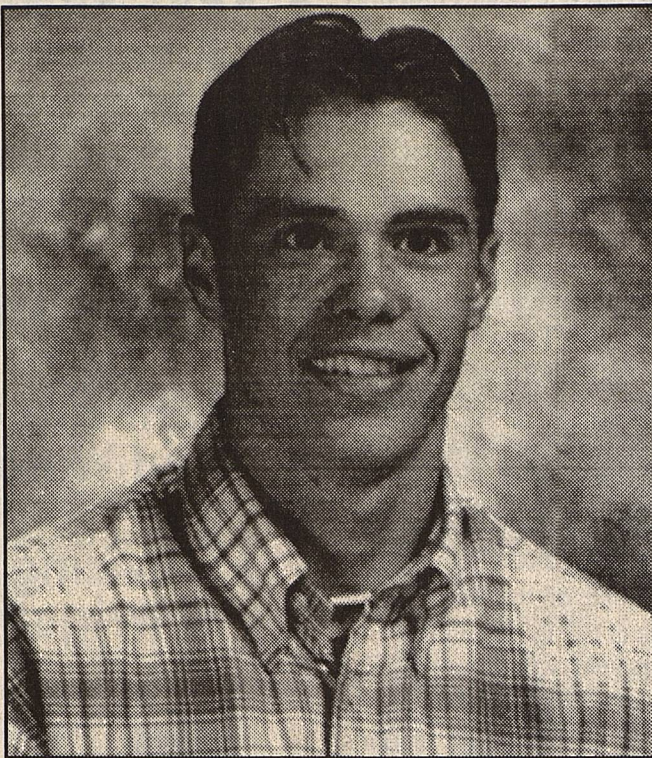
uled May 29th.

Students will need to take a placement exam, and if they have a minimum of two years' work experience, they may be granted credit for three exams, she noted. That process would allow them to complete the certificate option program during the summer.

Students need to have a valid Texas Cosmetology Commission operator's license.

For more information, contact SPC at 894-9611, ext. 2287.

## PHS Senior Considers Medical Field



Tanner Hamm, a senior at Plains High School was nominated to attend the 2001 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. Tanner will have the opportunity to study with and learn from some of the nations most distinguished medical leaders. Tanner was nomi-

nated by Ms. McCravey of Plains High School for academic excellence and leadership potential. He will attend the forum in Houston for 10 days in July.

Tanner has no definite academic plans, but is seriously interested in the medical field.

## SPC Designated Autodesk Training Center

In a move that will strengthen training opportunities for architects, engineers and other professionals throughout West Texas, South Plains College has forged a partnership with Autodesk, the world leader in architectural and engineering computer software.

SPC in Levelland has been designated as an authorized Autodesk training center and is the only training site of its kind between Dallas and Santa Fe, N.M.

Autodesk produces AutoCAD (computer aided drafting), the world leader in architectural and engineering software. Autodesk courses are offered through SPC's Division of Continuing Education.

Classes are conducted in SPC's newly remodeled drafting technology lab housing 19 state of the art computers and the latest software used by Autodesk.

"Our partnership was spearheaded by Bob Wilson, chairperson of SPC's Industrial Technology Department and Steven Means, an instructor in drafting technology and Jim Walker, dean of continuing education. "There is a growing need for training in this area," said Means, who, along with Wilson, has been certified to

teach Autodesk courses. "These are intensive, very focused classes for the professional employed in the industry who wants to learn more about AutoCAD," said Means.

Intermediate AutoCAD Release 2000 will be offered April 20, April 27 and May 4. The course will meet 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Additional courses will be offered as needed.

Means is certified to teach AutoCAD 2000, AutoCAD 2001, customized to meet the demand for on line design, Architectural Desktop R21, for architecture, engineer and construction industries, AutoCAD Map 2001, tailored for geographic information systems, Land Development Desktop R21, designed for surveyors, civil engineers and other land related areas, and Inventor R3, aimed at mechanical design.

"We are offering this coursework to reflect what industry needs right now," Means said. "This is an opportunity for employees, students and others to upgrade skills in a relatively short time frame."

For more information on Autodesk training, contact the SPC Industrial Technology Department at 894-9611, ext. 2349.

CSW's Trustee of Free Enterprise Dinner will be held Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Hobbs Country Club. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and may be obtained by calling the College at 505-392-6561, ext. 1029.

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## Senior Citizens Corner

Well here is Wednesday evening. Hope I sleep better tonight.

I was glad to get back to the Center Monday.

Don't forget Monday the 5th of March is birthday and anniversary day. If your birthday is in March and you did not get an invitation for the dinner on the 5th call in on the 5th before 10:00 a.m. and let us know how many will be present.

We know there is 3 in the hospital. Charlie Gillis is in Covenant, Mark Clevenger was transferred into Therapy last week-end and Gloria and Mary Flores sister had surgery Monday, she is also in Covenant. We all wish all of them a speedy recovery.

The 15 of March is our Pot Luck Supper and Country Western Band. Mark your calendar and come on. We try to start eating at 6:00 sometimes it's a little later but not much.

Til Next Week,  
Wanda B.

Hoy es un dia muy bonito, porque ayer fue undia de mucho frio. Les queremos dar la bienvenida a todos los que cumplen anos en este mes de Mayo. El Lunes 5 de Marzo sera la celebracion para todos ustedes que van a cumplir anos de edad o aniversario. Les invitamos que vengan a compartir con nosotros en este dia.

El senior Charlie Gillis esta en el hospital en Lubbock. Mark Clevenger sique en el hospital en Lubbock el se recupera diario de su accidente. Tambien pedimos sus oraciones para nuestra hermana Liby Gonzales que tambien se encuentra recuperando de su operacion Gracias a todos.

Glores Carrasco  
Hasta La Proxima

*You grow up the day  
you have the first  
laugh-at yourself.*

## CSW Welcomes Popular NMSU Professor-Speaker

Guests at College of the Southwest's 2001 Trustee of Free Enterprise Dinner are in for quite a treat this year. As the keynote speaker at the College's annual event, Dr. Lowell Catlett, economist, futurist, and professor at New Mexico State University will inform and entertain listeners with his delightfully funny view on economics and the future.

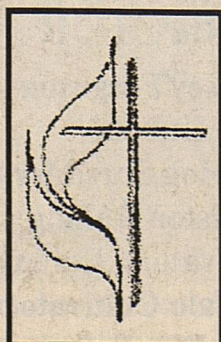
Author of numerous books and articles, Dr. Catlett is the 1991 recipient of NMSU's highest award to a professor, the Westhafer Award. Dr. Catlett is known nationally and internationally for his work regarding the impact of technology on careers, lifestyles, and the economy. He has worked for the U.S. Department of agriculture, Labor, Defense, Education, and Energy.

Although the evening's topic, economics, is generally considered to be dry and unstimulating, Dr. Catlett's presentation promises to be a genuine crowd pleaser. Many of the nation's larger universities keep him on the payroll as a presenter or as a visiting professor because, they insist, "He is really funny!" Harvard, MIT, and Texas A & M are among those universities that frequently request Catlett for his razor sharp wit and surprisingly funny commentary. When asked about his credentials, Dr. Catlett gives credit for his Ph. D in Economics to Iowa State University, but insists his sense of humor comes from studying the funniest topic of all - economics.



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# From The Hatch

I enjoyed Pres. George W.'s speech last Tuesday evening. At least I think I did, for the most part. I made the mistake of retiring and watching it in bed. Why is it female bed partners can watch TV until the cock crows, and I, and most males, are seriously nodding 127 seconds after they get their pillow plumped?

Wednesday morning, I listened to a number of radio reports about the general audience ratings for his performance and plans. Aa area radio affiliate, I think it was ABC, reported an informal audience survey indicated almost 80 percent of rank and file viewers gave Pres. Bush favorable marks. It's fortunate this report was on radio - if the truly big buck talking head TV news guys and gals had been forced to report this, they would most undoubtedly have had loaded weapons pointed at their heads, which is not acceptable camera fare.

Did I doze off, did I really see this, or did I dream this? It sticks in my mind while watching the Presidents's address, the Republican side of the joint affair, many of his party actually licked their chops, salivated, actually appeared in the state of Rapture, fell on the floor in states of adoration? And then, did I hallucinate further when I saw (or Imagined I saw) across the aisle Democrat faithful on the verge of fainting? Did I see Dick Gephardt actually pull out an American Airlines barf-bag and use it? Did I actually see Senator Hillary Clinton's knee jerk so violently she kicked butt of the Senator in front of her when Pres. Bush mentioned the previous administrations few "tiny failures and transgressions?"

I truly, truly believe, I was not dozing, nor asleep, when the camera panned to Sen. Edward Kennedy, who was begging his Aide for a Valium, a shot of the strong, or how to conduct swimming classes for females. Interesting evening, best I recall.

Coming from church, a young boy on the way home was unusually quiet, and Dad finally asked, "What's wrong with you?"

Finally, the boy replied, "The

preacher kept saying he wanted us to be brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with YOU guys!"

A pastor told about the mother of a fidgety seven year old boy who finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About half-way through the sermon she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, the pastor is going to lose his place and start his sermon all over again!"

It worked.

My Bride has been known to whisper the same message to me.

A former elected official, unnamed, of course, has taken up golf with a vengeance. In another move to smear, if not destroy his character, he is hanging out at the Table of Wisdom, and I truly believe he seeks election to the King's Throne of that exalted palace of all knowledge.

He announced recently he fully intended to play in every single one of the tournament events at the local county course this year, whereupon \$2,785 cash was whipped upon the table, in less than 14 seconds, all in the form of wagers indicating the donors would love to play this individual, anytime, anyplace. He threatened me not to reveal his identity, and I won't. He formerly represented the Precint after Three but before One.

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Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, March 26th, 2001.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, 806-456-2422, P.O. Box 516, Plains, TX, 79355 or Yoakum County Treasurer, 806-456-8794, P.O. Box 492, Plains TX 79355.

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