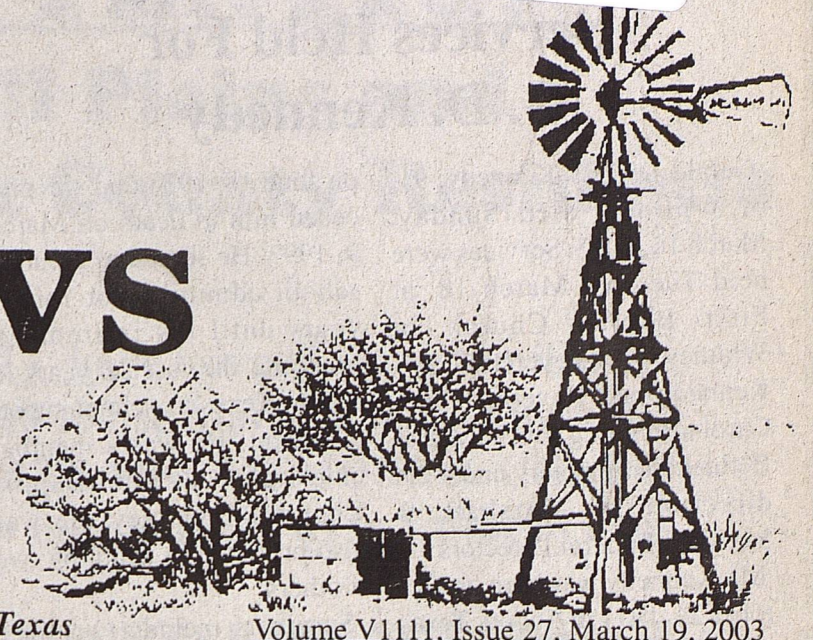


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Groundwater Awareness Week

Groundwater supplies about 41 percent of Texas' municipal systems and about 75 percent of the water used in irrigation. Groundwater Awareness Week encourages homeowners to schedule their annual water well checkups.

Groundwater is the water which soaks into the soil from rain or other precipitation and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings in beds of rock and sand. It is a renewable resource, although renewal rates vary greatly according to environmental conditions.

It also is an abundant natural resource. Of all the fresh water in the world (excluding polar ice caps), 90 percent is groundwater. Surface water, such as lakes and rivers, only make up three percent of our fresh water. Scientists estimate U.S. groundwater reserves to be at least 33 trillion gallons - roughly equal to the amount of water discharged into the Gulf of Mexico by the Mississippi River over the past 200 years. Groundwater is naturally filtered by the earth that holds it. It can, however, be contaminated

by pollutants coming into contact with the earth's surface. It is extremely important for Texans to pay close attention to what they release into the earth, whether directly into lakes and streams, or even more importantly, into storm drains and wells.

More than 15 million households in the U.S. have their own water well. The owners of these wells have control of, and responsibility for, their water supply. An annual checkup conducted by a licensed or certified ground water contractor is an important step they can take to ensure the proper operation of the well and to prolong its years of service, as well as monitor water quality.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, consisting of 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), is actively involved as a member of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee. For questions on well checkups, call your local SWCD, or the State Soil and Water Conservation Board headquarters at 254-773-2250.

West Texas gets two new area codes, keeps 915

If you're calling West Texas, you better learn some new numbers. Starting April 5, two new area codes - 432 and 325 - will begin in our portion of West Texas to our South.

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) has divided 915 area code into three individual area code regions. El Paso will retain the present 915 area code, and the rest of the current 915 area code will be divided by two north-south boundaries. The new area code will be 432 for the central section and 325 for the eastern section.

The PUC predicted that the 915 code would run out of numbers in early 2004. The three-way split will prevent the need for additional area

codes in the three regions for an estimated 17 to 20 years.

Approximately two-thirds of customers in the current 915 region will have to change their area code. The three-way split allows Midland-Odessa metropolitan area to continue sharing a common area code (432).

The three-way split also allows customers to keep seven-digit dialing for local calls.

Starting April 5 phone calls will be placed with permissive dialing using either the 915 area code or one of the new ones. Mandatory dialing using the new codes becomes effective October 5.

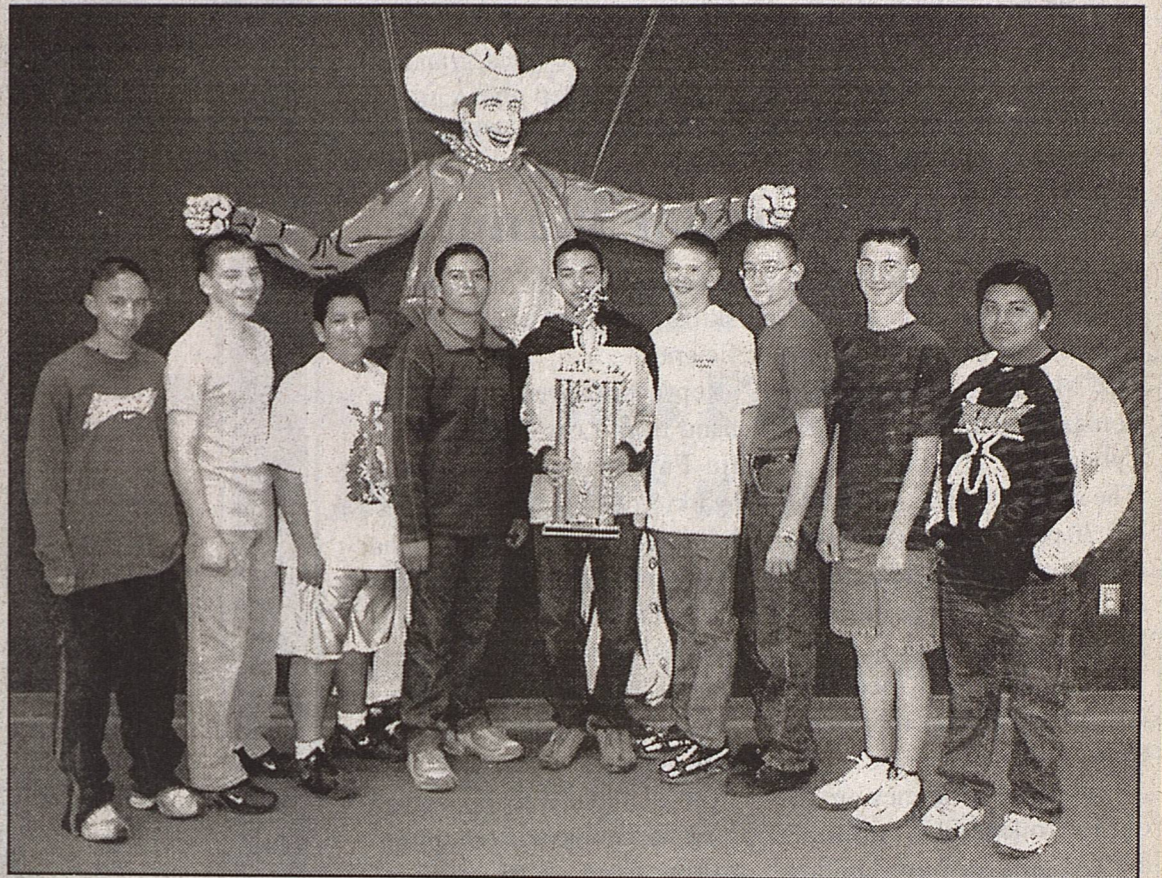
Assessment dates, rates set

Abilene - The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2003 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Western High Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program. The assessment for 2003 in the WHP is \$6 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated acre.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all

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8th Wranglers win Whiteface track meet

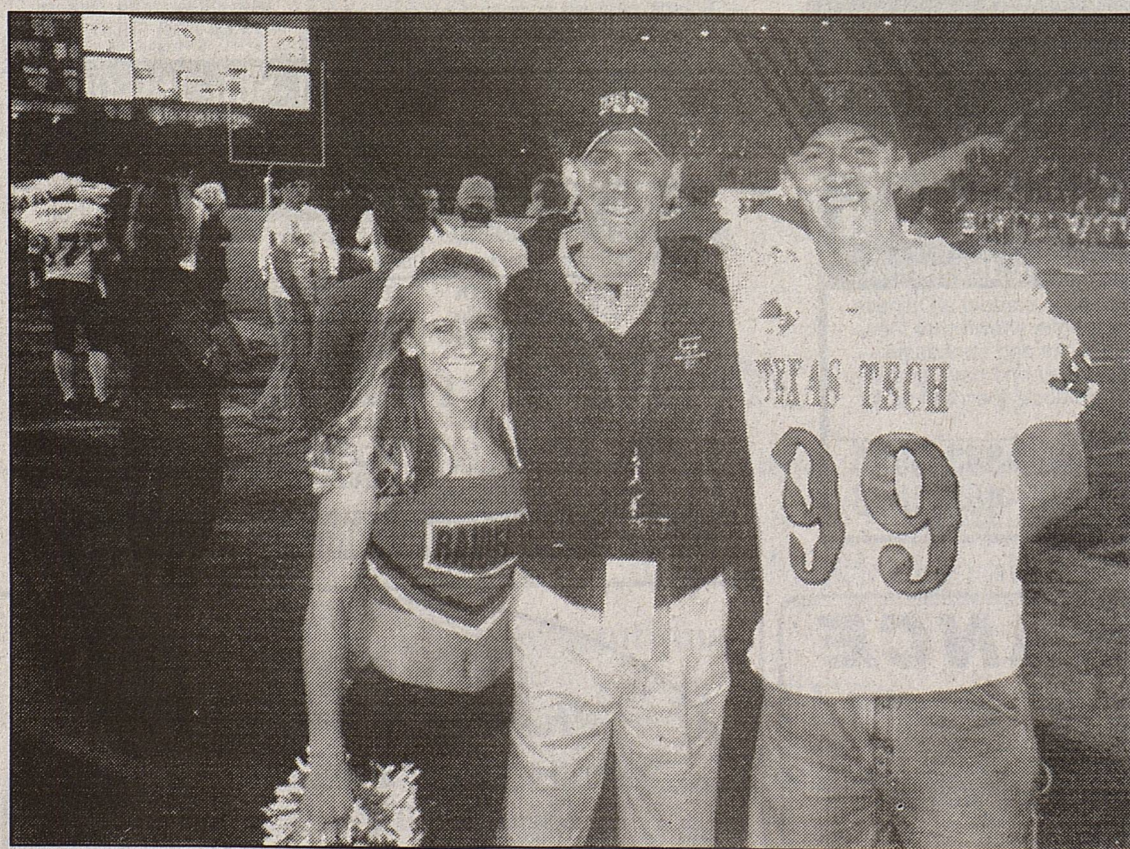


Competing against teams from Whiteface, Tahoka, Lubbock Trinity, Lubbock Christian, Sundown, Ropes, Morton and Lorenzo, the 8th grade Wranglers brought home the winners trophy last Thursday evening. The Lady Wranglers finished third in the big meet. Shown are 8th boys Johan Cueto, Steven Dominguez, C.J. Tarango, Antonio Martinez, Mario Ruvalcaba, Landon Craft, Chris Loya, Scott Addison, Joe Anthony Rivera.



Pictured above are Nancy Lozano, M'Leah McKinzie, Callie Howell and Lauren Davis start 800 M run in recent practice meet here. More photos inside.

Red Raiders From Plains



Pictured above are Shyloh Winn, Russell Warren and Jared Bell. They shared a moment on the sidelines of Citrus Stadium in Orlando, FL during Texas Tech's Tangerine Bowl victory over Clemson.

Miss Winn is a senior member of the Texas Tech cheerleading squad and is the daughter of Lynn and Tony Winn. Warren serves as an Assistant Athletic Director at Tech, and the son of Lela and Jim Warren. Bell, the son of Kathy and Danny, Bell, is a member of the Red Raider football squad.

Proposed House budget cuts pose threat to ag producers

The president of the Texas Farm Bureau said last Friday that drastic cuts in farm bill funding by the House Budget Committee would be a "stunning setback" for the severely depressed U.S. farm economy. The committee approved a budget resolution with \$ 894 million in cuts to the 2002 Farm Bill. The cuts would come in three program areas - conservation funding, farm program payments to farmers and nutrition programs.

Kenneth Dierschke, a grain and cotton farmer from San Angelo, and leader of Texas' largest farm organization, said, "Agriculture is not in a strong enough financial position to absorb these cuts as proposed."

The American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors voted Thursday to oppose the budget resolution. Dierschke is a member of the AFBF Board.

"We are urging our Texas Congressional Delegation to vote against the resolution," he said. The vote is likely to come this week.

In a letter to members of Congress from Texas, Dierschke said, "We appreciate the recent passage of the economic assistance package for 2000 and 2001, but would argue that it makes little sense to provide assistance in one month and reduce the safety net in the next."

Routine session in Commissioner Court

In Commissioner Court Monday, The Treasurer's monthly report for February indicated a general fund ending balance of \$ 6,446,839.

The Deputation of new Deputy Sheriff David Bryant and District Court part-time secretary Stephanie Hernandez were approved.

District Clerk Vicki Blundell received approval to replace a 20 year old typewriter with a new model. The low bid price was \$1,170. She also received approval to use record management funds to microfilm 20 volumes of District Court minute books. Cost of the filming process will be \$4,184.

The court approved the only bid on lots in the south portion

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Obituary

Services Held For G. D. Kennedy

Gerald Dwight Kennedy, 91, of Whitney, died Sunday, March 16, 2003. Services were held Tuesday, March 18, at First Baptist Church in Whitney with Reverend Chris Kennedy and Reverend John Carol officiating. Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery under the direction of Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors.

Mr. Kennedy was born on October 24, 1911 in Abbott, Texas to Luther and Jessie (Cook) Kennedy. He grew up in the Abbott area near Menlow Community. In 1934 he received his undergraduate degree from Trinity University, and in 1939 his master's degree from North Texas State. He married Cora Virginia Palmer

on June 18, 1938 and she preceded him in death on March 9, 1993. He served as a public school administrator for 39 years until his retirement, spending the last 22 years in Plains, Texas as school superintendent. He was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church in Whitney. He was also preceded in death by two brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald Kennedy of Godley and J.D. Kennedy and wife Pam of Decatur, and Dorothy Fuschuber and husband Tommy, of Abbott; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and nine step great grandchildren.

Go For It Seminar Planned

Go For It, a seminar designed to help people take that first step toward college, is scheduled March 25 at the Dorothy Lomax Center, 1602 24th St. in Lubbock.

The seminar is free, scheduled 7-7:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the South Plains College Special Services Program at the Reese Center campus.

Participants will meet with college and agency representatives.

People may think they are too old for college, can't afford it, are too busy or have children and feel they can't attend college. This workshop will give people step by step advice and information on how they can attain their goals of completing a college education," said Denise Murph, First Step counselor. "We want people to understand that there are options out there for childcare and financial aid and that they can find program and agencies

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of Denver City now on the delinquent county tax rolls. Cristo El Camino Church bid \$150 on the lot, valued on the appraisal records at \$3320.

Right of Way easements were approved between the county and First Ag Credit, and Christine (Crip) Henard on roads in Precinct 3.

Clay Taylor, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator, was given approval to advertise for bids on Pharmacy Management Services for the hospital. The present contract for pharmacy services will expire in May of this year.

The court approved appoint-

willing to help them obtain the skills they need to be self sufficient."

Representatives will be on hand from Learn, Inc., Catholic Family Services, Texas Workforce Center, Texas Rehabilitation Commission and the Adult Education Center, along with personnel from the SPC Special Services Program, Counseling Center and Non-Traditional Student Association.

"This seminar is really a great thing for people wanting information about all the community resources at one time and place," said Murph.

After the formal presentations are completed, each person attending the workshop will have the opportunity to speak one on one with a counselor regarding his or her specific concerns. Participants can arrive by 8 p.m. and still have time to receive information.

ment of five members to the Denver City Airport Board of Directors; Robert Hanneman, Dr. Larry Boyd, Jack Watkins, J.R. Slentz and Lee Wayne Hardin. The Denver City Council is expected to also approve the appointment of the five men.

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hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 21, and payment is due September 25. Growers who pay by September 10 are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their assessment.



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Uncovering The Mysteries Of Gulf War Syndrome

As our nation's armed forces gear up for the prospect of a conflict in the Persian Gulf, the safety and security of our men and women in uniform is of utmost concern. In any conflict human lives are at risk, yet the Middle East poses a more insidious threat to America's sons and daughters.

It has been more than a decade since the United States sent troops to free Kuwait from the iron fist of Saddam Hussein. Yet while the war has become a chapter in American history books, scores of veterans are still fighting battles that should have ended with our withdrawal from the region. We owe it to our soldiers to unravel the mystery of Gulf War illnesses that have plagued veterans of Operation Desert Storm and protect tomorrow's veterans from a similar fate.

For too long, the unexplained health problems of Gulf War veterans were sidelined by politics and indifference. Medical professionals from the Department of Defense debated whether Gulf War Syndrome even exists, and previous Pentagon officials tried to block congressional funding for research into the illness. Blaming symptoms on post-traumatic stress, the Department refused to address the obvious medical maladies plaguing our veterans.

Imagine the frustration of one Gulf War veteran so severely debilitated that he can hardly walk across his bedroom unaided when, only a couple of years prior to his deployment, he completed the New York City Marathon in under three hours. Imagine his future anxiety when told his condition was "all in your head." Unfortunately, thousands of our Gulf War veterans have similar devastating and inexplicable ailments. Of the 700,000 U.S. military personnel who served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, between 100,000 and 300,000 have demonstrated a complex array of symptoms, from irritated skin conditions to debilitating dis-

eases such as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Our soldiers were exposed to a veritable witch's brew of known and potential health hazards in the Gulf War: toxic smoke and fumes from oil well fires, petroleum fuels and their combustion products, low-levels of chemical and biologic warfare agents, depleted uranium, nerve agent medications—this disturbing list goes on and on.

But now our veterans—and our active duty soldiers serving the Gulf region—have hope. The Veterans Administration (VA) recently announced a plan of action for exploring the root causes of Gulf War illnesses.

This plan is key to providing answers to thousands of soldiers afflicted with these ailments and protecting our soldiers who face the prospect of returning to the Middle East.

Dr. Robert Haley, an epidemiologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, was the first to study a group of Gulf War veterans and uncover compelling evidence of damage to deep brain structures as a result of exposure to toxic chemicals. These findings helped establish the foundation for the VA's new plan.

He also found that among those who suffer from Gulf War Syndrome, most have a low level of peroxinase, which is the enzyme in the blood that blocks nerve gas. This helps explain why some service members are exposed and not affected while others suffer from Gulf War Syndrome. This information is critical because it may enable us to keep soldiers with similar genetic makeup out of harm's way, or eventually find a remedy for this enzyme deficiency.

With this initiative, the VA has rightly and boldly abandoned the long-held misconception that stress and psychological reaction alone perpetuate these horrific symptoms. It calls for the exploration of the neurologic basis of Gulf War illnesses; expands the number of

veterans tested; doubles the VA's research budget to \$20 million through 2004; and establishes a VA center for state of the art medical imaging, such as CAT scans and MRI's. Less than one year ago, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi formed a Veterans Administration Gulf War Research Review Advisory Committee, of which Dr. Haley is a member. This dedicated group of physicians and scientists has been making some truly remarkable discoveries that will help address the medical problems facing these Gulf War veterans.

Before we send our troops back into harm's way, we must do everything we can to protect them. The Department of Defense and the VA have taken important steps in this regard, and must continue to acknowledge, treat and protect our ailing veterans. We owe it to them, and we owe it to those who are waiting in the wings to return to Baghdad.

Local Cited For Honors At West Texas A&M

Nicole Haynes, daughter of Jim and Kathy Haynes of Plains, was named to the Fall 2002 Presidents Honor Roll at West Texas A&M, Canyon/

A 2001 PHS graduate, is a junior at WTAM, seeking a double major degree in Psychology and Social Studies, with a Minor in Spanish.

To be named to the Presidents Honor Roll, a student must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and maintain a 3.85 - 4.0 grade point average.

NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS THE STATE OF TEXAS) COUNTY OF YOAKUM)

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive proposals until 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 4, 2003, for Pharmacy Management Services, for the Yoakum County Hospital. Proposals will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, April 14, 2003. For proposal forms or information, please contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 412 Mustang Avenue, Denver City, Texas 79323, or call 806/592-2121.

Sealed proposals should be marked "PHARMACY" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P. O. 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/proposals

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Categories

Rhymed, Metered Poetry
Elementary Grades 1-4
Intermediate Grades 5-8
High School Grades 9-12
Adult

Free Verse
Elementary Grades 1-4
Intermediate Grades 5-8
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Adult

RULES:

Must be on 8.6 x 11 inch or standard paper.

Each poem should be limited to 24 lines.

Theme of each poem should be watermelons, the Watermelon Round-Up or associated subject.

To be eligible to win, a poem should use the word "watermelon" at least once.

On reverse side of poem page, list name, category, age group, telephone and address.

DEADLINE:

Poems must be submitted by May 2, 2003 to be eligible.

Poems may be mailed to Contest, P.O. Box 38, Plains, TX 79355

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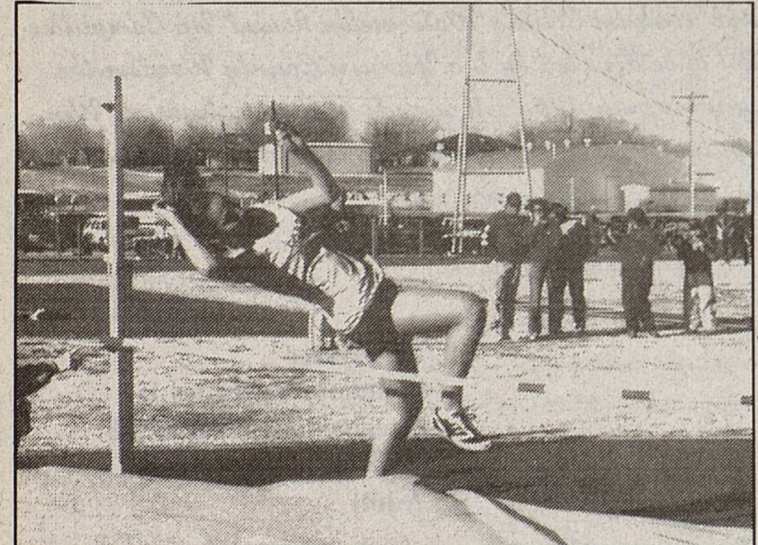
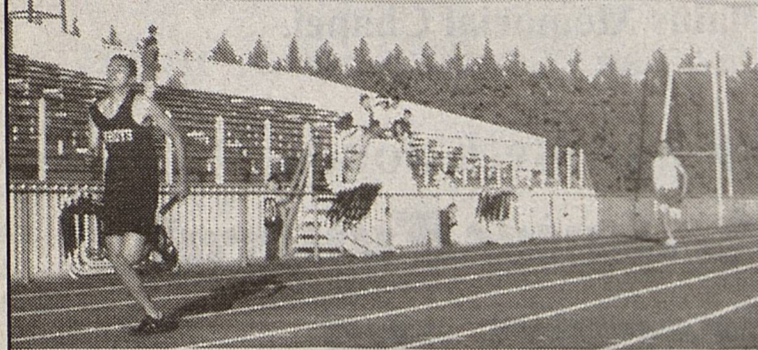
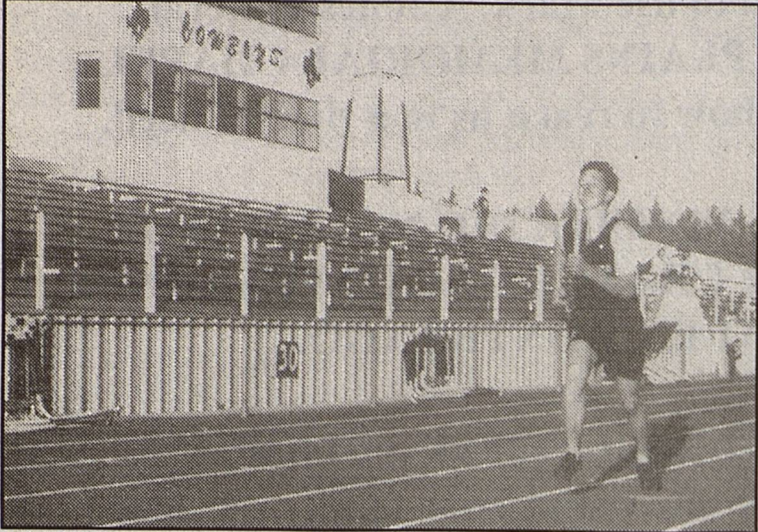
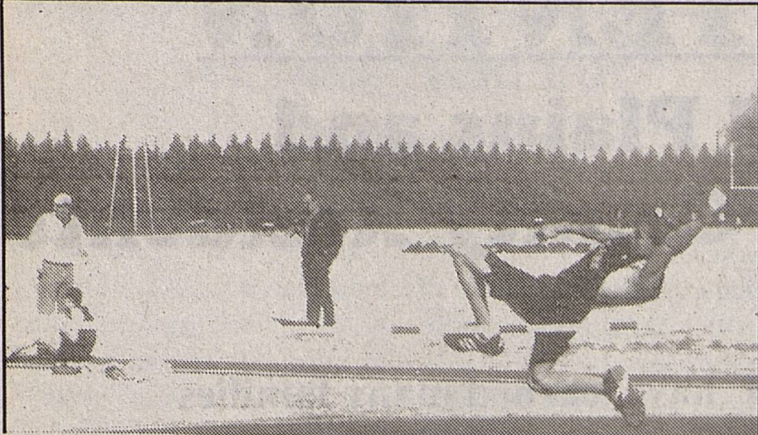
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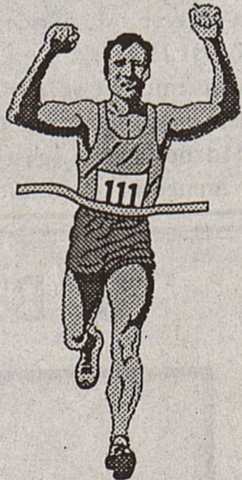
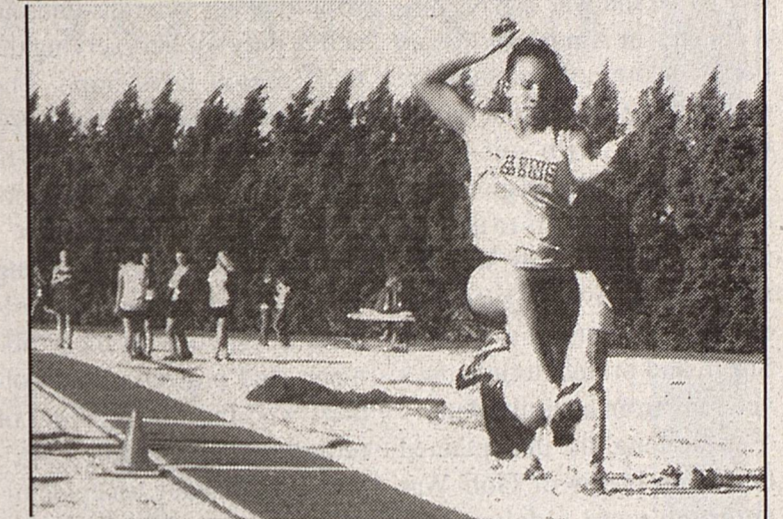
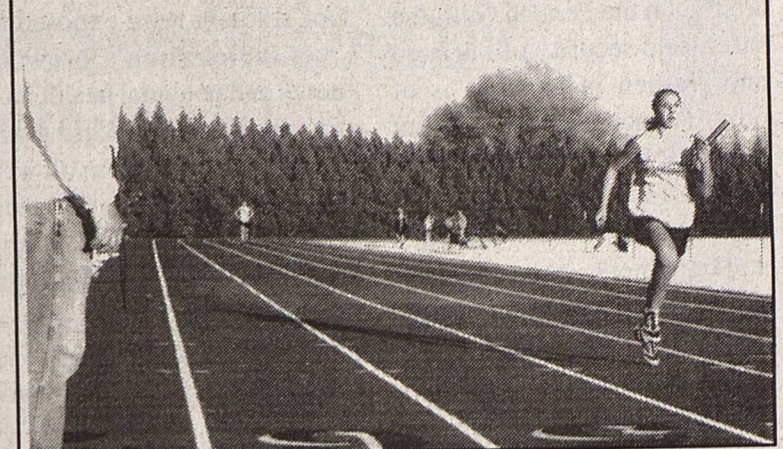
Whiteface Jr. High meet results

(Because of Spring Break, only 7th and 8th Boy stats available)
7th Boys-
400 Relay- 1st, 54.46- Zachary Ramos, Juan Lara, Mario Sigala, Cody Mayes
800 Relay- 1st, 1:58.56- Maeio Sigala, Juan Lara, Kurt Alldredge, Cody Mayes.
300 Hurdles- 2nd, Sergio Olivas, 53.54. 3rd, Cody Mayes, 54.12
2400 M Run- 2nd, Zachary Ramos, 9:42, Ryan Crump 3rd, 10:56
1600 M Run- 3rd, Zach Ramos, 6th Ryan Crump
200 Dash- 2nd, Juan Lara, 27:38
Pole Vault- 2nd place tie- Sergio Olivas 6ft.
Long Jump- 2nd Juan Lara, 14' 11.5"
110 Hurdles- 2nd Sergio Olivas, 21.94
100 Dash- 5th Mario Sigala 14.77
Coach Brink said results were not complete, but the team finished second or third with a great team effort.
8th Boys-
400 Relay- 1st, Johan Cueto, Chris Loya, Landon Craft, Mario Ruvalcaba, 50.4
800 relay- 2nd, Antonio Martinez, Scott Addison, Landon Craft, Steven Dominguez, 1:53
1600 relay- 1st, Chris Loya, Johan Cueto, Scott Addison, Mario Ruvalcaba, 4:02.9
Pole Vault- 1st, Chris Loya, 7'6"
Triple Jump- 1st, Mario Ruvalcaba, 34'4", 3rd Johan Cueto, 31-3
Shot Put- 2nd, Antonio Martinez, 33-1
Discus- 1st, Antonio Martinez
Long Jump- 1st, Mario Ruvalcaba, 15'5"
200 Dash- 1st, Mario Ruvalcaba, 25.99
100 Dash- 2nd, Johan Cueto, 12.61
400 Dash- 1st, Chris Loya, 59.27
800 Dash- 1st, Scott Addison, 2:28, 5th Steven Dominguez, 2:41
The 8th Wranglers won the meet with 150 points. They entered 13 events, won 9 of them, were second in three.

Cowboy Baseball Recap

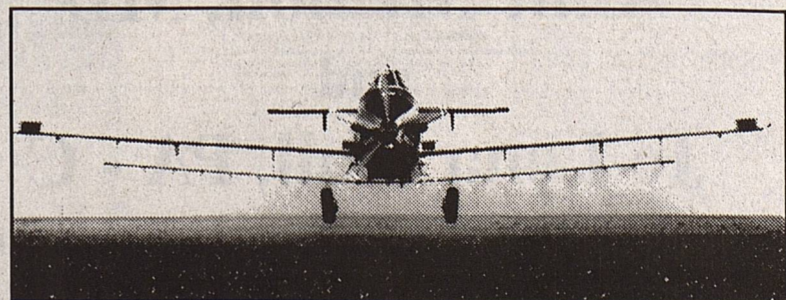
Cowboys VS Hobbs JV- Game 1: Arnold Cordova pitched a good game, working 5 innings, had 6 strikeouts, and allowed only 7 runs. Armando Ramirez came on in relief in the 6th and got the save. They Cowboys scored 8 runs to Hobbs 7 for the win. Miguel Coronado set a school record with a 7 game hitting streak. Ramirez was 2 of 3, Ryan Martinez was 2 of 3 with a double.
Game 2- The Cowboys won a squeaker in game 2, 12-11. Highlights included Evan Cain stealing 2 bases and scoring on a passed ball; Richard Diaz pitching well in a tough game; Kevin Bartleys 2 run homer; Nick Hays hits a bullet, knocks the pitcher down and makes first; With the bases loaded, Brandon Davis bunts in run to make the score 10-11 Hobbs; Cain drove the ball into leftfield to score 2 runs for the final 12-11 win, making the Cowboys season record now 7 wins 1 loss.

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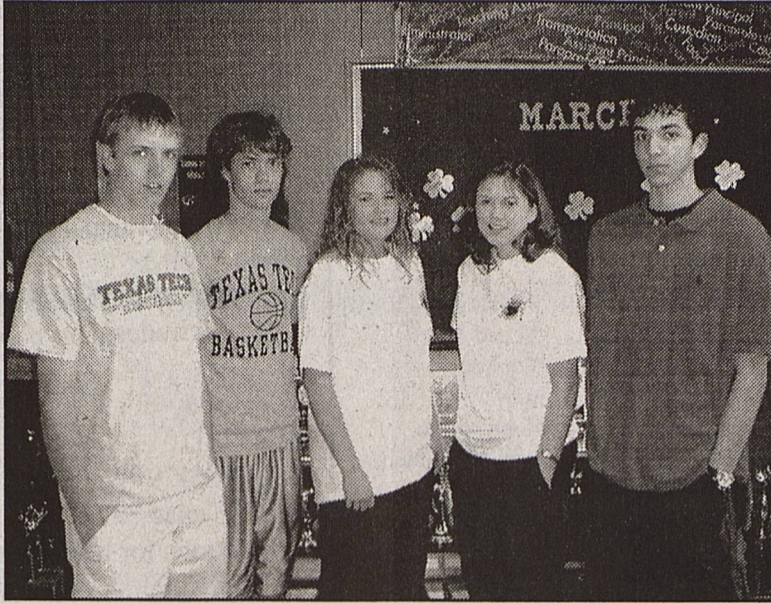
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TSA MO GA Club Meets

TSA MO GA club members will be co-hostesses of the TFWC Caprock District convention March 22 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Members are urged to attend and those who have not made plans to attend can register that morning at the door. Members, who are co-hosting the convention with the Floydada club, brought door prizes and discussed decorations in preparation for the convention. During the regular March 10 meeting, club members Toni Jones and Debbie Rushing presented a special program on "Legislation/Public Policy." Carolyn Culwell introduced the two speakers with the statement that "Clubwomen are challenged to facilitate TFWC's impact on public policy at the local, state and federal levels by going from helpless headline readers to informed advocates willing to make a difference." Speaking on public policy and initiatives and issues, Mrs. Jones explained public policy is "our right as citizens to promote legislation." She listed the various initiatives supported by the Democratic and Republican parties and encouraged members to look up these initiatives and promote the issues of their choice. Mrs. Rushing gave club members insight on how to identify and contact public officials. She gave an internet web site, www.capitol.state.tx.us, that is useful in tracking information on bills that have been introduced in the legislature. By entering a county name or zip code, browsers can also use this site to obtain a list of government officials. Mrs. Rushing also has a copy of the Texas State Directory in the district clerk's office which lists addresses and phone numbers of officials. Community members who are in need of names and addresses can contact her office in the Yoakum County Court House for help. Mrs. Rushing noted one of the problems that legislators are facing this year is the \$9.9 billion dollar shortfall reported by Carol Keaton Rylander-Strahorn, state comptroller. Now Strahorn is predicting that the amount could rise to \$13.3 billion. Rushing told the group the budget woes will probably be felt in ways other than new taxes. In her office alone she mentioned possible increases in fees, licenses, certificates and filing fees. "You will definitely feel an increase in the things you will be paying for." She suggested that members who are concerned with the budget and bills, such as those that affect school finance can use the capitol web site to get information. Hostesses for the meeting were Latrell McDonnell and Toni Jones.

All-District Basketball Honorees



PHS athletes recently named to the All-District Basketball squad include sophomore Evan Cain, Honorable Mention, senior Chase Howell, Honorable Mention, Senior Kayla Willis, Honorable Mention, senior Chelsea Blount, All-District, and junior Zach Broome, All District.

Senior Citizens Corner

Saint Patrick-patron saint of Ireland: Born in Britain, he was captured at sixteen by Irish raiders and carried into slavery in Ireland. He spent six years as a herdsman before escaping from this master and being reunited with his family in Britain. Called in a dream to bring Christianity to the Irish, he returned to Ireland and journeyed far and wide, baptizing chiefs and kings and converting whole clans. One popular legend says that he explained the notion of the Holy Trinity using the shamrock, now the national flower of Ireland. It's good to see Nettie Short back and looking so well. Mickey Evans is recovering at home after a short stay in the hospital and we shall be looking forward to seeing her back at the Center again. Zelam Boone has been absent for several days as a result of a fall. We miss her. Another one who is absent at this time is Ann Greer who is recovering from a knee replacement. Hurry back all of you. We all continue to be concerned for Therman Meyer who is recovering from surgery at the VA hospital in Big Spring. There have been some photos floating around the Center this week of a beautiful, little, dark haired baby that we'd all love to claim; but the honor goes to Melba Gayle who has been introducing us to her new grandson. The Senior Companion ladies met at table nine for their monthly luncheon meeting this week. They are always a welcome group. Someone received word from the Clevengers. Darlene says the senior center there in Childress just isn't like good old Denver City. We all appreciate that. We miss them still. Bob and Maxine Barton, from Midland, were luncheon guests of Genevieve Gordy one day this week. Jose Dominguez was a visitor for lunch this week. He was accompanied by a dark eyed little boy who, we assume, was a grandson. Jose seemed very proud of him. Elmer and June's son, Michael, and his son, Michael, Jr., were luncheon guests one day this week and a grandson of William and Eunice Groves has been coming to lunch with his grandparents while he is on spring bank. It is always good to see children and young people as guests at the Center. We want to say a special "thank you" to the anonymous people who made a gift to the Center of two new flags. On is the United States flag and the other is the Texas flag. We quote from the note accompanying the United States flag to say, "This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on January 31, 2003, at the request of the Honorable Jeb Hensarling, Member of Congress. This flag was flown for the Denver City Senior Citizens Center." It was signed by Alan M. Hantman FAIA, Architect of the Capitol.

Historical Commission Needs Your Help

Yoakum County Historical Commission is again compiling photos for inclusion in the 2004 Historical Calendar. If you have an interesting photo you would like considered, please copy, if possible, and submit to us. We are not responsible for damaged or lost photos, but will make every effort to return them to you. Please include names and location and activity on the photo back. Also, name of one who submitted it for publication should be included. Susie Powell is doing this year's original cover design. Yoakum County Wordsmiths are working on the script, which will include historical prose as well as poems this year. If you have any anecdotes or family history that might be used for the Centennial Play to be written by Connie Webb, please get that to us as well. You may receive more information and submit photos or script to Grace New of Denver City at 592-3076, Mary Jo St. Romain of Plains at 456-8855, or any of the following commission members: Mattie Filed, Linda Powell, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Euple Taylor, Brenda Canada, Laverne Newsom, Crip Henard, Janelle Brantley, Latrell McDonnell, Vera Bennett, Wilma Powell, Connie Webb, Ed Gayle, Judge Dallas Brewer or Elizabeth Chandler. As Kierkegaard said, "Life must be lived forwards, but can only be understood backwards." John Steinbeck emphasized, "How can we live without our lives? How can we know it's us without our past?" Do your part towards preserving and defining our West Texas experience for future generations. DEADLINE IS JUNE 6. by Linda Powell

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From The Hack

How The Jews Got The Ten Commandments:

(Would you be gullible enough to believe this is the subject my Sunday School class discussed recently?)

God went to the Germans and said, "I have Commandments for you that will make your lives better."

The Germans asked, " What are Commandments? "

God said, " They are rules for living. "

" Can you give us an example? "

" Thou shalt not kill. "

" Not kill? We're not interested. "

So He went to the Italians and said, " I have Commandments. "

The Italians wanted an example, and the Lord said, "

Thou shalt not steal. "

" Not steal? We're not interested. "

He went to the French and said, " I have Commandments. "

The French also wanted an example, and the Lord said, " Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife. "

" What? Not covet my neighbor's wife. We're not interested. "

He went to the Jews and said, " I have Commandments. "

" Commandments, " they asked, " How much are they? "

" They're free. "

" Good. We'll take Ten. "

A Texan buys a round of drinks after announcing his wife has just produced a ' typical ' Texas baby boy weighing 25 pounds. Exclamations of WOW fill the bar, congratulations pour over him, a woman faints from sympathy pains.

A few weeks later the Texan returns to the bar. The bartender

asks, " Aren't you the father of the typical Texas baby weighing 25 pounds? "

The Texan takes a sip of his Lone Star, wipes his mouth on his shirt sleeve and admits, " Yep, that's me. "

The bartender asks, " How much does he weigh now? "

" 17 pounds, " the Texan says. The astonished bartender says, " 17 pounds? I thought he weighed 25 at birth. What happened? "

The Texan leans toward the bartender, and in a deep Texas drawl says, " Had him circumcised. "

I read a no brainer headline in a local paper recently - " Lead Poisoning Problem For Wild-Life As Well As People "

Was there ever any doubt? You know, a .30/06 is a major problem for most mammals as well as us Homo Saps. I have never heard of a deer, coyote or antelope fareing well after meeting the above, and us humans certainly don't do well with a dose of that poisoning, either.

The article, of course, referred to poisoning from ingesting lead, like fish sinkers, shotgun pellets, etc. Lead paint is a culprit too, but I question how dangerous... I raised four kids in a crib I KNOW was painted with the lead stuff. They gnawed on it like beavers, and they're all SEMI-normal.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of OBED W. HARBOUR, Deceased, were issued on February 24, 2003, in Cause No. 1417, RE: OBED W. HARBOUR, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: LINDA K. RAGAN.

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.

LINDA K. RAGAN
c/o Bill J. Helwig
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 909

616 Cowboy Way
Plains, Texas 79355
Dated the 10th day of
March, 2003.

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Notice of Regular Election (Aviso de Eleccion Regular)

To the Registered Voters of Plains, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Plains, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for voting in a school election to elect three trustees. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion para elejir tres consiados.)

Location of Polling Places -- Foyer of Plains ISD Auditorium at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas
(Direccion(es) de las Casillas Electorales -- En el vestibulo dela sala de especta cu los en la escuela de Plains, 1000 calle 10, Plains, Tejas)

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Plains ISD Administration Offices at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 16th and ending on April 29th. (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en entre las 8:00 de la manana las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril y terminando el 29 de Abril.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Gail Holley
Plains ISD
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Plains, Texas 79355

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

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NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS THE STATE OF TEXAS - COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County, for the specific intention of the Board of Directors of the Yoakum County Hospital, requests statements of qualifications and fee proposals from interested firms for CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK for Yoakum County Hospital as required by Section 271.118 of the Local Government Code. Statements and proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2003.

General Information on Project Name and Scope of Work:

- a. Project Name: YCH Additions and Renovations
- b. Project Site: West 4th & West 5th Streets & Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX
- c. Project Scope: Phase 1-4 of New Building & Renovations & Additions to Existing YCH
- d. Estimated Budget: \$ 1.8 million
- e. YCH Project Architect: JDMA, Inc. Architects-Lubbock, TX, Joe D. McKay, Principal

Statements and Proposals will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court not later than, Monday, April 28, 2003.
For project requirements and forms, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422, P.O. Box 516, Plains, TX 79355 or Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 806/592-2121, 412 Mustang Ave., Denver City, TX 79323

Sealed Proposals should be marked "CONSTRUCTION MANAGER" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G., Plains, TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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