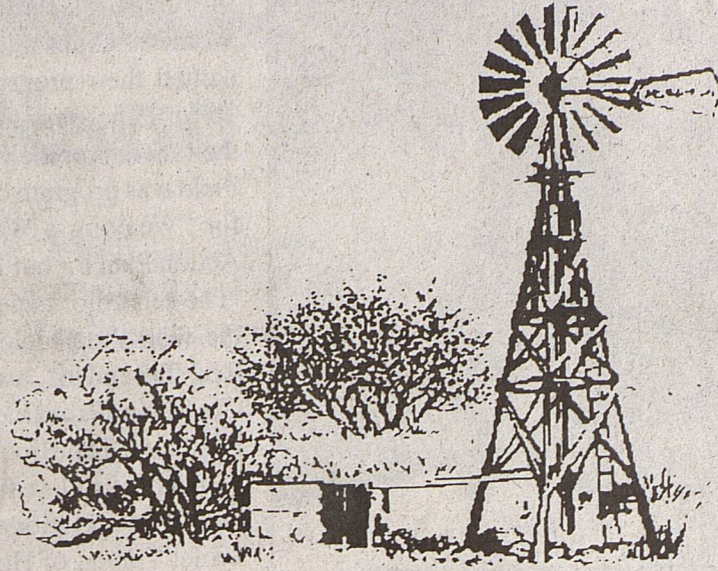


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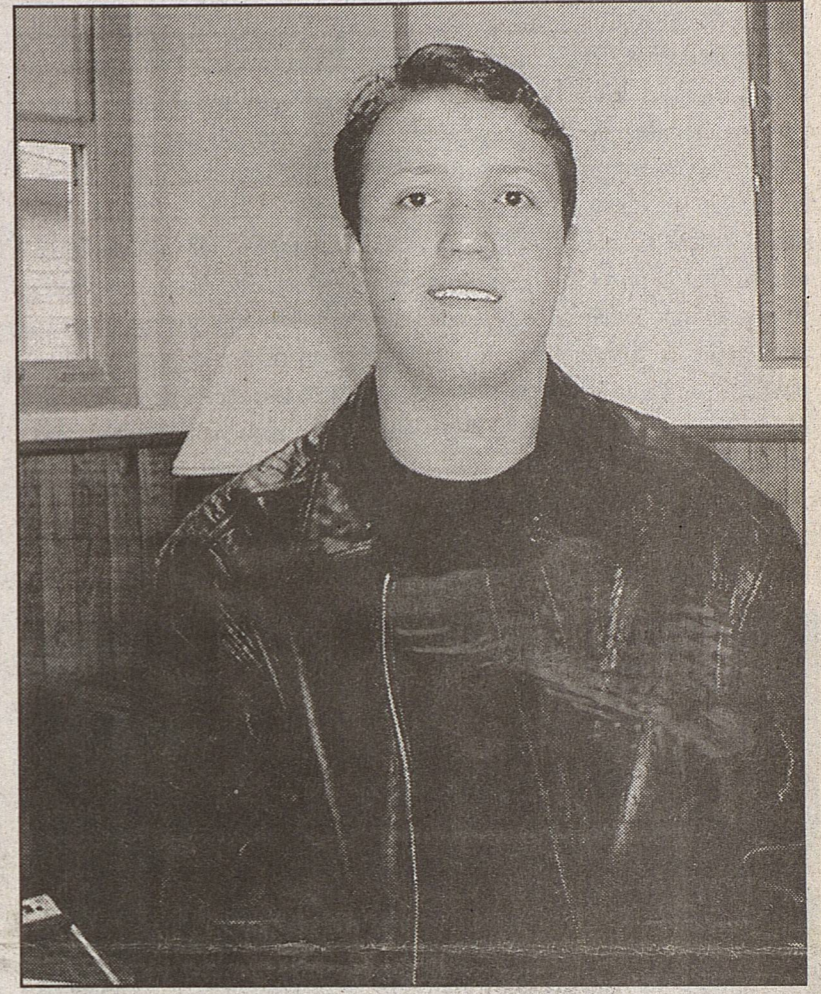
Plains High School Academic Excellence

Forty three Plains High Senior Class members will be awarded with graduation diplomas Friday evening, May 30. The annual competition for top academic honors was a fierce battle throughout the school year between Jill Gray and Jordan Bean.

When the grade numbers were crunched the final time, Jill was named the 2003 Class Valedictorian, and Jordan earned Salutatorian honors. It was an extremely close count - Gray posted a 96.71 numerical grade average, Bean scored 96.57. just 14 hundredths of a point separating them.

Jill is the daughter of Jim and Cindy Gray. She will attend Abilene Christian College this Fall. Jordan, the son of Monty and Pam Bean, will attend Texas Tech University.

Senior Class photos inside



County Librarian Steps Down



After a 25 year library career, Yoakum County Librarian Opal Roberts is retiring effective May 30.

She started working in the Denver City Library in 1978, was appointed Head Librarian there in 1995, and County Librarian in 1999.

"After almost 25 years with the county, I have seen so many changes, from the library enlarged and new parking area. Then books started coming out on cassettes, later videos were added. The computer age hit us and a whole new world of knowledge was opened up to our patrons. Through grants we were able to purchase computers, computer stations, new shelving, CD's, display case, a video projector and books," Roberts said. She continued, "Most of all I have

made many friends along the way, including my staff, who are friends, not just employees. They have always been dedicated and loyal employees. The people of Denver City and Plains are wonderful people. I want to thank you for all of your support. Judge Dallas Brewer and Commissioner Ty Earl Powell have supported me in all of my efforts and I appreciate them too. I will miss everyone but I will not stop reading so you will continue to see me at the public library from time to time. God has richly blessed me all my life and I'm looking forward to continuing my journey with Him wherever that may lead."

Following her retirement, she plans to travel, do volunteer work and visit family.

Last Monday, May 19, some 80 locals gathered in the community building, and at 7 PM started an hour of calling on God to send rain so desperately needed in virtually all West Texas. That morning's Lubbock paper and TV stations mentioned there was a chance for precipitation, but it again appeared the likelihood of rain was to the east of Plains.

Most residents were startled awake early Tuesday morning by an unfamiliar sound - thunder, accompanied by lightning flashes, and then the incredible sound of rain on roofs!

The town prayer meeting for rain was first discussed by Cecil Van Hoose, pastor of First Assembly of God, and Tom Carter, First United Methodist Church. The two discussed the idea with other pastors and church lay people. All local



churches were invited to attend the 'Pray For Rain' meeting. People who attended the hour long appeal for help breaking the drought agreed it was an impres-

sive bonding of the community. Tuesday morning City Hall reported .44 rain were recorded, and most gauges around town contained about one-half inch.

All attending the hour of prayer were so elated with the moisture another Pray For Rain meeting was being planned for the following week.

Felony criminal cases heard in District Court

Five criminal felony cases were heard in the May 19 session of District Court, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

James Penner pled true to the state's motion to modify terms of community supervision from a prior burglary of a habitation cause. He must pay delinquent court appointed attorney fees of \$374, additional appointed attorney fees of \$422, delinquent supervision fees of \$231, all at the rate of \$40 per month. He must also complete the Trinity Baptist

Home for Men program, and complete his GED.

Jack Ray Savage pled guilty to possession of heroin, less than one gram. A two year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$263 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, and \$140 restitution to DPS. He will serve 120 hours community service, lose his license 180 days, attend weekly narcotics meetings, and complete the out patient

West Texas Counseling and Rehabilitation program at Odessa, and complete the drug offender education program.

Bill Helwig was his attorney, and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS.

Juan Carlos Verdugo Jr. pled guilty to DWI, third or more. He was sentenced to three years in prison with credit for 232 days jail time served. Jason Wilson, Denver City Police, was investigating officer and his attorney was Bill Helwig.

Mario Humberto Orona pled guilty to DWI, third or more. A five year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500 and must pay \$253 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He must complete the DWI repeat of-

fender program, serve 160 hours community service, surrender his license 180 days, and serve 28 days in jail. Daniel Hurley was his attorney, and Leann Horton, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Michael Paul Arriaga pled guilty to delivery of cocaine, more than four grams, less than 200 grams. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated 10 years. He was fined \$2500 and must pay \$200 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, plus \$420 restitution

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DIATRICH COURT

Plains ISD losing 61 years valued experience



Sue Alexander

Retiring teachers Sue Alexander and Ann McGinty were honored last week with receptions in the school Resource Center. The veteran instructors have 61 years experience between them. Mrs. Alexander graduated from McMurry in 1960, prior to her employment here, she taught in Crane, Jayton and Childress. She started her long tenure here 28 years ago, in 1975. Interviewed in her class room, She said, "I know this class room fairly well... I've worked in it 25 of those 28 years." Asked if she planned on a restful, relaxed retirement, she laughed and said, "No, not really. I have four

granddaughters who will prevent that!" Ann McGinty, with 27 years teaching experience, is a 1967 graduate of then West Texas State University, and received her early childhood certification at Texas Tech. Early on she taught at Des Moines and Raton New Mexico, and then Shallowater. She started her PISD career in elementary school here in 1977. All of her experience has been with the elementary youngsters. She also has children and grandchildren who will keep her company in retirement. Both will be missed.



Ann McGinty

TSA MO GA Final Meeting

"Count 10 for Kids" was the focus of the final meeting of the year Tsa Mo Ga members May 12.

In recognition of the president's special project for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the local club named their program "Count 10 for Papposes" to keep with their theme for the year. Mattie Field was program coordinator for "Weaving a Wall Plaque, Action Plan for our Papposes." The ten colors and points of the workshop included: "The Red Thread of Awareness--Children Practice Acts of Kindness, The Blue Thread of Staunchness, Grandparent/Parent/Child Relationships, The Violet Thread of Hope--Feed-

ing Minds and Fighting Hunger, The Black Thread of Harmony--Volunteering on Neighborhood Projects, The Purple Thread of Strength--Healthy Kids-Kick the Habit of Smoking and Continue Immunizing, The Brown Thread of Compassion--Develop Compassion and Spirit of Charity, The Orange Thread of Courage--Help Map a Youth's Future, the Yellow Thread of Firmness--Importance of Saving, The Green Thread of Patience--Character Counts, and The White Thread of Faith--Depression and Suicide."

Members enjoyed a meal of brisket, beans, salads, and deserts to end the year's activities.

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court

On June 2, 2003 At 1:30 P.M.

A petit jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on June 2, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

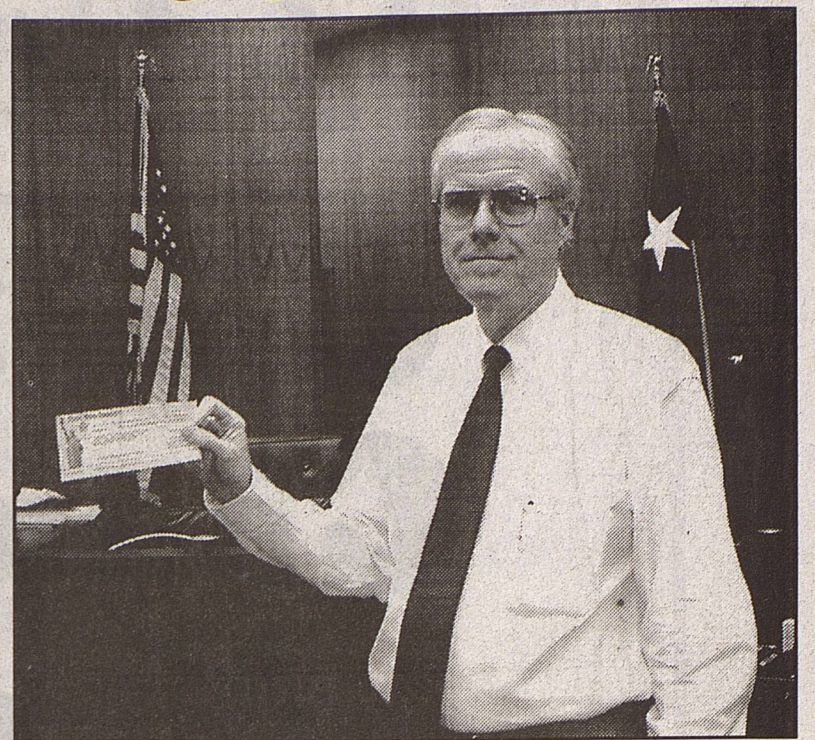
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Drug tip benefits county



Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark displays \$640 government check received from the U.S. Customs Service. Several months ago Llano Estacado Drug Task Force Director Rick Dickson learned a vehicle suspected of carrying illegal drugs was to cross the border into Texas from Mexico at El Paso. He notified U.S. Customs officers and gave them a description of the vehicle. The car was spotted, and the driver was arrested after the drugs were found in the vehicle. The car was forfeited and sold, and a portion of the funds were returned to Yoakum County for the Task Force's assistance. Mr. Clark said the money will be used for local law enforcement equipment.



In May 17 ceremonies at Texas Tech, Jacqueline Gail London was awarded a Bachelor Degree in Architectural Landscaping. She is a 1996 graduate of Denver City High, and the daughter of Judy London of Denver City, and Jack and Muff London of Plainview.

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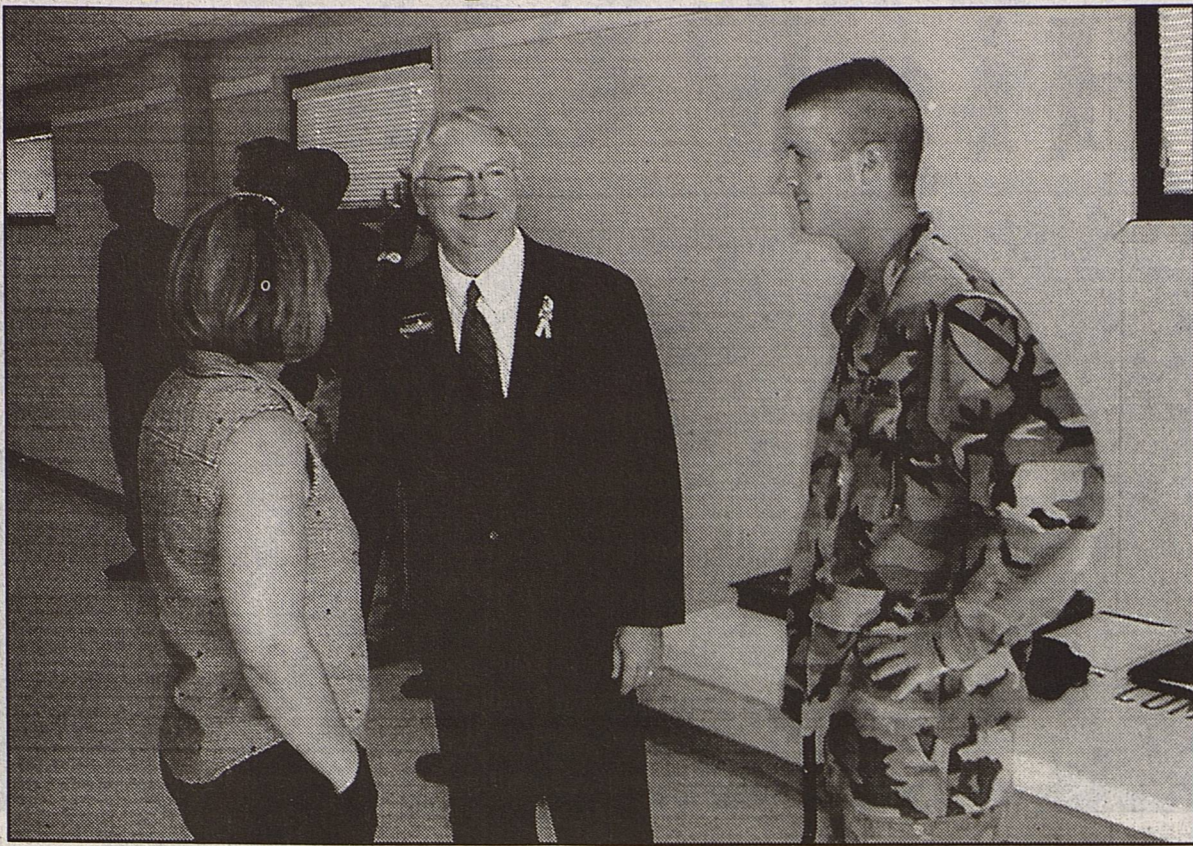
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Congressional Hopeful Neugebauer Visits Again



Randy Neugebauer, center, visited with Debbie Rushing and son Doug Rushing last week during a brief campaign visit in the Plains Community building. He is hot on the campaign trail in the special runoff election for the 19th U.S. Congressional District seat replacing retiring Larry Combest. Neugebauer told several dozen local supporters he was well aware of the importance of our area agriculture and petroleum industries, "and I will devote my full attention to these issues. The current Farm Bill which was only passed by Congress in 2002 is now under attack, with many suggested changes which would be disastrous for our ag producers. I know it is vital to the future financial stability of the ag industry throughout the South Plains, and I need your help. We must get the voters out and to the polls, and local folks can effectively urge their friends and neighbors to go to the polls." The candidate said he had put over 12,000 miles on his vehicle since the run off election campaign began

Brush Control Program May Boost West Texas Water Supply

When your suffering from a drought, the last thing you need is someone coming along and sucking up 200 or so gallons of water a day. Unfortunately, that's exactly what salt cedar trees are doing along the Pecos River in West Texas, according to Charles Hart, associate professor and extension agent with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

The trees have pushed out almost every other type of tree or shrub growing in the region. According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, salt cedar trees knock out other plants by increasing surface salinity, for which they have a high tolerance. Salt cedars also lower the amount of water that soil can hold and increase the frequency of fires.

Farmers and ranchers began fighting back in 1999 by creating the Pecos River Ecosystem Project. The project, funded by the Red Bluff Power and Control District and seven local irrigation districts in 1999 and 2000, paid for large scale herbicide treatment of salt cedar trees along the Pecos River. The state now foots the bill; the state funded treatments in 2001 and 2002, and in August 2002, the Texas Water Department board approved a \$1 million grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture for the project.

While other brush removal programs in the state received larger grants, it's tough to argue anyone needed help more than the drought stricken farmers along the Pecos.

"I believe this is the thirteenth year of the drought," says area alfalfa farmer Tom Nance, who is also president of the Ward County Irrigation District #1 board of directors. "I have lived here all my life, I'm 523 years old, and I have never seen the water in the river not running at all until this year. It was just sitting in pools."

Nance says only 40 acres of the 25,000 acres of land in his district were farmed in 2002.

"Normally we get 3,000 to 5,000 acres of cotton and alfalfa in production in a good year," he says. "It's just about done all of the ranchers in this part of country in. For the farmers, it's tough because you need several good years once you've got your equipment financed. If we have one more season like this, I don't know how many farmers will survive. It doesn't look real good at this point."

Even with the Pecos River Ecosystem Project, things probably won't start looking up for a couple more years, according to Hart. Much of the northern portion of the river has been treated, but there hasn't been enough rain yet to see the difference, he says.

"From the state line, we've treated about 120 river miles; that's a little more the 6,500 acres of salt cedar treated," Hart says. "We've got another 200 miles of river to go. We've got another 8,000 to 10,000 acres of salt cedar to treat before we get to the Rio Grande."

The trees are treated with Arsenal, and herbicide made by American Cyanamid Company that is relatively easy on the environment and can be applied by air.

"It's very high tech," Hart says. "We use GPS (Global Positioning Systems) from a helicopter. We use high-volume, large droplets to avoid drift."

He says the results of the spraying won't be known until there's more rain in the region, especially in New Mexico, above Red Bluff Lake. The lake feeds directly into the Pecos.

"New Mexico didn't release hardly any water to the lower irrigation districts this year, but when they do, that's when we will start seeing a difference," Hart says. "We'll see better efficiency in water delivery."

Hart says the project has treated more than 36,700 acre feet since 1999, which has saved almost 12 billion gallons of water. Another 48,000 acre feet of water will be saved in 2003, based on the acreage treated in 2002.

"All that is what the salt cedar trees are no longer using," he says. "That water is now either going down the river on into the reservoir (International Amistad Reservoir), instead of getting pumped out by the salt cedar."

"We're hoping for a change in the weather," he says. "But we're also working to seed the clouds and hoping to fly this spring. Still, that won't get us anything from Red Bluff this year."

Greg Mt. Joy, Fiscal Notes

The bid notice published in the May 21 issue of CCN incorrectly specified, "will receive bids for the purchase of (1) new 2003 Dodge Pickup." The notice should have read, "will receive bids for the purchase of (1) new 2003 Pickup." We regret the error.

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The State Of Texas County Of Yoakum The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 A.M. Friday, June 6, 2003, for the purchase of (1) new 2003 Pickup for the Yoakum County Hospital, with or without trade-in of (1) used 1995 Dodge Dakota pickup. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, June 9, 2003. Bid price will be paid from 2003 budgeted funds.

For bid forms or specifications, please contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 412 Mustang Ave., Denver City, Texas 79323, or call 806/592-2121 or you may contact Hazel Lowrey, County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355, or call 806/456-2422.

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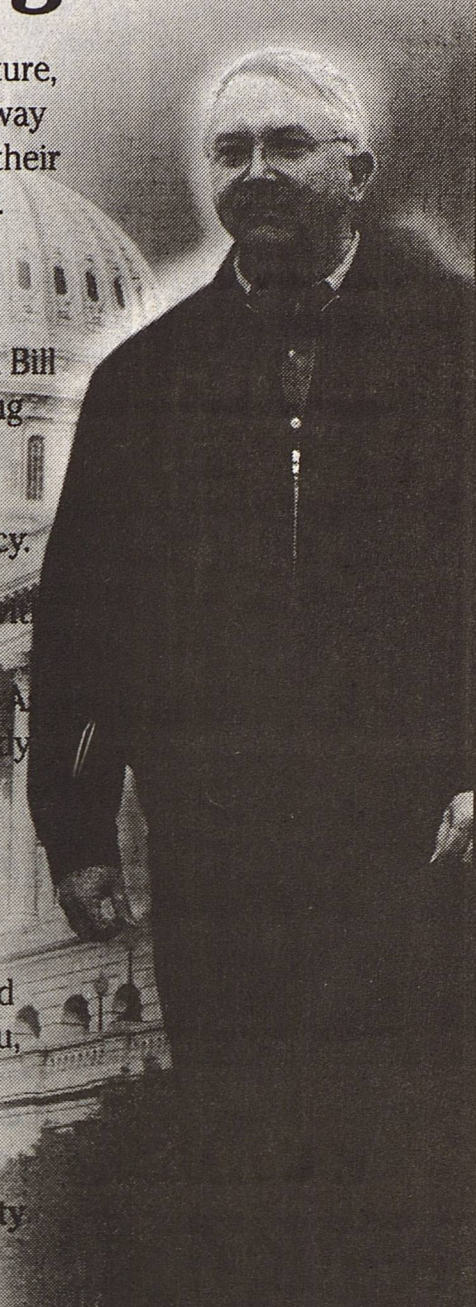
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TEXAS FARM BUREAU FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURE FUND (AGFUND), INC.

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WACO - Texas Farm Bureau's Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND, Inc.) has endorsed the candidacy of Lubbock land developer Randy Neugebauer in a runoff election for the 19th Congressional District of Texas. The seat is being vacated by retiring U.S. Congressman Larry Combest.

The date of the runoff election has been set on Tuesday, June 3. Neugebauer received the most votes among 17 candidates in a May 3 special election.

Neugebauer, a Republican, is president of Lubbock Land Company and has a record of effective community leadership. He has held numerous positions in the land development, banking and higher education fields. The 1972 Texas Tech University graduate has held elected offices as a Lubbock city councilman and Lubbock Mayor Pro Tempore.

"As a conservative West Texan, Randy Neugebauer wants to permanently eliminate the death tax. He wants education decisions to be made by the state and local school districts and not imposed by Washington, and he wants to protect traditional family values," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau and the AGFUND Board of Directors. "Mr. Neugebauer will represent agricultural interests of the rural 19th District quite well in the U.S. Congress."

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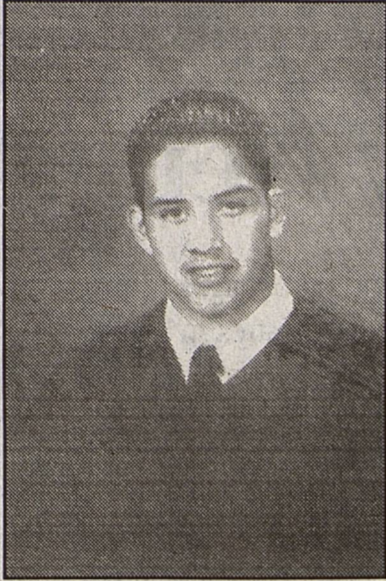
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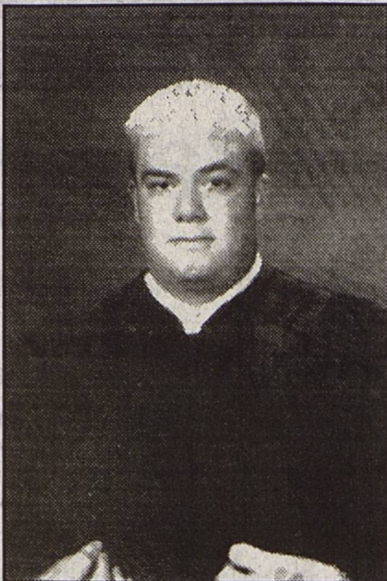
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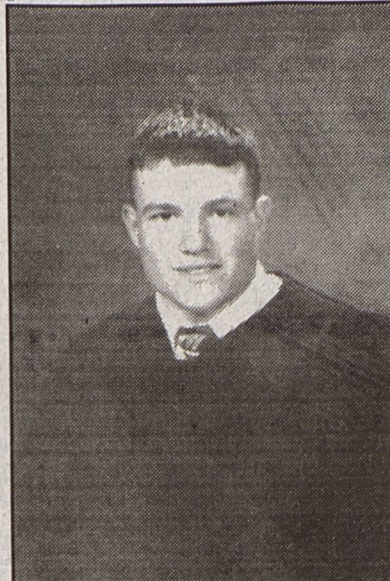
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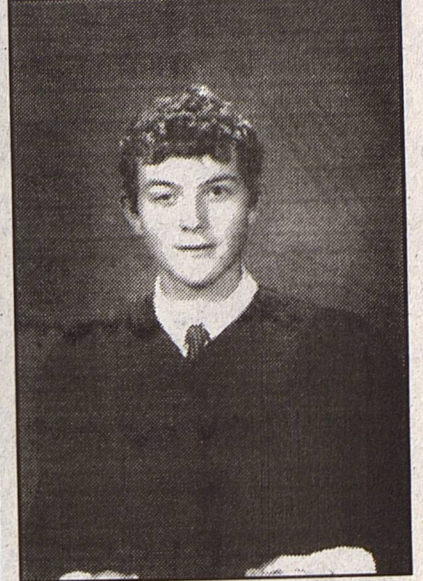
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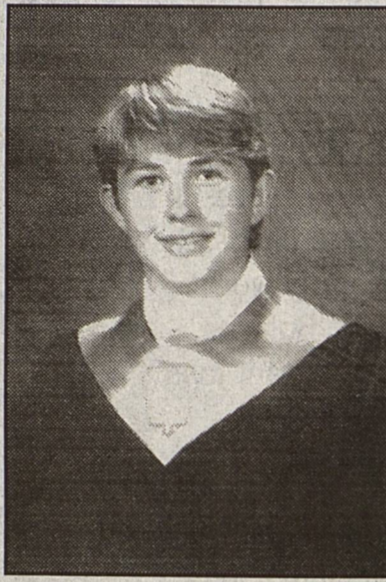
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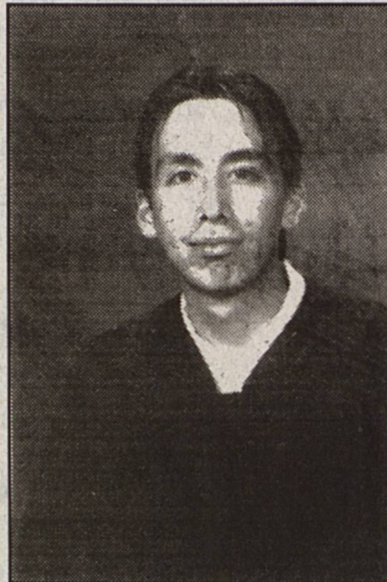
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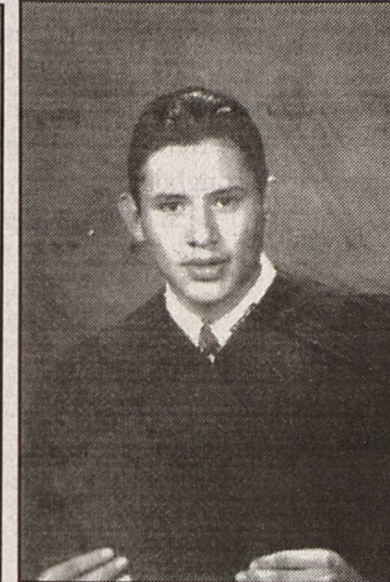
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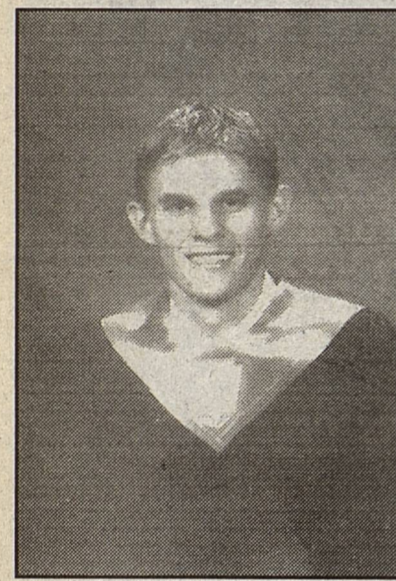
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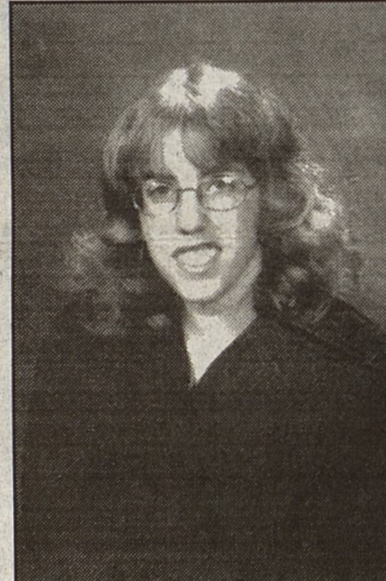
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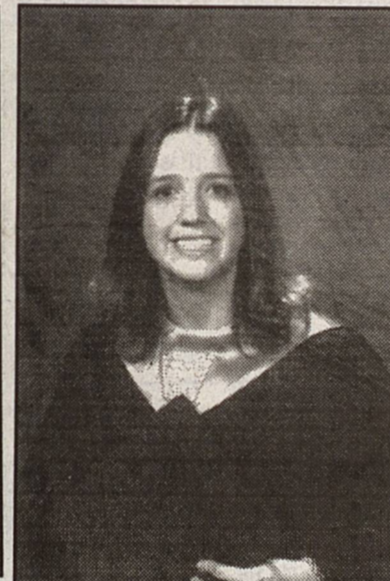
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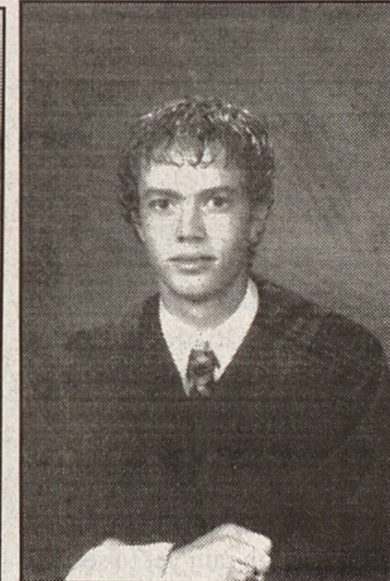
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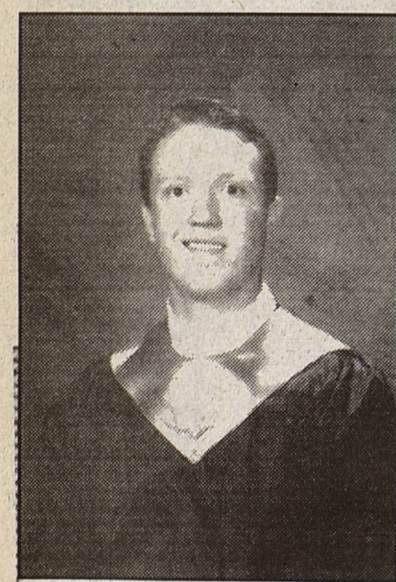
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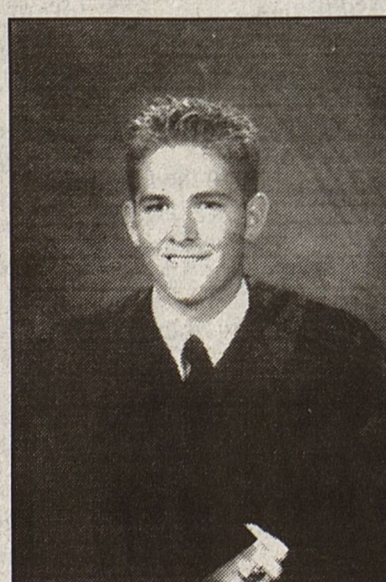
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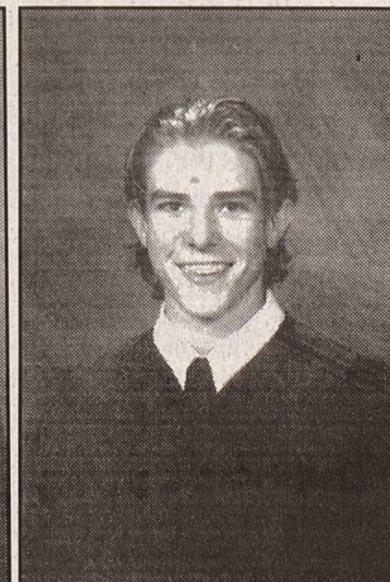
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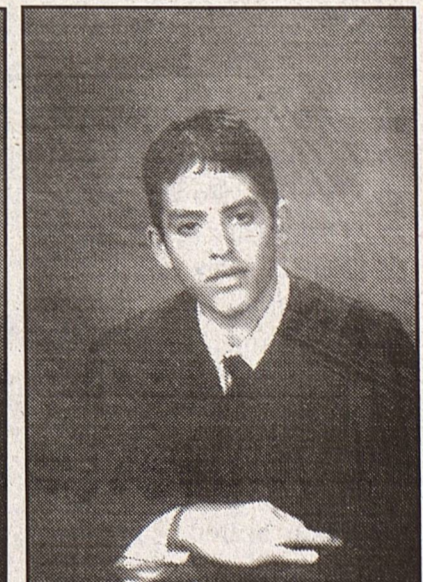
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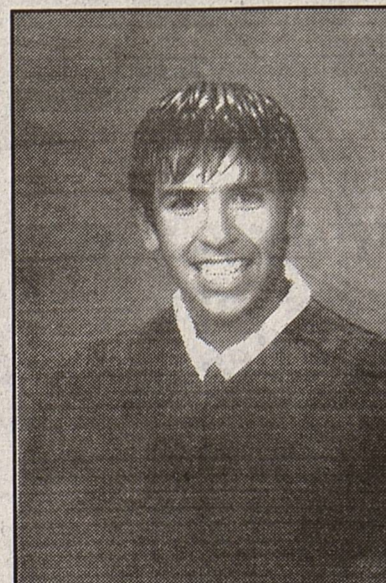
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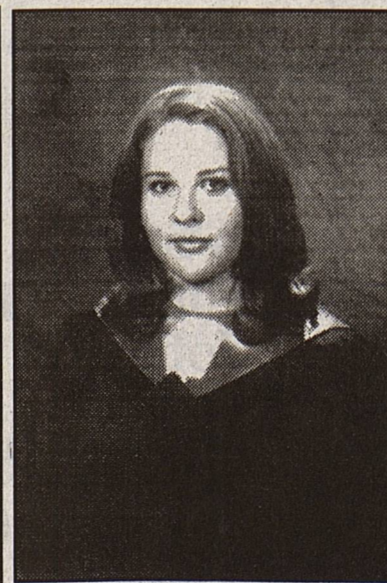
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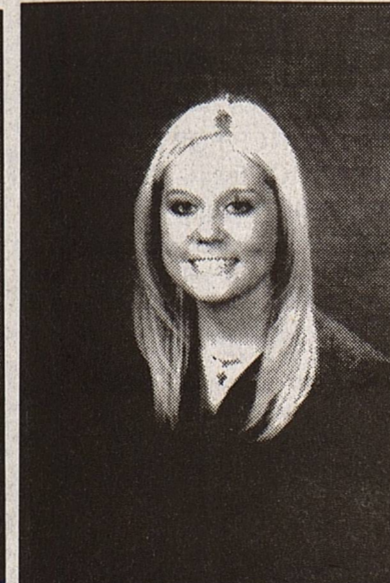
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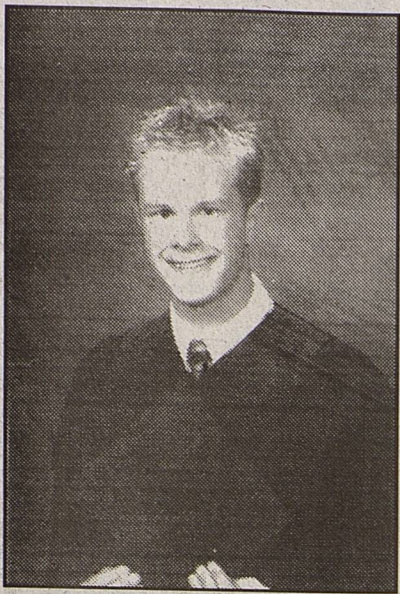


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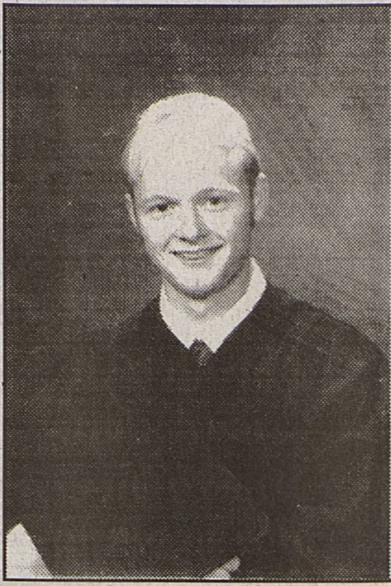
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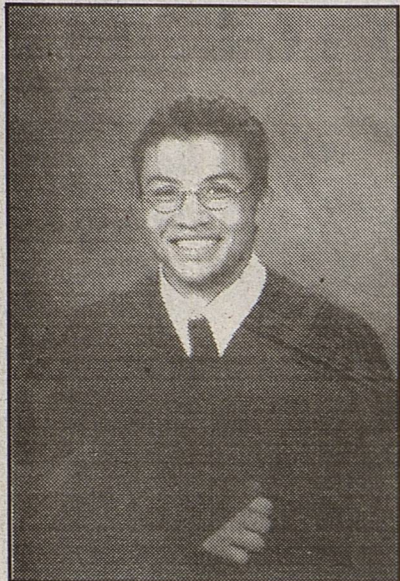
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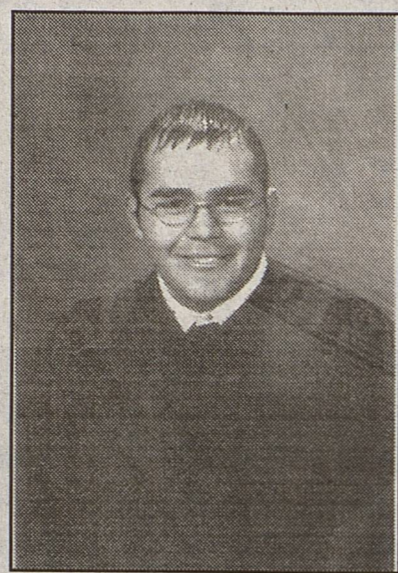
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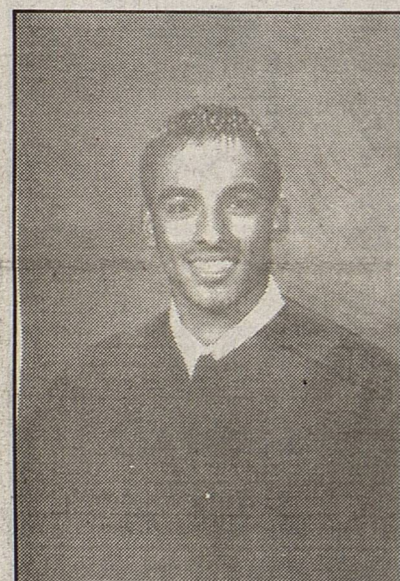
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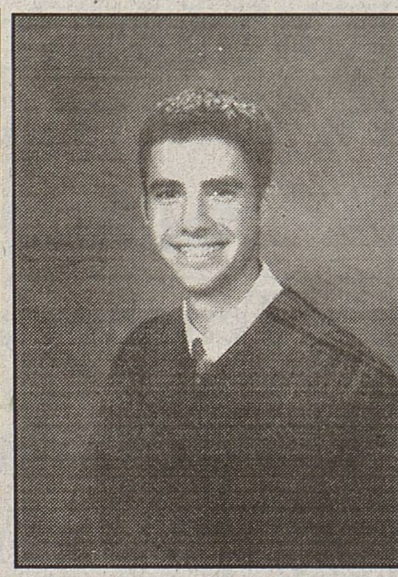
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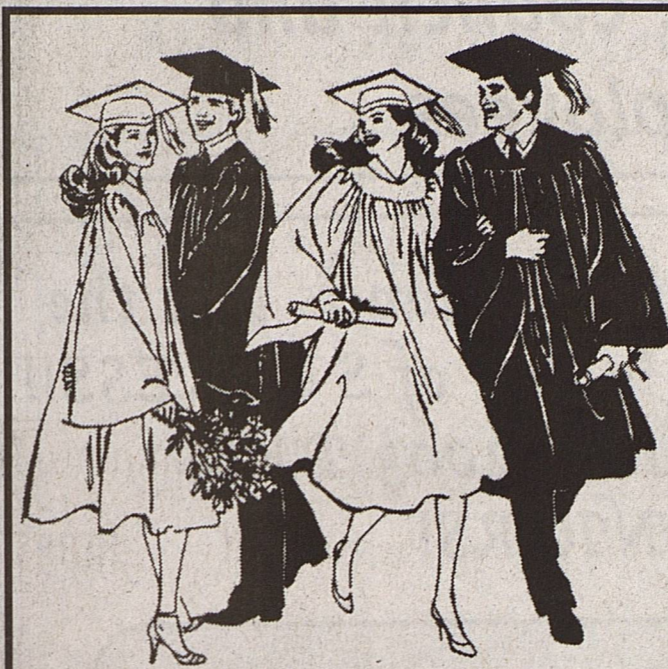
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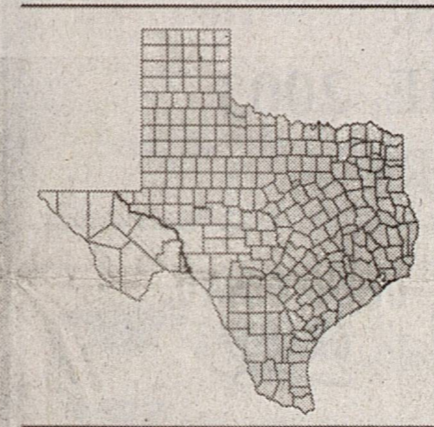


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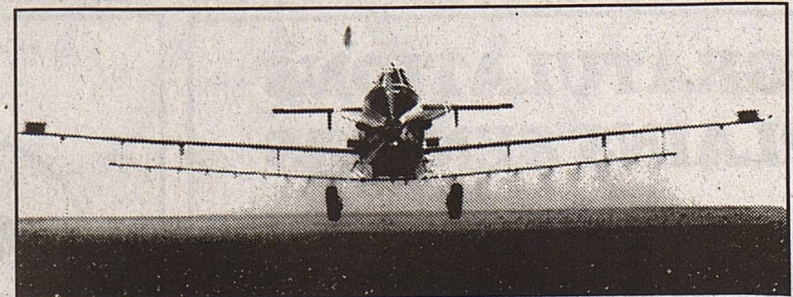
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**Salt Cedar
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This graphic depicts the area described in the article on page 3 detailing salt cedar tree infestation along the Texas portion of the Pecos River. On our last trip to Pecos, the river did have pot holes of water standing, but not running.

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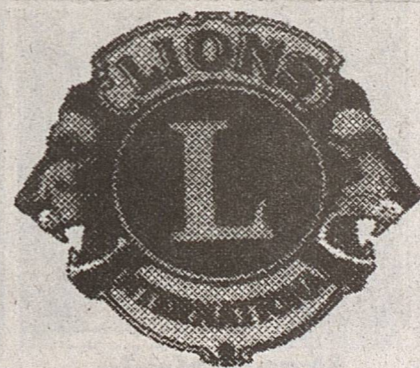
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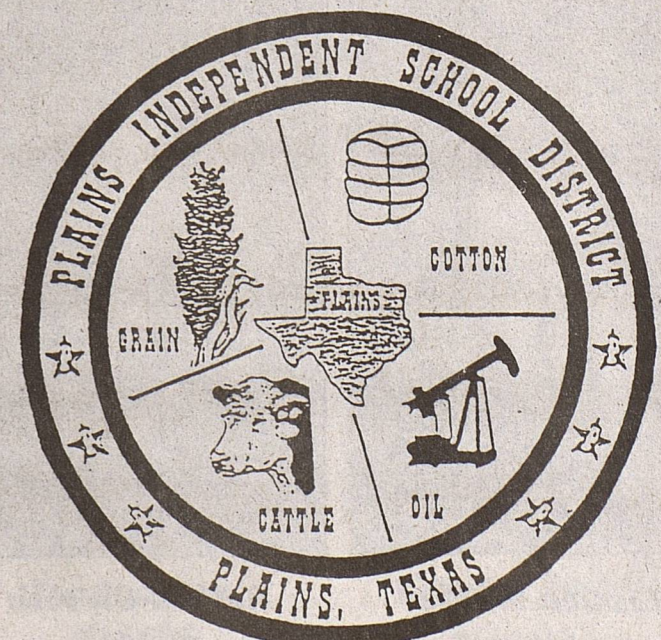


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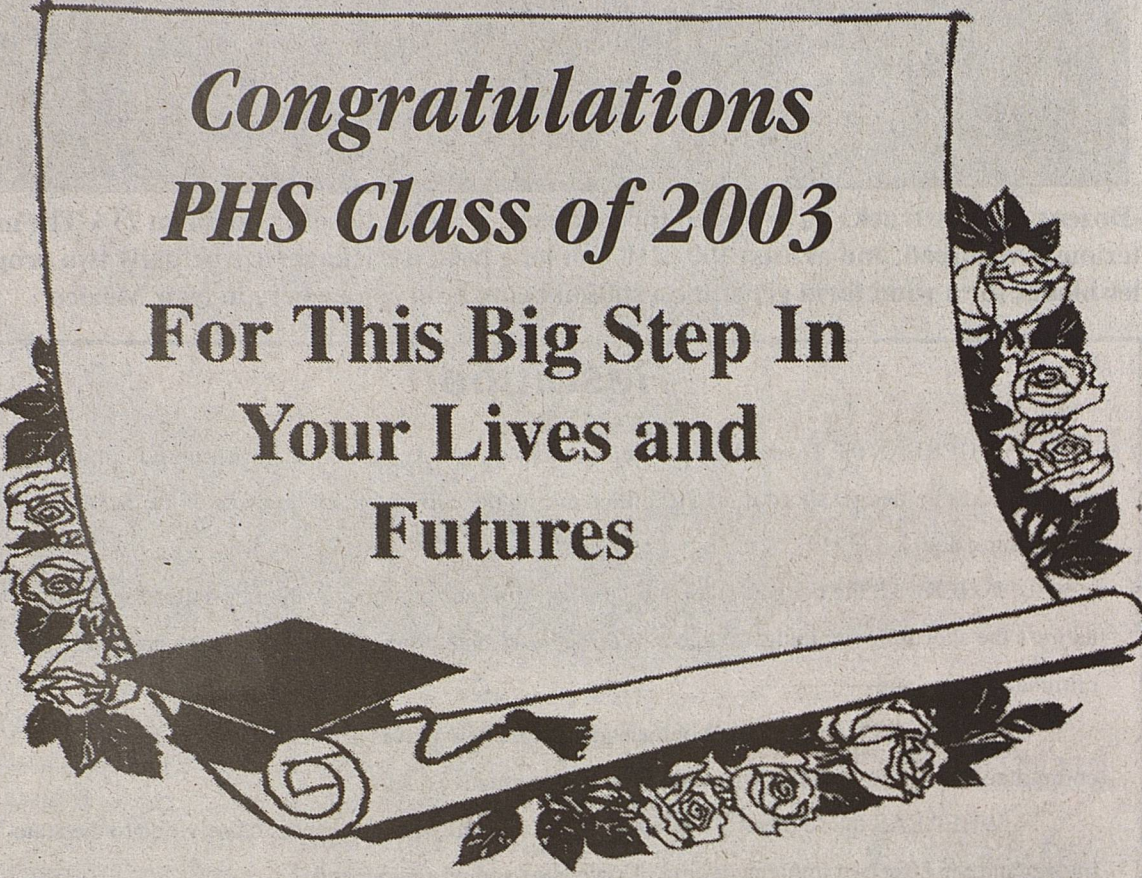
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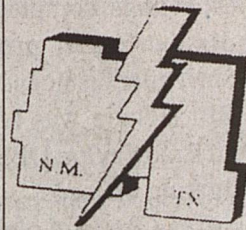
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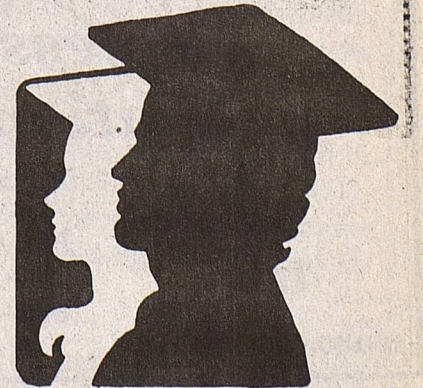
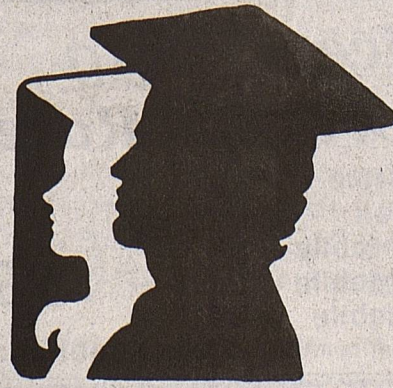
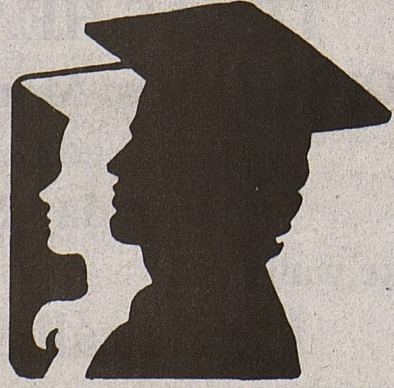
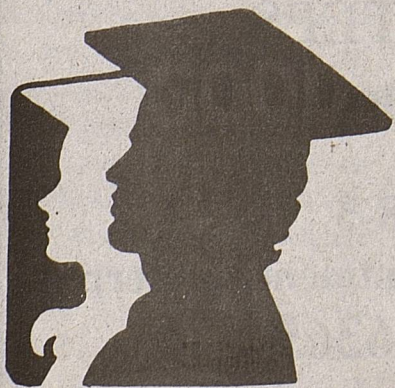
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Criminal cases heard in County Court

Seven criminal cases were heard in the May 21 session of County Court with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Joe Michael Martinez pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$211 court costs. Investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS.

Jesus Manuel Mendias also pled guilty of driving with suspended license. His fine was \$100, and he must pay \$211 court costs. Chris Malloy, DPS, was investigating officer.

Antonio Martinez Adame pled true and was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail, with credit for 65 days

served, from a prior assault causes bodily injury case. He must pay \$114 delinquent community supervision fees.

Steven Morenoplead guilty to a subsequent DWI, b.t. .119/.119. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$700., and must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 80 hours community service, He must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI repeat offender program, surrender his license 90 days, and complete the TAIP outpatient program

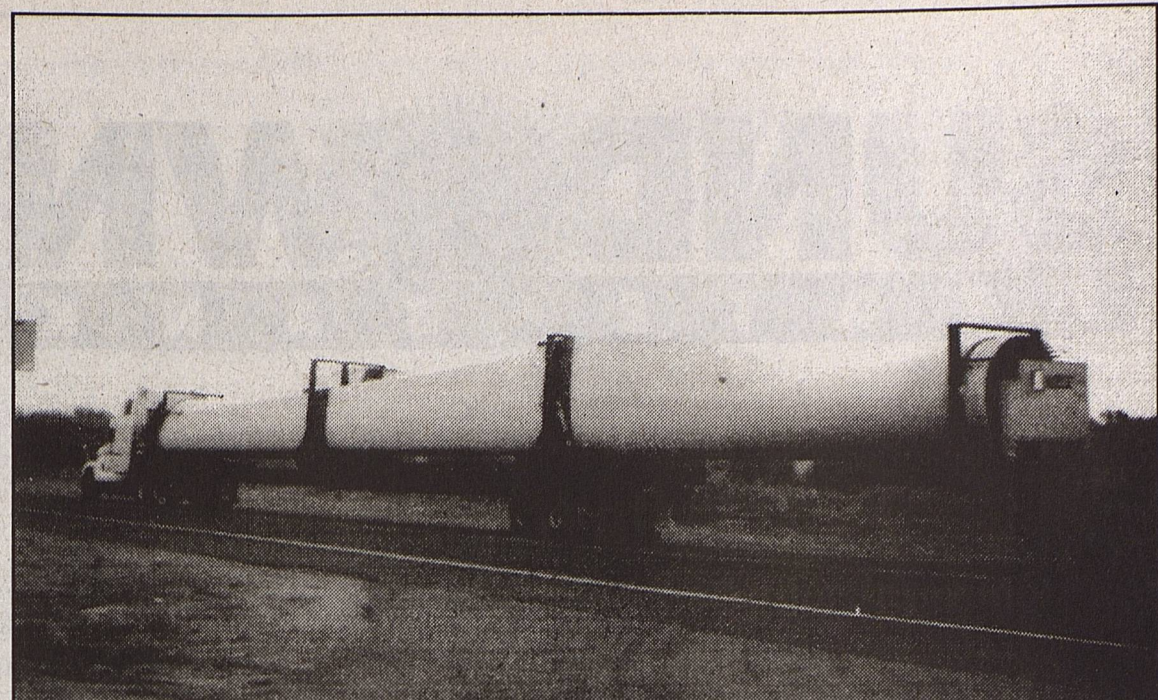
Dusty McCabe Funderburk pled guilty to criminal mischief. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, and must pay \$261 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, and pay \$199 restitution to Lionel Gonzalez. He will perform 24 hours community service. Chris Ballard, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

David Ross Baxley pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .114/.123. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and surrender his license one year. Bill Helwig was his attorney, and Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

Joseph Esparza Carranza pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred, must serve 12 months community supervision. He was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs and \$140 restitution to DPS. A Taurus .40 caliber firearm was forfeited. Don Walker was his attorney, and investigating officer was Deputy Curtis Coffman.

From Page 1, DISTRICT COURT

to DPS He will lose his license 180 days, must complete the drug offender education program, serve 320 hours community service. Investigating officer was Antonio De La Cruz



-Dozens of these trucks have passed through here recently, heading north on 214. The mysteriously wrapped, and at least 100 - 110 foot long freight packages are actually two propeller blades for a wind farm generation station being built somewhere in New Mexico

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*For Dawn Garland
Bride Elect of Josh Dean
Sunday, June 8, 2003
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AT: 1st Baptist Church, Plains, Texas*

The Plains Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held from June 2nd - June 27th. Meals will be provided in the Plains School cafeteria to children from ages 1 through 18, at 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to : Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P. O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

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Gerald Touchette of Mora, NM, and Johnny and Sandy Lawson of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Reyna, to Chris Willis, son of Tim and Kim Willis of Plains. The couple will marry June 28 in Plains Baptist Church. The bride-elect, a graduate of Coronado High School, is employed by Managed Care Center. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Plains High School, is self employed.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



As the recent military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have illustrated, the Cold War concept guiding the overseas basing for the U. S. military is obsolete. Yet the number, structure, and scope of our overseas bases are still largely aligned for the threat of Soviet aggression.

The process of when, how and why we base troops abroad is in need of a thorough examination to assure that our basing structure is adequate for the new security environment. As Chairman of the Senate Military Construction Subcommittee, I have proposed legislation to assess every overseas installation.

During the Cold War, our primary military mission was to defend our nation and our allies from the symmetric Soviet threat of aggression, and 'boots on the ground; in Europe and Asia allowed us to do just that. But even though the Cold War has been over for a decade, our nation still has 112,000 troops in Europe, 37,000 in Korea and 45,000 in Japan, largely in installations designed, devised, and intended for the threats of an earlier era. Training constraints are evident in many of these bases.

The Threats we face today, however, are largely asymmetric, such as terrorists groups or rogue states gaining weapons of mass destruction. Events of the past decade, especially since 9/11, have taught us that we need not only to maintain a military presence abroad, but also to be in a position to support contingencies where we have no permanent bases, such as in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Africa, and throughout the Middle East.

In the final analysis we may need more troops based overseas, not fewer, but clearly the

needs are different than they once were, and it is critical the United States move beyond the Cold War basing concepts.

This is not simply a matter of security, although that is sufficient concern, but also of assuring that taxpayer dollars are well and wisely spent. The Defense Department has requested \$174 million for Korea and \$284 million for Germany for new military construction next year, a large bill for a model in transition.

In South Korea, our soldiers often serve on the same patches of ground U.S. troops occupied when the Korean War ended in 1953. In Grafenwoehr, Germany, our troops train on tank and artillery ranges used by the Bavarian Army more than a century ago. The Army has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the complex in the past decade, even though the best training area consists of only 18,000 acres of land, a postage stamp compared to the 400,000 acres of maneuver area and ranges available at the National Training Center in California, or the more than one million acres at Fort Bliss' McGregor Range on the Texas-New Mexico border.

Further complicating matters, the Defense Department is preparing for another round of domestic base closures in 2005. As we scrutinize stateside military installations, we must take a look at our worldwide structure as well.

The legislation I introduced with my colleague Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), which has already been approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee, will create a congressional commission to take an objective and thorough look at our overseas basing structure.

The commission will consider

a host of criteria to determine whether our bases are prepared to meet our needs in the 21st Century. It will be comprised of national security and foreign affairs experts who will provide a comprehensive analysis of our worldwide base and force structure to the 2005 domestic Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission.

Such a review is timely. Some in the Pentagon have suggested the 2005 BRAC could result in the closure of nearly one out of every four domestic bases. But, if after a careful review, we reduce our overseas presence, we will need stateside bases to station returning troops. It is senseless to close bases on U.S. soil only to later realize that we made a costly, irrevocable mistake, a painful lesson we learned in the last round of closures.

Our national security strategy is shifting to take on the new threats facing our nation. The position of U.S. troops around the globe must reflect that thinking.

Yoakum County Crime Story

By Sheriff Don Corzine

The following is a true story which took place in Yoakum County. It's almost as if it came from the old TV show Dragnet. The names have been omitted to protect the innocent. The crime is usually ignored. The penalties can be severe and expensive.

The Yoakum County Sheriff's Department received a call from a landowner who reported a load of concrete rubble had been illegally dumped on his property. This wasn't the first time, and he was willing to file charges and was very upset about this incident.

Sheriff Don Corzine summarized the case as follows: "A homeowner hired a man to break out his old cracked concrete patio and replace it with a new one. The concrete man had a friend who owned a dump truck and who agreed to haul off the broken concrete. Two loads were properly disposed of, but the final load of concrete rubble was dumped on private property at the edge of an oil field lease and was reported to our department. Deputies traced the rubble back to its original location and to a subject who illegally dumped the old broken concrete onto private property, and the story unfolded."

Corzine points out illegal dumping of trash can result in charges ranging from a misdemeanor with up to a \$500 fine, to a third degree felony with fine up to \$10,000 and confinement in state penitentiary from two to ten years.

Corzine says that the person who dumps litter isn't always the only one who can be prosecuted for illegal dumping. Under certain conditions, the person who receives the trash, the one who transported it, and the one who initiated it can also be charged and is subject to the same penalty under law as the person who does the actual dumping.

There are numerous dumpsters

located in Denver City and Plains and around the county. These dumpsters are usually paid for by the property owners or renters. Yoakum County also maintains a public landfill located six miles north of Denver City and to the west of Hwy 214 for larger loads. The time, effort and expense necessary to properly dispose of litter is a small price to pay for keeping our county trash free and avoid-

ing prosecution for littering.

Help keep Texas and Yoakum County beautiful. Pitch in. Don't Litter! The results will pay big dividends. The consequences are certainly not worth it. Sheriff Corzine, the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Yoakum County will appreciate your assistance in keeping our county clean and beautiful (even if it is a little dry).

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. 22541

APPLICATION Yoakum County Cooperative Gin, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 22541 which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at the intersection of US 82 and FM 1622, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and unburned hydrocarbons.

The TCEQ received this application on May 5, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Yoakum County Courthouse, Avenue G and Cowboy Way, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Yoakum County Cooperative Gin, P.O. Box 489, Plains, Texas, 79355 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 476-8388.

From The Hack

According to an article in last Sunday's Lubbock A-J, the American Robin is a remarkable bird. You know, the 'red red robin comes bob-bob-bobbing along.'

The main thrust of the article was about famed naturalist Roland Wauer's impending visit to Lubbock, where he will be featured speaker at the Lubbock Chapter of the Audobon Society and discuss Mother Nature in the Big Bend.

But the overture in the article was about the American Robin, also referred to as robin red breast, robin's egg blue and other warm and fuzzy terms.

I would prefer to discuss the damnable, blacker-than-satan's-heart GRACKLES which infest our backyard.

The robin, Wauer says, can live up to 17 years under ideal conditions. My grackles live 32 years, and I suspicion are reincarnated to come back in the same size, shape and fashion. Robins can fly 17 - 32 MPH, while a grackle can only fly awkwardly 12 miles an hour but still elude the shotgun pellets I discharge at them.

Wauer says Robins have almost 3,000 feathers. Did he actually count them to come up with that average? I don't count grackle feathers - I'm more in-

terested in the body count.

The naturalist says Robin parents jointly feed their average four offsprings 356 times a day. I have never witnessed a grackle, male or female, doing anything 356 times a day, with the exception of squawking and pooping in the water pans I provide, principally for more civilized birds.

Robins are considered a song bird, but I confess I have never heard one offer a chirp... all I've witnessed is them tugging worms out of our yard when ever it's wet in the Spring.

Even God in all his Benevolence couldn't classify Grackles as song birds, unless you're into heavy-metal, down and dirty rock and sock screaming stuff.

I'd like to attend Wauer's lecture, and suggest he schedule another address on, "Why I hate grackles". I'd be there.

Memorial Day 2003

The day on which the following names should be placed upon Memorial plaques in each and every men's locker rooms in each and every site of each and every future Professional Golfers Association site from now to eternity:

Mark Brooks - 146
Joel Edwards - 146
Aaron Barber - 146
Bob Estes - 147
Geoff Ogilvey - 147
Dan Pohl - 147
Kevin Sutherland - 148
James McLean - 148
Craig Perks - 150
Scott McCarron - 150
Rod Curl - 154

These are the PGA golfers who did not survive the two round cut in last week's Colonial Memorial Tour-

namment in Fort Worth, among many more non-qualifiers. The point being, these guys, a number of whom are past PGA winners, were beaten by a FEMALE! One Anika Sorenstam from Sweden. They will suffer forever. They need to be remembered.

True, she did not survive the two round cut in the tough Colonial, but she amazed me. I am still not sure why she accepted the sponsor's nomination to get her in the Colonial against the best male golfers in the world.

She demonstrated this to me - she is an astounding golfer, despite her gender..... Beside that, she looks better than ANY male on the tour. This really put my mind in gear: "Is there any female golfer playing at the county course YOU can't beat?"

After tinkering with the odds, and the veracity of my response I had to admit, "Yes, unless the girls let me keep the score card." I think Anika's performance was great, it helped golf for both genders, it drew a huge attendance at the tourney, and incredible national TV coverage.

I wish I had been born a girl- my golfing abilities would have astounded, or confounded, the entire world. I'm sure my moral values would also be improved.

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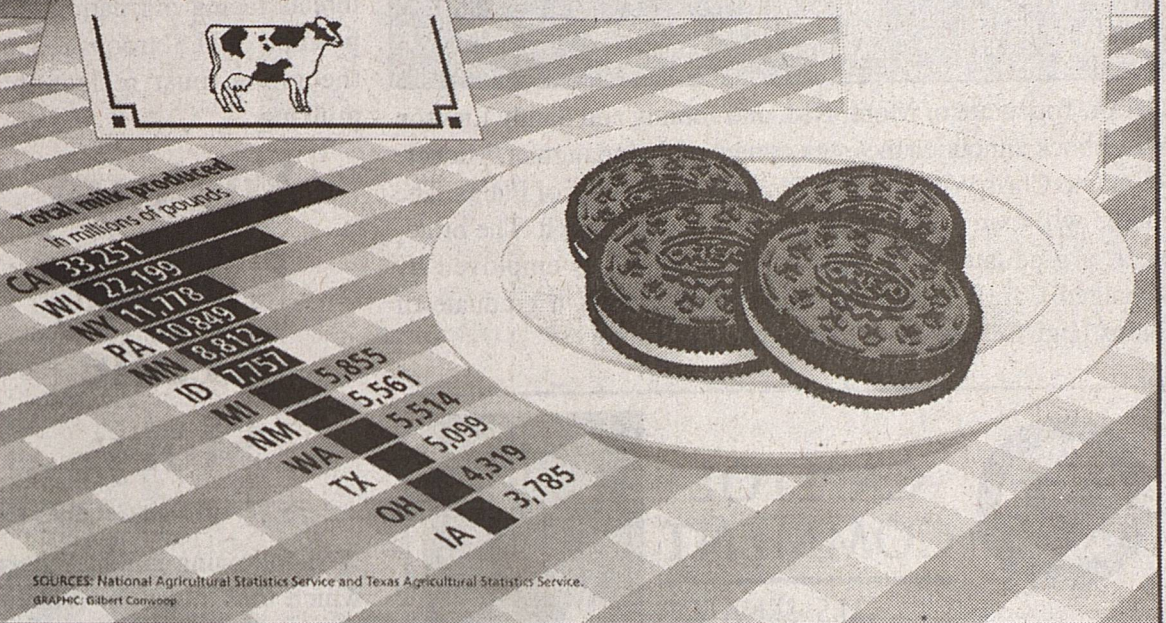
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