Cowboy Country News



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Agricultural water conservation spotlighted in Lubbock meeting

Well over 100 area agricultural producers, water district representatives and state government officials at a February 10 meeting in Lubbock agreed on the need for a concerted effort to conserve the vital assets of the Ogallala Aquifer - groundwater for every community and the agricultural industry throughout the Southern and High Plains.

A brainchild of State Senator Robert Duncan, and aptly named the Agricultural Water Conservation Demonstration Initiative, the senator said, " This can't be a government program to be successful. It needs to be your program." Attending the meeting representing Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District were Board President David Turnbough and Consultant Gary Walker. Walker explained in the last legislative session Senate Bill 1053 passed and freed up more money for ag water conservation research, much of it on producers lands, and overseen by the Texas Water Development Board. "Senator Duncan pointed out possible conservation steps are different from one producer to the next, because of the great diversity of irrigated crops grown Morton in this part of the state."

Senator Duncan wants producers in each county using Ogallala water to form county committees to gather conservation ideas appropraite for the majority of growers. County wide programs, District 4 Baseball: similar to the very successful Boll Weevil Eradication Districts Plains could effectively determine each areas use of groundwater, and Morton how it could be conserved.

A state water board official told the audience currently almost O'Donnell sixty percent of all water used in the state is used in agriculture. He Smyer warned if strong conservation practices are not put in place now, Whiteface current irrigation usage cannot long continue. Gary Walker told District 4 UIL Spring Meet CCN, "We know the level of the Ogallala Aquifer is falling. and Cross Country: We've got to get our local people, our producers involved in Plains initiating conservation programs. If we don't, the aquifer will Anton continue to decline and the decline will escalate."

During the meeting more efficient center pivot and drip irriga- Springlake-Earth tion projects were discussed. A number of producers indicated Farwell they were very interested in drip irrigation systems, but the Hart costivity of the systems prevented many growers from utilizing Kress the underground method of irrigating.

Duncan stressed local water boards, government agencies and Smyer producers must work together, and the success of any conserva- Sudan tion program will occur only when the aquifer level stops falling.

Plains ISD faces new UIL alignments

The Plains School District will havesome new district competition in sports and other UIL events, and thankfully, will not have any great distances to travel compared to the alignments of just a few years ago. District 6 Football: (numbers by towns indicates high school enrollment)

Plains - 156 Morton - 167 O'Donnell - 118 Smyer - 113

Sundown - 162 Whiteface - 144

District 4 Basketball:

Anton Smyer Sundown

Whiteface

New Home

Morton Sundown

A Winter Wonderland ----- Briefly



Last Thursday and Friday's brief snow showers gave the city and surroundings the wintry look of a Christmas card scene. While the possible two inches of snow did produce some badly needed moisture, ag producers could have used much more. The snow was mostly melted by Saturday afternoon.

City calls for Special Election

The City Council for the City of Plains has passed an ordinance calling for a Special to vote for or against the following measure:

use tax within the City for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of 1/2 of one percent."

The Special Election will be conducted on MAY 15, 2004, and will be combined with the General Election for municipal officers to be conducted on that date. Both elections will be held in City of Plains City Hall, located at 1015 Avenue F, Plains, Texas.

City Administrator Ed Hansen tenance and operating costs. told CCN the current state and city sales and use tax totals 7.25 percent, with the City getting one percent of that total. In the last fiscal year period, October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, the City of Plains received

percent tax, funds deposited in the general fund for city operations. In the upcoming election, Election to be held in the City. if voters approve the half-cent The Special Election is called sales tax increase, and local for the purpose of submitting sales and use revenues remain to all qualified voters of the about the same level, some \$17 City of Plains the opportunity to \$18 thousand dollars would be raised. The one-half percent tax increase funds would be "The adoption of a sales and used solely for economic development efforts in the city.

> If the sales tax issue is approved in the May 15 election, the City Council must determine what type of Economic Development Corporation would be created, a 4A or 4B. 4A Corporations are primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development, with a focus on job creation, retention and training, the acquisition of land, buildings and equipment, with possible funding for main-

4B Corporations provide cities with wider ranges of uses including quality of life improvements, such as affordable housing, tourism, entertainment facilities, retail stores and restaurants, with cities assisting about \$35,000 from the one with streets, roads, utilities,

public safety facilities, or any project the corporation board determines will promote development of an expanded business enterprise.

Under 4A corporation rules, the city council would appoint a five member board of directors with a term of office not to exceed six years. Under 4B rules, the council would appoint seven directors, three of which may not be city employees or council members. The other four members may be, but are not required to be council members or employees.

If local voters approve the tax increase, it would become effective one complete calendar quarter from the date the State Comptroller office receives notice of voters approval.

In the regular meeting of the City Council February 9, Council member Christi Brink moved to form an economic development committee to further explore the issue. Appointed members of the committee include Sonnie Stevens, Elsa Moya, Debbie Smith, Toni Jones, and Council member Steven Alldredge.

Whiteface Ribbon cutting at The Learning Center, home of Yoakum County Family Literacy



Judy London and Director Kathy Clark wield the scissors in ribbon cutting ceremony last week at Denver City's Learning Center. The event was organized by the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and attended by the Red Coat Ambassadors.

ing Center in the old Denver City Elementary building was jam packed last Thursday evening with students, supporters and well wishers, celebrating the opening of the campus building now crammed with brand new computers, software to possibly raise funding for about \$5000 of

The recently refurbished and re-supplied Learn- ing remarks, Director Kathy Clark recognized the efforts of Judy London which made acquiring the technology equipment possible. "Judy assisted in preparing a grant request for Work Source of the South Plains staff. We had hoped and all types of high-tech gadgetry. In welcom- equipment. Turn to page 3, Learning Center

19th Annual Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Friday, 7 PM, February 20 School Cafeteria - Barbecue Dinner by Johnnie's BBQ, Odessa \$7 per person Guest Speaker Dr. Steven L. Smith **Lots Of Door Prizes!** Please Join Us, and Bring Friends or Family!

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Neugebauer fights for West Texas vets health care

Washington, DC-The CARES as it was when I first became commission relased its recom- involved in this effort. We have mendation recently to do a fea- always said this was a process sibility study to determine the and today is a mile marker in future of the Big Spring VA that process. The recommenda-Hospital. Congressman Randy tion is to go forward with the Neugebauer responded to the feasibility study to determine if recommendation;

Big Spring is the right facility "I still maintain the VA Hos- to continue to provide quality pital in Big Spring is the best care to our veterans - and it is. possible place to serve the vet- Big Spring currently serves a erans in the service area. My veteran population of approxiresolve on this issue is as strong mately 62,300 veterans and

provides healthcare service to some 17,000 veterans annually. We shouldn't tell these veterans to drive hundreds of miles further. The Big Spring market is expansive, encompassing roughly 74,000 square miles, a mostly rural area larger than 35 of the 50 states.

Our veterans deserve the best quality health care we can give them, but how good is that care, if it is not as readily accessible as it is in Big Spring? If Secretary Principi agrees with the realignment. plan to go forward, I firmly believe the study will be an op-

portunity to show the Big Spring VA Hospital can continue to provide the best quality care for veterans, which is really what it's all about. I look forward to working with the leadership in the community to make that case."

VA Secretary Anthony Principi has 30 days to review the proposal and to accept or reject it. The VA Hospitals in Waco and Kerrville have been recommended for complete campus

To the VOTERS of Precinct 3:

As I begin my fourth year as a member of Yoakum County Commissioners Court, I would like to thank all of my supporters for placing their trust in me.

This has been an exciting time in my life and I am working with some very dedicated and sincere county personnel. During these last three years, a number of improvements have been made:

* New bath house was constructed for Plains Swimming Pool.

* Miles of roads have been updated and more are planned.

* Several streets in Denver City have been re-constructed after curbs and gutters have been installed.

* New press box for Plains Rodeo Arena was installed. * Improvements were made to Stock Show Barns.

Exercise trail and play equipment built for Stanford Park in

* Cooperated with Plains and Denver City in their clean up efforts.

I look forward to achieving more goals with my excellent, efficient and hard working employees in the years to come. Therefore, your support and consideration are necessary in the March 9th Primary election. My name is in the number three spot on the ballot. Early voting begins February 23rd at the Courthouse Clerk's office in Plains and the County Tax Assessor's office in Denver City. March 9th Primary voting will take place at the County Library in Denver City.

Again, I need and THANK YOU for your continued support.

Ty Earl Powell Pol. Ad Paid For By Ty Earl Powell, Plains, TX

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of \$500. cases heard and bonds set in Two cases - motion to revoke Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, probation, held until hearing. Judge Melba Crutcher presid-

ing. Cases filed: 150 traffic, 4 minors in possession of alcohol, 4 open containers alcohol in vehicle, 6 complaints by Yoakum County Sanitarian. Bonds Set:

Four possession of marijuana, \$500.

Contempt of court/non-payment child support (Tarrant County) \$1200 cash bond. Unlawfully carrying weapon,

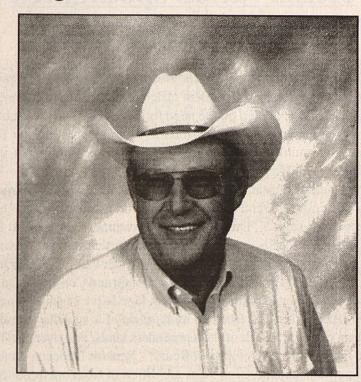
\$1000.

Abandoning a child, \$7,500. Evading arrest/detention with vehicle, held for Border Patrol. Driving while license suspended, \$500.

DWI with child under 15 years of age, \$3000. DWI, 2nd, \$1500 plus inter-

False report to police officer,

Please Re - Elect Ty Earl Powell



Democratic Candidate March 9, 2004

Commissioner Ptc. 3

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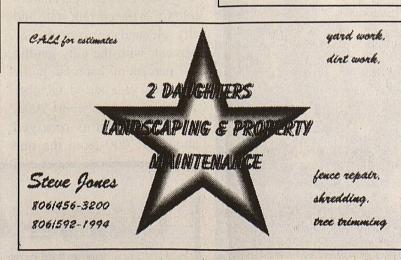
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Insect Exposition Planned

South Plains 3rd through 5th to all 3rd through 5th grade stugrade students will have a unique opportunity to learn currently 22 schools and over about insects and their relatives 1,150 students have registered as the Entomological Society of America holds an Insect Exposition as part of its first meet- register your students (public, ing in Lubbock since 1982. The private, or home school), con-Insect Expo is designed to let tact Scott Russell at 806/637students see, touch, and learn 8792. Space is limited, and only about insects as they participate a few time slots are left for stuin a wide variety of lessons and dents to attend. activities conducted by profesaway as Oklahoma.

the Commercial Exhibits depart by 3:00 pm.

dents on the South Plains, and to attend the event.

For more information, or to

The Insect Expo is intended to sional entomologists and uni- be a self-guided, interactive versity students from as far learning experience with direct interaction with the exhibitors. The Southwestern Branch of Each school group is scheduled the Entomological Society of to spend three hours at the In-America will conduct the Insect sect Expo. Schools will begin Exposition at the Panhandle arriving at 9:00 am., and the last South Plains Fair Grounds in ones will arrive at noon and

Building, February 23, 2004. Adonation of \$1.00 per student This year's Insect Expo is open is suggested but not required.

More Learning Center Photos

Source people, the more interers with student headphones for ested they became, and with ad- learning instructions ditional help from the D.C. School District, Commission-Regior 17 Adult Cooperative, we ended up receiving almost tance!"

Goal 🐁

has been active in Denver City ers Court, the United Fund and more than 12 years. The Center is staffed by four instructors plus an evening instructor. \$140 thousand worth of equip- Families from Plains and Denment and connectivity assis- ver City are encouraged to participate in a number of learn-The Learning Center Lab on ing options; Earning a GED, the south end of the building English as a Second Language, has over two dozen brand new Citizenship, Adult Education, computers for student use. An-skilled Parenting,, and various other learning room features life skills. Some 108 families

The Learning Center Computer Lab, being checked out by Instructor Linda Harris. Another

half dozen or more computers are not shown in this photo. The Computer Lab equipment is

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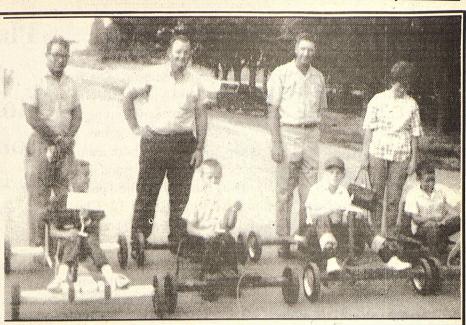
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available to the public when the Learning Center is open for business.

The more she talked to Work almost a dozen more comput- from the two communities now have members receiving some type instruction at the Center. The family literacy program Many of the Plains students ride the Spartan public transportation bus to the Center, and many of the women take their young children along, where they are provided supervised care by the Center staff.

> The new computers in the spacious lab are available to the general public during hours the Center is open. Instruction is available, with full access to the Internet and e-mail.

While this old photo did not scan too well, it does depict what was apparently an epic event some years back - kids racing down the hill by the swimming pool and Stanford Park. Proud race car owners and their highly skilled drivers shown left to right are Gayle and Ron Craft, Jack and Brad Palmer, the late 'Smoke' and Kenny Altman, and an unidentified lady and her driver.



Criminal cases in County Court

Ten cases were heard in County Court February 11, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Bonnie Lee Hennington pled guilty to a first DWI, open container, breath test refused. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs, \$200 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. She will spend six days in jail with credit for three days, serve 24 hours community service, complete the DWI first offender program and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Warren New was her attorney, and Robert Smith, DPS, was investigating officer.

Ramon Villa pled true, and his community supervision from a prior marijuana possession cause was revoked. He will spend 90 days in jail with credit for 13 served. Bill Helwig was his attorney.

Marcos Leos Dominguez pled guilty to consumption of alcoho by a minor, 3rd enhanced.

He was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs, spend 14 days in jail with credit for 4, and surrender his license 180 days. Criminal trespass of a habitation was dismissed. Robert Smith, DPS, was investigating officer.

Christopher Scott Dolloff pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was fined \$100, must pay \$241 court costs. Robert Smith, DPS, was investigating officer.

Tony Joe Diaz pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$241

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court costs. Robert Munsell, DPS, was investigating officer.

Marcos Herrera Hernandez pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury to family member. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$211 court costs, \$200 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He must complete the batterers prevention program, attend weekly AA meetings, and pay \$50 supervision fee. Bill Helwig was his attorney and Sheriff Deputy Kenley Powell was investigating officer.

Veronica Alcorta Torres pled guilty to deadly conduct. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$200 appointed attorney fees, \$255 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. She must complete the 'For Kids Sake' program, and serve 50 hours community service. Sheriff Deputy Namcy Baize was investigating officer, and Paul Mansur was her attorney.

Alejandro Nunez Gonzales pled guilty to marijuana possession, less than two ounces. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$211 court costs, and surrender his license 180

days. Carmen Medrano, DPS, was investigating officer.

David Jay Davila pled guitly to a second DWI, b.t. .133/.128. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600, must pay\$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He must attend weekly AA meetings, serve 80 hours community service, complete the repeat offenders DWI program, the TAIP program, and surrender his license 90 days. Barry Crutchfield was his attorney, and Robert Smith, DPS, was investigating officer.

Dorsie Charles Burse Jr. pled guilty to second DWI, open container, b.t. 161/.151. He was fined \$750, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 10 days in jail with credit for one day, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the repeat offender DWI program, pay \$50 monthly supervision fees, surrender his license 90 days, and complete the TAIP program. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS, and Barry Crutchfield was his attorney



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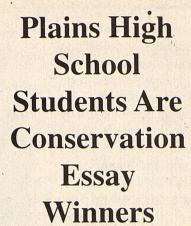
PISD Sports Capsule

Jr. High Girls:

Both the 7th and 8th Lady Wranglers had great seasons. The 7th girls had 10 wins and 6 losses, and were 6 and 4 in district play. The 8th Lady Wranglers were even more impressive, going 15 and 2 in the season, and won all ten of their district games to claim the district championship. Congratulations to both teams. 7th Boys: The young Wranglers ended their season in grand fashion by defeating Smyer 38-24. Halfway through the third period it was a tied game. Scoring were Zack Ramon with 12, Chris Addison 11, A.J. Martinez 10, Derek Garza 5. Coach Davis said, "After Chris Gonzales broke his arm during our tournament I was concerned how the team would respond. He was our leading scorer. They esponded admirably, with three consecutive wins for a 11 and 5 season and second place in district play." Season scoring records included Gonzales and Addison tied with 114 each, Martinez 65, Ramon 63, Garza 43, Skylar Sainz 32, Dylan Hunter 18, Holden Welch 5. They outscored opponents 454-383. JV Cowboys: The Cowboys downed Smyer on the road 41-19. Coach Brink said the Cowboy press led to their out scoring the Bobcats 21-3 the 4th period. Scott Addison and T.J. Cordova led scoring with 10 points each, B.J. Lester and Todd Williams had 6 each, Landon Craft 4, Blake Parrish 3, Michael Therwhanger

Varsity Cowgirls: The Cowgirls were downed by Smyer 70-26 in their season finale. Coach Thaggard credited the girls hard work and dedication resulting in a season which was an improvement over last year. She expressed her appreciation to the senior team members for their leadership, and is looking forward to next year, hopeing for further improvements.

Varsity Cowboys: The Cowboys earlier had defeated Smyer, but in the second meeting there they fell 56-36. Coach Davis said cold shooting throughout the game spelled their doom. Zach Broome managed 11 points, Richard Diaz 9, Evan Cain 7, Brandon Hise 4, Kerry Sisson 3, Brandon Davis 2.



Each year, the Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to sponsor the Conservation Essay contest for area students age 18 and under. This year's theme was The Living

The 2004 Conservation Essay winners from left to right are Kerry Sisson (Junior) - 1st place; LaShonda Diamond (Senior) - 2nd place; and Kristian Morales (Junior) - 3rd place.

Also pictured is Melisa Dorsett, Plains High School English teacher, who made the writing of the conservation essay a graded assignment for her students Kerry and LaShonda and who also took the time and

interest to review Kristian's essay, who is in another English class. These students will be presented a \$100, \$50 and \$25 dollar savings bond from the Yoakum SWCD for their win-

ning efforts. Denver City Science teacher and Linda Powell of Plains for standing and appreciation of

judging the essays.

Yoakum SWCD Chairman Don Burgess says, "Our thanks again to those teachers, administrators, parents and students for being a part of this year's Conservation Essay Contest. Thanks also to Mr. Bill Mock, The three winning essays demonstrated a positive under-

the irreplaceable value of soil as our most valuable natural resource."

Kerry's winning essay will be forwarded to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in Temple for state com-

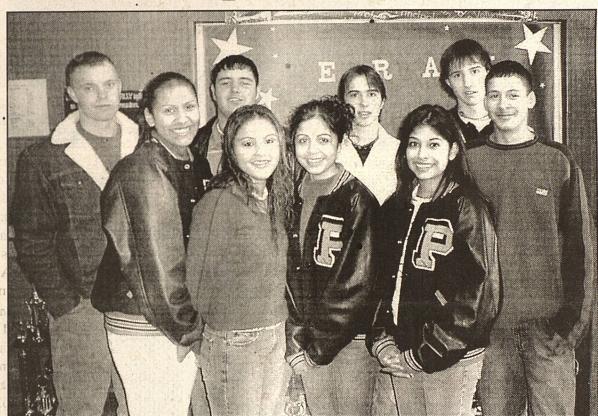


Scientists report that elevated manganese exposure from welding rod fumes has been associated with Parkinsonism (like Parkinson's disease) and manganism. Symptons include shakiness, distorted facial expression, loss of equilibrium, decreased hand agility, difficulty walking, joint pain, loss of short term memory, slurred/slow speech, stiffness in muscles and tremors. If you have experienced any of these problems, call us today toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation to evaluate your potential claim. We practice law consultation to evaluate your potential claim. We practice only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U

PISD TAKS Tip of the Week



Tech Prep Job Shadowing



Nine Plains High juniors participated in the annual Groundhog Day Job Shadowing Event sponsored by South Plains College Tech Prep on February 4. These students were allowed to follow professionals through the day to learn what that professional does on a daily basis.

Aldo Fierro, Prisma Ortiz and Jesenia Suarez shadowed a veterinarian in Lamesa; Scott Bruton shadowed a pilot in Levelland; Breck Hamm, Brandon Hise, Brant Huerta and Daniela Lazos shadowed medical professionals in Lubbock, and Micaela Villegas shadowed

a cosmetologist in Lubbock. Front, L-R, Jesenia Suarez, Prisma Ortiz, Micaela Villegas, Daniela Lazos. Back, Scott Bruton, Brant Huerta, Breck Hamm, Aldo Fierro, Brandon

Test Taking Tip:

the end of an article's main points.

English - Summary

Parents, have your student read an article in the newspaper or a magazine. Ask your student to summarize the article for you. A

summary tells the beginning, middle and

Keep a positive attitude throughout the . whole test and try to stay relaxed. If you start to feel nervous, take a few deep breaths to relax.

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Grades 4 & 7 - Writing Test

Grade 9 - Reading

Language Arts

Grade 3 - Reading

Grades 10-11 - English

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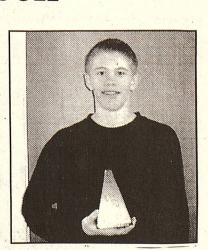
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Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Landon Craft, a freshman and the son of Ron and Sandy Craft. He was nominated by Mrs. Lusk, who said, "He is a strong leader in and out of the classroom who sets very high standards and goals for himself and those around him. He is not afraid to ask questions, and uses his time wisely. He not only wants to know how to work a problem, he has a thirst for knowledge allowing him to completely understand a con-



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Senior Citizens Corner

nition: A rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined. EXAMPLE: Removing the Ten Commandments from the courthouse while making people in court swear to 'tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you Bible!

Robert Matthews was a luncheon guest this week. Robert lives in Seminole and says he is glad when his business dictates that he be in Denver City at lunchtime because he always enjoys the lunches he has at our Center, June Anderson also joined us one day as a guest of Dorothy Anderson.

Our thanks to Pat Altman, Moray Clark, Melba Gayle, and Jean Sparks for the valentine decorations in the dining room that make us aware of the holiday this week. We also appreciate Lane and Harley taking care of the announcements as well as Ken White and Moray Clark being responsible for the check in desk the past two weeks.

Melba Gayle and Wanda Black have been busily cleaning out the miscellaneous supply cabinets in the office this week. We hear the shredder grinding away and things are shaping up nicely. Thanks, ladies. This effort kicks off a thorough cleaning campaign throughout the records, and a duplicate letter adjoining rooms and supply will be mailed to the family of closets. Monday (Feb 16) is D- the deceased. Day! Please come in early and help the Site Council ladies with this tremendous task. Men are also needed to help with lifting and moving boxes.

As we start organizing for another garage sale, you are encouraged to bring items that you no longer use. We will keep a record of your contribution of articles, excluding clothing, worth over \$5. Please contact someone in the office when you bring them in. You will be given a receipt if you need one. There will also be a record kept of the sale of each item.

Reports came in from a successful senior van excursion to Hobbs this week. The group reported visiting Walmart and the Dollar Tree then proceeded to Furrs where everyone enjoyed a lovely meal, and they were back in Denver City by

What is an oxymoron? Defi- 7:00 pm. Those making the journey this time were Jean Sparks, Genevieve Gordy, Maurine Wehrend, Edith Clements, and Arthur Hall. Sylvia Lozano, our dependable van driver, made sure everyone got the items they wanted and enjoy their trip. If you are interested in making this monthly God', while their hand is on the trip to some town outside of Denver City, contact Sylvia or let the office personnel know of your desires.

News from Rene Carrasco is that he has been moved to McDoanld House now and is hoping to return home by the middle of this month. We look forward to having the family reunited again in Denver City and to having Gloria back at her usual position in the office.

A sign up sheet is laid out for you to place your name on if you are interested in attending a Defensive Driving class this year. If it has been three years since you attended the last one, you need to attend class again this year. The date will be determined as soon as we have a list of those who want to be part of the class.

In lieu of flowers for a departed loved one, you may wish to make a contribution to the Senior Center family, this is the method used by some and it is greatly appreciated. Notes of receipt and appreciation will be sent to you for your income tax

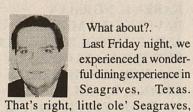
Was your New Year's resolution something about losing weight? You may want to try this. <rs. Smith went to her doctor for instructions on how to lose weight. The doctor told her, "You eat all you want for two days, then skip the whole third day. Continue this for three weeks and come back. You should lose at least five pounds." Three weeks later Mrs. Smith weighed in at thirty pounds less than before. When the doctor asked how she had managed to lose so much, she replied, "I did what you said. I ate for two days but I got really tired every third day when I skipped all day."

Thought for Today: You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stopped laughing."

Local Runs For Miss Lubbock



Ashley Brooke Vantine daughter of John and Lori Matus, Granddaughter of Jeannette and Jerome Head is a contestant in the Miss Lubbock USA Pageant. Ashley is an 18 year old senior at Plains High School. She is vice president of the student council, captain of the cross country team, a member of the basketball and track teams and this years reigning Plains Rodeo Queen. She was also a member of One Act Play, winning an individual award at district. She is a very active singer, winning many awards in the surrounding area. She is a graduate of Robert Speance and Barbizon modeling schools. Ashley's goals after high school are to pursue her singing/modeling careers. Ashley has two sisters Shyann, an 11 year old at Plains Jr. High and Sharla a 20 year old serving in the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. Ashley is entering the Miss Lubbock pageant to reach a bigger audience and broaden her horizons. Anyone interested in helping her active goal in becoming the next Miss Lubbock USA, please call 592-1528.



Everyone know's that Mark Harper is

back as the Chef and operator of the

Historic Cherry Blossom Inn. (I think

I heard he was one of the original chef's

Beth and I and Dorothy Cox went

down to experience the Friday night

buffet. I had spoke with Mark on a

couple of occasions and heard all the

grand things he had hoped to accom-

The fish was very, very tender AND

great. It was hot and brought directly

to our table. Of course, it being "all you

can eat" we all brought a hearty appe-

tite. When they said for three of us they

brought out only 6 pieces the first time,

Let me tell you, they only brought out

six pieces, but we never needed more!

AND they brought out shrimp with it.

Of course, again they limited us to only

one plate of shrimp. I was heart bro-

The only thing we got from the buffet

were red beans, salad, coleslaw, and

ken, but never needed more either!

plish, but never expected this.

I thought that was a joke.

It was delicious!

when it reopened several years ago.)

What about?. chicken soup. (Yeah, I know, Last Friday night, we CHICKEN SOUP! YUK!) experienced a wonder-The chicken soup though was a won-

ful dining experience in der to eat. It had the fullest flavor I have Seagraves, Texas. ever had and noodles were great. The red beans had a different seasoning, but was very delicious. I really

> enjoyed my bowl of them. The coleslaw sure wasn't the Colonel's either. This had stuff in it that I had never seen mixed such as this, but the

flavor was out of this world! Oh, yes, the hushpuppies were not the little things you usually get. These were huge, round and totally wonderful!

AND on top of all this, they brought out this huge tray of tempting deserts. It looked like something from Dallas or a fancy place in Lubbock! I didn't remember what I got, but it was great

So, think about it, when Valentine's Day comes around next Friday night and you need a place to 'show off' for the wife or spouse, be sure to remember the Historic Cherry Blossom Inn in Seagraves, TX. (and don't forget the rooms they have either. They are very

Until Next Time! Mark A. Jones

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TSA MO GA Club **Fetes 2004 Seniors**

track coach and teacher Evertt McAdams addressed the Class of 2004 at a senior dinner hosted by TSA MO GA club members February 9 for its "LEADS, Accepting the Challenge" program.

Accompanied by his wife Estelle and his mother, Mrs. Lucy McAdams, a federation club member from Odessa, McAdams praised TSA MO GA members and other federation clubs for their work in the world.

"Your work is known nationally and God has used you to do many things," McAdams said. "In doing that work you unite, and when you do, all things can become a reality."

McAdams tied that work into being part of a team and giving of yourself for your teammates. He also stressed the importance of being a good American citizen and allowing God to be the you." center of that goal.

"God was important to early leaders. The people who set up our country believed in God. Those men believed like I feel most Americans feel, God plays a part in each of our lives," he said.

McAdams said that the words of Daniel Webster, U.S. Senator from 1827-1850, fits America: "Let our objective be our country, our whole country,

Retired Plains High School and nothing but our country. And by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a fast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but wisdom, of peace, and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever." He also quoted Patrick Henry. "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason people of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

> The coach ended with special words for the class members: "God has made a special plan for each of you. Step into the world and face many trials. If you trust in Him you will be taken care of and be blessed. You are special. God bless

> Club member Michele Jones recognized guests and asked senior class members to introduce themselves and give their plans following graduation. She also introduced special guests and the McAdams.

> Member served lasagne, salad, bread and cobbler, and the club house was decorated in a special patriotic theme of red, white and blue.

Connection Officers Elected

Yoakum County Connection met for its regular meeting on February 9 at 6:00 pm., at the Connection Building. A note of thanks from Plains Band Director Georgannn Weisgerber was read. The PHS Ensemble played for the annual meeting in January. Elsa Moya read the minutes and was re-elected as Secretary for the group. Other officers elected included Ed Hansen as Chairman, Sue Holder as V-Chairman and Treasurer Esme Salas. L.J. Sanders will continue as Assistant Treasurer. There are currently 37 paid memberships from individuals or businesses. Dues will be paid for Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts and Texas Accounts and Lawyers for the Arts. Melvin Dearing was appointed to the board and honorary directors elected include Sanders, Janie Ramos, Bill Helwig, Debbie Pollard, Dallas Brewer, Connie Webb, Debbie Rushing, Carolyn Culwell, Dennis Harrison, Jeannette Head, Linda Powell and Pam Burgess. Outgoing Chair LeAnn Romines reported that the DCHS Art Show will be in May this year. It was announced the Plains Chamber of Commerce banquet is February 20 and Denver City Chamber of Commerce has their banquet on February 23.

> Wedding Shower, honoring Mrs. Toni Morrow Bride of Lance Morrow

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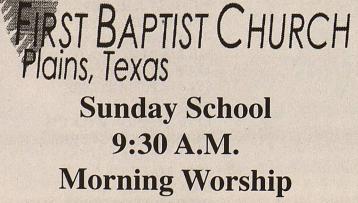
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From Hack

OK, time to raise the ire of some of our blonde lady friends; A young blonde owned two pet dogs which she had named 'Timex' and 'Rolex'. A female friend saw the dogs the first time and inquired, "Why in the world you name them Timex and Rolex? Those aren't dog names!"

The dog owner pouted a bit and said, "Helllooo, haven't you heard of WATCH dogs?"

Wednesday, February 11, just minutes into the 6 PM afternoon news, I began to hear the sound, and it gradually grew louder, quickly drowning out the audio of Channel 13's afternoon news broadcast. I could tell the sound was moving closer, deeper by the minute. I knew what it had to be, we hear it virtually every week, the sound of F-16 Air Force fighter jets stationed at Canon Air Force Base, Clovis New Mexico, maneuvering against one another in the art of deadly air combat. The sound always excites me..... the sound of a combat aircraft and pilot training to wage war against those dedicated to attacking and destroying us is a truly comforting sound to me. I rushed outside, binoculars in hand as always (The jets fly so high normally the naked eye can't spot them), and miraculously, when I looked a bit southwest, I saw, remarkably low, remarkably distinct, TWO F-16's taking evasive action against TWO pursuing F-16's! This was my first and only time to see FOUR F-16's in the air, and it was a day I shall long remember!! Way To Go, USA!

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will be unable to report or comment on the run - off election difference whether I liked it or not, since I'd already put my X by his name in early voting. I certainly liked how he came across better than what I had his oilman opponent Kirk Edwards. He has apparently been involved in dealings more self.... of course those making their fame and fortune in the patch will tell you, "Smells like with the nozzle thing. I bet we money to me!"

enough to read Burle Petitt's since I was the youngest, and column in the Sunday Lubbock A-J. Yes, it centered on some the bottle, and it was already small town ten year old boys temporary cruelty to an animal, namely administering turpen- should ever decide to give your tine to a tomcats bottom, and the grief the young lads suffered when the cat went beserk three accomplices to assist. You and seriously fouled one of the need one to hold the beasts boys parents house, the interior of which had just been freshly painted. No, I do NOT condone hold its head full of sharp teeth, cruelty to any animal. It did, and of course, one to adminisunfortunately, remind me of a

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Because of our standing Tues- similar incident I was semi-inday noon print schedule, we volved in long ago when about that same age. One summer afternoon in Eden, where

for the District 31 State Sena- I was staying with my grandtor. I did attend a brief stop parents, three other guys a candidate Kel Seliger made couple years older and I were here at the courthouse last lazing around under a big live week, along with a dozen or so oak tree, bored to tears, when a other town folks. I liked what big tom cat belonging to a the man had to say, and the neighbor haughtily strolled by. manner in which he said it. Of One of the guys started petting course, it didn't make much the cat, and another one said, "I got a cousin in Mason, he told me he and some guys gave this old cat an enema. Said it was really spectacular, 'cept the old cat didn't appreciate it too read in a couple of out of town much." Well, they continued to newspapers about past antics of talk about the spectacular sight, and I noticed they were all staring at me. The oldest guy said, "Gary, your grandparents are odorous than the oil patch it- in town... why don't you go inside and bring us your grandmaw's hot water bottle can give this cat an enema!" All three of them excitedly I hope you were fortunate begged me to get the thing, and probably eager to please, I got pretty full.

Now, let me tell you, if you cat, any cat, an enema, make double sure there are at least front legs (and claws) another for the hind legs, one to tightly ter the, uh, nozzle thing.

Being the youngest and dumbest, I was assigned the cats

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County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to DONN L. INGRAM, who now holds such letters. All persons having claims

against this Estate which is currently being administered are hereby required to present them to my attorney, Samuel J. Hawthorne, at the address given below, before suit on same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time otherwise prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, 79410.

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head, which was definitely a poor excuse for fun. When the writhing, yowling through my fingers cat was judged properly pumped full by the chief ad ministrator, he panted, "OK, when I count three, let him go, and run like HELL!"

Before he could even start the word three, I was half a block away, the stupid cat somehow managing to sink its teeth in my hand. As I sped along, I was amazed to see the old tomcat whizz by me like a bullet, yowling insanely in rage, and he looked like a small version of one of those jet powered race boats, leaving a dramatic rooster tail of water behind. The three older guys were rolling on the round laughing, but mirth abruptly ended when we saw my granparents car enter the drive.

I admit, it must have been a bit rest of the recruits walked of a puzzle to granny, as she away, one man stayed. The D.I. studied the stupid looking kid holding the incriminating wa- he raised one eyebrow at the ter bottle, but her focus and my grandad's soon shifted to ME. Yes, I had great difficulty ex- huh, sir?" plaining to the two adults how four kids had scientifically de- Ayoung girls asked dad if all fairy termined the cat needed, for its tales started with the words, "Once healths sake, an internal cleans- upon a time." ing. I can truthfully vouch for No, he said, "A whole bunch bethis... I never, ever, saw that gin with 'if elected, I promise.."

particular hot water bottle in the house again.

His men at attention, the drill instructor yelled, "All right, all you dummies fall out!" As the walked to him, and eye to eye, recruit, who smiled and said, " Sure was a bunch of them,

JURY SELECTION LIST FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 25, 2004 AT 9:00 A.M.

A petit jury selection will be held for the 121" District Court on February 25, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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