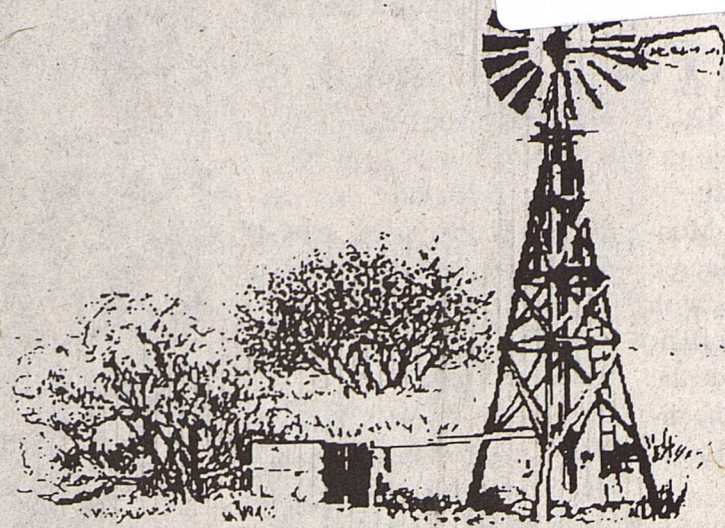


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Criminal cases heard in District Court

Three cases were heard in the April 21 session of District Court, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state. Juan Roland Sanchez pled true and the court modified conditions of community supervision from a prior cause of DWI, third or more. The defendant shall pay \$160 delinquent supervision fees and \$200 additional court appointed attorney fees, both to be paid at \$20 per month. He shall remain in jail 180 days or until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility, and

remain there more than one year or less than 90 days. His attorney was Paul Mansur. Juan Ramon Garcia's community supervision from a prior cocaine possession cause was extended 24 months starting December 5, 2006 and ending December 5, 2008. He shall pay \$2100 in delinquent supervision fees for this cause, and \$380 delinquent supervision fees on a prior failure to appear conviction. He must pay a \$2500 fine at \$43 per month beginning May 21. His supervision on the failure to appear was extended and ends on December 5, 2008.

We regret any inconvenience caused by our being unable to publish CCN last week. Holly was in the hospital in Lubbock seven days, is now home and responding well to her medication. We both wish to sincerely THANK YOU for your visits, gifts, and other gestures of love and affection... Especially your Prayers!

Field Access Necessary To Complete Job

(Abilene) As the new cotton growing season begins, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind producers of the importance of full field access.

"While it's always important to have access to all sides of a cotton field, it's absolutely crucial in the final stages of eradication," said Charles Allen, program director for the foundation.

Allen said the foundation's Technical Advisory Committee, a group of experts who advise the foundation on various aspects of eradication, has stated several times that eradication is impossible without full access to cotton fields.

Pheromone traps set around the fields provide foundation employees with information about weevil activity, which is used to make decisions on when to treat the fields, Allen said.

If traps cannot be placed around all sides of the fields, then weevil activity can go undetected, especially in the later stages of eradication when weevil numbers are low, he said. This can lead to a rebound in weevil populations, which causes increased number of treatments, extends the length of time necessary to complete eradication and incurs needless extra expense for the growers.

To prevent these infestations, the foundation has developed means for handling fields that have not been trapped on all sides, but these procedures also

add unnecessary expense to the program, Allen said.

Also, mist blowers cannot be used to treat the edges of fields if vehicular access is not available, he said. This compounds the difficulty of controlling infestations.

In addition, providing full access for foundation vehicles results in a more efficient and safer program, Allen said. Traps can be checked more quickly from the vehicle than if an employee has to walk down a side that doesn't have access. The more quickly traps can be checked, the fewer employees are required to accomplish the task.

Allen noted that the most common injury suffered by foundation employees result from slips and falls, often to trappers who have to check traps on foot because access has not been provided. Injuries result in lost time and greater insurance premiums, more unnecessary expense for growers, he said.

"Farmers are helping themselves as much as the foundation by providing access," Allen said. "If they want to get the job done for the least amount of cost, then they'll give us access."

Sponsors include the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Cooperative Extension, and the Texas Education Agency, and local water conservation districts.

Cowboy baseball team has great season

In its fifth year of competition, the Cowboy baseball team achieved some lofty goals in the long season and more importantly in District competition, winning the District title April 29 with a convincing 9-3 win over arch rival Whiteface. They will meet a yet determined team in Bi-District play Tuesday, May 6, the CCN print day.

Head Coach Kevin Bartley, in his second year to head up the team, was extremely proud of the Cowboys season long efforts. "We had a very successful year. The kids played well as a team. They stayed focused on the goals we set, and achieved virtually all of them. They broke many PHS records during the 19 game schedule. In the recent O'Donnell game, they recorded the school's first shut out, winning 22-0. Miguel Coronado had a perfect record at the plate, recording a hit in all 19 games. Kevin Bartley II led all area 1-A schools in batting average, and Miguel was



2003 Cowboys: Kneeling, Abel Ramos, Todd Williams, Brandon Davis, Richard Diaz, Richard Diaz, T. J. Cordova, Adam McCravey, Nick Hays, Coach Todd Davis. Standing: Coach Robert Canon, Miguel Coronado, Arnold Cordova, Armando Ramirez, Evan Cain, Kevin Bartley II, Ryan Martinez, Coach Kevin Bartley. Not shown, David Alldredge, Blake Parrish, Blake O'Quinn, Brant Huerta, Ben Hays, Peter Neufeld.

hot on his heels for second place. One of the more amazing feats was the number of times the guys fought back after being behind to other teams yet end up winners.

I am very proud of the young men, and very appreciative to our fan support throughout the season, and the tremendous help I had from my assistants, Coach Canon and Coach

Davis. It's been a great year!" The Cowboys won 7 of 8 district games, and had 16 wins, 3 losses in over all play.

PISD bond election passes by 3 to 1 margin

Voters in Plains Independent School District overwhelmingly approved the district's sale of \$ 2.16 million bonds to be used to ease the financial crunch facing the district resulting from a decrease in students and local school tax money sent to the state under recapture requirements of the notorious 'Robin Hood' plan.

In an interview with Superintendent Jim Haynes Monday morning, he expressed his gratitude to voters who passed the bond

issue, 286 votes for, 82 against. "I am very pleased our citizens exercised their right to vote on this important issue, realizing the necessity of the bond sale if we are to continue the excellence of our school district. When the bonds are sold, it will be the responsibility of our Board of Trustees and Administrators to see the money is spent wisely and effectively, to make sure the plan works."

Haynes reported First Southwest Securities of Dallas will administer the bond sale, a firm which handles a large portion of school bonds sold in the state. "First Southwest tells us school bonds are a particularly good investment today, and when the issue is announced, they expect a very quick sale," Haynes said. The District will pay some \$60,000 for the transaction.

Haynes detailed how the bond funds will be used by the district. "Bond money will not be used for any new construction projects. It will be utilized for maintenance and upkeep of our buildings and grounds, for replacement of old vehicles, updating technology equipment including computers and televisions. The money can be spent on any item with a life span of more than one year. It will also be used to pay the deductible portion of our roof insurance policy."

Asked if he thinks the current legislative session will produce any constructive alternative to the Robin Hood plan, Haynes replied, "No, I really don't. I doubt there will be enough time for a consensus plan. I think there is a very good chance of the Governor calling a special session to address school fi-

New EMS ambulance in service



Plains EMS new ambulance, shown on the left, was welcomed by EMS personnel including Curtis and Tina Coffman, Freda Bruton, Marc Traweck, Diane Bennett, Alfred Loya, Charles Diamond and Linda Wright.

The long anticipated new EMS ambulance was delivered here last week. The state of the art unit was built in Dallas by The Phoenix Group, and is mounted on a Ford Super Duty 350 cab and chassis.

The patient treatment area of the unit contains the newest in emergency medical equipment and supplies. Curtis Coffman, EMS President, reported two new radio units will be installed in the unit, one in the driver compartment, the other in the treatment compartment. The radio units have a \$8,000 price tag, and generous contributions from the public and a number of business and civic groups have raised some \$6,300 for the radios. The City of Plains will fund the balance for the vital communication

equipment. Coffman stated, "We are extremely grateful to each citizen, each business and organization who helped with the purchase of these radios. It will certainly make our work easier, and ensures our patients well being, when we can communicate well with hospitals, doctors or other emergency units."

Plains EMS now has 9 certified technicians, and five more people are in training, and should be certified by early June. Coffman said with fourteen people, it would be possible to establish regular, rotating shifts of technicians on call for emergency response.

EMS officers are President Coffman, Vice President Charles Diamond, and Secretary/Treasurer Marc Traweck.

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Obituaries

Services For Roy Lucio

Roy Martinez Lucio, 52, of Plains died Friday at the Yoakum County Hospital.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, April 28 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Jaime Guerrero officiating. Burial followed at the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mr. Lucio was born August 1, 1950 in Corpus Christi. He married Elsa DelosSantos in March of 1985. He was employed by Don Parrish and had worked for Darrell Barron.

He was preceded in death by a son Roy Lucio, Jr. in 1998.

Survivors include: His wife, Elsa of Plains; parents: Pablo & Trinnie Lucio of Whiteface; 1 daughter Melissa Lucio; 4 brothers, Lionel Lucio of Weslaco, Rubin of Hereford, Orlando & Sammy both of Whiteface; 6 sisters Conchita Mendoza of Hereford, Olivia Lucio & Estella Berlanga of Lubbock, Maria Garcia of Littlefield, Irma Salazar & Rosa Lucio both of Lubbock, and 5 grandchildren.

Services For Mary Josephine Lee

Services for Mary Josephine Lee, lovingly known as MaMa, 92, of Brownfield, were held Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at First United Methodist Church of Brownfield with Reverend Don McWhorter officiating and Reverend Beverly Titus assisting.

Interment followed at Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

She died Friday, April 25, 2003 in Lubbock. She was born May 19, 1910 in Brownfield. She attended school in Plains and graduated from Matador High School. She attended TTU where she received her teacher's accreditation in 1929. In her teaching career she taught in Needmore, Johnson,

Plains, Brownfield, and Union. She married W.L. 'Chick' Lee May 30, 1936 in Whiteface; he preceded her in death April 30, 1992. She was a member of Eastern Star and the First Methodist Church of Brownfield.

Survivors include, 2 sons, Claude 'Chick' Lee and wife LaMelle of Denver, Co., and Joe Bob Lee of Brownfield, 1 brother, Jesse Criswell of Denver City, a granddaughter RaChelle and husband Chris Bole, and great grandchildren Chanelle, Camden and Reagan a grandson Johnny and wife Susie Lee, and great grandson Nathanael Wallace.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Brownfield, 1004 E. Broadway, Brownfield, TX 79316.

One Very Big Cat !



Friends in Lovington, NM recently sent us this e-mail photo, which they had received from another friend via e-mail, but details of the extraordinary beast are sketchy; Holding the cougar is the unknown hunter, described as 6' 2" tall and BIG, holding the 252 animal he shot while trying to call up coyotes. The strangest part of the saga is where the cougar was killed - near the Texas town of Aledo, just a very few miles southwest of Fort Worth, probably no more than ten miles from Interstate 20. With a beast this large, and obviously well fed, there is probably a very small coyote population in the Aledo area.

Former Cowgirl to run in big meet

Michaela Traweek, daughter of Marc and Zanna Traweek and a student at Wayland Baptist University, competed in a large track meet recently in Oklahoma City. Running the

anchor lap on the 400 Meter Relay Team, her team took first place to qualify for the National NAIA Track Meet scheduled on May 23 in Olathe, Kansas. Michaela, a stand-out student and athlete while attending Plains High, has stayed busy on the WBU track team this season - in addition to anchoring the 400 relay team, she runs the 100 and 200 meter dash, and competes in the long and triple jump events.

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nancing, and information we are hearing from Austin indicates the special session will probably be held in the fall of 2004."

Haynes indicated he thinks legislators will attempt to adopt some form of statewide prop-

erty tax to fund public education. "I'm convinced the state must kick in dollars, or allow the so called 'rich districts' to keep our local tax money instead of giving it up to recapture for other school districts."

Vaccines First Line Of Defense In War On Disease

Sudden acute respiratory syndrome-SARS. It's new to the world. It can be fatal. No vaccine is available to stop the infection. West Nile virus. It's new to Texas. It can be fatal. No vaccine is available to protect people.

Pertussis-whooping cough. It's been around for centuries. It can be fatal. But a vaccine is available to prevent it.

That is why it is cause for concern that we recorded more than 1,200 cases of pertussis in Texas last year, double the number in 2001. And we already have had one child die from pertussis this year.

We often are understandably fearful of the illnesses over which we have less control, such as SARS or West Nile virus or a bioterrorism attack of anthrax. But at the same time, we need to focus on the diseases we can control, using all our available tools, especially appropriate life saving vaccines.

There is no denying this fact: Vaccines work. They work against measles. In 1958, Texas recorded 88,000-yes, thousand-cases of measles. Last

year, we had only one case. They work against mumps. In 1950, the Texas Department of Health listed about 32,000 cases of mumps. Last year the number was 14.

Vaccines work against paralytic poliomyelitis. In 1950, paralytic polio struck about 3,000 people in Texas. But since 1977, not one case has occurred in the state.

As a family physician, I know how crucial it is to talk with families about the need for on-time immunizations, to answer parents' questions frankly, and to help their children stay up to date. A health care provider plays a significant role in helping children complete all their necessary vaccinations.

As Texas Commissioner of Health, I also recognize the important role that the state health department, local health department, local health departments, and other public health systems partners play in improving childhood immunization rates.

By Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D. Commissioner, Texas Department of Health.

Thank you for re-electing me to the Plains City Council.

Your support is greatly appreciated! I wish to express my appreciation to all the candidates for showing your interest in our City Government, and my congratulations to Dan and Steve.

THANKS !
Christy Brink

New, larger truck to make city trash collection more efficient



City Administrator Ed Hansen checks out the new Freightliner-Impac garbage truck recently delivered here.

The long awaited City garbage truck arrived here last week, purchased from Texas truck Center in Amarillo for the low bid price of \$108,100, will replace a much smaller unit which has been in service 17 years. The old truck will be sold to the highest bidder at a future date.

City Administrator Ed Hansen reported the new

truck " has a much greater capacity than our old trucks, 30 cubic yards of trash, as well as greater compaction power. The larger unit should greatly reduce the number of trip mileage to dump at the County land fill, resulting in lower operating costs." The City Council opted to pay cash from reserves for the unit.



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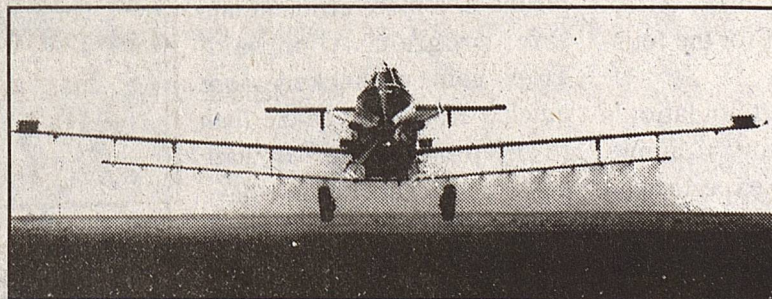
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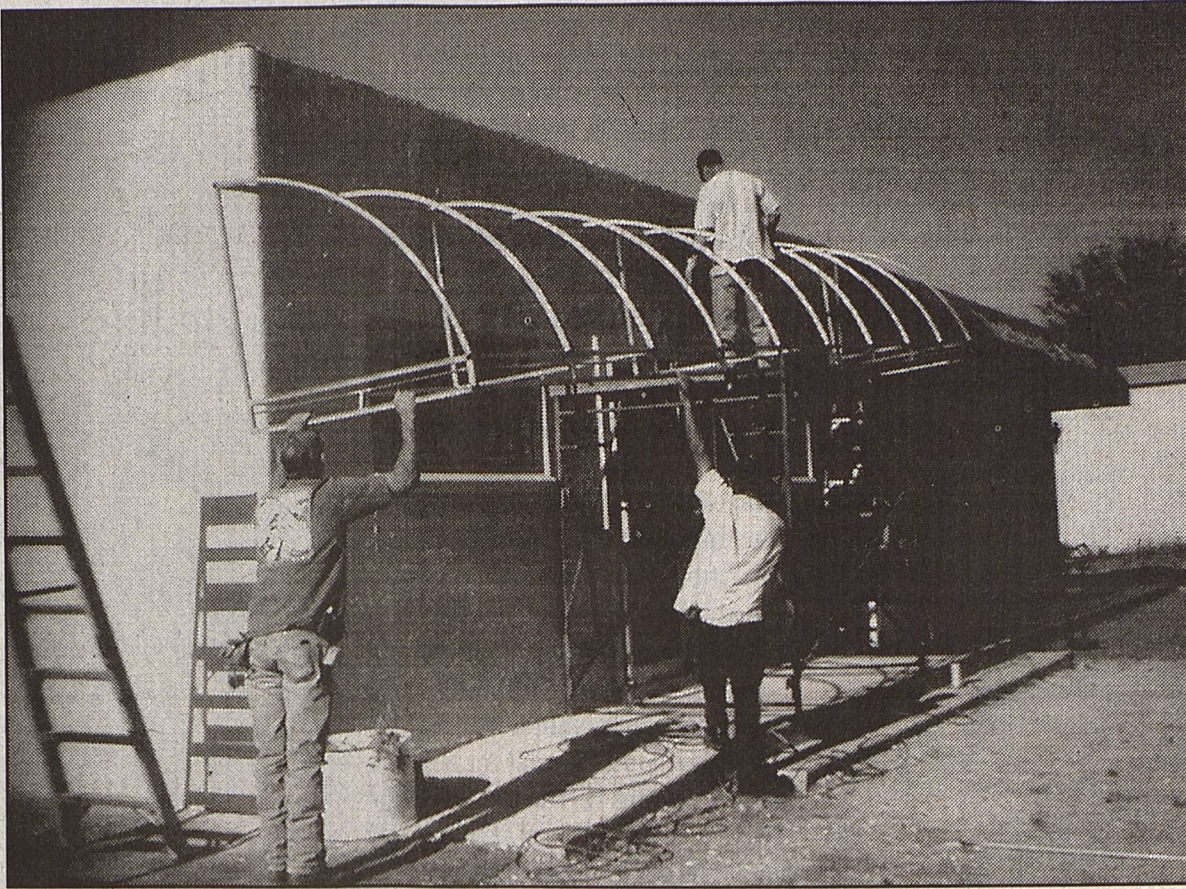
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County Court busy with criminal cases

In a marathon session of County Court April 30, twenty criminal cases were heard, Judge Dallas Brewer presided, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state. Phillip Glen Jiron pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$211 court costs, \$350 fine and \$25 time payment fee, plus \$140 restitution. He will serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly narcotics meetings, and complete the drug offender program. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer. Thomas Frank Butterfield Jr. pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. He will be under community supervision six months, pay \$250 fine and \$211 court costs, perform 24 hours community service, attend weekly narcotics meetings, and complete the TAIIP program. Jeffrey Derle Keith pled true and was sentenced to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 120 days served from a prior unlawful weapon cause. He must pay \$160 delinquent CSCD fees, \$80 appointed attorney fees, plus \$80 delinquent attorney fees. Robert Bradford Blalock received adjudication of guilt deferred on possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was fined \$350, must pay \$211 court costs and \$140 restitution to DPS. He will serve 24 hours community service, attend the TAIIP program and weekly narcotics meetings, and spend 36 hours in jail with credit for 23 hours served. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Vicky Eduvigan Garza pled guilty to reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated six months. She must pay \$200 fine, \$226 court cost and \$25 time payment fee, serve 24 hours in jail with credit for 13 hours served, and attend weekly AA meetings. Brad Taylor was arresting officer, and her attorney was Warren Tabor. Ricardo Rodriguez pled guilty to driving with suspended license. He must pay \$250 fine and \$211 court costs, and spend 36 hours in jail with credit for 18 hours served. Investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS. Jackson W. Noel was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred for possession of marijuana, two ounces or less. He was fined \$350, must pay \$211 court costs and \$140 restitution to DPS. He was jailed for 36 hours with credit for 20 hours, must attend weekly narcotics meetings, serve 24 hours community service and complete the TAIIP program. His attorney was J. Michael Cunningham and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. David Ray Ramos pled guilty to a subsequent DWI and was sentenced to jail for 90 days with credit for 88 days served. He must pay \$226 court costs. Investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS, and his attorney was Bill Helwig. Billy Wayne Hughes pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .205/.207. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600 and must pay \$226 court costs. He

will spend 6 days in jail with credit for 1 day, must complete the DWI first offender program, attend weekly AA meetings and serve 24 hours community service. Bill Helwig was his attorney, and Chris Malloy, DPS, was investigating officer. Keni Dawnette Beck had community supervision modified from a prior marijuana possession cause. She must pay \$250 delinquent fine and \$126 delinquent CSCD fees. Community supervision will be extended six months, pay \$50 monthly supervision fees and serve 16 hours community service. Justin Chambliss pled guilty to evading arrest or detention. He will pay \$211 court costs. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Jesus Alfredo Sanchez Jr. pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .105/.109, open container. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He must pay \$226 court costs, \$25 time payment fee and \$600 fine. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 22 hours, attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service and complete the DWI first offender program. Investigating officer was Deputy Kenley Powell. Carly Jettone Bukemper pled guilty and adjudication of guilt deferred to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. She will be under community supervision six months, was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs and \$140 restitution to DPS. She must complete the TAIIP program, attend weekly narcotics meetings, and spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 15 hours served. Investigating officer was Deputy Jerry Howard, and her attorney was Barbara Dickerson. Melissa Ann Seeley pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .114/.115. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$226 court costs, \$25 time payment fee, \$500 fine and \$200 appointed attorney fees. She will complete the DWI first offender program, surrender her license 90 days if an interlock device is installed or one year if not installed. She will perform 24 hours community service and spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 14 hours served. Investigating officer was Deputy Kenley Powell, and Warren New was her attorney. Sterlin Ray Burney pled guilty to reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$25 time payment fee and \$226 court costs. He will spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 13 hours served. His attorney was Bill Helwig, and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Jose Zamora Garza Jr. pled guilty to a subsequent DWI. He will spend 120 days in jail with credit for 2 days served, must pay \$226 court costs, \$128 restitution to DPS, surrender his license 90 days, and complete the DWI repeat offender program. Investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS. Deenie Ellison Lock pled guilty to a

Dressing up Cowboy Way



Workmen were busy last week installing a new awning at Yoakum County Abstract on Cowboy Way. The awning will be essentially the same style as the one next door at Helwig Law Firm offices, and the canvas top will be an attractive maroon color, which blends well with Helwig's green awning.

subsequent DWI. She must pay \$225 court costs, surrender her license 180 days, serve 42 days in jail, pay \$140 restitution to DPS. A marijuana possession cause was dismissed. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS, and Paul Mansur was her attorney. Rafael Hernandez Gonzales pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. .209/.206. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He must pay \$25 time payment fee, \$226 court costs and \$600 fine, and \$200 court appointed attorney fees. He must complete the DWI first offender program, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the TAIIP program. Paul Mansur was his attorney, and investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS. Sandra Gail Cobb pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. She was fined \$350, will pay \$211 court cost, \$200 attorney fees. She will spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 14 hours, serve 24 hours community service and complete the drug offender program. Rick Dickson, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, was investigating officer, and Warren New was her attorney.

Plains Little League Baseball is looking for umpires! Anyone interested please contact Ed at 456-2288, Lisa 456-2790, or Derek 456-2000. Deadline for sign-up will be May 9, 2003!

he said. Herm expressed his appreciation for those who voted to support the program and praised the zone's grower advisory committee for its efforts promoting the election and guiding the program. "I really want to commend the Permian Basin growers for their commitment and perseverance," said Lindy Patton, the foundation's executive director. "They have shown some tremendous leadership to make this program so successful despite the horrendous drought. The grower steering committee and board representative Jim Brown have done a great job and should view this vote as a strong confirmation of that fact." The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manners possible.

Permian Basin To Continue Eradication

Cotton growers in the Permian Basin have become the latest to affirm their commitment to boll weevil eradication, voting to continue the effort by a 6 to 1 margin. "We are certainly pleased with the outcome of the vote," said Eddie Herm, a Howard County cotton farmer who was elected to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. Herm succeeds Jim Brown of Midland in the position. Brown declined to run for reelection to concentrate on business and personal interests. "I see as a positive thing to get that high a percentage of the

growers to ratify the program," Herm said. Producers in each eradication zone must decide every four years whether to continue their program. All the zones created before 2000 have voted on whether to retain their eradication programs. All the elections have passed with more than 80% of the voters favoring continuation. Herm, a Texas Tech graduate with 30 years farming experience, said he is looking forward to serving on the foundation board. "I've been an advocate for the program for the last four years, and I'll continue to do that, both for my zone and for the state,"

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) Ranked by March Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|------|
| 1 | Bryan-College Station | 1.9 |
| 2 | Lubbock | 3.1 |
| 3 (tie) | Amarillo | 3.7 |
| | San Angelo | 3.7 |
| 5 | Abilene | 4.2 |
| 6 (tie) | Tyler | 4.3 |
| | Wichita Falls | 4.3 |
| 8 | Waco | 4.8 |
| 9 | Victoria | 5.0 |
| 10 | San Antonio | 5.1 |
| 11 | Killeen-Temple | 5.4 |
| 12 (tie) | Austin-San Marcos | 5.7 |
| | Odessa-Midland | 5.7 |
| 14 | Fort Worth-Arlington | 6.2 |
| 15 | Houston | 6.3 |
| 16 (tie) | Corpus Christi | 6.4 |
| | Longview-Marshall | 6.4 |
| 18 | Sherman-Denison | 6.7 |
| 19 | Dallas | 7.0 |
| 20 | Laredo | 7.6 |
| 21 | Galveston-Texas City | 7.7 |
| 22 | Brazoria | 8.3 |
| 23 (tie) | Beaumont-Port Arthur | 8.9 |
| | El Paso | 8.9 |
| 25 | Brownsville-Harlingen | 10.1 |
| 26 | McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 13.5 |

Texas at a Glance

Futbol Forever!

Football may still be the king of sports in Texas and in the U.S., but soccer—football to the rest of the world—is gaining fans and players. About 4 million kids play soccer in the U.S. on a regular basis, says Tom Hart of U.S. Youth Soccer. "Those are the kids playing 25, 50 times a year," Hart says. "The ones who are on a team, go to practice and have a game on Saturday." In Texas, about 250,000 children are on youth soccer teams, Hart says, though some teams and leagues may not get counted by the state's governing bodies for the sport. "There are a lot of big tournaments in Texas," Hart says. "You've got a lot of flat land, and that's a lot of room for soccer fields." High school soccer is growing as well. About 22,100 boys and 16,300 girls played on an estimated 861 teams in 2000-01, says Mark Cousins, assistant athletic director for the University Interscholastic League.



| Most popular participatory sports (in millions) | Participation (in millions) |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Basketball | 38.7 |
| Running/jogging | 34.9 |
| Inline skating | 26.0 |
| Soccer | 19.0 |
| Slow-pitch softball | 17.7 |
| Touch football | 16.7 |

| U.S. soccer 2001 (in millions) | Total participation |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 19.0 |
| Adult players | 4.1 |
| Play 50 or more times a year | 9.1 |
| Play 25 or more times a year | 4.3 |
| Say soccer is their favorite sport | 5.0 |



| Texas high school soccer participation | | |
|--|------|--------|
| | Boys | Girls |
| 1998-1999 | 399 | 21,500 |
| 1999-2000 | 410 | 22,000 |
| 2000-2001 | 443 | 22,100 |

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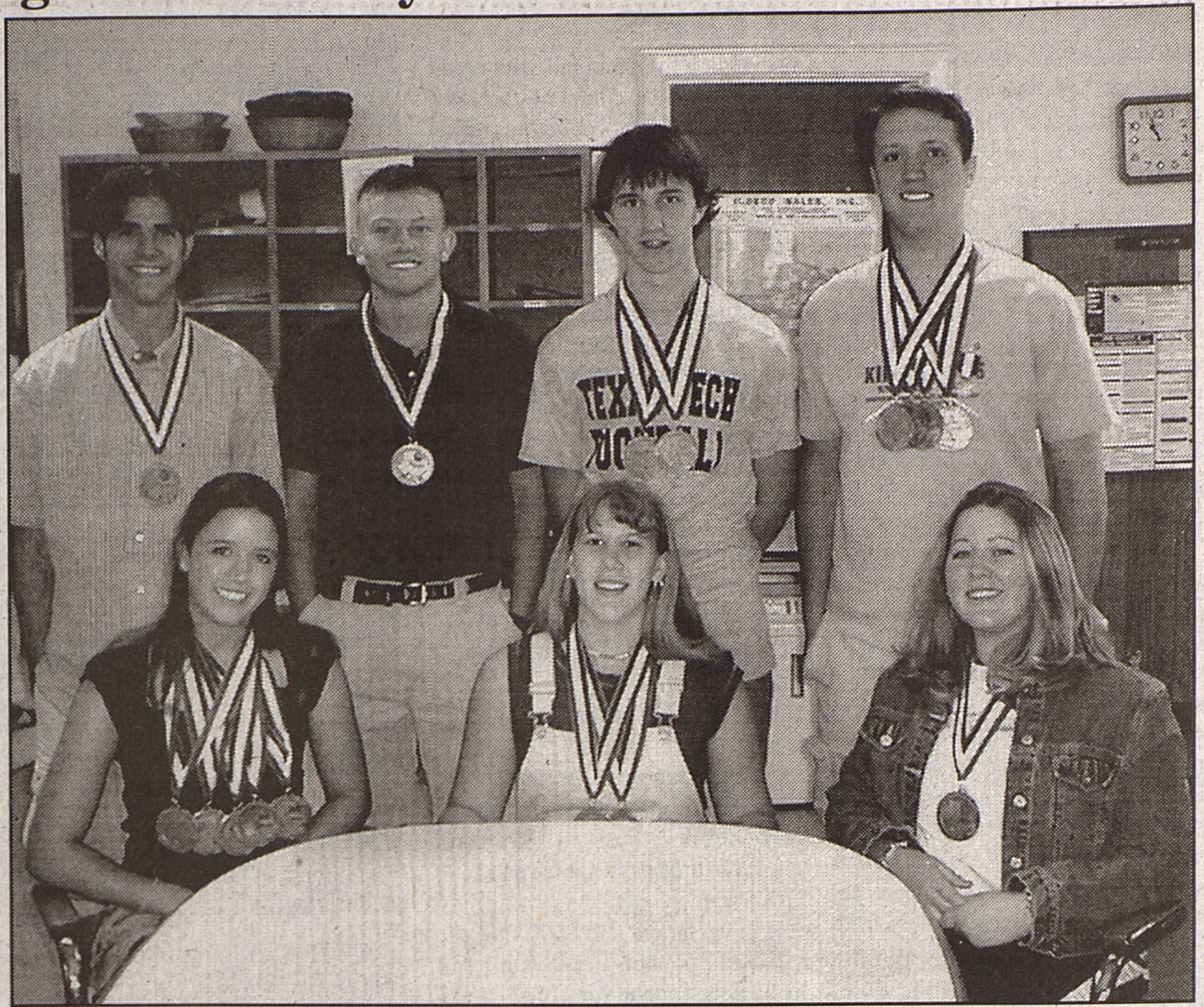
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 Eliza Cabellero
 Claire Carpenter
 Chasity Chavez
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 Lucas Hernandez
 Cameron Knight
 Brittany Roper
 Herman Sawatzky
 Jacob Sawatzky
 Kelli Sellers
 Percy Sosa
 Anthony Torres
 Zackery Wilkins
 Bailey Winn
Second Grade
 Salvador Corrales
 Merrit Crump
 Vanessa Cueto
 Johnathan Davis
 Whitney Davis
 Katie Dearing
 Autumn Friesen
 Rebecca Garcia
 Stacy Loewen
 Karla Powell
 Matthew Ramos
 Joseph Sainz
 Haley Welch
Third Grade
 Troy Allredge
 Greg Andazola

Andrew Conway
 Mayra Cueto
 Dakota Earnest
 Taylor Fitzgerald
 Carolina Hernandez
 Zackary Lamar
 Mariela Martinez
 Denise Tarango
 Brooke Wilson
Fourth Grade
 Stephanie Addison
 Kelbi Bartley
 Jaxon Bean
 Forrest Booth
 Hannah Crump
 Cody Friesen
 Kristen Knight
 Chase Ortega
 Roberto Reyna
'A-B' Honor Roll
First Grade
 Miguel Garcia
Second Grade
 Nicholas Alvarado
 Jacob Neufeld
 P.J. Pando
Third Grade
 Adriana Corrales
 Hunter Parrott
 Cynthia Rodriguez
 Fabiola Rubalcaba
Fourth Grade
 Samantha DelaRosa
 Kevin John Gass
 Hunter Welch

The PHS UIL Academic Team made a strong showing at the State Meet in Austin last weekend. In Class 1A competition, Jill Gray won a gold medal in calculator, and teamed with classmates Brandon Hise, Jordan Bean and Allison Friesen to win Team Gold in both calculator applications and team mathematics. Jill also took a Bronze medal in individual math. Bean and Hise were third and fifth in calculator, and Bean was fifth in computer science. The school's computer science team, Gray, Bean Nolan Newsom and Ryan Swann was third in the meet. Mandi Rogers won a third place medal for her feature writing skills. Team results were un-official, but administrators believe PHS finished second in the over all school competition.



Seated, Jill Gray, Allison Friesen, Mandi Rogers. Standing, Ryan Swann, Nolan Newsom, Brandon Hise, Jordan Bean

Industrial Tech Students Going To State

The Plains Industrial Technology Department competed in Regionals at Odessa High School April 26.

The following students will be advancing to the State Meet to be held in Waco, May 8-10.

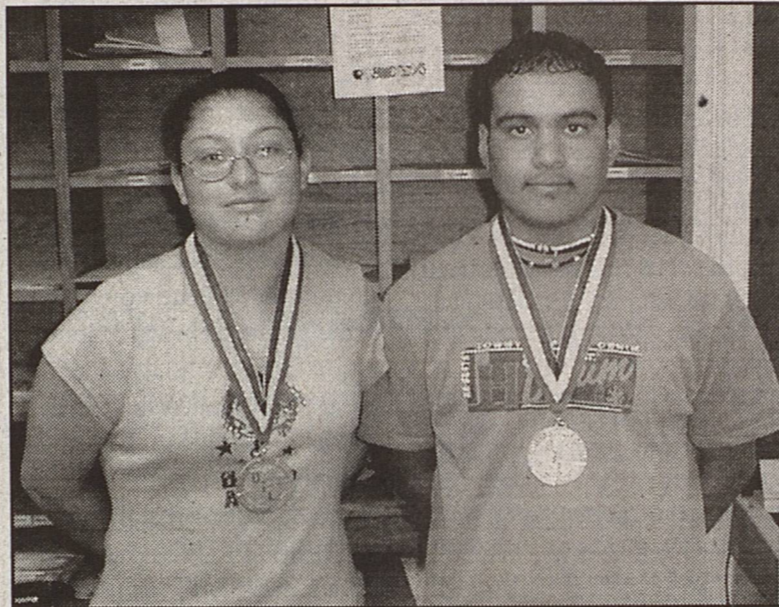
Individual results in Regional Meet:
 Mario Bonilla, (2) 1st places
 Tiffany Canon, (3) 1st places,
 (2) 2nd places, (1) 3rd place
 Jonathan Delarosa, (1) 1st place,
 (1) 2nd place
 Elda Fierro, (1) 2nd place, (1) 3rd place
 Keri Hansen, (1) 2nd place
 Reagan Haynes, (2) 1st places
 Judy Luna, (2) 1st places, (1) 3rd place
 Noe Martinez, (1) 1st place
 Angel Ruiz, (3) 1st places
 Shandi Sellers, (1) 1st place,
 (1) 2nd place

Student of the Week



Student of the week is Blake O'Quinn a freshman and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Steven O'Quinn. Blake was nominated by Mrs. Thaggard, who said, "Blake is a student who participates in many school, church, and community activities. At school he has played a big roll in One Act Play. He has participated and excelled in Track, Baseball, Football, and Basketball. As a freshman, he qualified for Regionals in Headline Writing. He is very involved in Youth Group at his church and in the community. He is hardworking and conscientious in every aspect of his life. He loves to go hunting with his dad as one of his hobbies."

Cowboy Band Shines At State UIL Festival



Gold Medalists Angelica Mendoza and TJ Cordova.

The Plains Cowboy Band attended the State UIL Wind Ensemble Festival this past Saturday. The band earned this right by winning a Division 1 rating at the UIL Concert Contest held in Sundown on April 16. The band earned it's Sweepstakes by making a division one ratings in Marching, Concert, and Sight Reading. The Cowboy Band received the highest honor of "Distinguished" at the State

UIL. Two students were named State Champion Soloist, they are TJ Cordova/trumpet and Angelica Mendoza/piccolo. Their names will be added to this years UIL State Champions Book and they will help earn points for the Solo/Ensemble Contest coming up at the end of May. Our "State Champs" did an outstanding job this year and all their hard work

paid off. "The members really came through this year. They are all hard working, and like to work as a team. I thank them for one of the best teaching years of my life," said Director Ray Portillo. The Band will have their Spring Concert on May 15, 2003 in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 P.M. We hope to see you there.

Retirement Reception Honoring Pam Smith and Larry McMinn
 Thursday, May 15,
 4 -5:30 P.M. at the school Resource Center, hosted by Plains High School Faculty & Staff

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Athletic Banquet Announced
 The Plains Athletic Booster Club would like to invite everyone to come to the Athletic Banquet, on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal will be catered by Danny's Fins & Hens. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door for \$8.00 each. This is a time for us to recognize all of the athletes and the teams' accomplishments. Please join us.

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Tandi Jones Honored With Shower



Tandi Jones bride-elect of Matt Moore was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, April 12 in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Culwell.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth over purple. A fluted long stem bowl filled with crystals and white roses centered the table along with a picture of the honored couple. Silver and crystals appointments were used. Breakfast punch and finger foods were served to approximately 50 guests.

Hostess gift was two five piece place settings of China and an Arthur Court serving tray. Special guests were the honoree's mother, Ms. Kathy Jones of The Woodlands, grandmothers, Mrs. Sharon Turner of Brownfield and Mrs. Willie Jones of Plains. Also, attending were her sister Kimbe Jones of Plains, her aunt and niece, Ms. Deborah Kennedy & Dixie of Ovilla. Family of the groom attending were his mother and sisters, Ms. Rena Moore, Jonna & Kacci of Lamesa, his grandmothers, Mrs. Betty Singleton of Lamesa and Mrs. Joan Moore of Welch. Ms. Christine Moore of Midland also attended.

Hostess for the occasion were: Frankie Walker, Suann Parrish, Jan Parrish, Cindra Box, Beth Clanahan, Pam Redman, Debbie Rushing, Judi Addison, Kay Swann, Lynn Winn, Sandy Craft, JoAnn Barron, Dolores Davis and Carolyn Culwell. Serving from Brownfield were Patsy Bailey, Barbara Lawlis, Gena Wilmeth and Sherilyn Sherrin.

Annual Watermelon Round Up T-Shirt Contest Announced

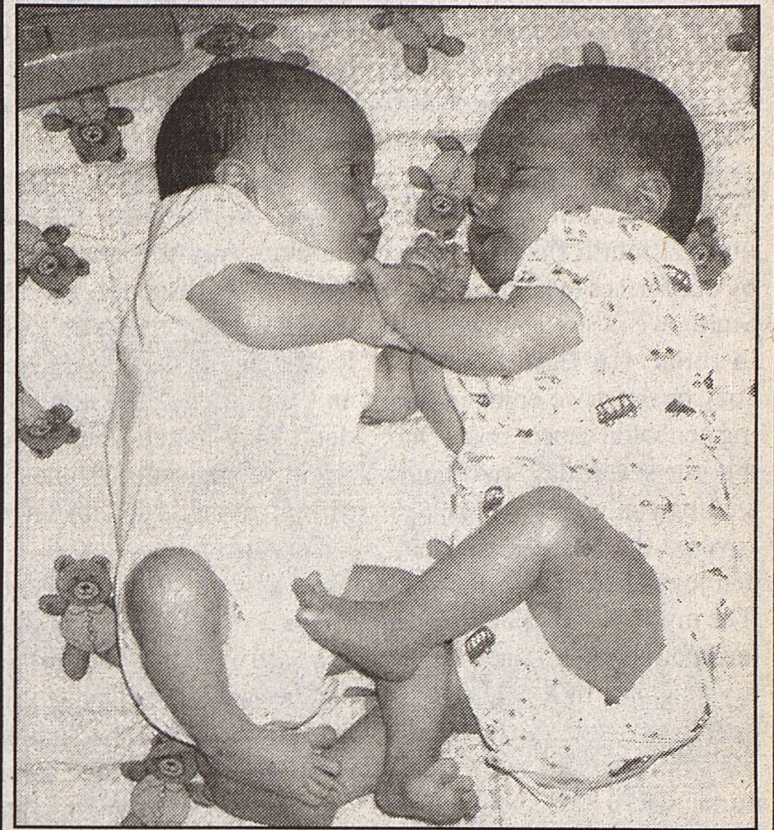
The Denver City Art Association is now accepting entries for the Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up T-shirt contest, with the deadline for entries at 4:30 p.m. May 2nd.

Design must be an original design no larger than 8 1/2" x 11" and must have "Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up" on it.

Yoakum County Connection is awarding \$100 cash for the top design selected by the judges. For more information call Sue Holder at (806) 592-2960, after 5:00 p.m. Mail

unfolded entries to Denver City Art Association at Box 854, Denver City, Texas 79323, or hand deliver to Bayer Lumber in Plains or the Chamber of Commerce in Denver City.

New Arrivals!!!



Lyle and Shana Keeton of Wolfforth are the proud parents of twins, Nichole Shay and Jacob Wesley. The twins were born March 25, 2003, in Lubbock.

Grandparents are Coy Lowrey of Tokio, Jan and David Ragsdale of Seminole, and Leonard & Betty Keeton of Wolfforth. Great grandparents are Roy & Peggy Whisenhunt of Denver City and Carl and Marie Lowrey of Plains. Great-Great grandmother is Oleta Clem of Levelland.

Sisters Honored By Library



Sisters Mary Jo St. Romain and Wilma Powell

The Yoakum County Library celebrated Volunteer Week with a "Appreciation Reception" for our Lay Representatives, Wilma Powell and Mary Jo St. Romain on Monday, April 28th, in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library in Plains. As Lay Representatives they have given their time to go to meetings and given their support on important issues. Opal Roberts, Librarian, expressed appreciation for their help and service and presented them with a token of gratitude. Over fifty Yoakum County residents attended the reception to honor them. The libraries provided refreshments.

New Books At The Library

Fiction:

Dead Aim...Iris Johansen, Lost Light...Michael Connelly, Twelve Times Blessed...Jacquelyn Mitchard, Kill Two Birds & Get Stoned...Kinky Friedman, Birthright...Nora Roberts, Children Of The Storm...Elizabeth Peters, Evenings At Five...Gail Godwin, The Guardian...Nicholas Sparks, Armafeddon...Tim Lahaye, All He Ever Wanted...Anita Shreve, The Second Time Around...Mary Higgins Clark, Dirty Work...Stuart Woods.

Non Fiction:

Knowing God Intimately...Joyce Meyer, Last Man Out: The Story Of The Springhill Mine Disaster...Melissa Greene, I Am The Central Park Jogger...Trisha Meili, The Rise Of Babylon...Charles Dyer, Betty Crocker's Annual Recipes 2003, Funny Letters From Famous People...Charles Osgood, Once Upon A Time...Behind The Fairy Tale Of Princess Grace & Prince Rainier...J. Randy Taraborrelli.

Memorials Made In Memory Of Opal Roberts

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From The Hack

HELL WEEK IN THE HUB CITY

Last week I transported the Bride to UMC Hospital in Lubbock about 7 PM. We were on a mission of Mercy.... I would either find some relief for her serious head, neck and shoulder misery of she would show no Mercy while shooting me graveyard dead. After a mercifully quick check into the fourth floor, arranged by our former local, Doc Steve Smith, we discovered we were in room 416 East, the same cozy quarters we enjoyed during her colon cancer bout. During our seven day, two hours and forty minute stay, I re-discovered the wonders and hidden joys of hospital care. The mysteries of operating the hospital bed continue to mystify me, the thing hanging at the patients side to control the TV continues to summon a nurse when I try to change channels from CNN to Martha Stewart, the nurse arriving in a dither to ask, "What's the emergency?", and the housekeepers still short you on needed toilet tissue. The nursing staff were kind, responsive, helpful and encour-

aging. One or two of the patients on the wing were not so pleasant. There was one poor soul three doors down from us, apparently a resident in one of the MHMR units in Lubbock, and she was definitely not a happy camper. Periodically she would scream threats to the staff, President Calvin Coolidge, the San Antonio Spurs, and the "makers of this crappy cereal".

Incredibly, the good nurses seemed to absorb all this vocal abuse with sympathy and kindness, and often let her sit in the hallway, directly across from their station, which seemed to soothe her.

One afternoon I left our room, just in time to hear this lady shriek, "Any you nurses play poker?" No response, and as I walked past her chair, she looked up, made an ugly face, and muttered, "I know you don't play poker, you (anal retentive person)". Honest. I didn't even slow down or glance at her.

One day, under the influence of some type of numbing drug probably made from bat tongues and ground locusts the Bride was even woozier than the night we wed. We had a visitor in the room whom I shall

dub Dub. She opened her eyes, glassy, of course, then asked Dub politely, "Do you have any more chewing tobacco?" Shocked, he muttered, "No, I quit years ago." She mumbled an expletive, and immediately went under again.

I believe that was the night I became acquainted with the UMC Medieval Rack, which the hospital refers to as a Sleep Chair. I discovered it weighs about 380 pounds when I tried to move it from the wall to stretch out.

I pulled another chair up after a Herculean effort allowed me to recline the Rack chair, put pillows here and there, covered with a flimsy blanket, and truthfully crashed. A short time later, I awoke, feeling drunk.... my feet were ten inches higher than my head, and all the draining blood there made me feel like a Navy Saturday night Tijuana liberty 50 years ago.

During the week stay, I really took advantage of my sister's hospitality. I slept at her house, was fed two evening meals on her, and only had to take her out ONE night. I'm sure she will

figure a way to get even.

During the con like stay, we were visited by men of the cloth, a Methodist, and three Baptists in a group, which was a real stretch. After all this, just minutes after the Baptists left, I had a REAL fright. The door opened, and there stood an Arabic clad man, complete with mustache, clad in all white and the fancy head covering.

My immediate reaction was sheer terror - "Oh My God, he's a radical muslim, preparing to offer the Bride as a sacrificial offering to Allah, or Baal, whatever."

I immediately leaped to her defense, grabbing a plastic knife and fork from her serving tray, holding them in a threatening manner, announcing in my most passionate but quivery voice, "Don't mess with her, terrorist, cause I'll blow your butt away with these lethal handguns then slice your liver and goozle."

The Arab gentleman looked at me as if I was possessed, and in a very firm, soft voice announced, "Sir, I am here seeking Mrs. Rachael Stonebraker,

my sister. Obviously she's not here. Please forgive my intrusion, and don't cut yourself with your utensils. May the

Lord Jesus Christ be with you always."

Thank you Lord, for allowing the Bride to sleep through this.

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