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# The Plains Pride



PLAINS, YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1987

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PLAINS COWGIRLS CLOSE SEASON as the Class A State Champion Runners-Up. Cowgirls carrying the trophy home from Austin's U.I.L. State Volleyball Tournament, are front row, left to right, Sara Ruiz, manager, JoAnn Martinez, Raquel Medina, Lynda Jimenez, Karen Cobb, Bertha Gonzales and Melissa Green. Back row, ltr, are Assistant Coaches, Kim Andrews and Joyce Pierce, Martha Rivera, Corie Spencer, Marsha Farnham, Lydia Jimenez, Melissa Welch, Heather McGill and Coach Charles Cain.

## Ellison Ray Lemley Rites Held In First Baptist Church

Services were held Tuesday afternoon in First Baptist Church for Ellison Ray Lemley, 23. Officiating were the Rev. Calvin Beach of Dallas and the Rev. Ken Horn, pastor.

Burial was in Plains Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Lemley was pronounced dead at the scene early Sunday morning after being involved in a head on collision on U.S. Highway 82 just outside of Plains.

Also killed in the accident was Cynthia Marie Mitchem, 26, of Lawton, Ok. They were pronounced dead shortly after 5 a.m. by Justice of the Peace A.G. Brantley.

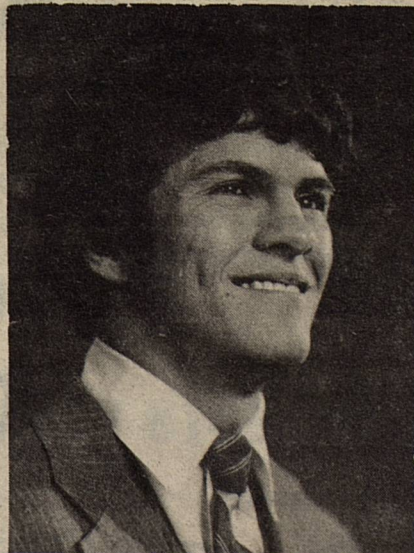
Born Dec. 22, 1963 in Seagraves, he graduated from Plains High School in 1983. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dutch Lemley of Plains; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ellie Lemley of Granbury; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Chavez of Morton; a sister, Vicki Blundell of Plains;

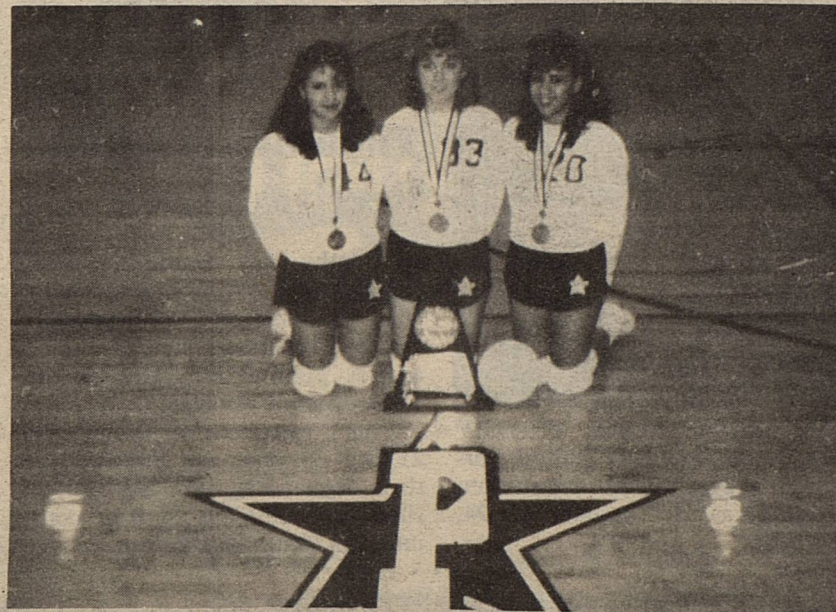
and a brother, Lee of San Diego, Calif.

Pallbearers were Steve Crump, Cary Tekell, Max McGuire, Martin Huerta, Paul Vasquez and Russell Crockett.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Jones, Billy Reese, Kerry Rust, Teddy Willis, Tony Meil, Brad Ancinec and David Guetersloh.



ELLISON RAY LEMLEY



ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM during the State U.I.L. Tournament held in Austin are, left to right, Lynda Jimenez, Melissa Welch and Lydia Jimenez.

## Cowgirls Fall Short Of State Championship

The Plains Cowgirls captured second place at the University Interscholastic League State Volleyball Tournament in Austin last weekend. The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Cowgirls in the Class A Championship match.

The Cowgirls advanced to the finals with a 15-0, 15-12 victory over the Latexo Tigers. They recorded twenty-seven kills in the semi-final match. Individual statistics include: Lydia Jimenez, four kills, one ace; Marsha Farnham, three kills, two blocks; Karen Cobb, seven kills, one ace; Lynda Jimenez, six kills, one ace; Heather McGill, four kills, one ace; and Melissa Welch, three kills, one ace. Leading servers were Melissa Welch and Heather McGill with nine and seven service points, respectively.

Plains held a 10-8 lead in the first game of the championship match against Bronte but the Longhorns came back with five consecutive points for 13-10. A Bronte net violation forced a side out and the Cowgirls put one more point on the scoreboard before Bronte won the first game, 15-11.

Holding Bronte to only two points, the Cowgirls won the second game to tie the match up at one game each. After the three minute time out between games Bronte regained their momentum. They came back strong to take the match by winning the third game 15-4. The

Cowgirls ended their 1987 season with 23 wins and 10 losses. Individual statistics in the championship match were: Marsha Farnham, three kills, four blocks; Heather McGill, one kill, one ace; Karen Cobb, four kills, one ace; Lydia Jimenez, two kills, two aces; Bertha Gonzales, one ace; Melissa Welch, two kills; and Lynda Jimenez, three kills, two aces. Heather McGill recorded seven service points followed by Melissa Welch and Lydia Jimenez with six points each.

Cowgirls' Melissa Welch, Lynda Jimenez and Lydia Jimenez were selected to the Class A All State Tournament team preceding the presentations of team medals and trophies.

## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting To Be Held Dec. 2

Christmas season for Plains will be officially ushered in Wednesday evening, Dec. 2 with the third annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting in Pioneer Plaza Park.

The event gets underway at 5:30 p.m. Santa will pay a special visit to Plains for the special observance. Clubs and organizations are busy with plans for participation in the celebration.

Refreshments will be served.

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**PAM ROWE WINS TURKEY** from Plains Shamrock Station, during a movie rental promotion. Drawing was held Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m.

**Commissioners' Court**

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in special session Nov. 16 with all members present.

Approval was given for the transfer of funds for the payment of accrued interest on time warrants.

Dr. Black, director of South Plains Health Department, discussed need for an additional health nurse for Yoakum and Gaines Counties. He estimated Yoakum County's portion to approximately include salary of \$720 per month; travel, \$145; hospital insurance, \$45; supplies, \$50; for a total of \$910 monthly or approximately \$10,920 annually. The matter was tabled to allow Dr. Black to contact Plains Independent School for help in supplying part of needed funds.

Miscellaneous bills and extra hire were approved for payment.

**Timothy Ray Smith Receives Honor**

Timothy Ray Smith has been selected as an "Outstanding Young Man of America". A biographic sketch will appear in the annual awards publication, "Outstanding Young Men in America".

Young men between the ages of 21 and 36 years are honored for their outstanding civic and professional contributions to their communities, states and nation.



**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY** for Mary's Country Flowers and Gifts Thursday was attended by, left to right, back row, Judge Dallas Brewer, Gary Six, Larry Mason, Jim Warren, Johnny Brown, Carolyn Culwell. Front row, Holly Dyer, Dolores Davis, owner Mary Wilmeth, Eva Adkins, Becky Ellis, Beverly Lowrey and Linsey Cullins.

*To everyone that supported us throughout our 1987 volleyball season we would like to say THANKS! One of our goals this year was to make it to the U.I.L. State Volleyball Tournament. We accomplished that goal with your support and lots of hard work. We appreciate everything!*

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## Lady Bird Johnson Subject Of Study Club Program

Lady Bird Johnson and her life with Lyndon Johnson highlighted Monday's program for GFWC Tsa Mo Ga Club. Program director was Florine Hayes. Participating in a round table discussion were Ms. Hayes as Lady Bird; Sarah Field as Lynda Johnson Robb and Sit Jones as her secretary, Liz Carpenter.

Members were reminded that Dec. 1 is deadline for accepting articles to be sent to M.D. Anderson and Veterans Hospital in Big Spr-

ing. Anyone interested in contributing articles for Christmas gifts for patients in these hospitals may leave items in collection boxes at Yoakum County Library.

Attending were Minnie Blair, Carolyn Culwell, Edna Chambliss, Dolores Davis, Mattie Field, Ottie Morehouse, Martha Palmer, Eloise StRomain, Mary Jo StRomain, Virginia Sanders, Sudie Thompson, Zareta Winn, Rita Mae Snodgrass and Eleanor Simpson.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT YOUNG

### Mr. & Mrs. Robert Young To Be Honored Dec. 5

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young will be honored with a sixtieth wedding anniversary reception Saturday, Dec. 5 in fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Calling hours will be 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Hosting the event will be relatives of the couple.

Young and the former Ita Parks were married Dec. 25, 1927 in Brownfield.

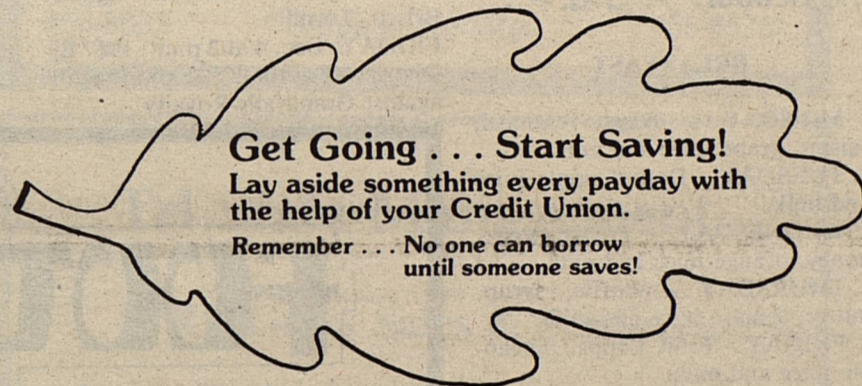
Friends and relatives are invited.

### Deputy Sheriff Donald Booth Speaks At Lions Club

Deputy Sheriff Donald R. Booth was special guest speaker for Thursday's luncheon meeting of Plains Lions Club. He shared tips for protecting one's home from burglaries.

Final details were discussed for the club's fund raising project of selling raw, plain roasted and salted peanuts until Christmas.

Next meeting will be Dec. 3.



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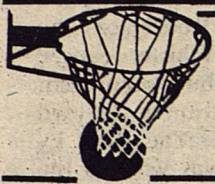
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# Plains Independent School District



## ON THE HARD COURT

Plains Seventh Grade Girls lost a heart breaker basketball game to Denver City in the Fillie's court, Monday, Dec. 23 with a 37-39 over time score. At the half, Plains was leading 18-11.

Leading the scoring for Plains were Monica Flores and Brandi Lester, 8 each; Andrea Salas, 7; Darce Pierce, 6; and Ogla Ramirez and Carmaleta Pope, 4 each.

Eighth Grade Girls took a 32-30 victory over Denver City after leading 10 points, 18-8 at the half.

Scoring for Plains were Renee

### What's Cooking At School?



#### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, raisins, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donut, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - French toast, honey, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffle, syrup, butter, tomato juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Fruit Loops, pineapple juice and milk.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Burritos, tater tots, pineapple and cheese, crackers and milk.

TUESDAY - Tuna casserole, green peas, corn, peanut butter, honey, hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, potato chips, fruit, Harvest prune cake and milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, spiced applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY - Pork chops w/gravy, green beans, lettuce wedge, hot rolls, sliced peaches and milk.

### School Events

MONDAY: Basketball, Seagraves, Girls Here, Boys There, 7/8/9 at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY: BB, Seagraves, Here, BbGg at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY: Seagraves BB Tourn., BG

FRIDAY: Football Quarter-Finals; Seagraves BB continues; BB, Denver City 8th Grade Tourn., B; BB, Plains JV Tourn.

SATURDAY: BB, Seagraves, DC and Plains Tourn. continues; County Food Show, Cafeteria, 10 a.m. til 2 p.m.

McElroy, 8; Daphne Lowe, 6; JoLena Powell, Leslie Gonzales and Leticia Vasquez, 4 each and Ashlee Winn, Lupita Ramos and Amy Jones, 2 each.

Both teams will play Monday, hosting Seagraves with the first game beginning at 5 p.m.

### Channel 3 KPLN

MONDAY, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m., 1987 District Football Championship against Wilson

TUESDAY, Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m., 1987 Bi-District Volleyball against Wink

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m., 1987 Area Volleyball against Fort Hancock

THURSDAY, Dec. 3 at 2:30 p.m., 1987 Regional Volleyball against Brisco, Tornillo

FRIDAY, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., 1987 Bi-District Football Championship against Grandfalls-Royalty

### PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1987

	10 GENERAL FUND	20/30/40 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	98 AUGUST 31, 1987
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Local, Intermediate and Out-of-State	\$ 3,084,717		\$ 3,084,717
State Program Revenue	140,615		140,615
Federal Program Revenue (Note F)	82,317	61,813	144,130
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,307,649</b>	<b>\$ 61,813</b>	<b>\$ 3,369,462</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Instruction	\$ 1,470,906	\$ 56,748	\$ 1,527,654
Instructional Computing	36,136		36,136
Instructional Administration	2,964	3,940	6,904
Instructional Resources & Media Services	56,434		56,434
School Administration	205,839		205,839
Curriculum and Personnel Development	24,575		24,575
Guidance and Counseling Services	52,126		52,126
Health Services	3,826		3,826
Pupil Transportation - Regular	140,717		140,717
Pupil Transportation - Exceptional			0
Co-curricular Activities	166,235		166,235
Food Services	140,651		140,651
General Administration	301,826	1,125	302,951
Plant Maintenance and Operations	517,816		517,816
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	130,932		130,932
Community Services	1,488		1,488
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,252,471</b>	<b>\$ 61,813</b>	<b>\$ 3,314,284</b>
<b>OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:</b>			
Other Resources	\$ 2,308		\$ 2,308
Other Uses			0
<b>Total Other Resources and (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ 2,308</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2,308</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
	\$ 57,486	\$ 0	\$ 57,486
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,908,757		2,908,757
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 2,966,243</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2,966,243</b>

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# Cowboys Reach Quarter-Finals, Will Play Wheeler

The battle of the Cowboys took place at Andrews Mustang Bowl Friday night. The Plains Cowboys took on the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys in a Bi-District shoot-out with the Plains Cowboys coming out on top 42-8.

Grandfalls opened the game kicking off to Plains. Plains failed to make a first down and was forced to punt. Grandfalls started from their 45 yard line. On first down, Brian Francisco was caught behind the line for a loss by Blake McWhirter. Raul Dominguez was then stopped behind the line of scrimmage by Doug Green who also caused him to fumble the ball. However, Grandfalls recovered the fumble. Unable to make a first down Grandfalls punts the ball.

Plains started the drive on their own nine yard line. Plains moved the ball well with two runs by Michael Diaz of five and ten yards; one run by McWhirter, one pass to Scott Lowrey of seven yards and one pass to Green of 13 yards. A penalty caused the drive to stall and Plains punted.

Grandfalls took the ball over on their 24 yard line. On third down they throw a pass that was tipped and intercepted by Alex Barrientes. On the first play Diaz took the ball to the Grandfalls 38. Then he ran 23 yards to the 15 yard line. Green then took a pass from Shane McMinn 15 yards for the first Plains touchdown. The PAT by McMinn was good.

The Plains defense, doing an excellent job, did not allow Grandfalls a first down.

Plains took the ball on their own 37 yard line. Plains moved to the Grandfalls 21 yard line, but, then had to turn the ball over on downs.

Grandfalls took over. Four plays later Grandfalls fumbled the ball on a bad handoff and Lowrey recovered for Plains on the 43 yard line.

Diaz ran for eight yards. McMinn passed to Lowrey for ten yards. McWhirter then scored from 20 yards out. The PAT by McMinn was good. The score stood at 14-0.

Grandfalls fumbled to Plains on the second play after the kickoff. Chad Guetersloh recovered for Plains on the Grandfalls 30 yard line. Five plays later on the five yard line Grandfalls intercepted a McMinn pass.

Grandfalls made good on an off-sides call against Plains. When the flags flew Plains defense relaxed and Grandfalls Pete Cahill took advantage of Plains momentary confusion to run 80 yards for their only touchdown of the night. After another off-sides call on Plains gave Grandfalls half the distance to the goal, the two point conversion by Joe Rodriguez was good.

Each team had two more possessions before the first half ended at 14-8.

Plains defense came out the second half ready to play. McWhirter stopped the runner for no gain. Then McMinn and Kevin Lowrey met Pete Cahill as he tried to turn the corner and stopped him for no gain. Grandfalls punts.

Plains took over on its 43 yard line. McWhirter on a good run got to the Grandfalls 44 yard line. Two runs by Barrientes and one by Diaz gain nine yards. A quarterback sneak by McMinn on fourth down made enough for the first down. McMinn then passed to Jeff Ashburn for 23 yards. A nine yard pass from McMinn to Lowrey scored. The two point conversion pass from McMinn to Ashburn was good.

Plains defense held Grandfalls to two plays for no gain, then Diaz recovered a fumbled pitch-out on the 32 yard line. A ten yard holding penalty moved Plains to the 42. Then Grandfalls intercepted a McMinn pass. Four plays later Chad Wall caused a fumble and McWhirter recovered. On the first play McWhirter ran the ball in from 16 yards out for a touchdown. The PAT by McMinn was good.

Plains defense continued to play an awesome game stopping Grandfalls for big losses the next series of downs.

Plains, after a penalty on Grandfalls, started on Grandfalls 27 yard line. McWhirter ran eight yards. Going into the fourth quarter, Diaz carried twice, the last a 12 yard scoring play. The PAT by McMinn was good. The score stood at 36-8.

Grandfalls had a good series but are unable to overcome an unsportsmanship-like conduct call of 15 yards. Plains took the ball on their 47 yard line. Diaz carried to the 48 and McWhirter ran 16 yards to the 32. Diaz scored, but it was called back on a holding call. Bar-

rientes ran 25 yards to the 17 yard line for a first down. McMinn threw a pass to Green which is tipped and intercepted by Joe Rodriguez who then fumbled. McWhirter caused the fumble and Ashburn recovered. Ashburn then scored on an 18 yard pass from McMinn. The PAT by Anthony Asebedo was wide to the left.

Grandfalls rushed for 140 yards, passed two of six for 29 yards and had seven first downs. Plains rushed for 257 yards, passed 11 of 28 for 127 yards and had 23 first downs.

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## Honor Loved Ones

The American Heart Association helps Texans honor the memory of loved ones, neighbors, or business associates through a gift of life.

"Besides the death of a loved one, a wedding anniversary, birthday, an illness, a holiday or many other occasions can be remembered with a gift to American Heart Association," said Michael H. Crawford, M.D. Dr. Crawford is Co-Director of the Division of Cardiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and President of the American Heart Association in Texas.

When a contribution is made to the American Heart Association, an appropriate card from the donor to the recipient is sent by AHA. The recipient also receives a thank you card to mail to the donor acknowledging the donor's thoughtfulness.

The amount of the contribution is not disclosed to the recipient and the contribution can be from one individual or from many, such as a family or a group of employees.

"A memorial is a meaningful way to tell the family of the deceased that the life that has just passed will continue to live on through the work of the Association," Crawford said. "Through memorials the AHA receives valuable support that is

## Ext. Homemakers Get Gift Ideas

State Line Extension Homemakers Club met Friday afternoon in the Heritage Room of Yoakum County Library for a program directed by Mary Dale Williams, Extension Agent. She presented ideas from "Gifts From The Kitchen".

Mrs. Williams showed ways to package and make gifts of canned foods, mixes and baked goods for Christmas. She also shared a number of recipes.

Craft Day Nov. 7 was reported to be a big success. Most members participated and made rag baskets, belts, basket bells and more. Another Craft Day will be held early in the new year.

Plans were made for members to cater four banquets during December and for the Council and Club Christmas party Dec. 4 in the clubroom. Families of members will be special guests for the 7 p.m. meeting. Women will bring a woman's gift and men a man's gift for the gift project for Canterbury Home in Denver City.

Other plans completed were to reveal Secret Pals at a dinner Nov. 14 in Cattle Baron's in Hobbs.

Attending were Dene Rafferty, Pam Redman, Margaret Box, Carol Beth Box, Carol Copeland, Sherri McGinty, Dolores Davis, Clara Williams, Sidney Murphy and Jeanetta Woods.

needed for our lifesaving efforts through research, professional and public education and community programs.

For more information about memorial contributions, contact the local American Heart Association.

## '42' Club Holds Meeting Saturday

Plains "42" Club met Saturday evening in the clubroom. Hosts were Bob and Irene Jones and Mae Weed.

Grace was spoken by Glenn Morehouse.

Games of "42" and Skip Bo were played.

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*—Proclamation of Thanksgiving—*

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor—and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United State a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially a form of government for their safety and happiness.

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is or that will be-- that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks-- for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation-- for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interposition of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war-- for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one not lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge, and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions--to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national Government a blessing to all people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindnesses to us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best. "Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789."

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