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Hills Lake location still
in contention for facility

By Sherry Koonce
This Pacific Gas & Electric project to build a $50 million
$40 million power plant at Hills Lake, 14 miles above
above Carthage, has been mentioned to commuters at
roadsides for more than three years. The Public Service
Commission has yet to decide where in north central
Texas to build the plant.
The site is only a few miles from Carthage and near the
Denton Fork Dam, which feeds the Hills Lake Reservoir.
The project is expected to provide 150 to 200 jobs at the site
and 500 to 600 additional jobs in related industries.

New county budget calls for 20 percent drop in tax rate

By Daniel Humphries
The 1998 budget approved by the Panola County
Commissioners Court was unveiled last week at the
voter's expense.

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reduction in the county's property tax rate, from 30.94
towards 24.5 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

Hills Lake was approved by the commission last year as the
site for the plant, but the decision was reversed by the
Public Service Commission in April of this year.

Property values jump in '97

Find certified values for 1997 show that the average value of property across the county is up 27 percent from last year.

The average value of property in the county increased from $52,859 to $66,442, according to the certified valuations for 1997.

The county's tax rate will remain at 30.94 cents per $100 of assessed valuation, with the average value of property increasing by 27 percent from last year, to $66,442.

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Legislature cracks down on tobacco, alcohol use by minors

By Daniel Humphries
The Panola Watchman

The 1997 legislative session was marked by a variety of measures aimed at reducing the use of tobacco and alcohol by minors.

The legislature passed a series of measures, including increased penalties for those caught selling tobacco to minors, increased restrictions on the sale of alcohol, and increased funding for law enforcement and education.

The new laws were designed to combat the growing problem of underage smoking and drinking, which has been linked to a number of serious health problems.

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Local taxpayers still shouldering burden for blue warrant prisoners

The Pros and Cons Of Do-It-Yourself Security Systems

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Zor's Recipe Box

By: Antoinette Swinford

Mars bars
225 grams of chocolate
120 grams of butter
325 grams of condensed milk
250 grams of nuts

Melt the chocolate and butter in a pan over medium heat. Add the condensed milk and bring to a boil. Add the nuts and mix well. Pour into a greased baking dish and refrigerate until set. Cut into squares and serve.

Christmas cookies
125 grams of flour
125 grams of butter
100 grams of sugar
1 egg

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg and mix well. Stir in the flour. Roll out on a floured surface and cut into shapes. Bake at 180 degrees for 10 minutes.

Caramel apples
12 apples
1 cup of caramel sauce
1 cup of nuts

Core the apples and insert a wooden stick. Dip the apples in caramel sauce and roll in nuts. Let cool and enjoy.

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LET'S HAVE A TEA PARTY!

Rehearsal Dinner for Daphne & Catherine Johnson, Ivory Delco Hall in Carthage, TX, on February 10, 1997. The couple will be married on February 15, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church in Carthage. The reception will follow at the Ivory Delco Hall. The couple is requesting no gifts at this time, but any donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Carthage would be appreciated. They are both employed at FVP Foods and reside in FVP Foods, their home town in Texas.

Lifestyles

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny W. Jackson welcome Rebecca A. Talbot.
Talbot, Merkert wed in double-ring ceremony.

Rev. Ed and Edwardyda Wright welcome Matthew A. Jones.
Jones, Wright wed in Rose Garden at Carthage Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack March welcome Sherry A. Johnson.
Johnson, March wed in Carthage Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Smith welcome Cassandra A. Johnson.
Johnson, Smith wed in Carthage Country Club.

First Things First

When you get married, it is important to start planning all of your future weddings. Your future is filled with endless possibilities. You may want to get married in the near future or in the distant future. You may want to get married in the same or different countries. You may want to get married in the same or different places. Whatever you choose, the most important thing is to have fun and enjoy yourself.

Landowners meeting scheduled

The Panola County Board and Landowners Association will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Panola County Board Office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wedding Announcements

In preparation for the wedding ceremony, please make sure to have the following items ready:

- Marriage license
- Invitations
- Flowers
- Cake
- Decorations
- Music
- Photographers

Make sure to have enough time to prepare all of these items.

Please remember to have fun and enjoy yourself on your special day!
Lightsey accepts youth position

Sheriff Jack Elliott

We have received a positive response from the youth. They were interested in the position and expressed a desire to be a positive influence in the community. We are pleased to have them on board and look forward to working with them.

The Sheriff's Report

PC Americans rip Lufkin, force Shootout II

Game with PC Nationals will decide state finals berth at Arlington

Lufkin Nationals stunned Tarrant Tech in the prelude to the Tiebreaker, 7-4. This turned out to be the final straw for the Nationals as they fell to PC Americans, 10-4, in the Shootout.

PC Americans had been in a bit of a lull in the tiebreaker, but they came out strong against Lufkin. They scored six runs in the third inning alone, including a home run by John Smith. The Americans continued to dominate the game, scoring five more runs in the fourth inning.

Two runs in the ninth ended the game with the Americans in the lead, 10-4. The Americans will now advance to the state finals, which will be held in Arlington.

In other games, the Americans defeated the Nationals, 12-2, and the Tarrant Tech, 8-3. The Americans are now 18-2 for the season and look to continue their run.

Sports

PC Americans' Jason Smith pitched no-hitter in loss to Lufkin

Smith's no-hitter was the highlight of the game, as the Americans were shut out for the first time this season.

Smith allowed no runs on six hits and struck out seven batters. He also walked one batter. Smith was named the game's MVP.

The Americans will now prepare for their next game against the Nationals, scheduled for next week.

Sales tax rebates up

Sales tax rebates have increased by 20% this year, according to the state's Department of Revenue.

The department attributed the increase to a strong economy and higher sales tax rates.

The rebates are given to businesses that pay the state sales tax, and the money is then returned to them.

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**Panola's 7s win crown**

Panola's 7s, a team in the Dixie League, defeated Henderson to win the Dixie League championship. The game was particularly intense, with both teams showing great sportsmanship and skill. Panola's 7s emerged victorious, solidifying their position as the league's champions.

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PC's Americans up setting to Nationals

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Earn berth against Atlanta Americans in best-of-three state playoff series

PC's 11-12 Nationals perfect in zone sweep

PC Nationals knock down Nacogdoches

NACOGDOCHES — Nacogdoches' first game in the state tournament was for the third time this season after the home side fell to PC with a score of 13-12.

Nacogdoches' second game was a harder one, but the team kept fighting through the game and finally made it to the second round with a 12-10 win.

PC Nationals, with a 13-12 win over Nacogdoches, will face off against the other teams in the state tournament.

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Panoa's starting Shannon Catherman is one of 11-12 Nationals' leading hitters, pitchers through note play

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