

# Cowboy Country News



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## New vehicle for Fire Department



Plains Volunteer Firefighters Michael Barrientes, Jerry Dominguez, Charles Diamond, and back, Alex Barrientes are shown with the new 3500 Chevrolet pickup to be used primarily in combating grass and brush fires. The truck is equipped with four wheel drive and 450 c.u. engine. It was fitted with a complete pumping unit for both water and foam, a 300 gal water tank, and large storage boxes for tools and the "jaws of life."

## County and District Court Cases Heard

In District Court March 18, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Kelly Lynne Barber had conditions of community supervision modified from a prior possession of cocaine cause. She served 48 hours in jail, and her supervision was transferred to Wichita County. She must also attend an outpatient drug treatment program.

In County Court March 19, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Waylon Lee Moore pled guilty to theft by check, more than \$20 but less than \$500. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, and a harassment cause was dismissed. Bill Helwig was his attorney, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both cases.

## FBC helping feed thousands at South Texas disaster scene

When vicious wind storms ripped through the San Antonio area and communities of Hondo and Lytle, many homes were destroyed or damaged sufficiently to make them unlivable. The American Red Cross asked for help feeding the storm victims, and members of Plains First Baptist Church Disaster Relief Unit and other volunteers responded. The FBC's state of the art food preparation trailer is currently on the scene at Lytle. Another mobile kitchen is operating at Hondo. Both units are projects of the Texas Baptist Men Association, and local Jered Sellers is the 'WhiteCap', or supervisor of both volunteer units. They have been preparing 2,500 meals each day.

Meals are prepared at the two sites, then loaded on Red Cross emergency response vehicles ( ERVs) for delivery in the areas.

First Baptist members from here at the site include Jered Sellers, Marc and Zanna Traweck, Larry and Paula Morrow, Marvin and Elvina Friesen, Helen Beal, Karen Bearden and Tim Willis. Also assisting the Plains unit are Ricky Henson and Bucky Johnson from Denver City, Billy Joe Collins, Sundown, and Dorothy Herman, Wolfforth.

Another FBC team here is prepared to relieve the first team if the mobile kitchens are needed for a longer period of time.

## Local photographer honored for work

Pat McNabb, a talented local photographer, recently received this letter from the National Association of Conservation Districts; Dear Pat, Congratulations on receiving a first place award in the Wildlife category for your photo "Tiger Swallowtail on Coneflower" in the 2001 NACD Auxiliary/NACD National Photo Contest. The judges were impressed with your photographic skills. Enclosed is a photo album featuring your winning photo. We hope you will add many more

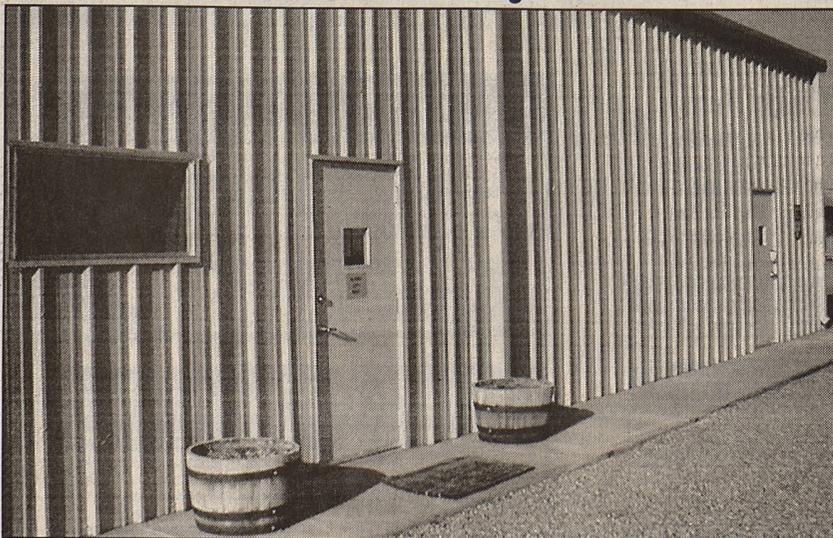
great photos to the album. We will keep the original for possible use in NACD publications or on our Web site. If you check our website at www.nacdnet.org, we currently have your photo on the home page. A list of other winners published in an awards booklet is also enclosed. Thanks for participating in last year's contest. I hope you will enter again. Sincerely, Ronald G. Francis Director of Public Affairs

## West Texas Agriplex Now Open For Business

Last Thursday morning, the long awaited opening of Plains' newest business, West Texas Agriplex, attracted a large number of customers, potential customers, and the just plain curious. The farm supply, fertilizer and farm chemical facility impressed the many visitors with completely remodeled and expanded buildings, new fixtures, and a very impressive inventory of supplies and parts. Agriplex is a definite boost for the local economy - eleven full-time employees are on the payroll. The firm is open Monday through Friday from 7 AM until 6 PM, and Saturdays 7 AM until 1 PM.



## Can't Find City Hall ?



If you've visited City Hall lately to pay your bill or for other business, you found the old building deserted. The office is now in it's temporary location in the EMS and Fire Hall building. Entry to the office is on the south side of the building through the west end door shown in this photo. The old building will be demolished this week to start construction on the new facility.

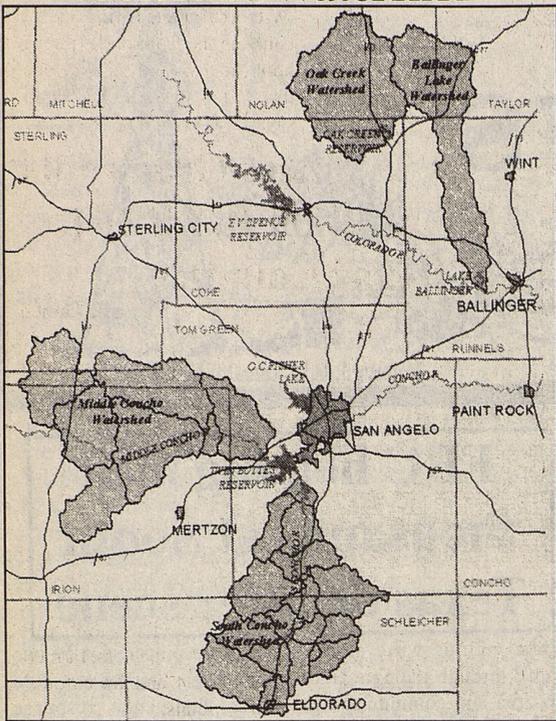
## Run-Off Election Scheduled

Yoakum County Clerk Debbie Rushing recently released schedules for the County and State run-off elections. Early voting will start April 1 and run through April 5. The run-off election day is April 9. The county race on the run-off ballot will be for the Precinct 2 Commissioner job, pitting Democrat Candidates Ben Coston against Danny Moore, both of Denver City. A number of state wide races will be held between both Democrat and Republican candidates. Early voting here will be held in the County Clerks office, and at the branch Tax Office in Denver City.

## Local hospital presents startegic planning meeting to Commissioners Court

Yoakum County Hospital officials hosted a meeting of Commissioners Court and other interested parties Monday, March 25 in the Yoakum County Connection Building in Denver City. Hospital Board members, administration personnel, and Physicians Larry Boyd and Amir Memon participated in the session. Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor moderated the meeting, using overhead projections to detail past and present demographics of the county, and the financial report on hospital operations. Administartor Taylor reported on the continued improvement in hospital services, procedures and revenues. He also conducted a general discussion on a planned dialysis facility, major hospital repairs, remodeling and expansion of the emergency room facilities, and anesthesia coverage. Short term objectives of the hospital include recruiting a Physician Assistant, and possibly opening a home health agency. Major objectives discussed included a master plan to include the ER expansion, development of an outpatient procedure area, and fitness center. Taylor said possibly the most important objective was finding funding for all objectives rather than depending on local tax funds.

## Brush Control Funds Allocated For Upper Colorado Watershed



The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) board of directors recently approved funding allocations for the \$11 million cost share funds for the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Watershed Brush Control Project.

During the 2000 Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Watershed Feasibility Study, the lakes in the watershed were examined and ranked according to water use, brush impacts, current lake levels, reservoir size, and expected water yield and cost effectiveness from brush control.

After ranking the lakes, the recommendation was made and approved by the board that the three highest ranking lakes be allocated \$8.25 million of the \$11 million cost share funds available in FY02-03 in the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Watershed, with the remaining \$2.75 million allocated to other basin-wide projects.

The top three ranked lakes in the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Watershed were Twin

Buttes Lake, Oak Creek Lake and Lake Ballinger. The Twin Buttes watershed was allocated \$6.75 million, Oak Creek Lake watershed was allocated \$1 million and Lake Ballinger watershed was allocated \$.5 million.

The recommendation was made and approved by the board that these two sub-basins in the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Watershed be eligible for the first sign up, with the understanding that should funds become available for a second sign up, the Spring and Dove Creek sub-basin be eligible.

The purpose of the Texas Brush Control Program is to enhance the amount of water flowing from watersheds into reservoirs and tributaries, supplying the state with more usable water. Projections indicate that over the next 10 years, 57 billion gallons of water will be made available in the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Watershed.

## JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and fines and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Pct. 1, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 56 traffic cases, one felony, one class C assault. Bonds set at jail:

- Possession of controlled substance-\$2,500 bond.
- Delivery of a controlled substance-\$5,000 bond.
- Possession of Marijuana-Drug free zone-\$5,000 bond.
- Conspiracy to commit manufacture/Delivery of controlled

- substance-\$1,500 bond.
- 3 charges-possession of Marijuana-\$500 bond.
- Failure to identify-\$500 bond.
- Failure to maintain financial responsibility-\$660 bond.
- No seat belt-\$260 bond.
- 2 charges-Driving while intoxicated, 1st-\$1,000 bond.
- Tamper with Government record-\$1,000 bond.
- Burglary of a habitation-\$10,000 bond.
- Burglary of a building-\$7,500 bond.
- Evading arrest-\$7,500 bond.
- Injury of elderly-\$1,500 bond.
- Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.
- Assault causing bodily injury to a family member-\$1,500 bond.
- Bond forfeiture/felony DWI-\$15,000 bond.
- 2 charges-Possession of a controlled substance-\$10,000 bond.
- Evading arrest-\$2,000 bond.
- Possession of drug paraphernalia-\$250 fine.
- Theft by check-\$1,300 bond.
- Theft-\$5,000 bond.
- Theft by check-\$500 bond.
- 2 charges-Public intoxication-



Members of Commissioners Court are shown meeting with Yoakum County Hospital Administrators, board members and Physicians during Monday's strategic planning session for operation of the hospital

## Rural funds available

Bryan Daniel, State Director USDA Rural Development, reports federal funds are available to help provide essential public services which enhance the quality of life for rural residents. In 2001, \$6.3 million in

direct and guaranteed loans were made available to rural areas.

The loan funds may be used to construct or enlarge facilities for health care, public safety and services. These loans are made to non-profit and public entities, and examples of eligible projects in-

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## Obituary

### Services For J.D. Browne, Jr.

J.D. Browne, Jr., 79, of Seagraves died Friday, March 22, 2002.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2002 at First Baptist Church in Seagraves with Rev. Floyd Haddock officiating.

J.D. Browne, Jr. was born in Colorado City and moved to Seagraves in 1922 at the age of 6 months. He was a World War II Veteran serving in the U.S. Army. Mr. Browne was a life long farmer and was retired from Southwestern Public Service after 33 years.

He and his son Jerry Browne were named Co-Farmer of The Year in 1997 and received many awards from Southwestern Public Service. He was a

member of First Baptist Church and served as a Deacon.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Billie Keel Browne of Seagraves, 1 daughter, Linda K. Ellis of Flower Mound, 1 son, Jerry D. Browne of Seagraves, 1 sister, Ola Mae Browne Wharton of Ft. Worth, Texas and 1 brother, Elzie Browne of Morton, Texas. He had 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Burial was at Gaines County Cemetery under the direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors of Seagraves.

The family suggest memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Seagraves, Texas 79359.

### Strange Phone Calls Could Be Expensive

By Ginger Granath  
Lovington Daily Leader

You've heard about these high dollar telephone scams. Maybe you even know someone who fell victim to one.

But scams like that don't happen here. Do They?

Actually, according to Leaco general manager John Smith, they "very easily could happen" here.

According to Smith, and Yolanda Franklin, manager of Valor's corporate communications division, no one with a Leaco or Valor line has actually been victimized by the high dollar scams, but several warnings circulate daily.

"Those [warnings] come out every day. Leaco is aware of a lot more of it, but we don't see that much activity in the rural areas," Smith says.

But that could change, he

warns, as the people working the scams run out of large markets to exploit.

One warning that found its way around the Internet last month was a scam where a person would call and identify himself as a phone service technician asking the customer to touch 90# and then hangup. Once activated, that person would have access to the customer's line to make as many long distance calls as they please.

Although Leaco and Valor have not seen this particular scam, both Smith and Franklin say it is possible.

"The calling party controls the line," Smith explains. "They've got a function code set in their switch to activate their system." Even though the customer hangs up, "you never have disconnected from them."

Franklin agrees, "That is a legitimate scam."

According to Franklin's colleagues at Valor headquarters in Irving, Texas, dialing 90# has the "potential to affect business customers using a PBX phone system...one that you have to dial 9 to get access to an outside line. It would not affect residential customers."

Other scams, the majority, Amith says, come from countries the FCC has no control over.

One example works like this: customers find a message on their answering machine or pager asking them to call a number with an 809 area code to retrieve important information. The reasons will vary - from informing them a family member has been arrested, or

even to notify them that they have won money or prizes.

When the customer calls the 809 number, they could be charged \$2,400 per minute, or more, to listen to a five-to-ten minute message."

Although the 809 scam has been reported, which is an area code in the Bahamas, Smith

says "these scams come from a multitude of many countries."

"The [long distance] carrier that actually connects that phone call has the privilege to charge any rate they want."

With a complete listing of area codes in the front of the phone book, it's easy to identify one that is not in the U.S., Smith says.

### Perry Announces Grassroots Organization In All 254 Texas Counties

AUSTIN-Governor Rick Perry today announced his statewide, grassroots organization for his 2002 gubernatorial campaign. Governor Perry has built a local organization with a campaign chair in all 254 Texas counties.

Governor Perry welcomed his county chairs to his campaign. "I am honored to have the support of so many great Texans, every one a leader in their communities," he said. "With these men and women behind me, helping to spread my positive message of better schools and roads, improved health care and greater economic opportunity to every county in Texas, I am confident that I will win in November."

Teresa Spears, Governor Perry's Organization Director, noted that Governor Perry has run three successful statewide campaigns. In all three campaigns, she said, he has benefited from a hard working, enthusiastic grassroots organization that has made the difference in his races.

"Governor Perry knows that campaigns are won by ideas and strong grassroots organization. Grassroots organization and enthusiasm can't be

bought; they must be earned. After 17 years of public service, Governor Perry has the knowledge, experience and strong grassroots support he needs to win," Spears said.

Among the men and women who have agreed to serve as Governor Perry's main contact in their counties are state legislators, mayors, county officials, small business owners, educators, veterans, health care professionals, pastors, farmers and ranchers, and law enforcement officials.

Governor Perry's Lubbock area county chairs are: Tommy King, Bailey County; Brice Key, Borden County; Jane Hoyl, Cochran County; Claire Hart, Crosby County; Donald Bethel and Dave Newberry, Dawson County; Linda Moorhouse, Dickens County; Kerry Pratt, Floyd County; David Seltzer, Garza County; John Skaggs, Hale County; Tina Hardcastle, Lamb County; Janis Lemon, Lee Lemon, Ruth Schiemeyer, Lubbock County; Harry Richardson, Yoakum County.

A complete list of Governor Perry's county chairs is available on his website, [www.rickperry.org](http://www.rickperry.org).

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#### EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Under certain conditions (see below) qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail, may be picked up at the Denver City Branch Tax Office, or at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office on or before April 2, 2002 to be eligible to vote in the Democratic and Republican Primary Run-off Election on April 9, 2002

Conditions for voting by mail:

1. Voter is or expects to be **ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** of the voter's residence on election day.
2. Voter has a **SICKNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY** that prevents him/her from appearing at the polling place on election day.
3. Voter is **65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER** on election day.
4. Voter is **\*CONFINED IN JAIL**.

\* For more information on the above conditions for voting by mail, call the County Clerk's Office at 806/456-2721.

Filed: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 11:30 o'clock A.M.

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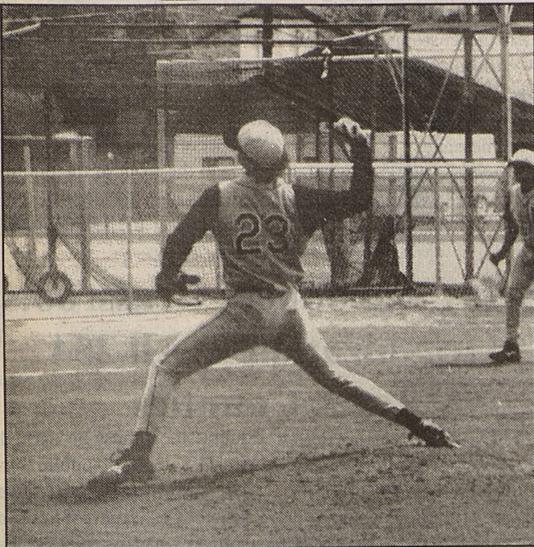
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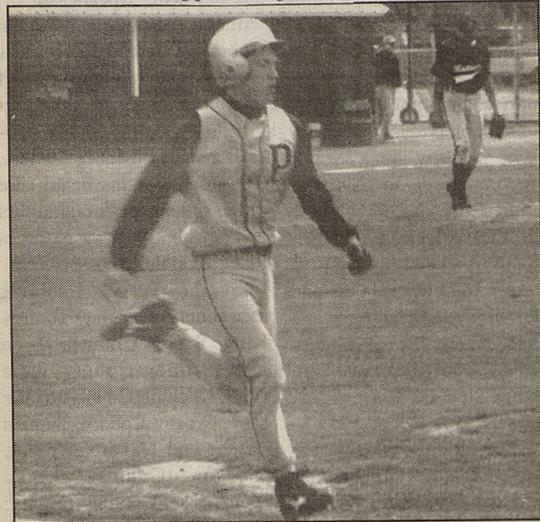
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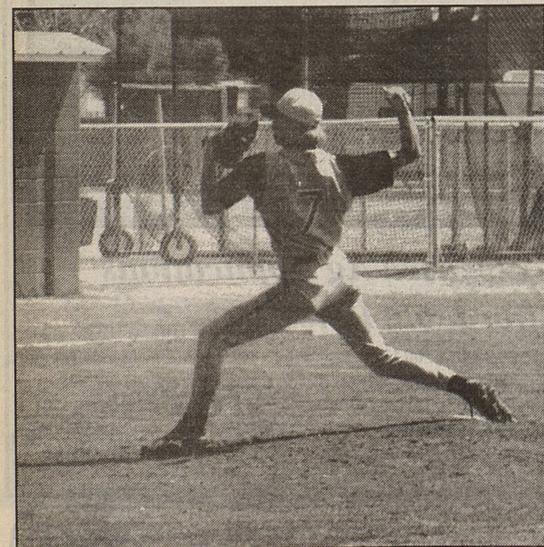
Jared Bell was starting pitcher in game 1



Chris Hansen hustles to first base



Getting a little team spirit going



Kevin Bartley II in relief pitching

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## PHS Sports Review

### BASEBALL

The Cowboys split a double header with the Andrews JV last Saturday, losing the first game in extra innings 5-4. They bounced back to take the second game, 7-3. Jared Bell pitched three innings in the first game, and was briefly relieved by Miguel Coronado, who gave way to Kevin Bartley II. Bartley and Nick Hays were credited with doubles at bat, and Richard Diaz made an outstanding play from left field to throw a Mustang out at the plate. Both teams had six hits.

In game two, Arnold Cordova went the distance on the mound for the win. Coach Bartley credited good defense and perfect execution on the base paths for the win. Kevin II recorded another double. The Cowboys overall record is now 8 wins, 2 losses. They started district action this week.

### GOLF

The Cowgirls competed in the Sundown Invitational Tournament March 19. Weather conditions shortened the tourney to just nine holes of play, and the Cowgirls finished second in the meet. Team member scores included; Liz Wilmeth 51, Mackenzie Winn 56, Allison Butler 57, Chelsi Wagnon 58, and Jill Gray 63.

The Cowboy golf team competed in the same invitational the following day under better conditions. Team member scores were Jared Bell 90, Evan Cain 90, Isaac Ramon 94, Chase Howell 97, Cody Flores 103. Two Cowboy medalists also competed, with Tanner Hamm shooting 99, and Brandon Hise 106. Both the Cowgirls and Cowboys are scheduled to compete again March 27.

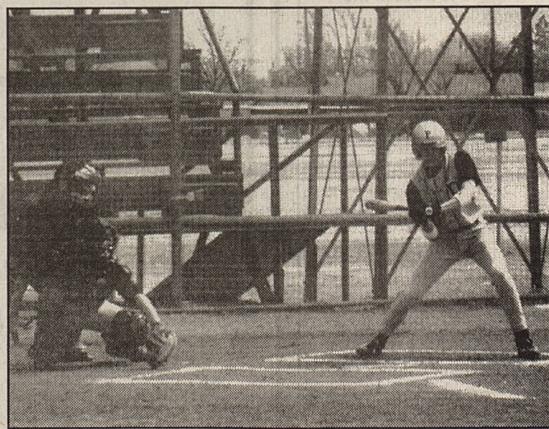
### TRACK

New Deal Relays, March 8: The Cowboys won the boys division, competing against eight other schools. Individual performances included:

Chase Howell, 2nd, high jump - Chris Mc Ginty, 1st Shot Put, 2nd discus - Jared Bell 2nd, long jump - 400 M Relay, 2nd, Joseph Rodriguez, Arnold Cordova, Moises Gonzales, Jared Bell - 1600 M Relay, 3rd, Joseph Rodriguez, Jared Bell, Richard Diaz, Jonathan DeLaRosa - 3200 M Run, 3rd Brandon Davis, 4th Armando Ramirez, 6th Payton Bean - 1600 M Run, 2nd Brandon Davis, 3rd Armando Ramirez - 100 M Dash, 3rd, Moises Gonzales - 110 M Hurdles, 3rd Nick Hays - 200 M Dash, 1st, Jared Bell (two-tenths second from school record) - 300 M Hurdles, 2nd, Chase Howell - JV - Shot Put, 3rd, Ryan Martinez - 3200 M Run, 3rd, David Escobar.

Seagraves Meet, March 22: Cowgirls - 100 M Dash, 2nd, Moriah Traweek - Discus, 3rd, Kayla Willis - 300 M Hurdles, 4th, Moriah Traweek - 800 M Relay, 3rd, Kayla Willis, Manuela Villegas, Jill Gray, Jessica Rodriguez.

800 M Run, 5th, Manuela Villegas - 1600 M Relay, 5th, Kayla Willis, Jessica Rodriguez, Manuela Villegas, Moriah Traweek - 200 M Dash, 6th Jessica Rodriguez  
Cowboys - 1600 Relay, 2nd, Moises Gonzales, Richard Diaz, Arnold Cordova, Jared Bell - 110 Hurdles, 2nd, Nick Hays - 100 Dash, 2nd, Moises Gonzales - 200 Dash, 1st, Jared Bell 300 Hurdles, Arnold Cordova - 800 Run, 1st, Richard Diaz - 1600 Run, 3rd, Armando Ramirez - 3200 Run, 3rd, Armando Ramirez - Triple Jump, 2nd, Jared Bell - Long Jump, 1st, Jared Bell - JV - Shot Put, 3rd, Ryan Martinez



Kevin Bartley checks up on swing at low ball

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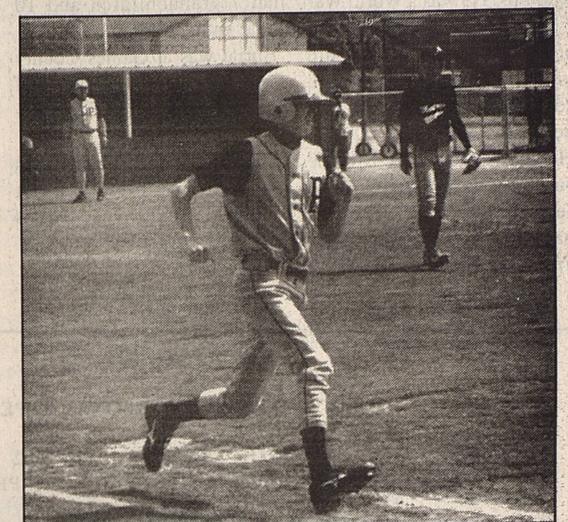
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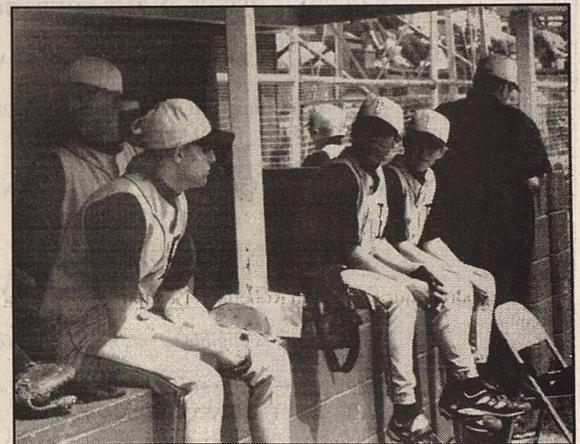
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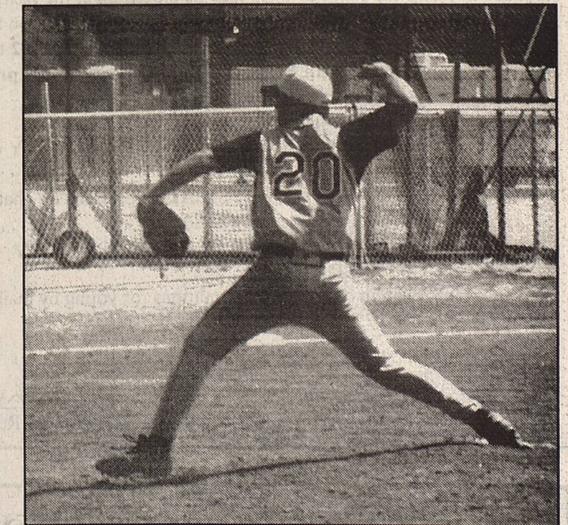
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Symphonic Safari In Lubbock

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra will present its Family Matinee, *Symphonic Safari!*, on Sunday, April 14th, 2002. Sponsored by the Lubbock Symphony Guild, the fun will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a 3 p.m. performance by the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Lubbock in the Lubbock Civic Center Theatre. The Lubbock Avalanche Journal is the Season Sponsor of the LSO. Ticket information may be obtained online at [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org). The fun will begin at 2 p.m. with our educational activity centers. Our hands on education centers will include an instrument petting zoo, Kindermusik, Listen with Your Heart, arts & crafts, face painting, and a booth coordinated by Ballet Lubbock. The adventure continues with a performance at 3 p.m. by the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Lubbock, as they present *Carnival of the Animals* by Saint-Saens and Prokofiev's *Peter and The Wolf*. Fun for the whole family!! Tickets for the concert on April 14th are \$5 for students/seniors and \$8 for adults. Remember special group rates are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org), at PNB Financial at 50th and University, by calling the Symphony office at 806-762-1688, or by visiting the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2 (the LP&L Plaza at Broadway & Avenue M) For more information, call 806-662-1688.

## New Books At The Library

**FICTION:**  
*Three Weeks In Paris...* Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Eureka...* William Diehl, *Willow...* V.C. Andrews, *Southampton Row...* Anne Perry, *Catch As Cat Can...* Rita Mae Brown, *Shadow Warriors...* Tom Clancy, *The Happy Room...* Catherine Palmer, *Sinister Heights...* Loren Estleman, *The Summons...* John Grisham, *Channeling Cleopatra...* Elizabeth Scarborough

**NON-FICTION:**  
*The Lessons Of Terror...* Caleb Carr, *The Deeper Wound...* Deepak Chopra, *Sports Injuries...* Robin Roberts, *A Death In Texas...* Dina Temple-Raston, *From The Ashes: A Spiritual Response To The Attack On America...* collected by the Editors of Beliefnet, *The Age Of Terror: America And The World After September 11...* edited by Strobe Talbott, *Little Miss Dynamite...the life and times of Brenda Lee...* Brenda Lee, *Let Freedom Ring: The Words That Shaped Our America...* Sterling Publishing (donated in memory of Mark Barron by Dolores Davis and family)

## Liberty Hill Superintendent To Be Recognized By National Football Foundation

Dean Andrews, Superintendent of Liberty Hill Independent School District will be recognized by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for his contributions to amateur football. Andrews will be recognized at the annual National Football Foundation Banquet on May 15, 2002. Others to be recognized will be Jerry Majors of Waco and Joddie Whitt of Lindale. Founded in 1947, the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is dedicated to mobilizing the constructive forces of amateur football, at all levels, for the benefit of society as a whole. It seeks to establish the true concept of the game as an amateur sport, and to gain recognition of the important role it plays in the preservation and advancement of our way of life. Andrews was Superintendent of Plains ISD from 1980 to 1990.

You can achieve great things by...being willing to learn new things, being able to assimilate new information quickly and being able to get along with and work with other people.

## First United Methodist Church 1202 Avenue G - Plains



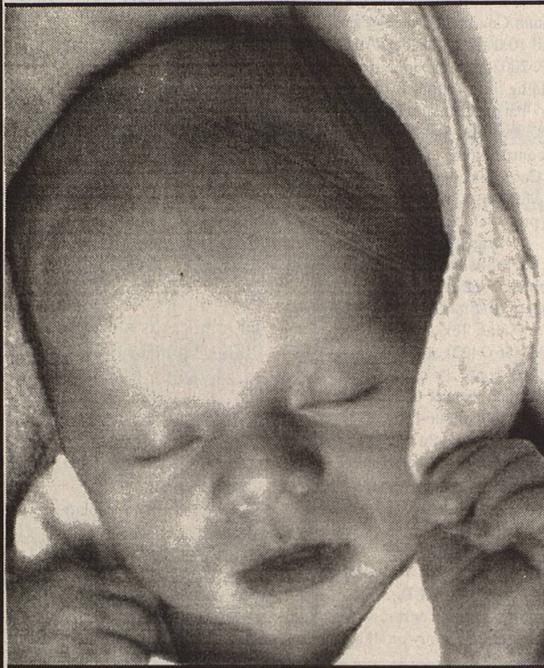
### Schedule of Holy Week Services

**Maudy Thursday**  
Holy Communion - 6:30 PM

**Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM  
(on the hill in Stanford Park)

Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

## Bouncing Baby Boy



Chris and Amy Vigil announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Karl. He was born March 4, 2002 at 2:17 p.m. at the Covenant Birthing Center in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Nathan was welcomed by grandparents, Pat and Timmie Vigil of Lubbock, and Dennis and Melba Crutcher of Plains. His great-grandparents are Rhuey Edwards of Plains and Forrest Earnest of Brownfield.

## Senior Citizens Corner

Today is pool tournament and turkey & dressing, we always have a big turn out for that. Also line dancing this morning at the Center.

This is a very busy time for every one, spring is springing forward on our clocks. Lots of folks clean out closets and get ready for summer. We at the Center are no different, we clean out and start over again for another year.

People are still walking in the halls and the treadmills are going full blast. Some just like to visit, work crossword puzzles, play dominoes, do ceramics, read and drink coffee, we have lots of different things going on.

Our memorial board is getting lots of complements. We like for people to come and make sure your folks' names are on it, this is the members of our

Center. The rain was really nice this week, we heard there was some hail between Denver City and Seminole, it wasn't very large but some was built up on the roads.

We have some nice things in our garage sale, so come on down and check us out. The general public is invited to look us over, also we are accepting donations of good, clean clothing and other things for our garage sale.

Thursday and Monday at 10:30 is blood pressure.

The buses run Monday through Friday, just call 592-8000 and we will get you to the Center.

We received more new cards for all occasions. Come by and make your selection.

God bless everybody and God bless America. Till next week.

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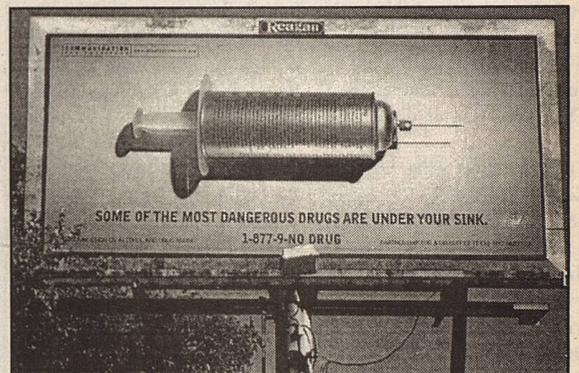
## TCADA Launches Inhalant Abuse Campaign

On March 19, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is kicking off an inhalants awareness and education campaign. The campaign runs parallel to National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week, March 17-23, 2002. The Commission is working closely with its regional Prevention Resource Centers to plan and implement awareness and education activities throughout the state. Local activities include a movie theater public service campaign and distribution of posters, educational videos and public service announcements to schools. The Commission is also sponsoring a statewide billboard promotion to prevent and reduce inhalant abuse. About 237 billboards will be put up around the state, in both English and Spanish.

kitchen sink." Inhalants are common household products that children sniff to get high. There are hundreds of products, including spray paint, air freshener, airplane glue, cleaning solutions, and correction fluid, that can be abused. Research shows that using inhalants, even once, can be extremely dangerous, even fatal.

Twenty percent of Texas students have used inhalants by the time they are in the seventh grade, according to the 2000 Texas School Survey. Inhalant abuse fell sharply from 1998 to 2000, according to the survey. The overall rate for lifetime use dropped 14 percent during the two year period, and there was a 22 percent decrease reported for seventh graders.

Although abuse rates have de-



"It is important that Texans understand the seriousness of inhalant abuse," said Dr. Dave Wanser, executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. "Few parents realize that common household products can be deadly and that their kids can find lethal drugs right under the

creased, inhalants can become a gateway to other drugs for many students.

Joe Wiese, TCADA's prevention director, said, "Unfortunately, a great many children who become addicted to inhalants at a young age move on to other drugs and are at higher risk for alcohol dependence."



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# From The Hack

How do you sue a school district? More importantly, how do you know WHICH school district when your personal property is damaged while attending one of their sports events? I'm really perplexed. I journeyed to Andrews to film the PHS Cowboys take on the Mustangs baseballers last Saturday, and made the unfortunate mistake of parking my pristine Chevy pickup as near the PHS dugout as possible. In retrospect, I must admit that was a fairly stupid mistake, for I saw dozens and dozens of vehicles parked at least 200 yards from mine. Being a bit late for the game, I chose the closest spot to our dugout. Somewhere around the fifth inning, I watched a foul ball sail ominously near where my truck was parked, and then heard a distinct THUNK. Our compassionate Cowboy team rushed to the fence to see whose vehicle was among the injured, and one future genius, sure to be a successful banker or lawyer opined, "No problem, wasn't mine." I've already contacted my insurer, and he has assured me, "That is NOT a hail dent!"

The theme of First Baptist's Sunday last services was celebratory. Brother Bill Wright's tenth anniversary as Pastor of the Church. Thankfully, the services were commenced by his lovely wife Linda who praised the membership for ten wonderful years, and of the tremendous debt she and the Pastor owed the Church. Her heartfelt, impassioned words produced a rousing acclamation from the audience, and tears from a number of eyes.

Brother Bill then took over, and touched many hearts for his appreciation and love for the FBC family, and again, the congregation was obviously impressed, for one member stood, and loudly proclaimed, "Brother Bill, I think you better get your staff to go back over our records... I know for a fact you been here LOTS, LOTS

longer than ten years.!" (just kidding, Bill, Linda, we love you... especially Linda)

Did the Academy Awards winners please you? I don't have a clue if they did me or not, since I have seen so few movies the last few years. I did read in a couple of newspapers the list of nominees for Best Picture Of The Year. I decided to play about a bit with their titles, NOT in the order they were nominated;

It was reported a man with "A BEAUTIFUL MIND" met a young lass in "GOSFORD PARK", valiantly tried to persuade her to join him "IN THE BEDROOM," but she declined, saying, no, my only major pastimes are dancing to "LORD OF THE RINGS" at the "MOULIN ROUGE"

It is now definitely, positively proven beyond a shadow of doubt - ALL golfers are idiots. Yoakum County Golf Club, under the infinite wisdom, direction and management of an impeccable board of directors and Club Pro Wiley Osborne actually held a two day, three man scramble tournament last weekend, you know, Brown Weekend, when all sorts of stuff blew either over or away. Unable to play (Thank GOD!), I dutifully took my camera to the course Sunday PM, with the ridiculously slim chance of getting a shot of a winning Plains team.

It was miserable. Just in the few yards from my pickup to the clubhouse, I was struck by windpropelled beer cans, a discarded Pampers carton which really hurt, and what appeared to be a prairie dog sucked from its nesting hole.

Reaching the safety of the clubhouse, and soundly cursed for opening the front door to let half the sand of the county inside, I learned there had been several unusual and possibly life threatening occurrences during the howling winds.

One golfer teed his ball up, facing the gale force winds, made a gorilla like swing, hit the ball, which was lost in blowing sand, but his tee flew directly back in his face where it imbedded itself in his left nostril. EMS was promptly called on a cell phone, but 57 minutes later called back and reported, "Hell with this,

we've already run over two steers in someone's pasture, knocked over a Highway Department sign or two, and don't have a clue where the golf course is. Let the idiot bleed, the sand'll clot it up in a bit."

## NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 12, 2002, to build a Pavilion Building in the Stuffy Moorhead Park in Denver City. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, April 15, 2002. Bid price will be paid from 2002 budgeted funds.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-2422) or J.R. Slentz, Commissioner, Precinct #2, 700 W. Cedar, Denver City, Texas 79323 or call 806-592-3287. Sealed bids should be marked "PAVILION" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G., Plains, Texas 79355. **NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Yoakum County Connection needs a Summer Youth Arts Program Director, to be paid \$2500 for planning/supervising workshops in Plains & Denver City. The workshops have been provided in the month of June in the past. The person chosen would need to apply for Texas Commission on the Arts grant funding and able to work with people, particularly youth. Please send resume to PO Box 117, Plains TX 79355 by March 22. For info or questions, call LeAnn Romines, Denver City, or Linda Powell, Plains

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## On The Level

with Donald Haley  
USDA/NRCS

What difference can one tree make?

Let's ask the 97 Denver City 5<sup>th</sup> graders who each recently received a single pine tree seedling to plant and care for on their own.

"Wow", says one girl.

"It's so cute!" giggles another.

"How big will it get?" asks one of the boys.

"Yes...they are very small and delicate right now", Mrs. Clinton, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher explains, holding one of the 18-inch Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) seedlings, "but care for it, nurture it, and it can grow forty feet tall and live for a hundred years!"

"Cool!" someone says.

And so, 97 little pine tree seedlings have by now been planted in and around the Denver City area.

Some will live, some will die.

Some will grow to be 40 feet tall and some will not grow at all.

But the important thing is that they will have their opportunity. One by one, tiny roots will meet life-giving soil, planted there by gentle and loving hands.

And whether they live or die will be determined by many things. That's the way life is.

But the hope and the message of Mrs. Clinton and the Denver City Intermediate School and the Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District who donated the trees is simply this - each and every living thing can achieve wonders if given the chance to grow.

We all know the story of the mighty oak that began but from a tiny acorn.

And so too the majestic pine, reaching high into the sky, began as a small, 18-inch seedling in the hands of a child on a windy, drought-starved day in Denver City, Texas.

In the years to come, it will be interesting to see what becomes of these 97 little

pine trees, planted in the spring of 2002.

Will they become giants to those that view them?

Will they live and prosper and grow and give beauty?

And what of the hands that planted them?

Will they grow strong and learn and live and give back in a positive way?

Mrs. Clinton has done her part - illustrating the fragile beauty in nature and how that, with time and work and a little luck, just like in life, something great can happen if given a chance.

And as these little pine seedlings take their place in the world, let each of us say a special prayer of promise and hope for the hands that planted them.

May they too have their time to grow, to show the world their splendor, their strength, to find their rightful place in this life - tall and straight and strong.....



Mrs. Clinton, 3rd from right, back row, and one of her 5th grade science classes, posing with Red Cedar pine tree seedlings donated by the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District. All 95 5th grade science students received a pine seedling to plant and care for their own. On the far left (back row) is Yoakum SWCD Director Larry Nelson

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