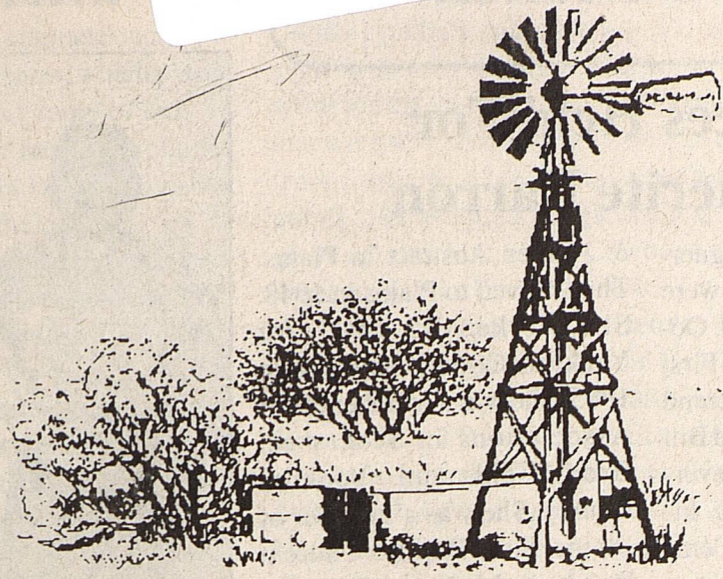


# Cowboy Country News

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## Plans being made for YCH second 'Denim & Diamonds'



Volunteer workers are often difficult to find when asked to help with the planning of an upcoming event. Not so when the Yoakum County Foundation Board members announced they were seeking volunteer tasters to check out the gourmet menu being proposed for the Foundation's second annual Denim and Diamond New Year gala fund raising party. This year the lavish dinner is being catered by 'Jeana's Feed Bag Catering' of Levelland, who brought samples of her culinary skills to the Hospital Board Room last week for a tasting preview. The lucky volunteer 'try-outers' shown above are, L-R, Wilma Powell, Suann Parrish, Hortencia Castillo, Joe Kay, holding Ashton Floyd, granddaughter of (next) Suzie Parker, the Caterer, Jeana Coffman, Amy Boiles, Clay Taylor, Sandy Bell and Jeannette Head. Yoakum County Hospital Foundation Board members are Wilma Powell, Joe Kay, Edith Kidd, Clay Taylor, Dale Carter, and Jim Barron. Photo courtesy Marilyn Low, Tri-County Tribune.

## 2004 - 05 Flu Season Shots

### Where does the county stand?

Virtually every media source has recently focused on the extreme shortage of influenza vaccine, and the timing of the shortage could not be more unsettling for millions of Americans - the influenza season is upon us. Earlier this month, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) learned a major manufacturer of flu vaccine in Great Britain had its license suspended to manufacture and distribute the product for a three month period, at the peak of the flu season. This shutdown of the manufacturing will result in the United States receiving some one-half the expected supply of the vaccine for the 2004-2005 flu season.

Last week CCN had the opportunity to discuss this disturbing development with Dr. Christopher Cotton, West Texas Medical Center and Yoakum County Hospital practitioner. "Virtually every hospital, clinic, and other influenza vaccine delivery agencies have been severely limited in the amount of the treatments we can offer. We have all had to establish priority criteria, to establish who in our communities need the vaccine the most."

Dr. Cotton furnished CCN an October 5, 2004 document from the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control (CDC) detailing the shortage and its recommendations for dispersing the short supply vaccine. Portions of the document read:

- Priority Groups For Influenza Vaccination - The following groups are considered to be of equal importance:
- \* all children aged 6-23 months.
  - \* adults aged 65 and older
  - \* all women who will be pregnant during the flu season
  - \* residents of nursing homes and long term health facilities.
  - \* children aged 6 months - 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy
  - \* health care workers involved in direct patient care, and
  - \* out of home caregivers and household contacts of children aged 6 months

Dr. Cotton reported in cases where applicants can show two or more of the above recommended criteria there would be little question about their receiving the vaccine. He also said health care facilities are advising certain patients they would benefit from receiving a nasal spray type vaccine where it is available. Additional information can be obtained from staff at the Yoakum County Clinic here in Plains, and West Texas Medical Center in Denver City.

In prior years, area and state health care agencies have worked with county officials to make flu vaccine shots available at country sites, here and in Denver City. Judge Dallas Brewer has been advised this arrangement will not be possible this year

## Criminal Cases In County Court

In the September 29 and October 6 sessions of County Court, eight criminal cases were heard by Judge Dallas Brewer, with Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

James Marcus Mann pled guilty to theft, more than \$50, less than \$500. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$256 court cost, pay restitution to Yoakum County Drug Forfeiture and \$25 time payment fee. He must serve 24 hours community service, complete the TAIP program and pay \$50 supervision fee. Warren New served as his attorney and investigating officer was Lisa Switzer, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force.

Christopher Scott Tirrell pled guilty to theft over \$500, less than \$1500. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$211 court cost, \$25 time payment fee, and \$358.67 restitution to Allsup's #194, with joint liability for \$1076.00. A cause of engaging in organized criminal activity was adjudicated. He will serve 120 hours community service. Sheriff Deputy Curtis Coffman was investigating officer and Warren New was his attorney.

## Cowboys fall to Sundown 35-14

**Editor's Note: We apologize for the lack of game photos. Our camera man Adam Jones shot a full roll of 35 mm film, but had no way of knowing the shutter was partially jammed and did not allow enough light to properly expose the film.**

The visiting Sundown Roughnecks managed to shutout the Cowboys the first three periods of play in last Friday action, and 'The Boys' were unable to get on the board until the final quarter of district action.

The Cowboys received the opening kickoff, but could not move the ball. Bruton's fourth down punt was taken by the Roughnecks on their 27 yardline, and a combined air and ground offensive attack steadily moved the ball to the Cowboy 9, where a short toss and extra point kick gave Sundown a 7-0 lead.

The Cowboys got the ball after a short kickoff, and from their 43 showed some offensive life. The offensive line opened holes for Tyler Caffey to move the ball, Evan Cain passed to Daniel Parker for 17 yards, and they pushed the ball to the Sundown 7 where the Roughnecks stiffened, and a fourth down

fieldgoal attempt failed.

Early in the second quarter Cowboy defenders stopped the Roughneck attack and gave Plains the ball deep in their territory at the six. Cain found Payton Bean open for a 7 yard gain, followed by a completion to Parker for 9 yards, but the attack stalled and Bruton punted to the 40. Sundown's offense found the right gear and their ground attack steadily moved theball downfield, and with less than two minutes on the clock, scored again. The extra point kick gave them a 14-0 lead at the half.

The Roughnecks took the opening second half kickoff, and quickly reeled off two first downs on the ground to the Cowboy 30, where a pass and failed extra point try put Sundown up 20-0.

In the next possession, the Cowboys showed life when the offensive line provided blocking for ground gains by Caffey, and pass completions from Cain to Bean, Parker and Todd Williams, but the drive stuttered at the Sundown 29. The Roughnecks quickly moved for two first downs, and a 19 yard pass completion and two point conversion put them up 28-0. Not content with the lead, they

then executed a successful on-sides kick. Two quick pass completions and a final 9 yard run gave them their fifth TD and 35-0 lead after the extra point kick.

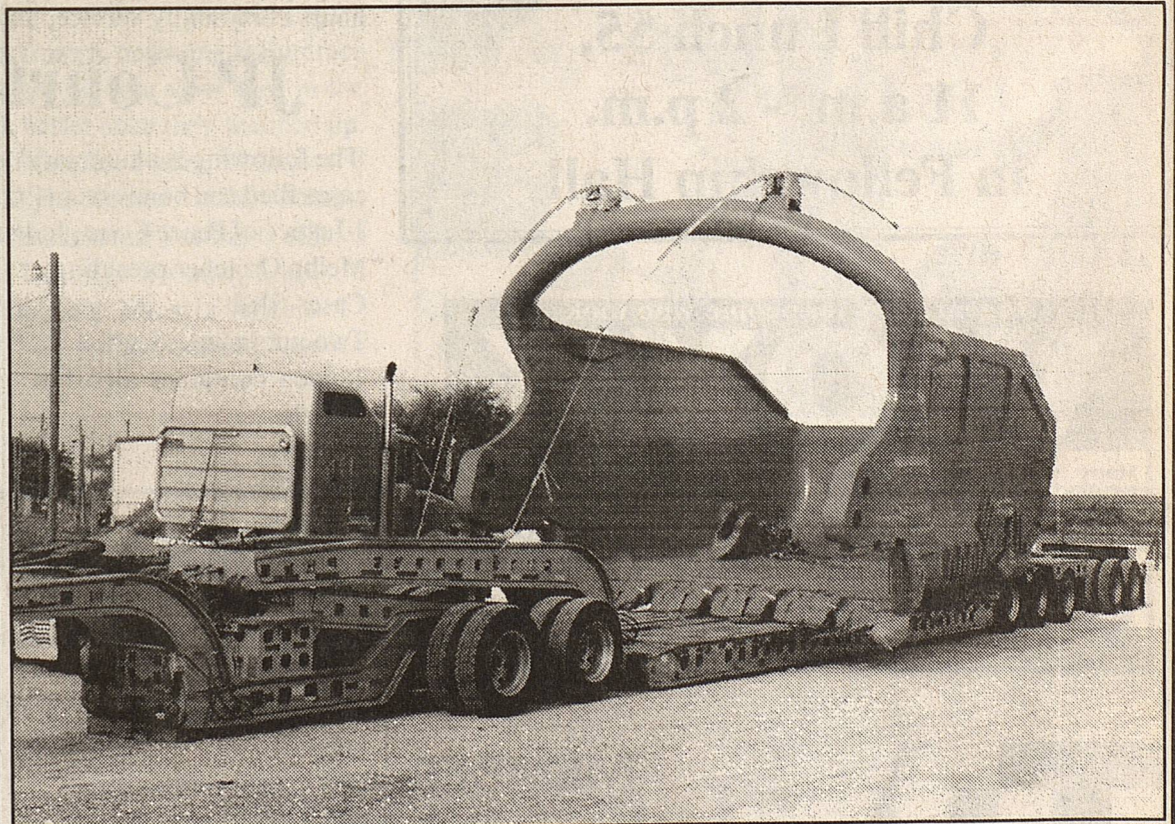
Midway in the final period, Sundown was again moving the ball, until Bean intercepted an errant throw to give the Cowboys the ball at the 38. On the second play from scrimmage Bean went over his left tackle to score, and Blake O'Quinn's toss to Parker put the Cowboys on the board 35-8.

In Sundown's following possession, O'Quinn recovered a fumble at the 22 yardline, and on the next play, O'Quinn threw to Patrick Cotton for 6 points, but Ramiro Martinez' two point conversion run failed for the final 35-14 score.

The Cowboys recorded 246 yards offense to the Roughnecks 351. Caffey led rushing stats with 88 yards, Cain completed 8 passes for 72 yards, Parker topped receptions with 4, Bean 3. Leading Cowboy tacklers were Bruton 9, O'Quinn 8, Isaac Ramon and Ramiro Martinez, 7 each.

The Cowboys travel to highly regarded Morton this Friday. They can use your support !!

## A gargantuan bite guaranteed !



This huge digging bucket was recently parked on the west side of town, probably destined for an open pit mine somewhere. The driver was not present, but our casual measurements indicated the mouth with the digging teeth was some 27 feet wide, The bucket proper was 28 feet long and 24 feet deep, and it rode on a 28 wheel trailer. It bore a sign indicated it was patented in Australia under the trade name 'Esco'.

Cathy Regina Elmore pled guilty to obtaining dangerous drug by forged prescription. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. She was fined \$500, will serve 40 hours community service, complete the Turning Point Treatment Program, and attend weekly narcotics meetings. Lisa Switzer was investigating officer.

Nanette Gonzales Mendoza pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. .120/118, open container. She was fined \$500, must pay \$326 court cost, \$25 time payment fee, serve 6 days in jail with credit for one, attend weekly AA meetings, and complete the DWI first offender program. Deputy Kenley Powell was the investigating officer. Jose Leon Castillo Jr. pled true

to assault causes bodily injury. A 77 day jail sentence has been met with 78 days served. He must pay total delinquencies of \$525. The state agreed not to prosecute a July 15 assault, bodily injury/family violence cause. Paul Mansur was his attorney.

In a first DWI cause (motion  
**Turn to Pg. 2**  
**'County Court'**





# Obituaries

## Services Held For Marguerite Barron

Funeral services for Marguerite Barron, 90, of Plains were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 15, 2004 at Plains First Baptist Church with Reverend Glenn Harlin and Reverend Bill Wright officiating and Reverend Calvin Beach assisting. Interment was in Plains Cemetery.

She was born October 1, 1914 in Hill County, Texas. She married Thomas Barron December 4, 1937 at Lamesa, Texas, he preceded her in death February 16, 1990. She moved to Dawson Co. in 1929. She attended Texas Women's University. She was employed with Collins Dry Goods in Lamesa, then was employed with Elliot

& Walden Abstract in Plains. They moved to Plains in 1948. She worked 25 years for Yoakum County retiring in 1985. She was a member of Art Associations in Seagraves, Brownfield and Yoakum County. She was a member of Plains First Baptist Church. Two sons Mark and Tom and Great granddaughter Blaine also preceded her in death.

She is survived by 2 sons Jim and wife JoAnn Barron of Plains, Darrell and wife Sue Barron of Plains, 2 sisters Frances Corey of Vancouver, WA., Christine Wood of Lubbock, six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

## Final rites for Mary Almedy Forbus

Funeral services were held for Mary Almedy Forbus, 87, Saturday, October 16, 2004 at First Foursquare Church, with Reverends Ronald Brown and Andy Pruitt officiating. Interment followed in Ropesville Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Mrs. Forbus died October 13 in Brownfield.

She was born July 21, 1917, in Denton County, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1927. She married James Richard Altman in 1931.

She later married Levere "Bud" Forbus February 22 in Clovis New Mexico. They lived in the Pool Community 26 years, where they farmed. He preceded her in death February 14, 2003. She moved to Brownfield after retiring in 1973. She was a member of Brownfield First Foursquare Church.

She is survived by three sons; Randy Forbus, Plains, James Altman, Plains, Jimmy Altman, Lovington, NM; Ten grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

## Volunteer firefighters attend annual school



Tony Perez, Yoakum County Farm Bureau Pres. Lanny Smith, Volunteer Fire Department President Charles Diamond.

Plains Volunteer Tony Perez attended the recent 75th annual Municipal Fire Training School. The school was attended by some 2,000 students representing 750 towns and cities from more than 25 states, and was held on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Firefighters at the school choose a course from a list including fire fighting, prevention, officer development, rescue practices, and specialized fire protection.

Perez was sponsored by the Yoakum County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies contributed

toward the cost of the school. Volunteer firefighters attending the school help do a better job of fire fighting and prevention, and 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"We believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo. "It is our hope this program will help the Plains Volunteer Department better serve the residents of Yoakum County."

### FROM PAGE ONE, COUNTY COURT

to revoke) Spencer Don Deaton pled true and was sentenced to 120 days in jail, with credit for 52 days served. Bill Helwig was his attorney.

Ricardo Segovia Montanez pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .162/160. A 30 day jail sentence had been met with 33 days served. He was held for the U.S. Border Patrol.

Sergio Ordaz pled guilty to a first DWI. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$226 court cost, \$50 appointed attorney fees, and \$25 time payment. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 50 hours, attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and

complete the DWI first offender program. Investigating officer was Deputy Kenley Powell, and Bill Helwig was his attorney.

In the October 13 session of County Court, Jack Ross Horton pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$300, must pay \$211 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 24 hours community service, \$50 supervision fees, complete the drug offender education program, attend weekly narcotics meetings, and will surrender his license 180 days. Karen Hobbs, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

## JP Court Summary

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

- Cases filed:  
 Two public intoxication  
 1 open container alcohol in vehicle  
 1 felony  
 39 traffic cases  
 Bonds Set:  
 False report to police officer- \$500  
 Unlawfully carrying weapon or club- \$1500  
 Obstruct/Retaliation- \$3500 bond  
 DWI with child under 15- \$2500  
 Public intoxication- \$500  
 Two possession of marijuana- \$500  
 Open container in vehicle- \$500  
 3 cases driving with suspended

- license  
 Assault, bodily injury/family violence- \$6000  
 Motion of surety/assault- \$6000  
 Bond forfeiture/possession of controlled substance- \$50,000  
 DWI, 2nd- \$1500, interlock device ordered  
 Bond forfeiture, possession controlled substance- \$10,000 cash bond.  
 Assault, bodily injury family member- \$1500  
 Cruelty to animals- \$1500  
 DWI, 1st- \$1000  
 DWI- no bond, held for Border Patrol  
 Tamper with government record, held for Border Patrol  
 Failure to appear, Andrews County- \$400  
 No drivers license, Andrews County- \$300

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**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

With college tuition, medical bills and mortgages to pay, American families cannot afford to pay more in taxes. That's why I persistently fought to pass the Working Families Tax Relief Act to extend tax cuts that were put in place two years ago by Congress. Under this significant piece of legislation, American families will see \$131 billion in tax relief.

Last year, I worked with my colleagues and President Bush to pass a \$350 billion jobs and economic growth package to put Americans back to work and stimulate the economy. By putting more money in the pockets of individuals and small businesses, we freed the engines of our economy. Since that bill was signed, the stock market is up, private sector reached growth is strong, and America's standard of living is on the rise. Homeownership rates reached an all time high and among minorities it is at a new record of 51%. Almost two million jobs have been created nationwide since last April and more than 116,000 jobs have been added in Texas. At 5.4%, unemployment is below the averages for the 1970's, 1880's and 1990's.

The Working Families Tax Relief Act covers key provisions that were facing expiration at the end of this year. Among these is a respite from the well known marriage tax penalty. In 2001 and 2003, Congress and the President passed sweeping tax cuts that saved 52 million married couples, including 3.6 million Texans, between \$130 to \$600 on their 2003 tax bills. By extending this through 2010, a family of four with an income of \$40,000 will now save more than \$900 on their taxes next

year.  
 In 1997, Congress enacted a \$500 per child tax credit and later doubled it to \$1,000. The bill President Bush signed maintains the full credit for another six years, providing needed relief to parents of over 47 million children.

Furthermore, the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) exemptions were continued. The AMT helps cover 13 million Americans that otherwise would not qualify after January 1st deadline. This message protects certain taxpayers by exempting from the AMT the first \$58,000 of a married couple's income and \$40,250 for a single individual. The AMT, along with the included 10% tax bracket extension, provides significant help to middle and low income Americans.

Additional benefits were included for military families and American schools. Under this bill, soldiers living in combat zones are provided higher child credit refunds and earned income tax credits. It is the least we can do for our troops sacrificing so much. Elementary and secondary school teachers, among other educators, are eligible for approximately \$250 in deductions for personal payment of classroom expenses. This above the line deduction rightly defrays some of the expenditures our children's educators voluntarily make to enhance the quality of each student's education.

I have long believed taxpayers make better use of their money than the government ever could. Time and time again, the American people have proven that to be the case. They know how to handle their money to best provide for themselves, the economy and our country.

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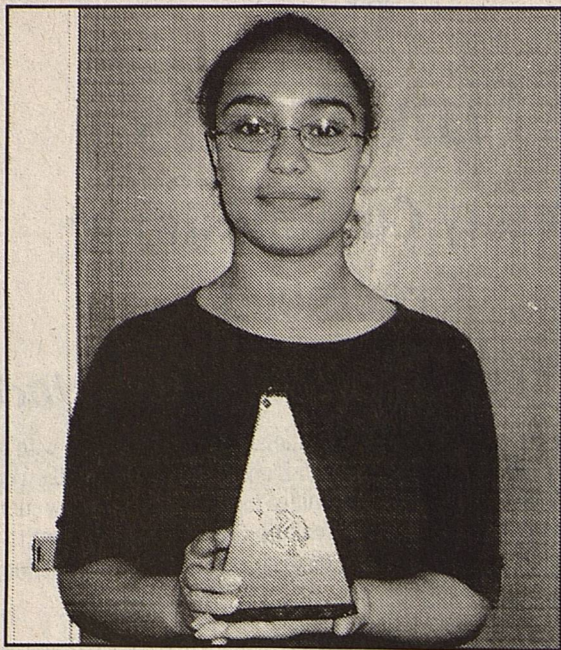
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## Student's of the Week



PHS September student of the week is Maria Andazola, a freshman and the daughter of Gregorio and Marisol Andazola. Maria was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "Maria is very attentive and conscientious about her work. She is an excellent student, maintaining a high average, and she is a delight to have in class."



PHS October 4 student of the week is Allison Friesen, a junior and the daughter of Donna and Brad Friesen. Allison was nominated by Mrs. Caffey, who said, "I always have a thought for the week on my board. Last week it was, 'Be brave. Even if you're not, pretend to be no one can tell the difference.' I'm not sure of this student is always happy to be here or just pretends well. Either way she's a joy to be around, and a great student to boot. She takes it upon herself to make everyone's day better. She is always on task or happily helping someone else."



PHS October 12 student of the week is Araceli Mendoza, a sophomore and the daughter of Manuel and Lucia Mendoza. Araceli was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "Araceli always comes to class prepared. She demands the best from herself and she is a great role model for her peers. She has a great attitude and exhibits high standards and moral character."

## PISD Sports Review

### CROSS-COUNTRY:

The Cowboy cross-country team once again claimed victory at the SPC meet in Levelland last weekend. The team, which placed third over all, one their division with a perfect score of only 15 points." Within the race were five separate races," explained Coach Davis. "Each class from 1-5A was in its own division, but all five classes ran together in one large field."

In the expanded field the Cowboys came in third behind Hereford, currently ranked second in the state in class 4-A, and only 12 points behind Frenship, also a 40A powerhouse. The bested Lubbock Monterey, the 1st place 5A school by more than sixty points. The Cowboys were led by Jose Villegas, 6th overall in the division with a time of 16:42, followed by Abel Ramos and Payton Bean, 12th and 15th respectively. Scitt Addison, Chandon Loya, Joseph Loya and Brandon Loya placed 18th, 33rd, 44th, 49th. "Anytime you run in such a large race against that caliber opponents and place four kids in the top 20 it's a great day," noted Davis. In the JV division Zachary Ramos ran 12th, Landon Crefat 18th. David Alldredge 21st. For the Cowgirlss, Desiraye Broome raced to 2nd place on the JV division, and Lauren Davis claimed 8th. Jr. High Wrangler Brandon Craft placed 57th, while Sydney Caffey was 63rd and Jasmine Mares was 70th in the field of 166. The Cowboys and Cowgirls run district this weekend at Mae Simmons Park, with varsity races at 10 AM with other divisions following.

### VOLLEYBALL:

The 7th graders traveled to Denver City last week and defeated the Fillies in two games. Jasmine Mares topped serves with eleven points in the 25-11 and 30-28 win. Natalie Butler added nine points, Natalie Haynes six, Sydney Caffey five.

The 8th girls couldn't get their game going last week at Denver City. The Fillies came out on top 25-6 and 25-11. Brianna Comway finished with 5 points.

JV COWGIRLS: On September 28, the Plains Cowgirls JV team traveled to Colorado City and beat their JV in two games, 25-20 and 25-21. "Overall, it was definitely not our best performance of the year but we played good enough to win," Coach Eddelman said. "I thought we got off to a slow start in both games, but the team showed a lot of character by fighting back and winning both games." The win improved the teams overall record to 10-6, and Coach Eddelman was proud how the team handled a little adversity on the road and pulled together to win their 10th game of the year. Allison Friesen had two serve aces, four kills and 9 digs. Priscilla Mares had 2 kills and 14 digs, Meghan Garcia led the team with the most serves and Lauren Davis led the team with most hits.

JV Cowgirls: On October 5 Midland Christian defeated the JV Cowgirls in two games, 25-18 and 25-16. "Overall I thought Midland Christian was the best team we faced all year", Coach Eddelman said. "I thought our girls competed at a high level, but Midland Christian did a good job placing the ball and keeping us out of position." Eddelman reported that Priscilla Mares lead the team in assists and Allison Friesen led the team with most hits. In addition, Angelica Mendoza had the most service points and digs. The JV Vollebbay team finished the year with an overall record of 10-7. "I am extremely proud of all the girls on this years team," Eddelman said. Everyone did a great job and they all worked hard to accomplish our goal of having a winning season." The team consisted of Amber Friesen, Callie Howell, Liz Perez, M'Leah McKinzie, Lauren Davis, Lauren Hise, Meghan Garcia, Regina Morales, Allison Friesen, Priscilla Mares and Angelica Mendoza.

### VARSITY COWGIRLS:

The Cowgirls won their first District match, defeating Whitreface 25-21, 25-7, and 25-14. The girls got off to a slow start in the first game but began playing much better once they warmed up. Individual stats included: Kristian Morales, 4 aces, 17 assists, 3 kills, 7 digs. Katie Winn, 5 assists. Skylar Keese 3 kills, 4 blocks, 1 assist. Joani Bell, 3 kills, 2 blocks. Jesenia Suarez, 6 kills, 6 digs. Prisma Ortiz, 5 kills, 6 digs. Desiraye Broome, 5 kills, 2 digs, 1 assist block. Sandra Gandara, 1 dig. Micaela Villegas, 17 digs. Jamie Covarrubias, 1 ace, 1 kill, 5 digs. Daniela Lazos 1 ace, 3 digs.

### JV Cowboys at Wink 9/30/04

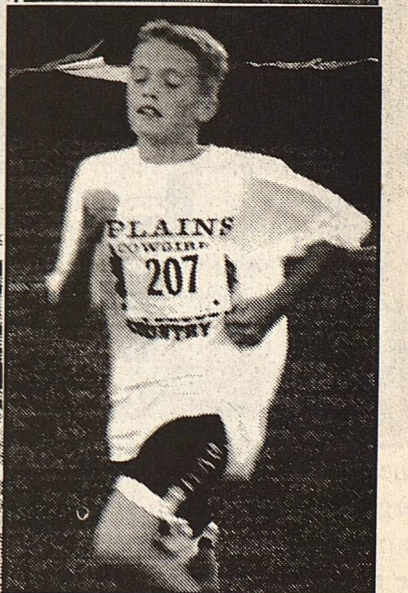
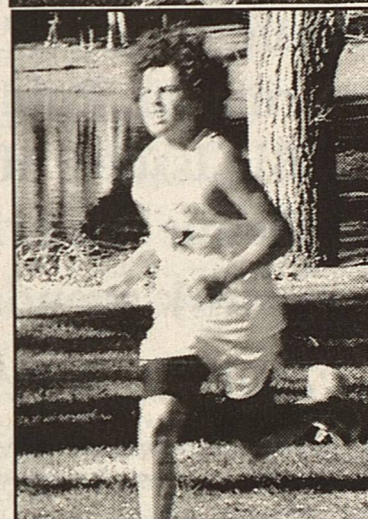
The JV Cowboys got off to a very slow start, but managed to take the lead at the half with a score of 16 to 14. Scoring for the Cowboys, Cody Mayes had a TD run and the extra point was good on a pass from Casson Curtis to JL Vasquez. The second score for the Cowboys came on a run from Michael Therwanger that went 40 yards for the TD and extra point was good on a pass from Curtis to Abel Ramos giving the Cowboys their final 16 points. The Wildcats struck again late in the game and despite a great last drive effort the Cowboys couldn't pull off the victory. Final score was Wink 20, Plains 16.

### Plains Cowboys JV at Denver City Freshmen 10/7/04

Scoring and highlights for the Cowboys; Cody Mayes had two TD's a screen pass for 50 yards and a run for 90 yards. Abel Ramos had a TD catch from Curtis. Curtis scored on a QB sneak and on an interception that went 33 yards for the TD catch from Curtis and also had an interception. John Tyson had a TD run, JL Vasquez added an extra point on a pass from Curtis. Rudy Gonzales and Raymond Saldona both had interceptions late in the game. Final score; Plains 46 DC 6.

### Plains JV Cowboys at Sundown 10/14/04

The Cowboys lost to Sundown 28 to 14. Scoring for the Cowboys was Abel Ramos on a 40 yard TD catch from Casson Curtis. Extra point was good on a pass from Curtis to JL Vasquez. The other Cowboy score came on a run from Cody Mayes, but the extra point failed.



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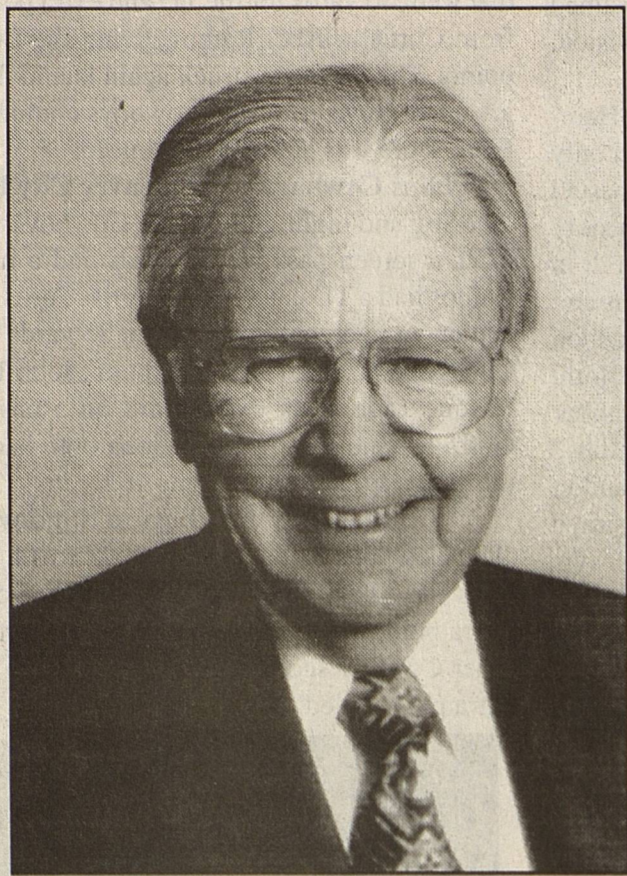
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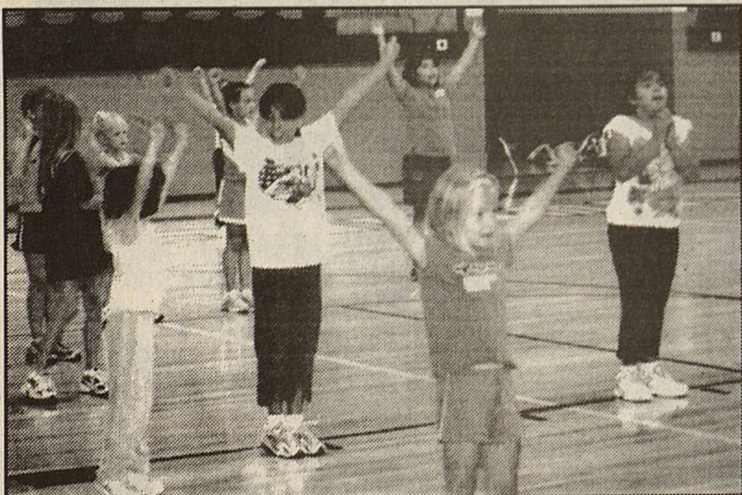


I truly enjoy serving in the Legislature as State Representative in District 83 for all the citizens of Cochran, Gaines, Hockley, Lubbock and Yoakum Counties. It is an honor to represent all the wonderful people of this district, and it is with pride I ask for your vote so I may continue to be *YOUR* voice in the state government. Public education will be the "Big Issue" of the next session. It will be the top priority item on my work agenda.

**State Representative Delwin Jones**

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### Future Cheerleaders Camp



The PHS Cheerleaders recently hosted a cheer camp for the Kindergarten through fifth grade girls. The 51 participants had fun learning a new chant, cheer, and dance. The girls performed at the pep rally and before the football game on Friday. The girls did a great job and had lots of fun.



**Public Notice**  
**City of Plains**  
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**PROGRAM**

City of Plains is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$250,000 for water system improvements in the City of Plains. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



# Elect Tim Willis

## County Commissioner Precinct 3

### Why I Am Running For Commissioner Of Precinct 3

First, I had numerous citizens of the precinct approach me to pursue this position. After consideration with my family, we jointly decided this would be an opportunity to be of service to our friends and neighbors and make a new and significant positive contribution to the county and community. I am committed to and will bring a new energy and dedication to the position. I will focus on the needs of the citizens of Yoakum County with an intent to be "service oriented" and directed to be a problem solver. My total focus will be on business matters of the position of County Commissioner.

The position of **Commissioner** is one of management, administration and direction of the county affairs. The direction of the county offices, county budget, county hospital and effective utilization of county services, along with road administration and equipment management, will be the focus of my service. The county is one of the most significant entities in relation to the day-to-day lives of Yoakum County citizens. I will listen, consider, respond, and most importantly, be sensitive to the public comments of those I serve. I consider the position, as a conduit of Yoakum County citizens needs, desires and necessities to action by the Commissioners Court. I will be committed to be an advocate for citizens. As many of you know, I am direct and will use my voice to be your voice within the Commissioners Court petitioning for service to the citizens of Yoakum County.

As many of you know, I have been very active in the First Baptist Church Disaster Relief program, serving as Unit Director. This is a strong indication of my total commitment to community service and focus on the needs of people, providing solutions to problems. I consider myself a person of action and will transfer this to my service as **County Commissioner**. Within the limits of state law and county policy, I will commit finding financially viable solutions, remedies and ways of service for the county.

As **Commissioner** for Precinct 3, I intend to serve, in an efficient manner, all citizens within the Precinct, as well as the county. During my entire lifetime in this county, I have effectively worked with all citizens. All citizens of the precinct may rest assured of my commitment to them, regardless of the town or area to which they or I live. We are a small and close-knit county and I will work to build, strengthen and enhance our precinct and county for the present and future.

To summarize, I will bring new and highly focused energy to the Commissioners Court. I will be a **Commissioner** committed to action and citizen service. My service will be centered on listening to the citizens, considering all aspects of the issues and advocating citizens' needs in Commissioners Court. I will be a direct, strong and effective advocate for each citizen. My time will be spent on county affairs and as an active member of the **Yoakum County Commissioners Court** providing direction for the present and future.

I ask for your favorable consideration and vote on Election Day.

*Tim Willis*

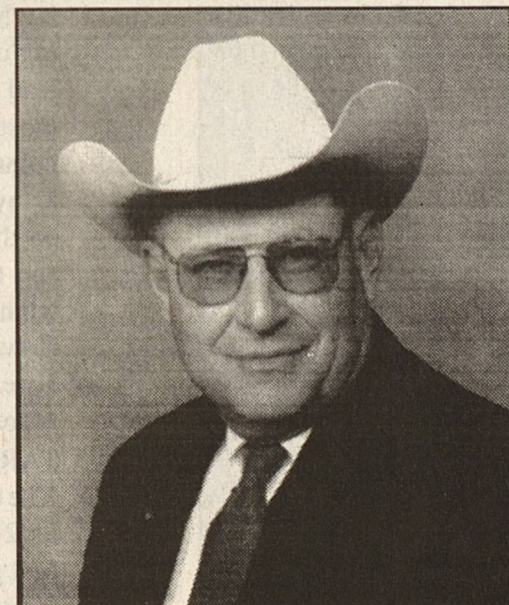
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**Are You Ready To Vote?**

Early voting has started, and last day to vote early in person is Friday, October 29\* Last day to apply for a Ballot By Mail is Tuesday, October 26 \* General Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004 \*

Early Voting for both parties and all other elections will be conducted at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse ay Plains, Texas, Ave. G and Cowboy Way, and the Denver City Branch Tax Office, 122\ West 4th Street, Denver City

**General Election voting places;**

Precinct 101 - Pct. 1 building, 139 E Broadway, Denver City  
 Precinct 202 - Community Bldg., West 15th. Denver City  
 Precinct 303 - Yoakum County Library, 901 Ave. E  
 Precinct 305 - Denver City Library, 205 E. 4th St.  
 Precinct 404 - Corral Youth Center, 911 Ave. G. Plains  
 Precinct 406 - Branch Tax Office, 122 W. 4th, Denver City

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Senior Citizens Corner

"Columbus discovered America in 1492, but I discovered something better when I discovered You!" Surely most of you have those words, written by some long ago friend, tucked away somewhere in an autograph book.

This week we remember the explorer, Christopher Columbus, (1451-1506) who discovered our country. After five centuries, he remains a mysterious and controversial figure. After being shipwrecked on the Portuguese coast of the Mediterranean Sea as a young man, he made his way to Lisbon, where his younger brother was an expert chart maker. The knowledge he learned there was invaluable to him later as he sailed the uncharted seas. Unable to secure backing from the court of Portugal, he bargained for eight years with the Spanish monarchs before they agreed to risk backing his proposed journeys. The rest of the story is common knowledge to each of us and it is good to take a moment to reflect upon these people from out of the past who have shaped our destiny.

Names of visitors appearing on our records this week include Vicki Delgado, Jose Rowerd, and 'Shag' Garrett, a cousin of Hoot Gibson, from O'Donnell, Texas, who accompanied him to the Center for lunch.

Anna Taylor brought Halloween to us early this year in the form of treats for each one as she shared her monthly bits of wisdom and suggestions for a 'healthier way of life.' Thanks, Anna, for your informational material each month and for the treats.

Jean Sparks shared the excitement she felt as she received a telephone call from her grandson, Rusty, who is stationed in Korea. She says he doesn't seem so far away when she can hear his voice.

Claudia Sue and Ted Ferguson have returned from a very enjoyable Senior Church Retreat at Glorietta, New Mexico. They report that it is beautiful up

there in the mountains right now. The seniors from our church also meet there in the autumn and I remember it as a nearly perfect setting for a retreat. Claudia Sue reported about four hundred seniors attended while their group was there.

Rosa was accompanied by a handsome young man on Monday whom she introduced as her grandson, Jay Lopez. It's always nice to have well mannered young people join us at lunch time.

Harley Evans has been busily entertaining his grandson, Chris Keltner, and his great-grandson, Zachary Richie, both of whom are from Little Rock, Arkansas.

With the beautiful, new fitness center in town, some of you will identify with this tidbit which crossed my desk this week. It is called AEROBICS CLASS FOR SENIORS. "I knew my body had gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I joined the Aerobics Class for Seniors. I bent, twisted, laid down, got up, gyrated, jumped up and down, pulled up, looked down, and perspired for an hour. By the time my leotards were finally on, the class was over!"

I drove to Hobs, New Mexico, today at sunrise. Surely this summer has produced some of the most magnificent sunrises and sunsets over West Texas than has appeared anywhere else in the world! I snapped a photo every three minutes as I drove along in a southerly direction. When I came Home and viewed them in the computer, I was amazed! They appeared even more beautiful on film than they did through the viewfinder of the camera. I printed them out and have before me, in colored photos, the hand of God giving us a new day. It is awesome!

Thought for Today: "Life is a measure to be filled-not a cup to be drained."

## Gideon Traweek Receives Doctor of Chiropractic



Pictured are Gideon Traweek & Dr. Fabrizio Mancini president of Parker College of Chiropractic.

Marc and Zanna Traweek are pleased to announce their son Gideon Tyrel has been honored for the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic which was conferred at the commencement exercises Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., 2500 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, Texas.

## Filmtime at the Yoakum County Library

Filmtime was held at the Yoakum County Library in Plains September 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Children in attendance were: Austin Robertson, Yairah Garcia, Treney Wall, Joshua Hoecker, Henry Wieler, Maggie Wieler and Abraham Wieler. Discussion this week was about dinosaurs and how big they grew. The children sat inside a dinosaur footprint to read The Dinosaur Who Lived In My Backyard and How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon? Later, the film entitled, "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?", was enjoyed by everyone. The Library staff invites all pre-school children to attend filmtime every Wednesday morning.



What about?

Hasn't the rains been wonderful? Beth and I have thoroughly enjoyed sitting on the porch and listening to the rain falling.

It has really been a help on the old water bill too! The other day during one of the rainy days, we decided to go to Sam's in Lubbock.

We took our time going through all the Christmas displays for the yards and inside the house too. Can you believe the cost of those things?

Beth and I had finally got what we felt was a full cart. So it was off to the cash register, the place they make you pay for all the time you have spent in there and the 'meal' of samples.

We casually walked out to the van to put everything inside and proceed on to the next stop.

Suddenly, a sunken feeling began to fall in on me. I had no van keys in my pocket.

Sure enough, there on the center console was my key ring, inside the locked van of course.

I went back in to get the number of a locksmith to get us in. I found one and he would arrive in 20 to 30 minutes.

Of course, it took 'only' 45 minutes to get there. I knew, as the man of the house, that I was in trouble when the guy said nice and loudly, "Hey, I remember you!" of course, then Beth wanted to know how many times I had done this before! After much squirming, she finally believed that I had only had to meet this guy one other time, of course in a very bad time!

I was at a hospital picking up a person. The family had waited on me and as I was coming out with their loved one, I realized I had no keys in my pockets then either.

So, in the middle of the night, with a family watching, I got Pop-A-Lock to come out and permit me inside my vehicle.

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## School Retirees Meet

The Yoakum County School Personnel met recently at Johnnie's to elect officers. Brenda Canada is President, Estelle McAdams is Second Vice President, Thelma Cheatham and Sue Alexander are secretaries, and Pam Smith and Willie Jones are treasurers. The next meeting will be in Denver City at the Learning Center at 5:00 N. Ave. C on Tuesday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m.

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Message to All Texans: "Break the Silence Make the Call"

"Break the Silence Make the Call" - this is the message for all Texans this October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Programs and businesses around the state are working to educate friends, family members and co-workers on ways they can help their loved ones and peers who are being abused. In 2002, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) conducted statewide research, revealing 3 out of 4 Texans have either themselves, or someone they know, been in an abusive relationship. Findings also revealed friends and family members are often the first resource victims turn to for help. "In order to see a true change, it is imperative that we continue to provide services for victims of abuse while simultaneously educating the community on ways they can help. The crisis of domestic violence will truly take the work of an entire community," stated Fritzi Moreman, Executive Director for Women's Protective Services (WPS). WPS is working with TCFV to promote public awareness through their bilingual statewide campaign "Break the Silence-Make the Call." Domestic violence continues to be leading issue in Texas, with findings revealing more than two women are killed by their intimate partner every week. The Texas Department of Public Safety and TCFV report that there were at least 140 women killed by acts of family violence in Texas last year alone, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Statewide research shows that 74% of Texans have been abused, or know someone who has suffered abuse. Based on the results of research conducted as part of phase one of the campaign, a person who is abused will turn first to a family member or friend for help. However, 35% of Texans who are themselves a victim or learn of a family member's violent circumstances do nothing, either because they don't realize how they can find help or they don't want to get involved. These findings indicate that educating friends and family members of victims of domestic violence is vital to building a well-informed community that can support those being abused and hold those who are hurting their partners accountable for their behavior.

"We hope that all Texans, not just survivors, become more informed about the impact of domestic violence in all our communities and the life-saving programs and services available to help domestic violence victims find safety at Women's Protective Services," stated Hattie Heiner, Coordinator of Community Education and Volunteer Services at WPS. "When a friend or family member of a person living with abuse calls us, we can offer helpful information about the available programs and services, as well as advice on how to approach a friend privately about his or her options, and we encourage everyone to use these confidential services to find the help they need." For more information about abuse, you can visit our website at www.wpslbk.org. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn how to help within your community, contact Hattie Heiner or Lindsay Olson at 806-748-5292.

### Dear Library Friends:

My name is Colby Ortega. I am beginning a program through the Yoakum County Library in Plains that will make it possible for people to get books even if they cannot come to the library in person. I will deliver books of the person's preference and pick up books to return to the library when they are due/ I would love to provide this community service to anyone in the Plains area who would like to read, listen to books on tape or watch videos, but is unable to get out to the library for any reason. If you know of anyone who fits this description, contact the library at (806) 456-8725.

### Student Greenhouse Project

Fall Sale  
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Wednesday and Thursday, October 20 & 21  
12:30 - 3:30

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Baby Quilt Raffle is in full swing. Make sure you get your name in the pot for this cute original quilt. The drawing will be October 22 in the Junior High School office.

For more information about these projects please contact Pam Burgess 456-7282

## New Items At The Library

### NONFICTION

WHO'S PUSHING YOUR BUTTONS: HANDLING THE DIFFICULT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE by Dr. John Townsend  
ATKINS DIABETES REVOLUTION by Mary C. Vernon  
AMERICAN SOLDIER by General Tommy Franks  
BAKING ILLUSTRATED by Cook's Illustrated  
YOUR CALF: A KID'S GUIDE TO RAISING & SHOWING BEEF & DAIRY CALVES by Heather Smith Thomas  
WASTE AND WANT: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF TRASH by Susan Strasser  
VETERINARY GUIDE FOR ANIMALS OWNERS by C.E. Spaulding  
STONE'S GUIDE TO RAISING BEEF CATTLE by Heather Smith Thomas  
STONE'S GUIDE TO RAISING CHICKENS by Gail Damerow  
LONE STAR STALAG: GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR AT CAMP HEARNE by Michael R. Waters  
THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COUNTRY LIVING by Carlis Emery  
100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT LEUKEMIA by Dr. Edward D. Ball

### FICTION

BODY DOUBLE by Tess Gerritsen  
HUNTING FEAR by Kay Hooper  
RENEGADE by Diana Palmer  
THEY ARE SOLDIERS by Harold Coyle  
VISIONS IN DEATH by J.D. Robb  
HARK!: A NOVEL OF THE 87<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT by Ed McBain  
TAKE ME, TAKE ME WITH YOU by Lauren Kelly  
THE WINDS OF CHANGE by Martha Grimes  
THE SOCIETY by Michael Palmer  
THE TARNISHED EYE by Judith Guest  
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# From The Hack

The following was cheerfully stolen from Stephen Henry's Levelland News-Press, and is re-produced here for friend B.B.:

A woman decided she needed a few days off but realized she had used all her vacation time. She figured the best way to get her boss to send her home was to act a little crazy. She figured he'd think she was burning out and would give her some time off.

She went to work the next morning and began hanging upside down from the ceiling. One of her co-workers came by and asked what she was doing. "Shhh... I'm acting crazy to get a few days off. I'm a light bulb," she explained.

Moments later the boss walked by and asked her what she was doing.

"I'm a light bulb," she replied. "You're crazy," he said. "Take a few days off."

With that, she jumped down, grabbed her purse and started out. The blonde co-worker jumped up, grabbed her purse and also started out.

"Where do you think you're going," demanded the boss.

"Well, I certainly can't work in the dark," the blonde replied as she walked out the door.

From the publishing date of this issue, October 20, there are exactly 13 calendar days remaining to cast your vote in possibly the most crucial national election, in my not so humble opinion, in many, many years.

Since serious campaigning began for the country's presidency, senatorial, congressional, and even statewide officials, I cannot recall an election

in the years I have been eligible to make an X, color in an oval or punch out a chad, hanging or in labor, on a ballot box, so laden with importance for our state and nation.

I most emphatically feel many of these campaigns, especially on the nationwide scene, are among the vilest, yellow-journalism, if not right down scurilous forms of touting a candidate I have ever witnessed. So be it.

I am now going to stand behind my pulpit (it's a tiny thing, posing no threat to any bonafide pulpit user) and urge, beg and plead with all readers..... PLEASE cast a ballot!

I can't tell you how to mark the thing (wish I COULD!), but turnout is paramount to the choice for our next president - the Electoral College dictates that importance.

With each state having a number of allocated votes in the electoral system, based on the state's number of Senators (2) and Representatives (based on the state's population). In very close election results, the importance of NUMBERS of votes is obvious. The winner of the popular vote, even by the slimmest margin, receives the electoral vote.

This is as close as I will come telling you HOW to vote. I will, however, tell you again, VOTE! And call friends, family in other crucial states, threaten them if THEY don't vote!

Continuing the political theme;

Late one night a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs.

"Give me your money," he snarled.

The man gasped, "You can't do this to me, I'm a U.S. Congressman!"

"In that case," replied the robber, "Give me MY money."

A suggested judicial oath; "I solemnly swear to tell the truth as I believe it to be, and nothing but what I think you need to

know," and... Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly.

Have you ever considered some of the puzzling instructions on the stuff you buy?

On a Sears hair dryer; *Do not use while sleeping.*

On a bag of Fritos; *You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Do Not Open!*

On a hotel shower cap; *Fits One Head.*

On a box containing a new iron; *Caution - Do Not Iron Clothes On Body.*

## Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Pumpkins conjure up images of autumn hayrides and Halloween costumes, but there is more to this holiday staple than meets the eye. A pumpkin's deep orange color is a dead giveaway to the nutrition that's packed inside, and folks are finding that pumpkins aren't just for jack-o-lanterns or scrumptious Thanksgiving pies anymore.

Pumpkin is an ingredient that is being added to anything from savory risotto to sweet casseroles and hearty stews. Pumpkin can be used as a base for creamy sauces and soups, and it gives desserts, such as cheesecake, pudding, ice cream and sweet breads a nutritional boost as well. One-half cup of cooked pumpkin supplies enough vitamin A for the day and is an excellent source of fiber, vitamin C and potassium. One-half cup of uncooked pumpkin has only 38 calories.

In Texas, the pumpkin harvest typically begins in mid-September and lasts through October. Texas is one of the top 10 states in pumpkin production, harvesting from 4,500 to 6,500 acres of pumpkins annually - most coming from Floyd County. The harvest season can yield as many as 30,000 to 40,000 pounds of pumpkins per acre.

Sugar pumpkins, weighing two to five pounds, have sweeter, more tender meat and are favored by consumers for traditional pumpkin pies. Choose pumpkins that are firm, fresh and heavy for their size. Pumpkins can be purchased at grocery stores, farmers markets, roadside stands and pick-your-own locations throughout the season.



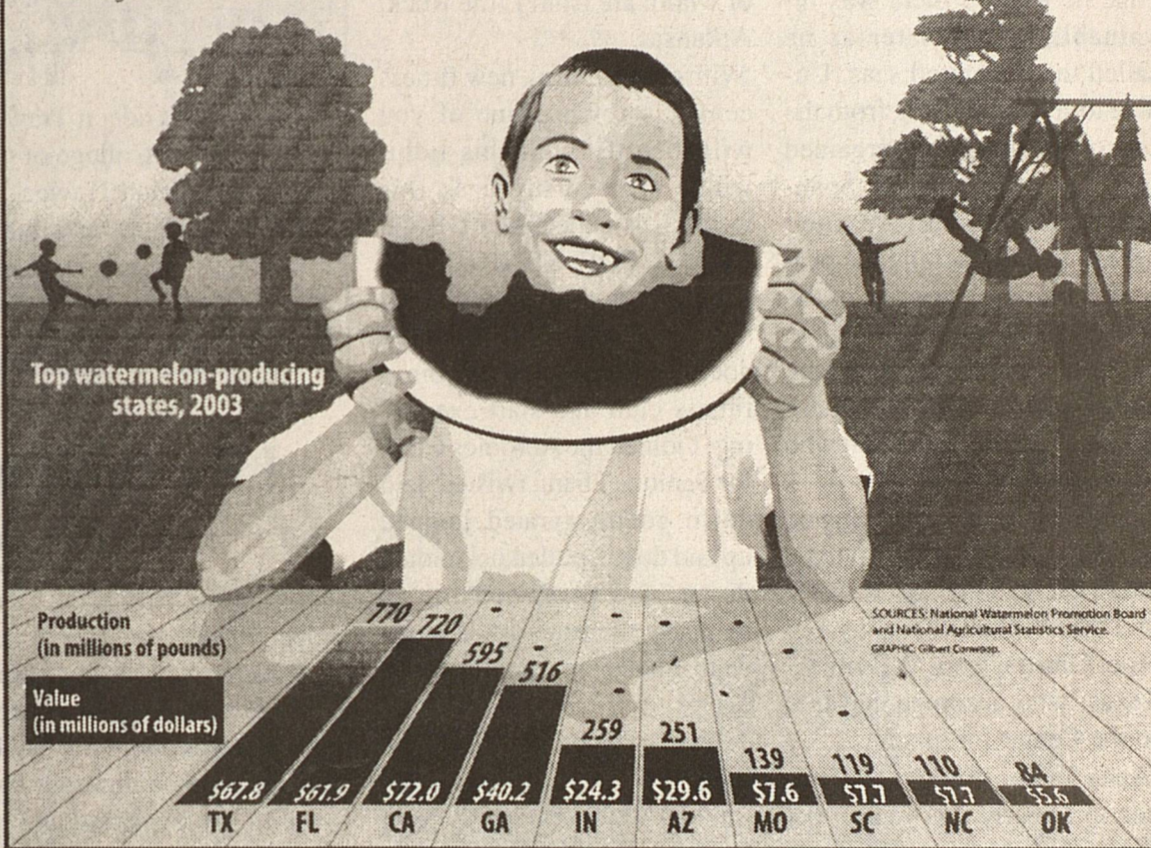
The Cowboy Cross-Country teams are making a very strong showing this season. The Varsity boys have taken first place in their division in the last six consecutive meets, and the younger runners are proving tough as well. The Texas Cross-Country Coaches organization has the Cowboys rated number one in the state. This file photo was taken earlier at the meet here at the county park.

### Texas at a Glance

#### Melon mania

As American as apple pie? Not really. Watermelons are a popular treat across the globe. The United States trails China, Turkey and Iran in annual watermelon production, according to the National Watermelon Promotion Board.

In the United States, Texas is home to the most melon heads. In 2003, Texas growers harvested 770 million pounds of watermelon, worth about \$68 million.



## Texas Young Lawyers Debut PSAs To Combat Telemarketing Scams

The Texas Young Lawyer's Association and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott unveiled Monday a set of new public service announcements starring Barbara Bush and Ann Richards advising Texas Seniors to hang up on telemarketing con men.

The PSAs, intended for distribution across the state, were produced by TYLA to support Abbott's "Just Hang Up" campaign, which warns seniors of fraudulent telemarketers who, among other things, try to scam them by promising riches from an international lottery.

TYLA president David McAtee debuted the television spots Oct. 4 at Austin's Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, joined by Abbott in advising seniors to just hang up on crooked telemarketers.

"These public service announcements are an important part of TYLA's outreach to Texas seniors," McAtee, also a partner at the law firm Haynes and Boone LLP, said. "Who better to convey this message than former First Lady Barbara Bush and former Governor Ann Richards?"

"I can think of no other scam where so many lose so much," Abbott said. "This is why it is my priority to arm consumers with as much information as possible."

TYLA - a service organization for all Texas lawyers under the age 36 or who are in their first three years of license - will distribute the PSAs to media outlets throughout Texas. The productions feature Bush telling viewers that hanging up on scam artists isn't rude in one 30-second spot and Richards giving specific advice on how to identify telephone scams in another. "Consumers need to understand that they should never provide personal information over the telephone or wire money to someone they don't know," Richards said in a prepared statement.



Attorney General Greg Abbott (center), David McAtee, President of TYLA and Partner with Haynes and Boone, LLP (at right and Daulton Bissett (far left), a telemarketing scam victim, listen to an interested party's question at the "Just Hang Up" PSA unveiling event in Austin, Texas earlier this week. The program focuses on educating senior citizens to "just hang up" on telemarketing crooks.

Bissett was called by a telemarketer claiming he had won a cash prize honoring his service to the community. Flattered by the call, Bissett believed he was to receive a large cash prize, even after the telemarketer said he needed some upfront money to cover taxes and fees before the lottery funds would be released. Eventually, Bissett lost more than \$200,000 in the matter.

"That was all I had," Bissett told the crowd. "But I'm recovering, and I'll continue recovering."

More information on the public service announcements can be found on the Web site for the Texas Young Lawyer's Association: www.tyla.org.

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