

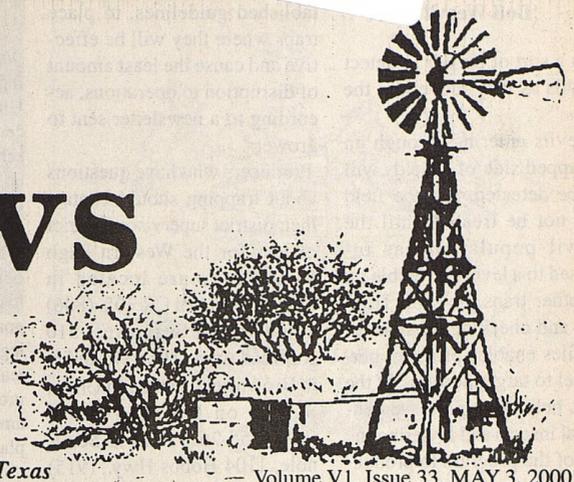
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Spring Time Is..... Planting Time

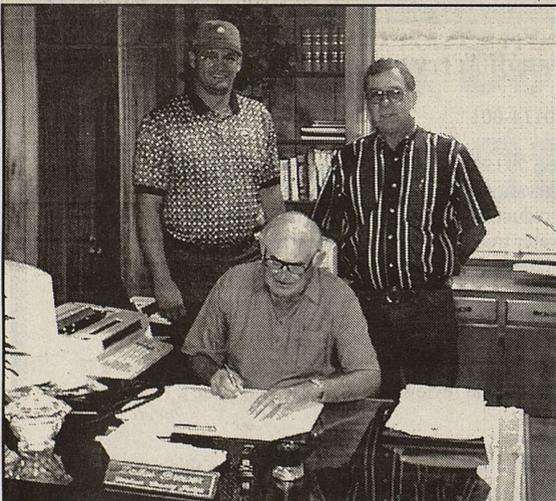


While spring planting is not fully up to speed in Yoakum County, there is evidence of the eternal optimism of ag producers, with peanuts, watermelons and some cotton planting going on. The scene at left shows a crew on one of Larry Morrow's farms busy replenishing planter seed boxes with peanut seed. A number of peanut brokerage firms have again cash leased several thousand acres of land from local producers for peanut production.

The photo to the right shows watermelon transplanting taking place west of town. The four women riding the mechanical transplanter were getting a little relief from the heat and bright sun with the tarp over the machine. Not shown in the photo were two other women walking behind the planter, checking each plant. If a plant was not properly bedded in the ground, they would hand correct the problem.



Resource Stewardship Week observed here



The Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District, among many other county districts, recognized the vital importance of the two most important resources of our local agrarian economy - our most precious natural resources, the soil and water. YCSWD Directors Danny Bell and Dan Wall are shown here observing County Judge Dallas Brewer sign an official Proclamation recognizing April 30 through May 7, 2000 as 'Soil And Water Stewardship Week'. The proclamation read, "The well being of our people depends on the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of soil. The quality and quantity of

these products depend upon the conservation, wise use and proper management of soil and water resources.

It is the concern and responsibility of every person to see that soil resources be conserved and managed properly and water quality and quantity be maintained to ensure the welfare of all citizens.

Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil and Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting our renewable resource."

Have You Voted Yet ?

Early voting in the Plains ISD Board of Trustees election ended Tuesday afternoon, too late to meet the CCN print deadline. In District 1, incumbent Anna Gonzales is being challenged by Ramon Diaz. At-Large District 5 incumbent Brad Palmer is running unopposed. The election day is Saturday, May 6. We urge all eligible voters to take part in this important election Saturday !

PHS Sophs triumph over TAAS test again

For the fourth consecutive year, Sophomores at Plains High demolished the dreaded TAAS exit level exams. Their combined scores in reading, mathematics and writing averaged well over 90 percent passing grades, one of the requirements for a school campus to achieve the coveted Exemplary rating. Other factors, including school attendance records, are considered by the Texas Education Agency, but administrators here are confident Plains High School will be rated exemplary when all data is tabulated by TEA.

The TAAS tests, including the Sophomore exit level test, were mandated by the Texas Legislature several years ago. Starting in 2004, the exit level exams will be given to Junior class members. Currently, the law allows a Sophomore student seven chances to pass the exit level exam before the end of their Senior year to qualify for graduation certification.

High School Principal Steven O'Quinn told CCN, "I am extremely pleased with this great performance by our Sophomores. This is the first year our students have achieved 100 percent passing test scores in math. Twelve of these students scored high enough to qualify for exemption from the TASP college entrance exam, which is a great achievement."

PISD Superintendent Jim Haynes said he and all the administrators were excited over the repeat performance this year. "I think these excellent results are not only an indicator of how hard our students prepared for the TAAS test, but are a good indicator of how effectively our teaching staff is preparing them. The Board of Trustees and I are very well pleased with these test scores."

Boll Weevil Eradication Stresses Importance Of Accessibility To Fields

Planting has begun in the Western High Plains boll weevil eradication zone, and Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind cotton producers that access to all sides of their fields is vital to the success of the eradication effort.

Traps are being placed as fields are planted and will be checked on a weekly basis during the growing season. Trapping all sides of the field and having access to those traps is especially important at the beginning of the season, said Zone Manager Darrell Dusek.

Trapping of fields during the seasonlong phase of eradication differs from the diapause phase the zone experienced last year. During diapause fields are trapped at a rate of one trap per 40 acres. The information gathered is used to

establish a baseline that data gathered in subsequent years can be compared with. The comparison aids in monitoring the progress of eradication in the zone.

During the seasonlong phase all treatment decisions are based on trap captures, so the information must be gathered in a timely fashion and must be accurate. The trapping rate increases to one trap each one, twentieth mile.

The information from these traps provides a picture of weevil activity in the fields, so if fields are not trapped on all sides, the picture is incomplete and treatment decisions are affected, Dusek said.

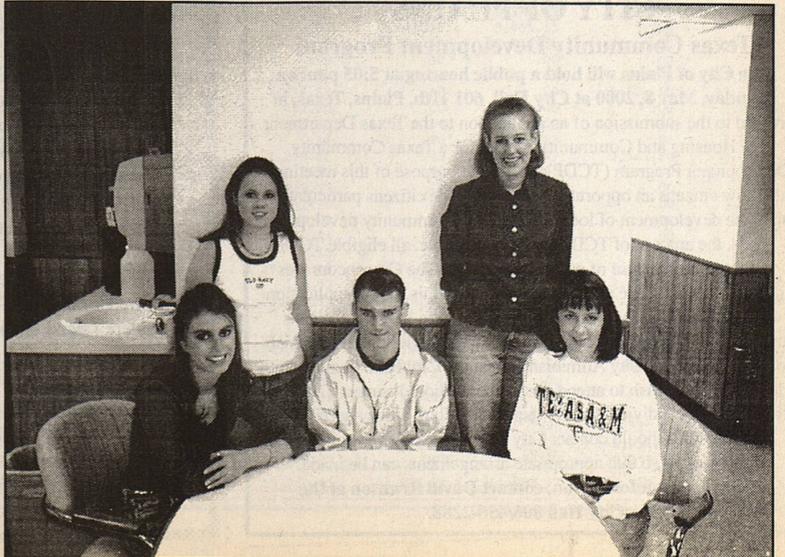
"It's extremely important that we have access to all sides of the field," he said. "We have to

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UIL Team Is Austin Bound

The Plains High UIL Academic Team will be on the road to Austin this Thursday morning to compete in the very tough and prestigious State UIL contest. The One Act Play cast and crew will also present "Trojan Women" in the state final contest.

UIL Academic team members and the events they will compete in shown here include; seated, Senior Krystle Blundel, Informative Speaking, One Act Play; Senior Kyle Sisson, Computer Applications, One Act Play; Senior Kristen Gray, Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science, Computer Science; Junior Emily Blair, Poetry Interpretation, One Act Play; Sophomore Annaliesa O'Quinn, Number Sense, Headline Writing, One Act Play; Unavailable for photo, Junior Amanda Garcia, Number Sense.



**From Page 1,
'Boll Weevil'**

form a sort of barrier to detect weevils as they move into the fields."

Weevils entering through an untrapped side of a field will not be detected, and the field may not be treated until the weevil population has increased to a level detectable by the other traps, he said. Trapping and checking all sides of the field enables program personnel to target portions of the field, helping to preserve beneficial insects and lowering the cost of the program to producers.

Catching the weevils early reduces both damage in the field and the need to spray later in the season, which also helps preserve beneficials and keeps program costs down, Dusek said.

Foundation personnel will

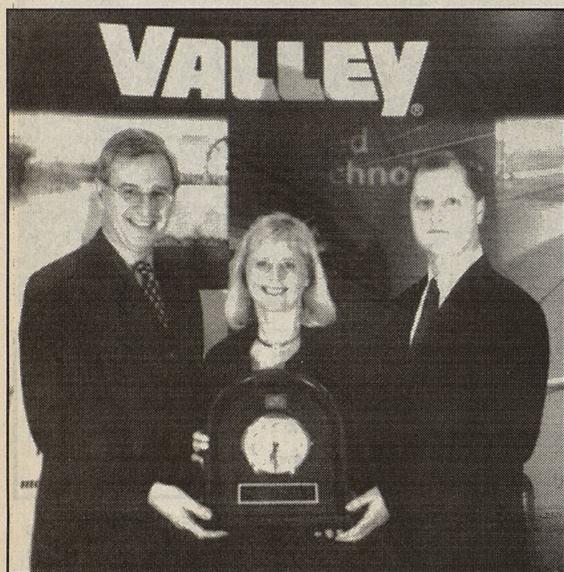
work with growers, within established guidelines, to place traps where they will be effective and cause the least amount of disruption to operations, according to a newsletter sent to growers.

Producers who have questions about trapping should contact their district supervisor. District offices for the Western High Plains zone are located in Plains, Tx, 1179 CR 305, (806) 456-4121; in Seagraves, 510 Railroad Ave., (806) 546-8858, in Brownfield, at the old Union School on Highway 1076, (806) 755-2617, and in Seminole, 1104 Hobbs Hwy., (915) 758-1261.

More information on the eradication program may be found on the foundation's Web site, <http://www.txbollweevil.org>.

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**Valley Irrigation & Pump
Services, Inc. Honored**



Valley, Neb. - Valmont Irrigation announces Valley Irrigation & Pump Services, Inc. in Seminole, Texas, has earned a Valley Chairman's Circle of Success award, the highest honor given for outstanding sales performance and for delivering the highest standards of service and product support to its mechanized irrigation customers. "Membership in the Chairman's Circle is a significant achievement," says Dennis Schwieger, vice president of global sales and distribution for Valmont Irrigation. "Valley Irrigation & Pump Services, Inc. has consistently proven its capabilities over the last five years with customers and Valmont sales managers in the key areas of sales, service and parts."

The award was presented at Valmont's dealer sales meeting, held January 16-22 in Las Ve-

gas, where Valley dealers learned about the newest technology and state of the art thinking in mechanized irrigation equipment.

"Valmont Irrigation places a great deal of value in our dealer network. We're very pleased to congratulate Valley Irrigation & Pump Services, Inc. for superior customer service and leadership," says Schwieger.

Valmont Irrigation is the world's leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation equipment and technology. Valmont introduced the center pivot machine, the first mechanized corner arm and computer technology to the mechanized irrigation industry. Today Valley products enhance food production while conserving and protecting natural resources in more than 100 countries.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF PLAINS**

Texas Community Development Program

The City of Plains will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2000 at City Hall, 601 11th, Plains, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to David Brunson, City Administrator, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

For further information, contact David Brunson at the City Hall 806/456-2288.

PHS Senior Velvet Canada signs letter of intent



Velvet Canada, center, signs letter of intent with Abilene Christian University, witnessed by her parents Dwayne and Brenda Canada. Looking on are Tennis Coach Michael Davis and PHS AD David Williams.

Velvet Canada will be an incoming Freshman at Abilene Christian University this fall. She will receive an athletic scholarship in the schools Tennis program, and has an academic scholarship based on her ACT score. Velvet gave the following statement to CCN;

"I have been blessed to have the opportunity to continue playing tennis. It has been my life time goal and dream to play at the college level. ACU has a very strong team and program which will improve my game tremendously. I am excited and look forward to playing for the Wildcats.

"I would like to thank God, for without him in my life I wouldn't be where I am today. I would also like to thank my family for their support and help. Without them this would not have been possible. And last but not least, the community for your support and prayers."

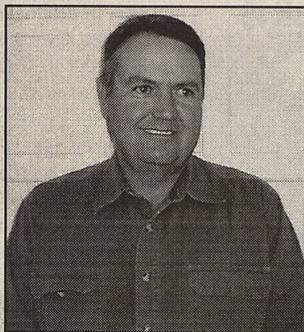
Dwayne Cannada offered the following statement; "Brenda and I are very proud of her accomplishments in tennis. She drove the 150 mile round trip to Lubbock three times weekly this summer to practice, so the five minute walk across the ACU campus to practice next year will be a blessing. The ACU tennis coach, Hutton Jones, is one of the best in the nation. He has a dedicated work ethic based on Christian principles and expects the same from

his players. We want to thank Coach Jim Carter of Lubbock who has given Velvet lessons six years; Dustin Hawk, Coach Michael Davis, Daniel Canada, Thomas Mares, Coach David Williams, Coach Mark Johnson, Louis Valdez, Coach Bill May and all who have worked with and supported Velvet.

John Gray

Candidate For

Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees, District 5



I believe we are extremely fortunate to have the school system we have in Plains. I would like to play a strong role in continuing the legacy of our excellent school system

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 10114-001

APPLICATION. City of Plains, P.O. Box 550, Plains, Texas 79355, a domestic wastewater treatment operation, has applied to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to amend wastewater disposal Permit No. 10114-001 to authorize the reduction of the monitoring frequency for biochemical oxygen demand and pH. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately one mile east of State Highway 214 and 1.5 miles north of U.S. Highway 380 in Yoakum County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on June 9, 1999. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Plains City Hall, 601 11th Street, Plains, Texas 79355

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notice for TNRCC permits in the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

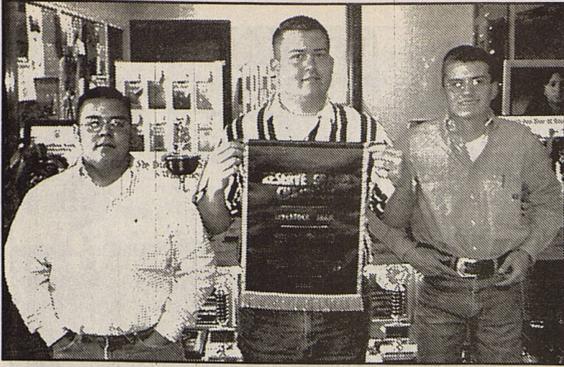
ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision of the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

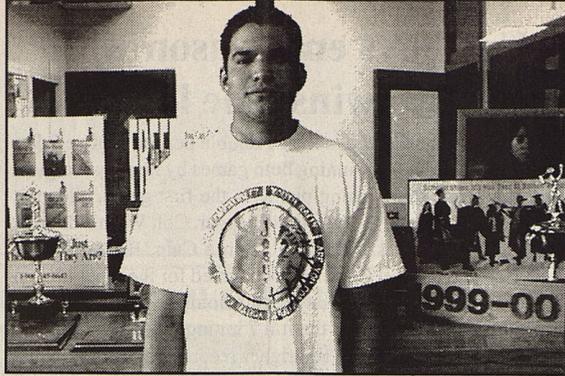
A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

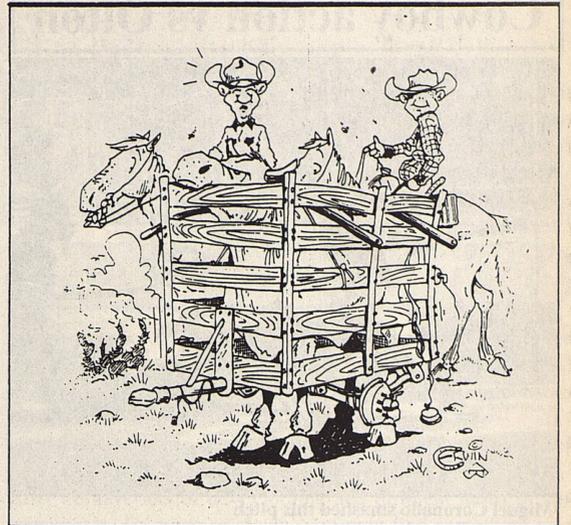
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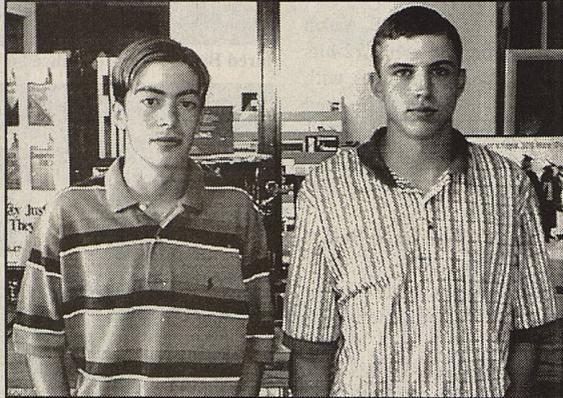
Ag judging team members Jeremy Ponce, Jeremy Humphrey, Chris Cleveland.



Eddy Gallegos named to Texas Baseball Coaches Assn. All Region Team



**A Few Of
Many**



Kelsey Blundell, Aaron Cain, named to All District Golf Team

PHS

Notables

"We ain't got a fence that'll hold her,....
An' we figgered we'd never git her
caught an' loaded again."



Girls Golf Team, runner up champs in Dist. 3-AA, Liz Wilmeth, Mackenzie Winn, Autumn Deaton, Leticia Canon, Allison Butler

" Please help elect our Dad "

* Michael, age 12, 6th grade, Ryan, age 9, 4th grade



' I believe we need to continue to strive for excellence in our schools '

Brad Crump

Candidate For

Plains ISD School Board Trustee, Dist. 5

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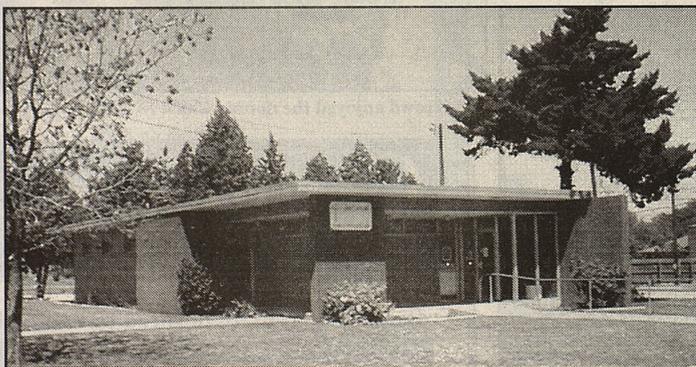
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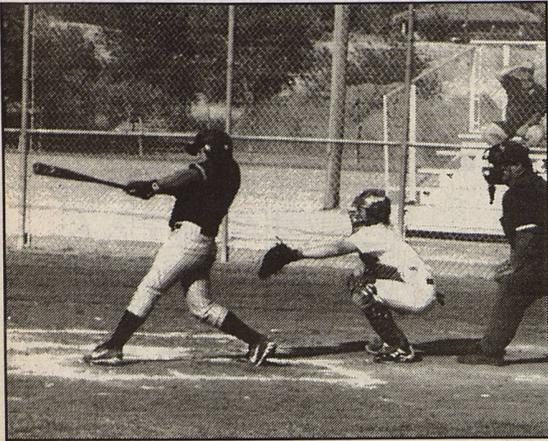
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said YOAKUM County, and the Hon. DALLAS BREWER, County Judge of said YOAKUM County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 24TH day of APRIL A. D. 2000, at a regular term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the report of TONI JONES, Treasurer of said County, for period beginning on the 1ST day of MARCH A. D. 2000 and ending on the 31ST day of MARCH A. D. 2000 and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of said County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31ST day of MARCH A. D. 2000, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Articles 1636-1637, Chapter 1, Title 34 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to YOAKUM County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 24TH day of APRIL A. D. 2000, and the same to be as follows, to-wit:

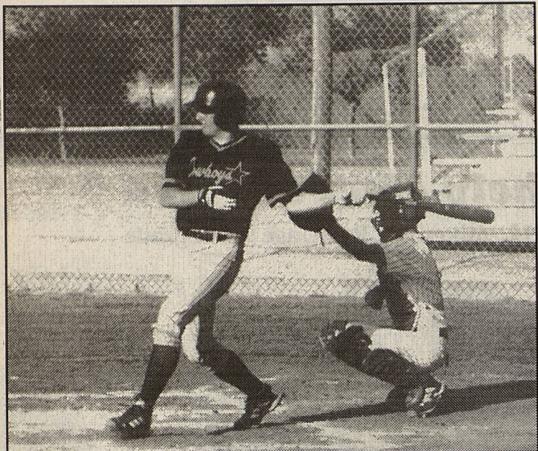
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GENERAL	7,103,378.08	83,556.67	55,725.79	102,083.89	299,751.02
PRECINCT #1	796,975.65	15,329.43	3,502.42	3,685.16	23,134.51
PRECINCT #2	878,520.94	16,034.04	3,502.41	4,274.07	31,873.38
PRECINCT #3	585,846.03	13,692.30	3,502.41	3,911.62	27,604.99
PRECINCT #4	598,350.26	13,917.70	3,502.41	4,379.70	26,001.75
ROAD & BRIDGE	.00	.00	3,485.15	3,485.15	.00
FARM-MARKET LATERAL	.00	.00	10,524.50	10,524.50	.00
LATERAL ROAD	44.14	.09	.00	.00	44.23
JURY FUND	83,896.48	551.69	449.24	.00	2,667.80
C.C. RECORDS MGMT	20,627.93	1,944.47	.00	.00	4,824.50
COURTHOUSE SECURITY	2,588.36	427.70	.00	.00	3,016.06
CDA FEE ACCOUNT	154.14	445.54	.00	.00	211.12
ELECTIONS SERVICES	210.29	.38	.00	.00	210.7
JUVENILE PROBATION-ST	21,703.44	6,390.85	.00	33.09	3,441.80
LAW LIBRARY	362.69	175.59	.00	.00	538.28
PROBATE EDUCATION	186.56	228.53	.00	.00	415.09
ABANDONED VEHICLES	1,517.67	2.70	.00	.00	1,520.37
SPECIAL VIDEO	26.65	30.04	.00	.00	56.69
Y.C. DRUG FORFEITURE	301.23	.54	.00	.00	301.77
Y.C.S.O. FORFEITURE	86.71	.15	.00	.00	86.86
HOSPITAL D/S	828,699.54	28,713.08	.00	10,000.00	1,000.00
Y.C. RECORDS MGMT	8,738.87	162.97	.00	.00	2,350.00
YOUTH CENTER	7,913.77	11,587.97	10,000.00	1,140.55	7,744.33
PLAINS AIRPORT	522.61	1.11	.00	.00	263.48
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	694,200.85	5,406.14	1,335.09	.00	700,942.08
HOSPITAL	371,050.78	401,085.35	30,550.99	29,225.59	282,177.95
PLAINS CLINIC	12,338.45	1,388.58	10,000.00	716.66	9,845.99
HOSPITAL MEMORIAL	16,412.43	148.94	.00	.00	16,561.37
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE	8,033.24	7,849.46	.00	7.44	223.57
HOSPITALIZATION INS.	11,298.00	32,354.65	108,867.24	107.31	141,051.67
Y.C. FEE ACCOUNT	15,002.25	18,175.32	.00	27.57	16,342.25
TOTALS	12,111,222.90	718,860.41	244,980.74	244,980.74	880,510.11

Cowboy action vs Olton



Miguel Coronado smashed this pitch



Jeremy Morphis gets a big hit



Josh Bell intently eyes Olton batter



Brett Squyres nabs a fly ball

Cowboys end season with two wins, one loss

On April 25, the Cowboys took a double header winover district opponent Olton, winning both games by healthy margins. Jared Bell was the winning pitcher in the first game, allowing only 5 hits. Gerry Rivas hit a three bagger, Colt Winn a double, and Jeremy Morphis, Jared Bell, Aaron Cain, Brett Squyres, Josh Bell and Miguel Coronado accounted for the other hits. In the second game, The Cowboys again dominated Olton in a 14-5 win. Aaron Cain pitched the full 7 innings and allowed just 8 hits. Colt Winn and Joseph Rodriguez recorded homeruns, while Morphis, Rivas, Squyres, Josh Bell and Justin Chambliss all managed at least one of the total 15 hits.

The Cowboys fell in their season finale to Post 10-7. Aaron Cain and Gerry Rivas shared mound duties, allowing 12 hits between them. Rivas and Josh Bell both recorded doubles, with Morphis the only other successful hitter. The Cowboys finished their second year of baseball action with a 15-6 record.

Some season Stats:

First six batters - Morphis, .394, Rivas .382, Josh Bell .349, Cain .333, Winn .311, and Josh Bell .299

Stolen bases (net) - Squyres 8, Morphis, Cain, Jared Bell, 6 each, Josh Bell 5.

Pitching - Aaron Cain pitched 42.3 innings with an ERA of 4.46 Rivas pitched 38.3 innings, 5.48 ERA. Jared Bell, 33.6 innings, 5.20 ERA.

Fielding - Top 5 fielding percentages - Rivas .966, Morphis .923, Cain .913, Squyres .861, Jared Bell .821

PHS Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Velvet Canada, a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Canada. She was nominated by Mr. Friesen, who said, "The most distinguishing characteristic of Velvet is her integrity. She has strong moral convictions that stem from a close family with the same values. She has had success in athletics and academics due mainly to her excellent work ethic. She has performed at the UIL state meet in tennis as well as the UIL regional academic meet in calculator and



computer science. Velvet and her mother have attended numerous tennis meets around the state."

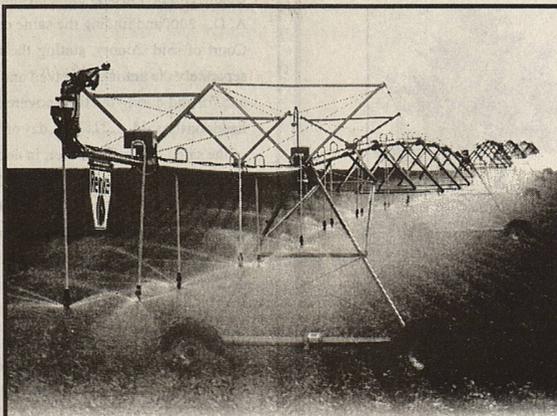
* Notice For Bids *

The State of Texas
County of Yoakum

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 A.M., Tuesday, May 16, 2000, for renovation of the X-ray department at Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Monday, May 22, 2000. Bid price will be paid from 2000 budgeted funds.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 or call 806/456-2422 or you may contact Mr. Clay Taylor, Yoakum County Hospital Financial Officer, PO Box 1130, Denver City, Texas 79323, 806/592-5484. Sealed bids should be marked "Bid-Hospital" on the envelope and mailed to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Ave. G. Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



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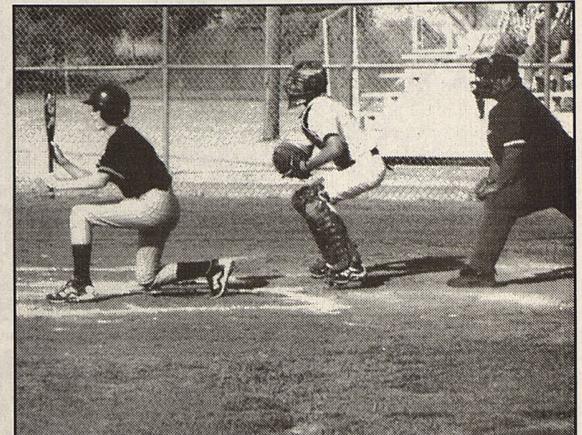
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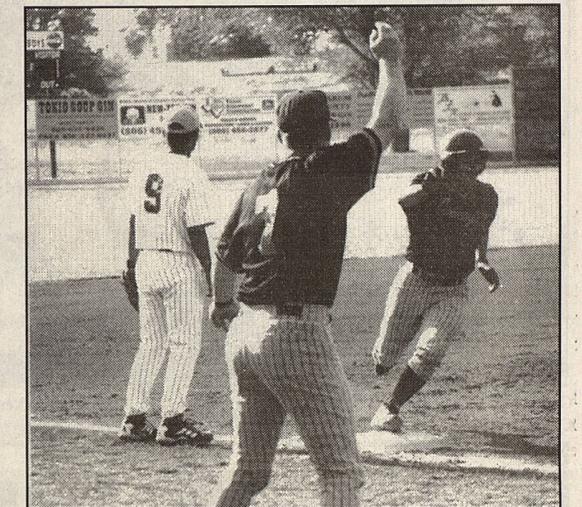
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Jared Bell went the distance on the mound



Justin Chambliss ready to bunt



Jerry Rivas hustles around third for home



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Lady Texan Basketball Camp Dates Set

South Plains College head women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin has announced the dates for the 2000 Lady Texan Basketball Camp.

Two separate camps will be held on the campus of South Plains College, June 11-16 and June 18-23.

The camps are open to all girls in 5th grade through 12th grade. The camp is designed to accommodate both day and overnight campers.

The purpose of the camp is to provide young women with an opportunity to improve their basketball skills. The camp teaches fundamentals of basketball and stresses sportsmanship, team play and self confidence. High school age campers will also have the opportunity to work on teams concepts.

Cost for the camp is \$235.00 for overnight campers and includes room and board in college residence halls. Day campers who eat in Texan Hall pay \$195.00 while day campers who do not eat on campus pay \$125.00.

For more information, contact head women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin at 894-9611, ext. 2224.

Art Association Annual Garage Sale



Art Association members were very busy last Friday, preparing for their fund raising garage sale Saturday. The Art Building was rapidly filling up with donated sale items when this scene was shot.

WE'RE OUT FOR BLOOD! Blood Drive Saturday May 6th, 8:00 am-12:00 pm At Yoakum County Hospital. Health Fair 2000 & Yard Sale (Proceeds go to hospital employee fund). Yoakum County Hospital would like to invite everyone to their annual Health Fair on Saturday, May 6th. This year it will be located on the East side of the hospital in the parking lot from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Nursing will be providing free blood pressure checks, blood sugar and cholesterol screening. AeroCare will be here giving tours of their helicopter.

The hospital will be conducting multiple drawings for door prizes and we'll also have several booths handing out information & giveaways, plus an employee yard sale, so come check it out.

SEE YA'LL THERE!!

Senior Citizens Corner

This week has been pretty busy around the Center. We have been having real good food. The '42' Tournament had several people in it. The winners were Betty Boatman and Moia Morehead. They get to eat free one time each.

Our Site Council is selling tickets for chances on a basket of items for a man. There is a watch, cologne, after shave, etc.. Also we have lots of new clothing and different items in our garage sale. So come on down, you may find something you just can't live without.

We now have some of the oil paintings the ladies in the craft room have done. Darlene, Maggie and I are still in there doing ceramics and crocheting pot holders.

The domino and bridge players are still going strong. Last weeks pool tournament winners are: Womens 8 ball Jean Poage 1st, Eileen 2nd, 9 ball Billie O'Neal 1st, Ireta Davis 2nd. The winners for the men were: Joe Porles, Cookie Blancett and Gary Williams.

There has been a good turn out for getting pictures made for updating of the Senior Citizens book, that was made several years ago.

Texan Basketball Camp Set At SPC

South Plains College 2000 Texan Basketball Camp runs Sunday, July 23 and Thursday, July 27 with spots available for boys in grades 3 through 12.

The overnight camp will be held on the campus of South Plains College, 1401 S. College Ave.

The purpose of the camp is to provide boys and young men an opportunity to improve their basketball skills. The camp teaches fundamentals of basketball and stresses sportsmanship, team play and self confidence.

Cost for the camp is \$200.00 and includes room and board in college residence halls. Day campers will be accepted upon request. For more information, contact head mens basketball coach Shawn Scanlan at 894-9611, ext. 2222 or 2225.

Library Filmtime

Filmtime at the Yoakum County Library, children attending Filmtime April 26 included: Bailey Rios, Lucas Hernandez, Clayton Gass, Whitney Davis, Johnathan Davis, Bailey Winn, Aaron Ramos, Matthew Ramos, Macy Banfield and Marrit Crump. Whitney and Johnathan Davis celebrated their 5th birthday, and the youngsters enjoyed cookies and punch brought by their parents. The children enjoyed games, two books and watched two cartoons.

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The Texas Economy: Older And Wiser

The decade of the 1990's was a period of remarkable growth in the Texas economy, according to economists at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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- * Texas had no recessions
 - * 2.35 million jobs were created, more than any other state.
 - * Average annual job growth was 3 percent statewide.
 - * Job growth in rural counties was more than 2.5% per year.
 - * Real gross state product growth, net of inflation, was 4.5 % per year on average.

Such sustained growth was welcomed after the 1980's when Texas had multiple recessions.

In the next decade, Comptroller economists expect a more mature Texas economy. Annual rate of growth is estimated at 2.2% and gross state product will grow 3.6%.

Here is a sector-by-sector look at the state of the Texas economy in the new decade:

AGRICULTURE

The gross state product from agriculture grew an average

4.5% a year in the 90's, despite droughts and price instability. Agriculture employment grew to 268,000 in 1998 from 227,000 in 1990.

MINING

The oil and gas industry, where employment declined by an average of 1.5% in the 1990's, has more struggles ahead. Through 2010, the industry will lose 1,300 jobs.

CONSTRUCTION

In 1998, Texas housing construction reached its highest level in over a dozen years with 170,000 units built. In the new decade, migration and a healthy economy should keep housing starts between 150,000 and 190,000, and job growth should be about 1.8% a year.

MANUFACTURING

Highest manufacturing growth rate over the next decade is expected to be in miscellaneous non-durable goods, mostly plastics. Texas is set to capitalize on abundant raw material sources from its petrochemical industry. Computer and electronics employment

States Ranked by Nonfarm Employment Change During the 1990s

Ranked by Actual Change			Ranked by Percent Change		
Rank	State	Number	Rank	State	Percent
1	TEXAS	2,354,900	1	Nevada	63.8%
2	California	1,787,050	2	Utah	50.2
3	Florida	1,718,500	3	Arizona	48.9
4	Georgia	977,950	4	Idaho	43.2
5	North Carolina	741,900	5	Colorado	41.6
6	Illinois	730,700	6	TEXAS	33.9
7	Arizona	718,650	7	Georgia	32.9
8	Ohio	702,800	8	Florida	32.1
9	Michigan	646,400	9	Montana	30.8
10	Colorado	623,900	10	South Dakota	30.4
	Total U.S.	20,492,000		Total U.S.	18.8%

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

will grow at a slower pace. Job growth for these industries is expected to slow to 1.5% annually, compared to 2.3% in the 90's.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES

Communications, mostly cellular and standard phones and modem services will see jobs growth at 3.9%, third fastest of any sector. Transportation jobs will grow at 3.4%, while jobs in utilities sector, with increased competition from deregulation, will grow at only 0.3%

FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE

These industries that revolve around money are expected to add far fewer jobs in the new decade, with the real estate sec-

tor especially flat.

SERVICES

The services industry is expected to account for 47% of the state's non-farm jobs growth, about 108,000 jobs annually.

RETAIL

Retail employment will gain jobs at a 2% rate annually, while wholesale trade jobs will grow by 1.3%. Proficiency in more than one language will be a great plus for job hunters.

GOVERNMENT

Employment in local government will increase, with virtually no new jobs in the federal sector. School jobs will grow at 2.2%, and state jobs at 1.3%

May 5, 1718: Presidio and Villa de Bejar founded by Governor Martin de Alarcon 1898: First contingent of Rough Riders arrived in San Antonio to begin training.

Kathy Jones Receives 'Congrats'

Dear Ms. Jones,
On behalf of the Republican Party of Texas I would like to welcome you as the new County Chairman of Yoakum County. We are honored you have chosen to serve the people of Yoakum County and the great state of Texas in this capacity.

I am always moved by the devotion and loyal support from our grassroot activists. You have toiled long and hard and have contributed to the victories we have enjoyed thus far. As we face the upcoming elections in November, it will be a pivotal time for us and we must

continue the fight to restore dignity and honor to our Federal Government and bring conservative governing principles to State Government.

Again, thank you for accepting this position. I know that you will provide the leadership and counsel necessary to achieve great things for Yoakum County. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my Executive Assistant, Ms. Lori Boyd or me, at (512) 477-9821. Very truly yours,
Susan Weddington, Chairman, Republican Party of Texas



Obituaries

Services Held For Alvaro Valenzuela

Services were held for Alvaro Valenzuela, 75, of Hobbs, NM at 2:00 pm., Monday, May 1, 2000 in Prairie Haven Memorial Park Chapel under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home, Inc., with Pastor Fabian Sena officiating. Burial was in Prairie Haven Memorial Park. Mr. Valenzuela passed away April 26, 2000 in Hobbs, NM. He was born February 19, 1925 in Mexico. He moved to the U.S. in 1961. He worked as a farm hand through the area. He married Irma January 24, 1978 in Clint, Texas. He was a member of Victory Center for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anselmo and Delfina Valenzuela. Survivors include his wife Irma of the home, 2 sons-Antonio and Alvaro, Jr. both of Hobbs. 4 daughters Juanita Soto, Martha, Delfina and Maria Valenzuela all of Hobbs. 1 brother-Alejandro Valenzuela of Mexico, 2 sisters-Consuelo V. Guerrero of Mexico and Victoria Moreno of California and 3 grand children.

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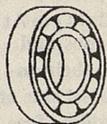
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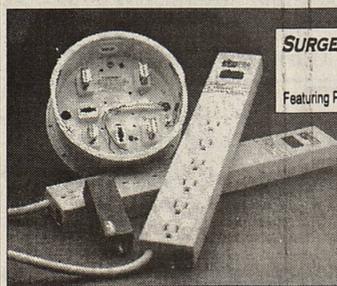
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From The Hack

STUFF in the news:

The AP reports many of the New Mexico tribal gambling casinos are refusing to pay the state their share of the take. Seems they are ticked off at the NM legislature's failure to act on new gambling agreements in the last session. The state wants to continue collecting 16 percent, and the tribes offered 7.5 percent, but no agreement was reached during the session. Many of the tribal leaders expect to be sued by the state, if all negotiating efforts fail.

'So, how does this affect me? Not a whit. If Satan ever again coerces me to gamble, I will return to Las Vegas, where they really know what they're doing..... they can relieve you of your money in such a professional manner you hardly feel the pain until you're on the plane coming home broke.

Sunday's issue of the AJ featured Lubbock's four mayoral candidates written responses to six questions posed to them by the newspaper. One question - 'How can the Lubbock Police Department improve its standing with minorities?' One candidate answered, 'By liking whoever they see.' The fifth question, 'What would you do to promote a spirit of open government and access to public information?', he answered, 'Promote the spirit of what we have.' Now, I'm here to tell you, that guy doesn't have a prayer of a chance in the race, none, zilch. NO politician worth his salt or an X by his name on the ballot answers two rather cumbersome questions with only twelve words.

This has been in print more than one time, and covered by radio and TV. A Knicks pro-basketballer called his old coach a liar. The coach sued the

player. Man, am I glad none of my old coaches ever heard any of the things I called most of them. A lawsuit would have been out of the question. They knew I possessed absolutely nothing of monetary value. They all, however, were big enough and mean enough to instill in me the wisdom of muttering very softly, and way, way behind their backs what type of expletive I considered them.

Time Magazine reported the Smithsonian Institute will pay the Chinese \$10 million for rental of two Giant Panda bears. Hey, Johnnie Fitzgerald and I will make the prairie dog loving Japanese a heck of a lot better deal than that... we'll ship them a hundred of the varmints for five grand, and they can keep them until Omega time.

I read recently a report indicating heart problems stemming from high cholesterol levels are not just a malady for us older folks. The article said even kids as young as ten can have high cholesterol counts, and a diet high in fruits, vegetables and nuts could help combat the malady. The article was ruined completely for me when at the end of the article I discovered a color photo of a

head of cauliflower. That ugly vegetable may be the reason I have to take pills to keep my cholesterol level under control. When I was ten, my grandmother took me to one of her lady friends for lunch. The woman started putting food on the table, and when I saw this hideous looking lump I innocently asked, "What's that thing?" She said, "Why, you sweet boy, that's a head of cauliflower."

Not too diplomatically, I blurted, "Looks like a bleached brain with leaves growing out of it to me." As I recall, we were not invited back for another lunch. As I 100% correctly recall, I still detest that white brain looking thing.

I told Satan "Get Thee Behind Me!", but I still can't resist this; This blonde is out for a walk and she comes to this river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank. "Yoohoo" she shouts, "how do I get over to the other side?"

The other blonde shouted back, "You are on the other side."

Learn some new words; Paradox - two physicians Pharmacist - a helper on the farm. Polarize - What penguins see with

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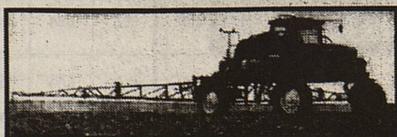
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Early voting for school district trustee positions can be accomplished at the Plains ISD administration building beginning April 19 and ending May 2. The election will be held May 6 at the Plains ISD auditorium foyer.

The candidates for District 1 are Anna Gonzalez and Ramon Diaz. The candidates for District 5 are Brad Crump and John Gray. Brad Palmer is running unopposed for the trustee position of District 6 at-large.

