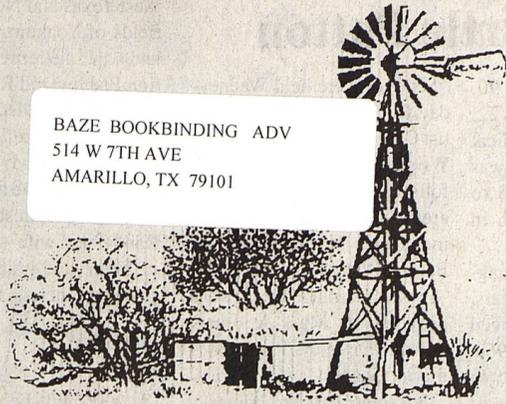


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## Criminal Cases Heard In County Court

Four criminal cases were heard in County Court December 21, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Carlos Torres pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI cause. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 22 days previously served. His attorney was Warren New.

Donia Kaye Nations pled guilty to possession of two ounces or less of marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs, \$25 time payment fee and \$140 restitution to DPS, plus appointed attorney fees. She will surrender her license 180 days, serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings and complete the drug offender education program. Her attorney was Warren New, and investigating officer was Trooper Robert Munsell.

Douglas Ray Hite pled guilty to possession two ounces or less marijuana, adjudication of guilt deferred. He was fined \$350, must pay \$211 court costs, \$250 appointed attorney fees, and \$140 restitution to DPS. He will serve 24 hours community service, and attend weekly narcotics meetings. Warren New was his attorney, and Trooper Munsell was investigating officer.

Gilbert Valenzuela Aguirre pled guilty to DWI, breath test refused. A 88 day jail sentence had been met with 88 days served. He was held for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Bill Helwig was his attorney and Karen Hobbs, Denver City Police was investigating officer.

Jesse Ojeda Garza pled guilty to DWI, b.t. refused, open container. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$311 court costs, appointed attorney fees of \$250 and \$25 time payment fee. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for two days served, must complete the DWI repeat offender program, complete the outpatient treatment program at his cost and surrender his license 90 days. Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer, and Warren New was his attorney.

## Cooperative hosts open house for refurbished office quarters here



Lea County Electric Cooperative played host for its Plains area members at an Open House celebration Wednesday, December 21. Local employees, staff from the Cooperative's Lovington headquarters and contract personnel spent several weeks installing new flooring, furniture and decorations throughout the entire building. Director of Member Relations Suzie Brown told CCN, "Our members in Plains and Yoakum County are very important to us, and

our Board felt it time to bring our quarters here up to speed as a way to show our appreciation." Locals enjoyed touring the facility and the buffet table of pre-holiday enjoyment. Shown at the ribbon cutting are, left to right; Dir. Robert Caudle; General Manager Gary Hulse; Plains Chamber Pres. Cam Givan; Dir. Thurman Duncan; Dir. Terry Davis; Dir. Wade Roberts, and Board President Billy Medlin.

## USDA - NRCS Now Accepting EQIP Applications For 2006

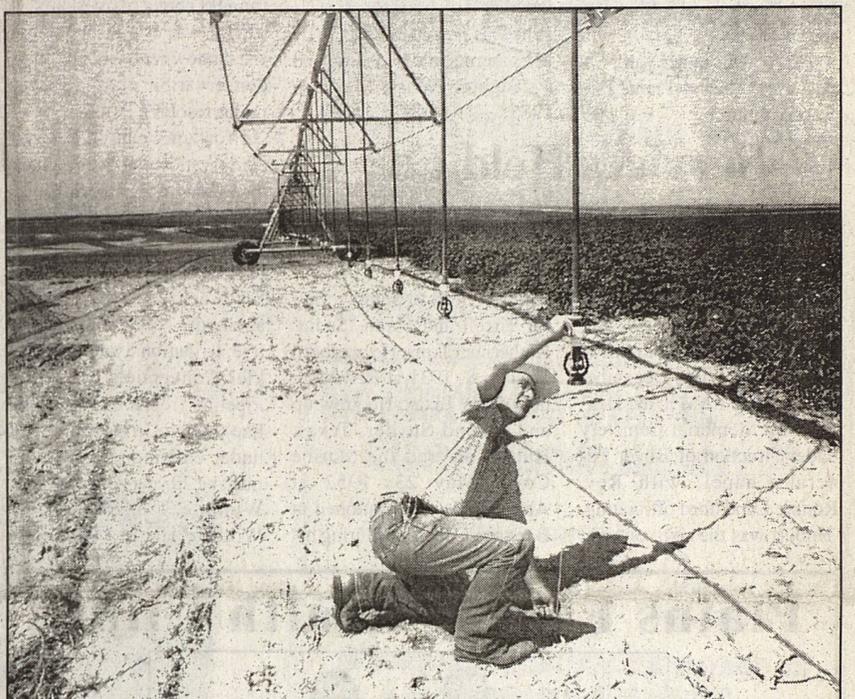
USDA cost-share funds have been released for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Farmers and ranchers can apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to make sound decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern recognized by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The NRCS will be accepting Equip applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is February 17, 2006.

Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February

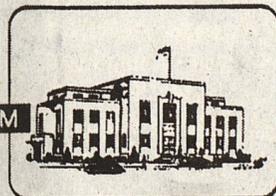
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NRCS - EQIP



NRCS Conservation Engineering Technician Warren Givens measures to certify the new drop tubes and nozzles are not higher than 36 inches from the soil surface on this 'Low Pressure In Canopy' sprinkler conversion southeast of Plains

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### DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR YOAKUM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Yoakum on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December, 2005, is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury of loss of lie or property resulting from:

THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY JUDGE OF YOAKUM COUNTY HAS DETERMINED THAT EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF PEOPLE AND TO PROTECT OR REHABILITATE PROPERTY,

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY DALLAS BREWER, COUNTY JUDGE OF YOAKUM COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Yoakum County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Yoakum County.
3. Pursuant to 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Yoakum County.
4. Pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of the local state of disaster activates the Yoakum County Emergency Management Plan.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, ORDERED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.

*Dallas Brewer*  
Yoakum County Judge

The above proclamation came from Judge's Brewer's office just two days before grassfires did considerable damage near the stateline at Bronco and in several areas of neighboring New Mexico. See Photos Inside

## Funeral services held for Myrtle Patton

Myrtle Lorene Patton, 90, passed away December 22, 2005 at the Regional Medical Center in Brownfield. She was born February 18, 1915 to Henry and Effie Hudson in Carthage, Texas.

Myrtle was a farmer alongside her husband many years, and a homemaker. She moved to Plains from Morton in 1960. She had previously lived in Littlefield since 1924. She attended schools in the Lehman Community.

On June 2, 1935 she married the love of her life, Mr. Winford Patton, in Muleshoe. He preceded her in death in 1992.

Myrtle's family thought her greatest accomplishment was raising her kids and working beside her husband. She is remembered as a person who loved to work in her yard. She was a member of Plains First Baptist Church.

Services were held Wednesday, December 28 at First Baptist Church here with Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Interment followed at the Morton Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Plains.

Personal arrangements were provided by Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors/Plains Memorial Chapel.

Left to cherish her memories are two sons, Douglas of Plains, and Ken of Sandia Park, NM; two daughters, Linda Cowart of Plains, and Sherry Swann of Lubbock; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She has a brother, Russell Hudson of Morton and two sisters, Reba Sawyer of Salina, KS, and Arlene Smith, Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, and a daughter, Willie Merle in 1953.

tour of duty and was honorably discharged May 22, 1954.

Mr. Tirrell has worked the oil fields of Argentina, California, West Texas and New Mexico, and has lived and worked the oil fields of Yoakum County since 1967. He worked many years and when he retired he was a reverse unit operator for Production Fishing and Rental Tools of Denver City.

He was preceded in death by his second wife Odea Jewell Williamson Tirrell in 1991, and his sister Nioma Lucinda Tirrell Jones. He is survived by his son Randall and wife Tina of Plains; daughter Lori and husband Michael Watkins of Eden; step-daughter Janice and husband Doyle Smith of Denver City; grandsons Randal and wife Anabel, Chris Tirrell of Plains, Justin Watkins of Eden, and granddaughter Barbara Watkins of Eden. Other survivors include step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### FROM PAGE 1 NRCS - EQIP

17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Yoakum County. Cost Share reimbursement for an NRCS approved, applied and certified practice to Yoakum County producers is 50 percent. Eligible Beginning Farmers will receive a 75 percent cost share. Limited Resource Farmers have been approved for a 90 percent cost-share.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues.

In Yoakum County, approved conservation practices include the following: Range Seeding/Pasture Planting; Livestock Watering Facility/Livestock Fencing/Livestock Pipeline/Livestock Well; brush Management; No-Tillage Incentive; Irrigation System, Sprinkler Conversion; Irrigation Pipeline (replacing old pipeline); Micro-Irrigation (if put under existing pivot, pivot must be 20 years old or older); Windbreak or Shelterbelt; Wildlife Habitat Incentive;

Terraces; Irrigation Regulating Reservoir; Conversion of sideroll, water drive, solid set or hand moved pipe to an approved sprinkler or micro-irrigation watering system; Chemigation Valve and or Flowmeter installation; and Irrigation Water Management incentive.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local soil and water conservation districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Plains at 1305 Cowboy Way or call 806-456-3703 ext3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).



## Capitol Comments by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Among the bills receiving approval from Congress in the hours before it adjourned for the year was legislation to continue funding for NASA. It was the first time in five years Congress has spoken so emphatically in support of the vision for the next generation of space exploration and research, including affirmation of the goal to put a permanent base on the moon.

The authorization bill provides a blueprint for NASA. I believe it is significant an overwhelming number of my colleagues in the House of representatives and the Senate recognized the pathways of exploration and discovery outlined in the legislation merited their endorsement.

By supporting the bill, Congress has placed a stamp of approval on completion of the International Space Station and on moving forward with the transition to a new generation of crew exploration vehicles. In addition, NASA now has Congressional guidance on its activities related to research, science, education and aeronautics.

But perhaps most important, passage of the legislation - and the implicit support for the science and engineering expertise contained within it - may be seen as evidence of Congress' determination to address one of the most important challenges looming in front of our nation.

America's preeminence since World War II has rested on the bedrock of its economic dominance. Our economy, in turn, has depended on a continued flow of technological and scientific advances for its strength. Increasingly, the edge we have enjoyed in such a crucial area is being challenged by other nations. If we do not meet this challenge, not only will NASA's leadership be at risk, but so will America's.

Thankfully, leaders from our business, political, scientific and academic communities are beginning to tackle this problem. The National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine, have created the "Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century." The committee is expected to soon release the final version of its study, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm."

The committee cites a number of what it calls "worrisome indicators" pointing to the decline in educational emphasis on science and mathematics. For example, in 2004, China graduated about 500,000 engineers and India 200,000. Here at home we had only 70,000 such graduates.

U.S. 12th graders have performed below the international average of 21 countries on a test designed to measure general knowledge in mathematics and science. In 2007, for the first time, the most advanced high-energy particle accelerator will not be in the United States. In a prepublication summary, the committee notes it is "...deeply concerned the scientific and technical building blocks of our economic leadership are eroding at a time

when many other nations are gathering strength." The committee urges our nation to "...prepare with great urgency to preserve its strategic and economic security."

My colleagues and I are ready to act on a number of recommendations made by the committee. This issue is not political; it is not partisan. There is already emerging in Congress a willingness to embark on a serious effort to ensure America maintains creative leadership in the world. We will make an effort to recruit annually 10,000 science and math teachers in middle and high school, offering four year college scholarships as incentives. New training and education programs will be developed to strengthen the skills of current teachers and additional federal resources will be allocated for research activities in the hard sciences.

I will continue to write about this important initiative as the year progresses. Few policy debates will be more important to our country's security and our children's future. As Chairman of the Space and Science Subcommittee in the Senate, I intend to push for America's leadership and superiority to continue through this century.

## Texas coyotes, gray foxes get tasty treats - plus doses of rabies vaccine

It's a once-a-year treat - highly favored food, bundled in bite size portions, delivered by air right to the doorstep. No waiting. For several weeks in January, coyotes and gray foxes in south and west-central Texas get just the sweetened dog food and fish meal delicacies they want. Inside each sack is a bonus, a dose of oral rabies vaccine.

In the last ten years almost 26 million doses of oral rabies vaccine have been distributed across 352,000 square miles of Texas. That work, health officials with the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP) at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) say, has led to dramatic drops in canine and gray fox rabies.

"No human cases of rabies in either area have occurred since the vaccine airdrop began," said Ernest Oertli, ORVP Director. "And no animal cases of canine or gray fox rabies have been recorded outside the containment zones since the program beginning. That's truly a measure of success."

Beginning in early January, about 8 million baits will drop from five specially equipped planes flying across 39 Texas counties. The first phase drop starts in South Texas January 6, weather permitting. The second leg starts about January 14 from the Pecos County airport in Ft. Stockton, and the final stage starts around January 21 from Junction's Kimble County Airport.

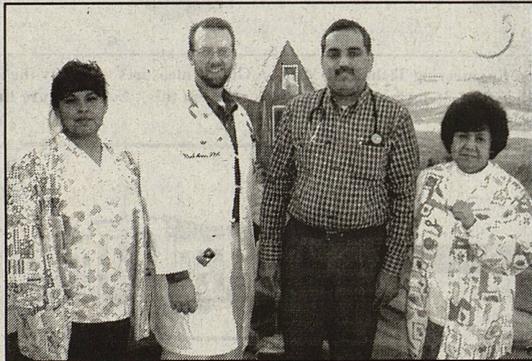
The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas has declined from 142 cases when the program started in 1995 to just one case in 2004, and none in 2005 through November. "The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals."

## Services Held For Huburt Franklin Tirrell

Huburt Franklin Tirrell, 74, passed away at his home December 28, 2005. Graveside services were held December 30, 2005 at 11 AM in the Denver City Memorial Cemetery under direction of Boyer Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Ronnie Lundsford officiating. Huburt was the sixth of eight

children born to Samuel Taylor Tirrell and Sarah 'Sadie' Katherine Elkins. He was born January 8, 1931 at Red Mud, near Spur, Texas. He grew up and around Snyder, Texas. Huburt entered the Marine Corps May 23, 1952 at Abilene. He was stationed at Barstow, California during his

## Plains Family Health Clinic



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Despite the fact that agriculture has long been viewed as a male-dominated industry, women played major roles on the family farm for hundreds of years, often working right alongside their husbands and sons. And it appears their role is growing. According to the Census of Agriculture, the number of farms managed by women has climbed 13 percent from 1997 to 2002.

Throughout history women were vital forces on the farm, maintaining the household and ensuring that agricultural operations ran smoothly. Many women worked the family property, cultivating their land, their skills and their strength in the outdoors. Other women took pride in raising and teaching children, sewing clothing, maintaining the home and providing meals to those working the farm. These roles were imperative to the success of farms and ranches throughout history.

Women's influences on the farm can be found in everything from harvesting produce to bookkeeping, and an increasing number of women are in the driver's seat, making key decisions about selling crops or buying equipment. Women now run one out of every

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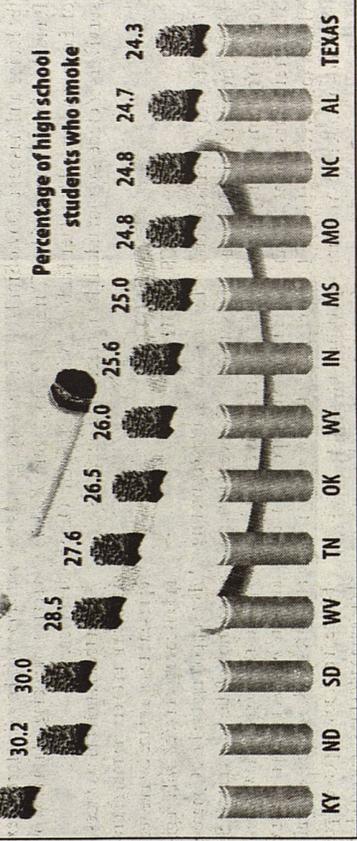
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# A 'Minor' Offense - Fewer Texas Retailers Selling Smokes To Minors

Nearly 25 percent of Texas high school students light up each year according to the 2004 National Youth Tobacco Survey. The simple question, "Can I see your ID?" may prevent them from even straying. "About every day in the nation, 5,000 teens try tobacco; 3000 will become regular smokers; and about 1000 of those will die prematurely," said Howard Hancock, the Texas Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention (STEP) director.

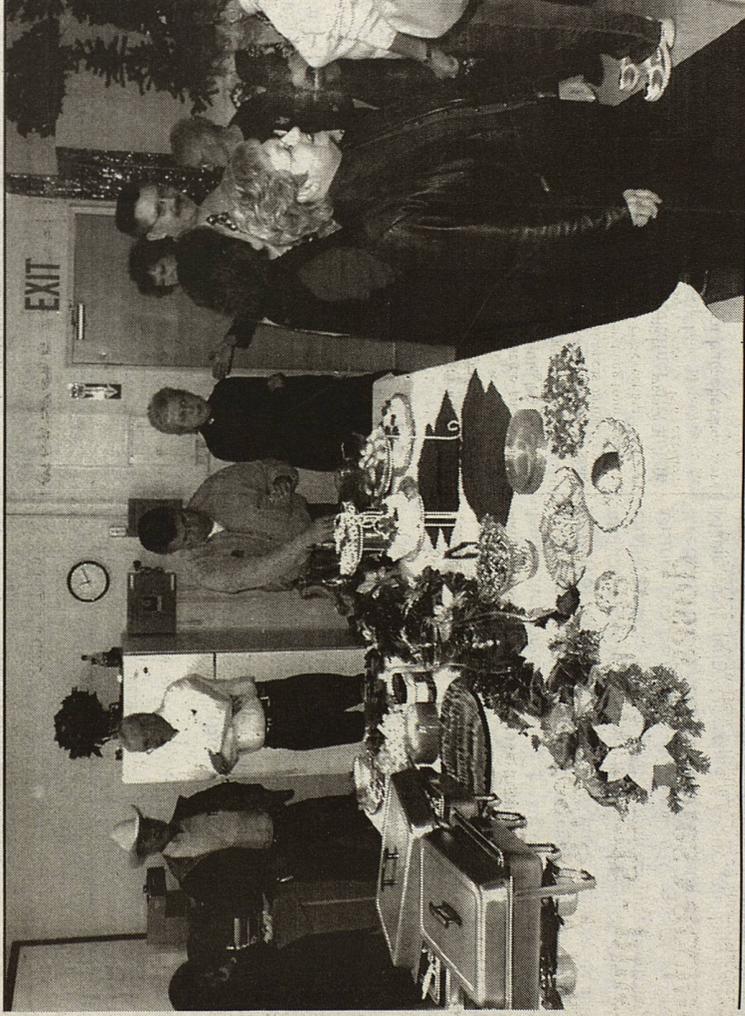
STEP helps the Texas Comptroller's office enforce Texas tobacco laws that have reduced the number of retailers selling cigarettes to minors for the second straight year. The legislature appropriated \$1.5 million grant to fund the Comptroller's "Under 18, no tobacco! I can't sell, you can't buy." One year after the campaign start, the number of controlled buys decreased 8 percent. In 2004 the Comptroller distributed funds from the grant to almost 200 schools, from \$2,000 to \$50,000 to educate kids about tobacco laws. About 90 percent of all tobacco users start smoking before age 18, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Decreasing a minor's access is not the only way to stop them from smoking, Hancock said. "The best way is to not get the kid to start through a comprehensive pro-

**Tallying the toll**  
Of 33 states polled, Texas ranks 13th in the percentage of high school students who smoke, with 24.3 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



gram, including interventions including enforcement and good programs in communities and schools, media campaigns to counter the tobacco media. Controlled environments and smoke free ordinances changes that social norm. Changing what kids see as normal and cool is the biggest thing you can do and the biggest challenge." To help minors quit and understand the consequences of smoking, the Comptroller's office contracted with DSHS to provide a state mandated class for minors caught using tobacco. "Underage tobacco users are ticketed and a judge should assign them to take the class, not as punishment but as a deterrent," said Casi DeLeon, group manager at DSHS. The classes are conducted in cities throughout the state and average 2000 kids per year. DSHS also spends money advertising the not so cool effects of smoking - lost productivity, early death and disease - through billboards, poster, radio, television and public service announcements. The classes and advertising are focused on enforcing the law to make sure retailers don't sell tobacco to minors. "It's all encompassed in one campaign," DeLeon said. "A lot of it has to do with enforcing the law and increasing awareness."

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Lea County Electric Cooperative members were a bit shy around the serving table - but not for very long at all.

## Brief Court Session

In the December 27 session of Commissioners Court, an incentive contract between Gambro, Inc. and Yoakum County Hospital was approved. The contract would cover use of equipment furnished by the Phoenix, Arizona company and used in the Dialysis Center for West Texas. Sheriff Don Corzine's request to purchase a new Fax machine for the department's Denver City office was approved. Price of the Fax was \$325. Pct. 3 Commissioner Ty Earl Powell requested approval of a bid of \$15,411 from Ed Mosely, Brownfield, for the purchase of a midsize extended cab pickup for the precinct was approved. Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cobb requested approval of a bid

from Ed Mosely for the purchase of two new pickup vehicles without trade. A similar bid was received from a dealership in Slaton, and the firm will be allowed to defend their bid at the January court session. Cobb preferred the Mosely bid because of the closer and more convenient source of service. Action on bids for the purchase of diesel and unleaded fuel for 2006 was postponed because of

questions about one submitted bid. A bid from SEM Materials of Lubbock was approved for supplying asphalt in 2006 for all precincts and county parks. R.E. Jones Gravel of Austin submitted the winning bid for gravel in 2006, and Kerr Construction of Lubbock was winning bidder for hot and cold mix.

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### Bowl bonanza

Texas plays host to five post-season football games or bowl games, bringing tens of thousands of football fans to the Lone Star State each holiday season.

| Game/City                  | Stadium (Capacity)           | 2004-05 Attendance |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cotton Bowl Dallas         | Cotton Bowl (69,252)         | 75,704*            |
| Alamo Bowl San Antonio     | Alamodome (69,100)           | 65,265             |
| San Bowl El Paso           | San Bowl (52,000)            | 51,288             |
| Fort Worth Bowl Fort Worth | Amon Carter Stadium (66,000) | 27,902             |
| Houston Bowl Houston       | Reliant Stadium (69,000)     | 27,235             |

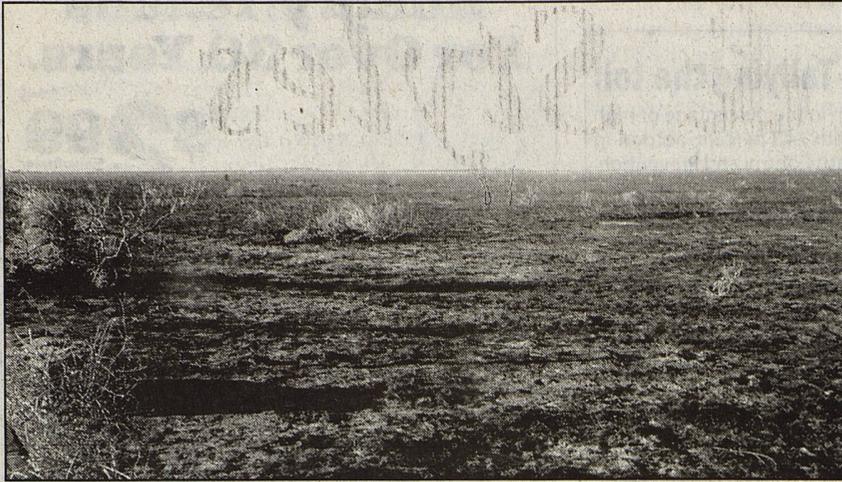
\*Note: Attendance numbers exceeding stadium capacity reflect temporary seating and special access to select events.  
Source: Cotton Bowl, Alamo Bowl, Arizona State Athletics, University of Cincinnati, University of Colorado.

On January 20, January 4, 1823, Imperial Colonization Law signed by Iturbide in Mexico, permitting Moses Austin to settle 300 families in Texas

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# Yoakum County joins other state areas with grass fire problems

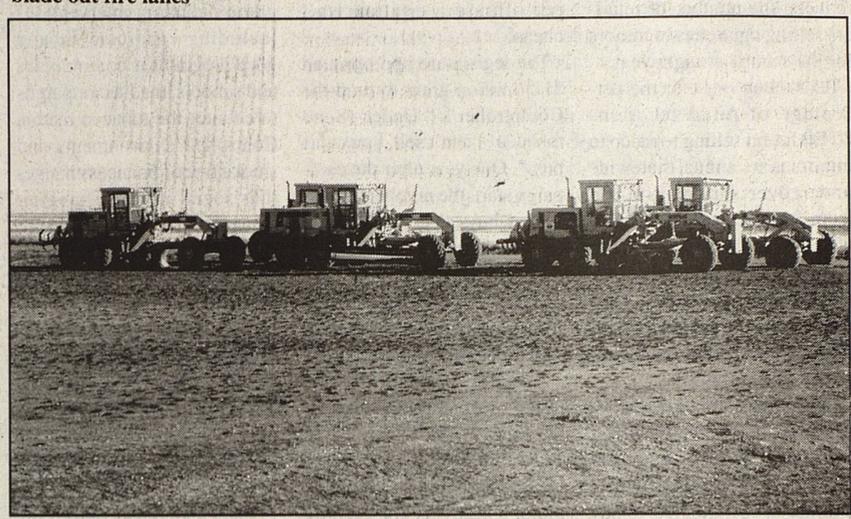
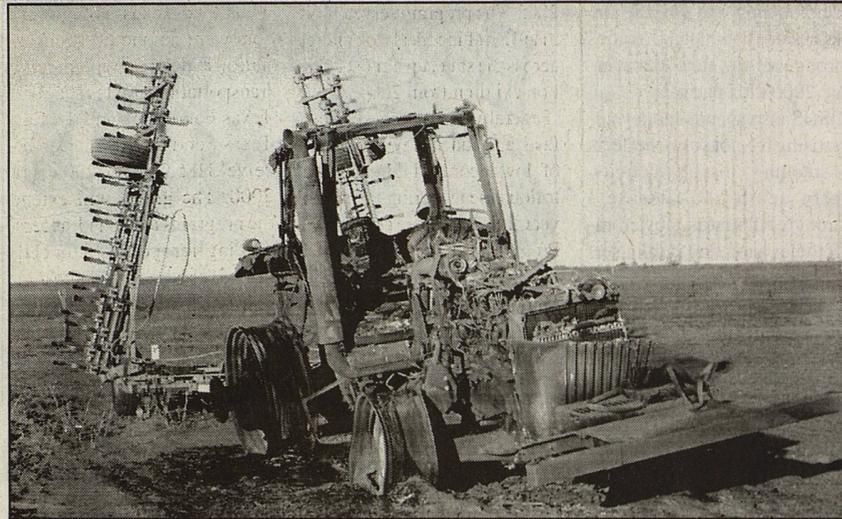
These are some of the scenes Monday AM after local firefighters fought area blazes many hours Sunday



Looking west from County Road 165. The fire apparently jumped the road to ignite the John Deere tractor below - note the fire did not burn tires on the spring-tooth



Old structures in Bronco were spared by blaze. Below, county motor graders used to blade out fire lanes



## Pandemic Flu Plans Imperative

By Eduardo Sanchez, Comm., Texas Dept. of State Health Services

Pandemic influenza is one of the biggest health threats that may - or may not - devastate Texas. Preparing to respond to a global outbreak of a deadly flu strain as if it were inevitable is absolutely essential. In mid-December, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) convened a conference to discuss just such planning for pandemic influenza. Some 400 local, state and national public health staff along with health care professionals, influenza experts, hospital personnel, emergency responders, business leaders and other stakeholders took the day to discuss how we in Texas will prepare for and respond to the devastation of such a global flu outbreak.

Texans certainly have experience responding to disasters; just mention the names Katrina and Rita. With a hurricane, flood, tornado or illness in a community, the immediate response is focused and localized. Neighbors pitch in to provide support and services, businesses in other cities assume critical functions and volunteers leave their regular jobs to provide assistance.

But a pandemic flu outbreak will be vastly different in both duration and magnitude. We will be forced

to provide a sustained response for months rather than weeks or days. Waves of illness will come. And we will be on our own for the most part because everyone in our area, our state, our nation, our hemisphere, perhaps even our planet will be affected in some way.

Scientists say the next pandemic influenza outbreak is coming - if not today or tomorrow, then next month or next year or next decade. The time for planning, however, is NOW.

The World Health Organization and federal government have plans. DSHS has been working on preparations for pandemic flu outbreak for many years. Clearly communities must now develop customized plans for their unique areas because ultimately, while pandemic influenza is a global event, it is at the local level where the plans will be implemented. These plans must cover many areas that seldom had to consider emergency responses.

Service providers and businesses must develop their own contingency plans to ensure critical services and products remain available even if many of their employees are absent. Schools must plan for many absentee students and staff. Hospitals need to look even more deeply into capacity and

in lifestyle and routine. Working away from the office may be essential. Youngsters will need caretakers if schools or child care centers are closed. Those who are ill may need to be cared for at home.

Special attention and resources will be needed at every level of response to ensure special populations are identified before the event, and unique service and transportation needs are incorporated into the local pandemic influenza management plan.

Estimates are that pandemic influenza could strike 90 million Americans, five to ten million of those in Texas. The impact of a pandemic, however, will be measured not only by how many people are sick or die. If millions are sick at the same time, major social and economic consequences also will occur. We all will have hard choices to make.

The overriding lesson we learned from everything we have been through this last year is, planning does matter and work. And the depth and quality of our planning for a pandemic influenza outbreak will in large part determine the effectiveness of our response, staffing issues.

Individuals and families must be prepared for drastic changes

## Filing Complete For March Primary Election

### Democrats:

Justice of Peace, Pct 2 - Troy Scott, Incumbent  
 Democrat County Chair- Billy Ray Moore  
 Commissioner Pct. 2- Ben Coston, Incumbent  
 Commissioner, Pct. 4- Jack Cobb, Incumbent  
 Pct.101 Chair- Kathy Smiley  
 Pct. 202 Chair.-Earlene B. Freeman  
 Pct. 303 Chair.- Edith Tuggle  
 Pct. 305 Char.- Walter Gayle Jr  
 Pct. 406 Chair- Bruce Greer

### Republicans:

Pct. 404 Chair- Martha F. Palmer  
 Pct. 305 Chair- Flora Quintanilla  
 Pct. 202 Chair- Donna Givens  
 Pct. 303 Chair- Stephenia Blount  
 Republican Party Chair- Steve Slentz  
 Pct. 101 Chair- Dalphene Benson  
 Commissioner Pct. 2- Greg D. Droogsma  
 Commissioner Pct. 2- Jim Brown  
 Commissioner Pct. 4- Steve Jones  
 Commissioner Pct. 4- Shane McKinzie

### Keesee

Commissioner Pct. 4- Tim Addison  
 Justice of Peace Pct. 1- Melba Crutcher, Incumbent  
 County Judge- Jim Barron  
 County Clerk- Deborah L. Rushing, Incumbent  
 Treasurer- Barbara Wright, Incumbent  
 Criminal Dist. Attorney- Richard Clark, Incumbent  
 District Clerk- Vicki Blundell, Incumbent

## JP Court Summary

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

### Cases filed:

4 open container alcohol in motor vehicle  
 1 issuance of bad check  
 1 felony

### Bonds set:

6 charges to revoke probation - denied  
 Motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt- \$2500  
 Assault, bodily injury to spouse- \$1500  
 Forgery, government instrument- \$3000  
 Harassment- \$500  
 Driving while license suspended- \$500  
 Intoxicated manslaughter with vehicle- \$10,000  
 Possession marijuana- \$500  
 2 charges burglary of habitation- \$10,000  
 2 charges tamper with government records- held for Border Patrol  
 Failure to maintain financial responsibility- \$500  
 Failure to identify/giving false information- \$500

## Dierschke reelected Texas Farm Bureau President

WACO—Kenneth Dierschke was elected to his fourth term as president of the state's largest farm organization in a contested election during the last day of Texas Farm Bureau's annual meeting. Facing a challenge from former TFB District 11 State Director Bob Reed, a rice farmer from Matagorda County, Dierschke was chosen by the Farm Bureau delegates.

"Agriculture's been good to me for a number of years," Dierschke said in his acceptance speech. "I'll work as hard as I can to give back to agriculture. First and foremost in my mind are the farmers and ranchers of Texas."

With the failure of the Texas legislature to address school financing in both regular and special sessions, and with the Supreme Court ruling the state must find another way to fund public schools, delegates positioned the organization's policy to participate in the upcoming debate.

Addressing property taxes, delegates provided additional flexibility for the organization to evaluate property tax rollback proposals. They

avored lowering the current appraisal cap of 10 percent and lowering the current rollback rate of 8 percent. In addition, delegates recognized the need to protect against the abuse of agricultural tax treatments by strengthening requirements for wildlife valuation qualifications.

To strengthen the legislature's recent law regarding eminent domain to prohibit the taking of private property for economic development, delegates voted to make that law permanent by supporting a constitutional amendment. In a related item, delegates supported a landowner having the option of selling development rights or an easement versus the loss of title of land through eminent domain for mitigation purposes.

In an effort to diversify the rural economy, delegates supported the use of sales tax receipts by community economic development corporations to develop and encourage businesses that will process or add value to agricultural products.

## Pesticide certificates to expire February 12

Texas Department of Agriculture reminds private pesticide applicator certificate holders their certificates will now be renewed February 28 every five years rather than the original December 31 expiration date.

TDA recently implemented a new licensing system and changed to expiration date to

make the licensing process more efficient. Certificate holders, as well as any TDA license holders, should receive a renewal notice about a month before the license expires.

Applicators should report any mailing address changes to ensure receiving the renewal notice.

Private applicator certificates

were issued prior to January, 1989. While they never expire, applicators must earn 15 continuing education credits, including two credits in laws and regulations and two credits in integrated pest management prior to the expiration of the license to keep it alive. For more information, contact TDA at 800-TELL-TDA

# Lifelines & Styles

## Training for nursing home volunteers to begin soon

South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) area agency on aging will hold an orientation Saturday, January 14 for nursing home volunteer advocates. The session will be from 1 pm until 4 pm at 1323 58th Street in Lubbock.

Individuals must be willing to attend several classes of comprehensive training in a three month period. Training emphasis is on advocacy for long term care residents; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life through a program called the Omsbudman. Volunteers must submit to weekly visits and submit monthly reports. All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town trainings. Volunteers are especially needed at several nursing facilities in twelve surrounding counties of the region, as well as in Lubbock. Special training sessions will be scheduled in communities throughout next year. Call the Area Agency on Aging at 806-687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or receive more information.

## SPC offers Cisco classes

South Plains College is offering Cisco Networking Academy classes One through Four beginning January 17 through March 9. The second class offering will begin March 30 through May 11. The classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 9:30 pm.

The course is equivalent to 280 hours of instruction to provide students with a foundation in networking. Upon completion of the course, students are eligible to earn Cisco Certified Associate (CCNA) certification.

Academy classes 5 through 8 will start January 17 through May 11. The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Through these courses students learn about complex network configuration along with diagnosis and troubleshooting of network problems. After completion, students are then eligible to earn Certified Network Professional (CCNP) certification.

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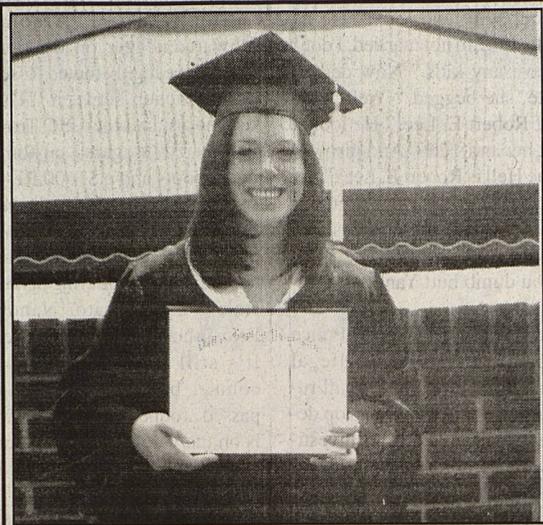
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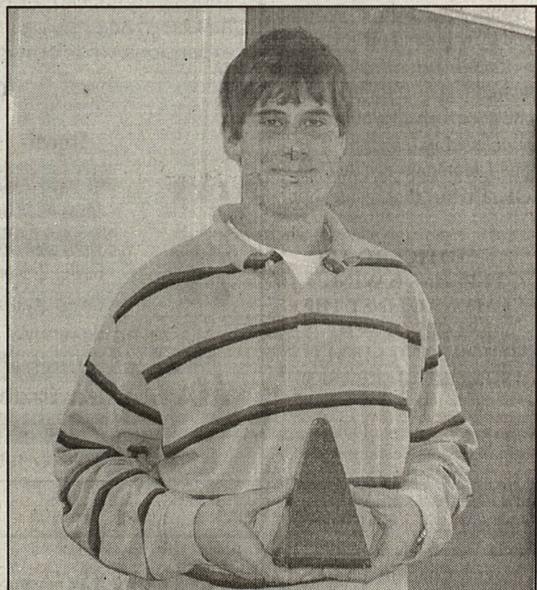
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Marc and Zanna Traweek are pleased to announce their daughter Michaela La Rae has been honored with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, Texas.

## Belated Student of the Week



The December 19, 2005 Student of the Week is Adam McCravey, a senior and the son of Greg and Shari McCravey. He was nominated by Adam Jones, who said, "Adam is always fun to have in class. He makes the class period fun, while doing all the work. He is involved in many activities and functions, including Athletics and UIL competition.

## BABY SHOWER

honoring Abigail Joyce Ingle, daughter of Nathan & Heather (McDonnell) Ingle, January 15, 2 - 3:30 PM, home of Joann Barron. Selections: Nelson's, Walmart, & Target

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## Summer Food Program Participation Up in 2005

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Summer Food Service Program reported a 40 percent increase in average daily attendance during 2005. The program served more than 12 million meals to children across the state, up almost a million children from 2004.

Federally funded school breakfasts and lunches help millions of low income children get nutritious meals during the school year. The Summer Food Service Program helps make sure those children don't go hungry when school lets out. HHSC administers the summer program, which is funded by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"We continue to see growth in our summer food program, serving more kids at more locations each year," said Diane Bottoms, director for HHSC special nutrition program. "We'll work to build on that success in 2006. Transportation grants will help extend our reach in east and west Texas."

Transportation grants recently announced by USDA will allow the state to extend the program's reach into certain high need, low income areas. Two Texas SFSP sponsors were among 60 sponsors nationwide that will receive transportation grants. The West Texas Food Bank and the East Texas Food Bank will each receive \$285,000 for 2006 through 2008. The grants will extend the programs reach and access, funding transportation for children to existing meal sites, or to transport food to new site locations in remote areas. "We really need program sponsors in rural communities and in areas where there are migrant farm workers and native American groups," Bottoms said. "The grants will help us serve children in hard to reach areas, and we'll continue our outreach this Spring to expand sponsor participation and site locations in 2006."

## Student Council's Christmas Light Contest Winners

The PHS Student Council thanks everyone who decorated their homes for Christmas, and announces the following winners; 1st - Rowe & Sonnie Stephens 2nd - Jerry & Teresa Howard 3rd - Jesse & Mary Ellen Rodriguez. Business Winner - Yoakum County Federal Credit Union.

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# From The Hack

Political views - from a guy with considerable experience in the subject matter:

**Democrat-** You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. Barbara Streisand sings for you

**Republican-** You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor. You form a cooperative to tell him how to manage his cows

**Communist-** You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk. You wait in line hours to get it. It is expensive and sour.

**American Capitalism-** You have two cows. You sell one, buy a bull and build a herd of cows.

**American Bureaucracy-** You have two cows. Under the new farm program the government pays you to shoot one, milk the other, then pours the milk down the drain.

**French Corporation-** You have two cows. You go on strike because you want three cows. You go to lunch and drink wine. Life is good.

**Japanese Corporation-** You have two cows. You redesign them so they are a tenth the size of ordinary cows and produce 20 times the milk. They learn to travel on unbelievably fast, crowded trains. Most are at the top of their class in cow school.

**German Corporation-** You have two cows. You engineer them so they are blonde, drink lots of beer, give great milk and run a hundred miles an hour. Unfortunately they demand 18 weeks of vacation per year.

**Italian Corporation-** You have two cows but don't know where they are. While ambling around you see a beautiful woman. You break for lunch. Life is good.

**Russian Corporation-** You have two cows. You drink some vodka, count them and learn you have five cows. You have some more vodka and learn you now have 52 cows. The Mafia shows up and takes the number of cows you really have.

**Taliban Corporation-** You have all the cows in Afghanistan. You don't milk them because you're forbidden to touch any critter's privates. You get a \$40 million grant from the U.S. government to find alternatives to milk production but use it to buy weapons.

**Iraqi Corporation-** You have two cows. They go into hiding and send radio tapes of their mooing.

**Polish Corporation-** You have two bulls. Employees are regularly maimed and killed trying to milk them.

**Florida Corporation-** You have a black cow and a brown cow. Everyone votes for the best looking cow. Some people who actually like the brown cow best accidentally vote for the black cow. Some people vote for both cows. Some people vote for neither. Some people can't figure out how to vote at all. Finally, a bunch of people from out of state tell you which one is the best looking cow.

and finally;  
**California Corporation-** You have millions of cows. They make real California cheese. Only five speak English. Most are illegal. Arnold likes the one with the big udders. It will be awhile before I shop for milk without thinking of this cow-mess.

A very genteel Southern Lady was driving across the Savannah River Bridge in Georgia one day. As she neared the top of the bridge she saw a young man ready to jump from the bridge. She stopped her car, rolled the window down and implored to the man, "Please don't jump, think of your mother and father!" The guy said, "They're both dead, I'm gonna jump!" The lady begged, "Well then, think of your wife and kids!" He replied, "I'm not married, I don't have any kids." Now desperate, she begged "Well, think of Robert E. Lee!" He looked at her and said, "And just who the Hell is Robert E. Lee?" She looked at him a moment, and calmly said, "Well, bless your heart, just go ahead and jump, you dumb butt Yankee!"

The Louisiana State Police received reports of illegal cockfights held in a small rural town and sent their top detective Boudreaux to investigate. He reported to his Lieutenant the next morning, "Dey is tree main bunches in dis cock fighting."

"Good work," the Lieutenant said, "Who are they?" Boudreaux confidently replied, "De Texas Aggies, de Cajuns, and de Mafia."

Surprised, his Lieutenant asked, "How did you learn all that in just one visit to the town?"

Boudreaux said, "I done gone down dere and seen that cock fighting in person. I knowed right off them Aggies done got involved when a duck got entered in the fight."

The Lieutenant nodded, said "OK, I'll buy that, what about

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF W.D. ASHMORE AND LUCILE N. ASHMORE, DECEASED

Notice is now given that original Letters Testamentary for the estates of **W.D. Ashmore and Lucile N. Ashmore** were issued on December 27, 2005, in cause No. 1481, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: **Sandra Cecile Harmon**. The residence of such Executor and where claims may be presented is as follows:

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Dated: December 27, 2005

**Warren New**  
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the others?"  
"Well, I done knew dem Cajuns was involved when somebody bet on the duck."  
The Lieutenant nodded and asked, "And how do you figure the Mafia is involved?"  
"De duck, he won."

I received an e-mail copy of one of Gov. Perry's recent news releases, detailing how the Gov set up a wager with California Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger on the outcome of the highly touted Rose Bowl matchup between UT's Longhorns and the USC Trojans. Perry wagered custom made boots and a \$1600 Resistol western hat. It's rumored Arnold the Terminator Schwarzenegger responded to the challenge by offering up his state's U.S. Senator Nancy Pelosi should the Trojans lose. It's still only a rumor, of course, but it's now being passed around Governor Perry is on the verge of backing out of the bet - he's deathly afraid he might win the bet.

Typing the list of those who



### Quite the crowd

Thousands flock to Texas' college football stadiums on fall Saturdays. Some schools have seen an upswing in attendance thanks to winning seasons and stadium expansions, while others have had a hard time filling their seats.

**Average home game attendance**

| School                        | Stadium capacity | 1994 average | 2004 average |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| University of Texas at Austin | 81,816           | 68,524       | 83,094 ▲     |
| Texas A&M University          | 82,600           | 62,877       | 74,498 ▲     |
| Texas Tech University         | 53,000           | 32,032       | 52,823 ▲     |
| Baylor University             | 50,000           | 36,048       | 30,586 ▼     |
| University of North Texas     | 30,500           | 19,517       | 15,184 ▼     |
| University of Texas-El Paso   | 52,000           | 28,642       | 41,209 ▲     |
| University of Houston         | 33,000           | 21,308       | 21,167 ▼     |
| Texas Christian University    | 46,000           | 34,934       | 29,413 ▼     |
| Southern Methodist University | 32,000           | 22,443       | 17,706 ▼     |
| Rice University               | 72,000           | 22,580       | 13,961 ▼     |

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### High-flying Museums

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According to the Flight History Web site <www.flight-history.com>, the U.S. has 222 museums devoted to vintage planes and the history of flight. Texas has 27 of these, second only to California's 33.

**Aviation and aerospace museums in Texas**

|   |                     |   |                |
|---|---------------------|---|----------------|
| 1. Admiral Nimitz State Historic Park         | 15. Fredericksburg  | 16. History and Traditions Museum       | Lackland AFB   |
| 2. American Airlines C.F. Smith Museum        | 17. Fort Worth      | 17. Kinross Aviation & Space Museum     | Amarillo       |
| 3. American Airpower Heritage Museum          | 18. Midland         | 17. Lone Star Flight Museum             | Galveston      |
| 4. Aviation Heritage Museum                   | 19. Fort Worth      | 18. Museum of American Aviation         | San Antonio    |
| 5. Aviation Museum of Texas                   | 20. Kerrville       | 18. NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center | Houston        |
| 6. Black Sheep Air Museum                     | 21. College Station | 19. Nimitz Museum & Historical Center   | Fredricksburg  |
| 7. Breckenridge Aviation Museum               | 22. Breckenridge    | 20. Pale Museum of Transportation       | Fort Worth     |
| 8. Cavanaugh Flight Museum                    | 23. Addison         | 21. Silent Wings Museum                 | Levell         |
| 9. Center Wing of the Commemorative Air Force | 24. San Marcos      | 22. Southwest Aerospace Museum          | Fort Worth     |
| 10. Combat Jet Flying Museum                  | 25. Houston         | 23. Texas Air Museum                    | Rio Hondo      |
| 11. Dyess Air Force Base (AFB) Museum         | 26. Abilene         | 24. The Rio Grande Valley Wing          | Stowsville     |
| 12. Dyess Linear Air Park                     | 27. Dyess AFB       | 25. USS Lexington Museum                | Corpus Christi |
| 13. Edward H. White II Memorial Museum        | 28. Brooks AFB      | 26. Vintage Flying Museums              | Fort Worth     |
| 14. Frontiers of Flight Museum                | 29. Dallas          |   |                |

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