

# Cowboy Country News



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## Lt. Governor candidate's wife visits, campaigns here



Front Row, Susan Roberts, Charlotte Sharp, Wilma Powell. Back, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Jim Barron, Ty Earl Powell.

Charlotte Sharp, wife of State Comptroller and Democrat hopeful Lieutenant Governor candidate John Sharp, made whistlestop type campaign visit in the courthouse coffee room Thursday morning. Mrs. Sharp visited other South Plains towns including Morton, Muleshoe, Dimmitt, Tulia, and Plainview.

Speaking to about thirty citizens in the coffee room, Mrs. Sharp reminded the potential voters of the vital importance of the Lieutenant Governorship in Texas, and gave a brief resume of John Sharp's accomplishments during his almost eight years as State Comptroller. She drew a chuckle when she reported, "I can truthfully tell you my husband has a great respect for the dollar, both the taxpayer's and his own... I can really tell you about his own!"

Mrs. Sharp said John Sharp had brought many innovative, dollar saving programs to his office, benefitting each and every Texan, including helping to abolish the office of the State Treasurer, revamping state auditing procedures, resulting in

the savings of millions of dollars, designing the Texas Tomorrow Fund to assure funds for children's future college education, and his stand against a proposed state income tax. She said, "John Sharp believes human resources in Texas will lead to this State's next economic boom, and he sees the higher educated children of this state representing the next 'Spindletop' bonanza."

She added her husband "fervently hopes the touted state budget surplus, and the huge tobacco settlement won't be spread here, there, everywhere politicians have a pet project. We need to spend these funds where they will do the most good, on public education of our children, on ways to enroll and graduate more college students."

Mrs. Sharp was introduced here by Precinct 3 Commissioner Jim Barron. She was accompanied on her brief whirlwind tour by Susan Roberts, a staffer in the Comptroller's Lubbock campaign office.

## Speakers wife plays big role in Capitol restoration project

Nelda Laney, spouse of Texas House of Representatives Speaker Pete Laney, impressed a large crowd of locals last Tuesday in the community building, with her slide presentation and talk on the ongoing State Capitol restoration project.

Mrs. Laney served as co-chair of the Capitol Fund Drive, raising public funds for furnishing the beautifully renovated Capitol, and also as vice-chair of the Texas Capitol Restoration celebration. At the Tuesday meeting, Mrs. Laney displayed a series of collectable Texas Capitol ornaments, which are sold to the public, the profits going to the Capitol furnishing project.

Mrs. Laney has made many public appearances and helped with District business for her husband during his 25 years in the House of Representatives,



Nelda Laney pictured with Capitol ornaments.

and his last five years as Speaker of the House. She is a graduate of Plainview High, and graduated with honors from Texas Tech in 1965, where she met her husband. She has served as a classroom teacher and substitute in Hale Center Schools.

## Cowboys collar Tahoka Bulldogs 18-0

The Plains Cowboys returned to winning ways last Friday night with a convincing 18-0 victory over District foe Tahoka.

The 'Boys opened fast, when the first Bulldog play from scrimmage resulted in a fumble recovered by Dustin Brunson. Unfortunately, Adam Garcia took the first play handoff from Cowboy quarterback Kyle Sisson, replacing an injured Tanner Blount, and also fumbled the ball.

From their 37 yardline, the Dogs ran two plays, and Garcia redeemed himself with a pass interception at the 47, and ran it back to the 30. The Cowboys drove to the 8 yardline and stalled. Steven Bunch's field goal put them up 3-0. The remainder of the first period saw the Dogs rack up a couple of first down before the Cowboys stopped the drive, but Plains could not move the ball.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys got the ball on the 38, and Sisson found a wide open David Luna for a pass completion and touchdown. The PAT kick failed, and the Cowboys were up 9-0.

The Bulldogs took the kickoff and on their first play from scrimmage coughed up the ball to Jeremy Morphis. The big guys on the Cowboy front line began to execute good blocks, allowing big gains by Adria Rios

## Two Criminal Cases in County Court

On October 14, Fabian Toscano, 37, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. His 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$157 Court Costs, and successfully complete the Batterers Intervention Prevention Program (BIPP) at his expense. He was represented by Attorney Tom Crane.

Jose Leon Castillo, 26, agreed to the State's order to modify conditions of his community supervision resulting from a prior assault causing bodily injury conviction. Supervision shall be extended from June 16, 1998, to December 24, 1999. He must pay a \$40 monthly supervision fee and complete the BIPP and pay \$15 each session. A criminal mischief charge was adjudicated.

Judge Dallas Brewer presided in the cases, and criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.



Adrian Rios off for a good gain

and Adam Garcia, and from the 2, Adam dove into the end zone. Bunch's point after kick put the Cowboys ahead 16-0 at half-time.

In their first possession following halftime, the Cowboys managed a couple of first downs before sputtering. The Cowboy

defenders played tough and the Dogs could do very little on the ground or through the air the remainder of the third period.

Early in the final quarter, Garcia made a good interception to stop

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## District Governor visits Lions here



Ira Clower, Seminole, Dist. Gov. Charles Shannon, Barbara Wright, and Vaughn Culwell.

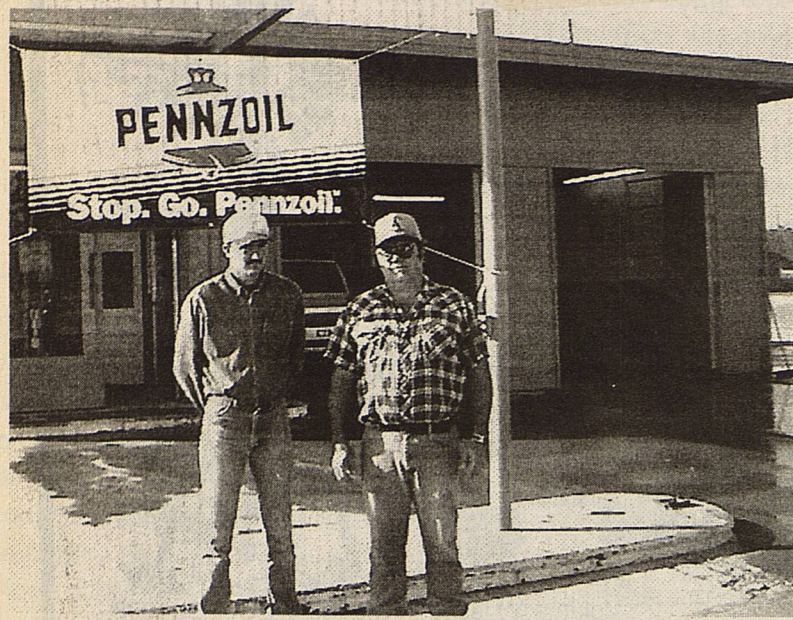
Charles Shannon, Lions Club District Governor, was guest speaker at last Thursday's meeting of the local Lions Club. Shannon, a resident of Ropesville, spoke briefly of some of his experiences in his travels as the District Governor, and projects and goals of Lionism.

Shannon said there are some 1,440,000 Lion Club members worldwide, representing over 44,000 clubs. "In essence, Lions Clubs exist to help people who can't help themselves" Shannon said. He reviewed some of the state and nationwide Lions projects and programs including The Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville for youths, Girls Town and Boys Ranch, the eye glass collection program, helping fund cornea transplants for needy patients, assistance with hearing aids, the leader dog program for visually impaired, and assistance in disaster relief.

Charter club member Sherm Tingle, who has moved to San Angelo, visited the club and made a brief thank you response to a recent presentation of a recognition plaque and miniature Lion. Visitors at the meeting included Eddie Tingle, Paul Elam and Barbara Wright, Denver City, Wayne Cason and Jerry Hinson, Lubbock, Ira Clower, Seminole. Butch Mack of Plains was also a visitor, and submitted his application for membership in the club.

Wayne Cason, an area Boy Scouts of America officer, gave a brief report on efforts to re-establish a Cub pack and Scout troop here.

## New Entrepreneurs In Town



Heath and Gene Johnson, pictured here, are the new owners of Kwik Kar Kare, located in the former Rip Griffin Texaco station on Cowboy Way. Heath will be the full-time operator manager. Gene, his dad, will be a part-timer, currently employed by Altura at the Denver City gasoline plant.

Kwik Kar Kare will specialize in hand washing and interior cleaning of vehicles, oil and filter changes featuring Pennzoil and Quaker State products, and the servicing of transmissions. The firm will also offer repair of windshields with chipped glass for customers making advance appointments.

## Local makes swift flyover visit



The Air Force T-38 pictured here speeding over the city last Thursday was piloted by none other than Lt. Lebert Powell, former resident and PHS grad, now taking advanced single jet engine flight training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio.

Powell had been on a training flight to Roswell, and on the leg returning to Laughlin, made a swift fly over of the ranch home of Ty Earl and Linda Powell, his parents, the local airport, and the home of Wilma Powell, his grandmother. Wilma reportedly said, "I doubt if he could see me at that speed, but I almost waved my arm off!"

### A Reminder

Early Voting For The November General Election Is October 19 Through November 30.

Let's Have A Good Turnout in Yoakum County!

## TEXAS ..... where we stand Or, the good, the bad, the ugly

Among the fifty states, Texas is.....

### #1 IN:

- \*Cattle on farms and ranches (14.3 million in 1998)
- \*Crude oil production (536 million barrels in 1997) and natural gas marketed (6,449 billion cubic feet in 1996)
- \*Operating public elementary and secondary districts (1,043) and public school teachers (240,371) in 1996-97.
- \*Percent of US exports to Mexico (43.7%) and value of exports to Mexico (\$31.2 billion) in 1997.
- \*Prisoners executed since 1977 (156 as of August 31, 1998).
- \*State prisoners per capita (717 prisoners and jail inmates per 100,000 population in 1997).

### #2 IN:

- \*Adult prisoner population (140,729 in 1997).
- \*Adults under parole supervision per capita (5.9 parolees per 1,000 population in 1997)
- \*Fatalities from alcohol related crashes as a percent of all highway fatalities (53.2% in 1996)
- \*Prisoners under sentence of death (428 on Jan. 1, 1998)
- \*Public elementary and secondary school enrollment (3.8 million) and schools (6,875) in 1996-97.
- \*Public higher education institutions (107 in 1995-96) and public college full time enrollment (624,300 in 1996).
- \*US Military installations (16 in 1998) and veterans (1.6 million in 1997).

### #4 IN:

- \*Birth rate (17.4 live births per 1,000 population in 1996).
- \*Fortune 500 Companies (36 in 1997)

### #7 IN:

- \*Annual salary of governor (\$115,345 in 1998).
- \*Average federal individual income tax refund (\$1323 in 1996).

### #11 IN:

- Food stamp recipients as a percent of the population (10.4% in 1997).
- \*Percent of school-aged children living in poverty (22.5% in 1996).

### #13 IN:

- \*Divorce rate (5.3 divorces per 1,000 population in 1995).
- \*Highway fatality rate (2.02 traffic deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 1996).

### #19 IN:

- \*Percent of adults who smoke (23.7% in 1995).

### #42 IN:

- \*Per capita child support collections (\$18.50 in 1995).
- \*Average undergraduate tuition and fees at 4 year public universities (\$2,022 in 1996-97)

### #45 IN:

- \*Per capita state government spending on highways (\$186.25 in 1996).
- \*Public libraries and branches per capita (4.1 libraries per 100,000 population in 1994).

### #46 IN:

- \*Nurses per capita (647 per 100,000 population in 1995)

### #47 IN:

- \*Per capita state government spending on police protection (\$15.24 in 1996).

### #47 IN:

- \*Per capita state government spending on public health (\$61.69 in 1996).

### #48 IN:

- \*Per capita spending by state government for parks and recreation (\$3.51 in 1996).

### #49 IN:

- \*State spending for the arts per capita (\$0.17 in 1997).

### #50 IN:

- \*Per capita state government revenue \$2,672 in 1997).
- \*State government revenue from a personal income tax (0% - tied with six other states).

## To TAAS or not to TAAS?

That is the perplexing question

On September 29, The House Research Organization of the State House of Representatives published a 16 page Focus Report, entitled "The TAAS Test: How Much Should It Count?" The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, or TAAS test, has become a focal point of the Texas public education system. Students are tested in every grade from the third through eighth, and must pass an exit level test given in the tenth grade to receive a high school diploma. Because TAAS results now are used to determine school performance as well, the test affects a range of other educational issues, from whether students are eligible to attend school outside their district to how many state rules a district must follow. At least one district, Waco ISD, now uses test results in deciding whether to promote third through eighth graders.

Questions remain about whether Texas relies too heavily upon the test; Has the test exceeded its original intent of measuring individual student performance, alerting teachers to academic problems, and now measuring school performance and determining high school graduation and student promotion?

Some critics of TAAS used as a performance measure is flawed because so many students are exempted from taking the test because they are classified as having limited English proficiency or as special education students.

Some argue the TAAS is too difficult, others say it is not rigorous enough; Does it accurately reflect a district's curriculum? Do steady improvements in TAAS test scores over the past four years mean students are learning more, or are they just learning more about passing the test?

TAAS is not without its detractors in the State Board of Education (SBOE). The report says last year several board members questioned the tests' validity. SBOE member Robert Offutt says TAAS has driven classroom instruction, spawned a cottage industry of test preparation companies, 'dumbed down' the curriculum, and by passed the authority of local school dis-

tricts. SBOE Chair Jack Christie, Education Commissioner Mike Moses and other TAAS supporters say the TAAS-based accountability has received national accolades. TAAS, they say, has significantly improved students' mastery of the Texas curriculum, and ensures all students have core academic capabilities in reading, writing and math. They point out the State Legislature specifically required the adoption of a criterion-referenced test like the TAAS that can be tailored to specifically measure student achievements against objectives of the Texas curriculum.

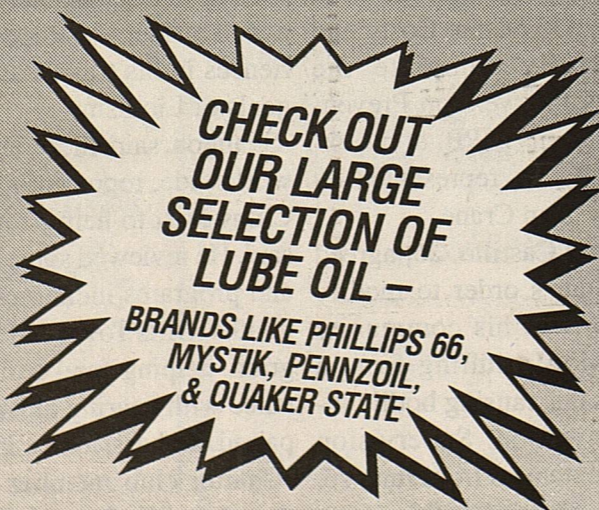
The TAAS has its admirers and detractors among both teachers and administrators. Jim Haynes, Superintendent PISD sees both good and bad in the program. "I believe it is acceptable to use the TAAS as one indicator the student has reached a level worthy of graduation. I have problems accepting its use in lower grades as a one time determining factor for promotion to the next grade."

Haynes continued, "Starting in their sophomore year, students take the exit level TAAS test, and if they have difficulties with it, they can take it up to seven times to achieve graduation. If passing the test becomes a requirement for promotion from one grade to the next, I feel it only fair to provide for multiple tests administrations in the lower levels. I see a major drawback using the test as an instrument evaluating the effectiveness of a teacher, administrator, school or district. There are many more factors to be considered in these evaluations, and heavy reliance on TAAS scores can give a distorted picture. I feel that provision should be eliminated. If we are truly supportive of local control, the Board of Trustees of each school district should determine the overall effectiveness of the district and its three campuses.

The debate over the merits of the TAAS test, or lack thereof, is sure to continue. There is a strong likelihood the TAAS testing process will be addressed in the coming legislative session.

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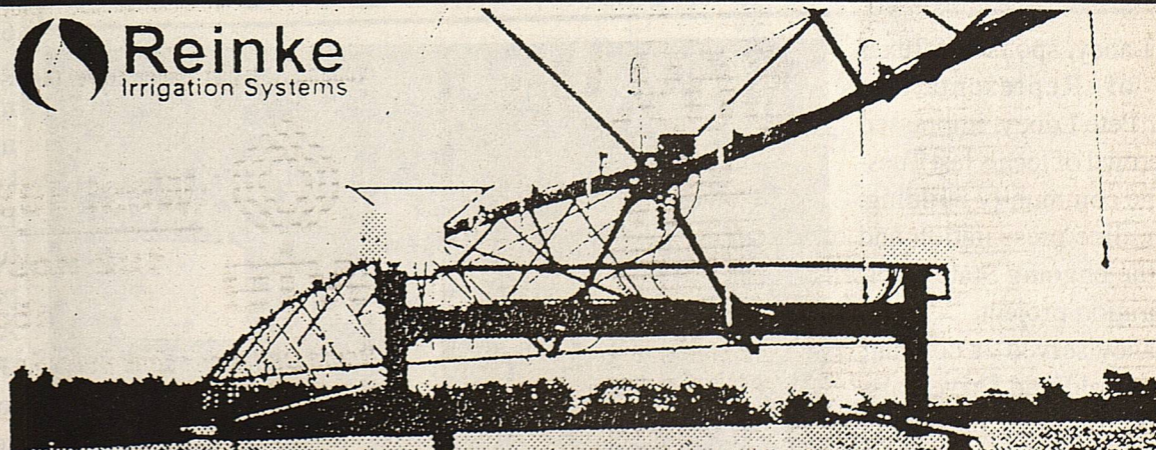
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Hot Pursuit - Steven Bunch, 74, and Dustin Brunson, 54, about to bring down Tahoka quarter back

a Bulldog drive on the Plains 26. They drove the ball to the Tahoka 48 before being stopped. Vincent Delgado had an excellent punt, backing the Dogs up to their 6 yardline. On their first play, the ball was snapped over the quarterbacks head and out of the end zone for a safety, putting the Cowboys up 18-0.

The remaining seven minutes of the game saw neither team effectively move the football, and the final buzzer sounded with the Cowboys and the ball on the 31 yardline. Adam Garcia had a very big night behind some good Cowboy blocking, gaining well over 200 yards. The Cowboy defense had one of their very best out-

ings, holding the Bulldogs to less than 90 total yards. They also had two pass interceptions and recovered a pair of Bulldog fumbles in throttling the Bulldog offensive machine.

The Cowboys' now 2 and 1 in district action, travel to Post next Friday. **MAKE THE TRIP WITH US!**

## Cross Country News

New Home Meet

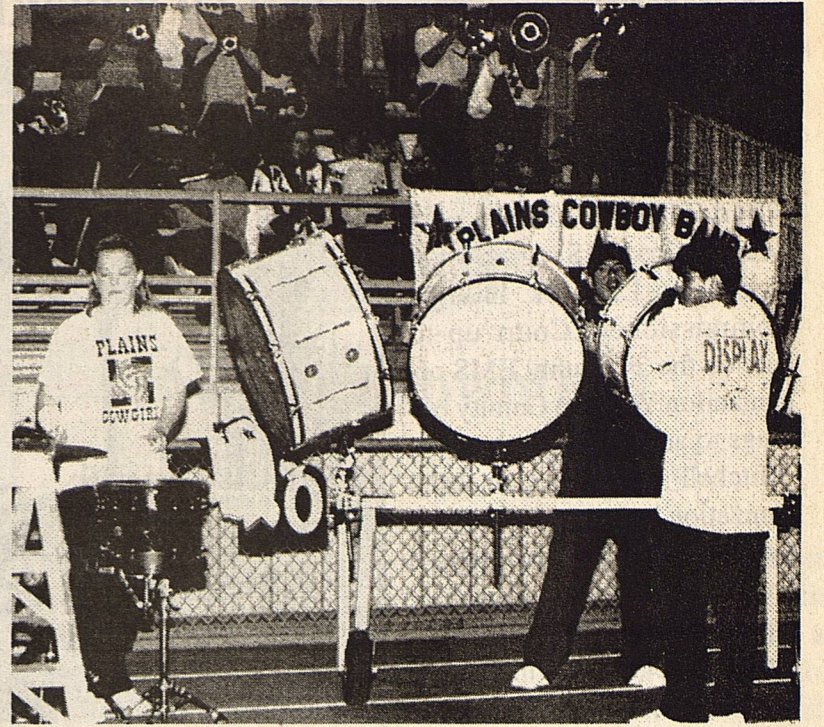
Jr. High Boys:

The Jr. High Wranglers won their division in the Saturday New Home meet. Runners placed in this order; Jose Ramirez 2nd, Chisum Deaton 3rd, Raul Casias 7th, Jonathan Delarosa 8th, Armando Ramirez 21st, Adam Guerros 30th, Ryan Martinez 41st.

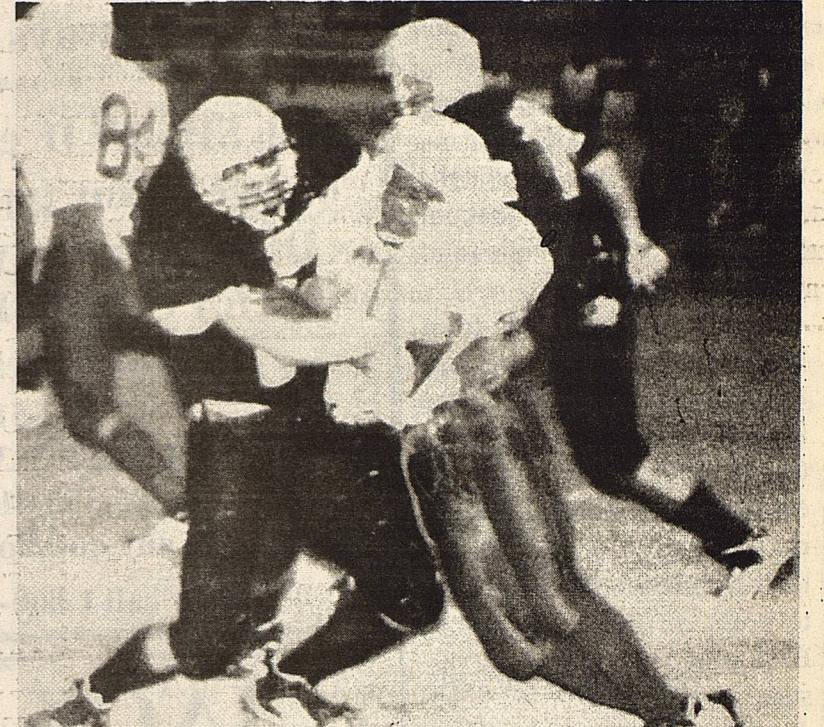
Varsity Cowgirls:

Team points unavailable at press time. Individual results included Kristen Gray 10th, Wendy Hernandez 21st, Lisa Parrish 23rd, Krystle Blundell 24th, Cassie Dearing 29th, Anne Palmer 43rd.

The Varsity Cowboys won their division at New Home with 29 points. Felipe Reyna came in 1st, Luis Hernandez 5th, David Granados 6th, Luis Delgado 8th, Leo Luna 9th, Manuel Hernandez 15, Ramon Lozano 16.



Cowboy band percussionists Elizabeth Clanahan, Moises Gonzales and Joseph Rodriguez boomed out this number



Cowboy defender Mike Bell (in black) extends rude greeting to Tahoka running back

## Discover Card Scholarship Program Announced

Discover Card has announced its Tribute Award scholarship program is available to PHS Junior High students. The company will make \$16,500 available for nine scholarships in each state, plus \$135,000 for nine national scholarships, a total of almost \$1 million.

Juniors can receive scholarships for post high school education or training in any area of study. The funds may be used to become certified or licensed in a trade, for technical school

courses, and two year and four year colleges.

In addition to academic performance, the Juniors must demonstrate four of five areas; special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, community service and unique endeavors.

For more information and application forms, students should contact PHS Counsellor Arlon Alexander. Deadline for receiving applications is January 14, 1999.

## PISD Volleyball Recap

Junior High:

7th Lady Wranglers:

The 7th grade girls opened against Tahoka last week with a 15-11 win, but then were downed by the Lady Bulldogs 15-13 and 15-10

8th Lady Wranglers:

The 8th graders had better luck against Tahoka. They won the opener 15-9, but came back with convincing wins of 15-13 and 15-11. Their season record is now 6 wins, 6 losses.

JV Cowgirls:

The JV girls were downed by Lubbock Trinity in two games last week. Michaela Traweek served 8 points, America Hernandez 6, Staci Tuggle 2, Kim Willis and Tanya Vasquez 1 each.

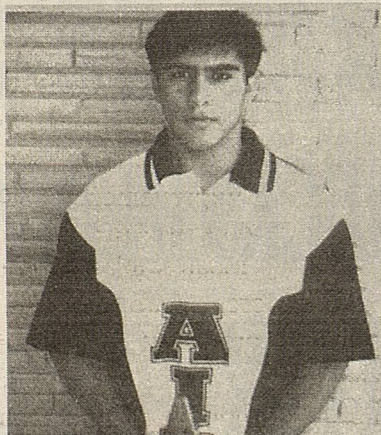
Varsity Cowgirls:

The varsity girls also found Lubbock Trinity too tough and fell in two games. Jessica Flores served 4 points, Kayla Redman had 3, Laura Morales and Patty Ruiz had two points each, Candace Bowers had 1. Laura had 8 big assists, and Kayla was credited with 6 "awesome attacks".

## PHS Student of the Week

This weeks student of the week is Joseph Rodriguez, a Freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Rodriguez Jr. He was nominated by Mr. Williams who said;

Most freshmen have trouble adjusting to high school life due to the many changes, especially when they are active in more than one extra-curricular activ-



ity. Joseph works hard every day at band, football and in class, to reach his full potential. I know I am expecting great things to come from Joseph.

### District Sponsors Scholarship...

The Sandy Land UWCD is again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Denver City and Plains High Schools.

All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. Contest winners from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st Place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd Place to the college(s) of their choice.

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water.

The essays, due no later than April 5, 1999, should have a minimum of 1,000 words, and be typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes. References must accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land UWCD office in Plains. In submitting the papers, students must supply cover sheets containing their names, essay title, local high school and date.

For further information, please contact the district office at 456-2155.

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In November 1997, I announced my candidacy for Commissioner, Precinct 4, in the Republican Primary. Since that time I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you.

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## Court hears update on EMS

Charla Mitchell, official with South Plains EMS region organization in Lubbock, brought Commissioners Court up to date on the 24 county EMS organization Yoakum County belongs to and supports.

Mitchell said the regional organization is the only one in the state with a state approved and operating trauma center. She reported over \$400 million dollars are spent on trauma cases in Texas annually, and more than \$180 billion in the nation, more money that is spent on cancer or heart disease problems.

She told the court the high rating of the region EMS could not have been achieved without the financial support of Yoakum County and other counties and towns in the region.

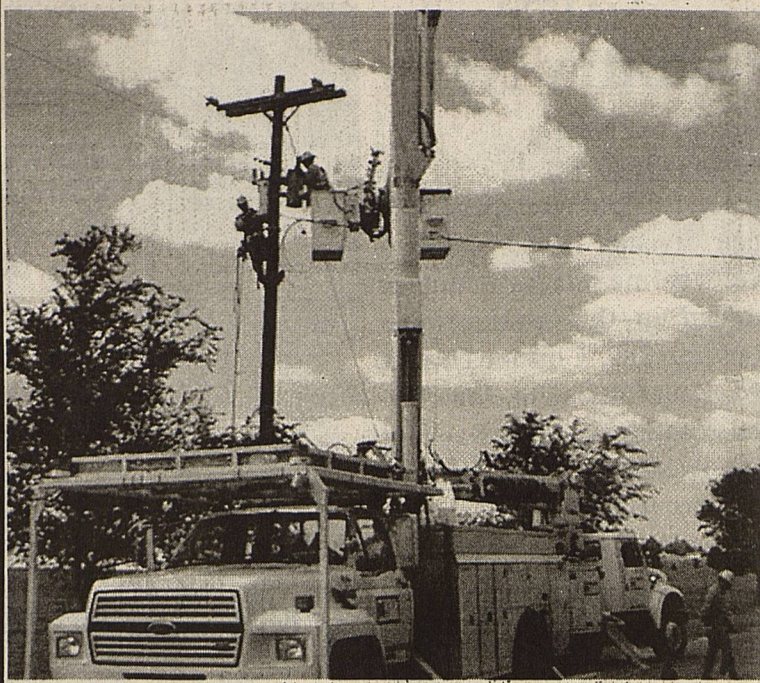
She said EMS officials from around the state have been very active in Austin, lobbying for state financial funds and protecting the interests of rural areas like ours. She said when the next legislative session opens, there will be a concerted effort to press for more support of EMS programs throughout the state.

She told of the hardships faced by volunteers training to become Emergency Medical Technicians and Para-Medics. An approved Para-Medic now must take a minimum of 160 hours of continuing education in EMS courses each year.

An agenda item dealing with changes and improvements in the courthouse heating and cooling system was tabled to allow the court members to meet with officials of IBE Electronics, the firm now holding the contract for those services.

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## JACK COBB

Candidate For

Yoakum County Commissioner

Precinct 4

General Election November 3



(Pol. adv. paid for by Jack Cobb)

- \* 46 year resident of Yoakum County
- \* Graduate of Plains High School, BA from Howard Payne, MA from TTU
- \* 12 years as High School Principal
- \* 19 years as farmer and in aerial spraying service
- \* Former Plains School Board Member
- \* Member Yoakum County Hospital Board

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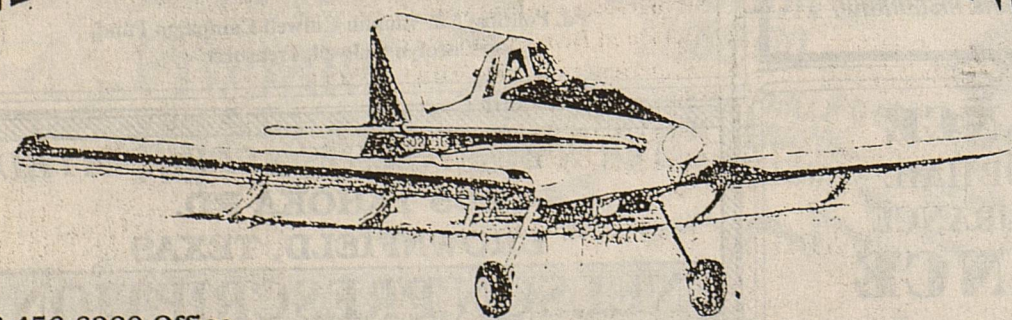
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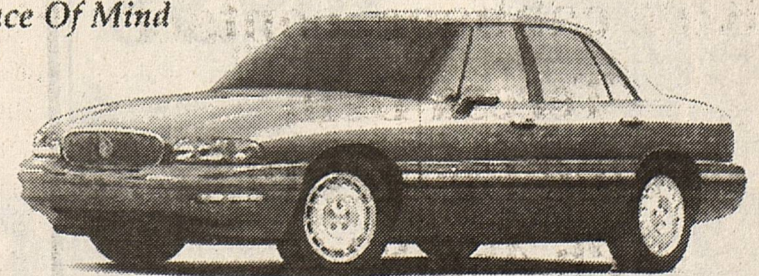
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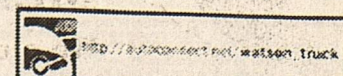
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Letter to the Editor and Yoakum County Residents

Education is everybody's business! Taking action on that truth, the following county entities have contributed matching funds needed for the continuation of our successful Even Start Family Literacy Federal Grant Program: Denver City Independent School District, Yoakum County Hospital Board, Yoakum County Commissioners' Court, Denver City City Council, Denver City Chamber of Commerce, Altura Energy, Ltd., and Arco Permian. We say a huge "Thank You" to those folks for their support!

The purpose of the Yoakum County Even Start Program is to provide educational services

to families whose parents have low literacy skills and/or limited English language proficiency. When parents' educational abilities are raised, they can get better jobs and their children do better in school.

The Even Start Program is available to eligible families in Yoakum County. For more information, call The Learning Center at 592-5977.

We welcome everyone in the County to stop by The Learning Center located on the North side of Kelley Elementary School in Denver City to see the program in action.

**Kathy Clark and the Even Start Staff**

She is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## Services for Bette Romans

Services for Bette Jo Romans, 73, of Ruidoso were held October 6 in the First Baptist Church.

She died October 4 at her home.

Mrs. Romans was born September 23, 1925 in Paducah, Texas and was married to Harvey Romans on October 8, 1943 in Lovington, New Mexico.

She was a former resident of the Tokio area and moved to Ruidoso in 1968. She operated the Spearhead and Lamplighter motels from 1969 until 1975 and then was employed by the Village of Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center for 15 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso.

Mrs. Romans is survived by her husband; one son--Milton of Corona; two daughters--Sandra West of Sedona, Arizona and Angelia Romans of Bent, New Mexico and four sisters--Jackie Swaim, Sue Casey and Kay Strickland of Abilene and June Lindsey of Huntsville, Ark.

## Senior Citizens Corner

Guests this week were Diane and Bill Schuster. Phylis Rowe from Alaska has been a welcome visitor each day when she came to pickup lunch. She has been visiting Mrs. Rolston.

Claude Beattie is in the local hospital. We wish him the best.

Our sympathy to Marcie Nelson and family. Her daughter's funeral is today.

The Home Health Care ladies met at the Center this week.

The domino tournament was not well attended. Maybe next month everyone will be home and it will be better.

Everyone is invited to come visit and stay for lunch anyway. The long hall is fine for walking and cold weather is coming, so feel free to use it or the exercise equipment.

If anyone has an urge to do crafts, there's the Ceramic room with plenty of ideas.

See you next week,  
Smitty

## 85 Years Young!



Mary Lou Parks celebrated her 85th birthday recently at a party in the home of her daughter Janelle Cobb, and co-hostess was Lela Warren.

Mary Lou has 4 children, 12 Grandchildren, and 12 Great Grandchildren. She is still happily active with church activities, and works in her yard.

Some 15 family members attended the celebration.

## JoLena Wall describes Honduras trip to TSA MO GA

JoLena Powell Wall spoke to the TSA MO GA Club October 12th about her "Good Samaritan Clinic" & Predisian-Women & Children tour of duty in Catacamas, Olancho, Honduras. She told of the meager life style, grinding poverty, and poor medical facilities in that country. She showed color slides of her presentation was given of her month long tour last July. Her medical work took place in the Good Samaritan Clinic, Catacamas.

Honduras is a country about the size of Tennessee and is divided into 18 departments. Nearly two thirds of the country is extremely mountainous. Traditionally Honduras has been an agricultural country dependent on one major export crop, bananas. Today, it exports coffee, citrus, cotton, beef, minerals, vegetables and wood. The climate is relatively mild year round. The rainy season extends from June to December and the dry season from January through May. Her slides showed the clinic, the rancho and his family she and friend Tina stayed with, the natives and the country-side. There were four meds in her group from Texas. She had a three hour horse-back ride up the mountains on a very steep trail, and she wished she had chosen one of the mules to ride. JoLena thanked the TSA MO GA and Plains Community for helping make her medical tour possible with supplies and monetary gifts. TSA MO GA members thanked JoLena for sharing her medical experience and are pleased to have her home as Physician Assistant for Dr. Larry C. Boyd, M.D.

Guest attending the International Affairs Program was Chad Wall, JoLena's husband, her parents Ty and Linda Powell and Homer Shelton. Hostesses for the occasion were Betty and Debbie Rushing.

The October 26th meeting topic will be "Legislation". Keynote speaker will be, Gary Walker, State Representative, R-Plains, Texas. Wilma Powell and Teny Lester hostesses, invite all TSA MO GA Club members to attend.

## New Baby Boy!

Shane Charles Williams greeted his parents, Kirk and Shawn Williams in San Antonio on September 22. He weighed a hefty 9 lbs.-2 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed by his two sisters, Shelby, 7, and Colleen, 5. Parental grandparents are Charles Williams of Tokio, Mary Dale and Bud Forbus, Plains. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Sharon Markey of San Antonio.

## Filmtime

There were nine children in attendance at filmtime on October 14, 1998. They were; Clayton Gass, Kristie Lopez, Autumn Friesen, Haley Welch, Merrit Crump, Karla Powell, Matthew Ramos, Brittney Roper, Dakota Earnest. The children sang four songs, played a game, watched two movies, and heard a story.

## Wedding Shower

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## Miss Brownfield Scholarship Pageant

Public Service Announcement

Miss Brownfield Scholarship Pageant will be staged November 14, 1998 at the Brownfield Middle School Auditorium in Brownfield, Texas. The 1999 Miss Brownfield will receive a \$250.00 cash Scholarship, \$250.00 cash wardrobe, and an Official Miss America Local Crown. The winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Miss Texas in July, 1999 to represent Brownfield.

The Teen Miss Brownfield Scholarship Pageant will be held in conjunction with the Miss Brownfield Pageant. Teen Miss contestants must be 13 to 17 years old. The winner of Teen Miss Brownfield will have the opportunity to advance to the Teen Miss Texas competition in Fort Worth, July 6, 1999.

The Little Miss Brownfield Pageant is being held as a fund raiser to the Miss Brownfield Pageant. Babies and youth from all over the South Plains are eligible to compete in modeling, talent, beauty, and photogenic.

You do not have to be from Brownfield to enter any of the above competitions. For more information call 806-637-8130 or 806-784-0029.

## \*Reminder\*

Early voting for the November General  
Election is October 19 thru October 30.

Let's have a good turnout  
in Yoakum County!

South Plains Public Health District will be offering flu shots to citizens 55 years and older on Friday, October 23rd, in the clubroom at the Old Courthouse, from 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00. The cost of the vaccine will be \$7.00 for those 55 years to 64 years of age. Medicare will be accepted for those citizens who are 65 years and older.

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(Early Voting-October 19-30)

- \*Experience in civil and criminal law
- \*Office management experience
- \*Computer experience
- \*Accounting and filing experience
- \*Knowledge of court procedures
- \*Experience working with the District Clerk and District Judge's office
- \*Experience working with the Public
- \*50 years in Yoakum County
- \*Graduate of Denver City High School
- \*Graduate of Draughon's Business College
- \*Legal secretary for 35 years



I believe my 35 years experience working with both criminal and civil law and my knowledge of the responsibilities of the office of District Clerk will enable me to perform the duties of the office efficiently.

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# From The Hack

On the recent trip to the piney woods of East Texas I woke up early one morning, and before anyone else arose, drove across the Sabine river to Logansport, Louisiana for coffee. The only joint open was a truckstop, and I took a seat a table near a guy sipping coffee and reading some sort of paper. He would sip, read, giggle, sip, read some more then guffaw loudly and wildly. I was intrigued, and guess my stare made it obvious. He chuckled again, sipped the last of his coffee, read the last page, laughed loudly, looked at me and announced, "I've never read such wild, crazy, no, make that STUPID stuff in all my life." My first thought was, "Now, how in the world did he get hold of a copy of CCN way down here?"

He paid his way out, and as soon as he climbed into his 18 wheeler, I retrieved the tabloid thing entitled "Amazing Oddities Around The World." To term it a collection of oddities would be the understatement of the century. The first thing which caught my eye was a headline reading "Wife clubs husband to death with 18 pound turtle." Supposedly happening in France, the short article said the couple became embroiled in an argument, and she grabbed up their 18 pound pet turtle, Henry, and whacked hubby senseless. The only cheery note was Henry survived the ordeal.

Another smash hit article featured a photo of Iraq's Saddam Hussein alongside the heading, "Saddam orders 60 cases of Viagra". The story is that Iraq's strongman apparently is no longer quite so strong in certain endeavors anymore, and is literally hopping up and down in merry anticipation of the arrival of the touted elixir. But 60 cases?

Another blurb reported the strange case of a German soldier who was apparently being reprimanded by an officer who told the young soldier, "Bite your tongue when you feel anger!"

The soldier did... bit it completely off, then spat it at the officer. His court martial is pending on the healing of his tongue.

If you think the ongoing saga of the Killer Bee migration into this country is scary, you would be terrified when you finished reading a short article in the thing entitled "Metal eating bugs can devour a car in just five days!" It seems these voracious insects originated in China and Korea, and have invaded the U.S. via sea going vessels. "They are similar in structure to the termite, but thrive on metal, not vegetable material. They reportedly can devour a full size American made sedan in just five days." WOW. I'll bet they could ingest my old, wore out Pickup in just three days

So you thought this weekly column was ludicrous?

Mark Twain (1835-1910), or Samuel Clemens, remains one of my favorite writers. Here are a few examples why;

"Truth is more of a stranger than fiction."

"Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to."

"Familiarity breeds contempt.... and children."

"Good breeding consists in hiding how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of others."

"A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining but wants it back the moment it starts raining."

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

"Honesty is the best policy.... when there is money in it."

"When you find you are on the side of the majority, it is time to reform."

"Under certain circumstances, profanity provides a relief denied even to prayer."

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Some of the responsibilities of the District Clerk are as follows:

- Files, indexes and records all documents and proceedings in civil and criminal court actions in District Court;
- Collects, records and delivers to county and state offices filing fees for lawsuits filed, jury fees, citation fees in civil cases, and fines and court costs in criminal cases;
- Issues citations and subpoenas as requested by parties involved in lawsuits;
- Receives, records and distributes court-ordered child support payments;
- Actively participates in the jury selection process for grand juries, civil and criminal juries and responsible for maintaining jury lists and the records of payments due to jurors;
- Prepares passport documents;
- Keeps abreast of constant change in the legislation regarding this office; and
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PLEASE VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3. EARLY VOTING OCTOBER 19 THRU 30.

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