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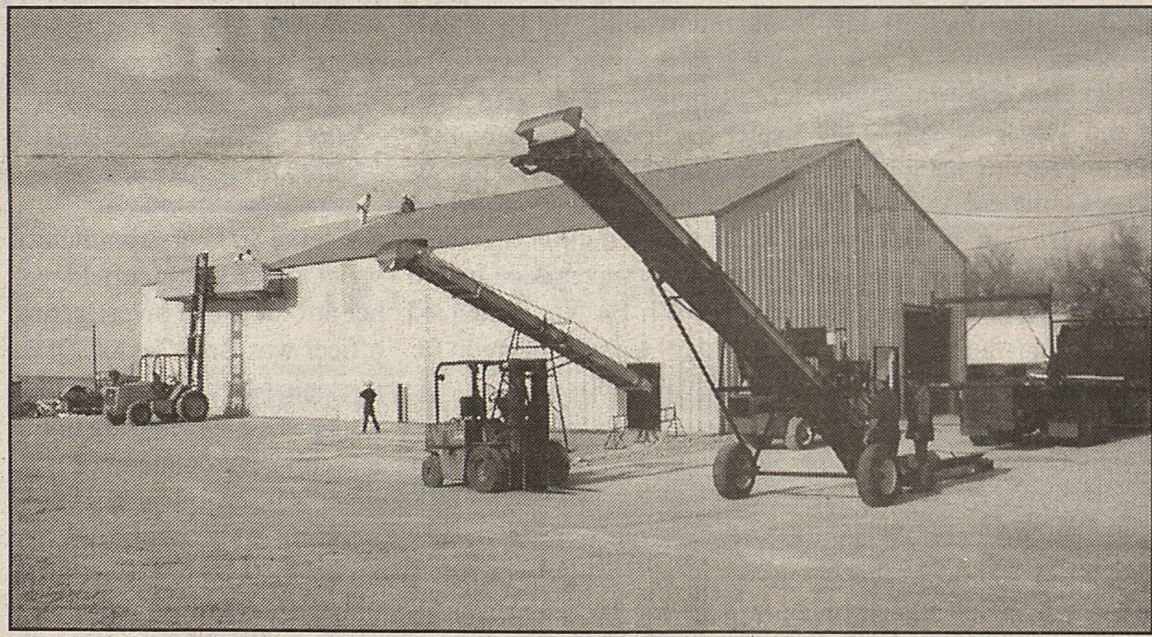
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Agriplex opens this week



The new farm supply/fertilizer store will celebrate its long awaited Grand Opening Thursday, March 21. Employees and contractor workers have been very busy putting the finishing touches on the new firm's facilities, including laying asphalt in front of the main building, and re-roofing the dry fertilizer storage barn. See the West Texas Agriplex ad on page 4.



Grand Jury Indicts Eight

In the February 28 session of Yoakum County Grand Jury, eight individuals were indicted on 13 causes. Following are defendants, their offense, degree of felony, investigating officer, and bond amounts.

Rudy Jason Gallegos, possession of methamphetamine, one ounce but less than four ounces, 3rd degree felony, officer Brad Taylor, \$5,000 bond.

Darvin Homer Leverett, Jr., burglary of a building, state jail felony, officer Kenley Powell, \$1,500 bond.

Darvin Homer Leverett, Jr., criminal mischief, \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000, state jail felony, officer Kenley Powell, \$1,500 bond.

Mark Wesley Clevenger, Burglary of a building, state jail felony, officer Kanley Powell, \$1,500 bond.

Mark Wesley Clevenger, criminal mischief, \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000, state jail felony, officer Kenley Powell, \$1,500 bond.

Dale Edward Crider, Sr. burglary of a building, state jail felony, officer Kenley Powell, \$1,500 bond.

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Opinion of the Editor

Conventional newspaper wisdom dictates Op-Eds should be confined to the inner pages of the edition, not on the front page, with which I agree 97 percent of the time. Following last Tuesday's Democrat and Republican Primary Election results, however, I have a slightly biased opinion.

In any election, there are joyous winners, and sorrowful losers, that's the nature of the beast. Last week's Yoakum County election results more than adequately proved that. Good candidates were chosen, good candidates were rejected.

What really disturbs me is the old malady of non-voter participation. True, it was only a Primary - but for a few of the election options, it was a one-time, death to the loser proposition, You win, or you're gone on the November General Election Ballot.

That is why it was so vitally important, almost mandatory, for Yoakum County residents to turn out in force in the Primary to support the re-election of OUR State Representative, Gary Walker, not Lubbock's candidate, Delwin Jones. Think about it; Jones' portion of Lubbock County has an overwhelming majority of potential votes than the remaining rural areas of new District 83's Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, and Gaines Counties. If you were one of the majority in Lubbock County, would you not be inclined to vote for a veteran Lubbock politician versus shorter termed Gary Walker? That's exactly what happened.

There are 4,753 registered voters in Yoakum County. Of that number, exactly 1,142 participated in the privilege, the honor of helping elect their government. That translates to a paltry 24 per-cent of registered voters thought the process was important enough to take time to visit the polls. Those who whine, 'I was too busy to vote', I remind, you had a week to vote in the Early process, and the following week, you had all Tuesday to spend ten minutes in the polling place. Numbers I've seen show Walker lost by 562 votes; My math tells me if 563 more Republican ballots had been cast in the FOUR rural counties, Walker would still be our representative.

There are those who mutter the stupid axiom, "My vote doesn't count anyway." They should be reminded, it's entirely possible our small population towns and counties face the distinct possibility of less EFFECTIVE representation now we have lost Mr. Walker's services. If all the rural counties had turned out in force for the man they put in office originally, we would be returning local, fair and AREA representation.

Some of our non-participating friends should feel a bit of remorse.

He could run, but he couldn't hide

Fleeing suspect caught, charged with four felony counts

Late last Tuesday evening, David Ray Carter Jr., age 19, stole a vehicle in Hobbs, NM by crashing it through a chain link fence around a wrecking yard there.

He then apparently drove the auto to Denver City, where he stopped at the Town & Country Convenience Store. Inside, while the store clerk was busy emptying trash, he managed to open the cash register, and made off with an undetermined amount of cash. The store personnel notified the Denver City Police, and the Yoakum County Sheriff Department was notified, and given the clerk's description of the fleeing vehicle.

Sheriff Deputy Inoe Valdez heard the description, and reported he thought he had earlier seen the vehicle parked at the Allsup Store on Highway 214. Deputy Curtis Coffman, on duty in the Plains area, heard this report.

A short time later, Coffman spotted the described vehicle as it neared the stop light at the

intersection of Highway 214 and US 82/380. Coffman relayed the sighting to other Sheriff Department personnel. Coffman wheeled around in pursuit, and followed the car just inside Plains' City limits. The suspect stopped the car in the vicinity of the FSA office complex and fled on foot. Coffman was joined by Deputies Valdez, Jerry Howard, Larry Murphree and Sheriff Don Corzine.

The officers scoured most of the east part of town. In the early hours of Wednesday morning, the suspect was spotted and then arrested near the Local Dairy Queen. Sheriff Corzine told CCN Carter is currently in jail here. He has been charged with auto theft and as a fugitive from justice in New Mexico, both felonies. He has also been charged here with evading arrest in a vehicle, and burglary of the Town and Country in Denver City, both state jail felony charges. Good police work brought Carter's busy night of crime to a halt.

Yoakum County 4-H'ers Major Stock Show Results

The 2002 Stock Show season is finally over after two full months, but it was very eventful, according to County Extension Agent, Arlan Gentry. Kristen Knight had a wonderful year with her swine projects, winning Grand Champion at San Antonio and Reserve Grand at San Angelo.

Yoakum County 4-H'ers started the major show season in Odessa in January. In the Meat Goat Division, Chance & T.J. Kitchens placed 3rd, 9th, 10th and 13th. Ragan McGinty also exhibited goats as well as winning a scholarship.

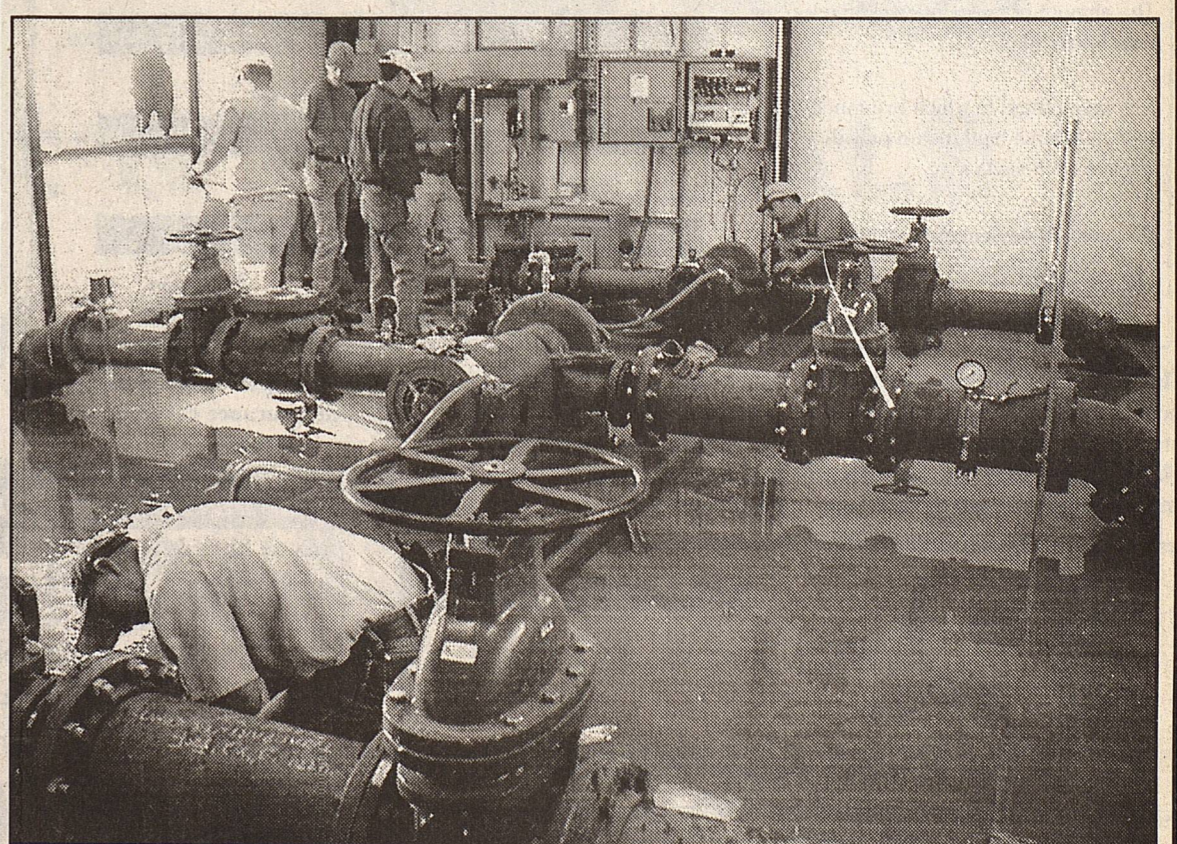
Fort Worth was the next stop with T.J. Kitchens placing 11th

in the Meat Goat Division. In the Market Hog show, Elizabeth Clanahan placed 14th and Cassidy Moore placed 18th. Amanda and Jennifer Hiller also exhibited pigs.

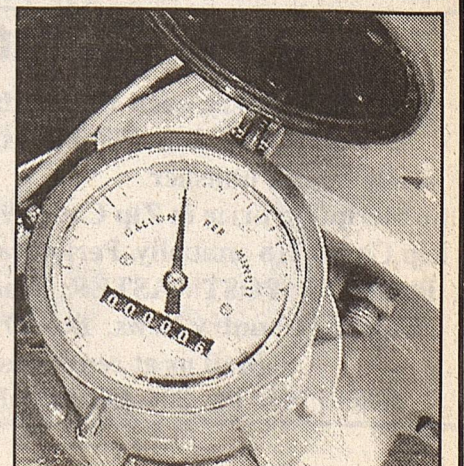
At San Antonio, Kristen Knight exhibited the Grand

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City's new pump station operational



City employees and personnel of Tejas Partnership are shown making final adjustment to three new pumps at the main water storage site prior to making a test run of pumping capacity. City Administrator Ed Hansen said two old pumps had to be replaced because of age and lack of pumping capacity. Two of the new pumps are rated at 750 GPM, the smaller 350 GPM. In the test, each of the larger pumps actually produced 1000 GPM. The pump station sends water to the City's elevated storage tank on 17th Street. Hansen said the replaced old pumps could only produce a total of 350 GPM, insufficient water for peak demand periods in the summer. The meter in small photo shows one of the new pumps producing 1000 GPM.



Ominous reports on cattle tuberculosis

Recent press releases from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Texas Deer Association (TDA) may be sounding warning bells for Texas cattlemen.

TAHC recently reported the US Department of Agriculture could cancel Texas' "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis as early as April. Several of the states 153,000 cattle herds have been diagnosed with the disease since summer of 2001. According to USDA regulations, any state will lose its free status when two infected herds are found in a 48 month period. The first infected herd was found and depopulated in Fayette County last summer, and depopulating has been completed in a beef and dairy operation in Pecos County.

When USDA announces removal of the free status of Texas herds, breeding cattle must be tested for TB and iden-

tified with an ear tag before being moved out of state, unless they are going directly to a specially designated feedlot or to slaughter. USDA is deferring until January 2003 requirements for Texas feeder cattle to be identified before leaving the state. TAHC says Texas has long been at risk for cattle tuberculosis because Texas brokers import almost a million Mexican feeder cattle annually. In 2001, 64 TB-positive cases were detected in US slaughter plants. Investigations of 50 of these cases show 48 involved Mexican origin cattle. Since October 2001, Mexican origin cattle have been involved in seven of nine TB cases in feedlots. The report continues, " Mexican origin roping steers may also place domestic cattle at risk, with two of the steers bearing TB in 2001. Regulations call for the rodeo stock to be tested negative for TB

within 12 months before being used in events, and re-tested every 12 months thereafter.

The Texas Deer Association is also signaling Texas cattlemen of possible infection of cattle resulting from their close association with wild deer herds in the state. " It's not unusual to find Texas deer and cattle comingling on the same property. We are very concerned because information from the state of Michigan shows TB present in both cattle and wild deer herds, causing hundreds of both species to be killed." The State of Michigan suspects cattle TB in the state originated when Mexican cattle were imported in the state in large numbers in the 1920's and 30's.

The Texas Deer Association is now urging Texas Parks and Wildlife to seek adequate funding to allow testing of wild deer for TB around recent outbreaks of TB in cattle.

Criminal cases in County Court

Eleven criminal cases were heard in County Court March 13, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Daniel Fuentes pled guilty to driving while license suspended, subsequent offense. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$210 court costs and \$100 restitution to DPS for reinstatement. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

Dale Matthew Miller pled guilty to bail jumping and failure to appear. He was fined \$100 and will pay \$256 court costs.

David Tovar Acosta pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 8 days served. He was fined \$200, and will pay \$210 court costs at \$50 per day in jail. He must pay \$140 restitution to DPS, surrender his license 180 days and complete the drug offender program. Robert Shugart was investigating officer.

Jeffrey Derle Keith pled true and terms of his community supervision from a prior unlawfully carrying a weapon cause were extended 18 months, to April 24, 2005. He must be confined in the Midland Court Residential Treatment Center up to 24 months. He must pay supervision fees of \$40 per month, and \$200 court appointed attorney fees 30 days after release.

Patricia Ann Rodriguez pled true and was sentenced in the order to Proceed with adjudication of guilt and probated 24 months from a prior theft charge. She must pay delinquent supervision fees of \$94 and serve an additional 80 hours community service. An evading arrest/detention cause was adjudicated.

Charles Dean Gruben pled guilty to a subsequent DWI, b.t. .275/.265. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. Time payments will be made on \$226 court costs, and he was fined \$750. He will attend weekly AA meetings, serve 80 hours community service, complete the outpatient treatment program, maintain an interlock device on any driven vehicle, complete the DWI repeat offender program, and surrender his license 90 days. Paul Mansur was his attorney, and Roger Holguin, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Charles Dean Gruben pled true

Burglars hit golf course buildings again

The Yoakum County Golf Pro Shop and maintenance barn were burglarized sometime early Saturday morning March 16. Club Pro Wiley Osborne told CCN this was the third burglary of the pro shop and second of the maintenance building since he took the Pro position.

Sheriff Deputies Larry Murphree and John Matus investigated the crime scene Saturday. The event had to occur sometime after 12:50 AM Saturday morning, the last time a routine patrol of the area occurred. Course Superintendent Kenny Dierschke discovered the burglary when he arrived to open the maintenance building early Saturday morning. A window of the building was broken for entry, and then an overhead door was forced open.

Deputy Murphree said a complete inventory of stolen items from the shop was not available at time of the interview, but stolen items included hand tools, welding equipment, and power tools. Apparently the perpetrators used Dierschke's golf cart to carry the stolen goods to the southeast part of the course, where a fence was cut to allow driving the cart to a waiting vehicle. Ironically, Dierschke's personal golf clubs and bag were among the stolen items.

Murphree said it appeared the burglars drove the cart back to the Club Pro Shop, where entry was made through a window in the mens restroom. Club Pro Osborne reported missing items included golf clubs, bags and golf shoes, with an estimated retail value of some \$6500. Golf clubs belonging to club members and in the shop for repair were also among stolen items. Again, Dierschke's cart was used to transport the goods to the waiting vehicle. Sheriff Department personnel are continuing their investigation of the burglary.

Western Peanut Growers Annual Meeting

The Western Peanut Growers Association will hold its annual meeting Monday, March 25 at noon in the Gaines County Civic Building, 402 NW 5th St., Seminole.

Following lunch, the welcome and report on the National Peanut Board will be delivered by Ted Higginbotham, NPB Treasurer and Texas Representative. A business meeting will follow,

including a financial report and election of three WPG directors.

An update on the WPG Research Farm Update will be given by Jimbo Grissom and Mike Schubert, and WPG President Doyle Fincher will report on peanut program legislation.

WPG members are encouraged to bring new producers.

to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 107 days served.

Oscar Juan Conde pled nolo contendere to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was sentenced to 34 days in jail, with credit for 4 days served. He will surrender his license 180 days, and complete the drug offender education program Joe Nagy Jr. was his attorney.

Teresa Hill Stroup pled guilty to a subsequent DWI. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. She was fined \$750 and will pay \$225 court costs. She must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the repeat offender program, install an interlock device on any driven vehicle, serve 10 days in jail with credit for one day served, complete the TAIP program,

and serve 80 hours community service. Barry Crutchfield was her attorney, and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS.

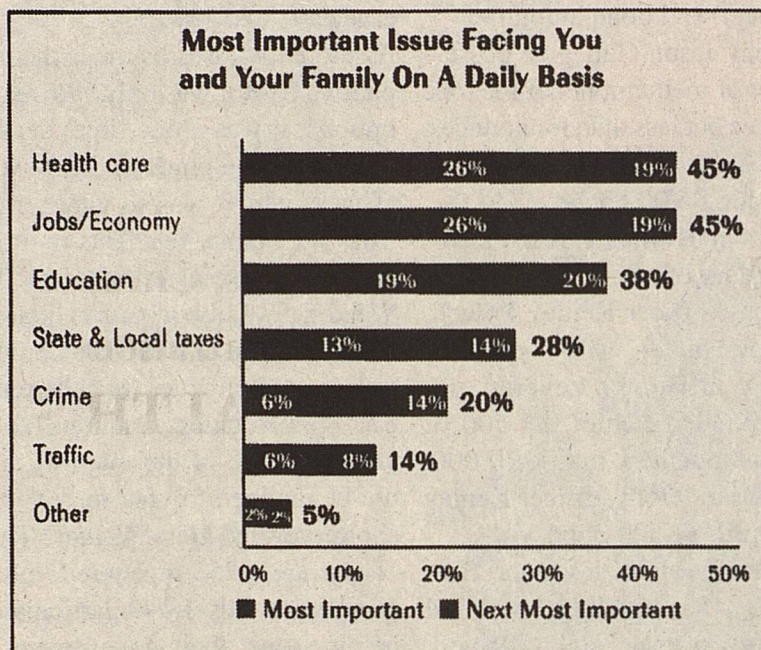
Antonio Martinez Adame pled guilty to assault causing injury to a child/family member. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$211 court costs, complete the batterer intervention program, and serve 100 hours community service.

Ricardo Gonzalez De La Paz pled guilty to escape from custody. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 26 days served. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$211 court costs. Paul Mansur was his attorney, and Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

Bobby Carl Dye pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred

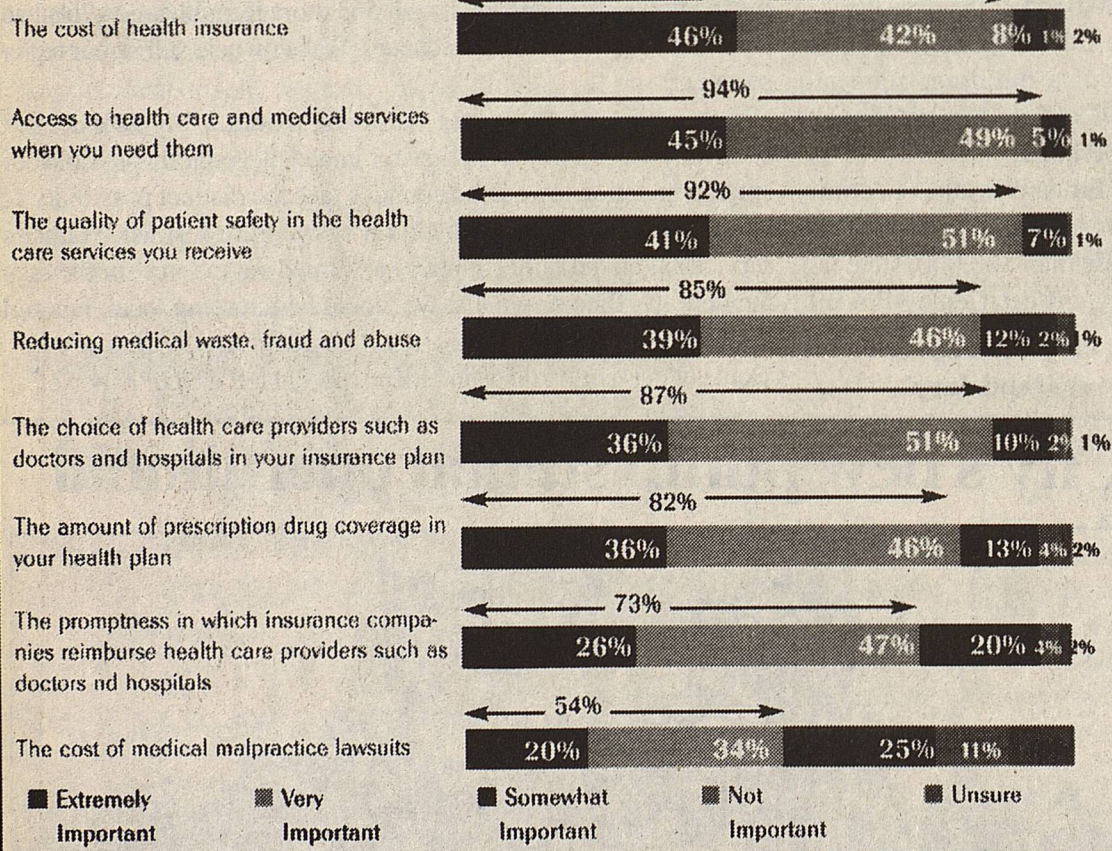
Most Important Issue

Voters most often select jobs and the economy (45% combined mentions) and health care (45% combined mentions) as the most important issues facing them and their families on a daily basis. Education is picked third most often with 38% combined mentions, followed by state and local taxes with 28%, then crime at 20%, traffic receives 14%, and the other category has 5% combined mentions.



Health Care Issues

(Ranked by "Extremely Important Responses")



The majority of Texans view health care as one of the most critical issues facing their families
*45% of Texans say health care is as important as their job or economy.

*62% look to the Texas Legislature to keep health care affordable.
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Champion Market Hog with a Crossbred. Also making the sale were Cassidy Moore 2nd, Elizabeth Clanahan 3rd, and Kaitlyn Moore placing 7th. Also showing pigs were Amanda and Jennifer Hiller and Joel Horn. Participating in the Lamb Show were Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Macy Roberts and Marty Roberts. Chance and T.J. Kitchens placed 12th and 18th respectively in the Goat Show.

At the Houston Livestock Show in late February-early March, Kristen Knight placed 1st and Jennifer Hiller placed 13th with hogs. Chance Kitchens placed 10th with a goat. Other exhibitors included Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Elizabeth Clanahan, Amanda Hiller, T.J. Kitchens, Ragan McGinty, Kaitlyn Moore, Macy and Marty Roberts and Landra and Logan Wood.

Finishing up the Stock Show circuit at San Angelo, March 2-9, Kristen Knight placed 1st and 2nd with her two pigs, along with having the Champion Cross and then Reserve Grand. In the Goat Show, Lo-

gan Wood placed 8th and Ragan McGinty placed 14th. Other 4-H'ers exhibiting were Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Cody Mayes, Maretta Walker and Landra Wood.

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'Grand Jury'**

\$1,500 bond. Santiago Coronado Tapia, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, officer Inoe Valdez, \$1,500 bond. Francisco Sotelo, Jr., driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, officer Patricia Valdez, \$2,500 bond. Francisco Sotelo, Jr., unauthorized use of motor vehicle, state jail felony, officer Patricia Valdez, \$5,000 bond. Francisco Sotelo, Jr., evading arrest or detention with vehicle, state jail felony, officer Patricia Valdez, \$5,000 bond. Jose Luis Mata, Jr., evading arrest or detention with vehicle, state jail felony, officer Inoe Valdez, \$1,500 bond. Rogelio Laureles, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, officer Inoe Valdez, \$3,000 bond.

Private Applicator Training

Yoakum County Extension is hosting a Private Applicator Training and Testing on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 in the County Agents Office in Plains beginning at 9:00 a.m., with the testing at 1:00 p.m. This training is for private applicators only, who need a license to purchase pesticides, such as farmers and ranchers. For further information, contact Arlan Gentry at 456-2263.

Antique Tractor Show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club 10th annual antique tractor show will be held at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview on March 23 and March 24, 2002. This is the largest indoor antique tractor show in this area. There will be displays of antique tractors, antique farm equipment, other farm related antiques, and some novelty items. A parade of the antique tractors will be held each day, a children's pedal tractor pull will be enjoyed Saturday afternoon, and arts and crafts booths will be there both days. The Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association will have food available. There is no admission charge and donations will be accepted. For more information contact Paul Sarchet, 806-744-4457.



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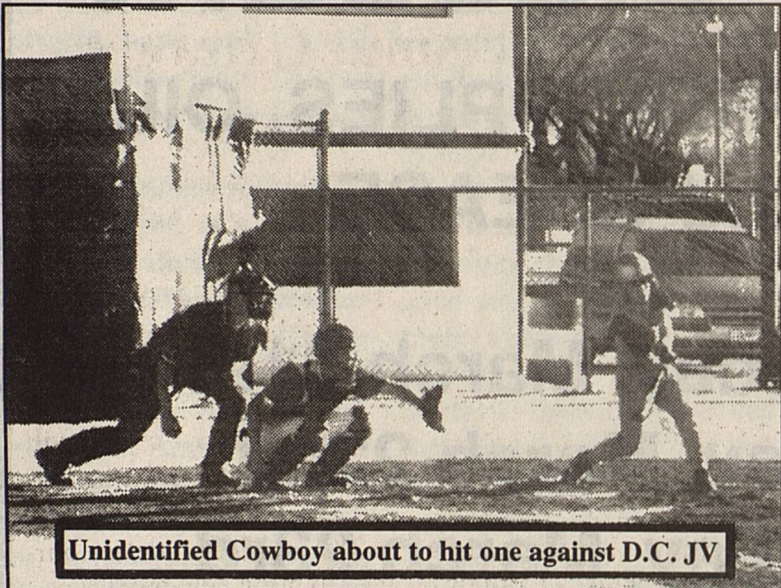
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Cowboy baseball team continues winning ways

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Math/Science meet results

In the math/science contest at San Antonio March 16, the PHS team finished 8th in sweepstake competition. Individual results included:
Seniors- Annaliesa O'Quinn, 4th NS, 9th Calc, 13th Math, 12th Sci.
Juniors- Jordan Bean 28th NS,

6th Calc, 24th Math, 11th Sci.
Jill Gray 6th NS, 2nd Calc, 7th Math, 15th Sci.
Sophs- Nolan Newsom 17th NS, 20th Calc, 19th Math, 3rd Sci.
Fresh- Brandon Hise 4th NS, 15th Calc, 2nd Math, 17th Sci.

Libraries Receive Grant Awards

In the March 18 session of Commissioners Court, state grant awards from the Loan Star Libraries Foundation were approved. The County Library here received \$2,316, and the Cecil Bickley Library in Denver City received \$2,557. The funds will be used for library equipment. A rental agreement for the Community Building and Livestock Show Barn in Plains was adopted. County Treasurer Toni Jones

reported a February ending balance of county funds totaling \$10,806,913. The Court approved advertising for bids to construct a pavilion in Denver City. Stuffey Moorhead Park to be used for civic functions. Pct. 2 Commissioner J.R. Slentz reported funds for the project were already budgeted. A bid of \$105 from Edgar Summers for lots 23-24 of Block 17 in Denver City for delinquent taxes.

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Student of the Week



Student of the week is Claudia Reyna, a freshman, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wenceslas Reyna. She was nominated by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Canada. Mrs. Jones said, "What a challenge it would be to move to a new country, not speaking a word of their native language. However, with the help of her peers and teachers, Claudia is making a difference in her life by earning her high school diploma on day at a time. It is only the beginning but she has made major improvements in learning the English language. I also appreciate her happy go lucky attitude and beautiful smile." Mrs. Canada said, "Her beautiful smile brings with it a willingness to learn and she takes time outside of class to complete her assignments. Each day her understanding of the English language and her pronunciation of the English words improve. She is a delight to have in the classroom and to

Sandra Stephens, chief appraiser for Yoakum County Appraisal District, offers property owners a 2002 pamphlet called Texas Property Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities to help them save on their property taxes. Published by the State Comptroller's office in Austin, the "Remedies" pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings. Stephens noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility, junior college, water districts and hospital districts.)

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*4/05	Colorado City	Colorado City	5:30pm
*4/09	Coahoma	Coahoma	5:30pm
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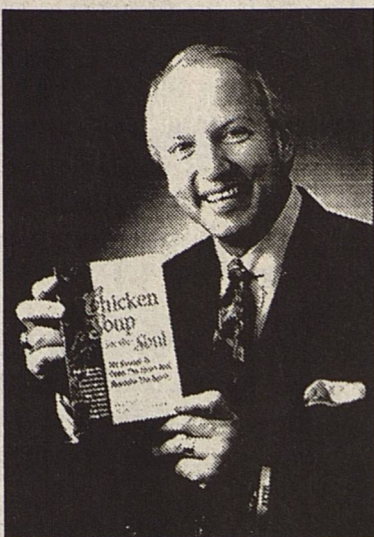
CSW to Host Chicken Soup for the Soul Co-Author

The Spring 2002 Jack F. Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted by College of the Southwest, will present Mark Victor Hansen, internationally renowned author and motivational speaker. Hansen will appear at Tydings Auditorium on the Hobbs High School campus on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Hansen, who is best known for co-authoring the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series of inspirational books, has presented his message to millions of people throughout the world. Credited by *Time* magazine for creating "the publishing phenomenon of the decade," Hansen, along with his business partner Jack Canfield, have sold over 60 million copies of the *Chicken Soup* series in North America alone.

Hansen's aptitude for motivation developed as a result of personal misfortune and failure. After starting a geodesic dome business in 1971, Hansen was enjoying annual sales of over \$2 million. As an indirect result of the Arab oil embargo of 1974, however, Hansen found his company, and himself, in bankruptcy. So broke that he couldn't afford the \$300 for a bankruptcy attorney, Hansen eventually made his home in the hallway of a friend's apartment for six months.

During that time, Hansen heard an audio tape by Cavett Robert, a nationally known motivational speaker, and he became so intrigued that he listened to Robert's tape more than 280 times. One question in particular seemed to speak to him directly: "Are you the creature of circumstances or the creator of circumstances?" From that incident, Hansen turned his life completely around by sharing the hard



learned lesson he had found during some of the darkest days of his life.

Hansen's success as a motivator was made complete when, in the early 1990's he and fellow entrepreneur and psychologist Jack Canfield decided to compile the numerous stories of hope, inspiration, and encouragement they had encountered in motivational seminars. Choosing their favorite feel good stories and maxims for their auspiciously named *Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit*, the two friends approached 33 separate publishers, over three years, only to be turned down repeatedly. Ultimately, a little known publishing house in Florida, Health Communications, recognized the book's potential and took a gamble. That gamble turned out to be the biggest publishing success story of the century, with dozens of variations of the *New York Times* #1 best-seller currently in progress.

Admission for the 7:30 p.m. presentation at Tydings Auditorium is free; however, tickets are required and may be obtained at College of the Southwest, 6610 Lovington Highway, Hobbs, NM, 88240; or by calling 505-392-6561.

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Senior Citizens Corner

Can you believe March is half gone already? The way the dust blows and the sand is rolling around isn't very pleasant.

Well Pat Altman was here today and had lunch with us. We have been having a good crowd here at the center daily for our meals. We had 8 people show up for the birthday and anniversary celebration this past Monday. There were: James Williams, Katherine Spivey, Red Powell, Jean Sparks, V.L. (Sparky) Sparks, Lloyd Hart, Elmer Hanneman, Cora Luck.

We were glad to see Lois Audlis visiting the center today, hope to see her soon again! Well we just heard that the winds would be around 20 to 30 miles per hour today so let's try to make the best of it.

The winner's for the '42' tournament were Billie O'Neal of Plains, and June Hanneman of Denver City.

Well it's that time of year that we see more people out in their yards working away either trimming trees, fertilizing the grass, or working in the flower beds making it all look nice.

Ana Taylor had a good program for us this month about nutrition. She always does a

good job. And we thank her for her time.

We have a person coming in twice a month to help out with insurance policies for the seniors here at the center. We also have two agencies come in to help with hearing aids. They come once a month from Lubbock, if you need any assistance in this service.

Our Pot Luck & Jamboree nights have been changed to every other month so our next one will be April 18th at 6:30 p.m., we hope to see you here.

We have domino players here daily, and the pool room has a few folks in it daily, and we still have many walking in the halls daily. So come on by and visit us and check out the crowd, we always have room for one more. We still have Pool & Game nights every Monday at 6:30 p.m. So try to get out and join everyone here.

The garage sale is improving and we thank everyone once again for the donations they have made to the center for this purpose.

Well I guess this is all for now. Till next week, God Bless America & Everyone.

Wanda B.

Diabetes, High Blood Pressure Can Lead To Kidney Failure

Kidney disease, diabetes, high blood pressure. These ills are more and more linked these days, creating an array of health problems for people.

"We have seen a steady increase in the number of people coming onto the Kidney Health Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) with diabetes as the primary cause of kidney failure," said Phillip Walker, Chief of the Bureau of Kidney Health Care. In 2001, more than half the program applicants (53 percent) had a primary diagnosis of diabetes. Following diabetes, hypertension, or high blood pressure, is the next leading cause of kidney failure for Texans. Last year, 23 percent of Kidney Health Care Program applicants had a primary diagnosis of hypertension.

"In Texas, more than 30,000 people have chronic kidney failure, or end stage renal disease," Walker said. Nationally, about 20 million Americans have some form of kidney disease, and millions more at risk. According to the National Kidney Foundation, more than 50,000 new patients each year will require kidney dialysis or kidney transplants to live.

With diabetes, the body does not produce or properly use insulin. It is insulin that regulates the amount of glucose or sugar in the blood; and without it, the

body is unable to convert glucose to energy, leaving large amounts of sugar in the blood.

Eventually, small blood vessels in the kidneys become damaged by a scar like material that builds up on the capillary walls of the kidneys, leading to kidney damage.

High blood pressure can damage kidneys by constricting blood vessels, cutting off the blood supply to the kidneys and starving them of oxygen and nutrients. Over time, the kidneys are damaged and eventually become incapable of performing essential functions.

Warning signs of kidney related disease include: *Burning or difficulty during urination; *More frequent urination, especially at night; *Swelling of the feet and hands; *Blood in urine; *Puffiness around the eyes; *Pain in the small of the back that is not aggravated by movement; *High blood pressure.

Kidney failure can be prevented or delayed if diagnosed early enough in its progression and treated properly, according to recent findings published by the National Kidney Foundation. The foundation recommends that all individuals who are increased risk for chronic kidney disease have their blood pressure monitored and their blood and urine tested for signs of impaired kidney function.

Conservation Outreach At TSA MO GA

At the March 11 TSA MO GA meeting, guest speaker Arlan Gentry, Yoakum County Extension Agent/Ag, delivered a Conservation Outreach Program.

Gentry described area conservation practices which protect and enhance our natural resources. He addressed the vital need to conserve our ground water, so important to our agricultural economy here on the South Plains. He said protecting the Ogallala Aquifer, source of our ground water, is a vital necessity for agriculture, as well as the communities and industries of the area.

Gentry told members they can

play important roles in water conservation at home, and why they should become stewards of land, air/water quality, wildlife management and energy awareness.

Wilma Powell announced the Caprock District Convention would be on March 23 at the Lubbock Inn. Dolores Davis was elected delegate to the convention.

Guest speaker at the next meeting will be Marie Taylor Neff, Director of the OS Ranch Foundation Museum, with special guest members of the Yoakum County Art Association.

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From The Hack

Should a Bulldog be allowed to eat Bean Dip? That was the burning question posed in a TV commercial Bride and I watched last Wednesday eve. A valid, real, and vitally important issue, don't you think? I mean, as I explained to Bride, if I can eat Bean Dip, why shouldn't my bulldog be allowed to eat the stuff, assuming I owned a bulldog, which I don't. Her response was, "YOU should not be allowed to eat Bean Dip, ever, because (A) it causes me great discomfort and nausea when the Bean Dip produces the disgusting effect on you which it always does, and (B), you don't own a bulldog, and if you did, I would shoot it graveyard dead if it ate Bean Dip and it produced in the dog what it produces in you." That was pretty well the end of the conversation. Out of curiosity, I checked our cupboard, and sure enough, not an ounce of Bean Dip could be found.

Fractured English - signs observed in various spots around the world:

Cocktail lounge, Norway - Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

Budapest zoo - Please do not feed the animals. If you have suitable food, please give it to the guards.

Dr.'s office, Rome - Specialist in women and other diseases.

Hotel, Acapulco - The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

On hotel air conditioner, Japan - Cools and heats itself. If you want condition of warm air in your room, please control yourself.

Nairobi Restaurant - Customers who find our waitresses

rude ought to see the manager. Private school grounds - No Trespassing Without Permission!

Colombian Restaurant - Open seven days a week and weekends also.

French Cemetery - Persons are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own graves.

Tokyo Hotel rule sheet - Guests are requested not to smoke or do other disgusting things in bed.

Swiss Restaurant - Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

In Bangkok Temple - It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner if dressed as a man.

Hotel elevator, Paris - Please leave your values at front desk.

Budapest Hotel -The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid. Tokyo Hotel - You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

From a Polish menu - Limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; Roasted duck let loose; Beet rashers beaten in the country people's fashion.

Supermarket, Hong Kong - For your convenience, we recommend courteous, efficient self-service.

Sign posted in Germany's Black Forest - It is strictly forbidden on our camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for this purpose.

Hotel Lobby, Bucharest - The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

Hong Kong Dentist Ad - Teeth extracted by the latest Methods.

Laundry in Rome - Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the day having a good time.

Donkey rides in Thailand - Would you like to ride on your own ass?

Clockwork toy made in Hong Kong -Guaranteed to work throughout its useful life.

I am seriously considering giving up the game of Flog... pardon, Golf. I visited the local course last Saturday, and joined a group of Denver City ravenous sharks, plus one stranger from Lubbock called Greedy Bob, or something. I now know what 'Violated' means. We supposedly played round-robins, where you switch partners each three holes for a monetary wager, by putting all the golf balls in a hat and drawing for partners. I now know beyond a shadow of a doubt the DC guys are fast hand artists, for I drew the world's sorriest partners each robin.

When it was time to stop my bleeding and pay up at the finale, I placed money in each outstretched hand. I also told the DC crew, names I swore I would not repeat but which consisted of the words Jones, Black, Carter and Maynard, I looked forward to receiving notification I was now a paid up member of the Denver City Economic Development Association, and would appreciate recognition at their next meeting.

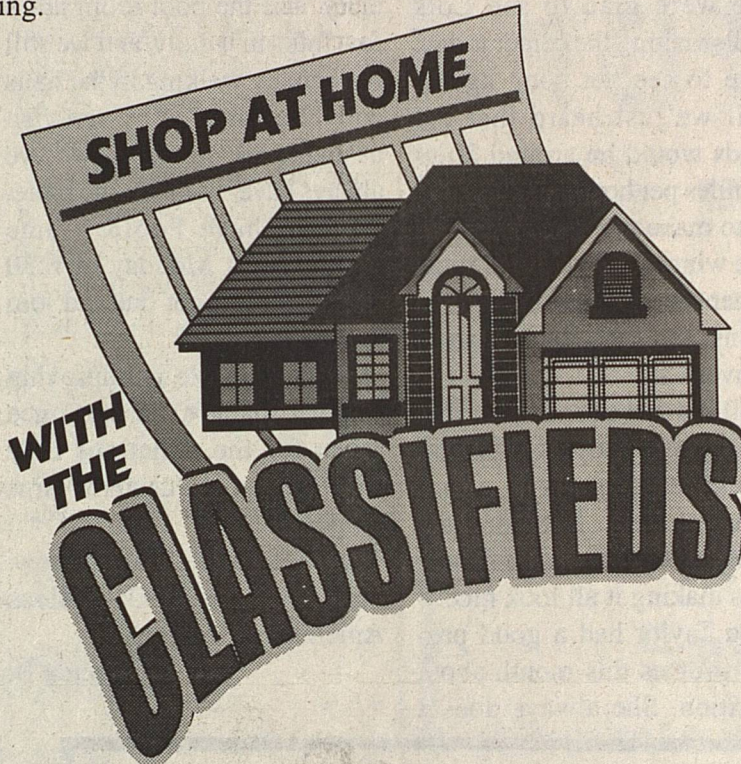
The stranger from Lubbock just took my money, grinned, and said "It's been a lovely afternoon, Mr. Dyer."

Monday afternoon, semi-blind and fully demented from staring at my computer, I sneaked off and visited the PHS track, where young athletes were practicing, all sorts of running, jumping events, everyone of them complaining to their coaches they were being worked too hard.

The coaches, naturally, were very vocally telling the jocks and... what... jockettes? they were not truly hurting, and if 'you ain't hurting, you ain't trying!'

I watched a young man practicing starts in the hurdle race, and he truly was working. I then vaguely recalled my one experience trying the hurdles in high school.

After my first three attempts, my coach came to me, put his beefy arm on my skinny frame, and solemnly said, "Dyer, you're running the quarter... the school can't afford all the broken hurdles you're producing."



Notice For Bids

The State Of Texas County Of Yoakum

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 A.M. Thursday, March 28, 2002, for the purchase of (1) New 2002 1/2 ton Pickup with trade-in of (1) Used 1989 Chevrolet Pickup for Precinct #2. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, April 1, 2002. Bid price will be paid from 2002 budgeted funds.

To inspect the trade-in, please contact J.R. Slentz, Commissioner Precinct #2, 700 W. Cedar, Denver City, Texas 79323 or call 806/592-3287.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806/456-2422) or Woody Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #1, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City, Texas 79323 (806/592-3601).

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

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On March 25, 2002 At 9:00 A.M.

A jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on March 25, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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