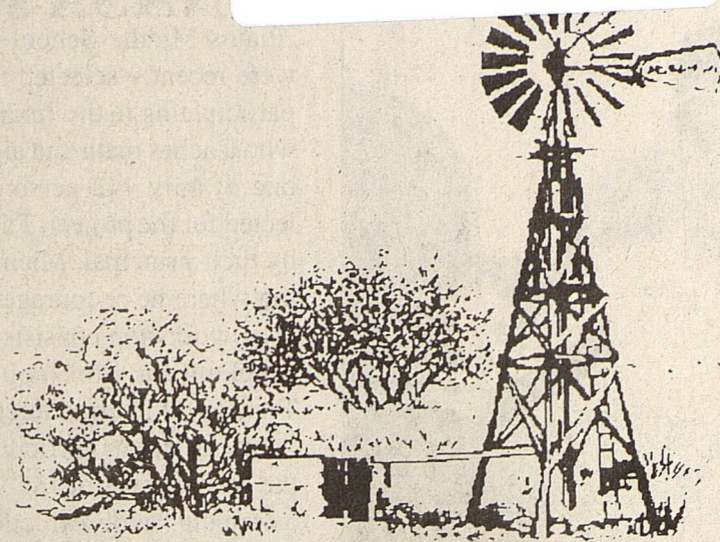


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Local Health and Human Services office threatened here ?

A press release from the Texas State Employees Union raises important issues concerning the continued services offered Yoakum County residents by the local State Health and Human Services office in Denver City. According to TSEU, the Health and Human Services commission last year made plans to close most state service offices, and replace them this year with only three remote call centers. Recently, however, state legislators filed two bills, HB 1338 and HB 1674 giving state lawmakers a chance to reconsider this action.

"The sponsors of these bills hope to slow down this plan until its impact on local communities can be fully understood. When state leaders fully understand this impact, we think they'll keep these offices open," said Mike Gross, vice-president of TSEU. The two bills are currently in House committee for further study.

The communique points out the Health and Human Services offices are used by people applying for services, including Medicare, food stamps, and home and long term care for the elderly. While the county has only one service office where this assistance is available, its impact on county residents is dramatic. According to the Texas Dept. of Human Services and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, it plays an important role in assisting hundreds of people; 686 county residents receive food stamps worth \$619,000 in federal and state funds; 910 residents receive Medicaid coverage worth almost \$1.9 million in federal and state dollars per year; 224 children receive CHIP health care worth 237,900 per year; Yoakum County receives about \$2.8 million annually for these funds.

TSEU takes the stance these local service offices are where County residents go to get help applying for these services. Their closing will deprive residents the opportunity to get face to face assistance from health and human services professionals

TESU points out the impact of closure of these offices throughout the state could be severe. The disposable income of employees of these offices amounts to about \$127 million, most of which is spent at local businesses. In many rural counties state jobs are among the few offering health and pension benefits. Some 6,000 jobs could be lost.

The Health and Human Service announced in February it had selected Accenture, a company in Bermuda to operate the proposed call centers.

TESU seriously doubts current recipients of services offered at the local offices will be willing or able to converse with a distant call-center operator.

Throughout the state, local elected officials and business leaders and community groups have expressed alarm at the state's plan to close its local offices. 93 commissioners courts have passed resolutions against the closures and cuts to state healthcare programs. Many cities and chambers of commerce, public health districts and regional councils have passed similar protest resolutions.

If either HB 1338 or HB 1674 passes, the implementation of call-centers could be put on hold. "We're asking people to contact their legislators to urge them to support HB 1338 and HB 1674," said Gross. "By acting together, we can save our local offices and make sure they continue to serve our communities."

Spokespersons at Yoakum County Hospital told CCN, if the legislature fails to prevent moving the state home and health offices to a remote site telephone center it would undoubtedly affect the hospital. Persons seeking Medicaid services now are required to complete a ten page application form, which must then be submitted to an office in Lubbock to determine qualifications. It is probable many lower income applicants would have great difficulty with the process over the phone, without personal help. Currently medicare receipts make up approximately 20 percent of total revenues of the hospital.

New Chief Juvenile Probation Officer appointed to office

The Yoakum County Juvenile Board recently appointed Estefana Mendoza Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to replace Ted Welch, who retired March 31.

Ms. Mendoza is a seasoned veteran of juvenile justice. She was employed in the Juvenile Probation office of Deaf Smith County some eight years. She also served in the Lubbock Juvenile Justice System in Lubbock.

She came aboard the Yoakum County Juvenile office in 2002. Ms. Mendoza's husband Michael is employed at the TxDot maintenance office in Plains, and the couple have a son, five year old Estevan.

The juvenile probation office is located in the old Denver City school building at 412 W. Fifth Street. Her office assistant is Mary Barron.

Welch had 19 years experience dealing with juvenile offenders. He plans to move to Sulphur Springs in the near future.



New juvenile probation officer Estefana Mendoza and retiring Ted Welch.

Business as usual in Commissioners Court

In the April 4 session of Commissioners Court, Precinct 3 Commissioner Ty Earl Powell requested approval to purchase a 'high roller' truck, used when applying cold mix asphalt for road paving projects. The truck price was \$17,300. The purchase was approved. The unit was sold by High Roller Equipment Company in College Station.

Sheriff Don Corzine had two

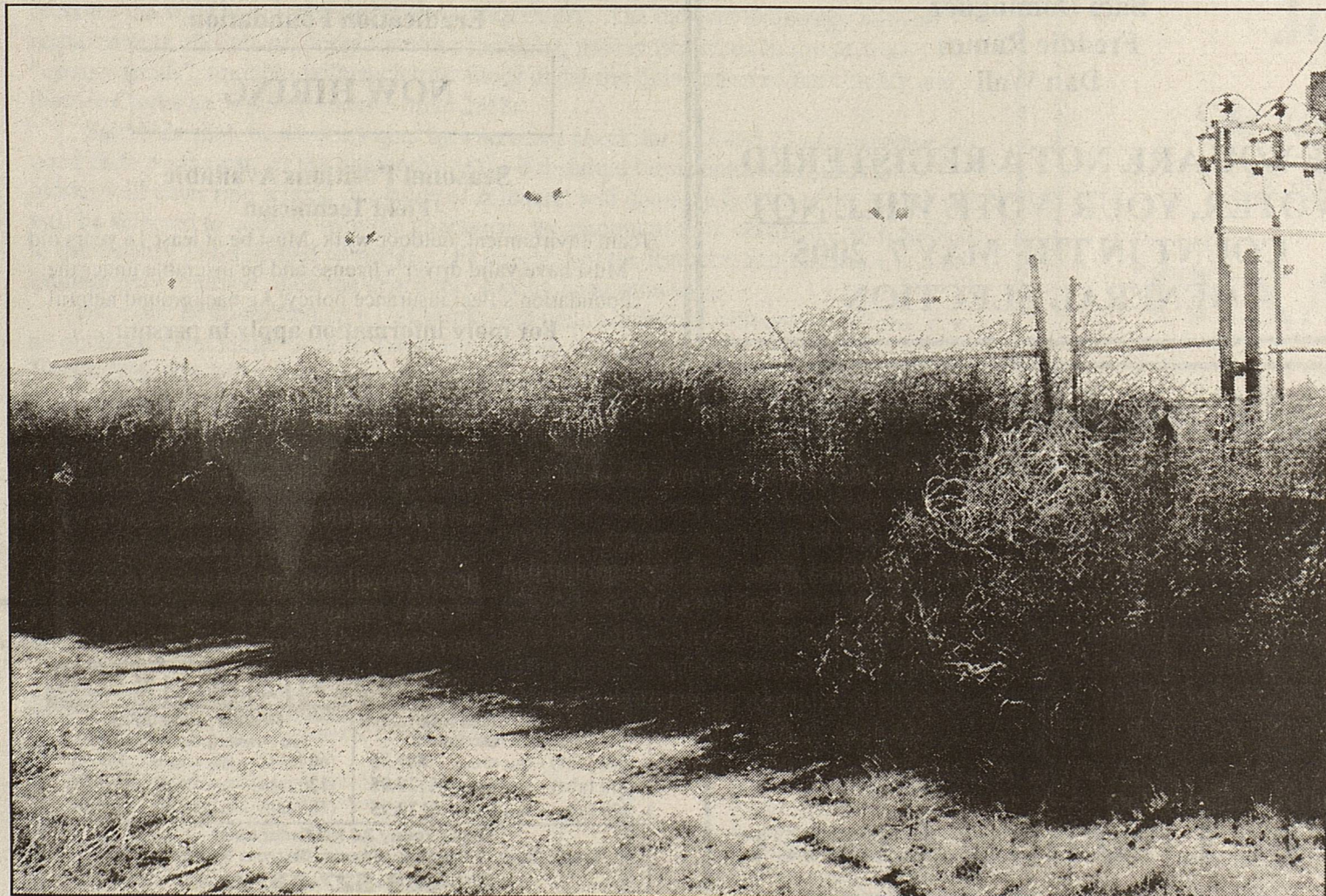
purchase requests. He explained all but one deputy units now have as part of their regular equipment semi-automatic .223 caliber rifles except Captain Jerry Howard's and the sheriff's vehicle. The sheriff asked for permission to purchase a used AR15 Bushmaster rifle for \$650. A new rifle would sell for more than \$1000. The request was approved.

Sheriff Don Corzine also requested approval for the purchase of an electric converter to be used in the mandated Emergency Management Program. The equipment would be used to convert electricity from the emergency unit's generator back to conventional 110 volt power. The \$380 purchase was approved.

Ag Extension Agent Arlan Gentry delivered his annual activities report to the court. He reported his fellow extension agent Debbie Pollard was currently on leave with her re-

cently adopted baby girl. He said the year 2004 was an exceptionally good one for growers of cotton and peanuts. He cited timely rains during the normal growing season for bumper crops. He told the court it appeared certain virtually all ag producers would be affected by proposed budget cuts in the 2003 Farm Bill. Many producers, however, will benefit from recently reported here disaster payments for many growers of specific crops. Gentry also reported to the court sending specimens of local bees captured by ag producer Terry Davis. He told the court he wanted to have the bees examined to determine if they were of the African variety. He indicated in his view it was very possible they were of the African strain, since adjacent and nearby counties had confirmed the bees presence. It will probably be several weeks before the lab results will be available.

The joys of springtime on the South Plains of Texas !



This photo of a CO2 recovery facility on Hwy 214 about 3 miles North of Denver City was taken Tuesday, March 26, during winds which recorded 59 M.P.H., according to TV News reporters. There

tumble weeds completely covered this eight foot security fence. Two days later, high North and South winds completely cleared the fence.

Texas House Approves Rep. Jones' Module Bill

State Rep. Delwin Jones, (R-Lubbock, District 83), announces that the Texas House of Representatives today (Thursday, March 31) passed his bill which permits expanded use of module builders for hauling agricultural products. This bill, known as HB 749, will be of help especially to those transporting chile peppers, Jones said.

Before the use of module builders, the peppers in a mod-

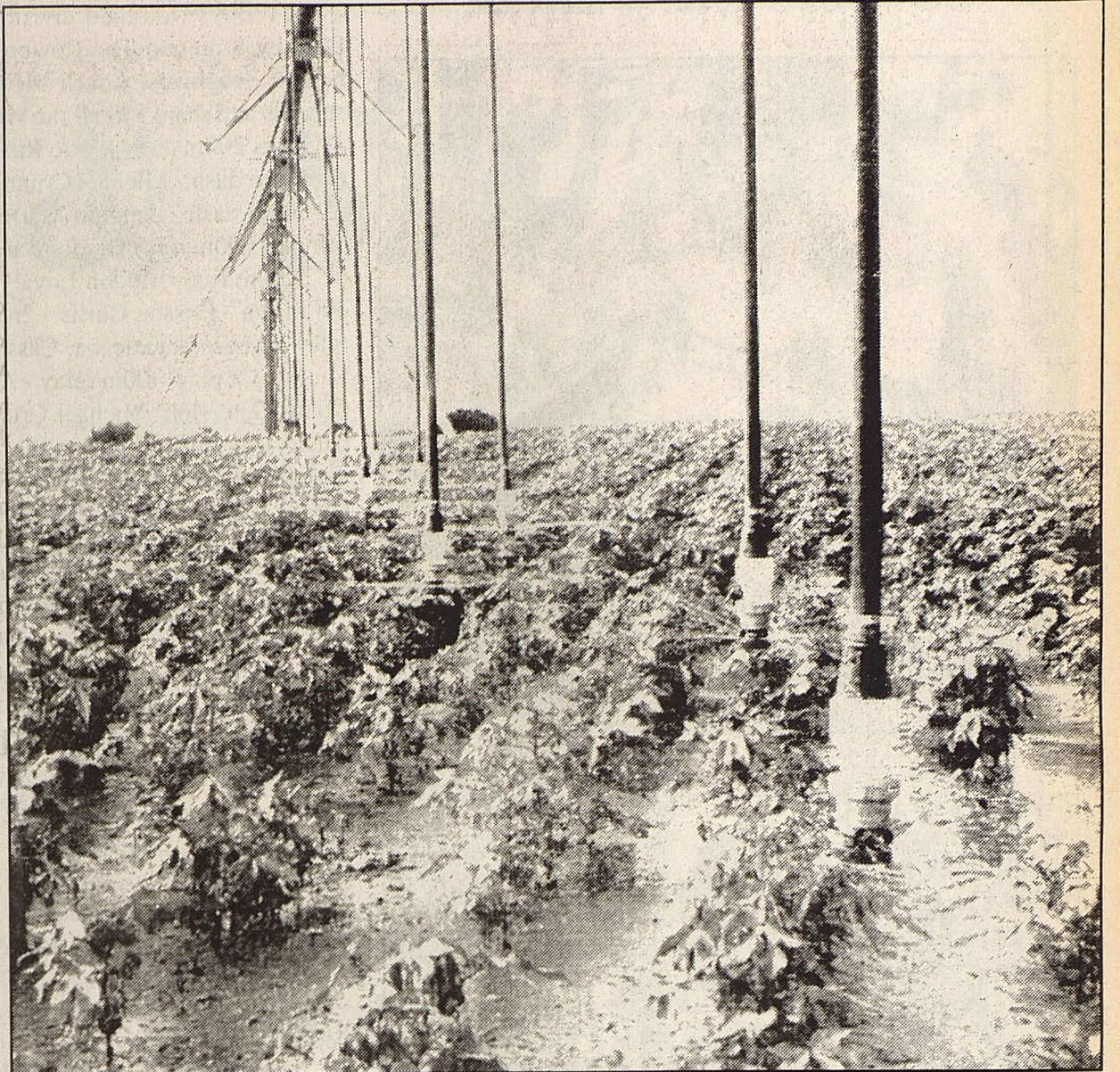
ule builder is equal to 3 full loads in a bobtail. The effect of this new method will be to cut traffic hauling peppers on the highways by two-thirds.

According to the most recent agriculture census in 2002, there were 4350 acres of chile peppers in cultivation in Texas. Rep. Jones serves constituents in a portion of Lubbock County and in all of Hockley, Cochran, Gaines and Yoakum counties.

Headline Writing
 Cody Flores - 4th
Journalism Team - 1st
 Literary Criticism
 Team - 6th
 Colby Ortega - 17th
 Reagan Haynes - 21st
 Ramiro Martinez - 22nd
 Nancy Lozano - 24th
Mathematics
 *Team - 1st
 *Brandon Hise - 1st
 *Allison Friesen - 2nd
 *David Alldredge - 5th
 *Breck Hamm - 6th
News Writing
 Ryan Crump - 6th
Number Sense
 *Team - 1st
 *Brandon Hise - 1st
 *Kerry Sisson - 3rd
 *David Alldredge - 4th
 *Blake O'Quinn - 5th
Persuasive Speaking
 *Scott Addison - 3rd
 Adriana Ponce - 6th
Poetry Interpretation
 *Lauren Hise - 1st
Prose Interpretation
 Brant Huerta - 6th

Accounting
 Team - 5th
 Mayra Flores - 13th
 Jesenia Suarez - 18th
 Kristian Morales - 19th
Calculator
 *1st Team
 *Brandon Hise - 1st
 *Allison Friesen - 2nd
 *Evan Cain - 3rd
 *BJ Lester - 5th
Computer Applications
 *3rd - Araceli Mendoza
 6th - Antonio Martinez
Computer Science
 *1st Team
 *Brandon Hise - 1st
 *Adam McCravey - 2nd
 *Allison Friesen - 3rd
 *Kerry Sisson - 8th
Current Issues
 Team - 4th
 Jose Luis Gallegos - 4th
 Ramiro Martinez - 7th
 Reagan Haynes - 13th
 Adam McCravey - 30th
Editorial Writing
 Jose Luis Gallegos - 4th
 Erika Loewen - 5th

Feature Writing
 *Allison Friesen - 2nd
 *Cody Flores - 3rd
Ready Writing
 Maria Andazola - 5th
Science
 *Team - 1st
 *Brandon Hise - 1st
 *Brandon Hise - Top Physics
 *Kerry Sisson - 5th
 *Kerry Sisson Physics Alternate
 *Jose Luis Gallegos - 8th
 *Evan Cain - 13th
 Breck Hamm - 20th
 Adam McCravey - 24th
Social Studies
 Team - 8th
 Reagan Haynes - 14th
 Jennifer Eccles - 19th
 Scott Addison - 26th
 Angelica Mendoza - 33rd
Spelling And Vocabulary
 *Team - 2nd (Wildcard)
 *Maria Andazola - 1st
 *Flor Lara - 16th
 *Skylar Keese - 18th
 *Clarissa Zorilla - 20th



Plains won the UIL Academic District Meet last week with 353 points over 2nd place Sudan 253, 3rd place Whiteface 223, 4th place Farwell 201, 5th place Sundown 176, and six other 1A schools. *Earned the right to compete at Regional in Levelland on April 22nd.

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	10 A.M.	MORNING WORSHIP
	6 P.M.	EVENING WORSHIP
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	7 P.M.	WEEKDAY SERVICES

NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005, for the selection of the Yoakum County depository for a period of four (4) years ending sixty (60) days from the time fixed by law for the next selections of a depository. Bids will be reviewed with award to be made in Commissioner's Court on Monday, May 2, 2005. Yoakum County reserves the right to select more than one depository. The bids are to comply with all requirements of State of Texas statutes concerning money deposited in the several "county funds", together with such trust funds under the jurisdiction of the County and district Clerks as required under Article 2558a.

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$52,826.23 as guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder that if the bid should be accepted, the successful bidder will enter into a bond or pledge of collateral and upon the failure of the bidder that will be selected to comply with the guarantee, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages. The check(s) of the unsuccessful bidder(s) will be immediately returned upon the depository having been selected.

Bid must be submitted on a Bid Worksheet which, together with specifications, may be obtained from either County Treasurer, Barbara Wright, P.O. Box 492, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-7491, Extension 291); or County Auditor, Darinda D. McWhirter, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-7491, Extension 292).

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-BANK DEPOSITORY" and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355.

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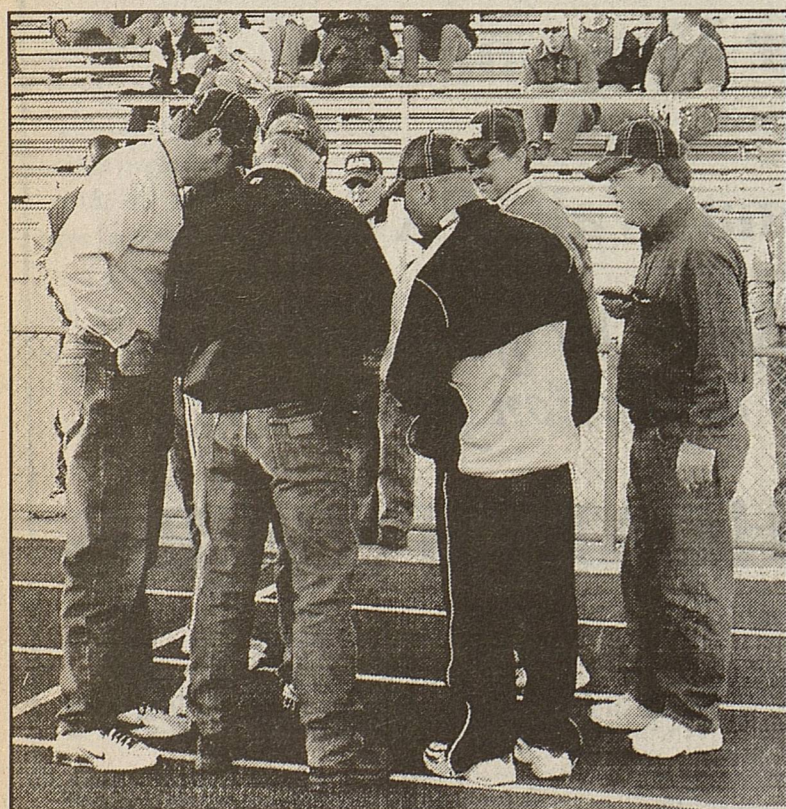
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Cowboys Relay Shots



18 teams, some 700 entries, and great weather for the event! The JV Boys won their division, with 118 points, beating New Deal by 8 points! The Cowboys finished 2nd with 101 points behind Seagraves. Coach McWhirter said the meet was a big success and thanks to all the volunteer helpers!

JV Boys 200m dash-Mario Ruvalcaba - 2nd pl; Juan Laura - 6th pl. 400m dash - Michael Crump - 1st pl; Antonio Martinez - 3rd pl. 800m dash - Antonio Martinez - 4th pl; Chase Guetersloh - 5th pl. 1600m run - Bradon Loya - 3rd pl; Zachary Ramos - 5th pl. 3200m run - Bradon Loya - 3rd pl; Zachary Ramos - 4th pl. 300m run - Casson Curtis - 2nd; Cody Mayes - 6th pl. 4-200m relay - Mario Ruualcaba, Casson Curtis, Michael Crump, Juan Laura - 1st pl. 4-400m relay - Antonio Martinez, Casson Curtis, Chase Guetersloh, Michael Crump - 1st pl. High jump - Chase Guetersloh - 4th pl. Pole vault - Casson Curtis - 2nd pl. Triple jump - Casson Curtis - 6th pl. Shot put - Sergio Olivas - 5th pl. Discus - Sergio Olivas - 3rd pl.

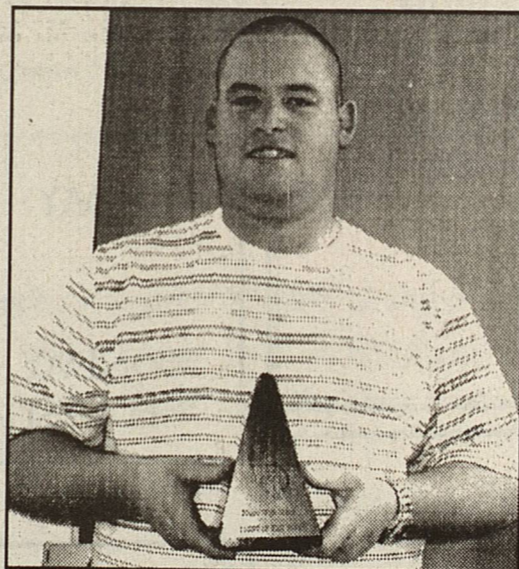
Cowboy Relays 100m dash - Todd Williams - 6th pl. 400m dash - Joseph Loya - 1st pl. 800m run - Patrick Cotton - 2nd pl; Scott Addison - 4th pl. 1600m run - Payton Bean - 5th pl. 110m hurtels - Ben Hayes - 1st pl. 4-200 relay - Tyler Caffey, Todd Williams, Joseph Loya, Patrick Cotton - 2nd pl. 4-400 relay - Tyler Caffey, Joseph Loya, Payton Bean, Patrick Cotton - 2nd pl. Pole vault - Ben Hayes - 1st pl. Shot put - Scott Bruton - 2nd; Daniel Parker - 3rd pl. Discus - Daniel Parker - 1st.

Cowboy Baseball- The Cowboy baseball team played Whiteface last Monday and defeated them 17-1. Blake O'Quinn got the win, striking out 9 batters and giving up only one hit. The Cowboys hit the ball well. Adam McCravey hit a grand slam home run and ended the game with 6 RBI's. Abel Ramos came to the plate next and hit another home run, and Tyler Caffey added another home run. TJ Cordova and Tyler had doubles.

On Saturday, the Cowboys played O'Donnell for district 1st place, but came up short. The Eagles got a game winning hit in the 7th to put the Cowboys under, 4-3. TJ Cordova pitched the entire game, striking out 10 batters, giving up 7 hits and i earned run. TJ also hit a double. The Cowboys did not hit the ball very well and made a few mental errors on the field. The Cowboys are 9-3 over all and 4-1 in district.

PHS Golf-The Cowboys and Cowgirls participated in the O'Donnell Invitational Golf Tournament in Tahoka on March 28th and March 30. The girls placed 5th, and the boys placed 4th. Scores were: Cowgirls- Lauren Hise-129, Lauren Davis-130, Jordan Williams-130, Joani Bell-131, Amber Friesen-135, Skylar Keesee-138. Cowboys-Scott Bruton-90, Brant Huerta-95, Kurt Alldredge-95, Isaac Ramon-98, Breck Hamm-98, David Alldredge-100, Colby Wilmeth-102, Payton Bean-102, Blake O'Quinn-108, Ryan Crump-120, Colby Ortega-142.

PHS Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Kevin Long a senior and the son of Robert and Karen Long. Kevin was nominated by Ms. Ortega, who said, "As student council co-sponsor, I get the opportunity to see students out of the usual classroom situation. This week's student of the week is one has a real talent for doing whatever is asked of him with cheerfulness and fervor. This student is one who does not hesitate when assigned a task. He doesn't wonder how he will ever fit the task into his

overwhelmingly busy schedule or if the task goes along with his social status and coolness factor. He just, as Larry the Cable Guy would say, "Gits her done!" He has come to Plains High School and refused to listen to people who say that students who aren't 'from here' won't fit in. He just did it, like he does everything he decides to do. I don't know if we have made a difference in his life, but I know that he has made a difference in my life."

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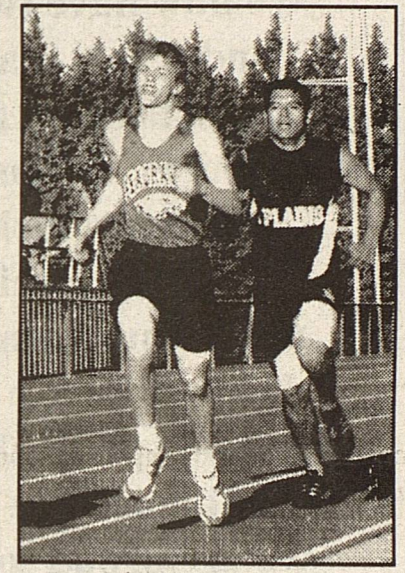
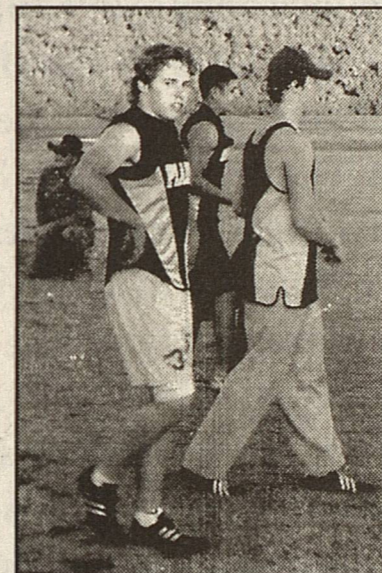
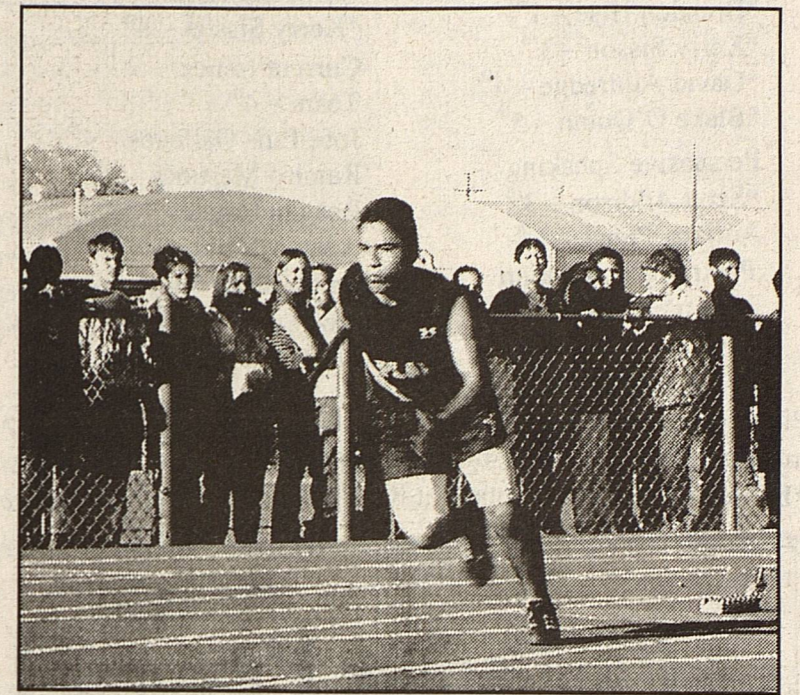
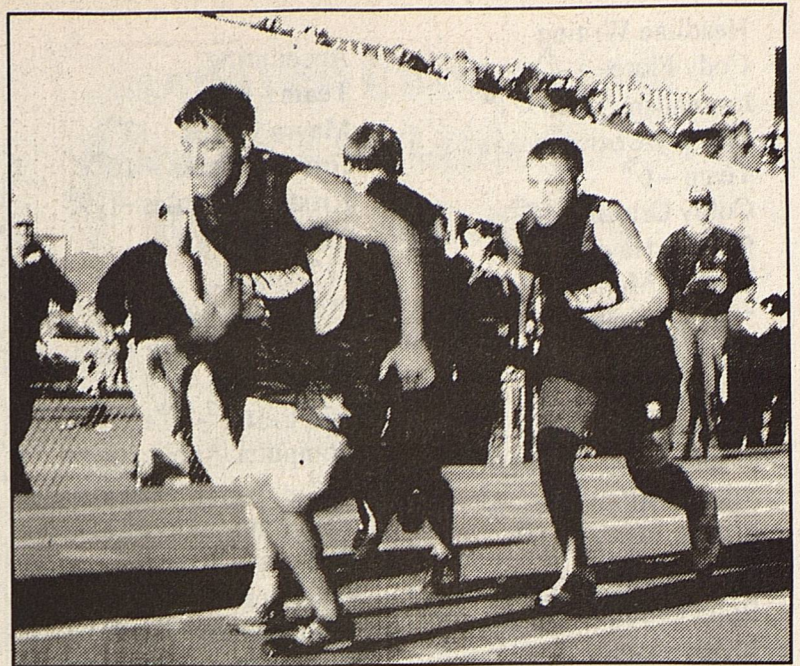
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One Act Play Advances

"Bury the Dead" will be performing Saturday, April 9, in area competition at LCU in Lubbock. The cast and crew from Plains High School advanced from the district competition in Sundown last Friday along with Whiteface play "Joseph Andrews". The cast includes BJ Lester, Colby Ortega, Payton Bean, Brant Huerta, Blake O'Quinn, Breck Hamm, Douglas Conway, Tyler Caffey, Skylar Keesee, Lauren Hise, Amber Friesen, Joani Bell, and Allison Friesen. The crew includes Angelica Mendoza-Lights, Joe Luis Gallegos-Sound, Nick Curtis and Jacob Rivera-Back Stage. Individual honors at district were Payton-All Star Cast and Breck, Lauren, Joani, and Douglas-Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

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Preventable Tragedies: Have Your Newborn Tested Now!

Is anyone you know or love expecting a baby? Make sure they have their newborn tested for the full panel of disorders recommended by the American College of Medical Genetics and the March of Dimes.

The State of Texas needs to expand our newborn screening program to encompass all disorders for which there is a test and known treatments (sometimes as simple as a change in diet) to prevent severe disabilities. Texas presently screens newborns for eight disorders, while a majority of states screen for 25 or more. Babies in Texas are currently at a huge disadvantage simply because they are born in our state, a state with the second largest birth population in the U.S.

Imagine the devastation felt by Melissa and Joe Skidmore of Austin. Their son, Peter, was born healthy and in every way acted as a normal newborn would act. At 7 months, he was a laughing, playful little boy, just starting to stand with mom and dad's help. Suddenly he became critically ill and the diagnosis of his condition was a mystery for weeks. Finally, doctors gave him a full range of tests and detected Glutamic Acidemia Type 1. For Peter, it was too late. The acid that built up in his system attacked his motor development brain cells. Now, Peter has almost no motor skills; he can't talk, he can't sit up on his own, he can't reach for his toys and he will be wheelchair bound for his entire life.

Here's the tragedy, if Peter had been born in his mother's home state of Wisconsin or his father's home state of Pennsylvania, Peter would have been screened, the disorder would have been detected, and Peter's diet would have changed within days of his birth. If he had been born in these other states, Peter would probably be a completely

healthy 4 year old today, running, jumping and dancing to Austin's live music that he enjoys so much.

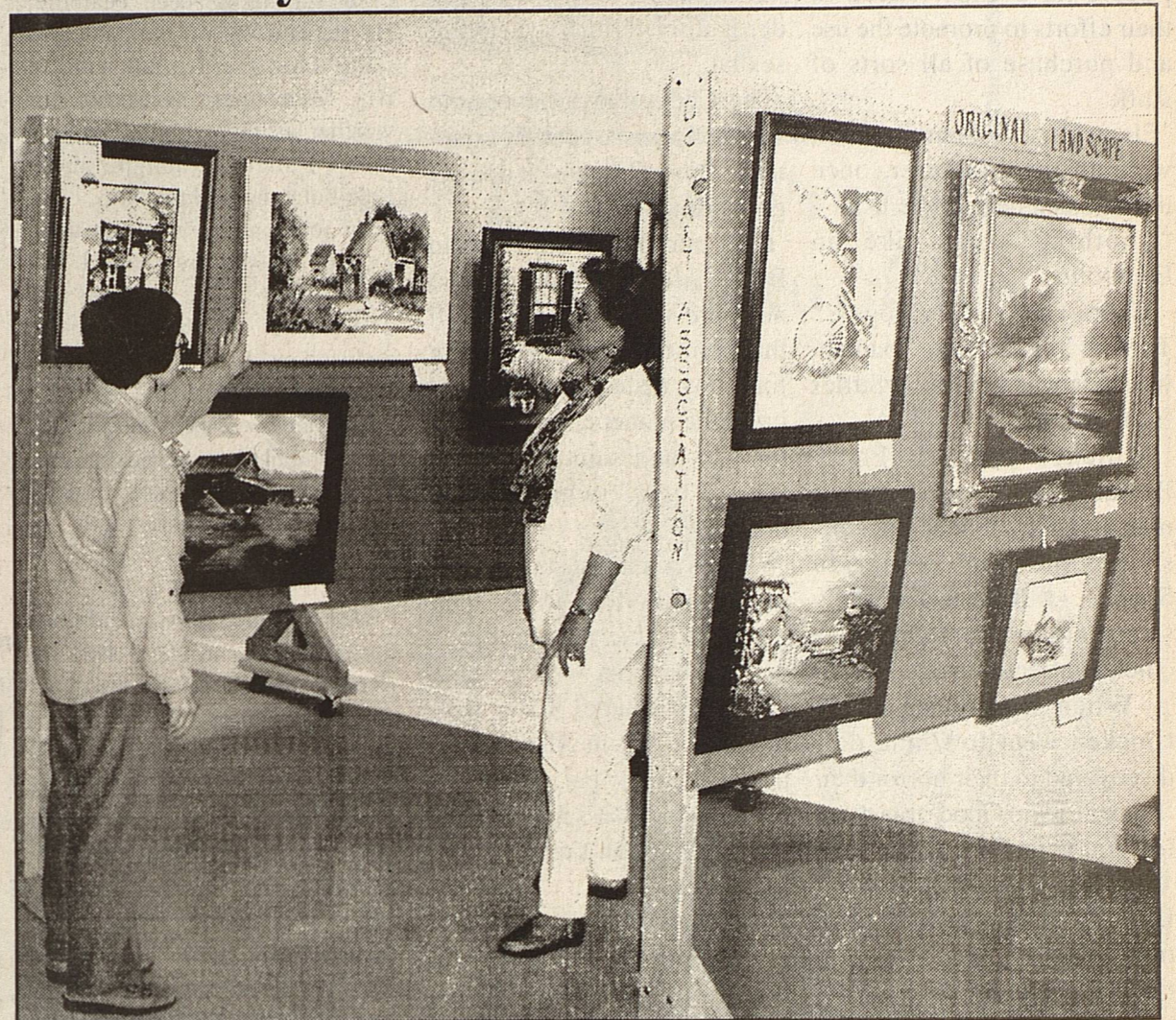
The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) and the March of Dimes recommend that all newborns be screened for 29 disorders at birth. Because of these recommendations, many states are re-evaluating the number of disorders for which their state screens and expanding their programs, including Florida, California and New York. Texas is behind and according to the National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center, Texas ranks in the bottom third of states in the number of disorders for which we screen.

As a proud Texan, a mother and a soon to be grandmother, I am sponsoring legislation (House Bill 790), which will provide funding allowing the State of Texas to expand newborn screening by utilizing screening methodologies including Tandem Mass Spectrometry. Until House Bill 790 becomes law, individuals should take the initiative to have their newborns screened. Information is available by calling the Texas Department of State Health Services at 1-800-252-8023.

Because the State of Texas has not adopted the recommendations of the ACMG and has not expanded its newborn screening program, we are unable to estimate the number of Texas children with these disorders. Many of these children are misdiagnosed and some even die. There is no doubt that once we expand newborn screening tests, we will significantly improve the lives of many children and their families.

Let's expand newborn screening because it should be a privilege to be born in the great State of Texas, not a heartache.

The Denver City Art Association Results



Judge: Betty Blevins
 Best of Show Fine Art-'Serenity' by LaVaughn Gooch
 Best of Show Photography-'Moonglow' by Vivian Rice
 Fine Art-Originals-Landscape:
 1st Pl: 'Morning Shadows' by Dyan Newton, 2nd Pl: 'Brighton Beach' by Suzy Pal, 3rd Pl: 'The Open Gate' by Vivian Rice, Honorable Mention: 'My Little World' by Margaret Gilliam, 'Anxiously Awaiting' by Dyan Newton
 Original-Still Life: 1st Pl: 'Blue Plate' by Suzy Pal, 2nd Pl: 'Cotton Bowl' by Lisa Gentry, 3rd Pl: 'Blooming Spring' by Dyan Newton, Honorable Mention: 'Barnyard Bully' by Suzy Pal, 'Cactus Sunshine' by Lisa Gentry
 Classwork and Copies: 1st Pl: 'Pear Bowl' by Lisa Gentry, 2nd Pl: 'Spiderman' by Pamela Cowley, 3rd Pl: 'Dewberries' by Ione Johnson
 Students: 1st Pl: 'El Gallo Giro' by Edwardo Moreno, 2nd Pl: 'Evening Sun' by Yazmin Ortega, 3rd Pl: 'Heart Song' by Danny Rodriguez, Honorable Mention: 'Primitive' by Joann Morado, 'The Burning Sea' by Ryan Ford
 Photography-Landscape-1st Pl: 'Tomorrow's Battleground' by

Spec. Jared Webb, 2nd Pl: 'Red, White & Blue' by Sue Holder, 3rd Pl: 'Fruit of the Prairie' by Bob Sturdivant, Honorable Mention: 'Walking Path Reflections' by Sue Holder, 'Reflections' by Connie Webb, 'Ripple Effect' by Vivian Rice, 'Pointed Re-

flections' by Sue Holder
 Photography-Still Life: 1st Pl: 'Daisies' by Ruth Turner, 2nd Pl: 'Cactus in Pink' by Connie Webb, 3rd Pl: 'God's Masterpiece' by Randy Gooch, Honorable Mention: 'Blooming Beauty' by Vivian Rice, 'All in a Row' by Ruth Turner

Photography-Wildlife/Portraits: 1st Pl: 'Bathtime' by Vivian Rice, 2nd Pl: 'Happy Birthday' by Connie Webb, 3rd Pl: 'Chow Down' by Bob Sturdivant, Honorable Mention: 'Jennifer' by Connie Webb, 'Africa?' by Sue Holder

College Night April 20 In Denver City

South Plains College has scheduled College Night April 20 in Denver City to provide information on higher education opportunities for the fall semester. College Night is set for 6:30-8 pm., at the Learning Center, 500 N. Ave. C, in Denver City.

"We want to give people information on how to get into college, access financial aid, testing and all the basics they will

need to begin a college education," said Jim Walker, dean of distance and continuing education. SPC representatives will be on hand from admissions, counseling, financial aid and other areas.

College Night is open to all area residents.

For more information, contact SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Diabetes Class

Yoakum County Hospital will be sponsoring a Diabetes Class in the Hospital Meeting Room, 610 West 4th Street, on the first Monday evening of every month. The next class will be April 4, 2005. Our Licensed Dietitian will lead the class and will be available for questions concerning diabetes and diet. For more information, please call 592-2121.

Yoakum County Connection Meets

Yoakum County Connection met recently at the Connection Building in Denver City. Linda Harris, newly elected chair, presided over the meeting and welcomed new directors Hazel Lowrey and Corky Black. Jeannette Head gave the financial report for absent and newly re-elected treasurer Esme Salas. Secretary Elsa Moya was re-elected as secretary and Judy London will be the new Vice-Chair. Watermelon Round Up brochures are at the printers and Head passed out the Classic Car Raffle tickets that will be sold for \$20 to raise funds for the tenth annual Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up festival on September 3 in Plains. The group voted to budget monies for performing arts presentations in the county public schools. This motion included the provisions that Texas Commission on the

Arts grants will be applied for in a timely fashion and that at least a fourth of the total expenditures will come from the public schools. Prissy Summers, Denver City librarian is directing this effort to bring the arts into the schools at Plains and Denver City. A community theatre idea was broached to the group, and a Summer Nights program was discussed by the directors as well. Another suggestion was to bring performers to the Senior Citizens lunch bunch. Janie Ramos will receive a cost of living increase for directing the Summer Youth Arts Program.

Yoakum County Connection will have a new meeting day. It will be the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Yoakum County Connection Memberships or donations may be paid to L.J. Sanders or Esme Salas.

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From The Hack

Proper communication can be difficult - this I know is an indisputable fact. The following are some examples OTHER people have experienced in their efforts to promote the use and purchase of all sorts of stuff;

Electrolux, a Scandinavian vacuum manufacturer, once used this ad here in the U.S. - "nothing sucks like an Electrolux."

Coors beer put its slogan "Turn it loose," into Spanish, where it was read as "Suffer from diarrhea."

Chicken magnate Frank Perdue's line, "It takes a tough man to make a tender chicken" sounds more interesting in Spanish - "It takes a sexually stimulated man to make a chicken affectionate."

When Kentucky Fried Chicken went to China they discovered to their horror their 'Finger Lickin Good' translated to "Eat your fingers off."

Chinese translation proved difficult for Coke, which took two tries to get it right. They first tried Ke-kou-ke-la because when pronounced it sounded roughly like Coca-Cola. It wasn't until after thousands of signs had been printed that they discovered that the phrase means 'bite the wax tadpole,' or 'female horse stuffed with

wax.' depending on the dialect. Second time around things worked out much better. After researching 40,000 Chinese characters, Coke came up with 'ko-kou-ko-le' which translates roughly to the much more appropriate 'happiness in the mouth.'

Not to be outdone, Puffs tissues tried later to introduce its product, only to learn that 'Puff' in German is a colloquial term for a warehouse. The English weren't too fond of the name either, as it's a highly derogatory term for a homosexual.

The Chevy Nova never sold well in Spanish speaking countries. "No va" means 'it doesn't go' in Spanish.

Ford introduced the Pinto in Brazil. After watching sales go nowhere, the company learned that 'Pinto' is Brazilian slang for 'tiny male genitals.' Ford pried the nameplates off all of the cars and submitted them with 'Corcel' which means horse.

When Gerber first started selling baby food in Africa, they used the same packaging as here in the USA with the cute baby on the label. Later they found out that in Africa companies routinely put pictures on the label of what's inside since most people can't read.

Over heard at the local course: "If I ever break 80 I am gonna quit this stupid game. 80 broken clubs is way too expensive!"

Long time faithful reader Woody Wilmeth in Lubbock renewed his subscription recently and sent us a note la-

menting the price of natural gas - "cow chips may look good again soon.... we used them in the 1920's you know!"

For the first time since the last Ice Age, in which I can almost truthfully testify earlier Cowboy Relays track meets were held in my presence, this year's event was in almost Equator Tropics weather. I actually saw athletes, coaches, spectators, ME, in shirt sleeves, and a few more daring females with just a bit less.

Head Athletic Guru Blake McWhirter sidled up to me prior to the start of the meet, beaming. He slapped me on the back and said, "I had a serious talk with the Big Man upstairs about the weather last night. Looks like I got thru." I silently thought, 'about time' but congratulated him.

Our jocks and... what are they, jockettes?... did great, and I was proud. And THIS meet was a TRUE meet. For the first time in almost eons, I actually saw young athletes THROW UP!

Yes, a number of them finished their race, stumbled to the sideline and sprayed the dormant grass, ensuring another few months lifelessness.

Remembering a few moments of my high school track experiences (what complete idiot would want to recall more than a few!) I clearly remember myself calling my dog 'Roarrkk' after one of my brilliant runs they referred to as 440 yards, but I know was 667. Once I sprayed my coaches shoes as he held my skinny frame from collapse, but then he saw his shoes and let me fall in the gooooo. "I just ran too hard," I moaned, hoping for a death reprieve. He glared at me, kicking stuff off his shoe, and, I thought, petulantly barked, "Next week you run the 880!"

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Think Texas
by Agriculture Commissioner **SUSAN COMBS**

With the school year well underway, students have had a chance to get a taste of a new, healthier school nutrition policy issued this summer in Texas. Limits have been placed on fat and calories, and the availability of French fries, soda, candy and other items has been cut back. This has prompted schools to think creatively and offer healthier items in vending machines and on school menus.

The efforts have been a work in progress, and we have been wide open to suggestions from parents, teachers and students. It's clear that everyone agrees that the obesity epidemic sweeping the nation is urgent and real. And we are working together in Texas to make sure we combat the problem while keeping the "fun" in food.

One way to keep food fun is to allow special treats for birthday celebrations. After receiving feedback from parents, the Texas Department of Agriculture decided to adjust the policy to allow elementary children to share sweets for birthday celebrations. Parent involvement often involves bringing cupcakes or other treats to school for children to share with classmates on their birthdays, and the adjusted policy now allows for this type of celebration.

Over the past 20 years, our country has seen dramatic increases in obesity, and for the first time in human history our children may not outlive their parents. Texas is now leading the nation in its efforts to combat childhood obesity as the first state to have an all-encompassing school nutrition policy. With innovative, fresh ideas and a strong focus on Texas schoolchildren, we will improve our state's obesity problem and pave the way for healthy futures for our kids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

This is a public notice of a Sheriff's Sale of abandoned and seized motor vehicles that the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department has in its possession. The vehicles listed below will be sold by the Sheriff of Yoakum County at public auction on:

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YCH Foundation Golf Tournament

DATE: April 28 2005, Thursday

TIME: 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 - Individual, Team - \$200.00
includes golf cart and lunch

FORMAT: Four Person Scramble

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 21, 2005

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Questions?: Call Clay Taylor 806-592-2121

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Texas at a Glance

For Texas' Trees

If you can't see the forest for the trees, you must be in East Texas. The region is home to all the state's forests, a total of about 12 million acres, according to the Texas Forest Service (TFS).

Most of Texas' woodlands, about 61 percent, are privately owned, according to TFS. Commercial timber companies own about 32 percent, and about 7 percent are public lands.

The public lands include state and national forests, parks and land held by county and local governments. The state also maintains about 286,000 acres of woodlands in 11 Wildlife Management Areas in East Texas.



National forests in Texas	Acres	County	Acquired by the state
Sam Houston	162,984		
Sabine	160,656		
Davy Crockett	160,567		
Angelina	153,179		
Total acreage	637,386		

State forests in Texas	Acres	County	Acquired by the state
I. D. Fairchild	2,740	Cherokee	1925
W. Goodrich Jones	1,733	Montgomery	1926
E. O. Siecke	1,722	Newton	1926
John Henry Kirby Memorial	600	Tyler	1929
Masterson	519	Jasper	1985
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