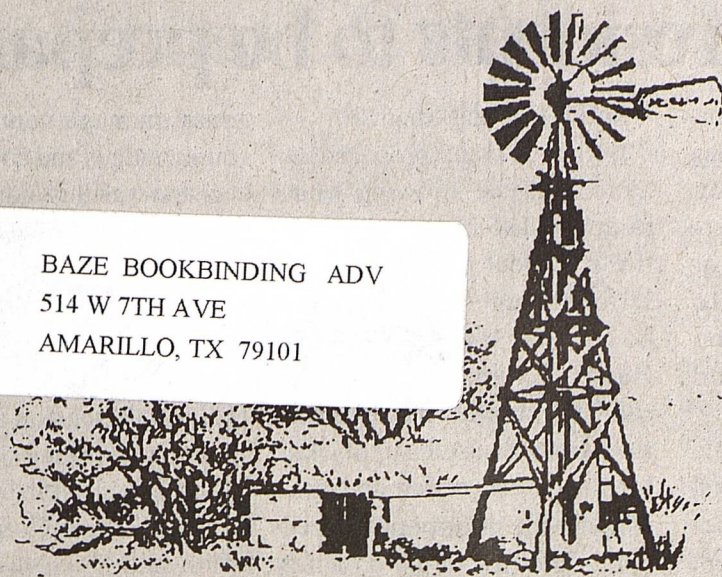


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City Wide Clean Up Scheduled For City Of Plains

The City of Plains has scheduled a Clean-Up Week for September 18th through September 22. County precinct employees will make a pass down each alley in the city to pick up any no longer needed items, which will be hauled off. All citizens are urged to have all these items in their alleys by Monday morning, September 18. The county personnel will make only one pass per alley during the week.

City Hall officials said " This is a good opportunity to pitch in and help cleanup our community. Last year during our cleanup week we hauled 140 tons of junk out of the city and made progress in other parts of the city throughout the year. Let's all work together to make Plains the most beautiful and clean city in the South Plains. This is a great place to live and with your help we can make it even better. If residents are unable to move items to the alley, please contact City Hall and we will do our best to assist you."

Citizens are reminded they may take un-needed items to the Yoakum County Landfill for disposal free of charge throughout the year. Take your City utility bill to prove you pay a monthly garbage fee and the Landfill will bill the City for your load.

If any local organization would like to help with Clean Up Week or choose an area of town to clean up as a special project, please contact City Hall and they will be happy to assist in making any needed arrangements.

Multi Indictments From Grand Jury

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Silverio Proto Antonio was indicted for third or more DWI, third degree felony, and defendant is still in jail.

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Cowboys bitten by Bulldogs 34-7 Mistakes Overcome Good Team Effort

Last 'Friday Night Lights' game against the Anton Bulldogs again gave credence to the theory stats do not always tell the entire story about sporting events, particularly high school football. Case in point;

The Bulldogs had 46 offense plays and 216 yards in the game. The Cowboys had the ball 52 times and produced 202 yards. Anton gained 15 first downs, the Cowboys 13. Unfortunately, the final score was nowhere that close - the Cowboys fell 34-7.

Anton opened the game on the ground, driving for a first down, and a fourth down pass was picked off by Rudy Gonzales, giving the Cowboys the ball at their 19. Chris Addison circled right end for a first down, John Tyson moved the ball to the 32, but a fumble put the Bulldogs on the attack again and they ground down the field for their first score and 6-0 lead.

Following the Anton kickoff, the Cowboys showed offen-



Two entire teams clashed early in the game

sive life with Gonzales taking Addison's toss for ten and a first down. Cody Mayes adding 5 yards, Gonzales with 14 yards for another first down.

Addison completed two short passes to Zach Ramos and then hit Gonzales for a first down on the 35. A high snap from center fouled a fourth

down attempt and gave the Bulldogs the ball on the 49, and the next play Anton scored

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Courthouse Internet Service To Go State Of The Art T-1 Line

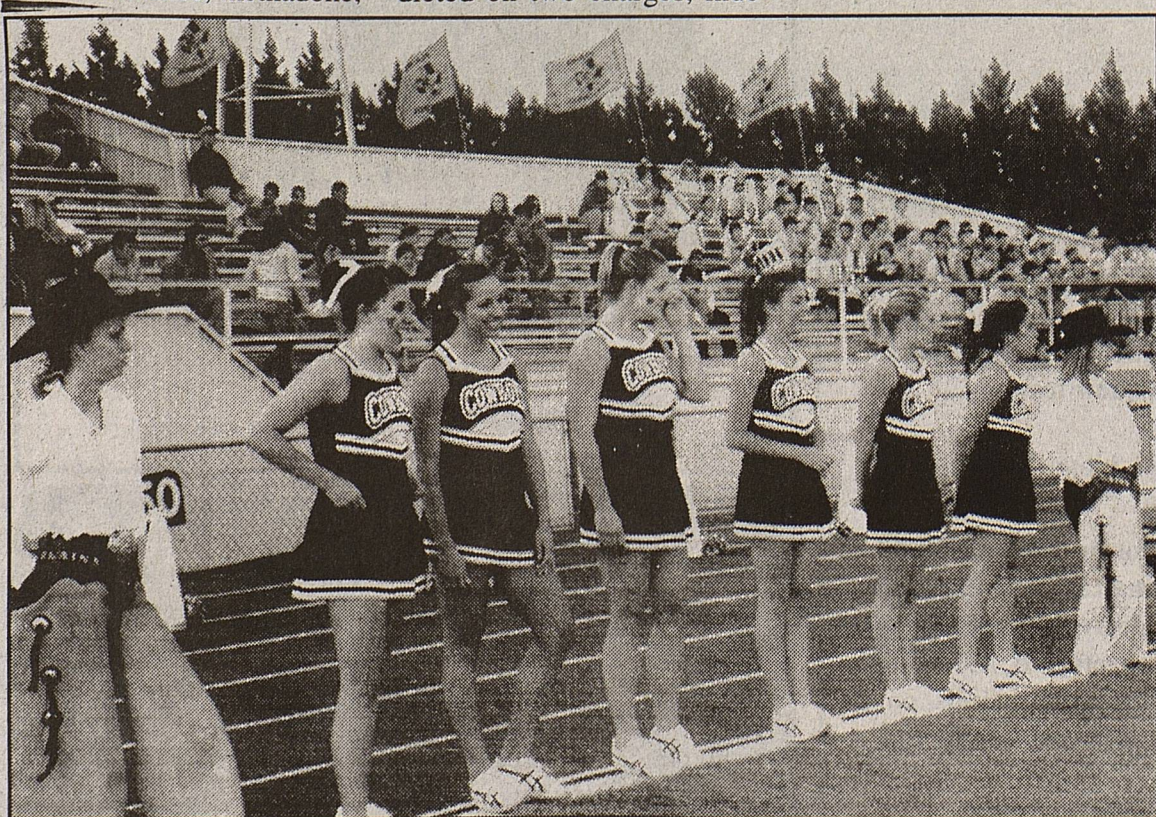
In the September 11 session of Commissioners Court, Tax Assessor/Collector Jan Parrish reported her two offices collected a total of \$14,555 in taxes. She stated tax collections should increase in October when new statements are mailed.

Arlan Gentry presented a Proclamation from Texas Cooperative Extension recognizing National Disaster Week on this date, the fifth anniversary of the Twin Tower, Pentagon and field in Pennsylvania highjacking tragedies. (See complete Extension article on this subject on Page 2).

Clay Taylor, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator requested the court approve advertising for Laparoscopic Equipment used in many surgical procedures. He said the equipment is especially needed now that the hospital has recently contracted for the services of a new medical doctor and surgeon. The bid notice was approved.

Shayne Griffith, owner of Crosswind Enterprises, reviewed a proposal from his firm to supply equipment which would greatly update internet services for the many county offices in the courthouse. He would furnish a dedicated T-1 line provided by AT&T to all courthouse offices, to replace less efficient wireless service now provided through Crosswind. The wireless set-up would remain intact in all offices in case of inclement weather, and no other installation work would be required. Judge Pro Tem Woody Lindsey asked a number of questions of Mr. Griffith, and learned the proposed fee for the T-1 service would be \$900 per month, compared to \$456 per month for the present wireless system. Griffith said his contract would be for a 12 month period, but there would be no limit on time used in the T-1 line at that price. Following more discussion by the court, Lindsey suggested the item be tabled until the on-going budgeting process has been completed, which the other commissioners agreed to.

Line item transfers were approved, and payment of all county bills was approved.



PHS bell ringers and cheer leaders worked hard Friday night to motivate both the crowd and Cowboys. L-R, Callie Howell, SR, Kimber Williams, SOPH, Desiraye Broome, SR, Joani Bell, JR, Lydia Whitzel, SOPH, Maretta Trent, JR, Jasmine Mares, FROSH, Adriana Ponce, SR.

Extension Service urges all county residents to be prepared

Texas Cooperative Extension officials will spend September trying to help people focus on being prepared for disaster—whether by natural forces or terrorism, according to Yoakum County Extension Agents Arlan Gentry and Debbie Pollard.

"The fiftieth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and recent wildfires make this year's National Preparedness Month more meaningful for many Texans," said Jane Harris, Extension housing and environment specialist.

Extension will host numerous events around the state and offer a variety of instructional materials as part of the preparedness campaign, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross. The Extension Disaster Education Network site at texashelp.tamu.edu has information on topics from avian bird flu to wildfires, much of

it in English and Spanish. "Being disaster prepared is more than just knowing what to do in case of a tornado or fire—it's about preparing to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after a disaster," said Harris. Extension materials can help families put together a 72 hour disaster supply kit for the home, office and car, and provide information developing and practicing a family emergency plan.

"Preparation and plans need to be made in homes, businesses, schools and on farms and ranches," said Kyle Smith, Extension associate director of county programs in Texas. "In order for a family and community to be prepared for a disaster, everyone needs to take the necessary steps to become disaster-ready," said Smith. "Get informed. Get prepared. Get involved."

"Extension agents in each county will conduct programs throughout National Preparedness Week, September 10-16, in conjunction with other emer-

gency management officials, county judges and commissioners, and various volunteer organizations," Smith said.

In Yoakum County an exhibit will be set up at the Plains Library September 11-15 and the Denver City Library 18-22. "In addition, Extension agriculture agents are working with county officials to establish a County Animal Issue Committee," Smith said.

"Patriotism through Preparedness is an Extension youth curriculum for fourth grade level students and their families," Harris said. This curriculum is available in English and Spanish on the Texas EDEN Web site.

"The agency also offers free programs teaching life skills, basic money management and health and nutrition, all skills that may be needed on the road to recovery. Extension is in a unique position to respond quickly because it has employees and programs in every county," Smith said.

Justice of Peace Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed:
69 Traffic cases
2 Public intoxication
1 Case filed by Comptroller, Criminal Investigation Department

ment
1 Possession of drug paraphernalia
7 Felony cases

Bonds set:
Driving while intoxicated- 2nd- \$2000, interlock device.
3 Cases Possession of controlled substance - \$1500
2 Cases Driving while intoxicated - 1st- \$1000

Possession marijuana - \$500
Motion of Surety/DWI - \$1000
Failure to identify - \$500
2 Cases public intoxication - \$500
Park within 30 feet of traffic control - \$300
Possession of drug paraphernalia - \$200.
Motion to revoke probation - Bond denied
Driving while license invalid - \$500
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle - \$7500.



Texans and Wide Spaces

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

One of man's greatest achievements occurred 37 years ago this month. On July 20, 1969, two American astronauts guided their landing craft to the moon's surface. Neil Armstrong's historic radio transmission on that first lunar visit began simply with the words, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Since that time, America's space exploration program – not yet even 50 years old – has enjoyed astounding success. It has also experienced a handful of breathtaking tragedies. Through it all, our country has remained steadfastly committed to the exploration of space: an enormous expanse of unvisited territory, our final frontier.

It's entirely fitting that Texas, with its pioneering spirit and frontier traditions, helps lead our country in these endeavors. We take pride that our astronauts train in Houston at the Johnson Space Center, and that every space mission is commanded from "Space City."

A good number of U.S. astronauts have been Texas natives: Navy Capt. Alan Bean of Wheeler was the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 12 mission, man's second lunar landing. The late Navy Capt. Edgar Mitchell of Hereford walked on the moon in January, 1971, on the Apollo 14 mission. Kenneth Cockrell of Austin, John Blaha of San Antonio and Robert Crippen of Beaumont each completed five shuttle missions. Dr. Bernard Harris of San Antonio, Ellison S. Onizuka of Dallas and David Scott of San Antonio have also made history in space.

And some of the American space program's fallen heroes were native Texans, such as the late Col. Rick Husband and the late Lt. Col. Ed White II.

Husband, an Amarillo native, was crew commander of the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia, which exploded over his home state during re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, just 16 minutes before its scheduled landing.

White, born in San Antonio, was the first man to walk in space. He died in 1967 in the Apollo spacecraft flash-fire during a launch-pad test at Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

Exploration – surmounting any barriers to greater understanding of our world – always involves risk. Space exploration is no exception: there will always be the potential for physical danger. We Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed their lives in these pioneering pursuits.

Space exploration is our destiny. Man is born with a natural desire to explore and solve the puzzles before him. We will eventually navigate our entire universe, and go beyond it. The only questions are when, and how.

Our National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) programs are indeed expensive. But the hard science the programs produce are key to our country's engineering and technological research – work that keeps the U.S. at the leading edge of the world's technology.

Many commercial applications already have been harvested from space research. As former NASA official Michael Lembeck recently noted: "It's about far more than Teflon, Velcro and Tang."

One small example: A computer chip originally designed for the Hubble Telescope is now used in a digital imaging device that screens for cancer. The camera within can detect the difference between a malignant or a benign tumor – no invasive surgery is necessary.

Many other medical advances have been brought to us thanks to space technology, including the cochlear implant, an electronic device that can select speech signal information and send electrical pulses to the ear. This technology can actually reverse severe hearing loss.

What's more, the ultimate commercialization may come in the form of space tourism. Last year, American Mike Melvill became the first person to reach space aboard a privately funded, winged spacecraft known as "SpaceShipOne." Melvill's space plane was developed without government funding. This achievement may well hold for the future of flight the same promise as the Wright Brothers' feat at Kitty Hawk.

In centuries to come, when space travel is commonplace and America has tapped the resources of other planets, these first years of our space program will be remembered as the most significant.

With Rep. John Culberson of Houston, I've sponsored legislation to commemorate our first 50 years in space. Our bill would direct the U.S. Mint to create a \$50 gold coin with an image of the sun, and nine \$1 silver coins, each representing a planet in our solar system. Some proceeds would assist a need-based fund for surviving family members of the NASA personnel who died while performing their official duties.

Texas once appeared to our forefathers as vast as space appears to us. Texas was founded by courageous men and women who braved the unknown – despite the hardship and danger lining their trails. So Texans have always shared a particular empathy for our pioneers and explorers.


To the seven Discovery shuttle astronauts flying above me tonight: I salute you. You are all Texans in spirit.

Our greatest discoveries are yet to come.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

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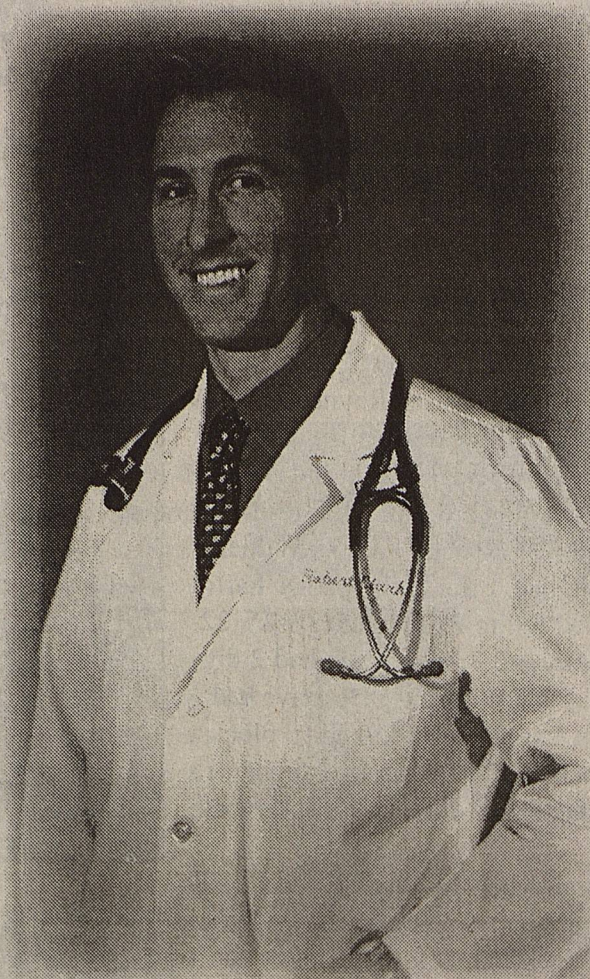


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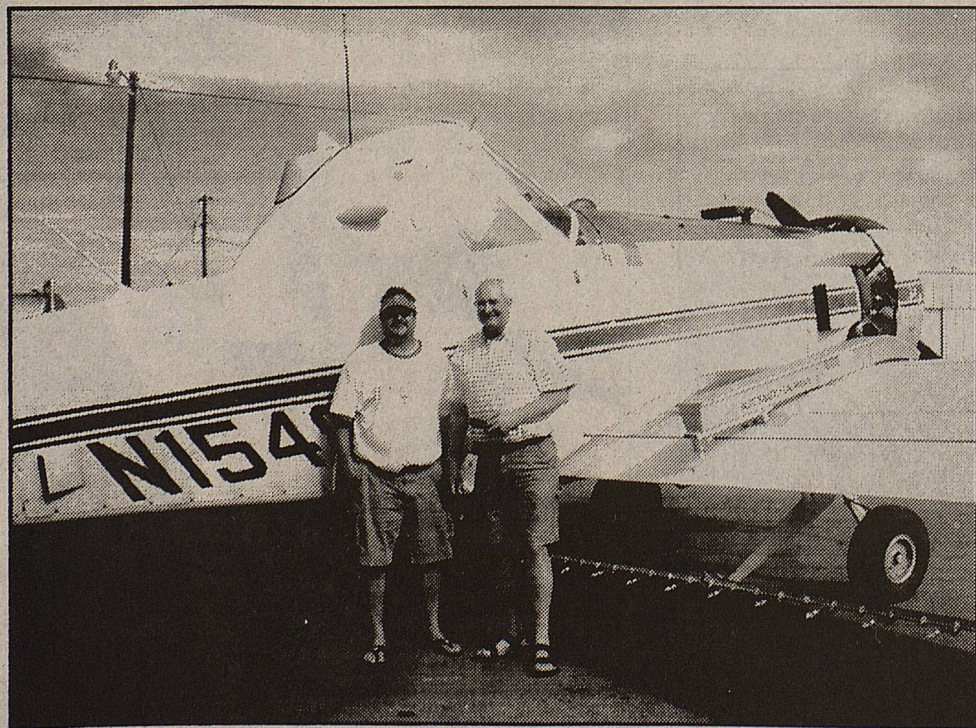
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Criminal cases heard in County Court

Four criminal cases were heard in County Court September 6, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Richard Paul Moreno pled guilty to driving with invalid license, a special Class B misdemeanor. He was fined \$200 and paid \$254 court costs. Trooper Jarod Browne was investigating officer.

Cesar Briones Fernandez pled guilty to a subsequent DWI, b.t., .145/.150. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and

probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$335 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 10 days in jail with credit for two days served. He must complete the DWI repeat offender program, serve 80 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the outpatient treatment program and surrender his license 90 days. Trooper Browne was investigating officer.

Stanley Hiebert Guenther pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury, adjudication of guilt deferred. He will be under community supervision 12 months, was fined \$250, must pay \$270 court costs and \$25 time payment., and pay restitution to the Attorney General's Office, criminal crime victim's assistance de-

ment. He will spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 18 served, and must complete the anger management counseling program.

Mario Esquivel Vaquera pled guilty to evading arrest/detention, class B misdemeanor. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$224 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, and serve 40 hours community service.

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tact, and sexual assault of a child under 17, penetration, both second degree felonies Bond information unavailable at current time.

State jail felony range of punishment is confinement in state jail up to two years and no less than 180 days, optional fine to \$10,000. Third degree felony ranges from confinement in state prison up to ten years but no less than two years, optional \$10,000 fine All bonds for felony indictments are set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore. The state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.



It's a vitamin that may not get top billing on the backs of cereal boxes, but folic acid is an extremely important part of a healthy diet, especially for women of childbearing age. Fortunately, folic acid can be found in a number of fresh vegetables and fortified foods that are readily available in local grocery stores and farmers markets.

Folic acid is a B vitamin that helps prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord when taken before and very early in pregnancy. Some studies suggest that folic acid may also prevent both men and women from developing heart disease and even some cancers.

Many doctors prescribe vitamins with a hefty dose of folic acid - usually about 1 microgram - to women who plan to become pregnant. But another way to boost intake is to choose foods with high levels of folate like raw spinach, green peas, avocado, romaine lettuce, peanuts, chicken liver, beef liver, beans and citrus fruits. Many fortified foods, such as cereals, pasta, rice and breads, also contain high levels of folic acid.

The Centers for Disease Control report that women who take the recommended daily dosage of folic acid reduce their baby's risk of some types of birth defects by 50 percent. To maximize the amount of folic acid in fruits and vegetables, eat them raw or lightly steamed rather than cooked for prolonged periods at high temperatures.

Many of the agricultural products that Texas produces contain folic acid - a super-vitamin for good nutrition in women and men alike. There are plenty of fresh and tasty opportunities for women to boost their intake while they are in their childbearing years.

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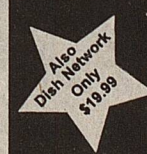
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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COUNTY OF YOAKUM §

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Kelly G. Moore, Judge of the 121st Judicial District, will hold a public hearing at 9:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of September, 2006 in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse in Plains, Texas for the purpose of setting the amount of compensation for the year 2007 for the Yoakum County Auditor, Assistant Auditors and Court Reporter.

All interested parties and citizens will have the opportunity to be heard.

again. The two point conversion put them up 14-0.

Early in the second period, the Cowboys could go nowhere in their first possession and were forced to punt, and a big return gave Anton the ball on the Cowboys 16. A penalty moved them to the 10, and the next play the Bulldogs lead was 20-0.

The Cowboys showed life following the kickoff, and reeled off three quick first downs with an Addison to Guetersloh completion, a lateral from Rudy Gonzales to Chris Gonzales for 14 yards, and a 7 yard throw to Zach Ramos. A fourth down try appeared doomed, but a face mask penalty on the Bulldogs gave the Cowboys a first down, but they then fell just short on the one yard line to end the first half.

In the third period, Rudy Gonzales dashed 17 yards for a first down, then caught Addison's pass for 35 yards to the 30 yardline. A Cowboy fumble was recovered by Elias Carrillo at the 45, but another fumble went to the Bulldogs at the 43. They could not capitalize on the errors and punted the ball to the Cowboys 10. Tyson picked up 3 yards, Addison went up the middle for 6, Tyson added 5

yards over right guard for a first down, Rudy Gonzales went right to the 28, where the drive sputtered. The Bulldogs blocked the Cowboy punt at the 7 yardline. Two plays later they went ahead 27-0 to start the final period, and they started strong, reeling off three consecutive first downs for 49 yards and a 34-0 lead.

With three minutes on the clock, and the Cowboys on the 34, three plays were stopped cold, and they were penalized 5 yards for delay of game. On 4th and 12, Addison threw to Rudy Gonzales for 27 yards, and two plays later Addison hit Chris Gonzales for a 41 yard touchdown toss, and Hunter Liu's kick produced the final 34-7 score.

Individual stats included: Addison 155 passing yards; Rushing yards R. Gonzales 37, Tyson 10, Addison 17. Pass receptions R. Gonzales 7, C. Gonzales 3, Z Ramos 2, C. Guetersloh 1. Tackles - Tyson 11, J. Vasquez 9, S Olivias 5, A Martinez 4, C Mayes 3, R Gonzales 2.

The Cowboys travel to take on the Sudan Hornets next Friday.

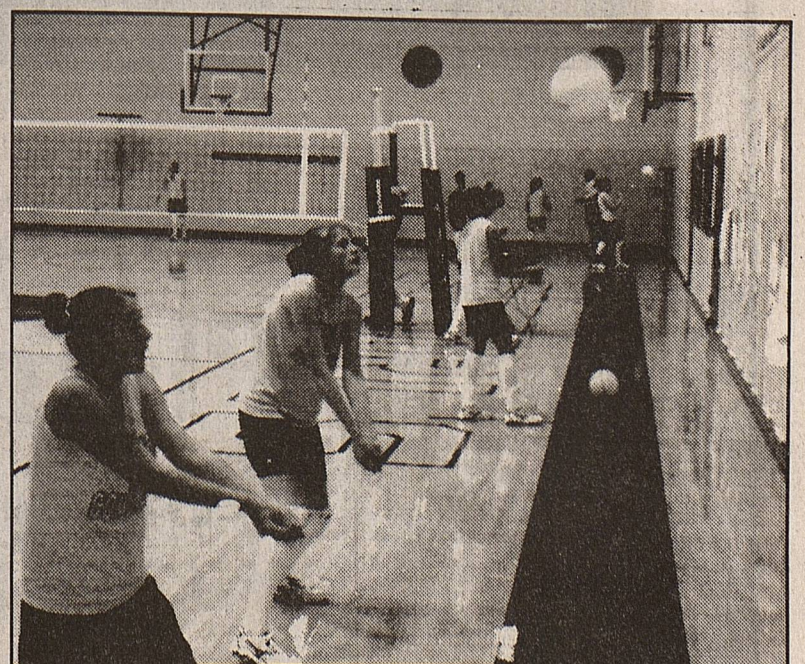
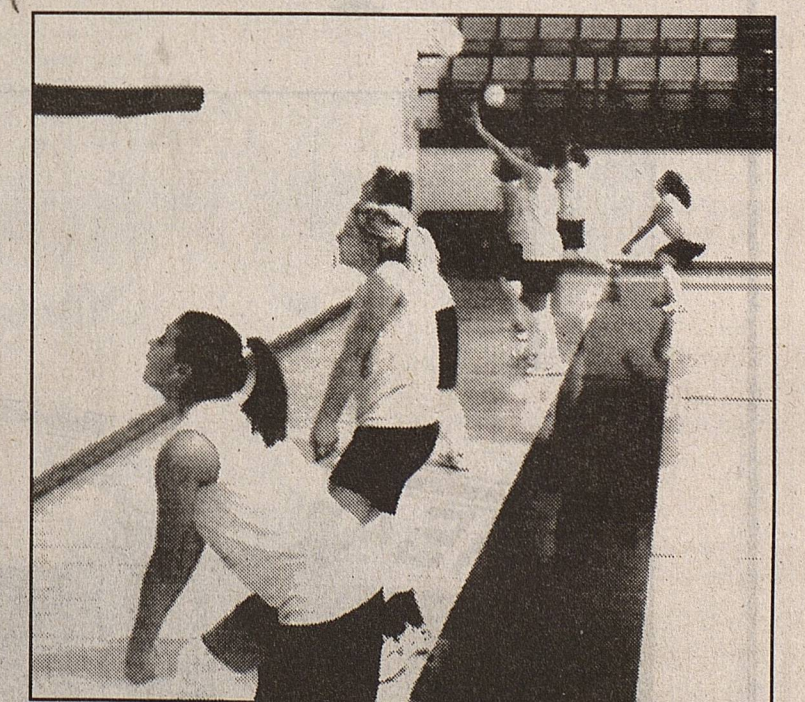
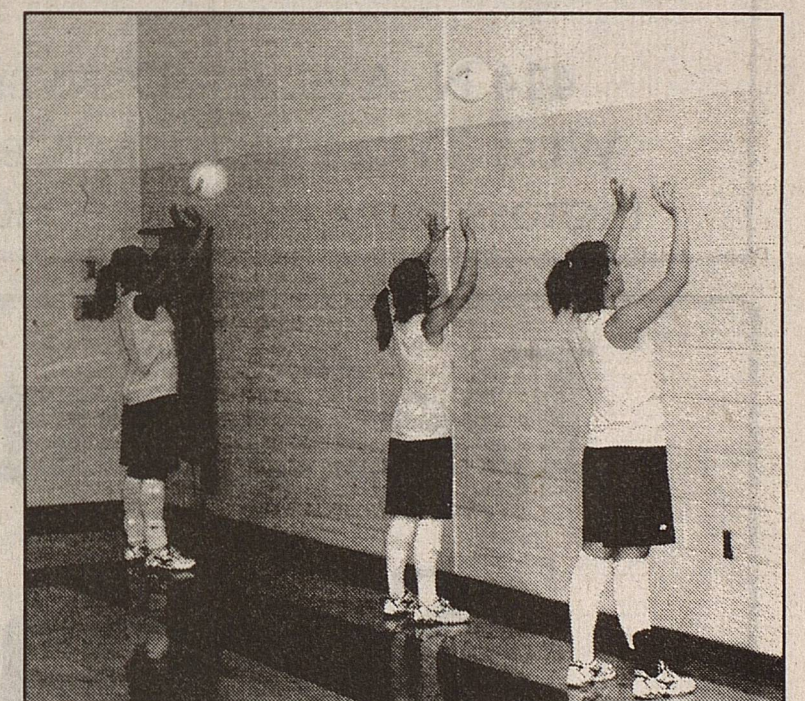
PHS Volleyball Update

JV Cowgirls; On September 5 the JV team played in a dual against Lubbock Christian and Brownfield. They first lost to Lubbock Christian 25-23, 19-25 and 21-25, then lost to Brownfield 23-25 and 21-25. They next played in the Lamesa tournament. Friday they lost to Colorado City 25-27 and 12-25, then lost to Levelland 22-25 and 18-25. Saturday they lost to Denver City 16-25 and 18-25.

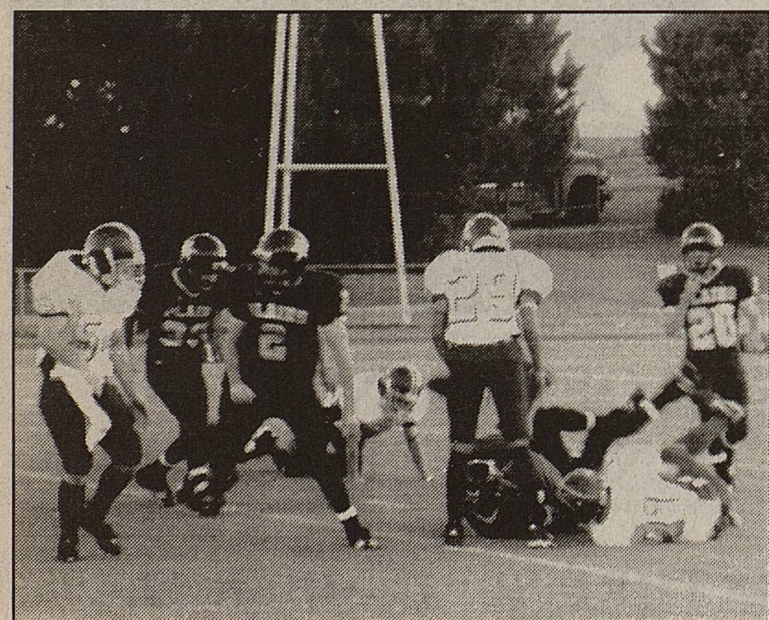
Varsity Cowgirls; The varsity girls also played in a dual against Lubbock Christian and Brownfield. They beat Lubbock Christian 26-24, 25-20 and 25-14. Joani Bell had 1 ace, 2 digs, 8 kills, 8 blocks. Katie Winn had a dig and 7 assists. Reyna Gallegos had 1 kill, 1 block, 2 aces and 5 digs. Desiraye Broome had 3 digs, 4 blocks, 6 kills, Lauren Hise had 1 block and 3 kills. Meghan Garcia had 2 aces and 10 digs. Regina Morales had 2 kills and 10 digs. Liz Perez had 5 assists and Kimber Williams had 1 assist. M'Leah Mckinzie had 1 dig and Heather Parrot had 3 blocks. The Cowgirls next fell to Brownfield 18-25, 22-25 and 23-25. Joani had 3 blocks and 7 kills, Katie had 2 digs and 8 assists, Reyna had 1 kill, 1 ace and 7 digs. Desiraye had 1 ace, 2 digs, 5 blocks and 6 kills. Lauren had 1 kill and 5 blocks, Kimber had 1 dig, 1 kill, 1 block. Liz had 9 assists, Meghan 13 digs, Regina had 20 digs, Heather Parrot 1 assist, 1 kill, 1 block, M'Leah had 1 dig.

Saturday the 14th ranked Cowgirls beat Lubbock Estacado 17-25, 25-18, 22-25 and 15-9. Joani had 1 block, 2 aces, 15 digs and 16 kills. Katie had 1 dig, 2 aces and 10 assists, Reyna had 1 ace and 20 digs, Desiraye had 1 block, 2 kills, 11 digs, Lauren had 2 digs, 2 kills and 6 blocks. Kimber Williams had 1 kill and 3 digs, Liz had 2 digs and 6 assists, Meghan had 1 kill and 14 digs, Regina had 10 digs, Hetaher had 2 digs and 2 assists, and M'Leah had 3 digs.

JV, Varsity have long, hard workouts



Rudy Gonzales gained yardage on this carry



A Cowboy is downed for a loss deep in their territory (At this point in the game camera problems arose again)

Sudan	Sudan	September 15	7:30pm
OPEN		September 22	
Springlake-Earth	Springlake-Earth	September 29	7:30pm
*Crosbyton	Plains	October 6	7:30pm
Seagraves	Plains	October 13	7:30pm
Sundown	Sundown	October 20	7:30pm
O'Donnell	Plains	October 27	7:30pm
**Morton	Plains	November 3	7:30pm
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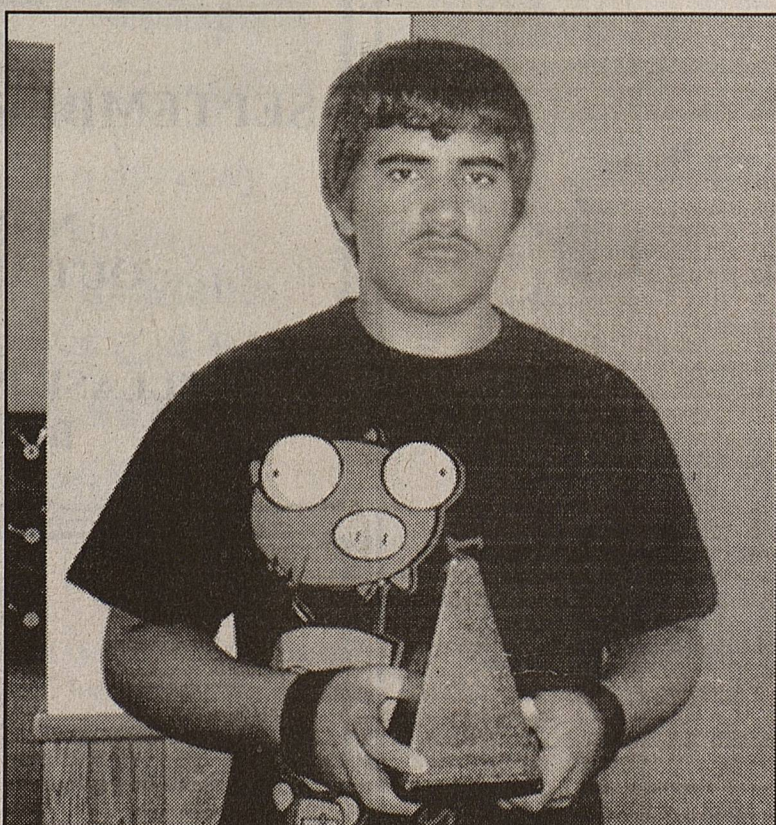
* Homecoming
** Parent's Night

The season is long, the season is tough. The young Cowboys can use your presence and support throughout the schedule!

Student of the Week



September 5 Student of the Week is Nancy Lozano, a senior and the daughter of Ignacio and Lorenza Lozano. She was nominated by Treon Ortega, who said, "A wise man once said, 'it is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action.' Nancy is someone who is not afraid to tackle the tough projects. If something needs to be done, she just does it. She isn't afraid to solicit help from others and has a way of elading people to accomplish great and mighty tasks. She is a joy to be around and has been a real asset to student council".



September 11 Student of the Week is Zachary Guerra, a sophomore and the son of Leticia Caballero. He was nominated by Brad Friesen, who said, "Zachary Guerra is a hard worker. He is on his way to become a leader and a wise man. He studies topics that will be presented in class so he can better understand the subject. He volunteers after school to help with student council and UIL activities. I hope he continues to pursue his pursuit of wisdom and leadership".

Our apologies to Coach Steven Bunch. WE LOST his Cross Country meet results! We will make it up next issue or I will run with the team. Maybe.

Lifelines & Styles

Art Club Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met September 5 in the Club Room with 12 members and two guests present. Pres. Betty Estep conducted a brief business meeting, and Liz Chandler was commended for her leadership in the recent art show. She devoted many hours and energy to make the show a success.

Lisa Gentry introduced guest artist for the evening Glenda Bertram, who demonstrated and explained jewelry making. Also an water colorist, she created a "Walk of Christ" bracelet for members and guests shared information on procedures, stone and wire used in her works.

Linda Powell and Pat Altman were co-hostesses for the evening.

It's A Girl!



Ryan Martinez and Laleinah Almager announce the birth of their daughter, Yenezah Apolonia Martinez. She was born at 2:29 PM August 25, 2006 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Yenezah was welcomed by grandparents Johnny and Esther Martinez of Plains, Ramon and Nordela Almager of Seagraves. Her great grandparents are Mary Alvarado of Plains, Adeliada Almager of Seminole, and Maria Ramirez of Canton.

Fun had by all at Storytime

First Storytime of the school year was held at 10 AM, September 6 at Yoakum County Library in Plains. The theme was teddy bears. Youngsters introduced themselves. The fingerplays 'Hands' and 'Teddy Bears' were introduced. Three books were read, we watched the film 'Small Bear Gets Lost' and 'Little Bear Gets Lost'. Everyone had a teddy bear coloring page and made a Winnie the Pooh bookmark to take home. Attending were Taryn Willis, Brie Willis, Delese Willis, Kendall Lowrey, Ellie Russell, Cason Russell, Trinity Wall, Asher Wall, Abigale McAdams, Elijah McAdams, Raven Harvey and Kiersen Harris. Storytime is every Wednesday at 10 AM at the library. 2,3 and 4 year olds are invited with their parents or caregivers. We hope you will join us.

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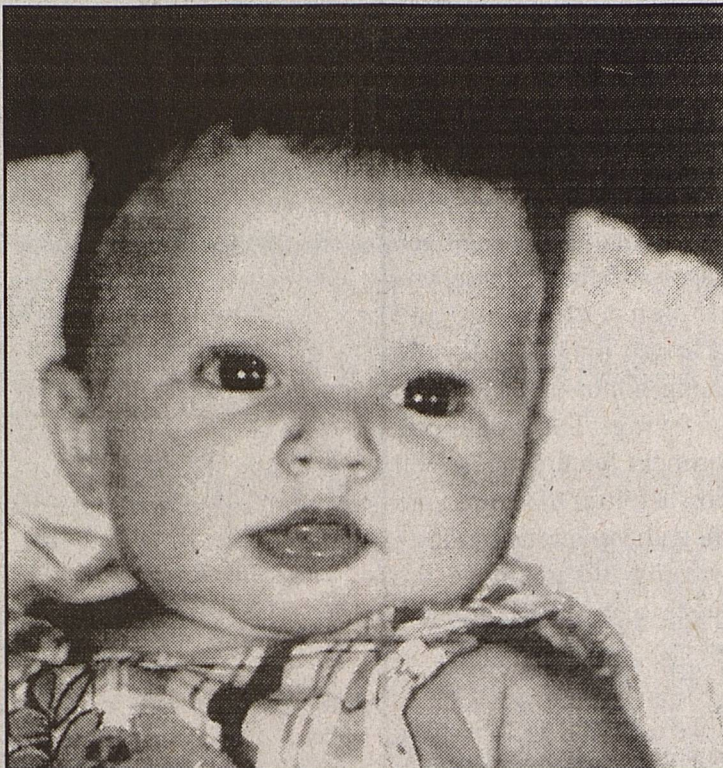
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program

back at library

The first INFORMATION PLEASE program of the new school year will be presented on Thursday, September 21 at 2 PM in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library. Brad McWhirter will share information about raising watermelons in Yoakum County. Anyone who is interested in the program is encouraged and invited to attend.

Grandparents Delight



Caleb and Shawna Cone proudly announce the birth of their son, Thomas Harrison. He was born at 10:14 PM July 6, 2006 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, and weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces. His proud grandparents are Tommy and Cindra Box of Plains, and Jim and Jane Cone of Lubbock.

ASU Honors for Allison Friesen

Thirty-nine high achieving freshmen have been named to the Honors Program at Angelo State University effective with the fall 2006 semester. 2006 PHS graduate Allison, daughter of Brad and Donna Friesen was recently named to the prestigious program effective this fall semester. Students are selected for the program based on references, SAT/ACT scores and a high school class rank in the top ten percent. The program is designed for academically exceptional students seeking an enriched educational program, who must take special courses and meet academic requirements to earn an honors degree.

Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the Center. I hope everyone is dry and well. The rain was wonderful, but I know the cotton farmers need sunshine now. The Watermelon Round Up was rained out in Plains and I was really sorry about that. That is one of the highlights of the year for our area.

Wednesday we had a going away celebration for Ann Holland. Quite a few of our seniors turned out to give Ann lots of hugs and wish her the best in her new home. We will miss her for all the work she had put in over the years, and also her smiling face and warm personality. Our celebration featured a beautiful cake and money tree for Ann. Our seniors were very generous in their gifts to Ann, and that speaks volumes on their love for this special lady. We will miss you, and our love and prayers go with you, Ann.

Another we are missing is Billy Ray Moore. He is going through quite an ordeal and we want to let he and Delores know we are praying for them.

If you come to the center and listen to the various conversations you will learn how much our seniors care for each other. We try to keep in touch and usually someone is there to fill us in on one another. There is definitely a spirit of love in the center.

If you are a senior in Plains or Denver City, please come and give us a try. You will be pleasantly surprised. It is especially beneficial to widows and widowers. It supplies friends and an opportunity to get out among other people, many who are in the same situation. Come to the center! Our meals are served at 11:30.

This week I will not ask you to pray for rain! Instead, pray for our troops and the leaders of our country.

See you at the center!!

*We are not interested in
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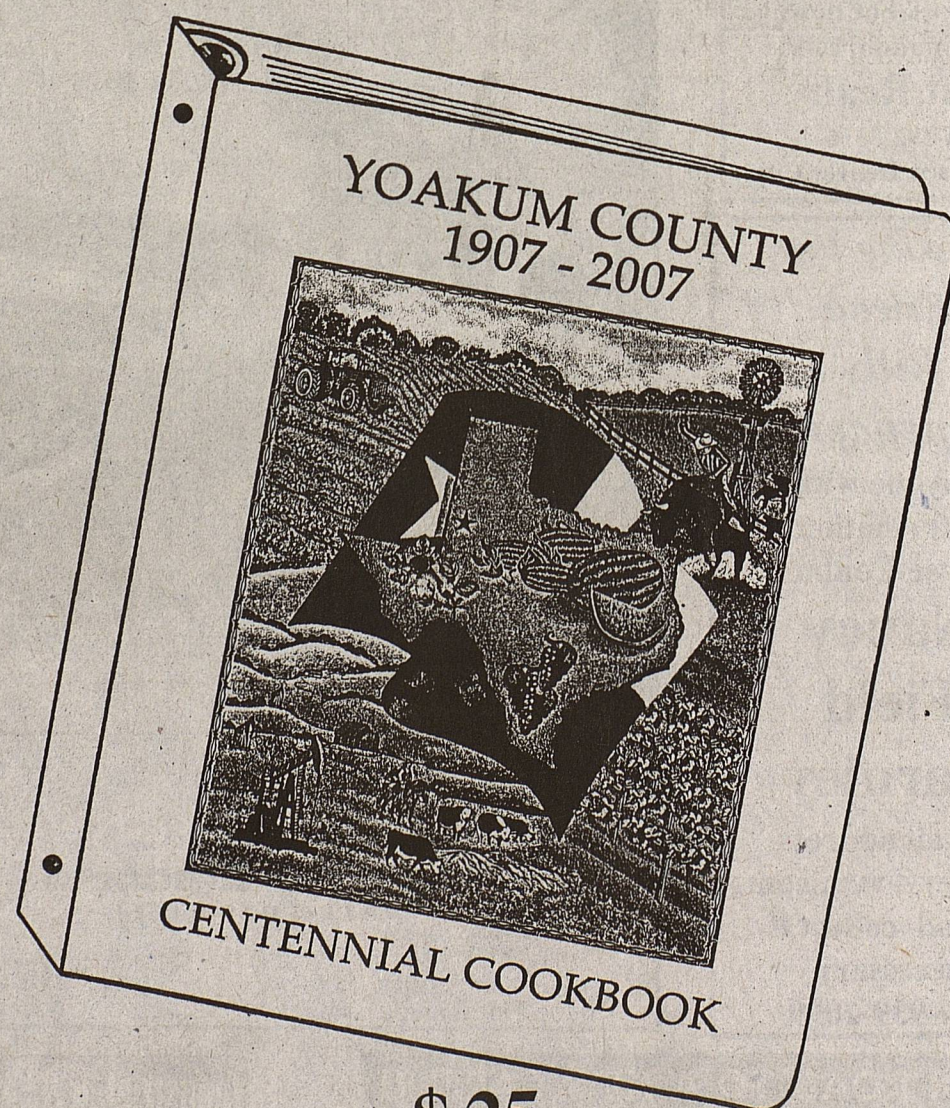
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From The Hack

I hope Tsu Mo Ga sells at least 27,459 of those Centennial Cookbooks. If they do, maybe I can quit touting them, even if they do feature 1,300 lip slobbering recipes. I already have more cookbooks than the two county libraries, and have yet to successfully transform one single recipe into something a stray dog or momma coyote with triplet sucking babies would choke down.

I have read all the gourmet stuff, but don't even slow down to look at the ones featuring French delights. I don't begin to understand their language, or their politics for that matter. Who gives a flip what Pate De Fois Gras is?

Just a few nauseating days ago I tried baking catfish (yes, yes I know, real Texans FRY fish!) and copied the recipe precisely. When the timer went off signaling the finned one was ready, I opened the oven door and non-enjoyed the sight and smell of something which should have been discarded in one of those slums in Brazil television loves to show, hopefully persuading you to send your dollars to 27,471,369 starving children and a few zillion more in Zambia.

To illustrate my mental deficiency in cooking skills, I read in the A-J September 6 issue about unbleached flour. New

one on me. All the flour I've ever seen was almost as white as my 97 year old grannies hair.

The same article referred with raves to something called 'buttery-tasting extra virgin cado oil from New Zealand, which is a mental mystery to me. I've always had problems comprehending extra virgin olive oil, now even avocados have acquired extra virginity! This could go too far, don't you know?

The AJ revelation ended with exquisite words of praise for a new California red wine. "This is a hearty mouthful with good balance and concentration, and dispalsy intense flavors of black cherry, smoked meat, black pepper and earth". *Honest!*

I spent quite awhile pondering these stirring attributes, and think I have finally, partially solved the linguistic puzzle; The guy writing this garbage took a big swig of the wine, and carefully, partially kept his mouth open in perfect balance as he attempted to gurgle out his description with mental concentration. I fairly well understand 'intense flavors of black cherry and blackberries'. As for the smoked meat, pepper and earth, that's fairly simple. The doofus taster was handed an over peppered chunk of barbecue brisket, which he clumsily dropped into a pile of dirt.

A true connoisseur, he retrieved and chomped away on it as he gurgled the wine down. Simple.

Fortunately, I even have one cookbook explaining the correct method of opening a can of Spam. Which I treasure. I have it fairly well mastered.

A man and his blonde wife were asleep when the phone rang at 2 am. She answered it, and said, "How should I know, we live 200 miles from there". The man asked who called. She said, "I don't know, some dumb woman wanting to know if the coast was clear."

Tried a fancy, new supermarket in Lubbock last week. An automatic water mister keeps the produce fresh and just before it goes on you hear the sound of thunder and sound of distant rain. When you near the milk cases you hear cows mooing and smell the scent of fresh hay. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens clucking and cackling, and smell the pleasing aoma of bacon and eggs frying. The vegetable department features the smell of fresh buttered corn and fresh gathered green onions.

I simply did not have the courage to buy toilet paper there.

A blonde bragged about how she knew all the state capitals. "Go ahead, ask me, I know them all." A friend asked, "What's the capital of Wisconsin?" She replied, "Oh, that's easy! W."

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, September 28, 2006 for the PURCHASE OR OPTION TO LEASE PURCHASE of Laparoscopic Equipment for the Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Monday October 2, 2006.

For a bid list or for more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE YOAKUM COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Yoakum County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 19, 2006 at 2:00 PM in the office of the Yoakum County Appraisal District.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

Total amount of the 2007 appraisal budget is 285,944.

The total amount of decrease from the 2006 appraisal budget is \$242.

The total number of employees compensated in the 2007 budget will be 2 full-time employees.

The total number of employees under the current budget is 2 full-time employees.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

By final approval by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, the budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, water district, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the budget is available for inspection in the office of each of the governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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