# Cowboy Country News 

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## Agricultural water conservation spotlighted in Lubbock meeting

Well over 100 area agricultural producers, water district repre sentatives and state government officials at a February 10 meeting in Lubbock agreed on the need for a concerted effort to conserve the vital assets of the Ogallala Aquifer - groundwater for Southern and High Plains.
A brainchild of State Senator Robert Duncan, and aptly named the Agricultural Water Conservation Demonstration Initiative, the senator said, " This can't be a government program to be successful. It needs to be your program." Attending the meeting representing Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation Dis trict were Board President David Turnbough and Consultant Gary Walker. Walker explained in the last legislative session Senate Bill 1053 passed and freed up more money for ag water conser-
vation research, much of it on producers lands, and overseen by the Texas Water Development Board. "Senator Duncan pointed out possible conservation steps are different from one producer to the next, because of the great diversity of irrigated crops grown in this part of the state.
Senator Duncan wants producers in each county using Ogallala water to form county committees to gather conservation ideas appropraite for the majority of growers. County wide programs, similar to the very successful Boll Weevil Eradication Districts could effectively determine each areas use of groundwater, and

- how it could be conserved.

A state water board official told the audience currently almos sixty percent of all water used in the state is used in agriculture.He warned if strong conservation practices are not put in place now, current irrigation usage cannot long continue. Gary Walker told CCN, " We know the level of the Ogallala Aquifer is falling We've got to get our local people, our producers involved in initiating conservation programs. If we don't. the aquifer will continue to decline and the decline will escalate.
During the meeting more efficient center pivot and drip irrigation projects were discussed. A number of producers indicated they were very interested in drip irrigation systems, but the costivity of the systems prevented many growers from utilizing the underground method of irrigating
Duncan stressed local water boards, government agencies and producers must work together, and the success of any conservation program will occur only when the aquifer level stops falling.

Plains ISD faces new UIL alignments The Plains School District will havesome new district compe tition in sports and other UIL events, and thankfully, will not have any great distances to travel compared to the alignments of just a few years ago. District 6 Football: ( numbers by towns indicates high school enrollment )
Plains - 156
Morton - 167
O'Donnell - 118
Smyer - 113
Sundown - 162
Whiteface - 144
District 4 Basketball
Plains
Anton
Morton
Smyer
Sundown
District 4 Baseball:
Plains
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New Home
Smyer
Whiteface
District 4 UIL Spring Meet and Cross Country:
Plains
Bovin
Springlake-Earth
Farwell
Hart
Kress
Smyer
Sudan
Sundown
Whiteface

## Ribbon cutting at The Learning Center,



Judy London and Director Kathy Clark wield the scissors in ribbon cutting ceremony last week at Denver City's Learning Center. The event was oreaized by the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and attended by the Red Coat Ambassadors.
The recently refurbished and re-supplied Learn- ing remarks, Director Kathy Clark recognized the ing Center in the old Denver City Elementary efforts of Judy London which made acquiring building was jam packed last Thursday evening the technology equipment possible. "Judy as with students, supporters and well wishers, cel- sisted in preparing a grant request for Work ebrating the opening of the campus building now Source of the South Plains staff. We had hoped crammed with brand new computers, software to possibly raise funding for about $\$ 5000$ of and all types of high-tech gadgetry. In welcom- equipment. Turn to page 3, Learning Center


Last Thursday and Friday's brief snow showers gave the city and surroundings the wintry look of a Christmas card scene. While the possible two inches of snow did produce some badly needed moisture, ag producers could have used much more. The snow was mostly melted by Saturday afternoon.

## City calls for Special Election

The City Council for the City of Plains has passed an ordinance calling for a Special Election to be held in the City. The Special Election is called for the purpose of submitting to all qualified voters of the City of Plains the opportunity to vote for or against the following measure:
"The adoption of a sales and use tax within the City for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of $1 / 2$ of one percent."
The Special Election will be conducted on MAY 15, 2004, and will be combined with the General Election for municipal officers to be conducted on that date. Both elections will be held in City of Plains City Hall, located at 10
Plains, Texas.
City Administrator Ed Hansen told CCN the current state and city sales and use tax totals 7.25 percent, with the City getting one percent of that total. In the last fiscal year period, October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, the City of Plains received about $\$ 35,000$ from the one
public safety facilities, or any project the corporation board determines will promote development of an expanded business enterprise.
Under 4A corporation rules, the city council would appoint a five member board of directors with a term of office not to exceed six years. Under 4B exceed six years. Under 4B
rules, the council would aprules, the council would appoint seven directors, three of which may not be city employees or council members. The other four members may be, but are not required to be council members or employees. If local voters approve the tax increase, it would become effective one complete calendar quarter from the date the State Comptroller office receives notice of voters approval. In the regular meeting of the City Council February 9, Council member Christi Brink moved to form an economic development committee to further explore the issue. Appointed members of the committee include Sonnie Stevens, Elsa Moya Debbie Smith Toni Jones, and Council member Jones, and Council member Steven Alldredge.

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To the VOTERS of Precinct 3: As I begin my fourth year as a member of Yoakum County Commissioners Court, I would like to thank all of my supporters for placing their trust in me.
This has been an exciting time in my life and $I$ am working with some very dedicated and sincere county personnel. During these last three years, a number of improvements have been made:

* New bath house was constructed for Plains Swimming Pool. * Miles of roads have been updated and more are planned. *Several streets in Denver City have been re-constructed afte curbs and gutters have been installed.
* New press box for Plains Rodeo Arena was installed. * Improvements were made to Stock Show Barns. * Exercise trail and play equipment built for Stanford Park in Plains.
* Cooperated with Plains and Denver City in their clean up efforts.
I look forward to achieving more goals with my excellent, efficient and hard working employees in the years to come Therefore, your support and consideration are necessary in the March 9th Primary election. My name is in the number three spot on the ballot. Early voting begins February 23rd at the
Courthouse Clerk's office in Plains and the County Tax Courthouse Clerk's office in Plains and the County Tax Assessor's office in Denver City. March 9th Primary voting will take place at the County Library in Denver City. Again, I need and THANK YOU for your continued support.

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## JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of $\$ 500$.
cases heard and bonds set in Two cases - motion to revoke cases heard and bonds set in
Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, probation, held until hearing. Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court,
Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.
Cases filed: 150 traffic, 4 minors in possession of alcohol, 4 open containers alcohol in vehicle, 6 complaints by Yoakum County Sanitarian. Bonds Set:
Four possession of marijuana, Four p
$\$ 500$.
Contempt of court/non-pay ment child support ( Tarrant County) $\$ 1200$ cash bond.
Unlawfully carrying weapon, $\$ 1000$.
Abandoning a child, $\$ 7,500$. Evading arrest/detention with vehicle, held for Border Patrol. Driving while license suspended, $\$ 500$.
DWI with child under 15 years of age, $\$ 3000$.
DWI, 2nd, $\$ 1500$ plus inter DWI,
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Our veterans VASecret Anthony Principi Our vetera deserve the best has 30 days to review the proquality if it is not as readily accessible Kerrville have been recomas it is in Big Spring? If Secre- mended for complete campus tary Principi agrees with the realignment. plan to go forward, I firmly believe the study will be an op-



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 unique opportunity to learn currently 22 schools and over about insects and their relatives 1,150 students have registered as the Entomological Society of to attend the event.America holds an Insect Expo- For more information, or to sition as part of its first meet- register your students (public, sition as part of its first meet- register your students (public,
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The Southwestern Branch of The Branch of Each school group is scheduled the Entomological Society of to spend three hours at the InAmerica will conduct the Insect sect Expo. Schools will begin Exposition at the Panhandle arriving at 9:00 am., and the last South Plains Fair Grounds in ones will arrive at noon and the Commercial Exhibits depart by 3:00 pm. Building, February 23, 2004. A donation of $\$ 1.00$ per student This year's Insect Expo is open is suggested but not required.

## More Learning Center Photos

The more she talked to Work almost a dozen more comput- from the two communities now Source people, the more inter- ers with student headphones for have members receiving some ested they became, and with ad- learning instructions type instruction at the Center. ditional help from the D.C. The family literacy program Many of the Plains students School District, Commission- has been active in Denver City ride the Spartan public transers Court, the United Fund and more than 12 years. The Cen- portation bus to the Center, and Regior 17 Adult Cooperative, ter is staffed by four instructors many of the women take their we ended up receiving almost plus an evening instructor. young children along, where $\$ 140$ thousand worth of equip- Families from Plains and Den- they are provided supervised ment and connectivity assis- ver City are encouraged to par- care by the Center staff. tance!" ticipate in a number of learn- The new computers in the spaThe Learning Center Lab on ing options; Earning a GED, the south end of the building English as a Second Language; has over two dozen brand new Citizenship, Adult Education, computers for student use. An- skilled Parenting,, and various other learning room features life skills. Some 108 families Internet and e-mail.


The Learning Center Computer Lab, being checked out by Instructor Linda Harris. Another half dozen or more computers are not shown in this photo. The Computer Lab equipment is available to the public when the Learning Center is open for business.


This is another class room equipped with new computers for use by family member students pursuing one or more educational goals. Note encouraging signs on walls.

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While this old photo did not scan too well, it does depict what was spparently an epic event racing down the hill by racing down the hill by
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tace ers shown left to right ers shown left to right
are Gayle and Ron Craft, Jack and Brad Palmer, the late 'Smoke' Palmer, the late 'Smoke'
and Kenny Altman, and and unidentified lady and her driver.


## Criminal

 cases in County Court Marcos Herrera Hermandez pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury to family member. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined $\$ 500$, must pay $\$ 211$ court costs. $\$ 200$ appointed attorney fees and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He must complete the batterers prevention program, attend weekly AA meetings, and pay $\$ 50$ supervision fee. Bill Helwig was his attorney and SheriffDeputy Kenley Powy and Sherfidepuy Kenley Powell was investigating officer.
VeronicaAlcorta Torres pled guilty to deadly conduct. A 90 day jail to deady conduct. A sentence was suspended and probated 12 months: She must pay $\$ 200$ appointed attomey fees, $\$ 255$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. She must complete the ' For Kids Sake' program, and serve 50 hours community service. Sheriff Deputy Namcy Baize was inves tigating officer, and Paul Mansur was her atomey.
Alejandro Nunez Gonzales pled guilty tomarijuana possession less than two ounces. He was fined
$\$ 500$ and must pay $\$ 211$ court
costs, and surrender his license 180

days. Carmen Medrano, DPS, was investigating officer.
David Jay Davila pled guitly to a second DWI, b.t. .133/.128.A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined $\$ 600$, must pay $\$ 226$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He must attend weekly AA meetings, serve 80 hours community service, complete the repeat offenders DWI program, the TAIP program, and surrender his license 90 days. Barry Crutchfield was his atorney, and Robert Smith, DPS, was investigating officer.
Dorsie Charles Burse Jr. pled suilty to second DWI, open container, b.t. 161/.151. He was fined $\$ 750$, must pay $\$ 226$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He will serve 10 days in jail with credit for ne day, atend weekly AA meetings, complete the repeat offender WI program,pay $\$ 50$ monthly supervision fees, surrender his license 90 days, and complete the TAIP program. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS, and Barry Crutchfield was his attomey

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## PISD Sports Capsule

Jr. High Girls
Both the 7th and 8th Lady Wranglers had great seasons. The 7th girls had 10 wins and 6 losses, and were 6 and 4 in district play. The 8th Lady Wranglers were even more impressive, going 15 and 2 in the season, and won all ten of their district games to claim the district championship. Congratulations to both teams. 7th Boys: The young Wranglers ended their season in grand fashion by defeating Smyer 38-24. Halfway through the third period it was a tied game. Scoring were Zack Ramon with 12, Chris Addison 11, A.J. Martinez 10, Derek Garza 5. Coach Davis said, "After Chris Gonzales broke his arm during our tournament I was concerned how the team would respond. He was our leading scorer. They esponded admirably, with three consecutive wins for a 11 and 5 season and second place in district play." Season scoring records included Gonzales and Addison tied with 114 each, Martinez 65, Ramon 63, Garza 43, Skylar Sainz 32, Dylan Hunter 18, Holden Welch 5. They outscored opponents 454-383. JV Cowboys: The Cowboys downed Smyer on the road 41-19. Coach Brink said the Cowboy press led to their out scoring the Bobcats 21-3 the 4th period. Scott Addison and T.J. Cordova led scoring with 10 points each, B.J. Lester and Todd Williams had 6 each, Landon Craft 4, Blake Parrish 3, Michael Therwhanger

Varsity Cowgirls: The Cowgirls were downed by Smyer 70-26 in their season finale. Coach Thaggard credited the girls hard work and dedication resulting in a season which was an improvement over last year. She expressed her appreciation to the senior team members for their leadership, and is looking forward to next year, hopeing for further improvements.
Varsity Cowboys: The Cowboys earlier had defeated Smyer, but in the second meeting there they fell 56-36. Coach Davis said cold shooting throughout the game spelled their doom. Zach Broome managed 11 points, Richard Diaz 9, Evan Cain 7, Brandon Hise 4, Kerry Sisson 3, Brandon Davis 2.


Plains High School
Students Are Conservation Essay Winners

Each year, the Yoakum Soil \& Water Conservation District is proud to sponsor the Conservation Essay contest for area students age 18 and under. This year's theme was The Living Soil.
The 2004 Conservation Essay winners from left to right are Klace; LaShonda Diamond (Senior) - 2nd place; and Kristian Morales (Junior) - 3rd place. Also pictured is Melisa Dorsett, Plains High School English teacher, who made the writing of the conservation essay a graded assignment for her students Kerry and LaShonda and who also took the time and

interest to review Kristian's es- judging the essays. say, who is in another English Yoakum SWCD Chairman class. These students will be Don Burgess says, "Our thanks presented a $\$ 100, \$ 50$ and $\$ 25$ again to those teachers, admindollar savings bond from the istrators, parents and students Yoakum SWCD for their winning efforts. Conservation Essay Contest. Thanks also to Mr. Bill Mock, The three winning essays demDenver City Science teacher onstrated a positive under
Tech Prep Job Shadowing


Nine Plains High juniors par- Aldo Fierro, Prisma Ortiz and a cosmetologist in Lubbock. ticipated in the annual Ground- Jesenia Suarez shadowed a vet- Front, L-R, Jesenia Suarez, hog Day Job Shadowing Event erinarian in Lamesa; Scott Prisma Ortiz, Micaela Villegas, sponsored by South Plains Bruton shadowed a pilot in Daniela Lazos. Back, Scott College Tech Prep on February Levelland; Breck Hamm, Bran- Bruton, Brant Huerta, Breck 4. These students were allowed don Hise, Brant Huerta and Hamm, Aldo Fierro, Brandon to follow professionals through Daniela Lazos shadowed medi- Hise. the day to learn what that pro- cal professionals in Lubbock, fessional does on a daily basis.

GOCOWBOYS and COWGIRLS


February 24: Grades 487 -Writing Test February 24: Grade 9 -Reading February 24: Grade 9 - Reading February 24: Grades $10-11$ - English Language Arts
March 3: Grade 3-Reading


## English - Summary

Parents, have your student read an article in the newspaper or a magazine. Ask your student to summarize the article for you. A summary tells the beginning, middle and the end of an article's main points.

## Test Taking Tip:

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## Student

 of the WeekStudent of the Week is Landon Craft, a freshman and the son of Ron and Sandy Craft. He was nominated by Mrs. 'Lusk, who said, " He is a strong who said, He is a strong leader in and out of the class-
room who sets very high stanroom who sets very high stan-
dards and goals for himself and those around him. He is not afraid to ask questions, and uses his time wisely. He not only wants to know how to work a problem, he has a thirst for knowledge allowing him to creative is hard working and completely understand a con- succeed."
 Moray Clark, Melba Gayle, and Jean Sparks for the valentine decorations in the dining room that make us aware of the holiday this week. We also appreciate Lane and Harley taking care of the announcements as well as Ken White and Moray Clark being responsible for the check in desk the past two weeks.
Melba Gayle and Wanda Black have been busily cleaning out the miscellaneous supply cabinets in the office this week. We hear the shredder grinding away and things are shaping up
nicely. Thanks, ladies. This efnicely. Thanks, ladies. This effort kicks off a thorough cleaning campaign throughout the adjoining rooms and supply closets. Monday (Feb 16) is DDay! Please come in early and help the Site Council ladies with this tremendous task. Men are also needed to help with lifting and moving boxes. As we start organizing for another garage sale, you are encouraged to bring items that you no longer use. We will keep a record of your contribution of articles, excluding clothing, worth over $\$ 5$. Please contact someone in the office when you bring them in. You will be given a receipt if you need one. There will also be a record kept of the sale of each item. Reports came in from a successful senior van excursion to Hobbs this week. The group reported visiting Walmart and the Dollar Tree then proceeded to Furrs where everyone enjoyed a lovely meal, and they were back in Denver City by
 Pains, Texcs

Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Program 6:00 P.M. Was your New Year's resosing
tion something about losing weight? You may want to try whis. <rs. Smith went to her doctor for instructions on how to lose weight. The doctor told her, "You eat all you want for two days, then skip the whole third day. Continue this for three weeks and come back. You should lose at least five pounds." Three weeks later Mrs. Smith weighed in at thirty pounds less than before. When the doctor asked how she had managed to lose so much, she replied, "I did what you said. I ate for two days but I got really tired every third day when I skipped all day.
Thought for Today: You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stopped laughing.

## Local Runs For <br> Miss Lubbock



Ashley Brooke Vantine daughter of John and Lori Matus, Granddaughter of Jeannette and Jerome Head is a contestant in the Miss Lubbock USA Pageant. Ashley is an 18 year old senior at Plains High School. She is vice president of the student council, captain of the cross country team, a member of the basketball and track teams and this years reigning Plains Rodeo Queen. She was also a member of One Act Play, winning an individual award at district. She is a very active singer, winning many awards in the surrounding area. She is a graduate of Robert Speance and Barbizon modeling schools. Ashley's goals after high school are Barbizon modeling schools. Ashley's goals after high school are
to pursue her singing/modeling careers. Ashley has two sisters to pursue her singing/nodeling careers. Astley has two sister Shyann, an 11 year old at Plains Jr. High and Sharla a 20 year old serving in the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. Ashley is entering the Miss Lubbock pageant to reach a bigger audience and broaden her horizons. Anyone interested in helping her active goal in becoming the next Miss Lubbock USA, please call 592-1528.

## That's right,

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What about? Last Friday nigh, we experienced a wonder-
fuld dining experience in 4. dining experience in
Seagraves,
Texas. Texas!
Everyone know's shat Mark Harper is back as the Chef and operator of the Historic Cherry Blossom Inn. (I think
Iheard he was ono Iheard he was one of the original chef's when it reopened several years ago.)
Beth and I and Dorothy Cox Beth and I and Dorothy Cox went
down to experience the Friday nigh down to experience the Friday night
buffet. I had spoke with Mark couple of occasions and heard all the grand things he had hoped to accomplish, but never expected this. The fish was very, very tender AND great. It was hot and brought directly to our table. Of course, it being "all you
can eat" we all brought aneaty you can eal" we all brought a hearty appe-
tite. When they said for thre of us they tite. When they said for three of us they
brought out only 6 pieces the fiss time, brought out only 6 pieces the first time,
I thought that was ajoke Ihought that was a joke
six pieces, but we neverer needed more! It was delicious!
AND they brought out shrimp with it. Of course, again they limited us to only one plate of shrimp. I was heart broken, but never needed more either! The only thing we got from the buffet
were red beans, salad, coleslaw, and
chicken soup. (Yeah, I know, CHICKEN SOUP! YUK The chicken soup though was a won-
der to eat It had the f filest tovar der to eat. It thad the fullest flavor I hay
ever had and noodes were great. ever had and noodeses were great. ing, but was very delicious. I I really enioyed my bowl of them.
The coleslaw sul The coleslaw wure wasn't the Colonel's
either. This had suff in it than either. This had suff in it that I had
never seen mixed such as this bud never seen mixed such as this, but
flavor was out of this wordd flavor was out of this word!
Oh, yes, the hushpuppies were not the huge, round and totoally wonderfu!! AND on top of all this, they brought out this huge tray of tempting deserts. It looked like something from deaserts. or a fancy ylace in Lubbock! I didn't remember what I got, but it was great
too! So, think about it, when Valentine's Day comes around next Friday night
and you need a place to show ff' for and you need a place to ' 'show off' 'or
the wife or 5 spusse, be sure to rememthe wife or spouse., be sure ot remem-
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## TSA MO GA Club <br> Fetes 2004 Seniors

Retired Plains High School and nothing but our country track coach and teacher Evertt And by the blessing of God McAdams addressed the Class may that country itself become of 2004 at a senior dinner a fast and splendid monument, hosted by TSA MO GA club members February 9 for its "LEADS, Accepting the Challenge" program.
Accompanied by his wife Estelle and his mother, Mrs. Lucy McAdams, a federation club member from Odessa, McAdams praised TSA MO GA members and other federation clubs for their work in the world.
"Your work is known nationally and God has used you to do many things," McAdams said. "In doing that work you unite, and when you do, all things can become a reality." McAdams tied that work into being part of a team and giving of yourself for your teammates. He also stressed the importance of being a good American citizen and allowing God to be the center of that goal.
"God was important to early leaders. The people who set up our country believed in God. Those men believed like I feel most Americans feel, God plays a part in each of our lives," he a part.
said.
McAdams said that the words of Daniel Webster, U.S. Senator from 1827-1850, fits America: "Let our objective be
our country, our whole country,

## Connection Officers Elected

Yoakum County Connection met for its regular meeting on Feb ruary 9 at $6: 00$ pm., at the Connection Building. A note of thanks from Plains Band Director Georgannn Weisgerber was read. The PHS Ensemble played for the annual meeting in January. Elsa Moya read the minutes and was re-elected as Secretary for the group. Other officers elected included Ed Hansen as Chairman, Sue Holder as V-Chairman and Treasurer Esme Salas. L.J. Sanders will continue as Assistant Treasurer. There are currently 37 paid memberships from individuals or businesses. Dues will be paid for Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts and Texas Accounts and Lawyers for the Arts. Melvin Dearing was appointed to the board and honorary directors elected include Sanders, Janie Ramos, Bill Helwig, Debbie Pollard, Dallas Brewer, Connie Webb, Debbie Rushing, Carolyn Culwell, Dennis Harrison, Jeannette Head, Linda Powell and Pam Burgess. Outgoing Chair LeAnn Romines reported that the DCHS Art Show will be in May this year. It was announced the Plains Chamber of Commerce banquet is February 20 and Denver City Chamber of Commerce has their banquet on February 23

Wedding Shower, honoung
Mrs. Toni Marrous Bride of Lance Marrow Saturday, February 21, 2004, 10:00-11:30 cm in the home of, Mrs. Irankie Walker, 5044 4th Street Selections: Sublock: Target, Plains: Image 'n That, Bayer Sumber Gmys are inuited!

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## From The Hack

OK , time to raise the ire of some of our blonde lady friends; A young blonde owned two pet dogs which she had named 'Timex' and 'Rolex'. A female friend saw the dogs the first time and inquired, " Why in the world you name them Timex and Rolex? Those aren't dog names
The dog owner pouted a bit The dog owner pouted a bit and said, "Helllooo, haven't
you heard of WATCH dogs?"

Wednesday, February 11, just minutes into the 6 PM afternoon news, I began to hear the sound, and it gradually grew louder, quickly drowning out the audio of Channel 13's afternoon news broadcast. I could tell the sound was moving closer, deeper by the minute. I knew what it had to be, we hear it virtually every week, the sound of F-16 Air Force fighter jets stationed at Canon Air Force Base, Clovis New Mexico, maneuvering against one another in the art of deadly air combat. The sound always excites me... the sound of a combat aircraft and pilot training to wage war against those dedicated to attacking and destroying us is a truly comforting sound to me. I rushed outside, binoculars in hand as always (The jets fly so high normally the naked eye can't spot them), and miraculously, when I looked a bit southwest, I saw, remarkably low, remarkably distinct, TWO F-16's taking evasive action against $T W O$ pursuing $\mathrm{F}-16$ 's! This was my first and only time to see FOUR F-16's in the air, and it was a day I shall long remember!! Way To Go, USA!


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Because of our standing Tuesday noon print schedule, we will be unable to report or comment on the run - off election for the District 31 State Senator. I did attend a brief stop candidate Kel Seliger made here at the courthouse last week, along with a dozen or so the man had to say, and the the man had to say, and the manner in which he said it. Of
course, it didn't make much course, it didn't make much
difference whether I liked it or not, since I'd already put my X by his name in early voting. I certainly liked how he came across better than what I had read in a couple of out of town newspapers about past antics of his oilman opponent Kirk Edwards. He has apparently been involved in dealings more odorous than the oil patch itself.... of course those making their fame and fortune in the patch will tell you, "Smells like mey to me.
I hope you were fortunate enough to read Burle Petitt's column in the Sunday Lubbock A-J. Yes, it centered on some small town ten year old boys temporary cruelty to an animal, namely administering turpentine to a tomcats bottom, and the grief the young lads suffered when the cat went beserk and seriously fouled one of the boys parents house, the interio of which had just been freshly painted. No, I do NOT condone cruelty to any animal. It did, unfortunately, remind me of
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## Grand Entry


imilar incident I was semi-involved in long ago when about that same age. One summer afternoon in Eden, where
I was staying with my grandparents, three other guys a couple years older and I were lazing around under a big live oak tree, bored to tears, when a big tom cat belonging to neighbor haughtily strolled by One of the guys started petting the cat, and another one said, "I got a cousin in Mason, he told me he and some guys gave this old cat an enema. Said it was really spectacular, 'cept the old cat didn't appreciate it too much." Well, they continued to talk about the spectacular sight, and I noticed they were all staring at me. The oldest guy said, " Gary, your grandparents are in town... why don't you go inside and bring us you grandmaw's hot water bottle with the nozzle thing. I bet we can give this cat an enema! All three of them excitedly begged me to get the thing, and since I was the youngest, and probably eager to please, I got the bottle, and it was already pretty full.
Now, let me tell you, if you Now, let me tell you, if you should ever decide to give your cat, any cat, an enema, make
double sure there are at least double sure there are at least
three accomplices to assist. You three accomplices to assist. You need one to hold the beasts front legs (and claws) another for the hind legs, one to tightly hold its head full of sharp teeth, and of course, one to administer the, uh, nozzle thing. Being the youngest and dumbBeing the youngest and dumb-
est, I was assigned the cats

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS
AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
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INGRAM, DECEASED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LYNN ROBINSON INGRAM, Deceased, were issued on February 12, 2004, in Case No. 1447, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to DONN L. County, Texas, to DONNL.
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such letters. such letters.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are hereby required to presen them to my attorney, Samuel J. Hawthorne, at the address given below, before suit on same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time otherwise prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, 79410.

Dated February 12, 2004
BY:
DONN L. INGRAM,

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## Massey Ferguson

 Kubota Bush Hog Shredders, Lilliston Rolling Cultivators, Lorenz \& Buffalo Cultivators, Baker Disc \& Switch Plows, Spray Coupe, Wilmar Sprayer Brownfield, Tx. 806-637-4569head, which was definitely a poor excuse for fun. When the writhing, yowling through my fingers cat was judged properly pumped full by the chief ad ministrator, he panted, "OK, when I count three, let him go, and run like HELL!"
Before he could even start the word three, I was half a block away, the stupid cat somehow managing to sink its teeth in my hand. As I sped along, I was amazed to see the old tomcat whizz by me like a bullet, yowling insanely in rage, and he looked like a small version of one of those jet powered race boats, leaving a dramatic
ooster tail of water behind The three older guys were rolling on the round laughing, but mirth abruptly ended when we saw my granparents car enter the drive
$I$ admit, it must have been a bit of a puzzle to granny, as she studied the stupid looking kid holding the incriminating water bottle, but her focus and my grandad's soon shifted to ME. Yes, I had great difficulty explaining to the two adults how four kids had scientifically determined the cat needed, for its healths sake, an internal cleansing. I can truthfully vouch for
this... I never, ever, saw that
particular hot water bottle in the house again.

His men at attention, the drill instructor yelled, " All right, all you dummies fall out!" As the rest of the recruits walked away, one man stayed. The D.I. walked to him, and eye to eye he raised one eyebrow at the recruit, who smiled and said, Sure was a bunch of them, huh, sir?"

A young girls asked dad if all fairy tales started with the words, "Once upon a time."
No, he said, "A whole bunch begin with ' if elected, I promise..'

## JURY SELECTION LIST FOR THE $121^{\text {ST }}$ DISTRICT COURT

 ON FEBRLARY 25, 2004 AT 9:00 A.M.A pett Jary selection will be held for the 121" District Court on Finruary 25, 2007 at $9: 001$ a.m. in the Courtro
are asked to appear:

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JOEY TRINIDAD
MELINDA HALL HUNNICUTT
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