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## And They're Off! not too far off for Hobbs racetrack

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A large contingent of New Mexico notables were on hand at the recent ground breaking ceremonies at Zia Park, home of the long planned horse racing track and gambling casino. According to Lovington Leader officials, it was announced at the ceremonies the casino will have its slot machines ringing with action sometime this year, and the planned first 53 day racing event will be held sometime in the Fall of 2005.

The announcement was a long,

frustrating time coming for the group of horsemen who finally won out in the bid for the racing license approval. The leader of the group and also owner of the Ruidoso Downs track, R.D. Hubbard, attended the ceremonies, along with other Hobbs officials and business leaders, and county and state lawmakers.

The track and casino site is off the Hobbs to Lovington highway, on Millen Street, just south of the Lea County Event Center, which is on the edge of

the New Mexico Junior College campus.

One official at the ground breaking event was reported saying, "This is the most exciting day for Lea County since oil was discovered here all those years ago!"

Hobbs officials and business leaders expect the complex to result in many new business opportunities, and is expected to draw much support, and dollars, from neighboring West Texas.

## Criminal cases in County Court

Five criminal cases were heard in the March 10 session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Victor Manuel Herrera Jr. pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. .120/.133. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend six days in jail with credit for two days, serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Enrique Martinez was his attorney, and DPS Trooper Carmen Medrano was investigating officer.

Serafin Tovar Lopez pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. 212/202. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. His fine was \$600, he must pay \$326 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 15 hours, serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Trooper

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## Western Peanut Growers Annual Meeting Slated

Western Peanut Growers Association will host their Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at the Gaines County Civic Center, 402 NW 5th Street, Seminole, Texas. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 AM followed by the program of activities. All members are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

Guest Speaker Mike McLeod, a Washington, D.C. Attorney, will be giving a Washington update and discussing future challenges involving the peanut program. Dee Dee Darden, Chairman of the National Peanut Board, will give a presentation on the National Board's activities.

Jay Yates, Extension Program Risk Management Specialist, will present a program entitled The Peanut Market Outlook. The presentation will show the relationship of the National Posted Price and the Marketing Year Average Price with regards to what is currently happening in the market and how it ties in with CCP and the new farm program.

Business to be conducted will include reading of the minutes, a financial report, a research farm update, and an election to fill four expiring director terms. Members are encouraged to invite new peanut producers and friends of the industry.

## Commissioners approve Physicians contracts

In the March 15 session of Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor reviewed a two year contract with four Doctors serving patients at the West Texas Medical Center in Denver City and the Plains Family Clinic. The contracts also covered two PA's at the Denver City Clinic and P.A. Jo Lena Wall at the local clinic. Part of the contract insured at least one physician would be on call at the hospital emergency room,

24 hours a day, seven days a week. The contract approved some \$ 920,000 in salaries for the two year period, already budgeted from open funds of the hospital and two clinics. He reported the Hospital Board had already approved the contract, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the request. Clay also reviewed recent bid proposals for the purchase of an Ultrasound machine

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## Two draw Department of Criminal Justice time

In the March 9 session of District Court, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, a first degree felony and a state jail felony sentence were given two defendants.

Tomas Alarcon Calvillo pled guilty to delivery of more than 50 pounds marijuana in a drug free zone, first degree felony enhanced. He was sentenced to serve 10 years in the Department of Criminal Justice Institutional division, with credit for 200 days served. He must pay \$298 court costs, \$2,500 fine and \$140 restitution to Texas DPS Lab, and forfeit a 1994 Ford Aerostar Van. Warren New served as his attorney, and Antonio DeLa Cruz, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force was investigating officer.

David Antonio Chavarra pled guilty to burglary of a building, a state jail felony. He was sentenced to two years in the state jail division with credit for 314 days served. He must pay \$343 court costs and was fined \$1000. He must testify truthfully and fully against Jose Juarez and all co-defendants. Patricia Valdez, Denver City Police, was investigating officer, and Jimmy Hammons served as his attorney.

**Nice Wet Stats!!**  
**March 15, 2003, 41**  
**Inches of rain re-**  
**corded at City Hall.**  
**March 15, 2004 4.74**  
**Inches recorded!!**

## Runoff election has interest for both county communities

Early voting for the runoff election will start April 5 and run through April 8, and polling places will be here at the county courthouse and at the tax office in Denver City. The election date is April 13.

County Clerk Debbie Rushing told CCN the ballot will feature the contest for County Tax Assessor/Collector between locals Karen Bearden and Jan Parrish, and the race for Precinct 3 Commissioner between incumbent Ty Earl Powell and challenger Rex Swann. She said her office is waiting word from the Secretary of State to determine if the ballot will contain any statewide runoff contests.

In the March 9 Primary elections, Three Republican candidates vied for the head tax office job, Karen Bearden and Jan Parrish of Plains, and Elfida Winkler of Denver City. Bearden led the race with 320 votes, and will be challenged in the runoff by Parish, 288 votes. Winkler finished with 209.

The Democrat Primary featured a three man battle for the Precinct 3 Commissioner job, with incumbent Ty Earl Powell garnering 125 votes, followed by local Rex Swann with 83, who will be on the runoff ballot. The third challenger, Cody Flores, finished with 49 votes.

Tim Willis was the sole Democrat candidate for the commissioner position and earned 84 votes.

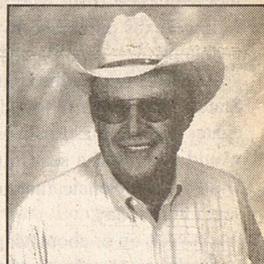
Rushing said the April 13 election sites for both Republican and Democrat ballots will be the Tax office in Denver City



Bearden



Parrish



Powell



Swann

and the Community building here in Plains



Nice way to spend a bright, warm Saturday afternoon - Golf Pro Wiley Osborne and Assistant Pro John Hull conducted a free "Putting Symposium" on the practice green at the County Course last weekend. Virtually all amateur golfers foolishly consider themselves good putters. A number of local players picked up some helpful tips at the symposium, and the Pros managed to sell a few putters.



**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**



**LONE STAR SHINING**

Walk down the streets of any foreign city with an outline of North Dakota on your shirt and you'll undoubtedly draw blank stares from passersby. But with the state of Texas on your chest, you'll get a slap on the back, a 'howdy partner,' and the inevitable inquiries about horses, South Fork and J.R. Ewing. Although we're known for our can-do attitude and adventurous spirit, it is our state's heritage that truly sets us apart.

Very few states enjoy a rich history. We are the only state to enter the United States as a sovereign nation. Each year, starting on March 2, when Texas declared its independence from Mexico, through April 21, San Jacinto Day, when we defeated the Mexican Army, captured Santa Anna and won our freedom, people around the state find ways, small and grand, to celebrate being a Texan.

I have always loved Texas history in large part because of my family heritage. My Great-Great-Grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, was an 'Alcalde' or chief magistrate under the Mexican government. He was later elected as a delegate from Nacogdoches to the Convention, where he signed the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836. He, along with 58 other delegates, declared our independence from Mexico, setting Texas on course to be an independent republic for 10 years before joining the United States. One of his fellow delegates was Thomas Rusk, who would later hold a seat in the United States Senate, the same seat I hold today.

Each year, on or about March 2, I take to the floor of the United States Senate to read Colonel William Barret Travis' letter calling for reinforcements at the Alamo. That letter read in part: "I shall never surrender or retreat, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything

dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country, Victory or Death."

The bravery and solidarity of Col. Travis and the men he led at the Alamo are unmatched. Their refusal to yield in San Antonio enabled General Sam Houston to build up his troops, preparing for ultimate victory at the Battle of San Jacinto.

It is important for Texans to revel in our history and celebrate the strength and valor of our forefathers. Our independence was born out of a great battle and must never be taken for granted.

In the nearly two centuries since the Battle of the Alamo, Texas has forged a distinct path, growing into a prosperous and vital state. We are the second most populous state, contributing nearly \$700 billion dollars to our nation's gross domestic product, and we have nurtured some of this country's greatest leaders. Our geographic diversity, from the flatlands of the panhandle, to the lushness of the Hill Country, sets the perfect backdrop for the varied industries, cultures and people that call Texas home. It is a unique blend that creates a rich state of contrast, color and flavor.

It is my hope that all Texans learn the wonderful and rich history of our state, and continue to pass on the tales of our past through the generations. I'm proud to represent Texas in Washington and will continue to make sure the lessons learned from the challenges of our past pave the way for continued growth and prosperity.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for getting out and voting! Yoakum County had a great turn out for the Primary Election.

I especially want to thank all of you who supported my efforts to become your tax assessor/collector, and let you know I still need your vote and influence. I also want to thank my opponents, Elfida Winkler and Karen Bearden, for the way they ran the race to support the community. This was a very close race, which has brought about a runoff election on April 13th. If you failed to vote in the primary election, I urge you to take this second chance to make your opinion count. Very few votes separated all three candidates in this election. If you did vote, please vote again in the upcoming runoff election.

The tax assessor/collector's office is very important to Yoakum County. It requires constant attention, in order to stay abreast of current regulations, which affect us all. It requires mountains of reports to the state, and requires prompt, friendly and perfect service to the public. It's a hard job. I am a hard worker and want to work hard for you. I feel the current tax office staff and I can accomplish this work together. Please remember the April 13 runoff election and urge your friends and family to vote for me!

Thank You,  
**Jan Parrish**

Pol. Adv. paid for by Jan Parrish, Candidate for Tax Assessor/Collector

**Thank You!**

First and foremost, I want to thank God for giving me the courage to participate in the political challenge of vying for an official position in our county. I am extremely grateful to my family, friends and especially, the voters for the impressive support and encouragement you've shown throughout my campaign for Tax Assessor/Collector. Your participation made it an interesting race, and I commend ALL voters for your help in making our community a big part of "The Red, White And Blue".

**Elfida Lazos Winkler**

**A sincere THANKS to all the voters in Pct. 3 for your support in the March Primary!**  
**A run-off election will be held April 13, and I humbly ask for your help again in that vitally important election.**

Sincerely,  
**Ty Earl Powell**

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Ty Earl Powell

**ELECT**

**KAREN BEARDEN**

for  
**YOAKUM COUNTY  
TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR**



I would like to thank you for your support in the Republican Primary election for County Tax Assessor-Collector. I would appreciate your continued support during the upcoming run-off election. Early voting will take place April 5-8 and the run-off election will be April 13.

Thanks,  
*Karen Bearden*

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**Antique Tractor Show**

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 12th annual tractor show at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, Texas, March 27th and 28th. Antique tractors of various makes will be on display Saturday from 8:00 to 6:00 and Sunday from 9:00 to 4:00. Antique engines and equipment will also be on display. There will be a daily parade of the tractors at 2:30, a children's pedal tractor pull, and other various activities. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Concessions will be provided by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum. For

more information contact Paul Sarchet at 744-4457.

**JP Court Summary**

**March 5, 2004** The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Precinct 1, Justice of the Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed: 78 traffic cases, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 open containers of alcohol in motor vehicle, 2 public intoxication, 1 juvenile warning administered. Bonds set: 2 cases assault family violence - \$1500. Motion to revoke probation - held until hearing. Possession of marijuana - \$500. Obstruct retaliation - \$5000.

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Austin, Texas-Spring is ProRodeo Tour time in Texas. It's a time where the top cowboys compete for the National finals, and where Texans break out their boots, get in their jeans and head to the rodeo. It's also a good time to learn the history behind cowboys, when men roped calves for necessity, not for sport.

Historical Park, located 30 minutes outside of Houston, brings cattle drivers, chuchwagon fare and cowboy camps to life. Fort Worth, branded Texas' premier 'cowtown', includes the Historic Stockyards with daily cattle drives and numerous museums honoring Texas cowboy heritage.

The Texas Historical Commission's Texas Chisholm Trail brochure details historic and cultural sites related to the Texas cattle industry. Highlights include: Texas Pioneers, Trail Drivers and Rangers Museum in San Antonio houses a unique collection of photographs, spurs, branding irons and saddles. The George Ranch

To request a free Texas Chisholm Trail brochure, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/travel](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/travel) or call toll free at 866/276-6219.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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# Obituary

## Services for Norman Lohr Bangle, Jr.

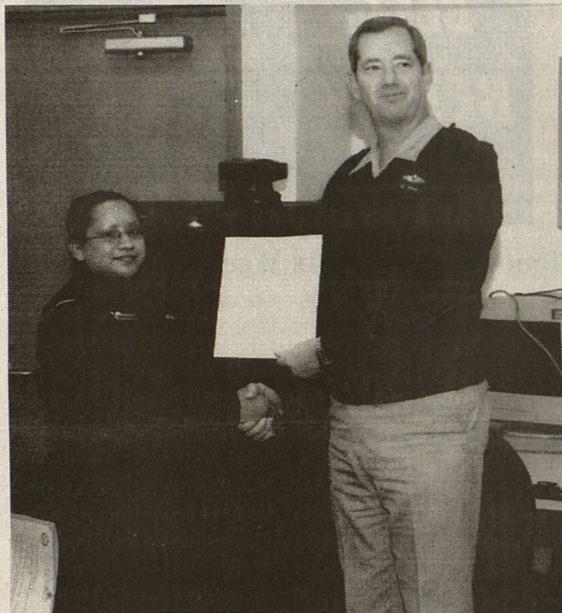
Tahlequah, OK. - Graveside Services for Norman Lohr Bangle, Sr., formerly of Plains, will be held Wednesday at 2 PM, March 17 at the Plains Memorial Cemetery. Rev. Bill Wright, Plains First Baptist Church, will officiate, with Jim Rosenbaum assisting. Services were under the direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors/Plains Memorial Chapel. Mr. Bangle passed away Sunday, March 14, 2004 in Tahlequah, OK, where he has resided since 1980. He moved there from Plains.

He was born to Ernest and Estella Bangle on June 7, 1932 in Hays, Kansas. He attended schools in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Bangle served in the U.S.

Navy during the Korean War as a boiler operator. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two stars, UN Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Survivors include his two sons, Norman Lohr Bangle Jr, New Braunfels, Texas, and Joshua Bangle, Tahlequah, OK; Three daughters, Sherry Rosenbaum of Allen, Debbie Smith of Plains, and Pamela Valdes, Jacksonville, North Carolina; 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Mike, of Phoenix, and two sisters, Jean Rose and Gael Edwards, both of Phoenix. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Eldon Bangle.

## Sailor from here is making her mark in Navy



Angelica Hernandez, a former PHS graduate and the daughter of Helen and Terry Cordova, a Navy Yeoman stationed at the Naval Station at Silverdale, Washington, was recently promoted to Petty Officer Third Class, and was also presented with a job performance achievement award., presented by her commanding officer shown here.

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### From Pg. 1 'Commissioners Court'

chine for the hospital. Of four bids received, McKesson Company's bid of \$55,770 was lowest, and the court approved the purchase which was already planned in the operating budget.

Sheriff Don Corzine asked for approval to purchase a typewriter, office chair and printer for his department, to replace broken items. The court approved a total of \$575 for the equipment. Sheriff Corzine also reported an incident occurring here around 3 AM last Saturday. A call was received from Allsup's Convenience Store here, and the male employee reported he had been the victim of an armed robbery. Deputy Curtis Coffman responded to the call, and was joined by Deputies David Bryants and Jerry Howard. The sheriff reported under Coffman's persistent questioning, the employee finally confessed there had been no robbery, and showed the officers where he had hidden the money. Corzine said when officials at the Allsup Corporate offices in Clovis were notified about the bogus robbery, they indicated they were not interested in indictment of the suspect, since the money was recovered. The sheriff reported at the time he had another call in to the headquarters for a top executive, to protest this lack of action.

Judge Dallas Brewer reported his efforts to purchase a pickup to be used by courthouse maintenance personnel. The truck now being used "is pretty ancient, has well over 200,000 miles, and desperately needs an overhaul". He said he had located a "plain vanilla" single cab truck with standard transmission, six cylinder engine for \$13,000. He said he thought this would be a more sensible purchase than a used pickup he'd located, "Which needs more work than the one we now have, and doesn't run or look as well, and they want \$5,000 for it." The court agreed to purchasing the new unit, which the Judge hoped could be bought for a bit less.

## Area specialty crops, peanut meetings set for this month

Ag producers from Yoakum, Cochran, Gaines and Terry counties are invited to attend a multi-county Specialty Crops meeting Tuesday, March 23 in Brownfield at the Enoch Party House (on Highway 137 across from Terry County Livestock Barn ) from 8:45 AM to 12 noon. Two CEU credits will be offered, one general, one IPM. Topics will include Peas and Beans, Alfalfa and Sesame as well as insect and disease problems on these crops. Speakers will include Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension Plant Pathologist; Monti Vandiver, EA-IPM Parmer County; Dr. Patrick Porter, Extension Plant Pathologist; Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist, and Terry Wiemers, Research Assistant, SESACO Corporation.

A Peanut Production Workshop will also be held in Brownfield Friday, March 26 at the Nikki Vinson Youth Center ( NW corner of Main and US 62/82) from 8 AM to 4 PM. Five CEU's will be offered, two IPM, 3 general.

The workshop will cover a wide variety of peanut related topics. Speakers include Dr. Mike Schubert, Extension Peanut Physiologist/Lubbock; Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag Terry County; Ted Higginbotham, Texas & National Peanut Producers Board; Dr. Terry Wheeler, Extension Plant Physiologist/Lubbock; Dr. Mark Burow, Extension Peanut Breeder/Lubbock; Dr. Peter Dotray, Extension Weed Scientist, Texas A&M and Texas Tech; Dr. Dana Porter, Extension Irrigation Specialist/Lubbock; Dr. Chip Lee, Extension Plant Pathologist/Stephenville, and Dr.

Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist/Lubbock. A courtesy lunch will be provided by Western Peanut Growers Association and the Texas Peanut Producers Board. Both meetings are sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. To pre-register please contact the Yoakum County Extension office, 456-2263.

### From Pg. 1 'County Court'

Medrano was again investigating officer.

Wendy Marie Harlin pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t.r. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. She will attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 10.5 hours, and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Her attorney was James Durham Jr., and investigating officer was Lupe Garcia, Denver City Police.

Julio Esteban Martinez pled guilty to making a terroristic threat. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$256 court costs, serve 100 hours community service, complete anger management counseling, and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Bonnie Ericson was the attorney, and Charlie Higgs, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Aurora Samaniego Sanchez pled guilty to making false report to a police officer. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$256 court costs, and serve 120 hours community service. Investigating officer was William Gardner, D.C. police.

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Coca Cola was originally green.

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The worlds youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

The youngest Poe was 11 years old.

First novel written on a typewriter - Tom Sawyer

*Keeping an Eye on Texas*

### Nurses In Demand

Texas will need up to 138,000 licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and nursing aides within the next seven to ten years.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects nursing as the fastest growing occupation over the next five years.

For more information about careers in nursing, go to:  
<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/careers/nursing.html>.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Workforce Commission.

## Yoakum County Hospital

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## Texans, non-Texans enjoy state's outdoors

The vast and diverse Texas landscape, more than 261,000 square miles, is home to more than 21 million people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and animal life too numerous to count. The combination of urban settings with rural areas within easy reach is leading more Texans, and out of state visitors, to the state's great outdoors.

Some visitors come to soak up Texas' big views, but others come to take home a trophy. With everything from alligator to antelope, Texas is a natural destination for hunters. Hunters bring their checkbooks with them and annually open them up to the tune of more than \$1 billion to pay for equipment, trips and other hunting related expenses, according to the Texas Hunters Association.

The Texas Cooperative Extension of the Texas A&M University System project revenues from Texas hunting leases would top \$368 million in 2003, according to the extension's Carl Anderson. He said that estimate still probably isn't enough.

"I think that's a conservative number," he said. "I'm not sure it hasn't increased even more." The Extension asks all Texas counties to produce or landowners, on what revenues their hunting leases generate. The total doubled from \$184 million 10 years ago.

"It's because a really popular use of our ranch lands," Anderson said. "Some of us 'old timers' are kind of astounded."

He added that many landowners run fewer cattle on their lands to maintain good grazing opportunities for wild game.

Texas has long been known for its abundant deer hunting, but the days of loading the pickup truck with some supplies and driving out to hunt appear to be ending.

"Hunting used to be a hobby, now it's a stellar, recreational endeavor," said Regina Eldridge, director of the Llano Chamber of Commerce. "Hunters work throughout the year to secure their site, update their equipment and prepare for the overall hunting experience."

Llano, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, calls itself the "Deer Capital of Texas". Eldridge says a large part of the continued success of hunting season in the area stems from the surrounding lands being owned and hunted by the same people for years.

"Hunting has gone on for so long in Llano Country, that it goes from Labor Day through the spring," Eldridge said. "It's not just white tailed season anymore; it's a 9 month industry. We're working with the third generation of hunters now, from fathers and grandfathers on down to their kids and grandkids."

About 80 percent of Texas' population lives in urban areas, but subdivision and development of rural lands is opening up pristine views and country living to urbanites across the state. Eldredge said the development likely is contributing to a reduction in hunters in her county.

"I think what's happened is we're losing acreage to urban growth," she said. "As areas become sold and subdivided, it's taking away some of the land that may have been used by hunters at one time. It's not at alarming levels by any means. It's just something we've noticed over the past few years."

While available lands may be becoming a problem in Central Texas and the Hill Country, there is no shortage of space as the land flattens towards the Davis Mountains. There's no shortage of hunters either, according to Tony Timmons, owner the H.E. Sproul Ranch in Fort Davis, a family owned ranch and lodge catering to the hunting crowd.

"Hunting around here has been picked up, and based on how this year has gone, I didn't see a change in the near future," Timmons said. "I see a little effect when the economy is bad, but not much."

The H.E. Sproul Ranch, which has been in the same family since 1886, offers its guests the

opportunity to get away from the rigors of everyday, business life and plenty of space in which to do it. The ranch offers hunters the opportunity to look for animals ranging from mule deer to mountain lions. Timmons said his facility is usually booked year round.

"I get mostly repeat business," he said. "Because West Texas is so vast, it opens the door for a broad range of hunts, but most of my clients come out just to get away. A kill is icing on the cake. The cake is getting away from the traffic and the cell phones and the daily grind."

Roger Roewe, owner of Roewe Outfitters in Haskell, north of Abilene, agreed that hunting has become a year round affair, especially for hunt coordinators like him.

"We start dove hunting in September, deer and quail after that from the first of November until end of February," he said. "Turkeys start April 1 and hunting lasts for a month. It takes us the summer months to prepare the ranch for the hunting season."

Roewe said the busy summer 'off season' is just the way the business works. You have to prepare for hunting season in order to make it. Roewe's close proximity to the Oklahoma border makes his lodge, which along with hunting includes lodging and meals for his guests, an attractive stop for out of state hunters.

"Probably 60 percent of my

customers are from out of state, and that may be a conservative number," he said. "People just like to come to Texas to hunt."

Hunting is not for everyone, however, and there are places that remain for lovers of the outdoors who are not hunters.

The Prude Ranch of Fort Davis, is one such place, offering vacation destinations for families or accommodations for meetings and conferences. The working cattle ranch has existed for more than 100 years and for the last 60 has opened

its gates to guests.

Further south, Lajitas Stables operates a longhorn cattle drive twice a year, in April and September, in the Big Bend region. The drive is a program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, according to Linda Walker, owner of Lajitas Stables and the sub contractor of the cattle drive. Walker's Lajitas Stables, which includes five separate sites as far west as Taos, NM, is one of the few remaining places in Texas that offers overnight horseback trail rides.

## Local DQ Manager Earns KUDOS

Propelled to success by her crew members, local Dairy Queen Manager Rosie Gallardo achieved intercompany recognition and was rewarded with an all-expense paid trip earlier in the week to Austin, Texas to participate in the TDQOC Annual Convention, where Rosie attended specialized training seminars and evaluated new products.

According to company presi-

dent and franchise owner, Parrish Chapman, "Rosie's success at Dairy Queen isn't all that surprising. She's always put extraordinary effort into the management of 'her' Dairy Queen and attributes her success to her crew and customers. Customers frequently write into our corporate office about their positive experiences in Rosie's DQ."

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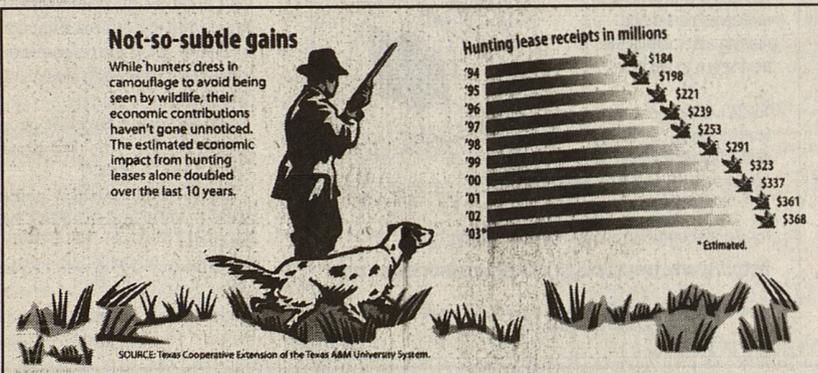
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WHEREAS, agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use, and

WHEREAS, we all must appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing a safe, abundant and affordable food, horticulture and fiber supply now and for years to come, and

WHEREAS, increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition allows us to make healthier food choices for ourselves and for our families, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture is not just producing abundant food, horticulture and fiber, but is producing higher quality items that continue to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture produces wholesome nutritious foods that give us a multitude of healthy menu choices and access to fresh meat, grains and produce, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture builds upon centuries of progress by making constant advances in science, research, technology, production and marketing to meet changing consumer demands, and

WHEREAS, the Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agricultural production - including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture produces large quantities of high quality food and fiber, and plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment, and

WHEREAS, an awareness of the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives helps us understand the vital stake that we all have in Texas' second-largest industry, and

WHEREAS, agriculture plays a key role in the lives of everyone in this county. Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Judge of Yoakum County declares this National Agriculture Week in Yoakum County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Judge urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.

THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I, the undersigned do hereby affix my signature this 12 day of March 2004.

Dallas Brewer  
COUNTY JUDGE

### PISD Honor Roll 4th - Six Weeks

#### 'A' Honor Roll

**5th Grade**  
Stephanie Addison  
Jaxon Bean  
Forrest Booth  
Hannah Crump  
Cody Friesen  
Hunter Welch

#### 6th Grade

Brandon Craft  
Natalie Haynes  
Abby Hernandez  
Nathan McCravey  
Troy Parrish

#### 7th Grade

Reyna Gallegos

#### 8th Grade

Maria Andazola  
Amber Friesen

#### 'A-B' Honor Roll

#### 5th Grade

Kelbi Bartley  
Samantha DeLaRosa  
Kevin Gass  
Kristen Knight

#### 6th Grade

Jacob Brink  
Emilia Gallegos

#### 7th Grade

Chris Addison  
Yesenia Loya

#### 8th Grade

Kurt Alldredge  
Ryan Crump  
Lauren Hise

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### 9th Grade

Landon Craft  
Jose Luis Gallegos  
Erika Loewen  
Colby Wilmeth

#### 10th Grade

Allison Friesen  
B.J. Lester  
Ramiro Martinez  
Adam McCravey  
Blake O'Quinn

#### 11th Grade

Abel Ramos

#### 11th Grade

Payton Bean  
Evan Cain  
Patrick Cotton  
Breck Hamm  
Brandon Hise  
David Huerta

#### 11th Grade

Kerry Sisson

#### 12th Grade

Stacie Alldredge  
Cendy Lopez  
Maria Martinez  
Grady McNabb  
Helena Neufeld  
Nolan Newsom  
Moriah Traweek  
Manuela Villegas  
April Wilmeth

#### 'A-B Honor Roll

#### 9th Grade

Angelica Mendoza  
Araceli Mendoza  
Adriana Ponce

#### 10th Grade

David Alldredge  
Michael Crump  
Reagan Haynes  
Skylar Keesee  
Blake Parrish  
Todd Williams

#### 11th Grade

Cody Flores  
Daniela Lazos

#### 12th Grade

Sarah Martinez

## Small Town Entrepreneurs Hit It Big!

Billy Guetersloh and Steve Crump, from Plains, recently attended a business meeting with their senior business partner Ron Golz, shown here with his associates and a copy of *Millionaire Magazine*, in which Golz success with Cyberwize was recently featured. Only six years old, the Sarasota Florida company is similar to E-Bay, and is setting financial growth records every month. The company's diversified focus is in travel, health and wellness and the tax industry. Thousands of successful teams of men and women, operating out of the comfort of their homes across the country, with minimum overhead, no employees and no inventory, average people with goals and dreams, are achieving above average financial success. The financial growth of Cyberwize has been phenomenal. The six year old company is nearing \$50 million in sales - January 2004 was the best month in company history - February beat January by 38 percent, and currently March is ahead of February. Recall, Microsoft needed 10 years to reach the 50 million mark, but in the next four years reached \$4 BILLION in sales. The Cyberwize goal is to recruit and develop 100 MILLIONAIRES in its ranks in the next few years. At the present time there are only four - there is plenty of room for YOU in Team Millionaire! Ron Golz has a personal philosophy for success; It starts with GIVING - you cannot keep what you don't give away. Billy and Steve, with Ron's mentoring and guidance, have experienced great changes in their lives. They are totally convinced Cyberwize is destined to become a multi-billion dollar company... with or without you. But you have a golden opportunity to achieve financial success... for it's true, success does breed success. If you would like informative help in choosing and then starting your own business, call 877-819-9632 TODAY. Or, contact Billy Guetersloh, 806-438-5559, or Steve Crump, 806-456-7459



Billy with Golz



Steve with Golz

# Lifelines & Styles

## Senior Citizens Corner

It has been an exciting personal week at our house. We have celebrated the birth of two great grandchildren this week. A little girl arrived in Abilene, TX, and a boy in Tulsa, OK. After it is all said and done, life pretty well boils down to family, doesn't it? We are repeatedly made aware of this fact as time goes by. Remember the Gaither song, We Have This Moment Today? I am proud to share with you this week a poem which was written by our daughter-in-law, Cheryl Hanneman, in 1985. The words bear out the message of the Gaither melody.

The year come and go and the small children grow. Now their children call me 'grandma' and say, "What did my daddy do when he lived with you? Did he ride a pony? Did he swim in the pond? Did he eat summer melons this way? Those sweet, tiny children, so precocious and cute, now come to visit grandma wearing their business suit. They bring candy and flowers and we sit for hours sharing memories we made yesterday. Cheryl was a nursing home administrator so was constantly made aware of the situation pictured above. Her early death in 1999 made each of us more aware of the fact that 'We have only this moment today.'

A last reminder: Next Thursday and Friday (March 18 & 19) is the date for the '55 Alive' Driving Refresher Course. The class will begin at 10:00 a.m.

and will finish after lunch each day.

It's good to have Harold and Vera Brown back among us after their extended R & R time spent in Florida. Each year their three sons and their wives meet with the Browns at their retreat on a warm sunny beach of Florida. It is also great to have Paul Sweitzer well enough to be back for lunch. We have missed Paul and Wanda.

Andy Rooney's tip #2 for telemarketers: "When you get that call with no one on the other end, remember the machine makes the call to find when you answer so they know when for the real sales person to call back. When this happens (when no one talks to you), immediately hit the # button on your phone six or seven times. This will kick your name out of their system.

Everyone is looking for the magical diet. Or is it just me? Anyway, here's one that came my way this week. It is called the new Pasta Diet. You walk pasta the bakery; you walk pasta the candy store; you walk pasta the ice cream shop. I haven't tried it; maybe later. Next week we go to Abilene for a family reunion for a few days, lots of fun, food, games, and the great new movie...So there will be no news column for March 20th.

Thought for today: "Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are but we are responsible for who we become."

## Plains Student To Compete At State Convention

Levelland-A student from Plains will join the South Plains College Skills USA/VICA chapter to compete March 25-27 at the State Skills USA Conference in San Antonio.

Chase Howell, 18, freshman AST major from Plains, son of Carlos Howell and Billie Howell, will compete in extemporaneous speaking and quiz bowl and will be among 29 SPC students competing at state. This is the largest contingent of students who have competed in the chapter's three year history.

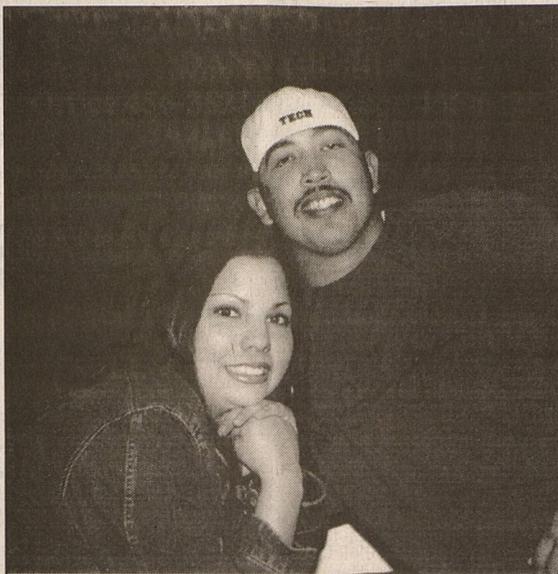
Skills USA is a national organization serving a quarter million high school and college students and professional members enrolled in technical, skilled and service occupations.

Winners will advance to the national competition June 23-24 in Kansas City. The SPC chapter has sent teams and individuals to nationals since its inception. The chapter represents students in SPC's automotive and diesel service technology programs, welding technology and heating and air conditioning and refrigeration technology.

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## Gonzales-Moreno Wedding Plans Announced



Juliee Ann Gonzales and Jonah S. Moreno have announced their plans to be married on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 2 PM at the Templo Bautista Nuevo Vision in Plains.

## Lap Of Hope Begins American Cancer Society Relay For Life

In a nation where more than one million will be diagnosed with cancer this year, Denver City & Plains are invited to celebrate life.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event in which teams of participants take turns walking or running the track for 14 hours in an effort to fight cancer. Teams camp out, eat, and play games. This year's Relay For Life will take place at Mustang Stadium in Denver City from 6 pm on May 14, 2004 to 8 am on May 15, 2004.

The message of the event is cancer can be conquered. This theme of hope is ignited as the ceremony begins with a cancer survivors lap at 6:30 pm. This emotional lap honors the courage of all who have defeated cancer. Each survivor is introduced, and then all will walk, run, or wheelchair the opening lap, unified in victory and in hope.

The atmosphere of Relay For Life is one of camaraderie and

celebration, providing an opportunity for cancer survivors to pass the touch of hope on to those still battling cancer or those that might be touched by cancer in the future.

If you or anyone you know is a cancer survivor and would like to take part in Relay For Life, please call Delia Sherman at 592-8023, Stacey Meece at 592-5169, or your American Cancer Society at 1-800-792-7126. All survivors receive a free Relay For Life T-shirt.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24 hour hot line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

## Former PHS students in news

Texas A & M, College Station - During Fall Commencement Ceremonies, almost 3,700 graduation diplomas were awarded students. Receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science was Cassandra Dawn Dearing, a PHS graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dearing. For the 2003 fall semester, Kristen Elaine Gray was named a Distinguished Student. The designation

recognizes students earning a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 semester hours of courses. She is a PHS graduate and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray. At Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, former PHS graduate Cosme Casillas was among some 200 students receiving diplomas in Fall commencement exercises. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design.



**John Cornyn**

UNITED STATES SENATOR • TEXAS

## WHO WILL DEFINE MARRIAGE, THE PEOPLE OR THE COURTS?

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

An on-going national conversation about the importance of marriage intensified recently when four Massachusetts judges declared traditional marriage a "stain" on our laws that must be "eradicated." Since then, Americans have witnessed startling and lawless developments nationwide - from Boston to San Francisco, and numerous points between.

The debate over marriage was sparked last June when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its controversial ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*. In the hands of activist judges, the *Lawrence* decision presents a serious threat to traditional marriage laws across the nation, as well as to democracy. That's not just my conclusion - it's the conclusion of legal experts, constitutional scholars, and Supreme Court observers across the political spectrum.

The Senate joined this national conversation through a hearing I convened recently to answer the question: "What are the national implications of the Massachusetts Goodridge decision and the judicial invalidation of traditional marriage laws?"

It's important to note at the outset: The American people didn't initiate this discussion, nor did members of Congress of either party. Let's be clear and honest about this. The only reason we are discussing this issue today is the work of aggressive lawyers and a handful of activist judges.

Across diverse civilizations, religions and cultures, mankind has consistently recognized the institution of marriage as society's bedrock institution. After all, as a matter of biology, only the union of a man and a woman can reproduce children. And as a matter of common sense and countless studies by social scientists, the union of mother and father is the strongest foundation for the family and for raising children.

Unsurprisingly, then, traditional marriage has always been the law in all 50 states. At the national level, overwhelming congressional majorities representing over three-fourths of each chamber - joined President Clinton in codifying a federal definition of marriage by enacting the bipartisan Defense of Marriage Act of 1996.

In light of this extraordinary consensus, it is offensive for anyone to charge supporters of traditional marriage with bigotry. Yet that is exactly what activist judges are doing today: accusing ordinary Americans of intolerance, while abolishing American traditions by judicial fiat.

Renegade judges (and some local officials) are attempting to dismantle traditional marriage. Marriage laws have already been flouted in Massachusetts, California, New Mexico, and New York. Lawsuits seeking the same result have also been filed in Nebraska, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Georgia, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Vermont, as well as my home state of Texas.

These activist judges have not even bothered to disguise their hostility to traditional marriage.

Disregarding the democratic process, four judges in Massachusetts concluded that the "deep-seated religious, moral, and ethical convictions" underlying traditional marriage are "no rational reason" for the institution's continued existence. They contended that traditional marriage is "rooted in persistent prejudices" and "invidious discrimination," and not the best interest of children. They even suggested abolishing marriage outright, stating that "if the Legislature were to jettison the term 'marriage' altogether, it might well be rational and permissible."

Apologists for the Massachusetts court lamely state that democracy and marriage can be restored in that state. But not until 2006 - and only through a process citizens shouldn't have to endure just to preserve current law. Moreover, the problem is not limited to Massachusetts. In California, courts have refused to enforce that state's family code against a lawless mayor. New Mexico, New York, and Illinois officials have followed.

Defenders of marriage and democracy alike recognize that this is a serious problem, and indeed a national problem, requiring a national solution.

Congress recognized the national importance of marriage in 1996 by codifying a federal definition of marriage. And most officials continue to express their support for traditional marriage. Words are not enough to combat judicial defiance, however. Elected representatives are to retain their relevance in a democracy, words must be joined by action.

True, the Constitution should not be amended casually. But serious people have reluctantly recognized that an amendment may be the only way to ensure survival of traditional marriage in America.

Why is an amendment necessary? Two words: *activist judges*.

Legal experts across the political spectrum agree: the *Lawrence* decision presents a federal judicial threat to marriage. Harvard Law Professor Laurence Tribe has said, "you'd have to be tone deaf not to get the message" that *Lawrence* renders traditional marriage "constitutionally suspect." According to Tribe, the defense of marriage is now a "federal constitutional issue," and he predicts the U.S. Supreme Court will eventually reach the same conclusion as the Massachusetts court.

Tribe's predictions are confirmed, of course, by the Massachusetts ruling, which not only invalidated that state's marriage law, but also suggested that *Lawrence* might be used to threaten laws across the country - including the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Tribe is also joined by members of Congress who argue that federal law is "unconstitutional."

Moreover, constitutional scholars predict that Nebraska - which has approved a state constitutional amendment defending marriage - may soon see that amendment invalidated on federal constitutional grounds in a pending federal lawsuit.

The only way to save laws deemed "unconstitutional" by activist judges is a constitutional amendment. Indeed, we have ratified numerous amendments as a democratic response to judicial decisions before - including the Eleventh, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-Fourth, and Twenty-Sixth Amendments.

This discussion should be bipartisan and respectful. Two months before the Massachusetts ruling, my subcommittee examined the potential *Lawrence* threat to the Defense of Marriage Act. Some scoffed that it was not a serious legal issue. Given recent events, those observers should scoff no more.

Sen. Cornyn is chairman of the U.S. Senate subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge. Cornyn chaired a hearing of the Constitution subcommittee on Wednesday, March 3 to examine the national implications of judicial activism on traditional marriage laws.

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# From The Hack

Did you catch Dave Barry's column in Sunday's Lubbock A-J? His comments about his wife's phobia of saving ALL leftovers after a meal reminded me of my Bride, may God bless her. Growing up in hard times made us both somewhat paranoid about the evils of wasting food, but she was just a bit over zealous. It was not unusual at all for me to be pawing around in the fridge and find a petrified turkey quarter dating back to Thanksgiving, with the pawing going on in August. Once I found embedded in a saucer what I thought was one of our kids school work involving a specimen of soil from the moon or Mars, but it was only solidified chocolate pudding a jack hammer would not have scratched.

Then Barry caught my attention by detailing how many scientists consider the kitchen an even potentially nastier place than ones bathroom. At first I thought that a real stretch, but that began to make sense when it was explained many members of the "cleanliness is next to Godliness" clan are so Hell-bent on wiping up everything in sight as they work in the kitchen they are smearing bacteria about as copiously as John Kerry spreads his wrath. The

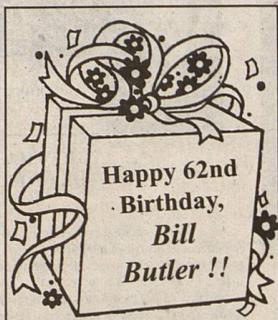
scientific one said often bachelors are more sanitary in kitchens than wives, for they spend little time wiping up, and simply stack the dirty stuff in the sink.

This gave me pause to go to the kitchen and look about, which immediately made me feel much, much better. I could not even see my sink for several tons of dirty pots, pans, glasses, utensils, a culinary object or two I distinctly recall using at least five weeks ago, and a soggy issue of Golf Digest Magazine, which I have no explanation for, at all.

I felt real good, that I wasn't guilty of smearing bacteria around on everything.

A bit of potpourri gleaned from a friend's internet;

In Scotland, a new game was invented. It was entitled



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The following revelations are followed by my revelations:

Q - What happens more in December than any other month? A- Conception. (I suspect many married men are getting their present early on.)

Q - Most boat owners name their boats- what is the most popular boat name?

A- Obsession. (I've owned two, the first was named Mistaken Passion, the other was Mistaken Passion II.)

**NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM**

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Friday, April 2, 2004, for the purchase of Medical Furniture and Equipment for the new Yoakum County Hospital Dialysis Center, and Emergency Room Expansion.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, April 12, 2004.

For a list of the equipment and more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Bid price will be paid from 2004 budgeted funds.

Sealed bids should be marked "MEDICAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**Because we are laying new carpet the County Clerk's office will be closed for all business starting Wednesday, March 17th thru Friday, March 19th. We will re-open for business on Monday, March 22, 2004. We are sorry about any inconvenience this may cause. Deborah L. Rushing Yoakum County Clerk**

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Certain areas of Yoakum County also qualify as high priority areas for the Lesser Prairie Chicken-Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Special Emphasis Area for deferred grazing incentives.

Also, Yoakum County is a low priority county in the Invasive Species - Salt Cedar Special Emphasis Area.

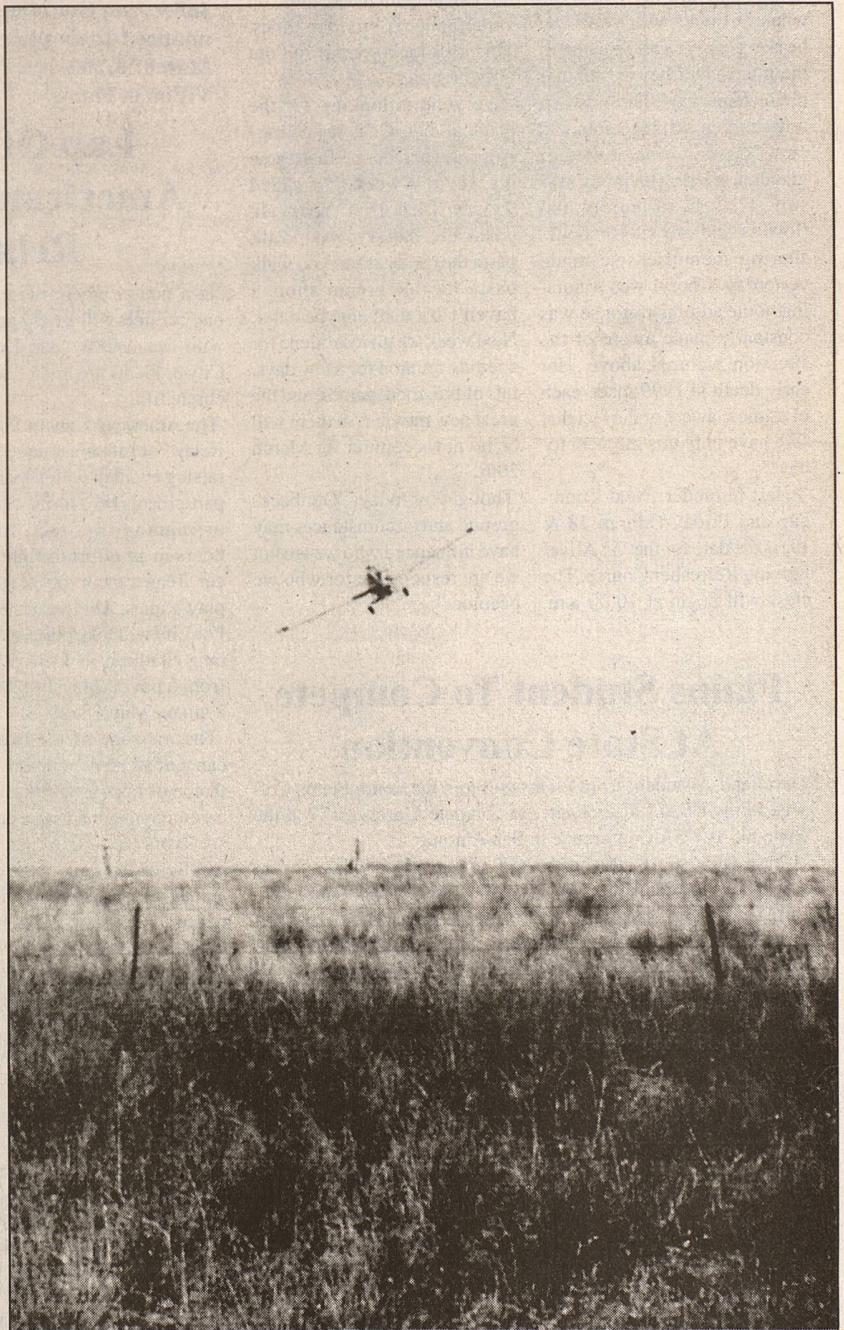
Acceptance will be on a points generated bases, dealing with the priority of the planned practice (High, Medium, Low) on

range/erosion practices (brush control/terracing etc.) and efficiency increase on water savings practices (sprinkler conversion/micro-irrigation etc.).

If you have a practice that looks like it might qualify according to the preceding list, we invite you to inquire about it.

For answers to questions and more information that can be supplied here, call (456-3703 ext 3) or stop by the Plains NRCS office at 1305 Cowboy Way in Plains.

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A spray plane lines up for another run of dropping chemical in pellet form to treat this pasture of Sand Shinnery east of Plains. Note the increased amount of grass in the background on the pasture that was previously treated. Sign-up is now taking place for cost-share assistance on eligible conservation practices in Yoakum County. Contact the NRCS office in Plains for information on the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

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