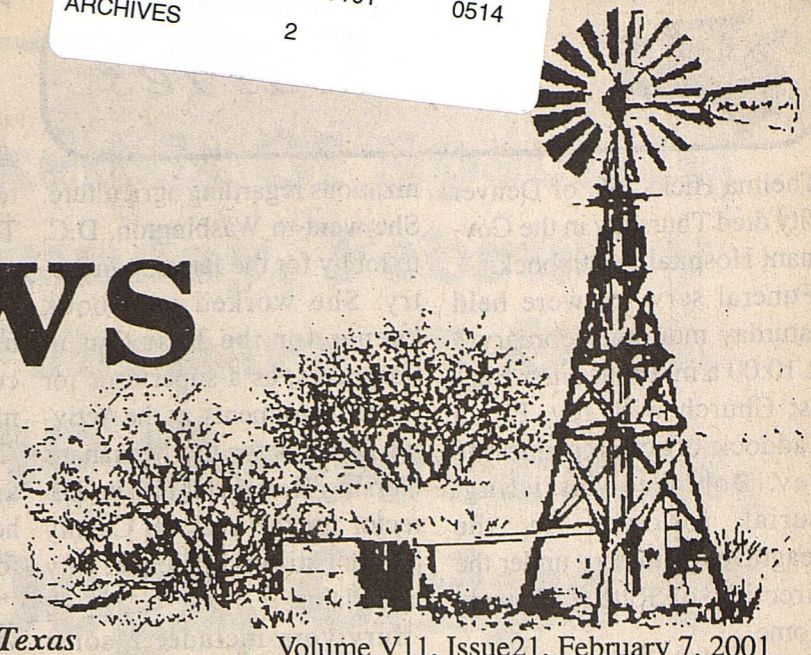


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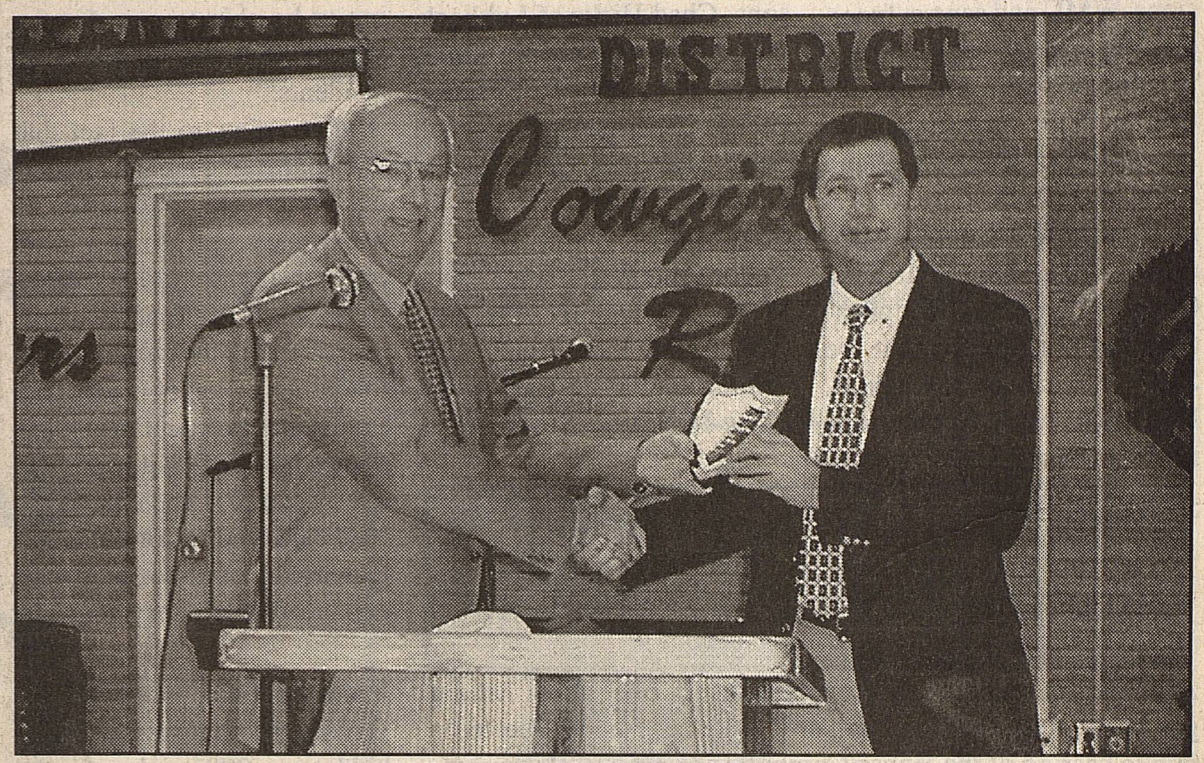
Criminal cases heard in County Court

Eight criminal cases were heard in County Court January 31, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.
Guadalupe Gutierrez, aka Lupe Gutierrez, pled guilty to harboring a runaway child (adjudication of guilt deferred). A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will meet a \$250 fine and \$225 court costs with time payments. He will serve 80 hour community service. The investigating officer was Deputy Kenley Powell. Attorney Bill Helwig represented the defendant.
Jose Jose Garcia pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .192/.186. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. Time payments will be made on \$225 court costs and a \$600 fine. He will serve 72 hours in jail, with credit for 10 served, attend weekly AA meetings, and complete the DWI first offenders program. He was represented by Attorney Jimmy Hammons. Investigating office was DPS Trooper Robert

Shugart.
Shawn L. Fulcher pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. He will serve 10 days in jail with credit for one day served. Investigating officer was Rick Dickson, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force.
Darwin Homer Leverett Jr. pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. A \$250 fine and \$225 court costs will be met with time payments. He must complete the batterer's prevention program and serve 80 hours community service.
Anna Joy Bopp pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury/family violence. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$184 court costs, serve 24 hours community service, and enroll with Women's Protective Service for counseling. Investigating officer was Benito Gonzales, Denver City Police.
Mariano Macias Ortega pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .185/.201. A 90 day jail sentence was

It is often difficult to keep the Plains Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year nominee a secret from the public, and the recipient, prior to the chamber's annual banquet. At last Thursday's event, an elaborate plot by the nominating committee surprised many in the audience, but none more than the winner, City Administrator David Brunson.
Brunson, Chamber President, served as emcee at the banquet, and at the start of the program, called on Jim Barron to offer the opening prayer. Following the prayer, Barron asked if he could say a few words. The few words led to announcing Brunson as the winner of the prestigious Citizen of the Year award.
Members of the nominating committee had earlier asked Brunson to do some research on Barron, indicating he would be the 'Citizen' nominee, and Brunson had carefully prepared a speech in which he named Barron as the winner. His surprise at Barron's announce-

16th Annual Chamber Banquet Names David Brunson Citizen Of The Year



Jim Barron, left, surprises David Brunson with Citizen of Year Award.



Rusty and Schahara Hudelson, John Hartin performing a hot one.

Little Miss A Big Winner At Denver



Kristen Knight, a second grader at Plains Elementary, and a member of the Yoakum County 4-H Club, recently competed against over 800 youth from across the nation at the 95th Annual National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colorado. Kristen became the youngest known exhibitor in the history of the National Western Market Swine Show to win two first place awards in the same year by winning both Class II in the Hampshire division, and Class XI in the Crossbred division.
Kristen is shown with her winning Crossbred. In the stock show's auction of Junior Livestock Champions January 21, her animal sold for \$3,100 She also showed her way into the finals of the Junior Showmanship Contest, which qualified her for the Premier Exhibitor Award. The Premier Exhibitor will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, and a Featherlite Aluminum hog trailer. The Reserve Premier Exhibitor will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The competition is based on points for showmanship, speech, interview, and carcass competition. Kristen spoke on "the importance to the swine industry of the failed vote of the pork check-off referendum." Results of the competition will be announced in early March.
Kristen's pig was purchased by National Western Scholarship Supporters. Ninety three animals were sold for a record gross of \$477,650 in the auction, and ten percent of the sale proceeds were contributed to the scholarship fund. More than 1,500 animals from 26 states were entered in the national junior competition.
Kristen is the daughter of Tadd and Scotta Knight of Plains.

ment was quite obvious. The crowd enjoyed a catered barbeque dinner prepared by Johnnie's Barbecue. Table decorations, including unusual live exotic fish in vases, were furnished by "Life's A Party" owner Cissy Gomez.
Outstanding musical entertainment was provided by the "Knights of the West Trio", John Hartin, Schahara and Rusty Hudelson. Hartin is Chairman of the Creative Arts Department at South Plains College, Rusty is Associate

Professor of Music at SPC, and Schahara is a former instructor of music and English there.
Denver City Attorney Bill Helwig made a special presentation to Brunson of a nights stay in a bed and breakfast inn and tickets to the Garza Theater in Post.
PHS student Lesli Rowe performed the National Anthem, and Tom Carter, Pastor of First United Methodist Church offered the benediction.
Generous contributors of door prizes for the evening included

Lea County Electric, Richardson's Insurance, Doug's Specialties, Dairy Queen, Renaissance Productions, Sellers Ag Supply, Gary and Frankie Walker, Sarah Jane Shelton, Plains State Bank, Visualize Hair & Nails, Life's a Party, Amigas Restaurant, Texas Equipment, Marjorie's Coiffures and Johnnie's Restaurant.
Plains Chamber of Commerce meets the first Wednesday each month at 7 am. Dues are \$5 monthly for business firms, \$1 monthly for individuals.

Commissioners OK physicians contracts, purchase of vehicles

In a special meeting of Commissioners Court January 31, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Ed Rodgers explained the need to renew contracts existing between Doctors Chris Cotton and Bodindr Thepchatrri and Covenant Health Systems. The contracts were scheduled to expire February 1. The hospital board of directors had previously approved the contract extension.
Dr. Larry Boyd of Denver City has been under contract with the county since last October. The other Denver City physician, Dr. Halipoto, is in private practice but has a contract of guarantee with the county.
Rodgers told the court construction of the new four doctors clinic in Denver City is

expected to be complete sometime in August. When the four doctors move into the new clinic, they will then be under employment contracts with the county.
In the February 5 session of court, bids were awarded for the purchase of vehicles for three county entities. Wilson Motors of Snyder was the low bidder for a 2001 Ford 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive pickup. The net bid, after trade-in of a 1991 Chevrolet pickup, was \$20,458. Mustang Chevrolet was the low bidder on two police package autos for the Sheriff Department. Net price of two Chevrolet autos, after trade-in of a 1996 Chevrolet and 1997 Ford was \$27,359. **Turn to Page 2, "Court"**

Obituaries

Thelma Hicks, 66, of Denver City died Thursday in the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning February 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with rev. Floyd Haddock officiating and the Rev. Bob Webb assisting. Burial followed in the Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hicks was born on July 7, 1934 to Rev. O.L. and Roberta Gober. She accepted Christ at a young age. She began singing solos and duets with her sister during church services. She served her church in Vacation Bible School, Missions, WMU and sang at funerals, weddings, revivals and worship services. She was active in Cub Scouts, Little League, sporting events and Band Boosters. She was a member of the Seagraves National Federation of Music Clubs and served as their president and was involved at the State level and in conventions. Mrs. Hicks was a farmers wife for 27 years and active in orga-

nizations regarding agriculture. She went to Washington, D.C. to lobby for the farming industry. She worked as a book keeper for the East Gin in Seagraves, as a supervisor for Texas Instruments, as the Activity Director for the Monahans Nursing Home and as Site Director for the Yoakum County Senior Citizens of Denver City and Plains.

Survivors include: 2 sons: Steve Hicks and wife Peggy of Denver City and Terry Hicks and wife Carla of Seagraves; Mother: Roberta Moore Gober of Monahans; 1 brother, Billy Gober and wife Dorothy of Sonora; 1 sister Betty Sue Mings of Monahans; 5 grandsons; Chad Hicks of Lubbock, Blake Hicks of Irving, Tyler Hicks of Lubbock, Brandon Hicks of Sherman and Mitchell Hicks of Denver City; 1 grand daughter Bailee Hicks of Seagraves.

Pallbearers: Woody McKensie, Max Townsend, Delmon Ellison, Sr., Lane Black, Bob Thurston, Fayne Payne and Eddie Medford.

Walker assists in setting meeting on natural gas costs

AUSTIN- In response to growing concern over rising natural gas costs, Rep. Gary L. Walker (R-Plains) has requested a public hearing of the House Committee on Energy Resources. "I'm grateful to Chairman Lewis (D-Mauriceville) for calling this meeting so citizens will be able to come to Austin and have their voices heard," Walker stated. The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 1 pm in room E.010.

"I am increasingly disheartened by the rising costs of natural gas. I have heard from agriculture producers in my district who are worried they might not be able to plant a crop next year due to the increased cost of production," Walker said. "This is an issue that will have a negative impact on a vital sector of the West Texas economy."

Walker said he had been discussing the issue with several colleagues, and when he discussed the idea of a hearing with Chairman Lewis of the Energy Resources Committee, Lewis agreed it was an issue needing attention. "The hearing will be an opportunity for ag producers to let the legislature know about the problems they are facing, and it will also be an opportunity for them to offer what they see as possible solutions."

The House Committee on Energy Resources, chaired by Representative Ron Lewis, has jurisdiction over the production, regulation, transportation and development of oil, gas and other energy resources. Any interested party is encouraged to contact Carrie Aldridge with Representative Walker's office at 512-463-0678 for information on appearing before the committee.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the employees of Yoakum County Precinct #3: Cody Flores, Hershel Smith, Sam Dominguez, Jess Gass, Steve Vasquez, Greg McGravey. Your many hours of hard work before and during the Yoakum County Livestock Show were greatly appreciated and helped to make the 2001 Yoakum County Livestock Show a success. The Yoakum County Livestock Show Board of Directors.

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Texas Nursing Home Care At Crisis Stage

Austin-The quality of long-term health care for elderly Texans has reached the crisis stage and can be remedied only by a major increase in state financial support and reform of current Medicaid funding formulas.

That is the urgent message of a new statewide movement headed by the Texas Alliance for Nursing Homes.

"Long-term health care providers have reached a point of desperation in attempting to maintain a viable system to care for our elderly," said Mike Burris, chairman of the Alliance. "It is critical that the Legislature enact emergency measures to provide financial relief, or facilities simply are not going to be able to care for the growing number of Medicaid residents."

Burris points to the fact that one-fourth of the state's nursing homes are in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. And as many as 60 percent of the 1,2000 homes statewide are in financial peril. Burris traces the current crisis to a combination of inadequate state reimbursement to nursing homes for Medicaid residents, overly complex and unrealistic Medicaid funding formulas and increased costs associated with enhanced regulatory require-

ments. He also pointed out that liability insurance rates for nursing facilities have soared by 500 to 600 percent the past year.

Human Services fall far short of adequate funding.

"We keep falling farther behind, so the need to address the funding issue without compromising quality of care is growing more critical, and our elderly are the losers," he said.

Burris said last year Texas provided reimbursement of \$81.22 per day in state and federal funds for Medicaid residents,

compared to a national average \$108 per day per resident.

"It is hard to explain to our elderly and their families that the state of Texas pays an average of \$42.75 a day to house inmates in our prisons, yet will pay only \$24.80 per day to meet the health care needs of our deserving senior citizens." (The federal government pays 60 percent of Medicaid costs.)

Burris said that many of the state's nursing homes have been able to keep their doors open to this point by charging higher fees to private care residents, thereby subsidizing the costs of Medicaid residents.

He noted that even if the state did reimburse at the rate deter-

mined through the established formula, the crisis would still exist.

"We simply can't provide adequate care for our state's elderly if we cannot hire sufficient staff." He said that operators statewide currently experience more than 100 percent annual turnover rate in employment due to inadequate pay.

"The average nursing home operator will likely lose more than \$10 per patient per day to care for Medicaid residents this year, and the gap is widening," Burris said. "At the same time, they are faced with increased regulatory burden. We simply cannot survive on the present course."



The PHS Varsity did their best to generate enough crowd enthusiasm in the Colorado game to spur the Cowboys to victory, but they fell one point short. Shown are Keri Hansen, Lensey Cullins, Allison Butler, Kari Guetersloh, Chelsi Wagnon, and Jessica Rodriguez

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Wilson Motors was also low bidder on a 2001 pickup for the County Extension Agent-Ag. The net price of a 2001 Ford crew cab truck was \$13,751 after trade-in of a 1997 Ford Diesel truck.

County Treasurer rpresented her fourt quarter investment report to the court. Jones said some \$6 million of county funds are currently invested with ICT and Tex Pool groups. She stated at the end of the year the funds were earning well over 6 percent interest, but recent lowering of interest rates by the Federal Reserve had dropped earning to a little more than 5 percent, and state analysts predict the average earning rate for 2001 will be around 5.25 percent.

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suspended and probated 12 months. Time payments will cover \$225 court costs and a \$500 fine. He must serve 72 hours in jail, with credit for 18.5 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, attend the DWI first offender program, and perform 24 hours community service. Investigating office was Trooper Brad Taylor, DPS.

Sixto Gomez Castaneda pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. Conditions of community supervision include completing the batterer's treatment program, serve 20 hours community service under direction of the CSCD, where the defendant lives. Investigating officer was Charlie Higgs, Denver City Police.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

The City of Plains is offering for sale by sealed bids the following surplus property:

Vehicles:
1985 Ford F250 pickup, V-8, 6,300 GVWR, 66,315 miles
1985 Ford F350 truck with box-type dump bed, 10,000 GVWR, 75,445 miles
1978 Chevrolet C60 dump truck, 350 V-8, 19,200 GVWR, 17,714 miles, needs repairs
Trailer Mounted Jet Sewer Machine:
1981, 600 gallon tank, high pressure Beam Pump, 600 ft 1" hose, 4 cyl Ford engine
Electric Motors:
2 - Westinghouse 3-phase, 460 volts, 50hp, vertical shaft
1 - Newman 3-phase, 460 volts, 25 hp, horizontal shaft
Air Compressor
Champion 450 psi electric air compressor with medium size tank
Items may be examined 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday by contacting the city hall.
Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope and the item bid should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Bids must be submitted before 4:00 pm on Friday, March 2, to the Plains city hall. The bids will be opened and publicly read at that time and date. The city may hold the bids for a period not to exceed 30 days to determine weather to accept or reject any or all bids.
All items are to be sold "as-is" with no warranty.
The City of Plains reserves the right to reject any/or all bids and waive any informality that will benefit the city.
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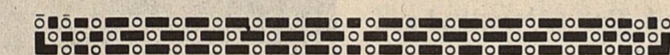
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Leadership Seminar Slated

Yoakum County Connection and the Yoakum County Extension Service are sponsoring a Leadership Seminar with grant funding provided by Yoakum County Connection and Yoakum County Commissioners Court. The seminar will be led by Joe Frank Wheeler, a professional speaker and trainer, at the Yoakum County Connection building on Saturday, February 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Mr. Wheeler will address the meaning of service and the importance of young adults' contribution to their community through service. The seminar will focus on the meaning of service to the individual, the community and the nation.

*Hosting morning radio shows, *Twenty years of sports broadcasting, * Managing a fast food restaurant, a supermarket, a ceiling fan wood stove store, radio stations and the Borger Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Joe Frank is a graduate of: The Institute for Organization Management at Colorado University, Economic Development Course at Texas A&M University, The Dale Carnegie Course.

Joe Frank will also be leading a Yoakum County Leadership Retreat at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, New Mexico on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2001. If you or your organization would like to send an individual or a couple to the retreat, please contact the Yoakum County Extension Service by giving us a call at 806-456-2263 or come by our office located at 901 Avenue G in Plains. Further information on the Leadership Retreat will be in a future edition of this newspaper. We encourage you to join us at the Leadership Seminar on Saturday, February 17 at the Yoakum County Connection Building from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and get involved in your community.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES
IN THE HANDS OF
TONI JONES
TREASURER OF YOAKUM COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS
IN REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 29TH TERM, 2001**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Yoakum County, and the Honorable Dallas Brewer, County Judge of said Yoakum County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 29th day of January 2001, at a regular term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the report of Toni Jones, Treasurer of said County, for period beginning on the 1st day of December 2000 and ending on the 31st day of December 2000, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of said County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recited separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since her last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by her present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 30th day of December 2000, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Articles 1636-1637, Chapter 1, Title 34 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Yoakum County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 29th day of January 2001, and the same to be as attached.

Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County

FUNDS	DECEMBER RECAPITULATION					ENDING BALANCE
	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS TO	TRANSFERS FROM	DISBURSEMENTS	
GENERAL	3,346,732.81	64,890.49	7,898.40	35,872.75	233,411.38	3,370,025.36
PRECINCT #1	670,296.71	8,602.82	563.14	4,398.70	20,073.89	658,002.08
PRECINCT #2	688,583.42	8,679.77	574.37	4,398.00	28,103.33	684,338.23
PRECINCT #3	394,328.27	7,113.85	563.69	3,753.42	30,841.64	367,310.75
PRECINCT #4	396,713.48	7,141.17	567.56	5,208.10	28,279.71	372,934.40
ROAD & BRIDGE	0.00	0.00	460.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
FML	0.00	0.00	1,757.71	1,757.71	0.00	0.00
LATERAL ROAD	10,336.50	40.90	0.00	0.00	5,636.08	4,710.32
JURY	66,007.47	336.08	59.30	0.00	2,548.29	63,845.56
C.C. RECORDS MGMT	24,591.07	1,222.30	0.00	0.00	1,823.51	23,989.86
COURTHOUSE SECURITY	6,481.03	542.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,003.37
COA FEE ACCOUNT	2,188.58	259.72	0.00	0.00	211.12	2,237.18
ELECTIONS SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
JUVENILE PROBATION-ST	17,325.03	6,411.39	0.00	32.45	8,512.22	15,218.74
LAW LIBRARY	1,362.25	230.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,592.39
PROBATE EDUCATION	460.33	4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	465.03
ABANDONED VEHICLES	1,543.51	5.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,549.18
SPECIAL VIDEO	434.94	46.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	481.58
Y.C. DRUG ENFORCEMENT	308.37	1.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	309.49
Y.C.S.O. FORFEITURE	88.20	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.52
HOSPITAL DIS	488,124.45	54,464.88	0.00	154,000.00	-53,233.35	441,822.98
Y.C. RECORDS MGMT	7,885.24	184.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,069.32
YOUTH CENTER	2,416.96	4,581.63	10,007.27	1,362.45	10,870.43	4,752.98
PLAINS AIRPORT	242.35	1.20	500.00	0.00	478.47	265.08
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	686,248.44	4,111.81	178.24	0.00	112,599.80	577,969.69
HOSPITAL	586,201.29	442,217.88	111.17	40,963.01	578,483.74	411,113.59
PLAINS CLINIC	22.87	5,419.29	12,001.58	2,924.08	10,996.12	3,579.01
HOSPITAL MEMORIAL	17,263.88	87.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,351.02
JUVENILE PROBATION-TR	5,981.13	21.79	32.45	0.00	0.00	6,035.37
AD VALOREM TAX	452,644.72	597,575.70	0.00	10,043.97	0.00	1,040,178.45
TOTALS	8,585,482.77	1,280,282.02	299,527.10	299,527.10	1,410,049.61	8,455,715.18

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PISD Basketball Recap

7th & 8th Lady Wranglers: The 7th and 8th girls combined their teams the last two games. They had been previously beaten by Seagraves 33 and 27 points, but fared a bit better their last outing, going down 46-34. Sanfra Gandara led the scoring with 10 points, Cecilia Bonilla had 7, Jamie Covarrubias 6, Kristian Morales 4, Jesenia Suarez 3, Daniela Lazos 2, Prisma Ortiz and Marlie Diaz 1 each. They bounced back to down Colorado City 26-8. Jamie scored 9 points, Jesenia 5, Marlie Sandra 4 each, Daniela and Prisma 2 each.

7th Boys: The 7th Wranglers were downed by Colorado City 47-26. Casson Curtis and Abel Ramos each had 7 points, Blake O'Quinn and T.J. Cordova 5 each, Todd Williams 2.

8th Boys: The 8th Wranglers came close, but finally fell to Colorado 31-27. Kelby Johnson topped scoring with 12 points, Cody Flores had 9, Cole Krebsbach 3, Brandon Hise 2, Brant Huerta 1.

JV Cowgirls. The younger Cowgirls were edged out by Seagraves 49-42. Moriah Traweek was scoring leader with 10 points, Keri Hansen had 9, Mandi Rogers 6, Arasley Luina and Jessica Knight 5 each, Jill Gray 4, Sarah Martinez 2, Kenia Molina 1. They bounced back to down Colorado City 26-14. Keri managed 11 points, Kayla Willis had 7, Sarah 4, Moriah and Arasley 2 each.

Varsity Cowgirls: The Cowgirls were downed by Seagraves 66-35. Jessica Rodriguez poured in 16 points, Lexi Warren had 5, Annaliesa O'Quinn 4, Kayla Willis 3, Kim Willis, Chelsi Wagnon and Mackenzie Winn 2 each, Chelsea Blount 1. Annaliesa grabbed 10 rebounds, and Jessica had 3 steals. They next were defeated by Colorado City 53-35. Chelsea Blount topped scoring with 8, Annaliesa and Kim had 6 each, Lexi 5, Mackenzie, Jessica and Michaela Traweek 2 each.

JV Cowboys: The young Cowboys were edged by Seagraves 39-37. Zach Broome topped the scoring with 12 points, Jonathan Peppin had 11, Kelly Bowers 7, Chase Howell 5, David Garza 2. They came back against Colorado, winning 43-37. Zach totaled 20 points, Chase, Jonathan and Jeremy Diamond 5 each, Sterlin Justus and Kelly 3 each, David 2.

Varsity Cowboys: The Cowboys were surprised by Seagraves and fell 51-48. Eddy Gallegos had 14 points, Dustin Six 11, Adam Garcia 8, Jarod Newland 6, Jared Bell 4, Kelsey Blundell 3. Eddy had 14 rebounds, Bell had 4 steals. They lost a heart breaker to Colorado with just seconds to go, 52-51. Eddy managed 17 points, Kelsey had 10, Dustin 8, Bell 6, Newland and Adam 5 each.

Math and Science Team Competes At SPC

The Plains High School Math and Science team traveled to Lovelland Saturday, February 3rd to compete at the South Plains College UIL practice meet. The students that attended the meet were Amanda Garcia, Eric Nixon, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Chris Hansen, Jill Gray, Jordan Bean, Liz Wilmeth, Nolan Newsom, Manuela Villegas, and Helen Neufeld.

Plains competed in the A through AAA division along with thirteen other schools. Plains finished second in the overall sweepstakes behind AAA Seminole. The Number Sense team placed second. The Calculator team finished 1st. The Mathematics team took 3rd place, and the Science team finished in 4th place.

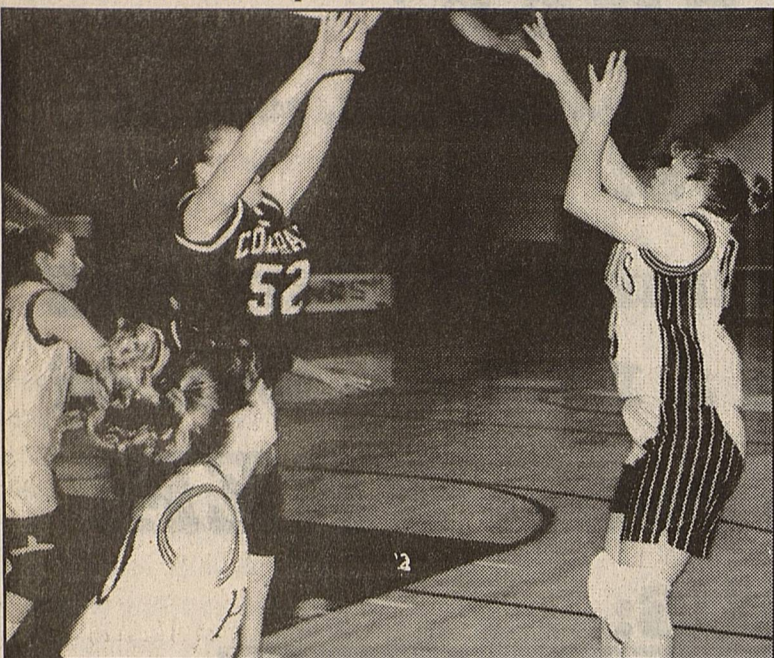
Amanda Garcia 2nd NS, 1st Cal, 6th Math, Eric Nixon 3rd NS, 2nd Math, 1st Science, Annaliesa O'Quinn 3rd NS, 2nd Cal, Chris Hansen 8th NS, 10th Math, Jill Gray 2nd NS, 1st Cal, 2nd Math, 4th Science, Jordan Bean 3rd NS, 3rd Cal, 3rd Math, Liz Wilmeth 6th NS, 2nd Cal, 6th Math, Manuela Villegas 8th Cal, Nolan Newsom 7th Math 10th Science, Helen Neufeld 9th Cal.

PHS Golf Schedule

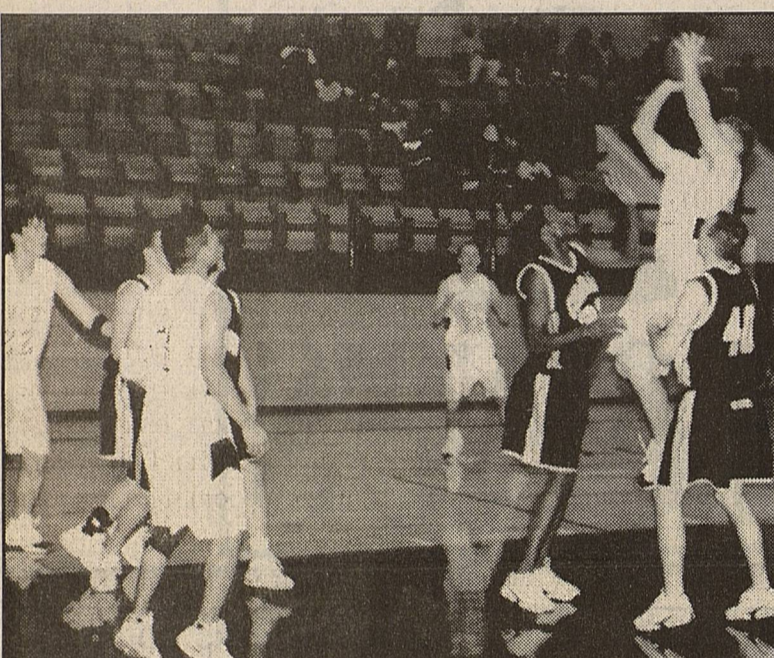
February 27	Yoakum County	Boys/Girls
March 20	Sundown	Girls
March 21	Sundown	Boys
March 28	Big Spring	Boys/Girls
April 4 (Dist.)	Yoakum County	Boys/Girls
April 11 (Dist.)	Big Spring	Boys/Girls



Dustin Six takes a hard spill in Colorado game



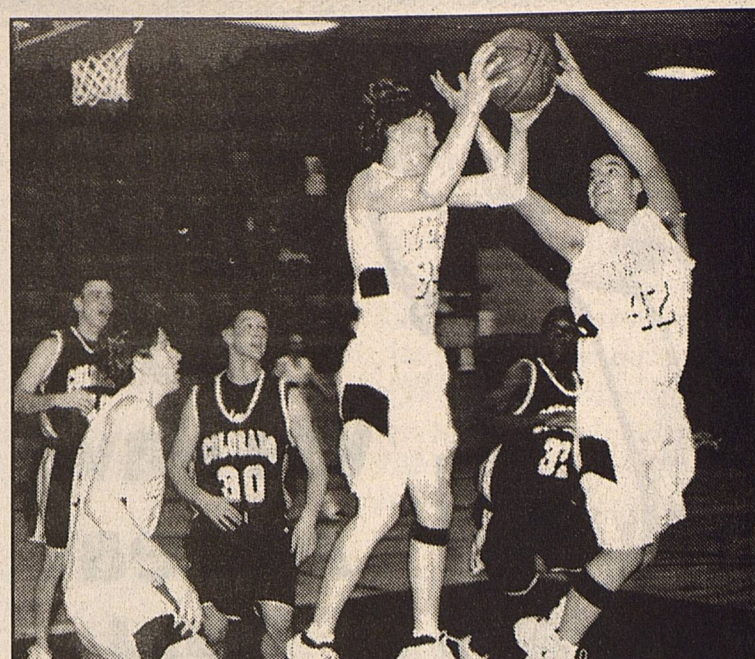
Jessica Rodriguez makes two points



Brett Squyres goes high for shot



Chelsea Blount takes jump shot



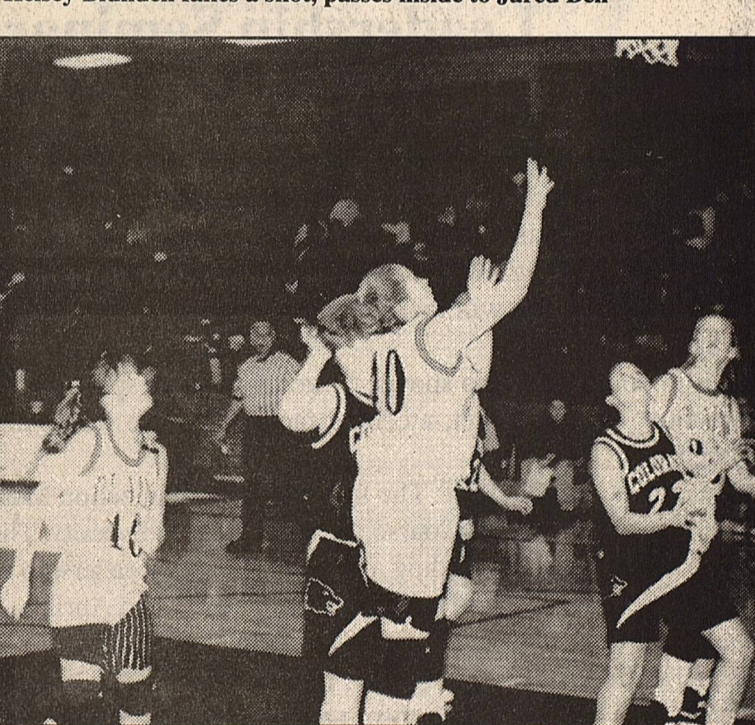
Jared Bell, Eddy Gallegos with rebound



Michaela Traweek ready to go up for shot



Kelsey Blundell fakes a shot, passes inside to Jared Bell



Kim Willis gets open for shot under basket



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High School Students Attended Tech Prep School

Six students from Plains High School participated in the South Plains Tech Prep School-to-Work February 2nd.

The program is designed to allow high school juniors to job shadow people who work in areas the students are interested in pursuing. The students spend the day getting "hands-on" experience and asking questions concerning job skills and education requirements needed for that field of work.

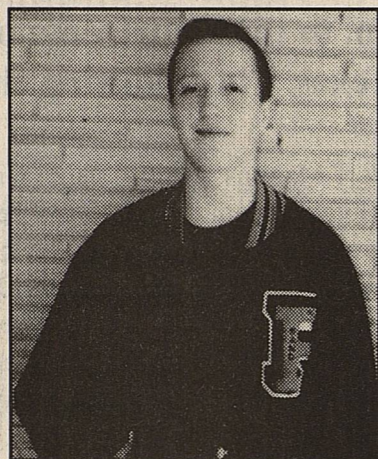
These six students participated with approximately 15,000 students across the nation in the job shadow experience. In the South Plains area we had nearly

1,500 students in businesses from Plainview, Lubbock, and Levelland.

Our students were at these locations: Allison Butler-Lubbock State School Accountant, Wendy Fierro and Arasely Luna-Pet Care-Levelland, Chris Hansen-Chemical Engineering-Texas Tech University, Annaliesa O'Quinn-Pediatrician-Lubbock, Becky Wilmeth-Medical-Covenant Health Systems-Lubbock. I believe this was a great opportunity for these students and we are looking for greater adventures next year.

Student of the Week

This week's student of the week is Jordan Bean a sophomore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monty Bean. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn who said, "Excellence is never an accident, and this week's student of the week strives for excellence every day. I believe that this student reflects on each day and asks himself, 'Have I done my very best, and have I been my very best to-



day?" This student is a pleasure to have in class and a joy to teach."

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Senior Citizens Corner

I am trying to see what I want to write. I can not get it to come out right.

I made a mistake about the '42' players. I understood the winners were Faye Black and Billie McDonnell, it turns out it was Darlene Clevenger and Billie McDonnell. I am sorry about the mistake Darlene.

Today we have Mola Moorehead and Marjorie Moore in the craft room.

Genevive Gordy is home from the hospital.

The line dancers are still coming on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Every day is pool, dominoes, '42' and bridge. The pool room is open on Monday nights.

SPAG and TDA gives us some money every month for groceries, then the \$2.00 donation for 60 and over, garage sales, raffles, and auctions pays the rest and also the under 60 have to pay \$4.00. The county pays for the up keep on the bus and the building and utilities. We always want to remember to thank the Commissioners and Judge Brewer.

We are open from 8:30 am. to 3:00 pm., Monday thru Friday. Also we have several that walks in the hall and exercise on the treadmills.

That's it for this week, everyone keep well.

Wanda B.

We Get Letters

Dear Editor,

Making a pledge to remain abstinent until marriage is a proven method to encourage young people to be virgins until they marry. "True Love Waits" is an international campaign that challenges teenagers and college students to remain sexually abstinent until marriage.

Two years ago, a "True Love Waits" rally was held in Brownfield. 126 students signed pledge cards to remain abstinent. During the school year of 1999-2000, there were no pregnancies at the middle school that I work at as a school nurse. I've worked there for over 15 years and that had never happened before and I really feel that this rally made a difference.

This year, there will be another "True Love Waits" rally that

will be held at the Brownfield Middle School Auditorium. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last until 8:30 p.m. on February 13 and 14. The guest speaker will be Glenn Procopio, a very dynamic pastor and youth communicator from Lakeland, Florida. There will also be two bands, Shephard Blind and Justin and the Band.

We would like to invite teenagers and any adults interested in helping young people make good decisions for the future to the rally. There will be no charge and we would like you to join us in learning about true love during this Valentine holiday. For more information, contact Steve Carter at 806-637-7511. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pat Alldredge R.N.
School Nurse

CSW Enjoys Record Enrollment Again

In spite of a declining population in Lea County, not to mention a less than booming economy, College of the Southwest is enjoying a record enrollment for the Spring 2001 semester and the numbers aren't even completely in.

According to Glenna Ohaver, Registrar and Director of Educational Services, the official number is currently at 780 students, well above last spring's 639. The final count for Spring 2001 could rise even more when CSW Carlsbad's branch posts its final enrollment for session B, which doesn't begin until March 19.

Ohaver believes that the new master's agreement with Hobbs and Lovington schools is primarily responsible. The agreement allows teachers in both districts to earn masters' degrees at CSW virtually free of cost. "We currently have 221 graduate students enrolled in

the master's program in education, whereas we only had 103 this time last year. Of these, 131 are enrolling for the first time in the master's program this spring. The numbers really speak for themselves."

Asked if she expects the trend to continue, Ohaver indicated that she believes it will. "In addition to the graduates, our new criminal justice program is beginning to take off. And with the Environmental Management program being implemented in conjunction with WIPP and the U.S. Department of Energy, CSW should continue its current growth trend."

One of the fastest growing independent colleges in the Southwest, CSW has enjoyed tremendous growth since President Joan Tucker's tenure began in 1989. In the last decade alone, CSW's enrollment has more than tripled.

Local Student Named To Southwestern Dean's List

Southwestern University students have been named to the 2000 Fall Dean's List for academic achievement. Clint Burrus, son of Tommy and Sarah Kay Burrus, was on the prestigious List.

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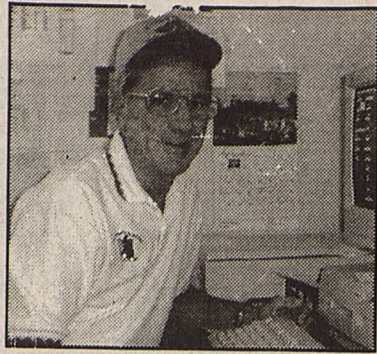
Sunday School 9:30 am.
Morning Worship 10:45 am.
Evening Program 6:00 pm.
Wednesday

5:15 - 6:30 pm. Supper

6:00 pm. Zombies

7:00 pm. - RA's, GA's, Mission Friends,
Generation X, Sanctuary Choir Practice

From The Hack



I tried watching the new edition of *SURVIVOR* last week. I survived about 17 minutes. When I woke up in my chair, the group had just finished voting to kick the first victim out of the contest. What a bunch of no-brainers - they booted out the best looking girl of the entire tribes.

For some reason the tube saga brought to mind a survival experience I went through my sophomore year of high school. The football coaching staff, all mental giants, decided it would be very beneficial for team members to go on a camping-workout excursion at a Boy Scout encampment deep in the Davis Mountains.

We were told to bring NOTHING but clothing, bedrolls and personal hygiene stuff. Best I recall there were about forty some odd would be football stars jammed on one of those old yellow buses, complete with open window air-conditioners and buttock crucifying seats.

We finally got to the scout encampment, and six or eight of us lower classmen were assigned our sleeping quarters - a run down old shed in the horse corral. I know it was a horse corral, for there was abundant, fresh and not so fragrant evidence of horses on the ground and in our shed-bedroom.

We hurriedly chunked our stuff in the shed, and fell out to happily do calesenthics for what seemed an eternity. I wondered if the coaches were trying to trim our roster down the first day by killing several of us.

About sundown they told us to fallout and get ready for supper. We lined up by (1) class standings or (2) physical size, strength and meanness. At the time I weighed about 138 pounds thoroughly wet, so I got to eat with the freshmen.

We went through the chow line, tended by half a dozen volunteer football fans, and I swear I smelled strong drink on the man who dumped a pile of goo on my plate. I timidly asked what the stuff was, and he snarled, "Stew. Eat it. It'll put some meat on your skinny butt."

It did not taste like stew my grandmother made. I was stirring it about, and I found a long, black, stiff hair floating in the greasy stuff. I held it up, and a guy beside me gagged, and said, "Oh my God, I know what that is, it's hair off a Javelina hog!"

The head coach, a former lineman for the Chicago Bears, yelled for us to hit the sack about 8 pm. My survival group spread our bedrolls out, and someone whispered, "What did you guys bring that you weren't supposed to bring?" I stole a six pack of beer off my old man. Another had a dozen candy bars, two of them had packs of Beechnut, I had two decks of cards, and one guy had a really dirty book he offered to swap for half the six pack.

I think I slept about 18 minutes that first night. Someone whacked on a big cast iron bell at 6:30 and screamed something about first and last call for breakfast.

After some dry scrambled eggs

and petrified bacon, we assembled for a friendly talk by our head coach. He made an imposing picture, all 320 pounds. "OK men, you see that hill over there? You're gonna take a little stroll up it, than come back here for lunch. If you're not back by 12 noon, nolunch, got that? Assistant Coach Groucho will lead you, I have to stay in camp and work on our playbook. Hit the trail!" I looked at the 'hill' and wondered how they had moved Pike's Peak all the way to the Davis Mountains.

On the way up, one of our more obese lineman gasped, "Oh my God, I'm dying, I need an oxygen tank!" For me, it was a true educational experience. I discovered severe leg cramps won't kill you, they just make you want to die. Somehow, we all made it.

After a sumptuous lunch of hot dogs and greasy fries, Coach announced, "Now, fall out for a few limbering up exercises, then you're going on another scenic little stroll, and I don't want no stragglers! Coach Groucho will lead you again, and my dog Growler will bring up the rear to make SURE there ain't no stragglers." Growler was a Rottweiler beast from Hell, and there were no stragglers over the nine mile stroll, speeded up considerably when we were ordered to run up every hill we encountered, which were about every 200 yards.

After supper that night, we huddled in our palatial horse shed, some of us trying to read the very dirty book by light from one of the guys Zippo he'd brought to light one of four contraband cigars. One guy was chewing Beechnut, another was loudly praying, "Dear God, please, please let me find a rattlesnake tomorrow so it can bite me and send me home!" I tried to get a friendly card game going, but it was too dark to read the cards, and no one had any money anyway. I lost count of the number of days we survived. It seemed 37, but was probably closer to

three. The last full day was the crown jewel of the excursion. We were allowed to run, hike, run, hike over hill and dale to reach a stream fed swimming hole, our first opportunity to bathe our crusty young bodies.

To say we were a bit over ripe is a bigger understatement than Bill Clinton ever made about Monica L.

You had to disrobe, of course, then clamber up a steep rock wall, where you could then leap gracefully into a deep pool of water colder than the adornments witches are reported to have. It was hilarious to see all those ungainly young naked bodies gingerly crawling upwards, then cannon ball into the frigid water. It was truly hysterical to watch our 320 pound head coach pant and puff skyward, then launch his meaty self into the pool, the depth of which was greatly decreased when he landed.

The next morning when the old yellow school bus chugged up, I

wept with joy. My team mates were so overjoyed to board the thing we all lustily began to sing.

"Forty four bottles of beer on the wall, forty four bottles of beer..." We were true survivors.

The current Castaway movie may have spawned the following, but it came off the internet;

This guy who has been stranded on a desert isle, all alone, for ten years, sees a tiny speck on the ocean, apparently approaching his island. "It's not a ship... probably not even a small boat... maybe not even a raft," he thinks.

It gets nearer, and suddenly, emerging from the sea comes this drop-dead gorgeous blonde girl wearing a wet suit and scuba gear.

She comes to the stuuned castaway, and asks, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years," he replies. She unzips a waterproof pouch on

her suit, gives him a cigarette and lighter. He fires it up and, takes a deep drag, and says, "Oh, man that's so good!"

The blonde then asks, "How long since you've had a drink of liquor?"

"Ten years," the man says. The beauty opens another zippered pocket, pulls out a bottle of bourbon and offers it to the man. He turns it up for a big drink, and sighs, "Oh, man, that is wonderful!"

The lovely from the sea then reaches to the zipper on the chest of the suit, starts easing the zipper down, and asks, "How long has it been since you've played around?"

The castaway shrieks with joy, "Oh, sweet God, don't tell me you've got a set of golf clubs in there too!"

I'm feeling a bit nostalgic and sorry for myself. Will someone please send me a KIND Valentine card? 50 years ago on that date I was sworn into the service of the U.S. Navy.

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court

A jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on February 13, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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