

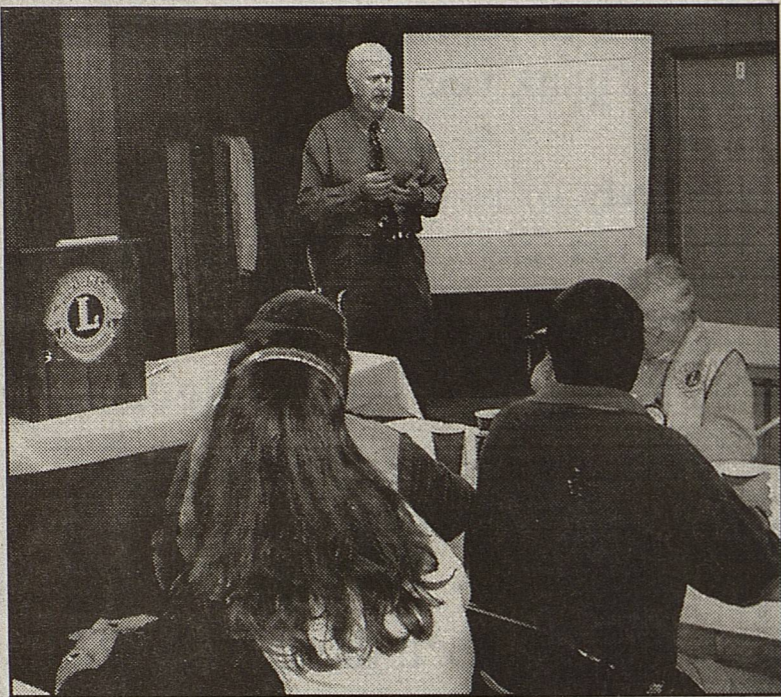
# Cowboy Country News

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## Efforts continue push to make U.S. 82 four lanes



Mike Dreyspring, General Manager of Lea County Electric and representing the Lovington, New Mexico Economic Development Corp. used the Plains Lions Club as a sounding board at last Thursday's noon meeting. Utilizing a Power Point presentation, Dreyspring displayed some of the data and information being gathered to convince the Texas Department of Transportation of the need for widening U.S. Highway 82 to four lanes from Brownfield to Plains, Lovington, Artesia, and eventually Cloudcroft and Alamogordo.

The presentation utilized data depicting good transportation infrastructure as one prime key to any type economic development. The final presentation Dreyspring and the Lovington EDC are preparing will probably be founded on three main objectives - Improving safety for both trucks and passenger

vehicles; Promote rural areas needing access to the national transportation network to achieve economic development; and stimulate community development.

One of the more graphic depictions in the Power Point presentation was an actual photo of a New Mexico section of the highway, with no shoulder on either side, an obvious hazard for any type vehicle, and another map of US 82 in New Mexico, featuring symbols indicating vehicle wreck sites, and another symbol for sites where fatalities occurred.

Dreyspring expressed his gratitude to the Plains Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, City of Plains, and Commissioners Court for earlier endorsing the US 82 improvement campaign with letters and resolutions.

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## Veterans Day 2002 Remembered Here



The Darryl and Pat McNabb continued their annual placing of United State flags on all known US Service Veterans at rest in Plains Cemetery. A special video presentation honoring veterans was also featured in the Monday Assembly of Plains High students and faculty.

## Cowboys Long, Long Season Ends With 39 - 7 Loss To Morton

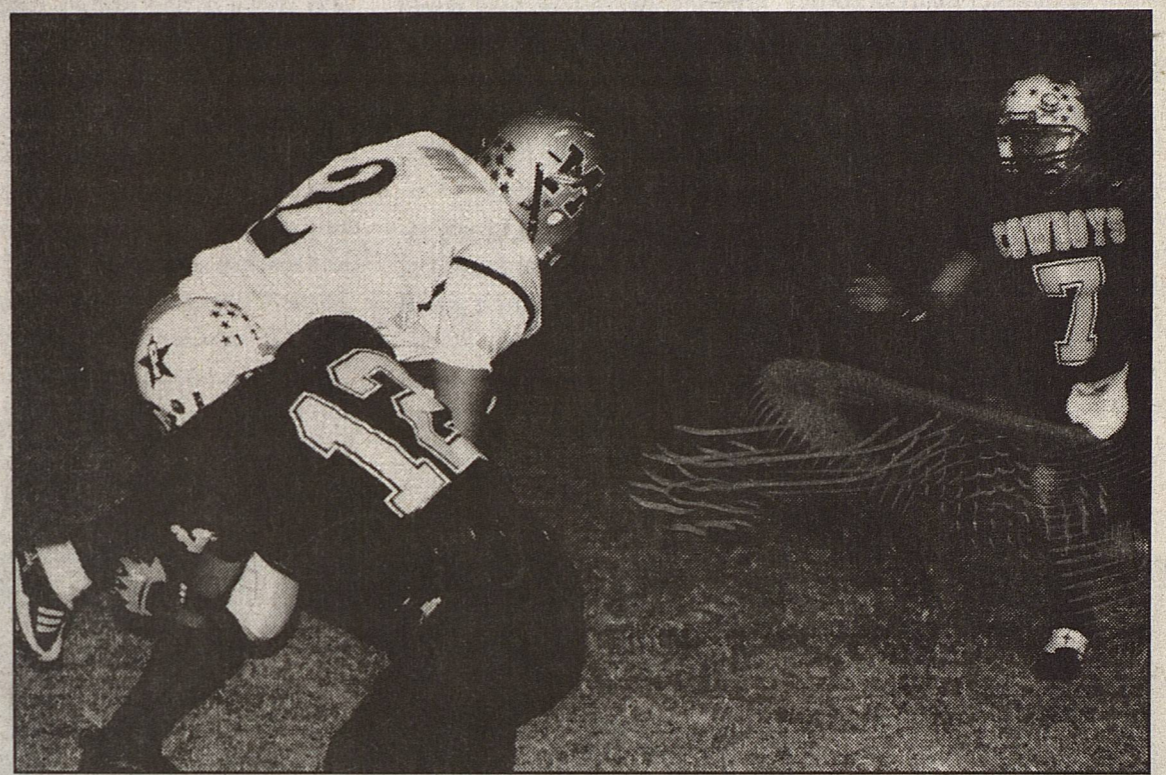
Ten consecutive losses take a severe toll on football players, coaches, the players parents and supporting fans. When the final buzzer sounded at last Friday's game against Morton, there was undoubtedly a collective sigh of relief from all concerned..... the buzzer signalled the end of a long and frustrating season.

The scenario for the night seemed to be set when the Cowboys took the opening kickoff, and were stopped cold. The Indians took the short punt at Plains' 35, and in six plays drove the ball in for their first score and 7-0 lead.

The Cowboys took the Indian kickoff at their own seven, and rushes by Kevin Bartley, Armando Ramirez and Todd Williams produced a first down, but they were again forced to punt.

The Indians racked up yardage on the ground and through the air, to go 34 yards in 7 plays, and the missed extra point kick gave them a 13-0 lead early in the second period.

Back on offense, the Cowboy line provided blocking for good gains on the ground by Richard Diaz, Williams and Bartley for two first downs, but an errant pass was intercepted by



Zach Broome, 12, hits Indian runner, Kevin Bartley, 7, comes up to help

the Indians. They made a first down on the ground, then a quick burst up the middle produced a 65 yard score and 19-0 lead.

Back on offense again, Broome made a 17 yard reception, and up front blocking allowed a pair of first down rushes by Ramirez and Williams, but the Cowboy drive faltered and the Indians got the ball when a fourth down run failed. Following two penalties, the Indians scored again to end the first half up 26-0.

Early in the third quarter, the Cowboys could not generate any offense, and the Indians took the ball on their 40. In eight plays they rolled down the field for another score and 32-0 lead to start the final period.

Morton would score again in the fourth to go up 39-0. When they kicked off with ten minutes left in the game, the Cowboys had their finest hour in the long night. The line opened holes for good gains by Bartley, Diaz, Nick Hays to move the

ball to the Indian 10 yardline, where Diaz went over his right guard for the only touchdown of the night, and Mario Bonilla's point after kick produced the final 39-7 score.

Rushing stats included Bartley 67 yards, Diaz 62, Hays 39, Williams 26, Ramirez 19.

Broome and Chase Howell were the only successful receivers with one catch each.

Evan Cain, Williams and Hays were credited with fumble recoveries.

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## Criminal cases in County Court

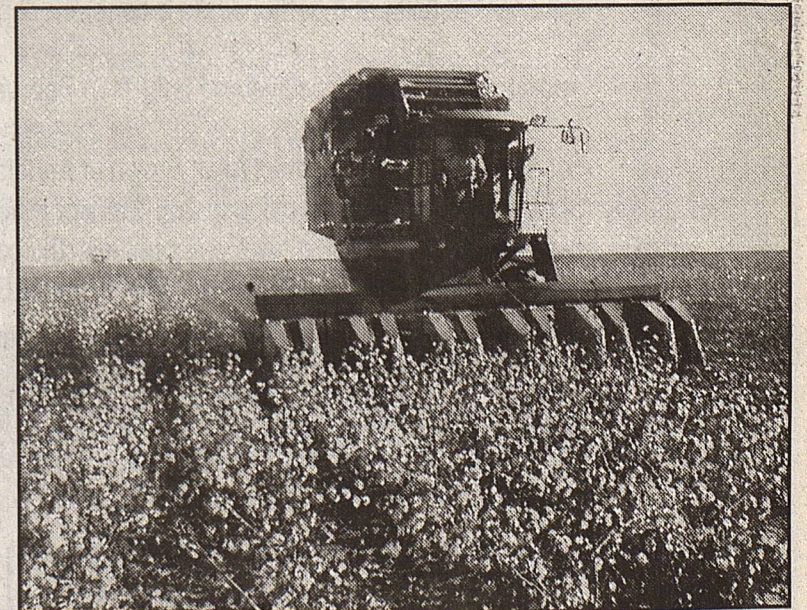
Seven criminal cases were heard in County Court November 6, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Salvador Fernandez pled guilty to a first DWI. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 2.5 hours served, must attend weekly AA meetings and complete the DWI first offender program. Investigating officer was Trooper Chris Malloy, DPS.

Felipa Mendoza Perez pled guilty to a second DWI, b.t. .172/.174. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. She was fined \$600, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. She will be jailed 10

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## Producers, ginners pleased with 2002 cotton crop



With the return of dry, sunny days, area cotton farmers are pushing their stripping machines hard to finish harvesting a surprisingly good crop. Barring a return of wet weather, local ginners are hopefully optimistic the year's production could equal and quite possibly exceed last years total bale count.

Yoakum County CO-OP Gin Manager Chris Chambliss thinks by CCN press time the cooperative should have produced some 8,500 bales. "We're thinking we should end the season with around 25,000 bales, possibly even more. That

would be a considerable gain over last year's 21,000 bales."

He said a number of his customers were reporting two, three and even four bales of lint per acre. Earlier wet weather did create some grade problems, but not as severe as originally thought when the rains started.

New Tex Gin Manager Ron Craft also offered an optimistic assesment for his plant. They have ginned some 13,000 bales, and are estimating a total run of around 35,000, com-

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## Spreading The Wealth

"The Internet offers a wealth of information," is a tired, worn out phrase, but a program operated by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is making it easier for more than 600 of the state's academic and public libraries to spread that wealth while saving millions of dollars.

A consortium of about 50 state colleges and universities pooled their finances to create the TexaShare program in the late 1980's so they could purchase joint access to online research databases for less money than if they bought access individually.

Originally run by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the 1997 Texas Legislature shifted the responsibility for TexShare to TSLAC.

The 1999 Legislature then allowed public libraries to participate in TexShare. Finally in 2001, libraries of clinical medicine, such as the Texas Medical Association's Library, the Baylor Health Science Center Library and the Scott & White Hospital were accepted as TexShare members.

By April 2002, 460 public libraries, 274 academic libraries and 37 state agencies were participating in TexShare at no cost to their own budgets.

TexShare offers its 634 member libraries and their patrons

access to about 60 online databases and an extensive e-book collection of about 19,000 titles, according to Beverly Shirley, TSLAC's director of Library Resource Sharing.

"From July 2001 to June 2002, it would have cost the libraries participating in TexShare more than \$600 million to purchase the database subscriptions and e-books that TexShare bought for about \$10 million," Shirley says. "The databases, if purchased individually by each library, would have cost the libraries nearly \$130 million and the e-book collection, if purchased separately, would have cost the libraries more than \$473 million."

TexShare, which has an annual budget of about \$10 million, began a major push in fiscal 2001 to make patrons of its member libraries aware that they could access the databases and the e-book collection from their homes or offices. This feature can be particularly helpful to full time researchers and students.

Rural libraries and small libraries couldn't afford the cost of the databases on their small budgets, so TexShare is enabling them to save millions, while providing out of the way library patrons access to a larger world.

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pared to last year's production of 32,000 bales. Asked what he attributed the excellent yields to, Craft said "I don't think we can credit the weather for this year's yields, because we certainly didn't get the rain needed for a dryland crop. We think our producers used better crop management practices this year, and used irrigation water more efficiently, as well as their fertilizer, herbicide and insecticide chemicals."

He echoed the report from Yoakum County CO-OP, indicating the weather producing lower grades in some fields was not as serious as feared.

Tokio CO-OP Gin's Marc Traweek was also upbeat about the year's production run. He anticipates ginning some 18,000 bales, compared to the 15,000 bales last year. "I'm sure we would have had a much better year if we'd had earlier rains to produce a good dryland crop. We've had some excellent yields from our irrigated customers. We're getting ready to gin cotton stripped after the recent rainy spell, but don't anticipate any serious damage."

Texas Cooperative Extension Agent Arlan Gentry told CCN, "I recently made an informal inspection of much of our county's cotton acreage, and I am well pleased with the cur-

rent crop. Some of our producer yields have just been phenomenal. I'm optimistic about this 2002 crop, but there are many fields not ready for harvesting. I am hoping Mother Nature will continue to cooperate until this crop is fully gathered."

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Recently the Lovington EDC received word the Artesia EDC and other civic groups have also joined the campaign, and Dreyspring reported efforts are underway urging the same support in Cloudcroft and Alamogordo. He hopes to be able to take the finalized presentation to TxDOT in Austin later this month or early December. He said Gary Walker is being helpful in trying to schedule the meeting with TxDOT officials.

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days with credit for 2 days served, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the repeat offender DWI program, serve 80 hours community service and surrender her license 90 days. Investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS, and her attorney was Warren New.

Nancy Gamboa Garcia pled guilty to a first DWI, open container. A 120 day jail sentence. She was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, serve 6 days in jail with credit for one day served, serve 24 hours community service and complete the DWI first offender program. Melody Fannin pled guilty to the lesser included offense of assault. She was fined \$100 and must pay \$211 court costs. Warren New was her attorney, and Sheriff Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer.

Alberto Velasquez Jr. pled guilty to theft of \$50 or more, less than \$500. He was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. He will be under community supervision six months, must pay \$256 court costs and \$200 court appointed attorney fees, and perform 24 hours community service. Warren New served as his attorney, and Deputy Kenley Powell was investigating officer.

Kathy Escobar Mindieta pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI cause. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 6 days served.

Jeremy Jason Gonzales pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior possession of marijuana charge. He will spend 30 days in jail with credit for 14 days served, and must pay \$248 supervision fees. Paul Mansur was his attorney.

## Thank You

I would like to thank those who voted and supported me through the General Election. I am grateful for the many kind and encouraging words that I received during this campaign.

Thank you, Yoakum County, for giving me the opportunity to serve you for the last 16 years. It has been my pleasure to represent each one of you not only at home but also on my travels outside the County.

Thank you again for the support shown to me November 5.

Toni Jones

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to each one of you for your vote and support given me in the November 5th General Election. It has truly been a privilege serving the people of this county, and I look forward to serving you for another term. Thank you for your confidence in me.

Sincerely,  
Melba Crutcher

Thank you for re-electing me as your County Clerk. Your vote of confidence is sincerely appreciated!!

Sincerely,  
Debbie Rushing

To the voters of Yoakum County; I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the November 5th election. I look forward to serving you in the position of Treasurer

Sincerely,  
Barbara Wright

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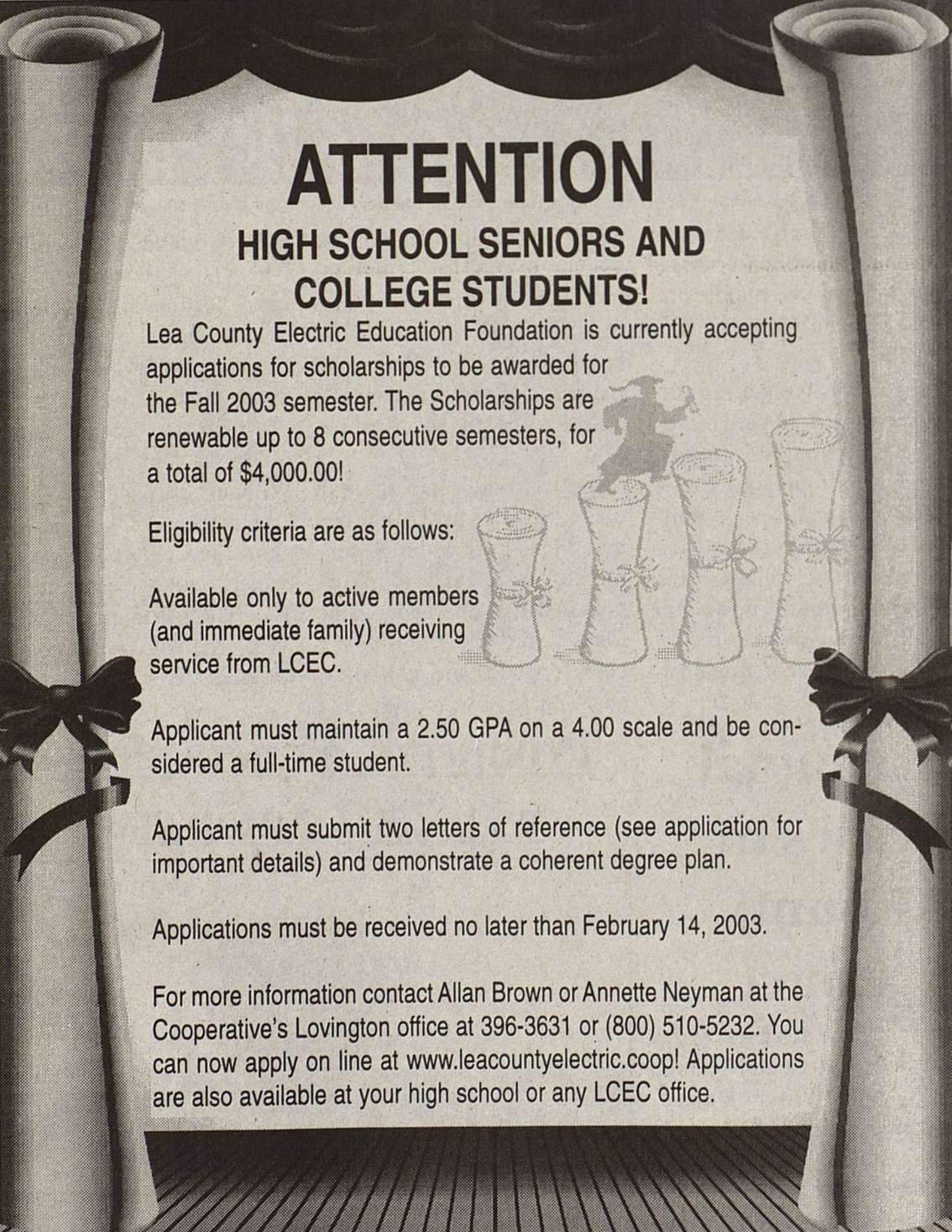
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- Applications must be received no later than February 14, 2003.

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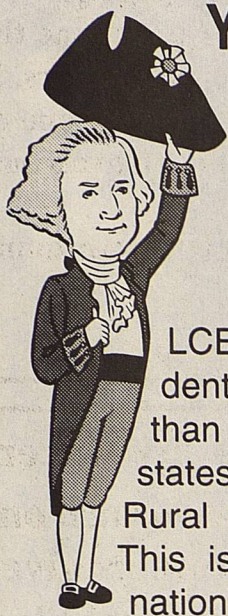
## 'Sight - Night' Big Success



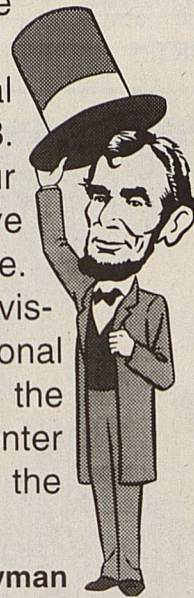
The Lions Club sponsored drive to collect used prescription eye glasses on Halloween evening was given a boost by members of the local Cub Scout Bear Den. Lions Club President Melba Crutcher shown here with Cub Scouts Christopher Davis, Andrew Conway and Tony Alldredge. They delivered 77 pairs of glasses at last week's club meeting.

## Hey High School Students!

Where will you be this summer?  
 You could be in Washington, D.C.,  
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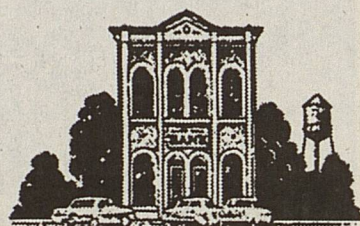
LCEC will be sending two local high school students on an all-expense-paid trip to join more than 1,400 high school students from 37 states in Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, June 12-24, 2003. This is the chance of a lifetime to tour our nation's capitol, visit personally with legislative leaders, and see where history has been made. The Government-in-Action Youth Tour includes visits to the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Minting & Engraving, the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts, Mount Vernon, and all the National Monuments.



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## Getting Your Finances in Order

Once you have reached the age of responsibility, you must take measures in addressing personal affairs to prepare for dispersal of assets upon your death. Getting your finances in order and having an estate plan in place will be a great comfort to your family and friends.



### Tips from your Community Banker

The following are steps to consider as you organize and separate your business and belongings.

#### Write a Will

- Although it seems obvious to have a will, many find it difficult to write. List who will inherit property, family heirlooms and other loved possessions. A will gives your family and friends the opportunity to carry out your wishes.
- Most people should have a living will specifying the type of medical care they want or don't want if they become ill and are unable to communicate.
- Make sure to name alternate executors and guardians for children. You never know what circumstances may keep someone from fulfilling your will.
- You need to update your will regularly to encompass

family deaths, divorces, new births and laws that can alter your plan. Failure to update your will can cause confusion between family members on how you would like to handle certain details.

#### Have a Plan

- The goal of estate planning is to distribute a person's assets and minimize taxes at death. For most, this means making and periodically updating their will.
- Various types of trusts or gifts can be arranged to help preserve assets for heirs. In general, trusts should be set up with the help of an attorney experienced in estate tax issues.
- For those who can, the law allows you to give a gift of \$10,000 to anyone and to an unlimited number of people you choose each year. Married couples can give \$10,000 each, a total of \$20,000.

The best part is that you and your lucky recipients do not have to pay gift or income tax. This offers the opportunity to transfer money out of your taxable estate.

#### To Find Personal Information

- Make a list of where all your important documents are located. Include bank accounts and numbers, insurance policies, credit cards, your social security number, safe-deposit box and keys, the location of your income-tax returns for at least three years and the names and phone numbers of all your financial advisors.
- This list will help your family protect your assets, including dividends, interest, insurance, pensions, Social Security payments and safe deposit contents.
- **Be Aware of the IRS**
- Know that the larger the estate, the more likely you will be questioned.
- Leaving financial and income tax documentation will help ensure the government will respect the intentions stated in your will.
- In planning ahead, you make sure your family and friends will not face a major task in sorting out your affairs.

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## Texas Historical Commission Developing WWII Web Page

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To recognized the many achievements Texans made during World War II, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has initiated the Texas In World War II survey, mailed recently to all county historical commis-

sions. The goal is to increase public awareness of important military and home front sites in Texas, as well as document them. Nearly half of the state's counties have identified local training bases, airfields, prisoner of war camps, USO facilities and other locations. A links page will put visitors in touch with museums and research centers across the state that memorialize Texans' wartime accomplishments. In Addition,

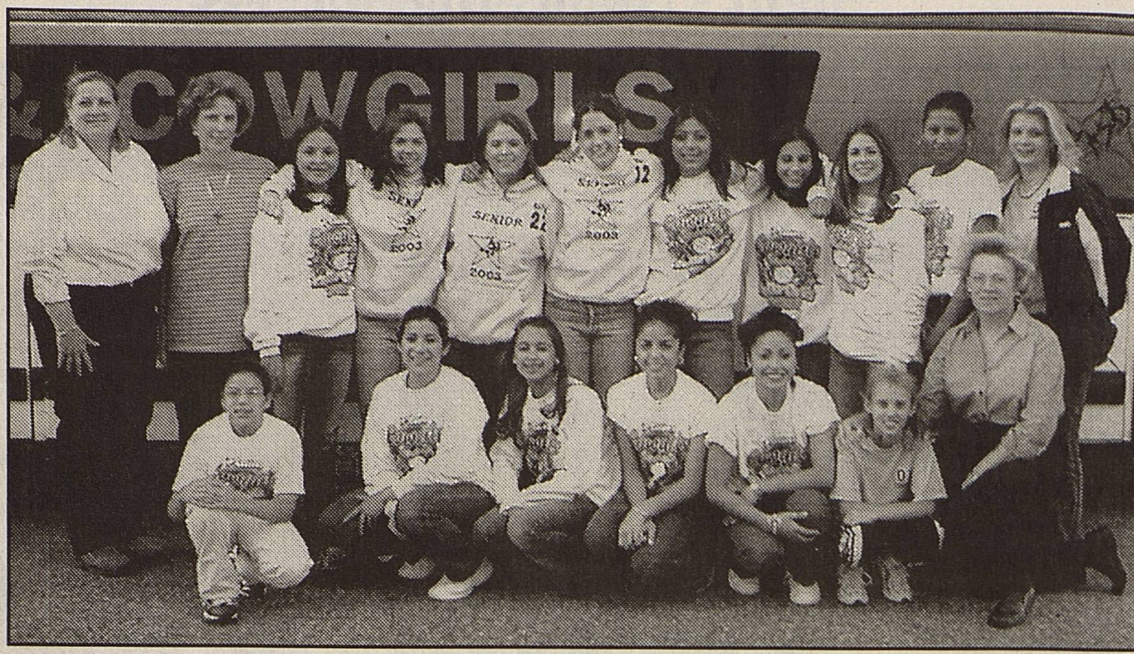
a bibliography page offers visitors a selection of published materials that provide more in depth information about the role Texas played in World War II.

Viewers can visit the World War II in Texas web page at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) in early November before Veterans Day on November 11. Visit regularly, as the site will be updated with new information and links.

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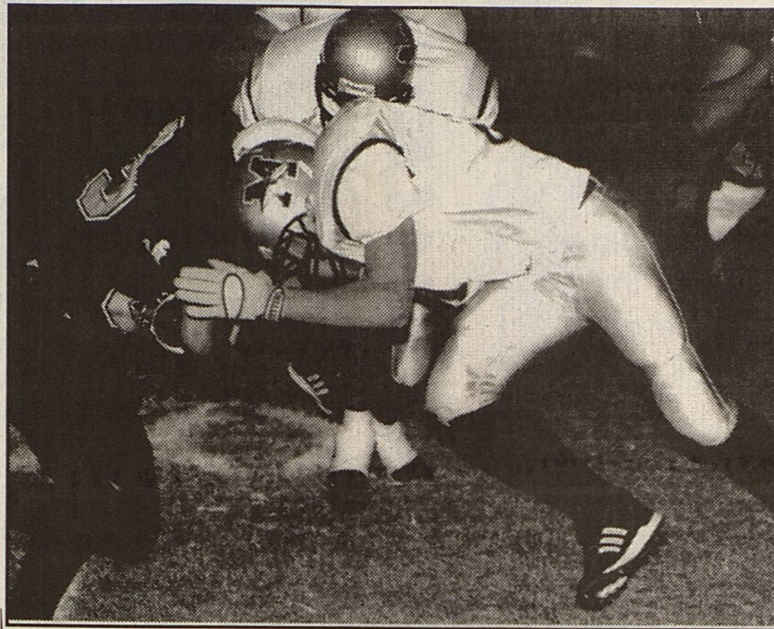
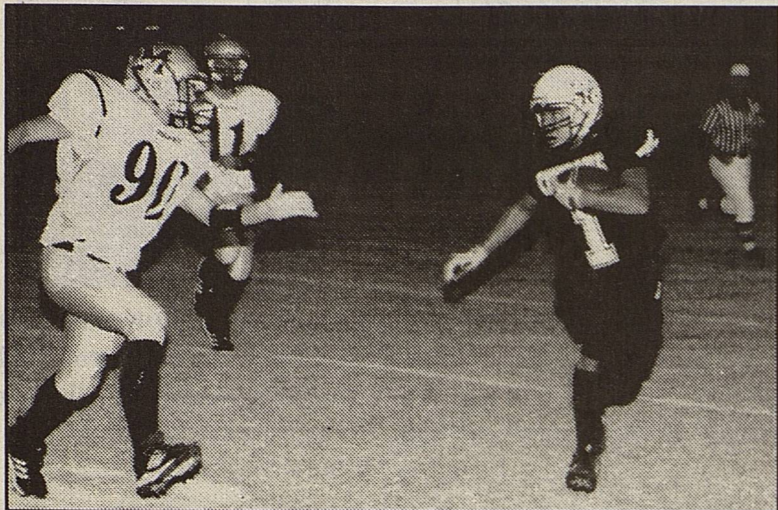
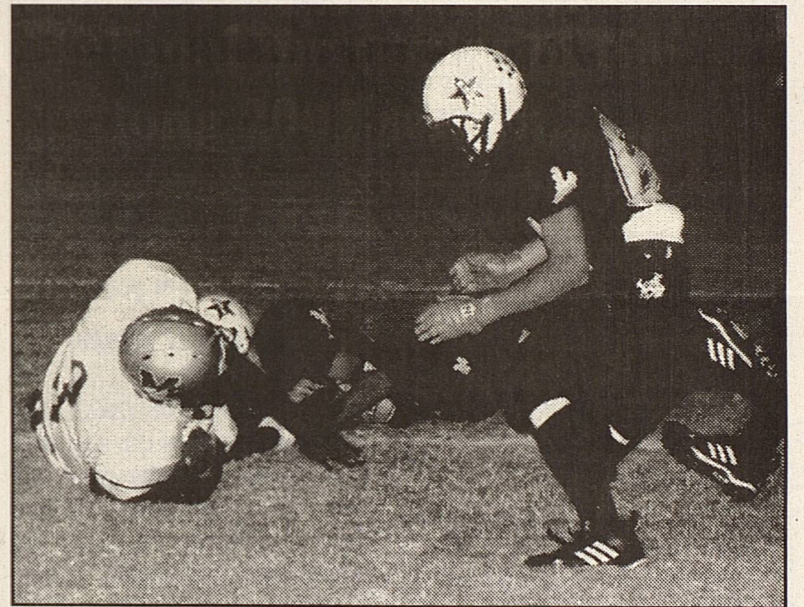
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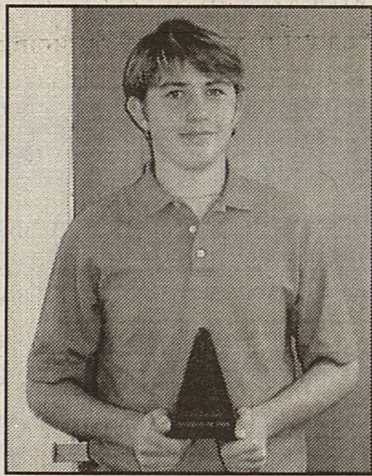
The Cowgirl volleyball team was HYPER when they boarded the bus shown here for the long trip to Imperial to take on Ft. Davis in area playoff action. Their enthusiasm paid off—they won in three games, 15-5, 11-15, 15-7. Coach Lusk said they played with TEXAS SIZE HEARTS against a good team. They will next face the winner of the Water Valley-Windhorst game in Tech's United Spirit Arena Friday night at 7 PM. The Cowgirls can use your presence and your LOUD SUPPORT!!

### Final memories of the long 2002 season.....



### Student of the Week

Student of the week is Kelly Bowers, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bowers. Kelly was nominated by Mrs. Jones, who said, "Kelly is your 'behind the scenes man'. He is always busy working very hard on the next project or assignment. He is very dependable and courteous to his peers and teachers. Kelly is very active in school, church and student council. I am honored to have him as the student council his-



torian."

### Texas Teens

The 2000 U. S. Census reported that Texas' 2.28 million teenagers represented 10.9 percent of the state's residents. About 46 percent of the state's teens, more than one million, are White, which is a smaller percentage than the state's overall White population, which is about 53 percent. About 870,600 Hispanic teens made up 38 percent of all teens in the state in 2000, which is a larger percentage than the state's total Hispanic population of 32 percent. The state has about 294,300 African American teens, who make up about 13 percent of the state's teenage population, which is also larger than African Americans' 11.6 percent share of the state's total population are from races, compared with 3.3 percent of the state's total population.



### Santa's Visit Scheduled Here

Santa Claus will make a brief stop in Plains on his pre-Christmas practise run. He will arrive at Chaparral Park shortly after 5:45 pm, Wednesday, December 4. Kids! bring canned goods and have your picture taken with Santa. The Cowboy Band will perform Christmas Music, and Reverend Cecil Van Hoose will bring the Devotional message.

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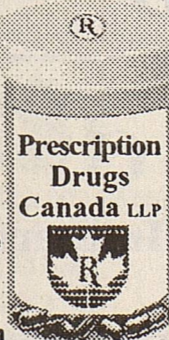
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## TDH Urges Understanding Of Diabetes-Heart Disease Link

They are ominous pair, diabetes and heart disease, that can level a person with a debilitating, sometimes deadly one two punch.

"People understand that uncontrolled diabetes can lead to other serious health problems such as blindness, kidney failure, amputations, dental problems and complications in pregnancy," said Jan Ozias, director of the Diabetes Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"But what many do not realize is that heart disease is the leading cause of diabetes-related deaths," she said. "Adults with diabetes have heart disease death rates from two to four times higher than adults without diabetes. And about 65 percent of adults with diabetes also have high blood pressure."

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas, contributing to more than 15,000 deaths in 2000. More than 1 million people 18 and older in Texas have been diagnosed with diabetes. "But estimates are that another 500,000 adults in the state have diabetes and don't know it," Ozias said.

With diabetes, the body either does not produce insulin (Type 1 diabetes) or does not effectively use or produce adequate amounts of insulin (Type 2 diabetes). Insulin is a hormone

needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. In uncontrolled diabetes, sugar and fats remain in the bloodstream and, with time, damage vital organs.

Symptoms of diabetes may include sudden vision changes, lack of energy, extreme thirst or hunger, frequent urination, weight loss, numbness or tingling in hands or feet, slow healing sores or cuts, frequent infections and very dry skin.

"While people cannot change the fact that they have diabetes, they can work to control some things such as high blood pressure, high blood fat levels, weight and physical activity levels," she said.

The following are keys to controlling diabetes.

\* Be active. Get some exercise each day, 30 minutes or more if possible.

\* Eat less fat and salt.

\* Eat more fiber, choosing from whole grains, fruits, vegetables and beans.

\* Strive for and maintain a healthy weight.

\* Don't smoke.

\* Control your blood pressure.

\* Take your medication as prescribed.

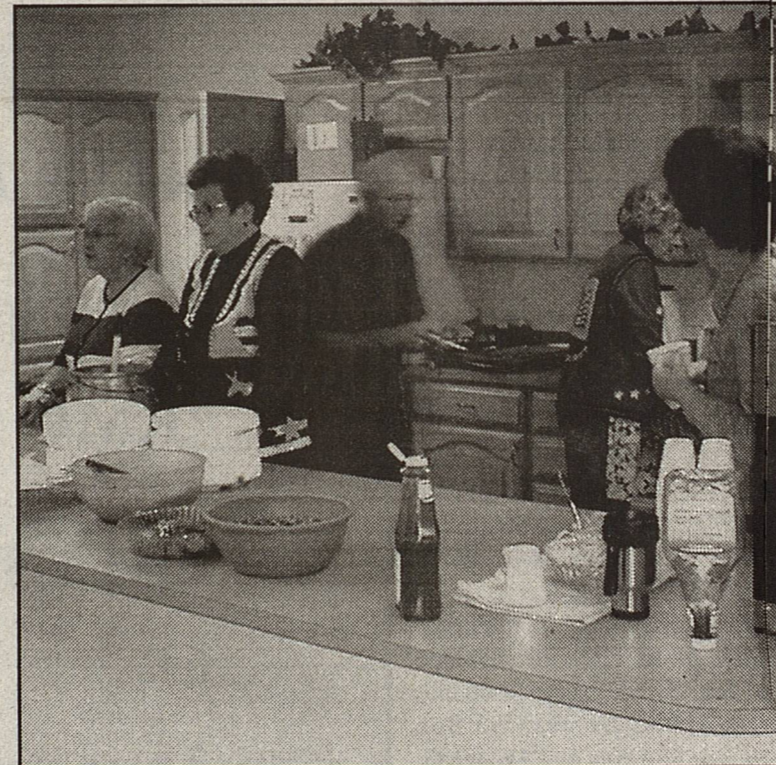
\* Ask your health care provider about taking aspirin.

\* Get support from family and friends in managing your diabetes.

## Methodist's annual 'Vote 'n Eat Chili' Day another success



Plains First United Methodist Church again drew a large crowd of Election Day chili aficionados last Tuesday. The annual chili eating, baked goods and crafts sale drew almost 200 supporters, and was one of the more successful fund raising events in its ten year history. Volunteer workers kept busy in the kitchen preparing and serving chili, red beans and all the good stuff which goes with a chili fest, while others manned the bake goods and craft sale booths. Church officials expressed their gratitude to all the hungry and very generous supporters.



## Pre-Holiday Blood Drive Here

Autumn is in full swing and many people have already turned their thoughts and plans to holiday preparations. Trips to the mall, gift lists for special friends, co-workers and teachers; and holiday meal planning seem to occur earlier each year. All these wonderful plans keep people busy-too busy, sometimes, to donate blood.

Before the holiday dash begins, Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services, urged area residents to make time to save lives by donating blood. "We encourage people to donate blood once more before the end of the year. And donating in November is a great way to start the holiday season because it reminds us that one person can truly make a difference," she said.

Locally it takes 150 blood donations each day to keep up with hospital patients' needs. "As we know, hospitals don't close for the holidays," Teal said. "The blood you donate now can save someone's life during the holidays. Is there any other better gift to give?"

Plains is sponsoring a blood drive Monday, November 18 at the Plains Courthouse parking lot from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the donor coach.

Potential blood donors must be in good health, weight at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old. All donors will receive a mini physical and free T-shirt. Click-Fil-A will provide coupons for a free chicken sandwich for all donors. Please join us for this community event and help save a life.

## Senior Citizens Corner

No one knows for certain because everyone's rain gauge appears to measure differently, but we can surely agree that the past month has been very unlike our arid high plains weather pattern. Those with beautiful yards are rejoicing while the farmers suffer great losses. Wouldn't you hate to be God and try to please everyone?

Monday was the birthday/anniversary celebration for November. Seven were present to be recognized for having a birthday while Lorraine and Spencer Randolph were the only couple present with an anniversary. They are celebrating five years together.

Roy Ivey was in for lunch this week. He has been in east Texas near his daughter for several weeks. It is good to have him home for awhile.

Ed and Ruth Rogers are also home for a spell. They have been busily building a beautiful new home down in central

Texas which will be done by spring they say. Ruth agrees that if a marriage can survive building a house, it is completely stable. We will hate to lose them from our community and our Senior Center family but we wish them well.

June Anderson, a sister in law of Dorothy Anderson, was her guest for lunch on Monday. Welcome to each of our gusts.

Gloria, our Site Director, chaired a combined meeting of the Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center on Monday afternoon. As a result, the Center will be adding those meal recipients who are over sixty to our Home Delivery list. It appears there remains five churches who will continue on with the Meals on Wheels program for those who do not qualify under our Senior Center directives.

Thought for today: "The best way to dress up is to put on a smile." See I Samuel 16:7.

## New Books At The Library

### Fiction:

*A Well Known Secret...* Jim Fusilli, *Star Trek: Captain's Peril...* William Shatner, *White Doves At Morning...* James Lee Burke, *The Christmas Basket...* Debbie Macomber, *Kentucky Sunrise...* Fern Michaels, *The Gold Swan...* James Thayer, *The Beloved Land...* Janette Oke, *Twisted Roots...* V.C. Andrews, *Blackwood Farm...* Anne Rice, *Ester's Gift...* Jan Karon, *Let There Be Light...* Al Lacy, *Waterfalls...* Robin Jones Gunn, *Answered Prayers...* Danielle Steel, *A Gift Of Dragons...* Anne McCaffrey, *Home Song...* Thomas Kinkade, *The Gideon's Gift...* Karen Kingsbury, *Visions Of Sugar Plums...* Janet Evanovich, *The Christmas Train...* David Baldacci, *Seek My Face...* John Updike, *Chesapeake Blue...* Nora Roberts.

### Non Fiction:

*My Golden Lessons...* Jack Nicklaus, *The Greatest Game Ever Played...* Birth of the modern golf... Mark Frost, *To America... Personal Reflections Of An Historian...* Stephen E. Ambrose, *Teen Ink: Our Voices, Our Visions (written by teens)...* Edited by Stephanie Meyer, *Leonard Maltin's 2003 Movie & Video Guide, Home Song...* Thomas Kinkade, *Tom Brokaw, A Long Way From Home, Eldercare 911...* the caregiver's complete handbook for making decisions... Susan Beerman, M.S., M.S.W.

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# From The Hack

Overheard Wednesday morn after the election results were declared final, from Johnny's Restaurant regulars;

Democrat - "I hate it! I am so ashamed of having to live in a Republican ruled administration for four years, I slipped a lethal sleeping pill to my favorite bird dog. There's absolutely no reason to make an innocent animal suffer the next four years!"  
A Republican coffee sipper, overhearing the remark retorted, "That's good news, and we appreciate it - just one more mouth less to feed in the government trough!"

Hey, I ain't gonna throw hot grease on the fire while emotions are so high. I do want to congratulate the County victors, and extend sympathies to the losers - as Eleanor Roosevelt, or was it Grover Cleveland... maybe Al Sharpton, or even Jefferson Davis who said, "War and politics are Hell, and far worse than having to sleep with a skunk or giraffe." Perhaps I do not accurately recall the source. Or the commentary.

Stolen from an area cotton gin-ner who has far too much spare time on his hands;

Question - Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road???  
George W. Bush - I don't think I have to answer that question.  
Al Gore - I invented the chicken. I invented the road. The chicken crossing the road represents two different functions of government designed to bring greater services to the American people.

Pat Buchanan - To steal a job from a decent, hard working American.

Martha Stewart - No one called to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order to sell my eggs when the price fell to a certain level. No little chicken gave me

any insider information.

Jerry Falwell - Because the chicken was GAY! That's what it means "to cross the road." Yes, my friends and fellow Americans, the chicken was gay, and if you eat that chicken you will turn gay too! I say we must boycott all chickens!

Martin Luther King - I envision a better world, where all chickens will be free to cross the road without having their motives questioned, Free, Free At Last!

John Lennon - Imagine the beautiful sight of all chickens crossing roads in peace.

Saddam Hussein - This was an unprovoked act of rebellion, and we were fully justified in dumping 50 tons of nerve gas on the chicken.

Ronald Reagan - What chicken?

Sigmund Freud - The fact you are concerned the chicken crossed the road reveals your undelying sexual insecurity and frustration.

Albert Einstein - Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

Bill Clinton - I did NOT cross the road with THAT chicken. What do you mean by chicken? Could you please define chicken?

Colonel Sanders - What? I missed one?

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We received an interesting note from faithful reader Carol Williams, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska. I consider all letters which come with checks to be interesting, but this one especially. She wrote,

"Believe it or not, the golf course up here is open still... that's unheard of this time of year! We broke a record with the warmest October ever.

What did you think of our earthquake? I was on the phone talking to mother (Alma Bean) when it happened. I said, 'Mom, as we speak, we're having an earthquake here. A bad one! Mom said, "Is that right? I'm watching the Dallas Cowboys get beat." I ask you, what could be more important than that!?"

Thanks, Carol.

A man and his wife went to the hospital for blood work on the man. Finished, he went back to work, and she returned home. That afternoon the hospital called her, and apologetically informed her they had mixed up the blood samples. They explained one showed evidence of Alzheimer's, the other AIDS. Horrified, she screamed, "How will we know what he has!?"

The nurse replied, "When he gets home, send him back out again. If he finds his way home twice, don't sleep with him!"

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

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM, Friday, November 22, 2002, for the purchase of (1) New Operating Room Table for the Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 25, 2002.

Bid price will be paid from 2002 budgeted funds.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-2422) or Clay Taylor, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator, 412 Mustang Avenue, Denver City, Texas 79323 (806-592-3917).

Sealed bids should be marked "OPERATING TABLE" 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 and or all bids.

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

The Commissioners Court will receive bids until 10 AM Friday, November 22, 2002, for the sale of (1) Used C-10 Pickup for Precinct #4.

Bids will be received with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 25, 2002.

To inspect the vehicle, please contact Commissioner Jack Cobb, PO Box 277, Plains, Texas 79355 or call 806/456-6525.

Sealed bids should be marked "USED PICKUP" 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.**

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