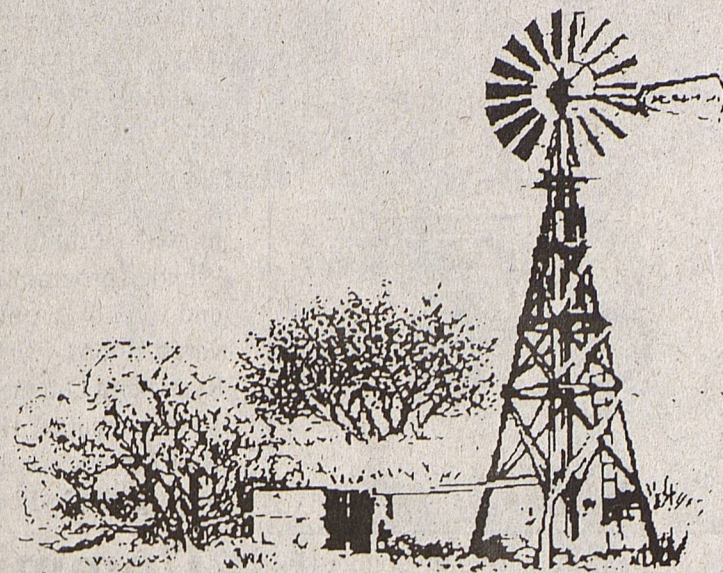


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Ag Commissioner candidate Todd Staples makes campaign stop here



Gayle Craft, New Tex Gin, John Chisum, Gen. Mgr. ADM Oil Mill, Lubbock, Bill Quattlebaum, Consultant, ADM, and State Senator Todd Staples, Texas Agricultural Commissioner hopeful

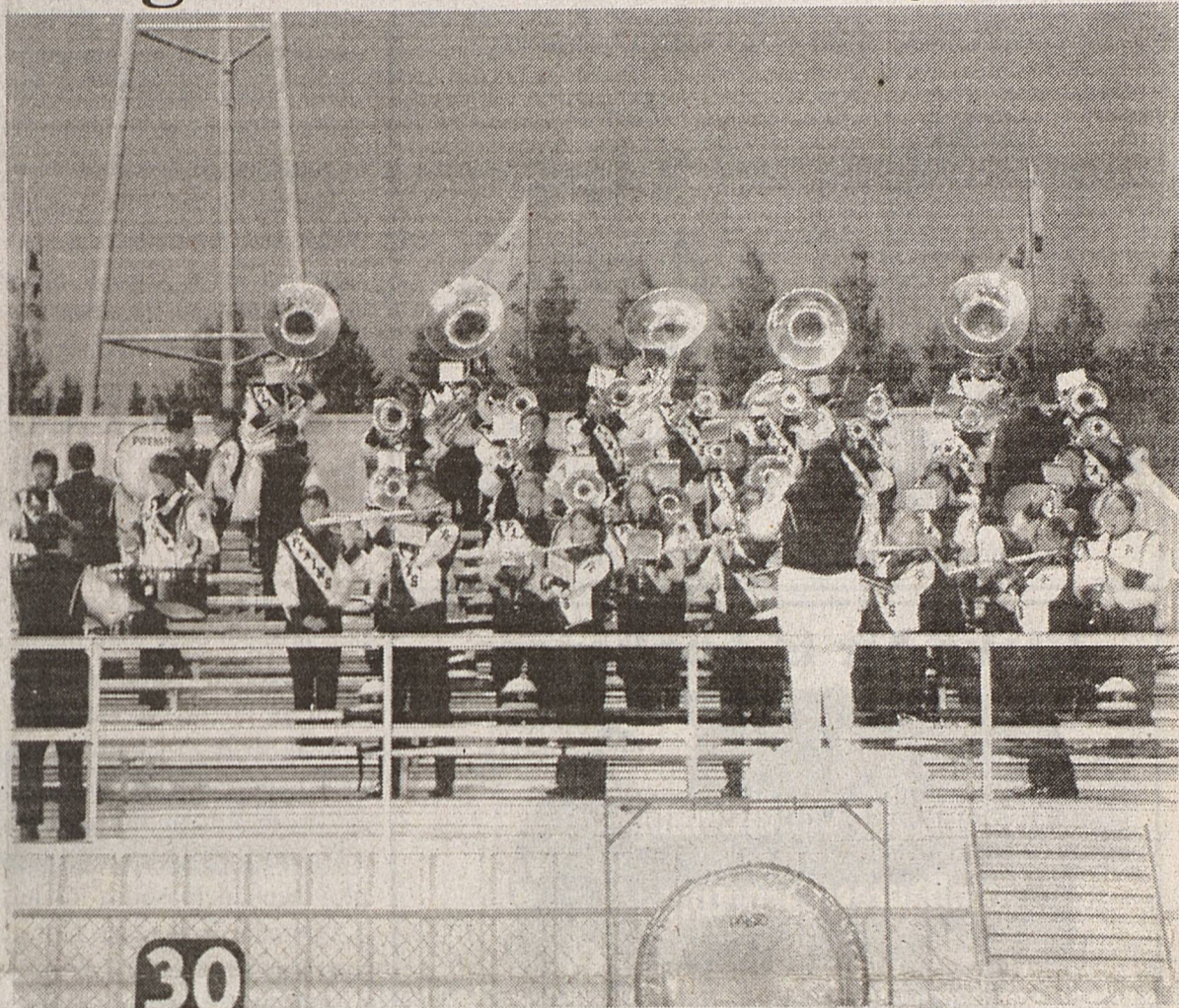
Current Texas State Senator Todd Staples, Republican, wants to change his occupation field. He is currently campaigning hard for another seat in Austin, the office of Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

"Superb, and such a relief from regular old barbecue!"

Staples, 44, married and father of four, calls Palestine, Texas home, where he is the owner of Pioneer Properties, a real estate related firm. He has close ties to Texas agriculture, and as a state senator since 2003, has dealt with ag issues in the state. He has great interest in rural Texas and increasing economic development in rural areas. He feels it is imperative the Congress in Washington passes a "livable and do-able farm program to assist ag producers in coming years. He has been active and successful in rural development, and has a voting record of strong support for public school funding issues.

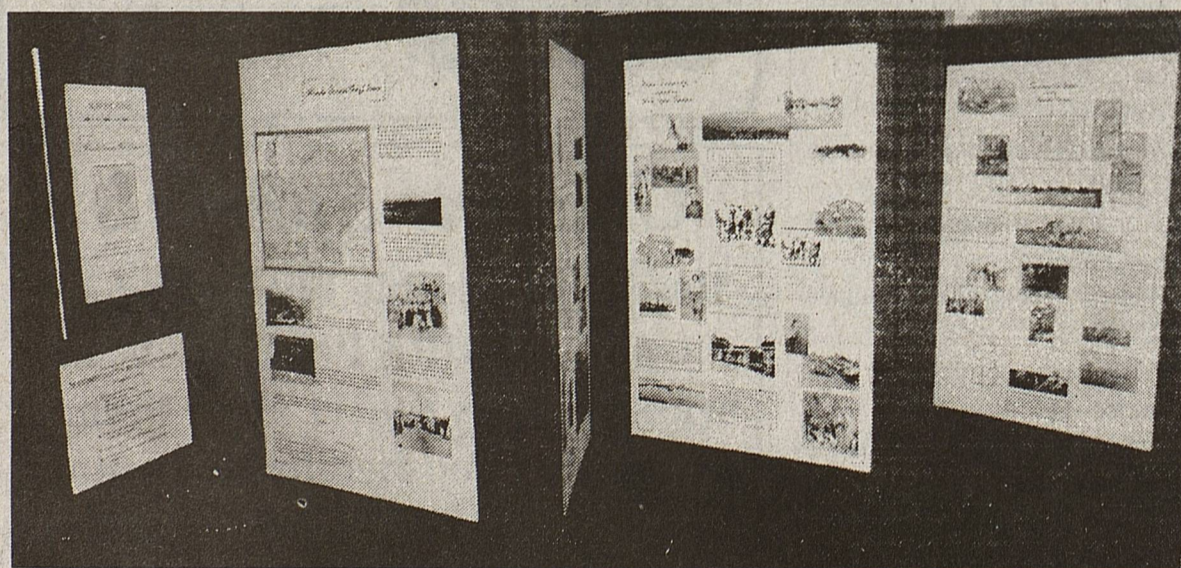
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Eagles soar over Cowboys 31-6



The Cowboy band never ceases to add their support to the Cowboys throughout the game.

'Winds Across The Llano' leaves local library this week



Each side of the large display contains five large frames of historical photos of the High Plains area

The Yoakum County Library in Plains has been host site the last few weeks for a very impressive display of mostly black and white photos depicting what life was like on the Llano Estacado when only Native Americans roamed the plains, followed by the early settlers and their hardships. Their early efforts to establish an agrarian society by creating water resources in the semi-arid land are vividly displayed on ten large panels of black and white photos of the land and the people who struggled with it. The historical display is a project of Texas Tech's Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library for display at area libraries and other institutions.

The photos and artwork include old maps of the area, facts on Coronado's exploration of the area, Comanche Indians and their pursuit of the herds of hundreds of thousands buffalo, more correctly bison, the early introduction of longhorn cattle from Mexico and South Texas and their trailing north to railheads in Kansas, the hardships of early ranch life, the invention of barbed wire to control herds, and the early windmills which made life sustainable on these prairies for families of sod busters, and as the fertile land was broken out, the horrors of the dust storms of the 1930's

The backside of the ten photo display boards features a full panel of photos of the deadly tornado which tore through Lubbock in 1970 with



One panel displays damage and death from the 1970 Lubbock Tornado.

the cost of 20 lives, over 500 injured, and staggering property damage.

If you have not visited the display, it furnishes an interesting view of the trials and tribulations involved in the settlement of our High Plains areas. The collection will be moved to the Denver City Library October 27

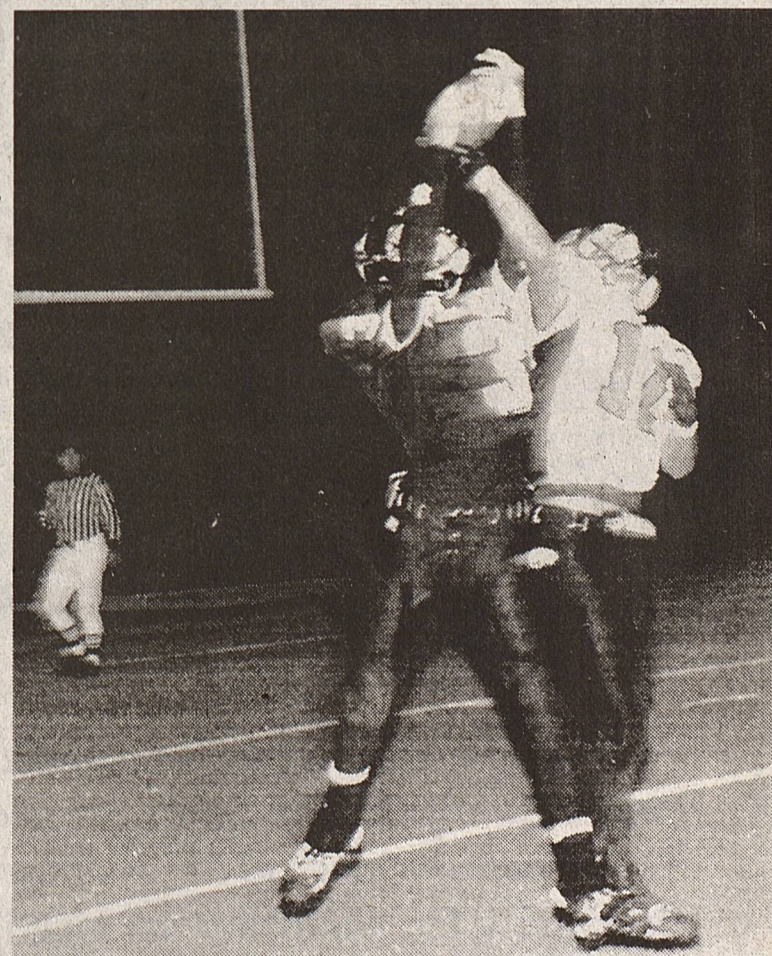
A 25 point deficit loss in a game is always bitter medicine to swallow, but especially a loss to a district opponent with low scores in popularity from the losers. The Eagles from Seagraves simply dominated the Cowboys in four quarters of action last Friday night.

Statistic sheets generated by the crew in the press box with the computer program pretty well sum up the game:

Seagraves offensive machine provided amazingly close results: They ran 30 plays the first half, 30 the last, producing 263 yards and 254 yards gained. They stayed on the ground 26 times for 227 yards the first period, 27 rushes for 222 yards the last half. They hardly needed the 68 yards gained through the air.

The other dismal data provided by the computer recorderd the Cowboys rushing 9 carries the first half, with a

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It appears Rudy Gonzales, 3, made this reception, but the Eagle defender ripped it from his hands. He redeemed himself late in the final period by catching a very similar ball, to score the Cowboys only points in the tough game.

Hospital issues, courthouse equipment main agenda items

In the October 16 session of Commissioners Court, Tax Assessor/Collector Jan Parrish requested approval to purchase three computer monitors for her office, to replace obsolete and malfunctioning equipment. She reported CTSI offered three 19 inch, flat screen monitors for a unit price of \$953.40, which included installation. Her request was approved.

Clay Taylor, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator, sought

approval to act on recent bids for C-Arm equipment, used in many surgical X-Ray procedures. Five bids were for refurbished or remanufactured equipment, with some models manufactured up to 12 years ago. He reported the hospital board recommended the purchase of an OEC Fluorstar model for a price of \$85,840. The court approved the purchase. He sought approval for the lease purchase plan for Laparoscopy equipment ear-

lier approved by the court. Terms of the plan submitted by Olympus America, Inc call for a monthly payment of \$2,261, plus a separate payment for service on the equipment of \$674. The plan was approved.

County Hospital employee Teresa Howard sought approval for a payroll deduction plan for nursing employees including RN, LVN and Aides to voluntarily allow payroll

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Honored for Service



Lorraine Walker and Danny Steffens were recently honored by County Judge Dallas Brewer for "their dedicated and faithful service in keeping our courthouse a model for other counties to follow." Lorraine has been in the maintenance and custodial care of the facility 23 years, Steffens 9 years. They were both presented with impressive commemorative plaques for their service.

For a Conservative Voice in County Government



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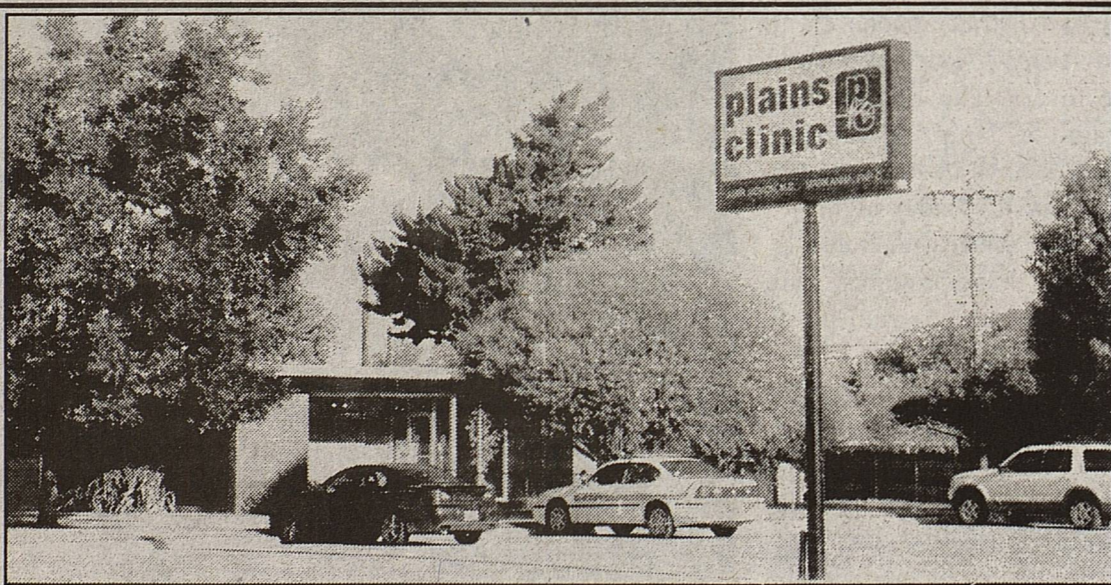
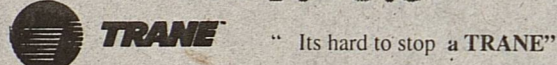
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County Crime Cases

Two cases were heard in County Court October 19 with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Frank Warren Valle III pled guilty to a first DWI, open container, b.t. .131/.130. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$335 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend six days in jail with credit for one day served, must complete the DWI first offender program, pay \$50 monthly supervision fees, and attend weekly AA meetings. His attorney was Warren New, and Karen Hobbs, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

Ryan Scott Dill pled guilty to driving with invalid license, class B misdemeanor. He must pay \$254 court costs and \$200 fine. Brad Moore was his attorney and Deputy David Bryant was investigating officer.

Commissioner completes county government study

Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cobb was recently honored for his completion of a voluntary 64 hour course on county government titled Commissioner Court Advanced Curriculum Program. He was presented a certificate of achievement from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. (CJCAT) sponsor of the program at its annual conference in Addison in September.

While state law only requires 16 hours per year of continuing education for commissioners, the advanced program provides for certification upon completion of the four year course of study, CJCAT, a statewide organization with over 1,200 active members, promotes the interests of county government through providing the opportunity for continuing education.

Texas Economy Leads National Growth

The Texas economy remains strong and continues to grow at a stronger pace than the national economy, although there are some pockets of weakness.

Year to date employment growth through August was 2.7 percent, an increase of 177,300 jobs. Although employment increased a modest 1.7 percent in August, slower than July's pace of 2.7 percent, private employment growth picked up to 2.3 percent compared with 0.2 percent in July.

Compared with the nation, Texas employment was more

than twice the national rate, year to date. Growth was more than twice the national rate, year to date. Growth was broad based across industries, with all sectors adding jobs. Employment gains were most robust in the energy and construction sectors

Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

- Cases Filed:
51 traffic, 1 minor in possession alcohol, 1 public intoxication, 1 open container in vehicle, 2 felony cases.
Bonds set:
Motion to revoke probation-\$2500
2 charges motion to revoke bond denied
Possession controlled substance-\$3000
Possession controlled substance-\$6000
2 charges fugitive from justice-held until transport
Evading arrest/detention-\$500
Unlawful consumption alcohol by minor-\$500
2nd DWI-\$1500, interlock device ordered
Assault, bodily family injury-\$1000
Assault, bodily injury family-\$2500
Possession cocaine, Terry County-\$25,000
Assault, bodily injury family-\$5000

From Page 1, Staples

Staples was introduced at New-Tex by Sandy Land Consultant Gary Walker. He and Staples were sworn into the state legislature in 2003. Walker as a House member. Following the stop at New Tex, Staples, a Texas A&M graduate, made campaign appearances at Birdsong Peanuts in Brownfield, and that evening

addressed the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

He will be facing two opponents in the November 7 General Election, Democrat Hank Gilbert and Libertarian Clay Woolam. The current Ag Commissioner, Susan Comb, is now a candidate for the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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deduction of \$5 to enable founding of a Nursing Association. There are currently 30 nursing employees on the hospital payroll.

Arlan Gentry, Texas Cooperative Extension agent, reported to the court the Texas Extension service is currently

celebrating its Centennial year of service to the state. The court congratulated him on this landmark of service, and Judge Brewer also congratulated Gentry on recently receiving national honors for his performance of extension service.

YCH Foundation Tickets

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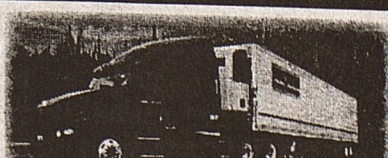
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Obituaries

Memorial services for Billy Ray Moore, 70, of Denver City were held at 11 a.m. Monday, October 16 at First Baptist Church, Denver City. Services were under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home. Mr. Moore passed away October 13 in Lubbock. He was born June 25, 1936 to Melvin and Mary Francis Moore in Margaret, Texas. He attended public schools in Crowell, Sundown, and graduated high school in Denver City. He attended college at Howard College, Sul Ross University, and graduated from College of the Southwest

in Hobbs with a degree in business. He served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 1st Class. His oilfield career began with Texaco, Inc. Later he was a co-owner of Marlow Well Service. He then began M & H Well Service with Wayne Harper. At the time of his death he was a partner/owner of Five Star Consolidated. Mr. Moore was a member of First Baptist Church, Denver City, and Past Master of the Denver City Masonic Lodge. He served on the Board of Regents at College of the Southwest. He was also a member of the Denver City

School Board for 12 years. He served many years as the Yoakum County Democratic Chairman, a member of the County Tax Appraisal District, and a founding director of the Denver City Museum Board. He was a long time supporter of the Yoakum County Livestock Association. He married Dolores Rummage in Lovington, New Mexico September 7, 1956. He is survived by his wife Dolores of the home; his son Tracy, daughter in law Diane, and granddaughters Kaitlyn and Cassidy, all of Denver City. Memorials may be made to the Denver City Museum at 505 Ave. C, the Denver City Veterans Memorial at 1301 Mustang, or the Denver City Masonic Lodge at 302 N. Main.

LIST OF DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES
(Lista de declarada para candidatos por escrito)

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Governor
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Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Un-expired term
(Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema, Duración Restante del Cargo)

Mike Sadler

James "Patriot" Dillon

Charles E. Waterbury

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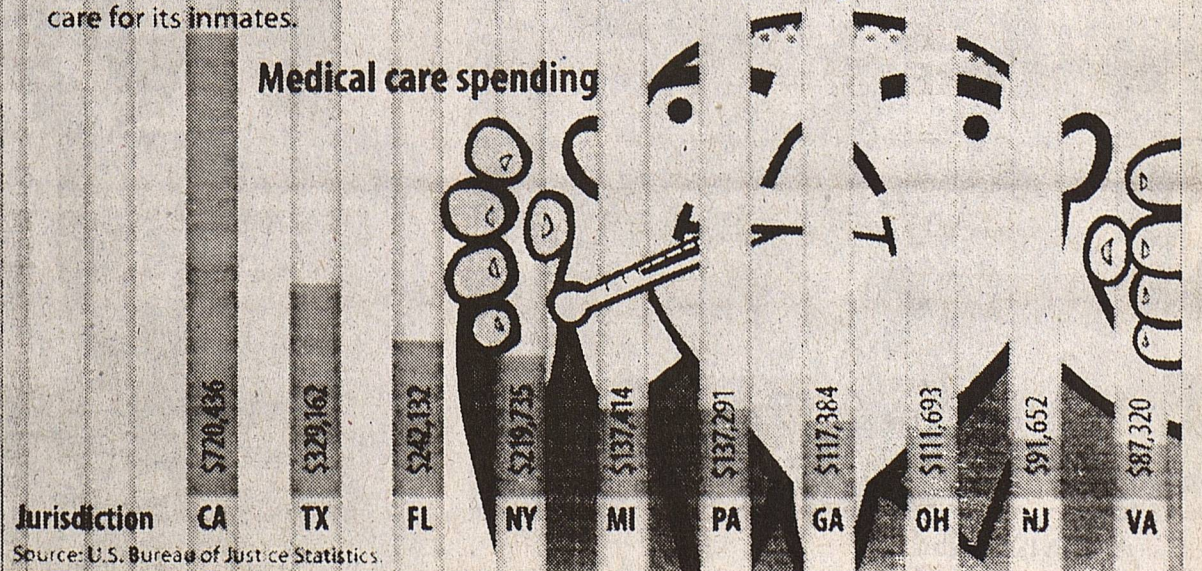
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Big bucks behind bars

State prison systems spent nearly \$3.3 billion on medical care in fiscal 2001, the most recent year for which statistics are available according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Texas ranked second among states, spending \$329.2 million to care for its inmates.



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anet loss of one yard, and 27 yards gained the entire game. Passing statistics were a bit more positive: Chris Addison completed 11 of 24 throws for 128 yards gained and one touchdown late in the game.

To their credit the Cowboys did not lie down and roll over, and were simply out manned and out gunned.

One of the brighter spots in the long night came in the third period following Seagraves scoring for a 17-0 lead. The Cowboys took their kickoff, and the line opened holes for Cody Mayes and John Tyson to rush for a first down, and an Eagle penalty allowed another. The drive was halted, but Mayes punt attempt drew a 16 yard penalty for roughing the kicker and a first down. Cowboy blockers allowed gains by Tyson,

Addison and Mayes for another first at the Eagles 22 yard line. There the drive faltered, and a fourth down throw by Addison was picked off to end the drive.

In the final period the Eagles would score twice to go up 31-0. With 3 minutes on the clock, a desperation throw from Addison on fourth down found Chris Gonzales open for 18 yards and a first at the 31. Addison then found Chase Guetersloh open for 29 yards to the 7. Following a 5 yard penalty to the 11, Addison threw to Rudy Gonzales for the score, and the failed PAT produced the final 31-6 score.

District play continues Friday at always tough Sunday. The Cowboys are still alive, well, and have not thrown in the towel, and continue to need your support.



Zach Ramos has eye on the ball but it hit the ground



Inside this pileup is an unfortunate Cowboy



Another Cowboy congregation after brief gain



Winning Couch Potato girls

PISD Sports

CROSS COUNTRY:

O'Donnell meet held at Lamesa:

Jr. High - Girls - Finished 5th as a team. Individuals : 7th Jasmine Whitzel 14.09 * 20th Hannah Crump, 14.42 * 21st Stephanie Addison 14.43 * 53rd Fabiola Rubalcaba 15.32 * 58th Paty Avila 15.418 * 64th Samantha Delarosa 15.51 * 114th Suzette Bonilla 17.43

Boys - 1st overall as team. 2nd Robert Reyna 12.05 * 5th Jaxon Bean 12.08 * 10th Peter Neufeld 12.29 * 13th Mychal Sainz 12.42 * 19th Dray DeBusk 13.08 * 43rd Kameron Loya 14.24 High School Boys 2nd as team - 3rd Jonathan Lira 17.54 * 7th Jose Villegas 18.24 * 16th Scott Addison 18.55 * 21st Zach Ramos 19.28 * 50th John Tyson 20.43 * 64th Seong-Jae Kim 21.35 * 77th Cody Mayes 22.33 * 86th Holden Welch 24.50

Next meet will be on October 25 at Forrest Park in Lamesa. Event times are:

1:00 PM Varsity Boys - 1:30 JV Boys - 2:00 Varsity Girls - 2:30 JV Girls - 3:45 Jr. High Girls - 4:15 Jr. High Boys.

VOLLEYBALL:

* A slight alteration has been made to individual performances for brevity purposes.

JV Cowgirls: October 3 the JV Girls beat Imperial Buena Vista 23-25, 25-23 and 25-16. Natalie Haynes 7 digs, 3 kills, Courtni Asebedo 7 digs, 5 kills, 4 assists, 1 ace. Jasmine Mares 16 digs, 2 kills, 7 assists, 3 aces. Lydia Whitzel 6 digs, 7 kills, 1 block, 1 ace. Abby Hernandez 16 digs, 2 kills, 1 ace. Ashli Torres 3 digs, Brittany Thomas 3 digs, Teresa Anderson 2 digs. October 7 the girls beat McCamey 25-23, 20-25, 25-10. Natlaie Butler 3 digs, 2 kills, 1 block. Courtni Asebedo 8 digs, 2 kills, 3 assists, 1 block, Jasmine Mares 4 digs, 2 kills, 2 assists, 1 ace. Lydia Whitzel 4 digs, 1 kill, Natalie Haynes 7 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace. Abby Hernandez 3 digs, Ashlee Torres and Brittany Thomas 1 dig.

Cowgirl Varsity: The Cowgirls beat Imperial Buena Vista 25-17, 25-10, 25-23. Joani Bell had 10 digs, 9 kills, 5 blocks, 1 ace. Katie Winn 5 digs, 13 assists, 2 aces, Reyna Gallegos 22 digs, 3 kills, 1 block, 1 ace. Desiraye Broome 12 digs, 6 kills, 1 ace. Lauren Hise 1 dig, 6 kills, 1 assist, 3 blocks. Kimber Williams 7 digs, 2 kills, 1 block. Liz Perez 4 digs, 15 assists. Meghan Garcia 16 digs, 1 kill. Heather Parrott 2 kills, 2 assists, 1 block. M'Leah McKinzie 13 digs, 1 ace. On October 7 they beat McCamey 25-15, 25-20, 10-25, 25-17. Joani had 15 digs, a8 kills, 7 blocks. Katie had 3 digs, 11 assists, Reyna 14 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace. Desiraye had 9 digs, 5 kills, 3 blocks, 1 ace. Lauren had 2 digs, 5 kills, 3 blocks, 1 ace. Kimber 3 digs, 1 kill, 1 block. Liz 3 digs, 8 assists, 1 ace, Meghan 23 digs, 3 kills. Heather 1 assist, 2 blocks, M'Leah 4 digs.

October 10 the JV girls beat Lubbock Home School JV 25-18, 25-16. Natalie Butler had 5 digs, 8 kills, Courtney 5 digs, 1 kill, 5 assists, 1 ace, Jasmine 4 digs, 2 kills, 5 assists, Lydia 2 digs, 1 kill, Abby 11 digs, 1 kill, Natalie Haynes 3 digs, 2 kills, 1 ace, Brittany 1 dig. October 14 the JV lost to Wink 9-25, 14-15. Natalie Butler 5 digs, 1 kill, 1 block, Courtni 2 digs, 3 kills, 1 assist, Jasmine 2 digs, 3 assists, Lydia 9 digs, 1 block, Abby 4 digs, 1 assist, Natalie Haynes 5 digs, 1 kill. Both JV and Varsity girls will play at Imperial Buena Vista Saturday, October 21 at 7 PM.

The Varsity girls also beat Lubbock Home school, 25-10, 25-7, 25-21. Joani Bell had 12 digs, 17 kills, 9 blocks, 1 ace, Katie 7 digs, 3 kills, a7 assists, 1 ace, Reyna 15 digs, 3 kills, 1 block, 1 ace, Lauren 5 digs, 11 kills, 5 blocks, 2 aces, Kimber 5 digs, 4 kills, Liz 5 digs, 15 assists, Meghan 22 digs, 1 kill, M'Leah 8 digs, 1 kill, 2 aces. October 14 they lost to Wink 14-25, 14-25, 22-25. Joani had 7 digs, 9 kills, 5 blocks, Katie 6 digs, 1 kill, 10 assists, Reyna 12 digs, 1 kill, 4 blocks, Lauren 2 digs, 4 kills, 2 blocks, Kimber 3 digs, 3 kills, Liz 4 digs, 8 assists, 2 aces, Meghan Garcia 15 digs, M'Leah 6 digs.

Employment Opportunity

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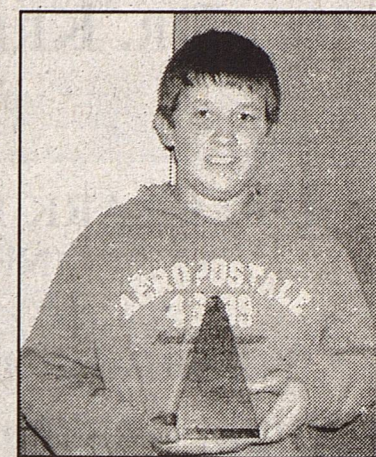
Student of the Week

October 10 PHS Student of the Weeks is Edgar Munoz, a junior and the son of Baldamar and Rosalba Munoz. He was nominated by Matt Hill who said, "Week after week the faculty finds a student that has done something out of the ordinary and proclaims them the Student of the Week. Many times however students do not do anything particularly outstanding. They do not throw for five touchdowns, or win a state championship in One Act Play, or win National Merit recognition. Sometimes it is the simple pursuit of perfection in everything they do that deserves recognition. This student has made a habit of earning the highest marks in all his classes. Additionally, he is becoming a



contender to make some of the PHS UIL academic teams. Plus, he volunteers his free time to help the school with whatever is needed. If that weren't enough he has a great attitude and is always willing to help his classmates when they need it. The list could go on and on."

October 16 Student of the Week is Nathan McCravery, a freshman and son of Greg and Shari McCravery. He was nominated by Renetta O'Quinn, who said, " Intelligent, witty and creative are three adjectives to describe this week's Student of the Week. He funnels these attributes into making class interesting by offering underlying meaning and adding depth to reading discussion. He is a pleasure to have in class."



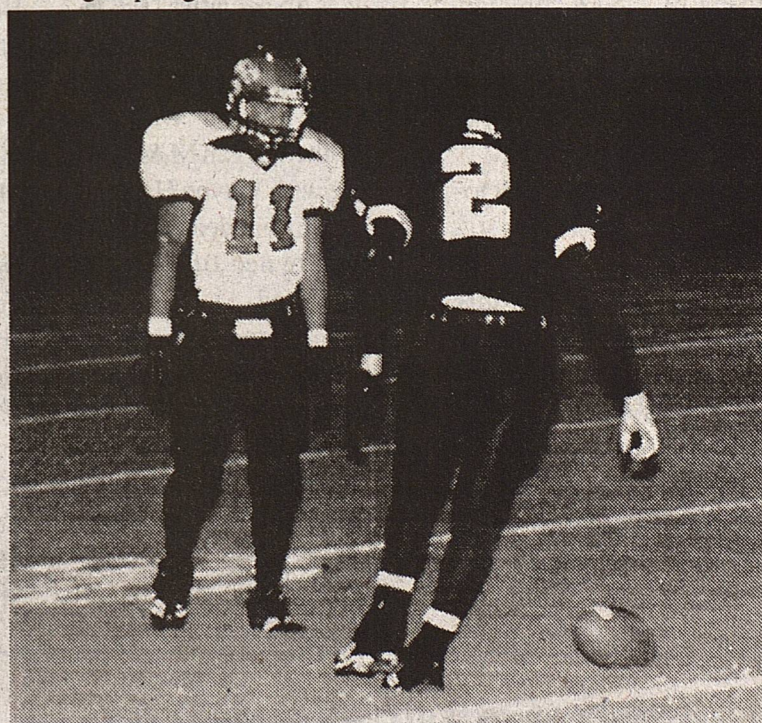
Notes From The Counselor

Oct. 18 - Juniors PSAT * Oct.28 - ACT, Not in Plains *Oct. 24 School Pictures. Nov. 1 - Freshmen to Denver City for Making High School Count.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Please see Mrs. Davis for more information on the following scholarship opportunities:

- Horatio Alger Scholarship Program DUE OCT. 30 - www.horatioalger.org/scholarships
- American Legion Post - Orator contest due OCTOBER 31.
- Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Foudation Scholarship- on line Nov. 1 thru Jan 12, 2007- www.walmartfoundation.org
- SAE Engineering Scholarships DUE Dec. 1
- Coca-Cola Scholarship online now thru January 15th- www.coca-colascholar.org
- Texas Student Housing Authority
- AXA Foundation Scholarship oonline now thru Dec. 15 - www.axa.achievement.com
- Gates Millennium Scholars online now thru Jan. 17 - www.gmsp.org.



Chase Guetersloh, 2, can't believe ball is on the ground



Elementary kids in Hawaian garb helped the Cheerleaders at last week's pep rally

Lifelines & Styles

Retired School Personnel meet

The County retired School Personnel Association met at Lalito's October 10. Following Thelma Cheatham's reading of the minutes, Pres. Brenda gave the treasurer's report. Brenda Massey warned of a scam involving e-mails supposedly from your bank. Members were warned not to open the e-mail, but delete them.

The Social Security Fairness Act has been tabled for another session. Massey suggested everyone e-mail or call their congressman and relate how unfair this law is.

Karen Cargill reported the club books for children, pre-school to 15 years, must be available in Denver City by December 17 and in Plains by December 1. Members and public were urged to donate books to any YCRSPA member.

Members present for the meeting were Canada, Glenda Allen, Estelle and Evertt McAdams, Thelma Cheatham, Brenda Massey and Karen Cargill. Three new members were welcomed, Pat Curtis, and Otis and Kathleen Walser.

Next meeting will be November 14, at Lalitos. New members are welcome and badly needed.

It's A Girl!



Octavio Portillo and Kristien Morales proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Mireya Anahi Portillo. She was born at 11:01 AM September 12, 2006 at Levelland Covenant. She weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Grandparents are Angel and Maria Morales of Plains and Aida Portillo and the late Octavio Portillo of Denver City.

* APOLOGY *

Page 5 of the October 11 issue of CCN featured an article submitted by Linda Powell entitled Labor Of Love. The last paragraph was unintentionally shortened. It should have read "Jentry Wall, Mackenzie Patton, Haley Welch, Whitney and Madison Davis, Bailey Winn and Marina Corrales modeled their watermelon garments".

School Bus Safety Week promoted October 15 - 21

For Texas students, crossing the street to board a school bus or after exiting one can be one of the most dangerous parts of the journey to and from school. During the 2005-2006 school year, one student was killed and 11 students were injured while crossing the street or while boarding or exiting a school bus.

Texas state law requires drivers to stop for school buses that are stopped and have activated their alternating red flashing lights. Motorists who do not stop face fines up to \$1000 plus court costs if they are convicted.

"Driver should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed or the visual signal is no longer activated," said Charley Kennington, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation.

School Bus Safety Week runs from October 15 - 21 across the nation. This year's safety week theme - "Be Aware - Cross with care" - reminds students to be extra careful when they're crossing the street before they board the bus or after they exit.

"Children who are boarding or exiting the bus must be aware of what's happening around them. Unfortunately, some adults simply don't pay attention when they're driving, or they ignore safety laws," Kennington said.

School buses remain one of the safest modes of transportation in Texas - 35,000 school buses transport 1.4 million Texas children every school day. They account for less than one-half of one percent of all Texas roadway crashes.

A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

News wire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the center. We had a good turnout Wednesday, the reason the menu: the wonderful turkey and dressing our cooks produce. We hear from other senior visitors all centers are not blessed with the cooks we have, so ladies, we say a great big thank you!

Henevieve Gordy reported her son Joe is out of the hospital and doing great. He just has to watch his diet and exercise. We are so happy for the Gordy family. We also heard of the passing of Sue Long's sister Donna, nee Vaughn. Donna and I were in the same class in school. Sue, our prayers go to you and your family.

We also heard of the passing of Woody Sullivan, the former police chief here a long time back when I was a young married woman with small children. Woody, 90, suffered a fall and hit his head.

Exercise is important for seniors. Exercise can be adapted to anyone's limitations. My step-mother Marsene comes each day and walks the treadmill 20-25 minutes, and she will soon be 93! A recent AARP paper featured an article about exercise, especially mental exercises. They help relieve depression, mid-afternoon slump and fatigue. We have read of the benefits of working crossword puzzles, the jumble, and the latest puzzle, Sudoku, which I love. The article talked of mental exercises you can order for a small sum. Doctors have conducted MRI's on individuals submitting to these mental exercises and find brain activity definitely improved for an extended length of time. Some of the exercise included closing one's eyes while like sounding syllables are played, then asked to repeat what they hear, such as shee and chee, and differentiate between the two. The article went on to say people improved in vitality when doing mental exercises. Tests have proved mental exercise is invigorating and beneficial, so try something new if you want to improve your mental health.

Our center has many attributes, but the biggest is the love and fellowship you can find here. Don't stagnate at home, seniors, come and enjoy our center. A pray for rain!

Children's Art Contest in Post

An art contest for children pre-school through 6th grade will give participants the opportunity to depict "What I Love About Christmas". The art can be of any medium, watercolors, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc. It must be original work and can be no larger than 9" x 12". There is a limit of one entry per child and only artwork submitted with an entry form will be accepted. Entry forms are available out of town by calling 806-495-3529 to receive a form by mail.

Art work can be brought to the Old Mill Trade Days during the November and December events. Winners will be announced on the Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days December 2. There will be a first, second and third place winner in each age group: Preschool and Kindergarten, 1st through 3rd grade, and 4th through 6th grade. For more information call 806-495-3529 or e-mail tradedays@oldmilltradedays.com.

Storytime at the Library

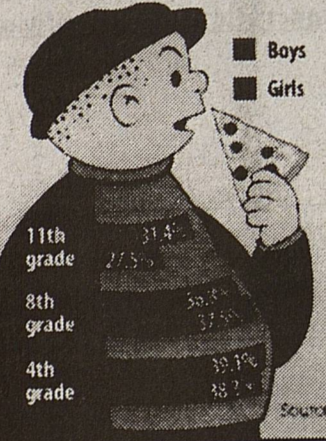
Storytime was held Wednesday, October 11 at the library here. The theme was spiders, their habitats, bodies and their food choices. Everyone enjoyed the books The Very Busy Spider, Spiders and Their Web Sites, and Spiders and the Itsy Bitsy Spider. A short film, The Very Quiet Cricket was enjoyed by all. Everyone participated in making a spider from yarn and received a coloring page to take home. Attending were Taryn, Delese and Brie Willis, Bret, lei Dominguez, Lance Taylor, Kaitlin Ward, Ivey Davis, Raven Harvey, Ranger Harvey, Kiarsen Harris, Braleigh Lowrey, Grace, JoAnna, Jadon, Abigail, Elijah McAdams, Treeny and Asher Wall, Mallory Bunch, Jayci Richters, Allie and Cason Russell and Neicia Anna. Storytime is every Wednesday and all 2,3 and 4 year olds are invited with their parents or caregivers. We hope you will join us.

Put Your Two Cents Into The CENTennial Booklet

We are looking for stories, anecdotes and yarns happening in Yoakum County between 1907 and 2007. Write it down on a single sheet of paper, or e-mail Brenda Canada - bcanada@crosswind.net to preserve your heritage and a chuckle. Names, locations and dates are important to include if possible. You may turn in your cherished work to either Yoakum County Library or any Historical Commission Member. Yoakum County Historical Commission also reserves the right to edit for length and prose. However, every effort will be made to include your story in the publication. Your story is due by **OCTOBER 31, 2006!** The Historical Play Committee meets October 5, 6 PM at the Plains Library (call Christy Canada at 456-8992) and the Museum Committee meets October 12 (call Jeannette Head 456-7450) if you are interested in helping with either of these Centennial activities.

We will give you a penny for your thoughts!

Texas kids overweight or at risk of being overweight in 2001



Unhealthy start

Being overweight or obese as a child can have a lasting impact on a child's health for life. Kids who are overweight at age 12 have a 75 percent chance of being overweight as an adult, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS). In 2004, 63 percent of Texas adults were overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sources: TDSHS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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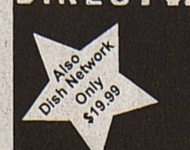
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From The Hack

The following tidbits were in my e-mail box from a party completely unknown. The quotes are from notables well known for one thing or another:

Heather Whitestone of Alabama was selected Miss America in 1995. She was asked, "If you could you live forever, would you and why?" She answered "I would not live forever because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot, which is why I would not live forever."

Mariah Carye said in an interview, "Whenever I watch TV and see those starving kids all over the world I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very im-

portant part of your life." - Brooke Shields, interviewed for spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body." Winston Bennett, Kentucky basketball forward.

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that's doing it." Al Gore.

"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix." - Dan Quayle.

"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we really need?" Lee Iacocca.

"The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." Joe Theisman, NFL quarterback and sports analyst.

And finally, this letter from the Dept. of Social Services in Greenville, South Carolina: "Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1 because we received notice you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

"If somebody has a bad heart they can plug this jack in at

night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning when they wake up dead there'll be a record of it." Mark Fowler, FCC Chairman.

For my "yeller dawg" democrat friends: A newspaper reporter watching a democratic parade on Congress Avenue in Austin pulled aside one of the marchers and asked him why he was a democrat. The man thought for a moment, then replied that his great-granddaddy was a democrat, his granddaddy was a democrat, his daddy was a democrat, and he himself had been a democrat all his life. The reporter then asked, "Well then, if your great granddaddy, and your granddaddy, and your daddy had all been bank robbers, what would you be?" The marcher instantly answered, "I'd be a republican, of course."

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Yoakum County hereby requests and will receive written qualifications for Construction Manager-At-Risk services relative to the proposed Yoakum County Law Enforcement Center project, no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, October 30, 2006, at which time the qualifications will be opened and read aloud.

Qualifications will then be taken under consideration.

Requests for Qualifications may be obtained by contacting the office of the Architect, Burns & Gill Architects, 3880 Hulen Street, Suite 670, Fort Worth, Texas 76107, 817-336-5804, during regular business hours.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Yoakum, Texas:
 (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7th, 2006, for voting in a general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers;

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7th de noviembre de 2006 para votar en la Elección General para elegir electores presidenciales Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Precincts 101, 202, 305 and 406 Denver City Community Bldg. 501 W. 5th St Denver City, TX 1006 Ave G Plains, TX

Precincts 303 and 404 Plains Community Bldg.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
 (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)
County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains, TX/Yoakum County Tax Office, Denver City, TX

(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on (entre las 23rd de la mañana y las October de la tarde empezando el October 23, 2006
 (date) (fecha)

and ending on (y terminando el) November 3, 2006
 (date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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 (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
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October 31, 2006
 (date) (fecha)

General Election Information

YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS CONSOLIDATED POLLING PLACES SEPTEMBER, 2005

Early Voting for all Elections

Will be conducted at the County Clerk's office, in the Courthouse at Plains, Avenue G. and Cowboy Way, and the Denver City Branch Tax Office, 122 West 4th Street, Denver City.

Voting hours will be 8AM - 5PM, Monday thru Friday, October 23 thru November 3. Last day to register to receive application for ballot to be voted by mail Tuesday, Oct. 10

Polling Precincts-in Denver City (All Elections including Democratic and Republican Primaries and Run-offs).

Precincts 101, 202, 305 and 406

Owner of Building	Name of Building	Street Address
Yoakum County	Denver City Community Building	501 W. 5th St Denver City, Tx.


Polling Precincts-in Plains (All Elections including Democratic and Republican Primaries and Run-offs).

Precincts 303 and 404

Owner of Building	Name of Building	Street Address
Yoakum County	Plains Community Building	1006 Avenue G Plains, Tx.

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