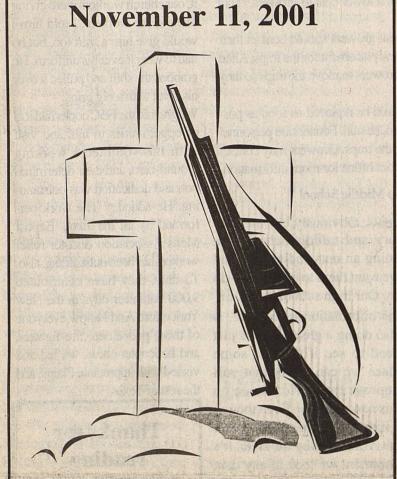
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# Veterans Day



We urge you to join us in saluting each and every Veteran who has served our nation, those with us still, and those now at rest. The September 11 events which led us into a new, completely different type of war, should make us all more aware of our country's uniformed men and women who willingly serve US. Before this sure to be lengthy war on terrorism is over, some of our Armed Forces will make the supreme sacrifice. We hope you will join us in praying for our men and women, and our Nation. May God Bless America.

### Multitude of criminal cases in District, **County Court**

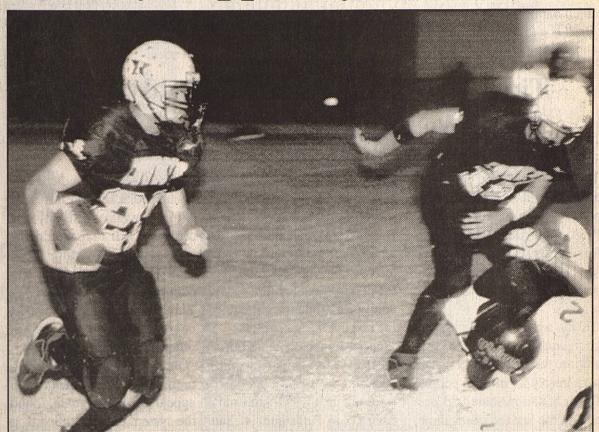
Two criminal cases were heard in District Court Octtober 23, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding.

Marta Loya, aka Martha Loya, agreed to the state's motion to modify conditions of community supervision from a prior possession of marijuana conviction. The defendant will remain under custodial supervision of the Ray D. Anderson Community Correction facility in Brownfield for a term of not less than one month and no more than 24 months. The defendant must pay all room and board costs, and other debts incurred by the facility. She must also pay court appointed attorney fees of \$200. Her attorney was Bill Helwig.

Carol Marroquin Perez also agreed to modification of terms of community supervision from a prior possession of cocaine conviction. She will remain under custodial supervision of the Roy D. Anderson correction facility for at least

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# Cowboys nipped by Wolves 14-7



Moises Gonzales, with the ball, tries to find running room with blocking help from Jared Bell, at right of photo. The Wolves defense made a long night for the Cowboy ground attack.

The Cowboys suffered their second loss in District 3-AA here last Friday night to the Colorado City Wolves, now undefeated in district action. Plains managed 112 yards offense through the air, but could only muster 30 yards rushing for 142 yards total, well off the 316 yard average they had managed coming into the Colorado game. They finish their regular district action against Forsan this Friday at 7:30 PM in Forsan. See story on Page Four for game summary.

# **Baptists feed NY volunteers**

### Emotions still run high at terrorist attack site

Members of Plains First Baptist Church Disas- based food preparation site. Sellers and his wife ter Relief Unit returned home from New York City on October 26, after a grueling seven days of preparing meals for some of the 9,000 volunteer workers combing through and removing rubble at ground-zero at the World Trade Center terrorist attack. It was a mission involving hard work, and emotionally draining, according to a number of the team.

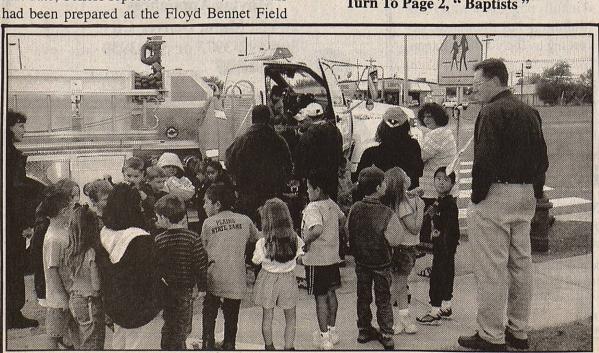
FBC Pastor Bill Wright described the horrors of the Twin Tower carnage, expressing his amazement at the fortitude and dedication of those laboring in the ruins, around the clock. In an November 1 interview with CCN, he spoke by phone with Jered Sellers, the "Blue Cap" leader of the Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief unit preparing meals for workers. At that date, Sellers reported over 376,000 meals

Kay were due back in Plains November 6.

Wright said the original group from FBC, plus volunteers from Denver City, Jayton and Sundown, were split into two groups, and assigned 12 hour shifts from six p.m until six a.m. They first prepared a midnight snack for the workers, followed by a full course breakfast. "I'm talking a real Texas breakfast, bacon or sausage, eggs, gravy and biscuits. One night we discussed bagels, but a New York policeman quickly said he and the other volunteers preferred more ' of that Texas stuff'."

A number of the women making the trip became involved in "Operation Teddy Bear". President Bush had made a nationwide appeal for citizens to send teddy bears to New York,

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Plains volunteer fire fighters visited Elementary school last week and gave the youngsters a tour of two truck units, and also handed out safety glow sticks for Halloween Trick or Treating

### Texas Monthly Names Plains Middle School One Of Tops In The State!

Monthly magazine, or have read the November issue, you may have noticed Plains Middle School was listed as one of the Top Middle Schools in the state. The honor resulted from an analysis of TAAS test data done by the "Just For Kids" Foundation, located in Austin. By analyzing and comparing test data from all the schools in the state, schools were given a rating from one to five stars. The schools were divided into the following categories; elementary, middle also divided into sub-groups, based on the students economic standing. Those groups were Highest Economic Group (05-25% students on free or re-Group (25%-50% students on free or reduced lunch), Lower-Middle Group (50%-75% free or reduced lunch), and lowest Economic Group (75%-100% on free or reduced lunch). All three schools in Plains ISD parison purposes. The stars in the rating denote

If you subscribe to Texas better based on the criteria used for analysis. Two stars means 20 to 40% of the schools are represented. Three stars means 40 to 60% of the schools are performing at this rate, while four stars means 60 to 80% of the schools are included and is the next to highest rating. The highest sub-group rating is five stars, which means this school performed better tha 80% of the

schools in this sub-group. The recognition of Plains Middle School in the article means it not only received a five star rating, but also had and high school. They were data supporting it being named one of the ten best Middle Schools, in its sub-group, in the state.Plains Middle School was also rated an Exemplary Campus under the Academic Excelthis year. The same article, which lists over 5,400 schools across the state, listed Plains Elementary School with a five star rating as well. Plains Elementary received an Academic Excellence Indicator were placed in the lower- System rating of recognized middle income group for com- this year for their TAAS test ACT test scores. This is quite performance.

Plains Superintendent Jim the school's standing as com- Haynes said he was extremely the sub-group are included, High School with a two star This means we are challenging which means 80% of the rating, and visited the "Just For schools in the sub-group scored Kids" foundation in Austin to

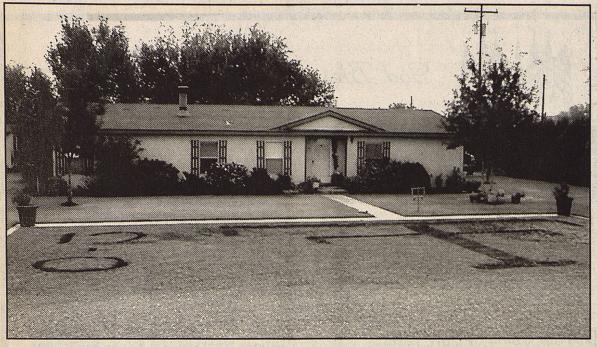
curate. "This is a study done by a private foundation. While the information they present is very extensive, they are not part of the accountability system (AEIS) of the state of Texas. When we talk about a school's performance, Plains High has to be one of the top 2A schools in the state." Some examples he gave are: "The high school has has been rated Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency for the last five years. The high school has been district champion in UIL literary competition for the last six years, Regional Champions in UIL Literary competition three of the last six years, and runner up in that contest for the other three years. Plains High has also duced lunch), Upper-Middle lence System used by the state placed third in the state in UIL literary competition three of the last five years, and fifth place the other two years.

determine if their data was ac-

"The students at Plains High also perform well on the ACT exam. Our students consistently perform at or above the state and national averages for an accomplishment when you consider at Plains High all students are encouraged to take pared to other groups in the proud of the performance of the ACT test, while most disgroup. One star indicates the both schools. He also said he tricts encourage only their colbottom 20% of the schools in was surprised to see Plains lege bound students to take it.

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### It's just a joke, Vicki



Pictured is the home of Brad and Vicki Ancinec. Though hard to see in the photo, the graveled parking area in front of the home was decorated by "friends" after Tech soundly defeated Texas A&M last Saturday. A large, red painted Double - T can be seen at the right, and the game score, 12-0, is in black at the left. To add insult to injury, the Ancinec's flag pole featured a large Tech banner flying proudly at the top, an A & M flag drooping sadly from one corner well below the Tech banner.

Brad is a faithful Tech fan, while "friends" describe Vicki as "One of those rabid, foam at the mouth Aggie lovers." With such friends, Ms. Ancinec needs no enemies.

### Time Has Come Again To Study Way We Pay For Our Schools

by Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff

Public education in Texas has been shaped by reform since birth. In fact, one of the catalysts that fueled the Texas Revolution was the charge that Mexico hadn't done enough to provide Texans with public schools.

Today, we have grown from a young nation with 50,000 Texans into the second largest state with nearly 21 million people. Our population soared 23 percent in the last ten years alone, spurring demographers to point out that 3.9 million new Texans counted in the last census rival the 1990 populations in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio combined.

Growth and changing dynamics mean the time has come again to look for new ways to tax rates. pay for public education. Since many newcomers may not know what state leaders have gone through to find an equitable way to finance our schools, it is vitally important for everyone to understand the difficult job it has been.

The Texas Constitution, adopted in 1876, established public schools in state law and requires the Legislature to provide for "an effective system of public education." It is the word "efficient" that raised the issue of equity in school finance that lawmakers still struggle with today.

The first major overhaul of our school system came with the Gilmer-Aikin Act passed in 1949 after a heated debate. The new law created a foundation program to help equalize state aid. Opponents called the proposals "communist" or "fascist," and the House Education Committee held the first all

night committee hearing in state history to take public testimony.

Four consecutive and conten-

tious special session followed

before lawmakers finally ap-

proved a bill that would in-

crease school funding more

than \$500 million. But the

Three months later, the district

court agreed and ordered an-

Once again, the Texas Su-

preme Court heard the case on

appeal. And once again, found

the system unconstitutional. It

gave the Legislature a little

more than two months to come

up with another idea. Under a

tight deadline and serious

threats to cut off state finances,

lawmakers created County

Education Districts to consoli-

Within the year, the high court

labeled the new districts un-

lawful taxing units, and demanded another plan. In short

order, the Legislature ham-

mered together a new multi op-

tion school finance plan just

three days shy of the court or-

dered deadline that set a top tax

rate and required high wealth

districts to share with low

wealth schools. A number of

poor school districts appealed

that plan too. But this time, the

Texas Supreme Court ruled it

Recently, a number of wealthy

districts filed a new suit in state

court arguing the current system

is a state property tax and vio-

lates the law. The court dis-

agrees, noting a majority of

school districts would have to

reach the top tax rate to support

that argument. The court also

said as long as districts were

giving optional homestead ex-

emptions and spending funds

on activities other than academ-

ics, they were voluntarily tax-

ing at the top rate, and not due

Nonetheless, the challenge was clear. It is time once again to

thoroughly reexamine the way

Texas pays for public education

and look at alternatives that will

to any state requirement.

constitutional.

date funding.

plaintiffs weren't satisfied.

other plan within the year.

Bur perhaps the most lasting legacy of the Gilmer-Aikin Act are two concepts that remain at the core of equalization today, equity for students and equity for taxpayers.

School finance changed little until a federal district court declared the system unconstitutional in a 1971 landmark decision in Rodriguez v. San Antonio. Plaintiffs argued that children who lived in communities with low property wealth were treated unfairly because the highest tax rates couldn't begin to approach the funding the wealthiest communities could raise with much lower

The U.S. Supreme Court over- found that unconstitutional too, turned the decision in 1973, ruling school finance was a state issue and not a federal matter. But the stage was set. The struggle for equity would continue for the next genera-

The mid 1980's, brought sweeping reform of the Texas public school system and the momentum for equity increased when a group of poor districts filed a lawsuit in state court, Edgewood v. Kirby. Plaintiffs cited discrimination and charged it violated the constitutional requirement for an "efficient and free public school system."

In 1987, the court agreed and ordered the Legislature to create a more equitable funding mechanism. The case reached the Texas Supreme Court on appeal in 1989. It ruled with the plaintiffs and ordered a new plan for the next school year.

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appointed a Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance for that very purpose. A skilled group of legislators and seasoned public members led by Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo and Rep. Paul Sadler of Henderson have been asked to consider all of the equity issues that govern school finance and revenue resources that fund it, including the property tax system. Public hearings will be

held throughout the state and I Speaker Pete Laney and I have hope all Texans will seriously consider taking part in the latest debate.

History has shown that just being dissatisfied with the way we fund our schools isn't going to change it. We must all work together now to make sure all children are getting the opportunities they need and deserve with a school funding system that is not only constitutional, but fair.

### Traps needed in fields during harvest

Abilene - Cotton harvest is underway in much of the High Plains and Rolling Plains, and some growers may believe the boll weevil traps around their fields are no longer needed.

In some cases growers have been removing the traps that surround their fields, possibly because they believe the traps interfere with their harvesting equipment or because their fields have been harvested.

"Because the traps are very effective in eliminating boll weevils, especially as the weevil populations are reduced to low levels, leaving functional traps in the vicinity of cotton fields helps the eradication program eliminate weevils more quickly and at a lower cost to growers," said Charles Allen, program director.

If the traps are interfering with harvest, growers should contact their field unit supervisors to determine a new placement for the traps, Allen said. The supervisors will work with growers to move the traps so they don't interfere with operations.

Traps that have been taken down should be replaced as soon as possible after the fields have been harvested, he said. Foundation personnel will be happy to assist with replacing the traps. Growers may contact their field unit supervisors or their district office for more information.

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students in all subjects at dents. Obviously, the elemen-Plains, when students who have not been on the college preparation track do well on the college prep test."

Haynes continued, "All the principals and I will be attending training this year to determine how the ratings by the " Just For Kids" foundation were achieved and how we can respond to this new information. Proper analysis of testing data can provide very important insight on changes that should be made in a program to help stu-

tary and middle schools are doing an outstanding job, and we want them to continue to do so. Our high school, based on need to see if there is some place we can target that will improve our performance on this new measure. Even though it is not linked in any way with the AEIS used by the state, it's important we look at any data that will help us improve the education of our students."

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and stared at it with tears streaming down his face."

FBC members Greg and Shari McCravey have recently printed several hundred yellow T-Shirts with a message on the back reading, "Jesus

Loves New York". Wright described members of the disaster relief unit giving the shirts to many of the volunteer workers, including firemen, policemen and construction workers. "This one cop got one of the shirts, and proudly put it on over his uniform. One of his superior officers came by, spotted the shirt, and proceeded to really chew the guy out for wearing the shirt over his uniform. The culprit cop then turned where his officer could read the message on the back,, and he immediately asked where he bought the shirt. I butted in and told the officer he didn't buy it, our church workers were giving them to the workers. I told him I would give him a shirt too, but he had to wear it over his uniform. He grabbed the shirt and pulled it over his head with a big grin."

Wright said the FBC cooks had lots of opportunities to talk and visit with the volunteers working ground-zero, and their determination and dedication was outstanding. He added, "The work performed by all the Texas Baptist Mens Association disaster relief workers has been outstanding, also. To date, they have contributed 9,000 volunteer days in the New the information listed here, is York effort. And I know everyone also doing a great job. We just of those policemen, fire fighters, and helicopter crews we fed and visited with appreciate Plains, and the rest of Texas."

> Thanks for reading

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### **County Jail In** Compliance

Sheriff Don Corzine was recently notified the County jail is in full compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards, according to Terry Julian, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Sheriff Deputy Jerry Howard is in charge of operations of the local jail.

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### Plains to host one-act play contest

Plains will host the District 3-AA UIL One-Act play for middle schools Saturday, November 10. Six schools will compete at the Plains High auditorium beginning at 12 noon. The order of performances will

Seagraves - "Goodbye to the clown"

Stanton - "Opal" Forsan - " Sara Crewe "

Colorado City - "The Lottery" Plains - "The voice of the prai-

Coahoma - "The curious Sav- PM. age"

Students who are participating in Plains production are; Adam McCravey, Blake O'Quinn, Douglas Conway, Stetson Sellers, Reagan Haynes, Allison, Friesen, Caitlin Carter, Lauren Hise, Katie Winn, Joani Bell, Skylar Keesee, Lauren Davis, Angelica Mendoza, Desiraye Broome, and Amber Friesen. Directors for the play are Gary Davis and Paula Cullins.

Shows will run back-to-back with the awards presentation scheduled to begin about 4:45

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one month and no more than 24 months. Payment of \$200 court appointed attorney fees, and restitution to the correction facility will begin thirty days after defendants release. Her attorney was Bill Helwig.

In Yoakum County Court October 24, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Epifinio Ybarra III

pled guilty to DWI, subsequent, breath test 127/128. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. Time payments will be made on \$225 court costs and \$750 fine. He must attend weekly AA meetings, serve 80 hours community service, serve 10 days in jail with credit for 2 days served, complete the Lea County DWI program, surrender his driver license 90 days, and complete the DWI repeat offender program. Investigating officer was Trooper probated 12 months. Robert Shugart, DPS.

Lamonda Ann Baker pled guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon. She was sentenced to 106 days in jail, with credit for 106 days served. She forfeited a wooden club. Bill Helwig was her attorney, and Inoe Valdez, Yoakum County Sheriff Department, was arresting officer. Sandra Renee Elms agreed to the state's motion to modify conditions of community supervision from a prior DW I cause. Supervision will be extended six months, she will pay \$40 monthly supervision fees, and must serve an additional 24 hours community service.

Bryan Thomas Britton pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He must pay a \$200 fine, \$210 court costs, and \$100 reinstatement fee to the DPS. Arresting officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Fortino Yanez pled guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was sentenced to 7 days in jail with credit for one day served, was fined \$250, and must pay \$210 court costs. He must com

must complete the Women's Protective Service Anger Mangement Counselling course at his expense, and forefeit a .22 caliber handgun. Isaac Ray Asebedo pled guilty to a 3rd enhanced minor consuming

alcohol cause. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will pay \$210 court costs and \$200 fine. He must serve 24 hours community service, and complete the Alcoholic Recovery out-patient program at his expense. Luis Alberto Guerra pled guilty to minor in possession of alcohol, 3rd enhanced offense. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$210 court costs. He will attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, complete the TAIP outpatient drug treatment program, surrender his driver license 180 days, and complete the drug offender education program.

Jason Dwayne Smith pled guilty to DWI, open container. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and

### JP Court

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed:

65 traffic, 2 possession of drug paraphenalia, 5 felonies.

Bonds set:

(2) Assault causing bodily injury-\$1500 bond.

Possession drug paraphenalia-\$500 bond.

(2) Possession controlled substance-\$500 bond. Aggravated assault, deadly

weapon-\$15,000 bond. Bond forfeiture/DWI-\$2000 cash

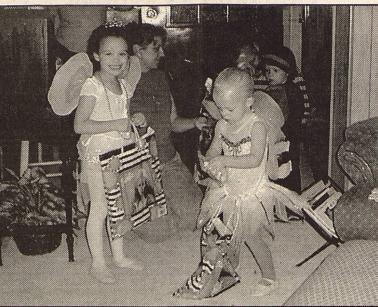
Bail jumping/failure to appear-\$2500 bond.

Public intoxication-\$500 bond. (2) DWI, 1st-\$1000 bond.

Endangering child-unrestrained infant during DWI-\$3000 bond. Failure to maintain financial responsibility-\$600 bond No liability Insurance-\$500 bond.

Evading arrest-\$1000 bond. Theft, over \$50, under \$500-\$500

### **Trick or Treat scenes**



A pair of Angelic tricksters, one not so Angelic



Masked tricksters, and one little bewildered cutie

### **Treatments After Harvest Serve Eradication Purpose**

The aerial applicator's plane flies growing season. back and forth across a cotton field, a sight familiar to High Plains cotton producers who've long treated fields to control the damage from cotton pests.

What may not be familiar to many of these producers is the sight of an aerial applicator spraying insecticide on a recently harvested field. Growers on the Plains have witnessed such a sight as boll weevil eradication applications continue across Texas, and they question the tor for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

But these treatments are critical for successful eradication, he said.

"Fall is a critical time of year for boll weevil eradication," Allen said. "Thorough treatment of fields in the fall provides maximum boll weevil suppression and is the quickest and most economical route to complete elimination of boll weevils from an area."

Two zones, Southern High Plains/ Caprock and Northern High Plains, began eradication in September. These zones are undergoing diapause treatments, where all the cotton fields are sprayed weekly to drastically reduce the number of boll weevils that will overwinter and re-emerge during the next

In other Plains zones, which are completing their third year of eradication, fields are treated when weevils are caught in fields where food is present.

Ordinarily, growers would cease treating fields after harvest because spending the money on a harvested field would not make sense from an insect control standpoint. The goal of control is to prevent significant economic damage to a crop. However, "until a freeze kills the sense of treating harvested fields, cotton stalks, they can support the said Charles Allen, program direc-regrowth of leaves, and more importantly, fruit that provide food for boll weevils," Allen said.

> When these conditions are present in the diapause of eradication, the fields need to be treated, he said.

"It's easy to forget that the goal of treatment in eradication is not just protection of cotton yield but the complete elimination of the boll weevil," Allen said. "With that goal in mind, it not only makes sense to treat harvested fields that have regrown to the point that they have produced boll weevil food, it is critical to the success of the program." Cotton producers may contact their district or zone offices for more information.

### **Funeral services held** for Burve Overton

Burve C. Overton died November 3 in Abilene. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church here at 2 PM Tuesday, November 6, with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. Interment followed in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Ratliff Fu-

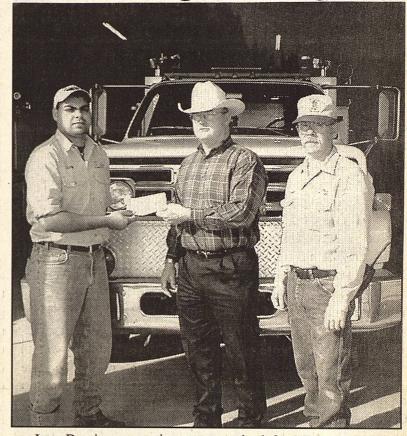
She was born in Dexter January 28, 1915, to John Silas and Rosa Bibb Clegg. She married Bill Overton April 30, 1934 in Ft. Worth. She was a retired secretary with Yoakum County Extension Service. She was a former member of Plains Dirt Gardners, Yoakum County Art Association and was a Master Flower Show Judge, and a member of Plains FBC.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, James Melvin, two sisters, Doris Moore and Claudia Warthan, and a grandaughter, Tynda Young.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Mann and husband Gene of Abilene; a brother in law, Earl Warthan; ten grandchildren,ten great grandchildren, a great, great granddaughter, and other relatives and friends who will miss her smile, gentle ways and generosity.

Pallbearers were Jim, Mark and Darrell Barron, Kenneth Blount, Macky McWhirter and Jack Cobb. Honorary pallbearers were Gene Mann, Zach Stanley, Michael Young, Joel Portwood, Nathan Portwood, Melvin Young, Judge Young, Mark Choate, William Portwood. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Plains.

### Plains firefighter recognized

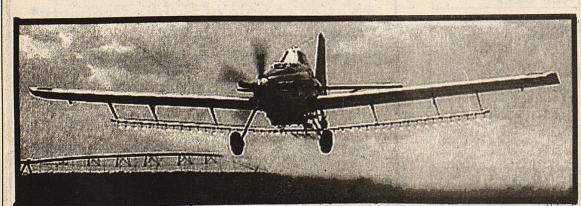


Jerry Dominguez receives expense check from Texas Farm Bureau's Newell Squyres, Chief Charles Diamond on right

Jerry Dominguez, a volunteer fireman of Plains Volunteer Fire DFpartment, recently attended the 72nd Municipal Firemen's Training School at Texas A & M. The school was attended by nearly 2000 students representing some 750 cities from 25 states. Firemen could choose a course at the school from a list including fire fighting, fire prevention, officer development, rescue practices and others.

Fireman Dominghuez was sponsored by Yoakum County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance companies who contributed to the cost of the school. Volunteer firemen are interested in doing a better job of fire fighting and fire prevention, and 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies have sponsored 125 firemen at the school. Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas, said Texas Farm Bureau president Donald Patman, Waxahachie. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program the firemen will help the Plains Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Yoakum County."

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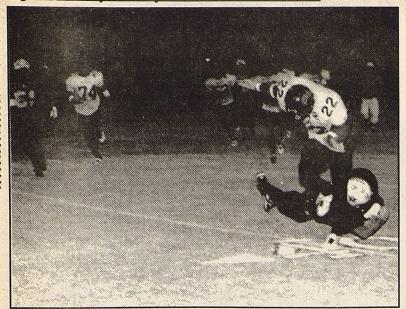
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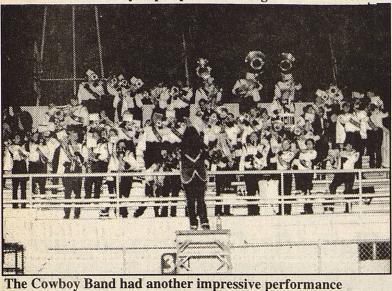
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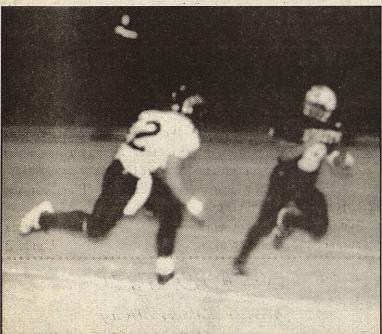
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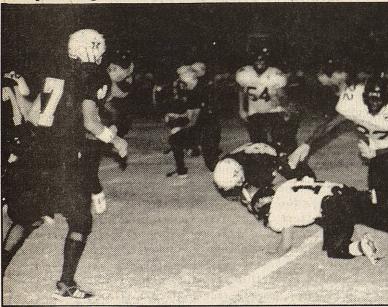


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Joseph Rodriguez tries to escape a hungry Wolf



Unidentified Cowboy gos down

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# Cowboys vs Wolves game highlights

In lasty Friday's game against the Colorado Wolves, the Cowboys were elated when they learned they would receive the opening kickoff, and even more so when Jared Bell returned it to their 30, where Bell found Tanner Hamm wide open for a 32 yard pass reception. Their elation quickly faded when two running plays by Moises Gonzales and Joseph Rodriguez went nowhere, another pass to Hamm went astray, and on fourth down, Gonzales attempted to punt, and the fumbled snap gave the Wolves the ball on the Cowboy 40.

The Wolves gained big yardage with rushes by their running back Russell, and a pass completion, but the Cowboys finally stopped their drive on their 21. The remainder of the first quarter saw both teams hammer at each other, but both the Cowboy and Wolves defense prevailed to make it a 0-0 game to start the second quarter.

The Cowboys came alive in their next possession. Gonzales took a pitch from Bell, then completed a pass to Hamm for 24 yards for a first down, then Bell threw to Hamm for another first, then found Kevin Bartley open for 23 more yards. The Cowboy linemen opened a big hole in the Wolves good defens e for Joseph Rodriguez to burst through for a 16 yard touchdown, then Joseph added one more point with his PAT kick.

Fumbles by both teams halted drives in the remainder of the half, and the Cowboys went to their locker room up 7-0. Their halftime jubilation did not last long.

The Wolves took Rodriguez second half kickoff at their 19, and utilizing a bevy of hard running backs and good line blocking, pushed the ball 81 yards in 14 plays to score, and the kick produced a 7-7 tie ballgame.

At the start of the final quarter, the Wolves began to prowl again, but a fumble recovery by Louis Escobar stopped their drive at Plains 24 yardline. They could not move against the Wolves defense, and Gonzales was forced to punt. With 9 minutes on the clock, Colorado again began to move through the air and on rushes by their running backs, and in ten plays went 55 yards for the score and extra point kick for the final 14-7 score, with just four minutes on the clock.

With the ball again, Bell passed to Bartley, then to Ricahrd Diaz, but a third pass was interceopted to halt the desperation drive.

### **PISD Sports Recap**

Volleyball:

7th Lady Wranglers- The 7th girls ended their season last week against Brownfield. The Plains B girls fell 2-15, 5-15, and the Plains A girls were downed 14-16, 15-12 and 9-15. The Junior High girls will now concentrate on basketball, with their first game against Stanton there on November 19.

8th Lady Wranglers- The 8th girls ended their season with a hard fought victory over Brownfield, 5-15, 15-10 and 15-8. Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls ended their regular season with practice games lost week. They fell to Lybbeck Christian 4-15.

Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls ended their regular season with practice games last week. They fell to Lubbock Christian 4-15, 5-15, and were also defeated by Wink 4-15, 1-15. Their season record was 9 and 21, and they start regional quarterfinals on November 6.

Cross Country- Junior High meet at Colorado City-Girls- Desiraye Broome, 1st, Alice Curtis 2nd, Meghan Garcia

23rd.

Boys- Jose Villegas 1st, Abel Ramos 2nd, Spencer Ortega 5th, Steve Dominguez 10th, Ben Hays 13th, Michael Therwhanger 14th, Justen Henry 15th.

Wrangler Football- The 8th Wranglers lost a heartbreaker to Seagraves, 26-20. Todd Williams accounted for all the Wrangler points, scoring on three touchdown runs and a two point conversion run. Blake O'Quinn had a pass interception and a fumble recovery on defense. Coach Brink said the Wranglers had a great effort, but Seagraves size was the dominating factor. NOTE- 5th & 6th Grade Cross Country next week

Cowboys in football playoffs - details next issue

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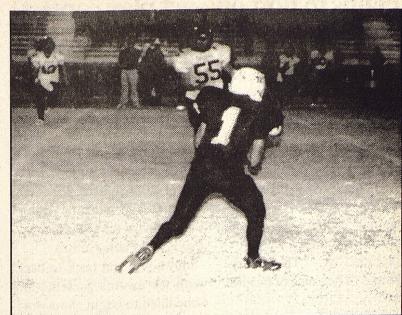
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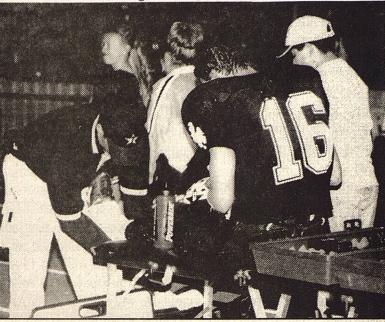
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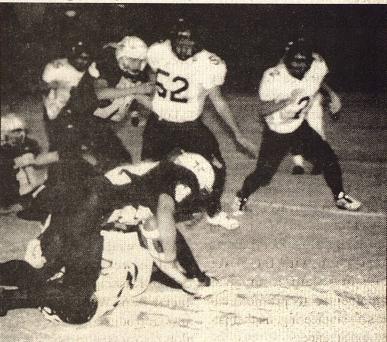
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Richard Diaz makes a good reception



Jared Bell gets dinged ankle taped



Moises Gonzales take hit from Wolves

### Student of the Week



PHS student of the week is Mandi Rogers, a Junior and the daughter of Melisa Dorsett. She was nominated by Mrs. Jones, who said, "Mandi is a joyful, up-beat

"Mandi is a joyful, up-beat young lady. Her carefree personality is a hit with her peers and teachers. Laughter consumes much of her personality, and is contagious when others are in her presence. She has made Student Council a top priority her Junior year, and has worked very hard to promote a safe and drug free community during red ribbon week."

Second student of the week is Annaliesa O'Quinn, a senior and daughetr of Mr & Mrs Steven O'Quinn. She was nominated by Ms. Lusk, who said, "Are you the best you can be? Did you do the best you can do? Annaliesa can easily answer these questions each day. She sets high standards and goals both academically and athletically. She exemplifies the saying, 'shoot for the moon- even if you miss you'll be among the stars. She shines brightly in her academic subjects and extracurricular activities. A bright smile and neat personality make her a joy to teach, and she will make a fine Aggie.



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### TSA MO GA **Meeting Highlights**

TSA MO GA members were treated to a program on "LEG-ISLATION/Special Projects," "Abreast of Times," October 22 with State Representative Gary Walker and Plains High School seniors Ragan McGinty and Annaliesa O'Quinn as guest speakers.

who represents Plains and nine other West Texas counties in District 80, presented information to the group on the "on going saga" of the state House redistricting. Walker reported that three judges are currently hearing a Congressional suit on House redistricting that began last week and he said, "Who knows where the districts will be?" when the suit is settled.

Walker also addressed the nineteen amendments on the state ballot in the November 6 election. He related two or three of the amendments involve water issues, but most are special interest items. Walker introduced Ragan and Annaliesa who he nominated last fall to attend the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program at NASA this past summer. The program, in its third year, is sponsored in cooperation with the Texas State Legislature, and was implemented to promote careers in engineering, mathematics, and science.

pictures, and memories of their and Elouise St. Romain. week's work at Houston's NASA. The week culminated program that will feature three and projects the girls completed over the internet as a prerequisite for the program. The girls attended on different weeks and

teams who planned Mars exploration that included "Getting There," "Working There," and "Living There". The teams were involved in challenges, projects, and a display and Power Point presentation of their studies. The week ended in a luncheon that featured the Walker, a four term legislator teams' presentations of their projects and Power Point production.

> Annaliesa gave club members highlights of her June trip to Washington, DC, as the Government-in-Action Youth Tour representative sponsored by Lea County Electric Cooperative. She was one of nearly 100 students who made up the Texas/New Mexico delegation and visited Capitol Hill for the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Rally. Annaliesa cited the National Cathedral, the FDR Memorial, and her visit to Representative Combest's office as her most memorable highlights of the trip. She also enjoyed the Sunday morning devotional held at the top of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and the 12 day bus trip itself.

Club President Sarah Jane Shelton welcomed guests. Debbie Rushing Spears introduced Rep. Walker, who in turn, introduced the two seniors. Hostesses for the meet-The girls presented souvenirs, ing were Latrell McDonnell

The club will meet again No-Johnson Space Center and vember 12 for its Americanism six months of rigorous lessons students who represent Plains at Bluebonnet Girls State, American Legion Boys State and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar.

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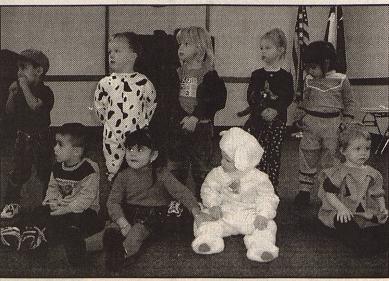
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### **Library Storytime**



Storytime was a spooky time, Wednesday, October 31st, 2001, as we had our Halloween Party. We had two special visitors, Jerry Dominguez and Tony Perez, representing our local Volunteer Fire Department. They talked about Trick-or-Treating the safe way, and also gave each child a glow-in-the-dark candle to take with them Trick-or-Treating. The mothers supplied juice and decorated cookies and candy for the Halloween party. The children attending were: Mesa Davis, Peyton McWhirter, Jentry Wall, Madison Davis, Amanda Dusek, Arista Davis, Braedon Davis, Bailey Rios, Matthew Garcia, Avery Garcia, and Daniela Loya.

### **Reward Offered For Information On Stolen Artifacts**

AUSTIN, Texas-The FBI, Bureau of Indian Affairs and University of Texas (UT) police are responsible. Images of the stoinvestigating the theft of 24 near perfect Caddoan vessels from the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) in Austin. The artifacts are invaluable to archeologists because of the information they provide on the ancient inhabitants of Texas and adjacent THC archeologists are asking states. UT archeologists collected many of the artifacts, used primarily in association with Caddoan Indian burials, in the late 1930's in an effort to salvage information on Texas Native American ancestors before the sites were destroyed by looters or other destruction. The theft took place in late July

and TARL officials are now offering a \$5,000 reward for

information leading to the arrest and convection of those len artifacts are posted on the TARL web site www.utexas.edu/research/tarl. THC archeologists fear the pottery may be sold in underground markets, noting that Caddoan grave robbing in East Texas is an ongoing problem. the public to stay alert and notify officials of any suspected theft.

For more information about the theft, contact TARL Director Darrell Creel at 512/471-6007. For more information about Caddoan Indian artifacts and looting in East Texas, contact THC East Texas Regional Archeologist Mark Parsons at 512/463-7004.

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### **Plains Fine Arts Club Meets**

The Plains Fine Arts Club met on Thursday, November 1, 2001 at 7:00 pm. in the home of Sandra Ellison. Serving as co-hostess were Teri Hansen and Leann Lewis.

Program director for the evening was Vee Ann Carter. She introduced Robyn Williams of O'Donnell who is a procurement coordinator for LifeGift Organ Donation Center of West Texas. Mrs. Williams presented a very informative program on organ donations and the great need for people to consider being an organ donor. The organ from one person can save the lives of eight people. Following her presentation, there was a question and answer session.

Vice President Martha Palmer, presided for a short business meeting. Members attending were Judy Fitzgerald, Dolores Davis, Donna Friesen, Vee Ann Carter, Martha Palmer, and Lois

### Senior Citizens Corner

Should have written this last night, but had company until late, then this morning I had an appointment and forgot to write this column. I know it's not my age, but I can use it for a reason that I forget to do things.

Monday the 5th is birthdays and anniversaries at the Center. If you have a birthday or anniversary in November come on down and join us as a visitor. Gayle Ballou was here yesterday. We had Bess Veazey and her daughter and son in law also

Gladys Thomason has her daughter and son in law for lunch and visiting.

We will not have our November pot luck supper. We decided to have it every other month. If the weather is bad we will cancel for that time.

We were told today that Troy Richman was in the hospital in Denver City.

Hope all are well and can stay that way.

> Til next week, Wanda B.

### XEW BABY!!

Harrison Malcolm Blessing

Born: October 5, 2001, 11:40 AM., Harris Methodist Hospital HEB, Bedford, Texas, he weighed in at 7 pounds and was 19 inches long

Parents: Jennifer (Bollar) & Drew Blessing of Grapevine Grandparents: David & Jerri Bollar of Jokio and Andy & Carol Blessing of Abilene

Great Grandparents: Truett & Dixie Jones of Brownfield, Ruth Bollar of San Antonio & Joy Blessing of Abilene Great, Great Grandmother: Jennie Brinson of Brownfield

You are invited to drop by the OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Texas Extension Education Association, formerly known as Home Demonstration Clubs. Refreshments will be provided and members will be showcasing the educational community service and leadership activities they've been involved in throughout the year. The open house will be from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Tuesday, November 13, at the Yoakum County Extension Office meeting room, located at 901 Avenue G. Mark your calendars, and PLAN TO ATTEND!!



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Tuesdays & Thursdays God loves you and so do we! Come in Christ with us!

During our recent so called vacation ( we were out of town 2 1/2 days) I managed to play an unusual amount of golf. I shall never do this again. The more I played, the more pathetically I played.

One of those days, waiting on the number one tee box for an incredibably slow foursome ahead of our speedy types, one of the masked bandits regularly taking money from me earmarked for the Collection Plate or other worthy charities said, "You know, I heard on talk radio the other day the aver- expelled gas and announced age person blinks their eyes over 20,000 times a day."

then it kicked in - twenty thousand or more blinks a day is a bunch! The foursome ahead of us were do about making small headway, looking for lost balls and all, and I whipped out my pocket calculator. I figured a blink takes about one-fifth a second. If the normal person is awake and eyeball open 15 hours per day, those 20,000 blinks per day, that calculates to about 22 minutes a day blinking. How can we possibly waste 22 minutes per day in our busy lives ?? Think of all we've missed seeing.!

I quickly ran these figures by my accountant, a regular in my group who helps tally up my lost bets, and of a HISS) in my ear,"if you don't he sagely nodded,

"A terrible waste of time and seeing things."

I immediately felt much better, but was by now enraged at the foursome ahead of us, still looking for lost balls, and two actually smelling the late blooming

flora. At that point, one of our less sensitive, gruffer types bellowed, "Hey, you swine herders, move it ciously.

nizing his size and obvious ferocity, hastily skipped forward four Von Zell one proclaimed, "Ladies holes.

type member of our group remarked, "Did you hear the commercial on talk-radio I've been hearing about the male Horse Fly, when pursuing a female Horse Fly who appears half willing to accept up to 90 miles an hour in his amorous pursuit?"

golfer said, "Big deal. I ran after my old lady lots faster than that years ago. I just can't remember week." why now." Another member of the Geezer Dandies coughed, spat, belched and

"You guys bore me to tears. I don't care how fast flies fly. I don't care At first pause, I was non-impressed, how many blinks I do a day. I'm sick of you whining about the petty, silly stuff. I wanna know what to

> really big, bad hemorrhoids!" To make the day worse, I shot a mind boggling 88.

Vacations-Bah, Humbug!

I am truly fond of bloopers, whether they be written, spoken, even sung. Killing time in our library recently, I chanced upon a book featuring some true pearls, and as I read, I began to chuckle, then laugh, louder and louder. The head library finally came over and whispered (actually it was more quiet down, you'll have to leave!" I giggled OK, and then handed her the book I was reading, and pointed to the page and told her to read it. She began to read, then giggle, then she was laughing, louder and louder. I hissed in her ear, "If you don't quiet down you'll have to leave." She finished reading, still giggling, then looked at me suspi-

up there, my golf ball already has "Surely you're not going to put moss growing on the southern these in your paper!?" I told her only the ones I could clean up They glared back at us, but recog- enough. Here's a sampling

Old time radio announcer Harry and gentlemen. the President of the It was then another Brain Think United States, Hoobert Heever."

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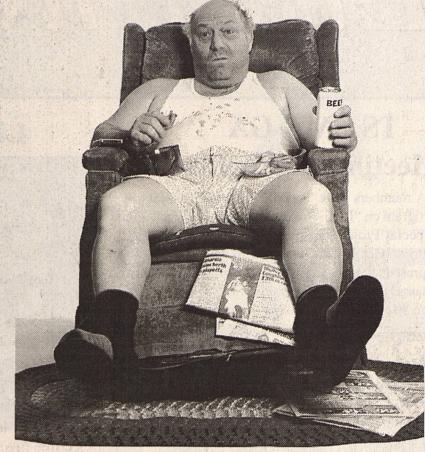
A local news item - Friday night is poultry night --- all ladies present will receive a free goose."

Newscaster - "President Carter has painful hemorrohoids and is being treated by his Physician, Rear Admiral Lookass... er, Lukash

Game Contestant-"I work for the Pittsburgh Gas Company. At least 90 percent of the people in Pittsburgh have gas."

Sportscaster-"The winner of the Ladies 54 Hole Tournament, played on three separate courses, is Helen Douglas, the new State Intercourse Champion.!"

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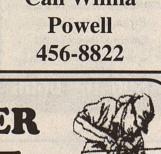
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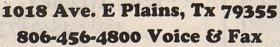
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