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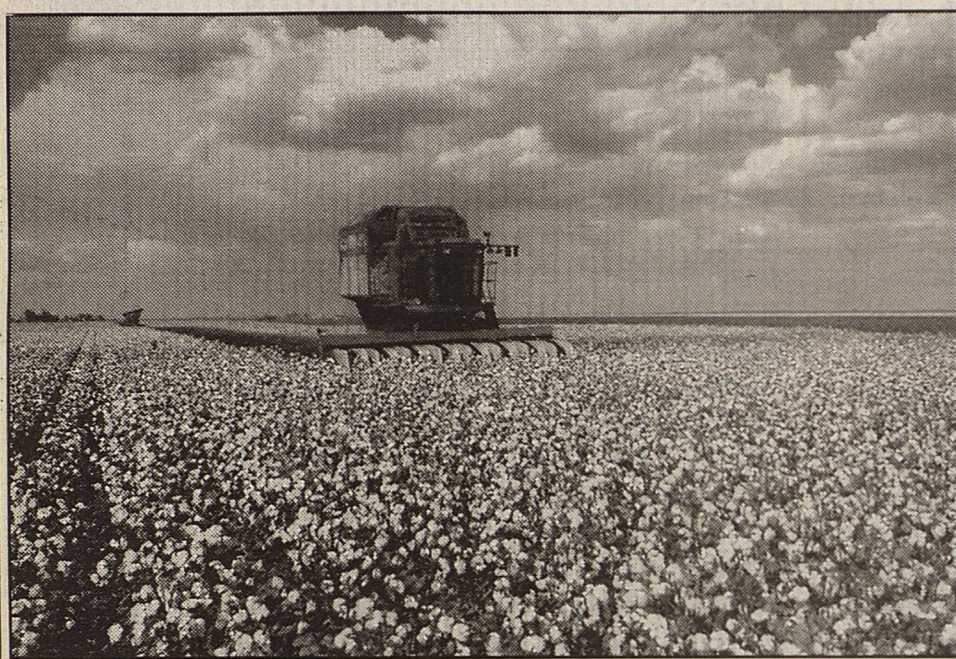
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Yoakum County Ag Harvest Time 2001

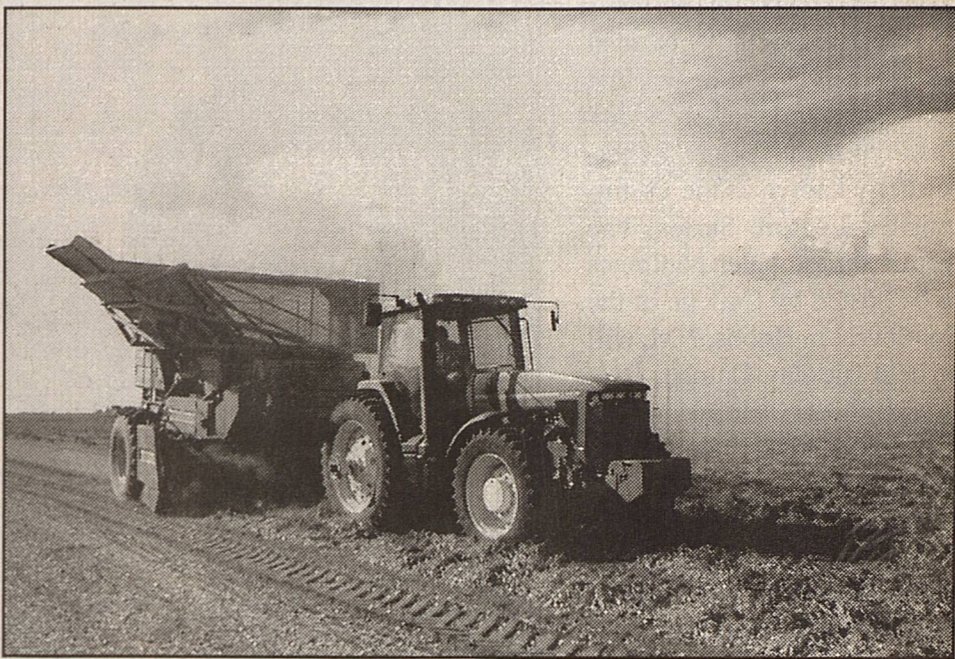


An eight row cotton stripper moves through a field of excellent cotton near the stateline

These scenes will soon be duplicated in all agricultural areas of the county. Cotton harvesting is not yet in full swing, with many fields not defoliated for stripping. Peanut harvesting shown above is underway on a limited scale, with many producers reporting the nuts too wet for harvesting.

All county gins are running, but far from full, 24 hour service. The majority of producers, ginners and ag related personnel consider the average irrigated crop of cotton to be good, but lament the loss of so many acres of dry land cotton lost much earlier to drought and adverse weather.

The big question producers are currently wrestling with is commodity prices; Most peanut acreage is contracted at an established market price. But far most cotton is not contractd, and the always volative market can spell the difference between profit and loss for South South Plains producers.



Another example of the 2001 peanut crop being harvested last week

Farm loans available for the socially disadvantaged

Wayne Sisson, acting farm loan manager, reminds people Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and guarantees loans and provides credit counseling and supervisions to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit. "Everyone needs financial help sometime," Sisson stated, "and perhaps FSA can help you with loan programs to meet your farming needs and help you qualify for commercial credit." In addition, FSA sets aside funds for loans to eligible members of socially disadvantaged groups who will operate not larger than family farms. A socially disadvantaged group is one whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudices because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. These groups are women, Hispanics, Blacks,

American Indians or Alaska Natives, and Asians or Pacific Islanders.

Sisson explained the purpose of the program is to; make loan funds available to socially disadvantaged persons, discover and remove obstacles that prevent the full participation of those persons in FSA's loan programs, and provide necessary technical assistance to qualified applicants for the loans and in developing sound farm management practices essential for success in their farm management practices.

"I encourage anyone interested in our programs to contact our office for more information, and we can provide assistance in Spanish if necessary," Sisson stressed. The FSA office is located at 109 NE 3rd, Seminole TX, and the telephone number is 915-758-3254.

The Plains Cowboys regained their winning form Friday in a strong offensive and defensive effort. They completely dominated the Wildcats for three and one half quarters, racking up 464 yards of total offense, including 324 yards on the ground, and 8 of 11 pass completions for 140 yards. Wink managed 269 total yards, and 146 of those came in two plays during the last nine minutes of the game.

The Cowboys took the opening kickoff at their 41, and three plays later Jared Bell hustled around his left end for a 53 yard scoring run to put the Cowboys up 6-0.

The Wildcats took Joseph Rodriguez' touchback kickoff at their 20, and good defensive efforts by Bell, Mario Bonilla, Ryan Martinez forced a fourth down punt.

With the ball on their 23, a pass from Bell to Tanner Hamm,

Cowboys Wreck Wink 41-14

Wildcats held scoreless until final quarter



Joseph Rodriguez tries to elude angry Wildcats after good gain

runs by Moises Gonzales, Bell and Richard Diaz produced three quick first downs, but the Wildcat defense stiffened and stopped the Cowboys on the 9 yard line. Wink managed to move the ball to their 41, where Kevin Bartley recovered their fumble to put the Cowboy of-

fense in business at the 45. Bell threw to Gonzales for a 19 yard gain, then hit Hamm with a 30 yard completion and a 12-0 lead at the end of the quarter.

Wink took another big Rodriguez kickoff at their 13, managed one first down, but a good defensive play by Bell

and Nick Hays forced a Wildcat punt. The Cowboys quickly reeled off another first down, but a fumble stopped the drive.

With just 3 minutes left in the second period, the Cowboys got the ball on Wink's 37 yard

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We must solve state's highway crisis

Proposition 15 allows Texas to enhance highway funding, speed road construction.

For years, Texans took our highway system for granted. We counted on it being rated as one of the best in the country. We got used to driving anywhere on beautiful, well maintained roads.

Our highway system is no longer a shining example for the rest of the nation. In 1999, there were 3106 fatal traffic accidents, resulting in 3519 deaths, according to the DPS. There were no 'deathless days' in 1999, and there were three accidents in which six or more persons were killed.

Our state's economy is the eighth largest in the world, yet our highway system has not kept up with our growth. We

received only 6.5% of national funding for NAFTA related trade corridors, though we host 80% of NAFTA truck traffic. We once proudly spent 33% of the total budget on transportation, now we spend less than 10%.

The Texas Department of Transportaion (TxDOT) reports it can only address 36% of the construction and maintenance needs with the funding now allotted. It's no overstatement to call this a crisis. We must solve Texas' transportation problems now.

Voters have a chance to do just that. Legislation we sponsored in the 77th Legislature gives voters of Texas an opportunity

for change. Proposition 15 on the November ballot is a critically important proposition to establish the Texas Mobility Fund, the first new mechanism for highway funding we have had in years.

Here's why we are taking Proposition so seriously: If passed, the Texas Mobility Fund will allow TxDOT to leverage highway funds and permit construction to move on road projects years faster than has been possible in the past. This leverage could give the state \$5 to \$6 billion more for roads over the next ten years and speed construction by five

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County to have Fire Marshal

In the recent 77th Legislative session, a provision was passed authorizing the appointment of Fire Marshal's in each county of the state. Keith Mensch of Denver City was appointed to fill the Marshal position in Yoakum County. Mensch recently attended a state training school for the Marshal job, and Commissioners Court approved payment of the expenses incurred for the school. The Court also approved the resignation of Dene Rafferty as Constable of Precinct 1, effective

October 1. The Court had earlier accepted the resignation of Gordon Sefcik, former constable of Precint 2. Both resignations resulted from state requirements mandating constables attain status as certified peace officers within 9 months of their election.

The employment and salary of Donna Peppin as dispatcher in the Sheriff's office was approved, effective October 8.

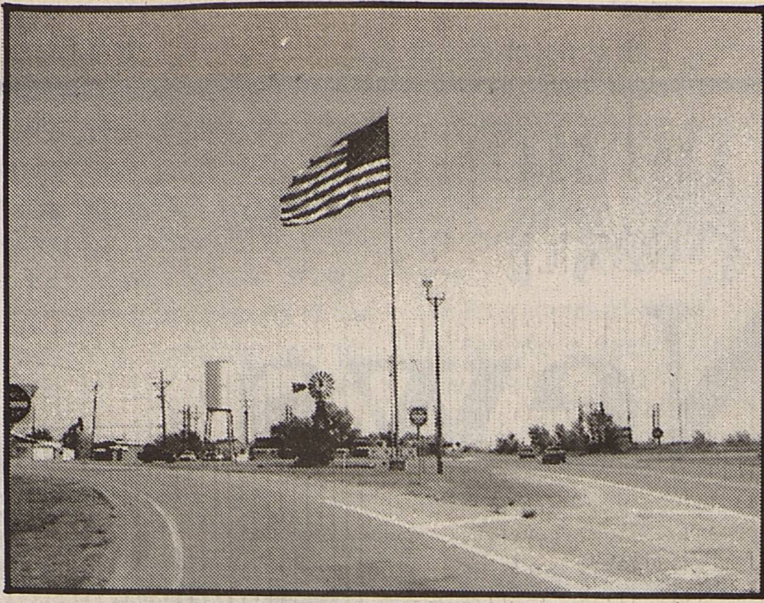
A request from Sheriff Don Corzine to advertise for bids for the purchase of two new police

package cars was approved. The purchase will be paid from funds in the departments 2002 budget.

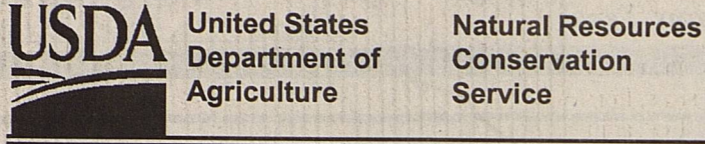
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Vacation time coming up for CCN. We will not publish the October 31 issue

O' beautiful... for
spacious skies...
For amber waves of
grain...
For purple mountain
majesties...
Above the fruited plain!
America...America...
God shed his grace on
thee...
And crown thy good with
brotherhood...
From sea to shining sea!



O' say does that star spangled banner yet wave...
O'er the land of the free...and the home of the brave!

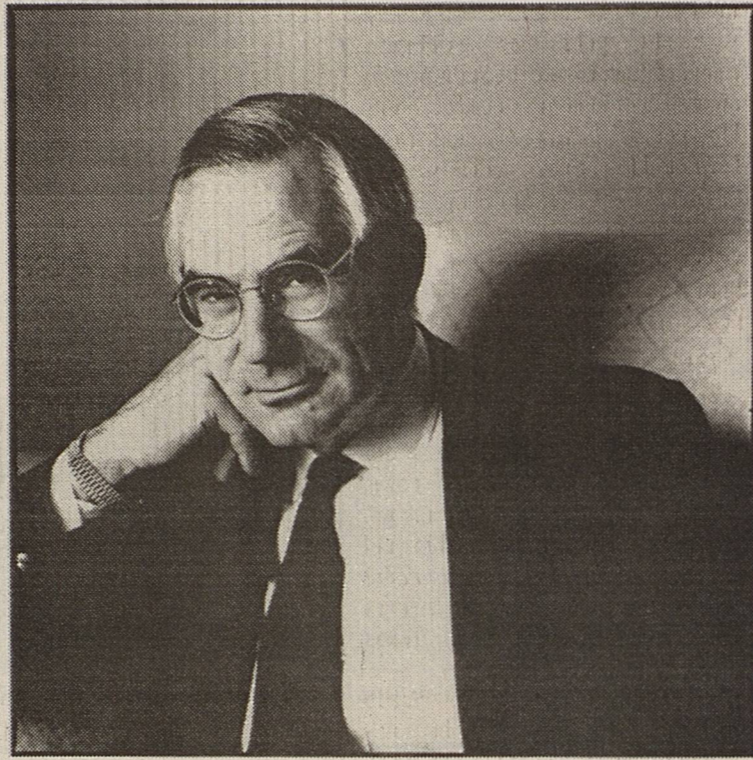


Halberstam first speaker in lecture series

David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize winning author, historian and journalist, will be the first speaker in the Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series, formerly known as the Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture series, which continues to be hosted by College of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM, will be held Tuesday, October 16 at R.N. Tydings Auditorium on the Hobbs High School campus at 7:30 p.m.

Long considered one of America's greatest journalists, Halberstam won the Pulitzer Prize in 1964 at the age of 30 for his coverage of the war in Vietnam and subsequently influenced an entire generation of reporting professionals. He first came to national prominence in the early 1960s as part of a handful of American reporters who refused to accept the official optimism about Vietnam. During his tenure at the *New York Times*, he so annoyed President Kennedy with his investigations that JFK asked the *Times* publisher to move Halberstam to another bureau.

His landmark trilogy of books on power in America, *The Best and the Brightest*, *The Powers*



That Be, and *The Reckoning*, have helped define the latter part of this century more than any other journalist works and have won him innumerable awards as well as broad critical acclaim.

On October 16, Halberstam will speak on *War in a time of Peace: Bush, Clinton and the Generals*, a presentation based on his newest book of the same name, which dramatically reveals how U.S. foreign policy has been haunted by the legacy of

Vietnam. Highly sought after on the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York City, Halberstam's presentation will provide an important overview of the political arena in which America now finds itself.

Admission to the Distinguished Lecture series is free, but tickets are required and may be obtained by calling College of the Southwest, 505-392-6561. The Lecture Series has been sponsored by CSW since 1989.

Services held for Oscar Henry Lowrey

Graveside services were held for Oscar Henry Lowrey, 78, at Plains Cemetery at 2 PM Monday, October 8, 2001 with Reverend Bill Wright, Plains First Baptist Church officiating. Mr. Lowrey died October 5 in Lubbock.

He was born February 5, 1923 in Terry County. He married Foy James February 2, 1942 in Plains. He attended Plains High School. He farmed in Yoakum and Lynn Counties until retiring in 1988. He served on the Board of Directors of New Home Coop Gin. He moved to Lubbock in 1995. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Darlene Newman of New Home; A son, Bud Lowrey of Broadview, NM; a brother, Carl Lowrey of Plains; two sisters, Ruth Pippin, Denver City, and Mary Faye Alexander, Brownfield; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Duane Anderson services held

Memorial services for Duane A. Anderson, 69, of Denver City were held at 10:30 am at Plains First Baptist Church, with Pastor Bill Wright officiating. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Friday, October 5, 2001. He was born September 13, 1932, in Terry County and married Barbara Ann Hope in 1956 in Brownfield. He moved to Denver City in 1987 from Tokio, and had been employed by W.L. Kidd and Halliburton. Survivors include his wife; a son, Billy Bob of Odessa, and one grandchild; his mother, Wilma McDonnell of Lovington, NM; A brother, Derooy Anderson of McAllen, and one sister, Neda Whitman of Lovington.

Senior Citizens Corner

Here I am a day late and a dollar short, as the saying goes. Next Tuesday is '42' Tournament, and Friday the 12th is Higginbotham night

Thursday, the 18th, is or Pot Luck, and "The Harvesters" We always enjoy the band coming to play for us, and we appreciate them so very much. We always have a good crowd, and so much good food, the sing alongs with the songs we know, and everyone pitches in and helps clean up the dishes and put everything away.

Maggie and Darlene are on the sick list, I talked to both of them. They said tell everyone "we will be back one of these days."

Everyone with a flag is still flying them. it certainly looks good to see them. We have not been able to get pne except for our own vehicles. We have our names on several places for our flag.

That's all for now, till next week...

Wanda B.

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to six years.

The Texas Mobility Fund does NOT require any new taxes. Its passage will send a strong signal to future legislatures Texans support transportation solutions. The fund will not solve all transportation problems.

They were not created overnight. It will put us well on the way toward a 21st Century transportation system of which Texans can rightfully be proud.

By Sen. Florence Shapiro, (R-Plano) and Rep. Clyde Alexander, (D-Athens), co-chairs of a bipartisan statewide coalition formed to educate Texans on Proposition 15 and to Keep Texans Moving.

Library Storytime

Storytime on October 3 was fun for everyone. We sang songs, heard a fannelboard story, read a book named "I'm too busy," and saw a Scooby-Doo cartoon. We talked about next week being Fire Prevention Week and how the fire truck and firemen were coming to Storytime. Children attending Storytime were Amanda Dusek, Peyton McWhirter, Mesa Davis, Jentry Wall, Madison Davis, Arista Davis and Braedon Davis.

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Yoakum County Hospital cordially invites you to attend an OPEN HOUSE For West Texas Medical Center Friday, October 12, 3 P.M. - 6 P.M. 415 N. Ave. F, Denver City (directly behind Yoakum County Hospital) Please join us for refreshments while touring our beautiful new clinic!!

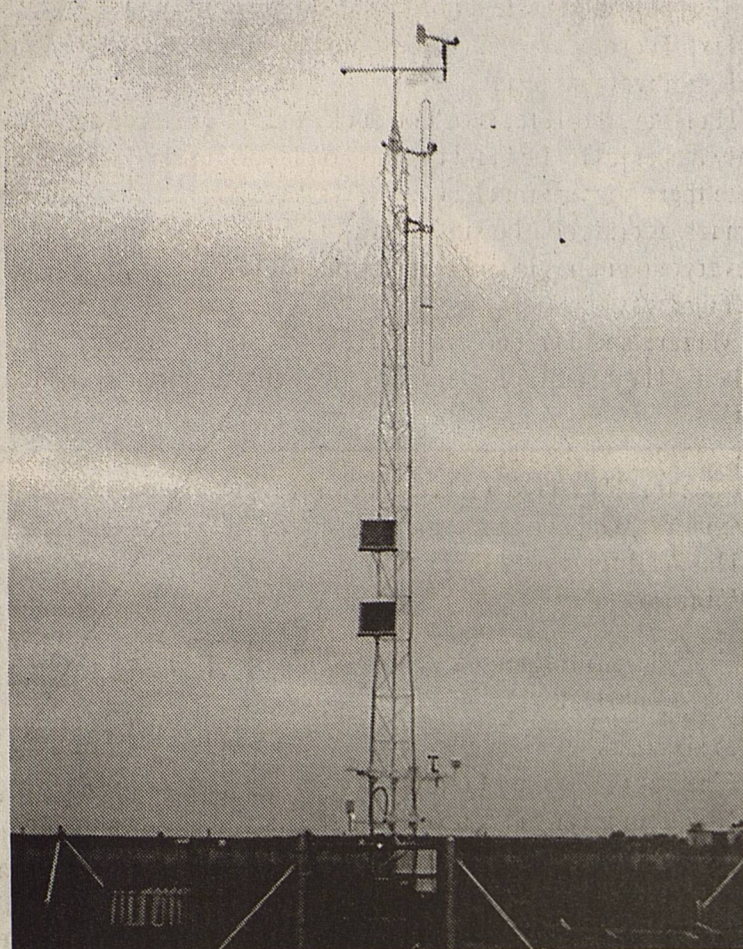
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Texas Tech's Local Weather Monitor



Many local residents are unaware of a state of the art weather monitoring station just northwest of the County Airport here. A project of Texas Tech University's Atmospheric Sciences and Wind Science Engineering Departments, the electronic reporting tower transmits data on Yoakum County weather including wind speeds, directions, humidity, temperature and barometric pressures. The data is transmitted to the University and tabulated by the department's students. It is then made available on the web for internet users. Recent problems with transmittal lines have caused interruptions in the service, but Tech officials expect those problems to be solved soon. Computer Internet users may access the web site at - mesonet.ttu.edu

JP Court Summary

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

Cases filed;
53 traffic cases
Two public intoxication
Two felonies
Four minors in consumption of alcohol
Three minors in possession alcohol
Four open containers alcohol
One DWI
Bonds set and Fines:
Unlawful possession of firearm by felon- \$5000 bond
Bail jumping/failuer to appear- \$15,000 bond.
Five cases driving, license suspended- \$500 bonfd
Two cases motion to revoke probation- held until hearing.
Public intoxication/ 3 prior conviction- \$500 bond.
DWI, 1st- \$1000 bond.
Manufacture/deliver controlled substance- \$ 25,000 bond.
Criminal mischief- \$1000 bond.

Issuance bad check-\$265 fine
Issuance bad check- \$172 fine
Minor in possion alcohol- \$ 500 bond.
4 cases open container- \$500 bond.
Two cases consumption of alcohol by minor- \$500 bond.
Four cases public intoxication- \$500 bond.
Two cases display suspended item- \$500 bond.
Two cases possession marijuana- \$500 bond
Two cases drug paraphenalia- \$500 bomd.
No liability insurance- 3 priors- \$500 bond.
No liability insurance- 3rd conviction- \$500 bond.
Prohibited substance in corectional facility- \$5000 bond
DWI, 3rd- \$2500 bond
DWI, 1st- \$1000 bond
Resisting arrest/transportation- \$1000 bond
DUI - \$200 fine
Assault/ family member-\$1000 bond
Criminal negligence/child support-- Maverick County, no bond
Unauthorized use vehicle- held for Border Patrol.

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Toni Jones Treasurer's report indicated an ending cash balance at the end of August totaling \$8,146,303.

The court approved an emergency amendment to the Yoakum County Hospital, West Texas Medical Center and Plains Clinic operating budgets.

An easement for Lea County Electric to set a power pole at the county airpor for Sandy Land Water District's new hangar was approved.

Plains High Honor Roll

- 9th Grade- All A's
Evan Cain
Cody Flores
Breck Hamm
Brandon Hise
Kerry Sisson
Kayla Walker
All A's, 1 B
Kristian Morales
10th Grade- All A's
Helena Neufeld
Manuella Villegas
All A's, 1 B
Grady McNabb
Nolan Newsom
Moriah Traweek
11th Grade- All A's
Chelsea Blount
Kelly Bowers
Sandra Gallegos
Jill Gray
Kayla Willis
Liz Wilmeth
All A's, 1 B
Kevin Bartley
Kim Martinez
Ryan Swann
12th Grade- All A's
Jared Bell
Allison Butler
Elizabeth Clanahan
Louis Escobar
Tanner Hamm
Chris Hansen
Nancy Koncaba
Ragan McGinty
Jarod Newland
Annaliesa O'Quinn
All A's, 1 B
Wendy Fierro
Jeffrey Lollar
Chris McGinty
Jonathan Peppin
Joseph Rodriguez

**Go Cowboys!
Beat Stanton!!**

Holy Cow! Cowparade stampedes into Houston

325 Life-Sized Cows On Display in Public Art Exhibition from Sept. 6-Nov. 7, 2001

HOUSTON - The cows have come home to Texas to graze exclusively in Houston. Hundreds of artists, professional and amateur, from throughout Texas have painted and decorated life-sized fiberglass cows for *CowParade Houston 2001*. Houston is serving as an urban pasture to the herd of 325 painted, costumed, festooned and whimsically transformed cows that will be on display on streets, parks and landmarks through Nov. 7, 2001.

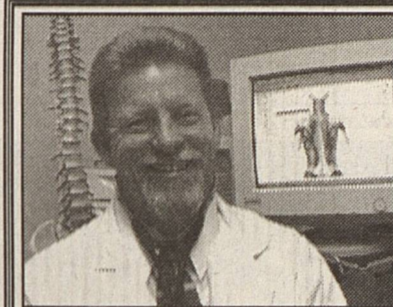
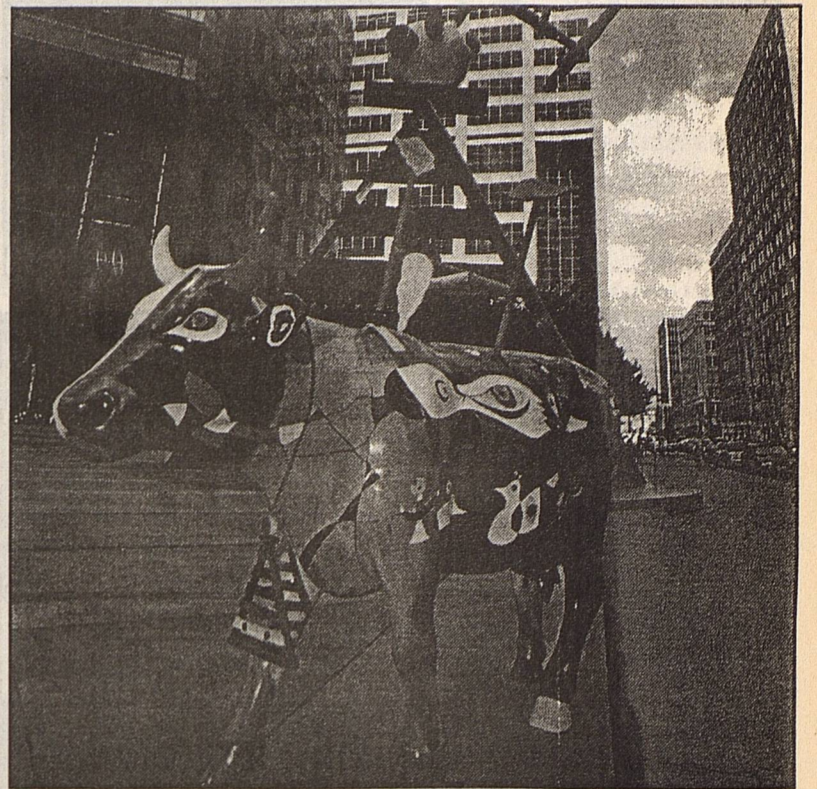
There are a variety of incredibly whimsical and creative designs, from *Texas Moo Dog* by Blue Dog artist George Rodrigue to *Holy Cowthedral*, a Blue Ribbon designee by Ross S. Sterling High School.

CowParade Houston 2001 is the most recent incarnation of a wildly successful public art exhibition designed to celebrate the spirit of fun, art and community in Houston. From Uptown to Downtown, and from Memorial Park to the Medical Center, this exhibit is roaming the Bayou City, being seen by every Houstonian and visitor in town. On Dec. 6, 2001, Sotheby's will administer a live auction of 60 select bovines in the Cullen Theater at Wortham Center. Tickets can be purchased by calling the CowParade Houston Hotline at 832-824-2481. There will also be an on-line Internet auction of 200 cows, administered by amazon.com. Proceeds from initial sponsorships and the auction will benefit the *Building for Children* capital campaign at Texas Children's Hospital and Texas Children's Cancer Center.

In conjunction with CowParade Holdings Corporation, the rights holder and owner of the intellectual property associated with the concept, this unique art exhibition is hosted in Houston in cooperation with Mayor Lee P. Brown, The Parks & Recreation Department, The Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Houston Municipal Arts Commission and Texas Children's Hospital.

CowParade first began in Zurich, Switzerland in 1998, and both the 2000 CowParade in New York City and the 1999 CowParade in Chicago were widely touted as the most successful public art programs in the cities' histories. More than 44 million people viewed the New York City event and the Chicago event generated nearly \$500 million in economic impact.

In conjunction with CowParade Houston 2001, Cow Brands Ltd. is manufacturing CowParade Houston merchandise that promotes and memorializes this unique art exhibition. The official me'moo'rabilia, includes caps, T-shirts, a 'Cowmutter' beverage cup, plush toys, mugs, greeting cards, calendars, key chains, magnets and ceramic replica cows. A portion of the proceeds from merchandise sales will also benefit the *Building for Children* capital campaign and the Texas Children's Cancer Center at Texas Children's Hospital.



Dr. Cecil's Chat Room

Let me introduce myself, my name is Cecil Halsell, D.C. I am a recent graduate of Parker Chiropractic College in Irving, Texas. Chiropractic is a mid life career change for me and I'm excited about getting started.

While visiting around town and getting acquainted as the new chiropractor on the block, I've found many people who would like to come see me, to "try me out" so to speak, but feel the initial expense would just be too much.

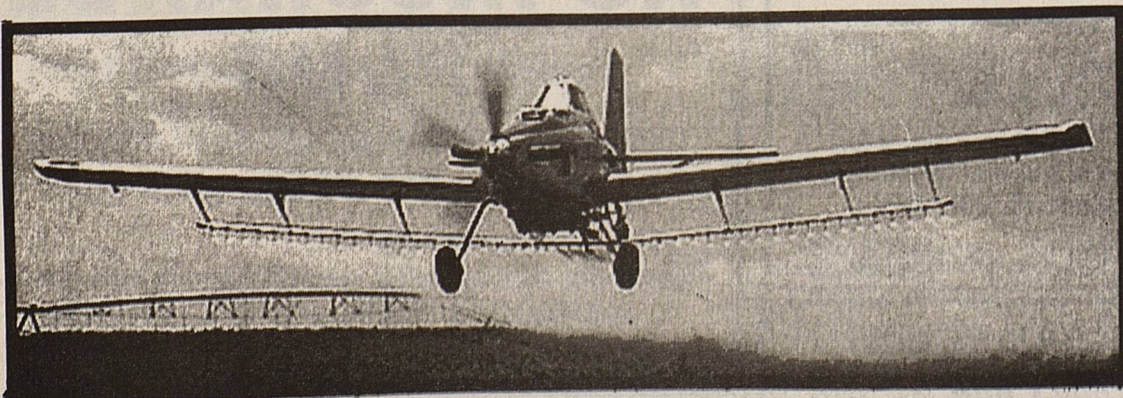
Therefore, I have good news, in order for everyone to experience the benefits of spinal adjustments, I'm going to waive the start-up costs for all exams relating to the spine and good health from now until January of 2002. Furthermore, in order to accommodate the influx of new patients, we will be open six days a week and "on call" for emergency cases. This added service will assure an opportunity for our patients to receive needed help at their convenience.

This coming Saturday we are having a free scoliosis clinic for kids utilizing the latest in computerized technology. If we spot any "crooked backs" we are going to treat these kids free of charge for 1 year then retest and put the information in our data bank to help others. We start at 9:00 a.m., so call us tomorrow, so we can get your youngsters checked out. If our check shows they are just out of alignment and not a true scoliosis case perhaps we can prevent future problems.

Give me a call at Atchley Chiropractic Center, 505-396-5307. Let's get you and your family under care. Have a Healthy Day.
Dr. Cecil Halsell
P.S. Dr. Atchley is continuing to see patients regularly.

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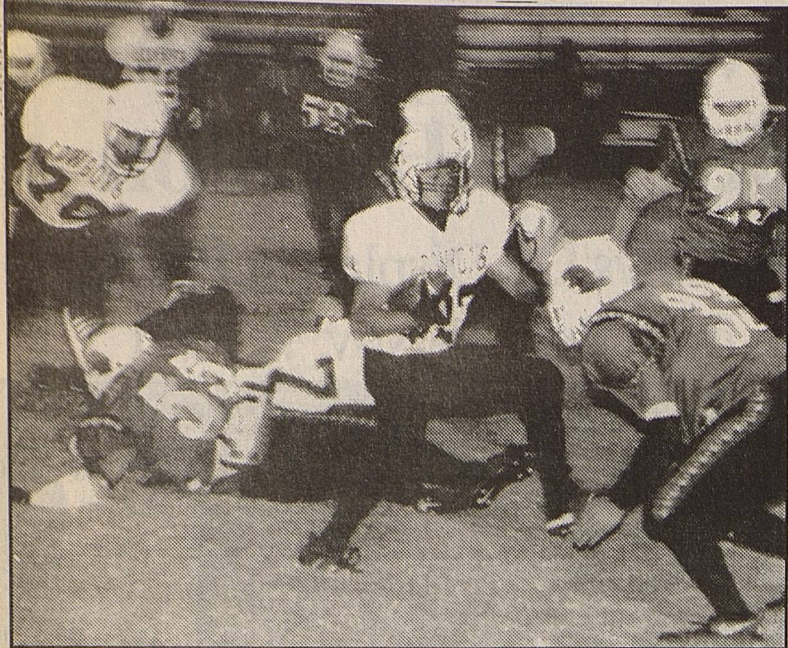
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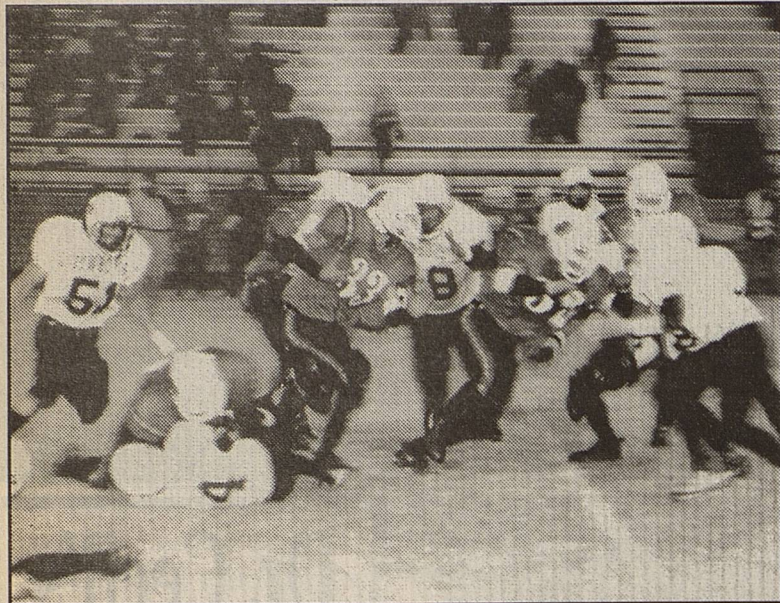
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Moises Gonzales gains yardage

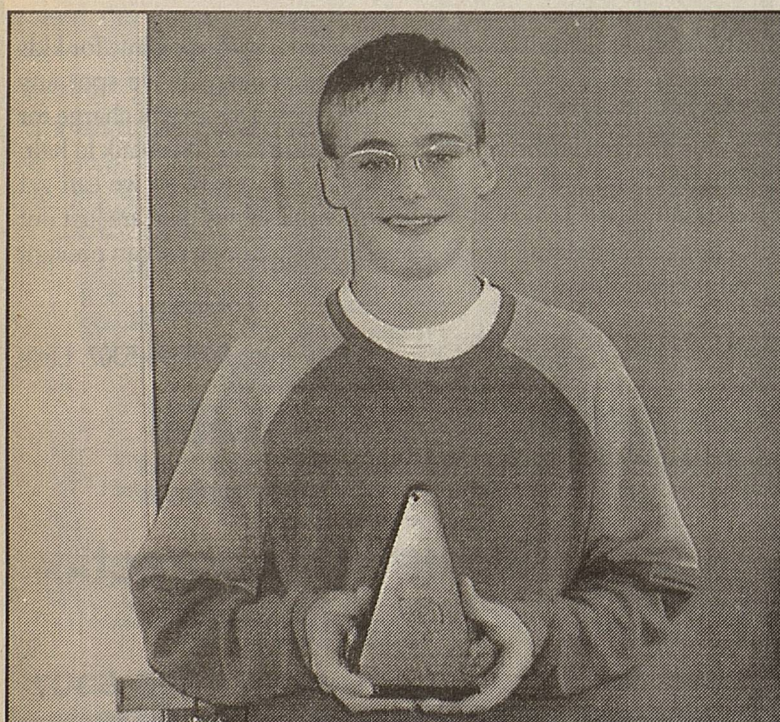


Cowboy defenders swarm a Wildcat runner



Jared Bell tries to go between two Wildcats

Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Kerry Sisson, a freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisson. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "Kerry is a very intuitive reader who digs below the surface to find meaning in literary work."

takes the lead in initiating class discussion and provides peer support for classmates who might not understand a concept. He is also one of the first to volunteer creativity and time for any class project, and he is a pleasure to have in class."

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line. The offensive linemen provided good blocking for Kevin Bartley to hit Bell with a 32 yard pass, then blocked well enough for Bell to carry the ball six times to the one yard line, where he then punched it in for the Cowboys third score and 20-0 lead.

In the first series of plays in the second half, the Cowboy 'D' stopped the Wildcats cold, and with the ball on the 30, Gonzales burst over left tackle for another score, and Rodriguez' kick put the Cowboys up 27-0.

The Cowboy defenders again stifled the Wildcat offense, and from their 30, they began another good drive. Bartley hit Justin Chambliss with a 14 yard pass completion, and good blocking allowed Bell, Diaz and Gonzales to push the ball to the Wildcat 39. Bartley again

Unofficial game stats:

First downs- Cowboys 21, Wink 7
 Rushing yards- Gonzales 125, Bell 123, Rodriguez 58, Diaz 22.
 Pass receptions- Chambliss 3, 37 yards; Bell 2, 38 yards; Hamm 2, 46 yards, Gonzales 1, 19 yards,
 Kickoffs- Rodriguez 6, 366 yards, 61 yard avg.
 Fumble recoveries- Bartley 2, Bell 1, Larry Escobar 1.
 Leading Tacklers- Martinez 8, Hayes 6, Bonilla 6, Bartley 4, Rodriguez 3.
 Tackles for loss- Bonilla 2, Martinez 2, Rodriguez, Chambliss, Hayes, Escobar 1 each.

8th Wranglers downed by Wink

The 8th grade Wranglers found Wink a bit too tough last Thursday, and fell 30-6. Coach Brink noted the youngsters played hard, but three costly mistakes put them in a hole they could not recover from. Their onl score came late in the first half when quarterback Casson Curtis completed a 60 yard pass play to runningback Todd Williams.

JV Cowboys swamp Wink 34-14

The Junior Varsity Cowboys dominated Wink last Thursday. Evan Cain started their scoring with a 45 yard TD pass to Zach Brrome to give them a 6-0 lead. Later Arnold Cordova got loose for a 30 yard scoring run, and Cain hit Broome with a PAT pass to put them up 14-0. They used a bit of razzle dazzle for their third score. Cain pitched to Cordova, who then threw to Broome for a 35 yard touchdown. Cordova ran for the two pointer and a 22-0 lead. Prior to halftime, a Cain to Cordova 35 yard screen pass put the Cowboys up 28-6. In the third period, Broome made an interception, and Cordova then dashed 37 yards for their final score. Armando Ramirez was also credited with a pass interception.

Cross Country meet at Sundown

The Varsity boys finished third against 7 other teams at the October 5 Sundown meet. Individual results included Chisum Justus 20th, Jonathan Delarosa 25th, Chase Howell 28th, Payton Bean 31st, Brandon Davis 34th, Patrick Cotton 44th, Arnold Cordova 46th.

In Junior High action at the meet, neither the boys or girls had complete teams in the competition against more than 20 schools. Individual results: Boys- Jose Villegas 3rd, Abel Ramos 10th, Ben Hays 22nd. Girls- Desiraye Broome 8th, Alice Curtis 60th, Meghan Garcia 108th.

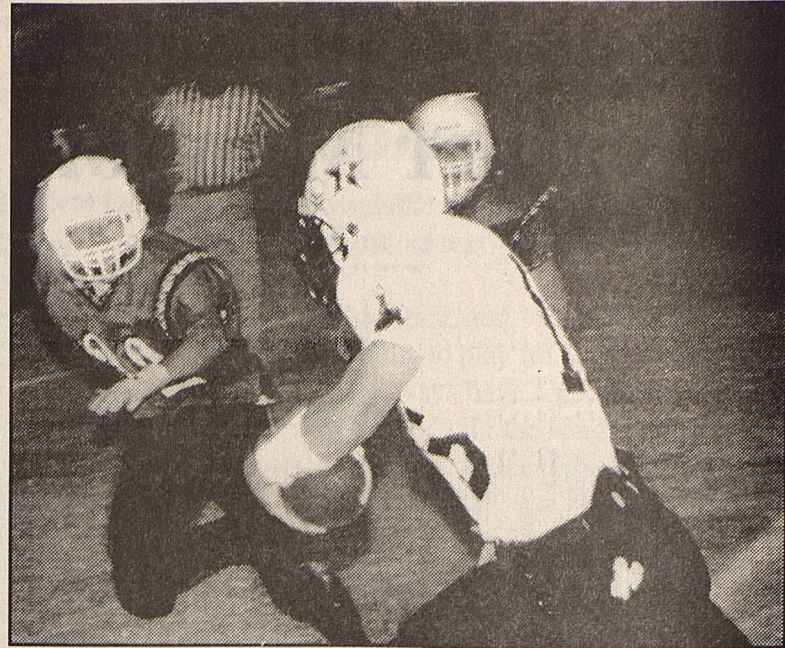
Cowgirl Volleyball

On October 2, the Cowgirls had a tough time with Midland Christian, falling 5-15, 7-15. On October 6 they faced their first district competition against Colorado City. They were downed 12-15, 14-16. Coach Lusk said they did a great job fighting back in the second game to tie the score at 14-14 before the finale. Their season record is now 7-18.

found Chambliss open for 15 yards, then passed to Bell for another six yards, and Gonzales went over his left guard for the final six yards and a 33-0 lead at the end of the third period.

Wink managed one first down in their next possession, then Rodriguez made a timely interception and 15 yard return to put the Cowboys at Wink's 35. On the first play from scrimmage, Gonzales sped around his right end went across the goal for the Cowboys final touchdown, and Rodriguez kick put them up 41-0.

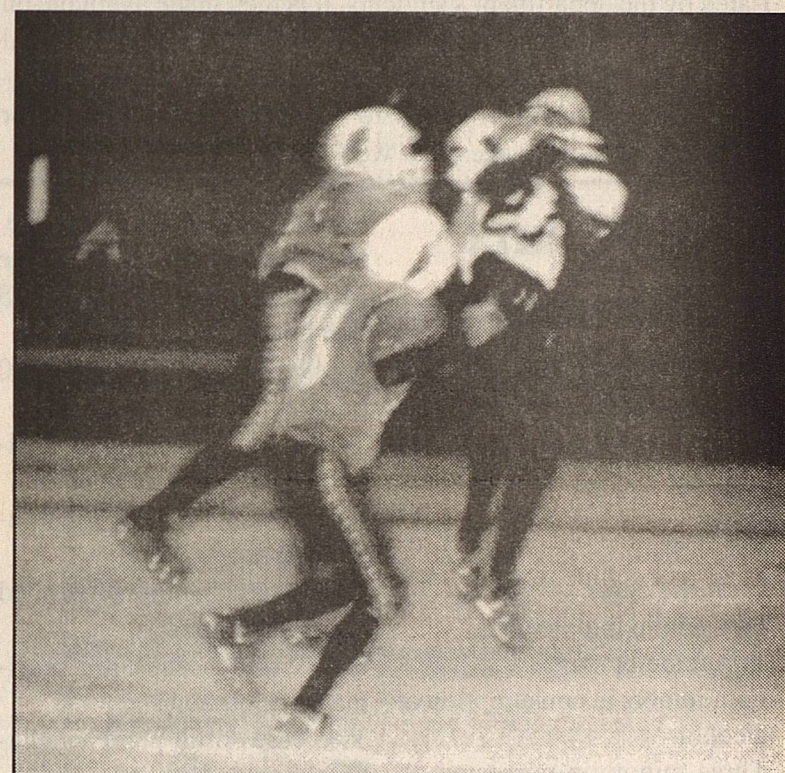
With less than 9 minutes on the clock, the Wildcats broke loose for two touchdown scampers, one for 79 yards, the other covering 67 yards, to give the Cowboys the 41-14 victory and a 3 and 2 season. They start district play here this Friday against Stanton at 7:30 PM.



Bell about to be forced out of bounds



Moises about to be clawed by a 'Cat



It's blurry, but Tanner Hamm grabs 30 yard TD pass



Moises out runs a Wink defender near the goal

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A Message From The Director

Dear Friends of WPS,

The world we live in has forever been changed. In recent weeks, we have been taught a valuable lesson. That lives are precious and sometimes fleeting. That as a nation, a community and a family, we can depend on each other for support and reassurance. Violence at any level can be overcome with help from caring individuals. The West Texas area is home to the finest people in the nation.

Here at WPS, we know firsthand we can depend on the community to help women and children who are victims of violence from within their own home. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Week. We have planned a different event each week. South Plains College will kick off the month with a showing of "The Quiet Storm," a film about dating violence. The film will be shown again on October 17 at Texas Tech, followed by a panel discussion. October 11 is our Candlelight Vigil. We will also have domestic violence information available at area churches and United Supermarkets. Local government agencies will also display information helpful to victims of domestic violence.

I am so very grateful to the people of West Texas who truly are making a difference in the lives of the families we serve
Fritzi Moreman,
Executive Director.

** Womens Protective Service, headquartered in Lubbock, serves a 12 county area of the South Plains, including Yoakum County. To learn more about WPS, and how you can help combat domestic violence, call 806-748-5292 for more information.

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met October 2 in the clubroom of the old courthouse. The club agreed to make some changes concerning the annual art show to make it more convenient for people entering works and attending the show. Members also agreed to hold the annual Christmas party at a restaurant this year.

After the business meeting, Sheila Stephens and Jeannette Head helped members paint and decorate pumpkins. Wilma Powell and Lisa Gentry then served refreshments. Special guests at the meeting were Ruth Shoemaker and Julia Lemley. The club urges anyone interested in any of the arts to join them at meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month in the clubroom.

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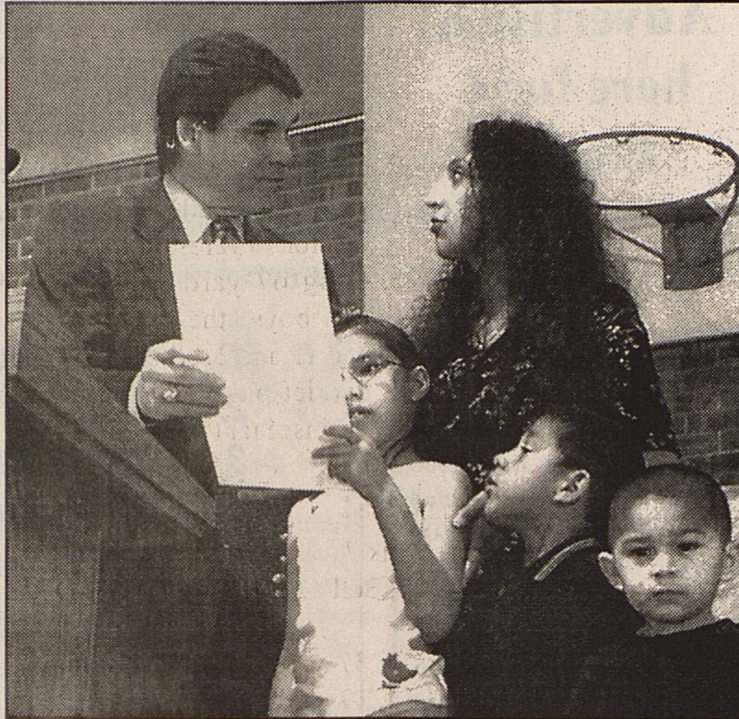
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Youth Fellowship/Study - 4:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal - 6:45 pm

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Austin family is 428,000th CHIP enrollee



Texas Governor Rick Perry congratulates the Gonzales family of Austin on being the 428,000th Texas family to enroll in CHIP

Erica Gonzales now has less worry. If her children become ill, she has access to health care thanks to CHIP, the Children's Helath Insurance Program. The Gonzales family, like many others, applied for children's health insurance through the TexCare Partnership, a Texas initiative to enroll children in Medicaid and CHIP. Medicaid offers free health insurance coverage for families that qualify, while CHIP families pay \$18 a month or less. "I'm so thankful for this program," said Ms. Gonzales. "I never had enough money for doctor visits or trips to the emergency room. Now I don't have to be concerned about medical care for my kids."

Ms. Gonzales has been especially worried about her daughter Marina, who wears glasses but hadn't had her eyes checked in some years. Marina, 7, suf-

fers from a stigmatism. Her two brothers Gilbert and Eric, ages 6 and 3, have also had bouts with asthma. The family's Medicaid coverage expired three years ago, and Ms. Gonzales was unsure they could qualify for CHIP. She was encouraged to call TexCare.

"Everyone there has been so helpful. It's a big relief to know my kids can get annual check-ups, visit the dentist, even get their eyes checked," Ms. Gonzales said.

"Between Medicaid simplification and the Children's Health Insurance Program, our young Texans will receive the care they need when they need it," Governor Perry said at the press conference.

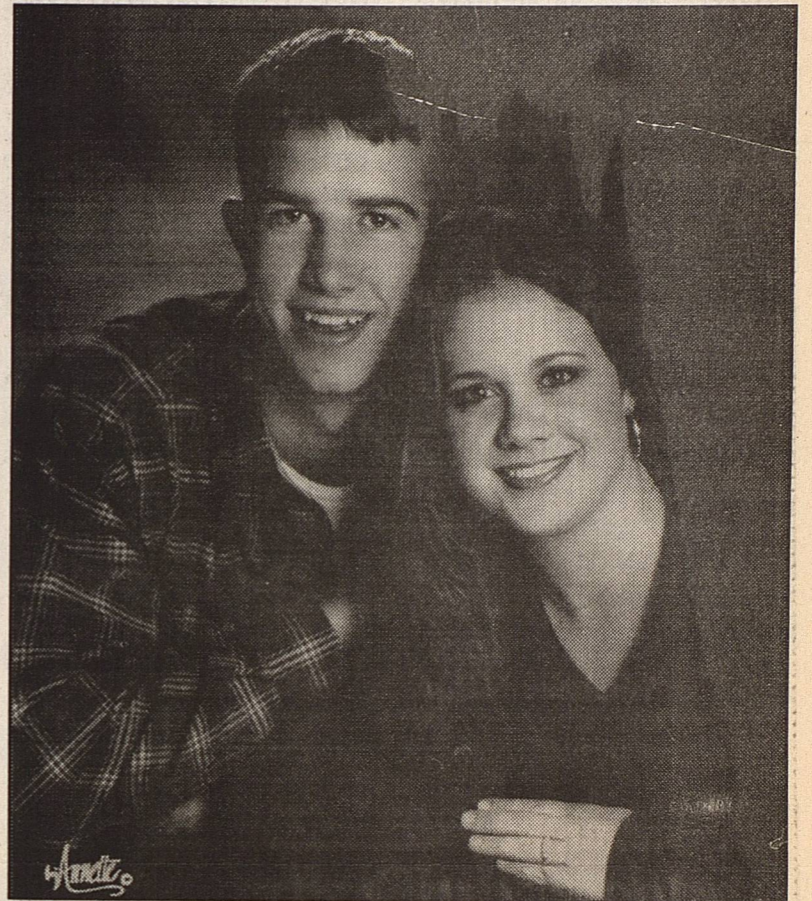
Additional information about CHIP may be obtained by calling the TexCare Partnership at 1-800-647-6558

Fine Arts Club Meets

Members of the Plains Fine Arts Club met October 4 in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. Hostesses for the meeting were Cynthia Blair, Paula McMinn and Dolores Davis. Special guest at the meeting was Susie Powell, who painted a watercolor of her famous snowmen for the members. Also on display were several of her watercolors and cards, and the club enjoyed her presentation.

President Carolyn Culwell presided for a short business meeting. Others attending were Shelley Carter, Tina Davis, Sandra Ellison, Donna Friesen, Teri Hansen, Leann Lewis, Martha Palmer, Joyce Pierce, Franke Walker, and Sonya Young. Shelley Carter was the winner of the door prize. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, in the home of Sandra Ellison.

Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Royce Blair of Plains are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Emily to Mr. Scott Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Griffin of Andrews. The couple will wed December 29, 2001 at First Baptist Church in Plains.

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Turkey- drunk drivers are taken 20 miles from town by police and forced to walk back under escort.

Finland and Sweden- drunk drivers receive an automatic one year jail sentence at hard labor.

Russia- the drivers license is revoked for life.

Poland- drunk drivers are jailed, fined, forced to attend political lectures.

Bulgaria- a second conviction results in execution.

and finally, El Salvador, where your first offense is also your last - execution by firing squad.

The current issue of Texas Press Association's TPA Bulletin mentions a couple of interesting upcoming events. October 7-13 is National Get Organized Week. That's ridiculous. A quick glance about my office and desk indicates there is no way I can achieve an organized status in just one week. The Bride agrees. She quipped, "You would need at least a quarter of a full year, and I'll wager that wouldn't be long enough for you to remember where you put your glasses everyday."

Another interesting upcoming event is National Pet Peeve Week October 8 thru 12. An-

other ridiculous idea. I have enough pet peeves stored up it would take a minimum of four months just to think of all of them, much less rate them to determine THE PET. I am reasonably sure I would eventually rate certain aspects of the game of golf near the very top of the list. Not the game itself - just some (most) of the insensitive brutes I play with. I am sick to death of hearing, "Hey, nice shot, Dyer," when the ball sails out of bounds, and I am certainly not fond of hearing, "Hey, great putt, Dyer," when the ball invariably comes up some three feet short of the hole. No, we need far more time than a lousy week to celebrate disorganization and pet peeves.

Great truths about life little children have learned:

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptise cats.

If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second hitter.

Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato.

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

Don't sneeze when you're getting a haircut.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

The best place to be when you're sad is grandma's lap.

Great truths about life adults have learned:

Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree.

Wrinkles aren't painful.

Families are like fudge... mostly sweet, with a few nuts.

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the joy.

Great truths about growing old:

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.

Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.

When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

It's frustrating when you know

all the answers, but nobody asks you the question.

Time may be a great healer - it's a lousy beautician.

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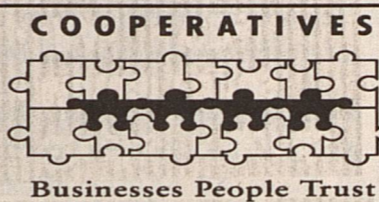
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