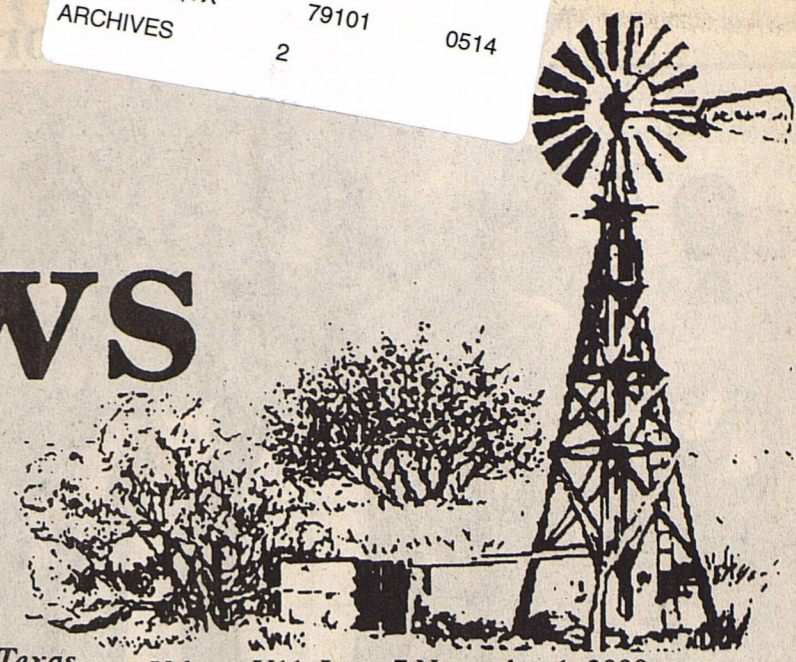


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## PHS Student Council Delivers A Strong, Chilling Program

The Plains High Student Council got their classmates rapt attention in last Thursday's "Reality Assembly". Their message; You can be one of the people who die every 22 minutes in the U.S. from drug or alcohol related accidents.

During the school day, 18 student council members were taken from their classes, representing dead people killed in the accidents. They later dressed in black, and partially blackened their faces to portray death.

At the start of the assembly, the lights were lowered, and with a background of the eerie "Tubular Bells" from the original "Exorcist" film, each of the 18 dead students read a brief account of how they had died in either drug or alcohol related accidents. They then slowly made their way to the stage, carrying lighted candles. They approached a real and open casket furnished by Head Family Funeral Homes. They solemnly peered into the casket at a mirror reflecting their face, and silently blew the candle out.

Their recorded testimonies detailed how senseless the students deaths were, how alcohol or drugs brought tragedy into the lives of families and friends, and how sorry the victims were to have caused such suffering and their disappointments their young lives no longer existed.



Plains High Council members portraying very somber, very ungrateful dead

When all of the victims were on stage, Superintendent Jim Haynes delivered a short follow-up message. He asked, "Has this assembly made you think of how it would be to lose a friend every 22 minutes?"

He told the assembly he wanted to touch on three thoughts. "Life is not fair. If things aren't going your way, make a change. You don't have to use an alcohol or drug crutch to get yourselves through life." He added, "If you're one of those who think you can only find fun and pleasure in a drug or alcohol environment, think

of the fun it would be to try to recover from liver, or heart, or brain damage from these substances." He told the students, "Regardless of what you think, you are NOT invincible. Grinding metal in a car wreck, bouncing down an asphalt highway, can most surely rip your body to shreds, and it can most surely kill you."

He challenged the students to make a commitment to either not use, or stop using drugs or alcohol. "Don't make the commitment to me, or your teachers. Make it to the friends your run with who do use these sub-

stances. If you're sincere in this commitment, you could play an important role in their lives also."

Council members playing roles in the assembly included Jarod Newland, Austin Kessee, Donita Richardson, Liz Wilmeth, Ashley Gonzalez, Jordan Bean, Frances Cordova, Tanya Vasquez, Kayla Willis, Lensey Cullins, Helen Neufeld, Taylor Gray, Tanner Hamm, Ross Rogers, Jill Gray, Michaela Traweek, Nicole Haynes, and Lesli Rowe.

## Will Electoral College play role in November 7 Presidential election?

Electoral College, the constitutional system for the election of the president and vice president of the U.S., is the collective name for a group of electors, nominated by political parties within the states and popularly elected who meet to vote for the two offices. Each state's number of electors is equal to the state's congressional delegations, representatives plus senators. The Texas electoral members number 32, based on the 1990 census. The electoral college was established in the Constitution, and modified in 1804 by the 12th Amendment.

In the absence of a majority of electoral votes for president, the House elects from ballot from the three candidates standing highest in electoral votes. For vice president, if a majority of all states is lacking in the electoral college, the Senate elects from the two highest candidates.

Critics of the electoral college process contend framers of the constitution were concerned the young nation's rank and file citizens could not be adequately informed about the candidates and issues in the election of the country's highest office holders. They maintain today's voters are fully informed about all candidates and their stance on important issues, thanks to modern technology in communication fields.

The electoral process has historically produced a number of quirks; Candidates have been elected though they received fewer popular votes than their opponents. Rutherford B. Hayes, in 1976, and Benjamin Harrison, in 1888 were elected in this manner. John Quincy Adams also received fewer popular votes in 1824 than his opponent, Andrew Jackson, but his election was decided by the House because Jackson failed to win a majority of electoral votes.

Major proposals for change in the electoral college system have included allowing a direct popular vote for the presidency, choice of electors by districts, but many fear any change would threaten the two-party system. Many states with small populations defend the electoral system, which includes two votes for each state's senators and boosts the political clout of the small states. Other proposals include distributing a state's electoral votes in proportion to voter support of the candidates. This has produced sharp controversy, however. Critics contend, while it would eliminate the present all-or-none scenario, it would weaken the two party system, and allow minor party candidates to win fractions of the apportioned vote.

This years race between Gore and Bush illustrates the urgency of campaign efforts in a number of 'key electoral college states.'

## House family receives "Parents Of The Year" award



Marcey House, top, Phyllis and Wayne House, and Dr. L. Ken Jones

Lubbock, Tx--October 23, 2000--In a day and time when parental involvement is an ever growing problem in our country, Lubbock Christian University has taken time out to honor a set of parents who exemplify the traits of exemplary parenting. Phyllis and Wayne House of Plains were honored

as "Parents of the Year" during LCU's first Parent Weekend in early October. Dr. L. Ken Jones, President of LCU, named the Houses as this year's recipients at a parent/student lunch on the grounds event. The award is given annually to an LCU parent or set of parents who have been nominated by their child.

The House's daughter Marcey submitted a one page essay explaining why her parents were worthy to be chosen as LCU Parents of the Year. A panel of LCU staff and administrators using a blind selection process, chose the winners from a large number of nominations.

Phyllis teaches third grade in Plains. Wayne is an investment representative with Edward Jones in Lubbock. Both of the Houses are alumni of the university. Their daughter Marcey is a junior secondary education major at LCU.

Lubbock Christian University is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment. LCU was among only six Texas schools to be named in the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Universities.

## Cowboys fall to Eagles 23 - 13

Costly mistakes erase strong effort



Brett Squyres lead blocks for Adam Garcia for good gain.

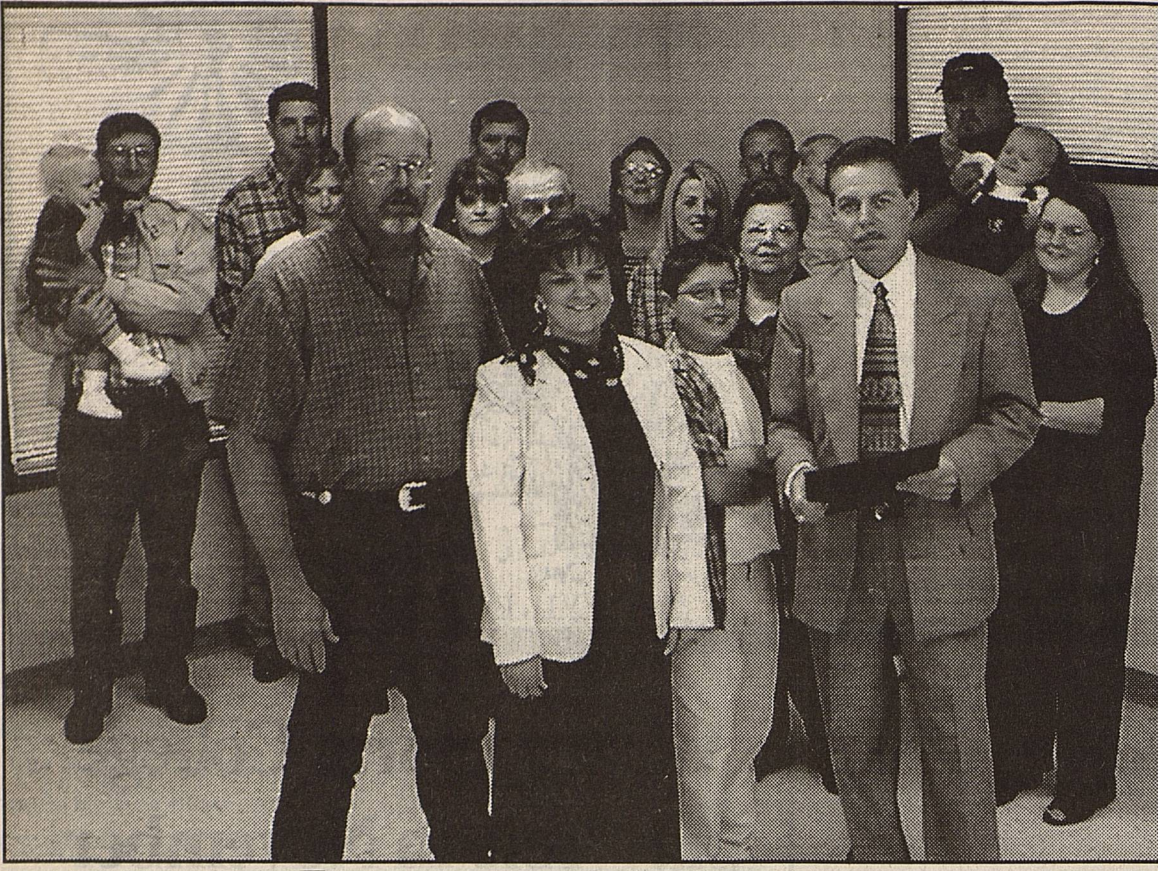
When the Plains Cowboys and Seagraves meet on the football field, it always brings out a fierce desire for a win between the long standing rivals. The first half of last Friday's game under-

lined this scenario, and it appeared the Cowboys could take the big W.

The Cowboys took the opening kickoff and Turn To "Cowboys", Page 4



## New Postmaster Sworn In



Bruce, Jan and B.J. Lester, Front, and Jan's boss, Don Jones, in suit, and members of the Lester family.

Over 80 family members and friends of Jan Lester attended her official appointment and swearing in as the new Plains Postmaster last Saturday. Don Jones, Manager of Post office Operations for the Fort Worth District,

administered the oath of office, and told the audience, "When I have to choose a new Postmaster, I usually conduct a person to person interview, but when your former Postmaster resigned earlier, I knew an interview with Jan

wasn't necessary. She was thoroughly qualified for the job, and my decision was an easy one." Jan started as a part time postal clerk here in 1977. The official date of her appointment as Postmaster was July 29, 2000.

## Agriculture Appropriations Completed

On October 18, the Senate voted 86-8 to pass the FY 2001 Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report. The House approved the conference report by a vote of 340-75 on October 11. The \$78 billion measure would fund agriculture, rural development and food and nutrition programs. The bill provides approximately \$1.1 billion less than FY2000 and \$2.3 billion less than the Administration's request. The legislation includes an additional \$3.6 billion in emergency relief to compensate producers for losses suffered due to weather related catastrophes, to meet conservation needs, and to provide relief to rural communities.

Title VIII of the conference report provides \$3.6 billion in emergency relief to assist farmers and landowners affected by drought, fires, and other natural disasters that have occurred this year. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to use such sums as necessary of the Commodity Credit Corporation to compensate farmers for crop and quality losses at the same rates as have been used in previous years. However, unlike years past, there is no limit on the amount of funds available for this assistance, thus eliminating proration of producers' payments and hopefully expediting payments. Additional assistance included in the bill includes \$490 million for the livestock assistance, \$473 million

for dairy producers, and \$328 million in assistance for producers of certain specialty crops. A total of \$1.1 billion is provided for foreign assistance and related programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), including \$115 million in new budget authority for the Foreign Agricultural Service and total appropriations of \$973 million for the PL480 Food for Peace Program \$31 million above the FY2000 level, and the same as the Administration's request. Additionally, the conference report adopted a provision that would open new markets to farmers by allowing cash only sales of food and medicine to Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, and Sudan. These countries will be allowed to purchase food and medicine from the U.S. with the help of third party financiers, because U.S. public or private financial institutions are prohibited from financing such transactions. However, under certain humanitarian circumstances, the U.S. President may waive the ban and allow direct U.S. financing. The bill also codifies a ban on U.S. travel to Cuba, which takes away a presidential prerogative to determine the travel restrictions. Nearly \$34 billion, about 46% of the total new budget authority provided by the conference report, is for domestic food programs administered by the USDA.

## Election Information

Early voting for the November 7 General Election continues until 5 PM Friday, November 3. As of 5 PM Monday, October 30, 615 early ballots had been cast here and at Denver City.

Voters are reminded you may vote a straight ticket, either Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or Green party.

Voters who choose to vote the straight ticket choice are reminded they may also cast their votes for individual candidates in any race who DO NOT belong to the party they have selected.

For example, a voter could opt for a straight Democrat party vote by darkening the oval by that party. If, however, the voter wanted to cast a vote for the Republican candidate for Railroad Commissioner (or any other office) he could darken the oval by that candidates name on the ballot.

County Clerk Debbie Rushing explained, "When the ballots are scanned by the computer in the counting process, it will record the single party choice, but will also count the vote cast for any candidate of another party for any other office."

## Criminal Cases In County Court

Two cases were heard in County Court October 25, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and CDA Richard Clark representing the state.

Francisco J. Contreras pled guilty to a first DWI, with open container and BT .177/.172. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. Court costs of \$225 and a \$500 fine will be met with time payments. He will serve 72 hours in jail, attend weekly AA meetings, obtain a drug/alcohol evaluation, complete the first offenders program, and serve 24 hours community service.

Jesus Estevan Escobar pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury to a family member. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with credit for 53 days served. He must pay a \$1000 fine and \$210 court costs. An aggravated robbery cause was adjudicated.

November 4, 1913: League of Texas Municipalities formed.

## Final Rites Held For Billy Winn

Services for Billy Winn, 71, of Plains were held Tuesday, October 31, 2000 at Brownfield Church of Christ, Brownfield with Ray Young and Rev. Bill Wright officiating.

Interment was in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

He died October 29, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born December 17, 1928 in Terry County, Texas.

He married Zareta Camper September 30, 1950 in Lamesa, Texas. He attended school in the Johnson Community and then attended Brownfield High School. He lived in the Gomez and Johnson Communities prior to moving to Plains in 1966. He was a farmer and a member of the Plains Roping Club since 1948. He served on the Plains School Board, Yoakum County Gin Board and The Yoakum County Hospital Board. He was a member of the Farmers Home Administration Board and a members of the Hillside Church of Christ.

Survivors include; his wife Zareta; 2 daughters' Irita Winn, Lubbock; Valeria Winn, Plains; 2 sons; Tony Winn, Plains; Chris Winn, Plains; 2 Sisters; Wanda Henson, Brownfield

and Verna Cooper, Lubbock; 1 Brother Tommy Winn, Brownfield. 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren

## Services Held For Annette Cleveland

Services for Annette Cleveland, 86, of Plains were held at 2:00 pm. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Wright and the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating.

She died Wednesday, October 25, 2000 in Plains.

She was born April 25, 1914, in Garvin County, Oklahoma. She married G.W. Cleveland on May 26, 1940, in Plains. She was raised around Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She graduated from high school in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, and then from East Central University. She taught school in Gavin County, Oklahoma, Denver City and Plains. She retired in 1978. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plains.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Dale of Plains; a daughter, Sue Powell of Conroe; a brother, Hubert Laster of Stillwell, Oklahoma; a sister, Avereen Oxley of Fort Worth; six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Foundation.

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## Rains bring woes at harvest time



This photo of cotton ready for stripping but badly stringing from the bolls is an all too common sight in many area fields. October rains, some scattered hail and high winds have played havoc with both cotton and peanut harvesting throughout the county. National Weather Service instruments at City Hall on Monday morning, October 30, have recorded 13.78 inches of precipitation since January 1, with 3.19 inches recorded in the month of October. 2.52 inches of rain have fallen here since October 21, with more predicted for this week. The moisture has caused a halt in cotton stripping and harvesting of peanuts, and is deteriorating the quality of both crops. Most producers are hoping the rains are signaling the end of the years devastating drought, but all are wishing the moisture had come in July or August.

## Harvested Cotton Fields Still Targeted for Boll Weevil Spraying

The cotton growing season is beginning to wind down and producers should notice a decline in the amount of treatments for boll weevils. But they may also notice some fields that have been harvested are still being treated.

These treatments reflect a difference in philosophy between control and eradication, said Program Director Charles Allen of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

"Pests can cause little injury to the harvestable crop at this point in the season," Allen said. "But during this time of year control efforts intensify in boll weevil eradication programs. The main difference is that the economic damage to the crop while that of the eradication program is to eliminate the pest."

"The primary focus of the boll weevil during the latter part of the growing season is feeding to gain enough fat to tide it over for the winter," Allen said. Because of this weevils may still be present in defoliated or harvested fields that still have green bolls or immature squares, which are weevils' prime food sources, in them.

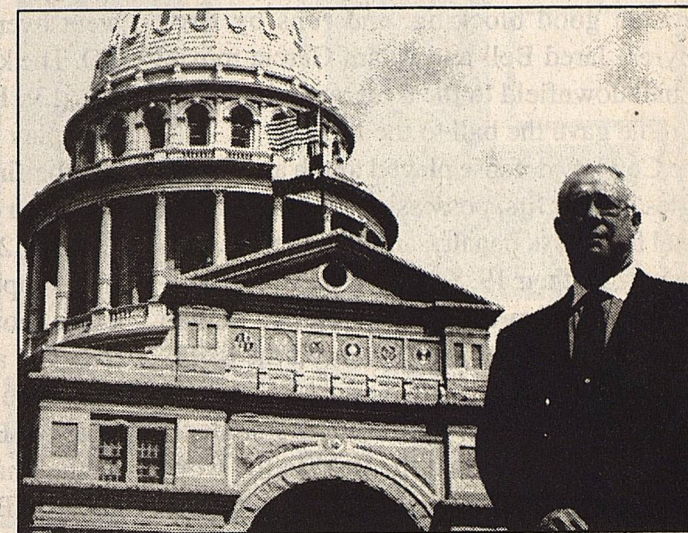
"Foundation personnel continue to trap fields until all hostable material, plant parts that a weevil can feed on, has been eliminated from those fields," Allen said. "If trap catches on those fields meet or exceed established triggers, then the fields are treated to eliminate weevils before they

can overwinter. Fewer overwintering weevils means fewer emerging weevils to worry about in the spring," he said. "When the next season begins with lower populations, less spraying will be needed, saving the growers money and speeding the course of eradication," Allen stated.

Growers can help reduce the amount of treatments in their area by practicing good cultural controls, a key element in the eradication process. These would include harvesting fields as soon as possible after defoliation and shedding or plowing stalks after harvest to eliminate hostable material. Some growers prefer to leave stalks in fields as ground cover, but they should be careful to watch for regrowth as long as the weather remains warm and take steps to keep the fields free of hostable material.

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#### Top of the heap

There isn't a plastic recycling bin in every kitchen in the state, but Texas does rank among the top recyclers in the nation. Recycling added \$2.8 billion to the economy in 1998, according to a study by the Georgia-based Southern States Waste Management Coalition. Texas is home to more than 400 processors and manufacturers of recycled goods. In April 1999, *BioCycle Magazine* reported that Texas ranked 11th among the states—ahead of California—with 35 percent of its garbage recycled. Minnesota was number one, with 45 percent of all garbage recycled. In 1998, 5 million Texans had curbside recycling services.



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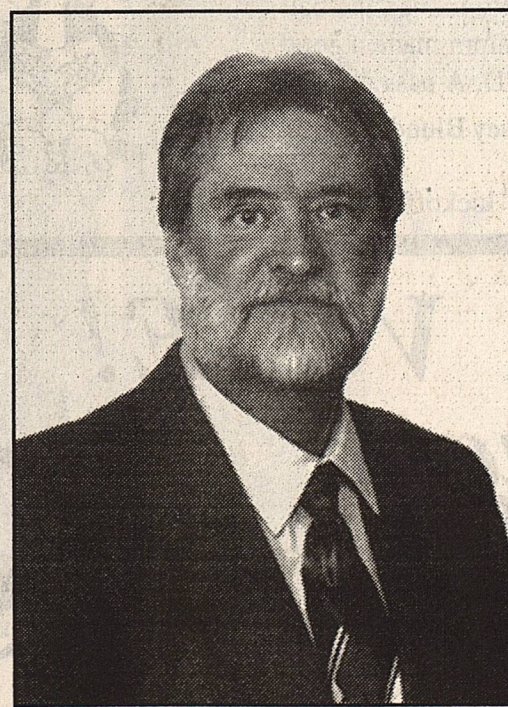
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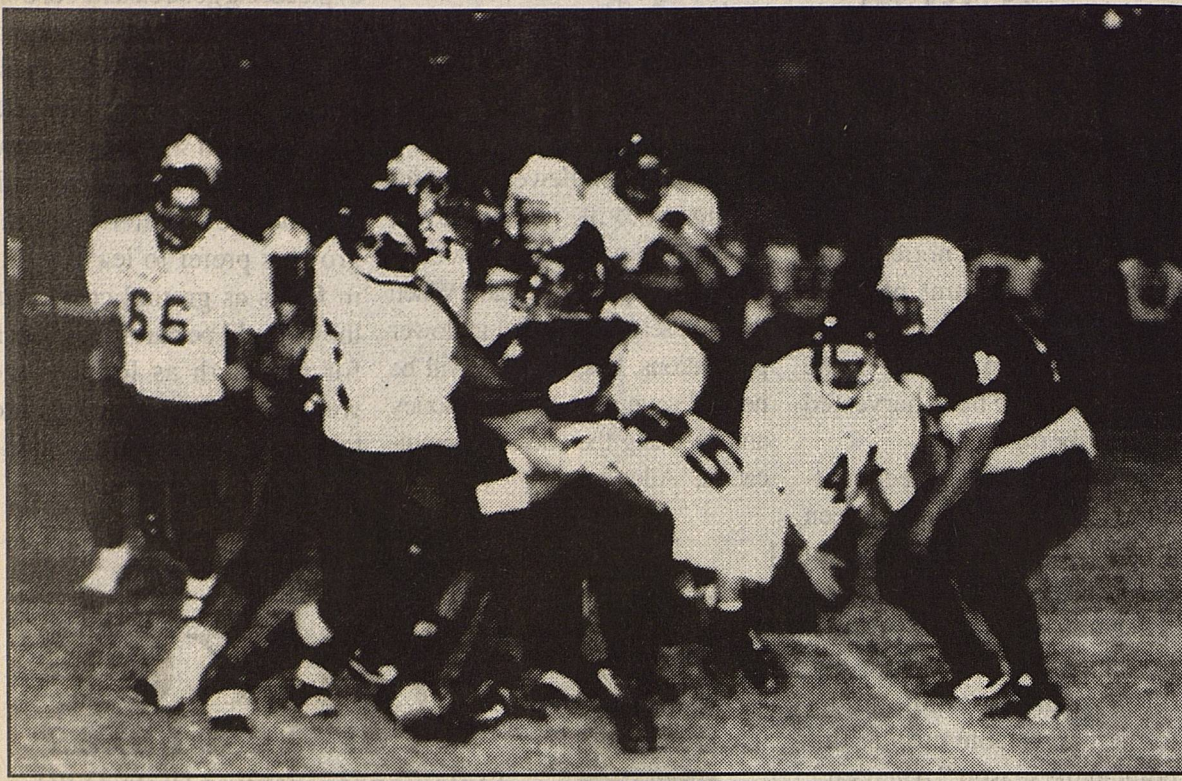
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From Page One, "Cowboys"



There were some fierce battles between the Cowboy and Eagle linemen

opened their offense at the 38 yard line. The line provided good blocking, and runs by Brett Squyres, Jared Bell and Adam Garcia moved the ball downfield to the Seagraves 14, where a fumble gave the ball to the Eagles.

The Cowboy defense played tough against the Eagles in their first possession, despite an incidental face mask penalty, and forced the Eagles to punt from their 19. Seagraves gave the Cowboys a first down on a face mask call at their 33, and two runs by Bell advanced the ball to the 25 where a fourth down effort failed.

Late in the first period, the Eagles started a drive, and ground down the field to the Cowboy 8 yard line, where a great defensive effort by the Cowboy line stopped them cold. The Eagles kicked a field goal for a 3-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The irate Cowboys took the kickoff at their 36. The line again blocked effectively, and Garcia gained 15 yards on three rushes. Bell then found Tanner Hamm open for a pass completion to the Eagle 2 yard line, where Bell ran over the middle for the TD, and Aaron Cains kick gave the Cowboys a 7-3 lead.

Unfortunately, the Eagles then became irate. They took Joseph Rodriguez' kickoff at their 28, and Eagle runners Fisher and Mijares pounded the Cowboy defenders to the Cowboy 4, where Fisher went up the middle for the score. The kick failed, and the Eagles were up 9-7 with four minute left in the first half.

The Cowboys didn't roll over and play dead. They took the kickoff, and Bell hit Cain and Squyres with passes to move the ball to the 35. He then ran a bootleg to move the ball to the Eagles 3. A false start penalty moved the ball back five yards, but then Hamm made a good catch of Bell's pass for a TD. A pass attempt two point conversion to Kelsey Blundell failed, but Plains led again, 13-9.

The Eagles took Rodriguez' kickoff at their 45

and on their first play from scrimmage, Fisher went over his right guard for 55 yards and a TD. The kick was good to put the Eagles ahead 16 - 13 . Early in the fourth quarter, a 43 yard pass play would put the Eagles up 23-13.

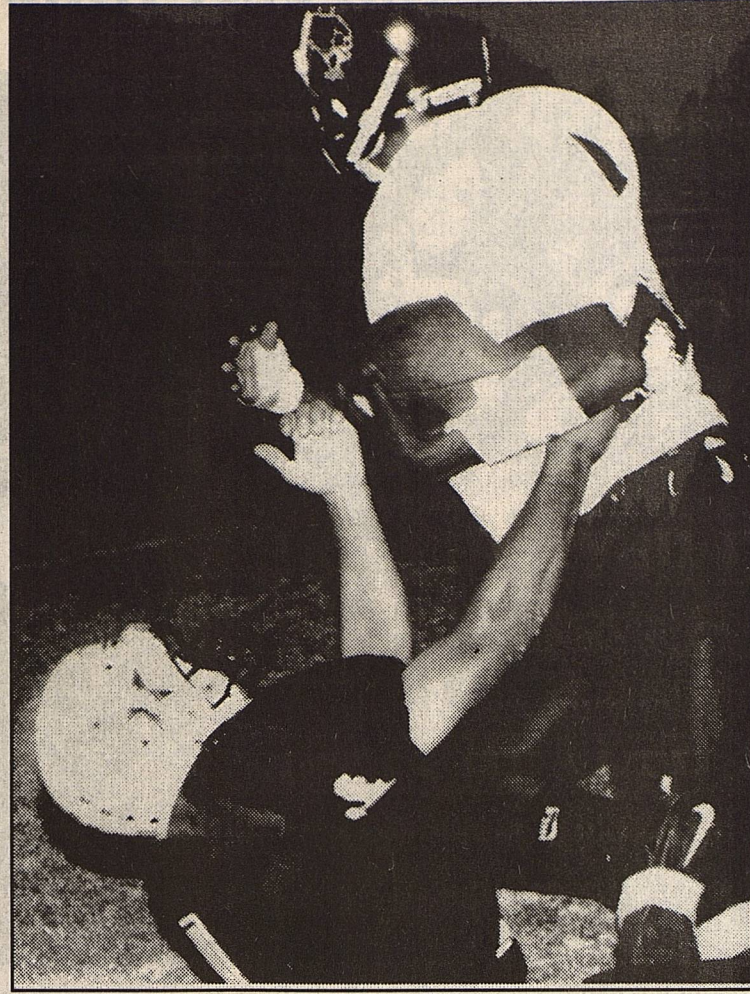
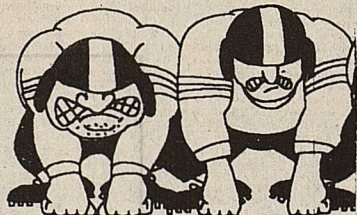
In the final quarter, Seagraves took the kickoff, and a sustained drive moved the ball to the Cowboy 2 yardline where the defense stiffened and stopped the Eagles. The Cowboy offense again showed life, and rushes by Garcia and Bell, and a pass from Bell to Hamm moved the ball to the Eagle 44, but the drive stalled when a pass to Blundell was intercepted at the 17.

In the final period, the line blocked to provide gains on Bell's tosses to Hamm. but again, an interception dashed the Cowboys hopes for a comeback

Seagraves had 180 yards total offense in the first half, compared to the Cowboys 205, but ended up with a total of 450 yards to the Cowboys 311.

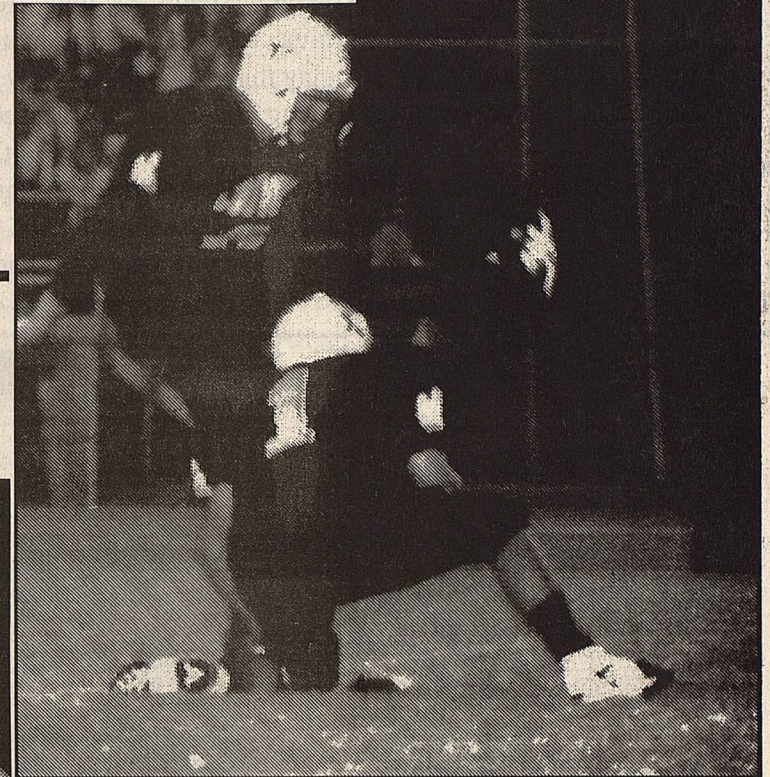
Bell completed ten passes for 156 yards, six of them caught by Tanner Hamm for 103 yards. Bell rushed for 71 yards, Garcia 59, and Squyres 25. Joseph Rodriguez averaged 47.8 yards on four kickoffs, Nick Hayes and Chris McGinty both recorded quarterback sacks, Bell and Squyres each had eight tackles, Rodriguez 7, Garcia and Hayes five each.

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Unidentified Cowboy tries to down Seagraves runner Mijares

Adam Garcia holds, Aaron Cain makes extra point kick



Kelsey Blundell tries to bring down Jared Bell's pass



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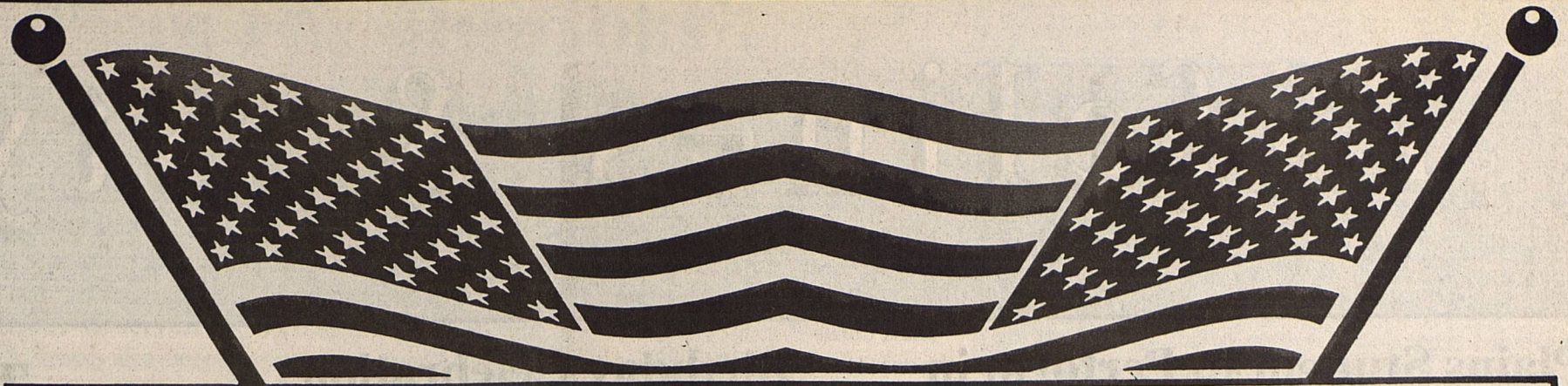
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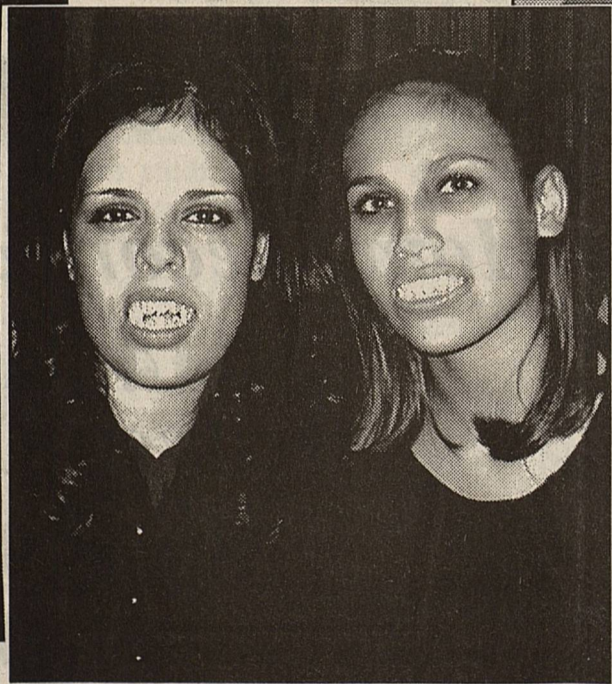
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Plains Student to Perform in the Comedy Of Errors

Lubbock, Texas--Lubbock Christian University's Department of Communication and Fine Arts will present their fall drama production, William Shakespeare's The Comedy Of Errors, on November 3, 4, and 6. Appearing in the show will be Brad Seaton, a freshman Missions major from Plains. The play is under the direction of Dr. E. Don Williams and Laurie Doyle. Seaton is the son of Doyle and Candi Seaton. Brad is a member of the PRAISE! Choir and Forte singing ensemble. He has also been elected cheerleader for this season. Brad will be playing the part of Balthazar. All performances will be in the Moody Auditorium on the campus of Lubbock Christian University at 8:00 p.m. each evening. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. For ticket information call 806-796-8800, ext. 357 or send email inquiries to carma.mckenzie@lcu.edu.

## The True Sound of Texas

Without question, the last year has been an amazing year for Texas music. Willie Nelson headlined the Newport Folk Festival. The Dixie Chicks dominated award shows from the Grammys to the Country Music Awards, and Robert Earl Keen's Texas Uprising drew record setting crowds. Throughout the Lone Star State, artists have seen ever expanding CD sales, website hits, and concert audiences. Gavin magazine recently asserted that its Americana music format, a good percentage of which is Texas artists, has consistently proved itself in numerous markets. Now, into this growing market has come the one stop online resource for Texas music, LoneStarMusic.com (www.lonestarmusic.com). In its five months of existence, LoneStarMusic.com has not only been a retail source for Texas music, it has also sponsored (or cosponsored) several high profile events: Willie Nelson's Fourth of July Picnic, Robert Earl Keen's Texas Uprising, Shiner's annual Bocktoberfest, KNBT's Americana Music Jam at Gruene Hall, Chilympiad in San Marcos, and KCTI's Tex Fest. Most recently,

LoneStarMusic.com won national exposure on TechTV (formerly ZDTV) and was named the "Best E-Commerce Music Site" as voted on by online viewers. As for his future plans, owner Chad Raney says, "I want the name LoneStarMusic.com to be synonymous with Texas music. If someone wants to learn about a Texas artist, and maybe buy a CD, I want him or her to come to my site first. That's why I'm expanding the site beyond only contemporary music. I want to branch out into the past, so that Pat Green fans and Robert Earl Keen fans might get turned onto guys like Townes Van Zandt and Doug Sahm." Started by Raney, a Texarkana, Texas native, the site has already received close to a million page views since its May 1st debut, including close to 10,000 page views daily, and these hits are not all coming from Texas. "Along with increasing national sales, we are exporting Texas music as far away as Japan, Germany, Italy, and Australia," says Raney, who considers himself a music lover first and a businessman second.

## Birthday Celebration



Mary Lou Parks was honored recently with an 87th birthday celebration in the home of Russell Warren, grandson of Lubbock. The event was attended by three of her children; Janelle Cobb, Lela Warren, and Weldon Parks as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Library StoryTime

Nine boys and girls attended Filmtime on Wednesday, October 25. The program began with Todderobics followed by the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. The group enjoyed singing several songs. The book, This is the Pumpkin was read and the film shown was Curious George at the Costume Party. The boys and girls talked about Halloween and about practicing the rules of safety when they go Trick or Treating. Everyone made a happy faced spider to take home for decoration.

## Local

### Performs in HSU Musical

Plains resident Shaunda Eady participated in the award winning Freshman Class performance in Hardin-Simmons University's 40th annual All School SING.

The Freshman Class performance, titled "Downstage", received the awards for Best Vocals and Best Choreography after Friday night's show. On Saturday night, they tied with the men's fraternity Theta Alpha Zeta for the top honor of the Sweepstakes Award. One of the main highlights of the festivities, All School SING was held during HSU's Homecoming weekend, October 20-22.

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## Texas Opens Online Portal

The official state of Texas Web portal went online in September, at www.texasonline.state.tx.us. The site offers 24 hour access to Texas government services, seven days a week.

The site provides online access to a variety of state government Web sites and services. Real estate brokers and air conditioning and refrigeration contractors can renew their license, qualified taxpayers may file their no tax due sales tax return online, and businesses can apply for oil drilling permits.

The site includes links Texans can use to obtain copies of their birth certificates, apply to universities or get help starting a new business. The site can also be used to determine whether a corporation is in "good standing" for Texas Franchise Tax purposes, and to obtain a Certificate of Account Status.

The site is just the first phase of the state's e-government initiative to make services more efficient, accessible and responsive to Texans. Several additional services and online permits and licenses will soon be available at the site.

## Look Who's New

Kipp and Heather Blount of Post are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Blane Michael, on Friday, September 15, 2000. He was born at 10:00 am. in Lubbock at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grand parents are Mike and Stephenia Blount, Plains and Monte and Cherye Fields of Paducah. Great Grand parents are George and Jimmie Blount, Plains, Charles and Kay Cabbiness, Hereford, and the late Dickie Green, Ronnie and Jo Gilbert, Mary Fields and the late Welton Fields, all of Paducah. Great Great Grand parents are Ora Dee Drennan and the late Marshal Drennan of Lubbock and Effie Russell of Paducah.

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# Texas Goes For The Gold

## Houston and Dallas bidding to host 2012 Olympics

A deadline looms for two Texas cities in their quest to shine like Olympic gold. Houston and Dallas are among eight U.S. cities bidding to host the 2012 Olympics.

The bids are due December 15, 2000 and the International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2005.

Organizers of the bidding efforts in Houston and Dallas say worldwide recognition is just one of the reasons they hope to attract the 2012 Olympics. The economic impact of the Olympics is enormous, and the venues and infrastructure that cities build to support the Games would add value to Houston or Dallas for decades to come. Planners describe the potential Olympic experience as a "lasting legacy" for their cities.

In North Texas, that legacy takes the form of improvements to facilities like Fair Park, a proposed site for the Olympic Stadium; the South Dallas campus of the University of North Texas, the proposed site of the Olympic Village; and Texas Christian University, the planned site for tennis and soccer matches.

The committee is considering an equestrian center along the Trinity River and a new minor league quality baseball stadium at La Grave Field in Fort Worth. A \$265 million, 80,000 seat Olympic Stadium would replace the Cotton Bowl, which would be demolished.

Dallas 2012 plans to put a temporary cover over Texas Stadium in Irving. The Dallas 2012 Committee promotes the Olympics as a chance to firmly establish the region as a premiere sports community; not just professional but amateur as well.

Houston also might use an indoor Olympic track and field facility to lure the Games to its city. The Houston 2012 Foundation is considering spending \$100 million to renovate the Astrodome. Most of the cost of the renovation would come from Olympic sponsorship funds, rather than public money. Facilities in the bid plan include the Astrodome, a new football stadium under construction next door, Enron Field baseball park and the new basketball stadium planned for

downtown. Tentative sites include archery at the Johnson Space Center, equestrian events at Sam Houston Race Park and rowing at the Gulf Coast Water Authority Reservoir in Texas City. Venues also include Rice University, the University of Houston and Texas Southern University.

Organizers in both Houston and Dallas have carefully studied Atlanta's Olympic experience in 1996. According to Dick Yarbrough, managing director of communications for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, Atlanta spent only privately raised money on the Games, including \$500 million for a track and field venue. The city turned the new facility into a major league ballpark for the Braves after the Olympics. "All of the venues were built for future public use and then retrofitted for Olympic use, rather than the other way around," Yarbrough says.

The committee raised \$1.7 billion from television, sponsorships, merchandising and ticket sales. The 1996 Summer Olympic Games brought \$1.9 billion to the city, including \$200 million in federal highway dollars and \$200 million in taxes. Atlanta received \$605 million in federal funds, including money for housing, rapid transit and other capital improvement projects.

No tax dollars were used to build venues.

A primary research study paid for by the Dallas 2012 Committee estimates the Games would generate \$4.5 to \$6 billion for North Texas. Bid planners in Houston estimate that the 2012 Games would have at least a \$4.3 billion economic impact on the Houston area, with a residual impact of \$750 million per year after the games are over.

Authors of the Houston and Dallas bids say, like Atlanta, they too would use public money only for security, transportation and other improvements. The Houston 2012 Foundation estimates the games would cost about \$1.5 billion, the majority of which would be covered by revenue from broadcast rights, sponsorship, merchandising, licensing and tickets. About \$300 million

would be raised from local ticket sales, and private and public support.

North Texas officials hope to bring in \$1 billion in state and federal funds to spend on transportation projects that will benefit the area for years to come.

Michael Morris, director of transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, wants to spend \$225 million to expand freeways and \$300 million to build an east-west rail system through North Texas.

"We are not building any transportation projects for the sole purpose of supporting the Olympics," Morris says. "(This) forces us to focus on expediting projects that are already in our transportation plan."

Dallas 2012 organizers believe that their city is the perfect place to hold the Olympic Games. They cite D/FW Airport's international access and the many venues that already exist, especially the 277 acre Fair Park.

Houston planners are just as confident about their city's chances. Houston's transportation plans include a \$300 million rail line connecting downtown to the Astrodome. The money would come from Houston's transit authority and,

presumably, the federal government. Alan Clark, director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments, says Houston's centralized venues are an asset.

"We have a very compact Olympic area. Travel of any distance won't be required." Noting expansion already underway at Bush International Airport and Hobby Airport, Clark says, "in any Olympic event, there's a massive effort to provide transit services. That system already exists in downtown Houston."

Nate Lanford, bid coordinator for the Dallas committee, believes Dallas will be among the top three contenders. "When you look at the Dallas and North Texas area, we have just about everything on the positive side. We really have no negatives. Good corporate support, good facilities, great weather and a great location." Not so fast, says the Houston 1012 Foundation. "We're going to have the best technical bid,"

says the foundation's executive director, Susan Bandy. "We have virtually all of the venues either already built or being built as we speak. We're not saying, 'Give us the Games and we'll build everything for you.'"

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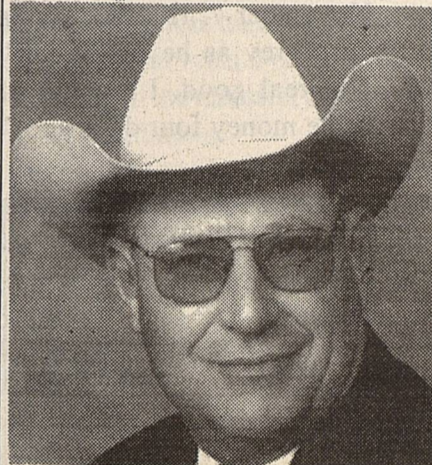
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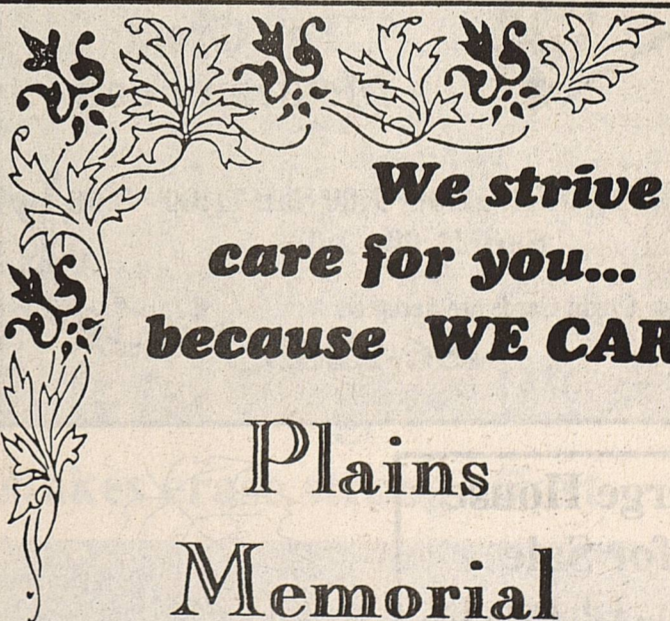
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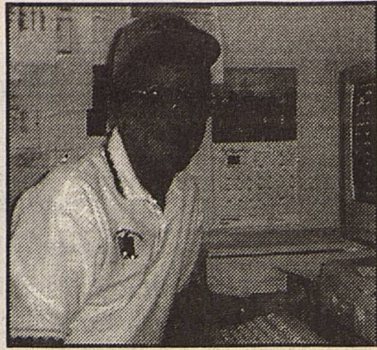
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## From The Hack



A husband and wife were having dinner at a fancy restaurant when a sexy blonde comes to the table, grabs the husband and kisses him passionately, telling him "I'll see you later!"

The wife gasped, "And just who is that hussy?"

The husband nonchalantly said, "That was my mistress."

The wife screamed, "OK, that's it, I'm outta here, and I'm going to get a divorce!"

The man said, "I can understand that, but remember, if we divorce it will mean no more shopping in Paris, no more wintering in Barbados, no Mercedes or Lexus in the garage, and no more yacht club. The decision is yours"

At that moment a mutual friend entered the restaurant with a luscious redhead on his arm.

The wife asked, "Who's that woman with Jim?" The husband said, "That's his mistress."

The wife looked the woman over and said, "Ours is much prettier."

Have you heard about the Texas version of the TV *Survivor* show? Contestants must drive from Amarillo to Brownsville with a bumper sticker on their car reading, "I'm gay, atheist, vegetarian, and I'm here to take your guns." If anyone gets there, they get the million.

As the General Election nears the final moment, I've noticed rather strange behavior in a number of the county candidates. I saw one sitting alone in a coffee shop one morning last week, mumbling furiously to himself, a nervous tic jerking his mouth about. I came up to him and asked, "Are you OK?" He shuddered and hissed, "Go away, don't bother me, I'm rehearsing my very sincere defeated speech!"

I bumped into another candidate recently, and asked how he assessed his chances come November 7. His face was a dark grey as he muttered, "Not real good. I ran out of bribe money four days ago."

At this time of year I am constantly amazed at how many people there are who continue to exclaim, "Ahhh. my vote doesn't matter. What difference does my one vote make in anything?"

One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of Massachusetts in 1839.

One Vote made Texas part of the United States in 1845.

One Vote admitted California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho into the Union in 1850, 1889 and 1890.

One Vote made Adolf Hitler head of the Nazi Party in 1923.

One Vote per precinct would have elected Richard Nixon rather than John F. Kennedy in 1960.

This story has been around awhile, but deer season is almost here.....

This guy had been deer hunting for years in Arizona's Kaibab Forest and in the Mogollon Rim area. His wife for some reason decided she wanted to go with him. He protested she knew nothing about deer hunting, but she said she refused to stay home again while he went off hunting.

Naturally, he gave in. They went into the woods, and he stationed his wife on a deer trail, and told her, "OK, when a deer comes along, you shoot him, and when I hear you shoot, I'll come and dress him out."

He went to his hunting area, and soon heard a rifle shot. He hurried back to find his wife poking her rifle into the belly of a cowboy. "What are you doing?," he screamed.

I killed this deer, and now this guy is trying to claim it!" she huffed.

The cowboys said, "Lady, I don't want your dam deer, I just want my saddle off it!"



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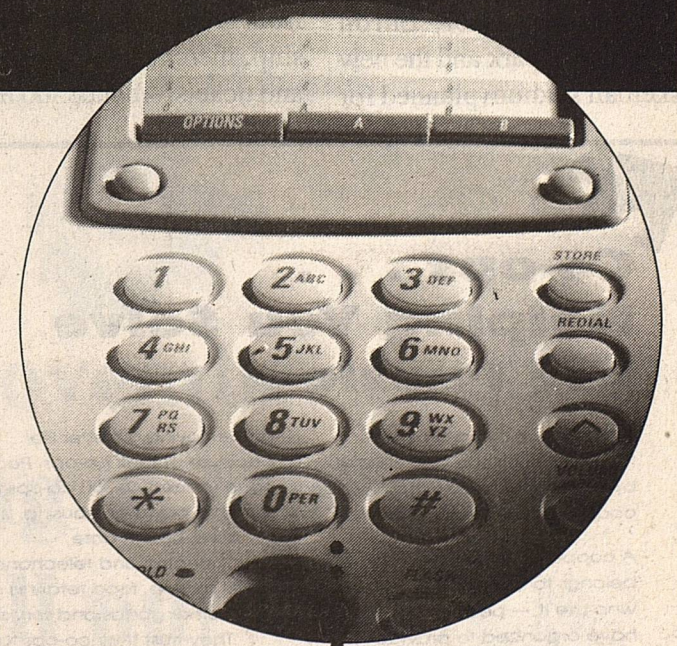
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