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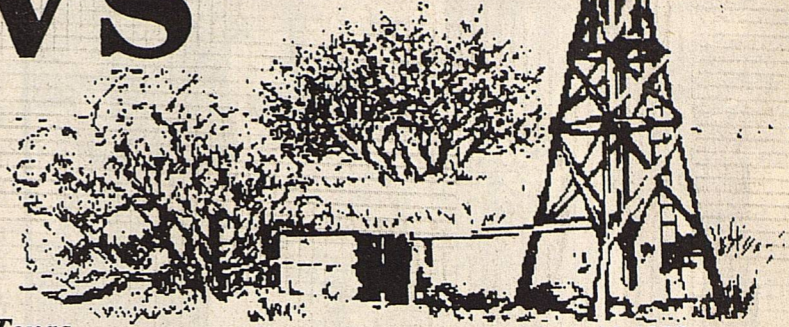
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## County Farm Tour Illustrates Ag Diversification

This year's Farm Tour was concentrated in the Western portion of Yoakum County, from just outside the city limits of Plains to the New Mexico stateline. The '98 production year has been brutal on area ag producers; a lack of underground moisture prior to planting dates, fierce winds in the growing season, some spotty but very damaging hail storms, searing, record breaking heat in June and July, irrigation wells pumping off. Despite all the adverse conditions, those riding the tour bus did see some good crops of cotton, peanuts, watermelons,

and even pumpkins.

First stop on the tour was a demonstration of 'Ultra-Narrow Row' irrigated cotton on a Jeff Roper farm. At first glance, the cotton plants appeared to be sown with some type of drill, but the conventional if extremely narrow beds and furrows are present. Roper said the planting rate called for some 90,000 cotton plants per acre. Two different types of LEPA (Low Energy Precision Application) irrigation systems were visited. On one of Tommy Box's farms, a Valley pivot system had rubber hoses hanging

from drops, a couple of feet of the hose dragging in the furrow between two rows of cotton plants. Box explained the direct to the ground application of water was less wasteful than other types of sprinkler heads. Directly across the road, Randy Forbus showed how he had developed a "Poor Boy Lepa System". On his water drops, he had screwed 16 ounce plastic Coca-Cola bottles, the bottoms of which had been cut off. This allowed the stream of water to fall directly into the furrow between alternate cotton rows. A planned demonstration of



Farm tourists admire huge 8 row peanut combine

peanut harvesting was delayed because the windrows of nuts were still too damp to combine. The producers did get a good look at a giant eight row, self propelled peanut combine, a joint effort of John Deere and Amadas Co. The expensive machinery at the harvest site belonged to Brad Palmer, and his Foreman, Steve Jones, said the machine could easily handle eight rows of the nuts at a speed of 3.5 mph.

An eight acre field of drip irrigated watermelons was inspected next. Palmer said the 12 inch deep plastic drip system

uses water from the domestic well which services the Palmer's home. He said his melon production had been phenomenal until a hail storm destroyed the vines. At the Jim Barron farm just west of town the tour saw Jack-O-Lantern pumpkins being harvested and hauled to the Anderson Produce shipping dock here. The pumpkins are Aspen Hybrids, and various plant diseases have hurt production this year.

The final stop at Anderson Produce resulted in some free watermelon samples for the

tour participants. Owner Dee Roy Anderson led an inspection of the shipping facility on both sides of US 82. The 30 year veteran produce shipper starts the season at a couple of sites in the Rio Grande Valley, moves north to Knox City, and winds the shipping season up here.

The annual event concluded with a catered meal at the County Show Barn, a program on cotton marketing by Dr. Jackie Smith, and presentation of the Farmer of the Year Award.

## Tommy Guy Box named Yoakum County Farmer of the Year



Tommy Box, left, receives award from Ted Knight

Tommy Guy Box received the Annual Farmer of the Year award following this year's Farm Tour, sponsored by the Texas Extension Service. He has farmed all his life. Early on, he helped his dad and uncle around their farms. He graduated from Plains High School in 1974, then went to South Plains College and received his Associates degree in Agribusiness in 1976. He has been farming on his own for 22 years.

Tommy actively farms over 2000 acres of cropland, and has over 1000 acres of CRP. He

farms cotton, peanuts, milo, wheat, and corn.

Box also has a cow/calf operation that includes about 80 mother cows.

He has been active on several boards over the last few years. He served on the Agribusiness Advisory Committee at South Plains College for 16 years. He was active in the Yoakum County Young Farmers for several years, serving as president in 1987. He was on the Farm Bureau Board for several years. He has been on the Yoakum County FSA Committee since 1992 and now serves as the

president. He serves on the Yoakum County Ag Committee.

He presently serves on the Campus Committee for High School, and is a Deacon at Hillside Church of Christ, and also serves as church Treasurer.

Tommy received the Yoakum County 4-H Outstanding Adult Leader Award in 1994. He also was awarded the Outstanding Conservation Farmer in 1993.

Tommy and his wife Cindra have two daughters; Shawna is a Freshman at Abilene Christian University and Maranda is a Senior at PHS.

## Unitization coming to the Texas Oil Patch?

State Representative Gary Walker, R-District 80, was recently an invited guest at a public meeting in Midland called by the House Energy Committee, chaired by Steve Holzhauser, R-Victoria. Walker said the meeting was called to gather data and input for the committee from the Permian Basin Oil Industry, including both major and independent producers. The subject of the meeting is a bill being proposed for introduction in the next legislative session entitled The Enhanced Recovery Unitization bill.

A recent article in *Texas Oil & Gas Today* addresses the main thrust of the proposed bill; "Advances in technology are helping oil producers throughout the state, but even with the advances, a fundamental problem remains; recovering as much oil or possible before plugging the

wells." The article further explains as soon as oil is removed from the ground, pressure is reduced in the reservoir, and with the drop in pressure, fewer barrels of oil are produced. Today, primary production techniques only recover 10-15% of the original oil.

Enhanced recovery techniques have been used to counter pressure loss for many years. The injection of water in an oil field is commonly used to maintain pressure, and can lead to recovery of another 15 to 25% of oil. Here in Yoakum County and surrounding oil producing counties, injection of carbon dioxide (CO2) into a reservoir often results in another 10 to 15% increase in production.

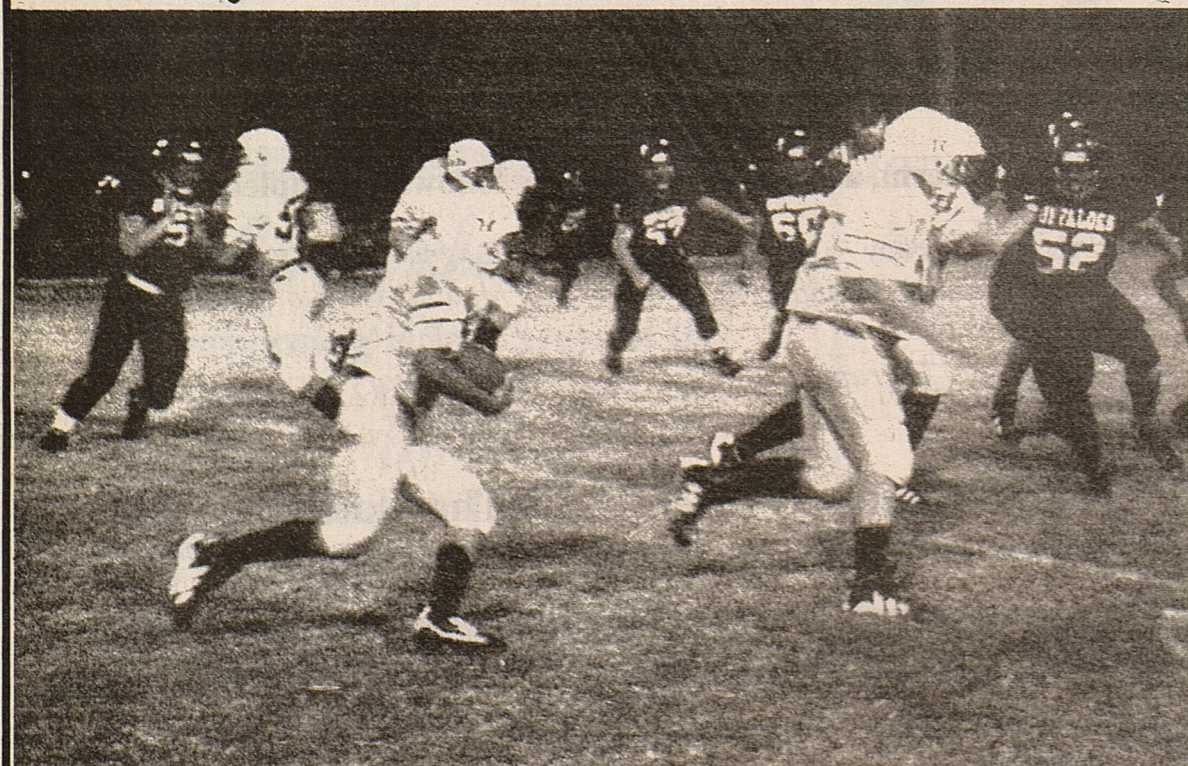
These techniques, while very effective, are also very expensive and complicated, and unless the entire field or reservoir is involved in these enhanced

techniques, the effectiveness is greatly reduced by well holes or tracts left out of the program, because the needed pressure is not maintained in the entire field.

Texas currently has a statute on the books which in effect, leaves joining an enhanced unitization program in a field up to the working interest owners and royalty owners. There are 33 oil producing states in the country, and Texas is the only state without a compulsory unitization statute. New Mexico passed its unitization statute in 1975, New Mexico Permian Basin formed 33 of the units, producing 280 million barrels of oil. During the same period, lack of the compulsory agreement resulted in a loss of Texas production estimated at 1.4 bil-

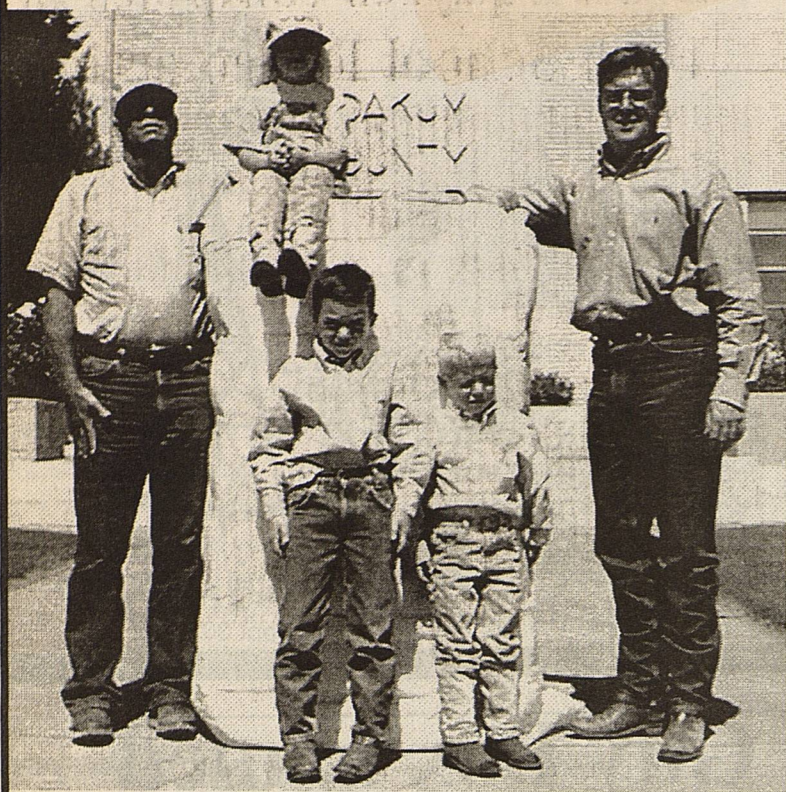
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## Cowboys lose heartbreaker to Petersburg



Adam Garcia follows blocking of big Armando Luna & unidentified Cowboy Game write-up inside

## 1st Bale Ginned At Sun - Cot



The first 1998 bale of Yoakum County cotton was ginned at Sun-Cot Gin last Friday, coming out of the press 1:23 p.m., according to Sun-Cot Manager/Owner Ross Hilburn. The producer, Terry Davis of Plains, said the bale was produced from Paymaster 2326RR Round Up Ready seed. Hilburn said the bale weighed 508 pounds, and came from Davis' Farm on County section 777. Davis, on left, is shown with his granddaughter Emily Davis, 5, seated on bale, Matthew Hilburn, 7, Nathan Hilburn, 4, and Ross Hilburn.

## Court approves inmate housing contract with Terry County

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark requested the Court to OK a contract with Terry County to house up to five Yoakum County jail inmates for 365 days in the new facility in Brownfield. Work is expected to be complete on the new jail around October 15, but no inmates may be housed there until the facility is certified by the State of Texas. The approved contract calls for a fee of \$30 per day for each county inmate sent to Brownfield.

The maximum jail inmate capacity here is 11 prisoners, and on Monday ten prisoners were being housed in Lamesa and Seminole lockup facilities.

Another contract was approved between the Criminal District Attorney office, the County, and the Sheriff's department covering storing and auctioning off

vehicles seized in criminal cases. Clark said without the contract, when a seized vehicle is sold, the proceeds go to the state, but with the agreement, the county can keep all the sale proceeds.

The Court also approved Sheriff Jim Rice's request to promote James Melendez from Deputy to Lieutenant in the department. Melendez has been a member of the force four years.

Pam Redman, recently hired as a part-time employee in the Tax Assessor/Collector office, was approved as a full time employee.

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lion barrels.

The new Enhanced Recovery Unitization bill is jointly sponsored by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, the Texas Oil and Gas Association, and many similar groups. All supporters report the proposed bill will enable much more effective recovery programs, while fully projecting the right as all owners of the production.

If the bill passes in the next session, it could have beneficial implications for all of Yoakum County and the entire state.

## "Noise making 3rd Graders"

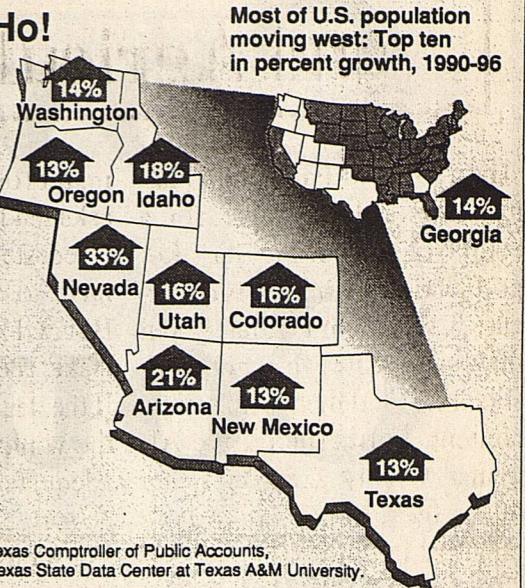


At one of the recent Friday afternoon Pep Rallies, these third graders were voted the most spirited supporters of the Cowboys. They rocked the gym with their yells and screams. They are shown here with their 'noise tamers', Mrs. Young, Mrs. House, and Mrs. Engle.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

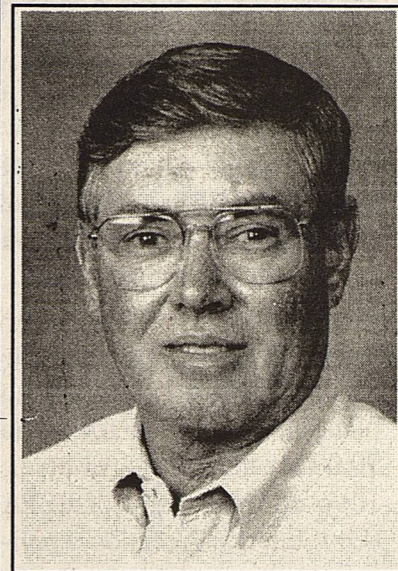
### Westward Ho!

As the U.S. population moved West from 1990 through 1996, Texas was among the top ten states in population growth. Texas grew the most in numerical terms, adding 2,141,929 to the state's population.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; U.S. Census Bureau and Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

## Vaughn Culwell Republican Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 4



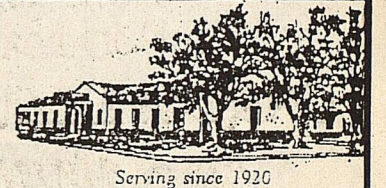
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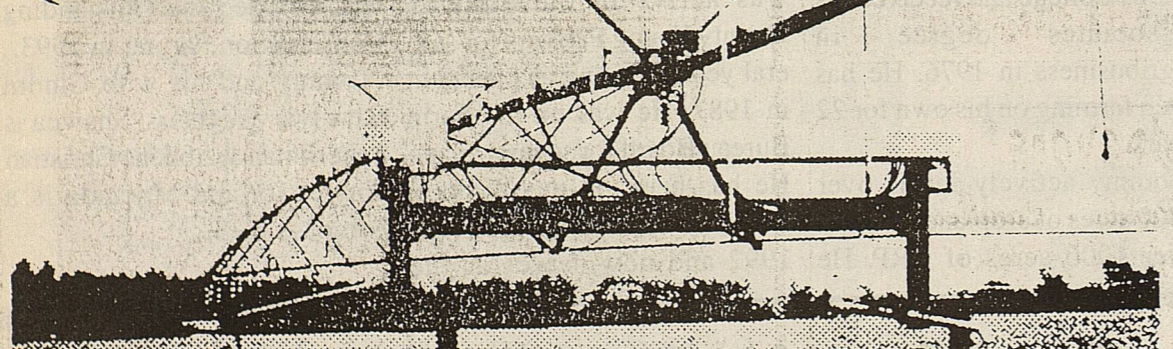
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Mere words seem insufficient to thank the people of Denver City and Plains for the visits, flowers, food, cards, thoughts, and prayers extended to our family during the loss of our husband, dad, and grandpa.

An extra special thank you to our EMS, Yoakum County Hospital Emergency Room staff, and Dr. Boyd, who went above and beyond. May God richly bless each one.

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## The Almanac and Agriculture

The 1999 Old Farmer's Almanac was released within a couple of days of the Starr Report, and the Almanac is different; it wasn't immediately put on the Internet, it's not very shocking, and there's no sexual content. Furthermore, the Almanac is only 238 pages, not 445 pages, and it has a hole punched in the corner.

"It's because it has to last for a whole year," explains Tim Clark, executive editor of Old Farmer's Almanac. "The reason we have the hole in the corner is to hang it so it's convenient, because it's a reference work for the year 1999."

At its inception in 1792, the Almanac was one of hundreds of so called farm almanacs in America. They contained long range weather forecasts, astronomical calculations, planting tables, notes on animal husbandry, recipes, poetry and tidbits of information. Not much has changed since then.

The Almanac's weather forecasts rely heavily on interpretation of solar cycles, but old folklore is often mentioned. "Why don't we let the old weather signs go and put in

meteorology?", the Almanac asks readers. If the TV weather forecaster gets it wrong, he may have to look for another job. But wildlife have far more at stake, according to the Almanac. If the deer mouse underestimates the winter to come, and fails to adequately provide in his nest, he starves.

Agriculture is a very important topic in the Almanac. When the first Old Farmer's Almanac was published, George Washington was president. Most people, including Washington, had a very close connection to farming. They either lived on a farm, were born on a farm, or had a close relative who was a farmer. Tim Clark says "One of the reasons readers like the Almanac is its readers particularly like the reassuring message that no matter what else is going on in the world, certain things don't change. The wheel of the seasons, the role of agriculture feeding us, the importance of seeing in your eye what's happening in the sky... those are the things eternal, and it is the Almanac's subject."

Courtesy Stewart Truelson, Director of broadcast services, American Farm Bureau.

## Classic Cable offers college scholarships

Arlon Alexander, Plains High School Counselor, recently received word Classic Cable, the local service provider, will again offer college scholarships to eligible Seniors graduating in 1999.

During the 1997-98 school year, Classic Cable awarded over \$35,000 to 127 deserving students.

Some of the qualifications for applying for the scholarship include being in the top 20% of the graduating class, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, financial hardships or other circumstances.

Scholarship amounts range from \$250 to \$750. Application requirements include three letters of recommendation from principal, administrator or teacher; official transcript; 300 word essay on chosen career and goals, with emphasis on activities showing leadership potential, and why scholarship is deserved.

The deadline for applications is January 1, 1999, and winners will be announced April 1.

For more information, contact Mr. Alexander at the High School.

## Brett Squyres competes in High School Rodeo action



Brett Squyres roping calf in 9.9 seconds.

Brett Squyres, 15 year old son of Newell and Peggy Squyres is a new member in Region 11 of the National and Texas State High School Rodeo Association.

Brett heads in team roping and is in tie down calf roping. He competes against 9th thru 12th grade only.

There have been some 35 calfropers at the first two rodeos this fall.

There will be four fall rodeos and then four spring rodeos before the top 10 contestants in each region advance to the State Finals to be held in June.

Brett has held his own in the first two rodeos. Big Lake was September 12 & 13, and on Saturday he placed 8th in the

calfroping and 10th in the team roping. In the Sunday performance he placed 8th in the team roping and won a nice check for a 4th place in the calf roping with a time of 11.0 seconds. First place was 10.7.

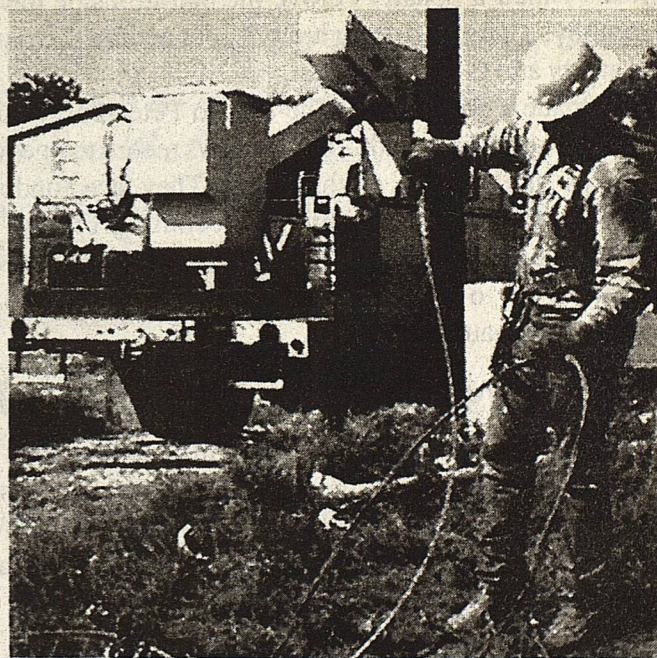
The next weekend was the Ozona High School Rodeo September 19th & 20th. Brett placed 6th in the calf roping for a little check Saturday and won a 4th place with his best time ever in the calf roping 9.9 seconds.

The competition was really steep when a 9.9 second calf run only wins a 4th place.

Brett's next chance at the pay window will be at Pecos on Oct. 17th & 18th.

*The next CCN will be published October 14!*

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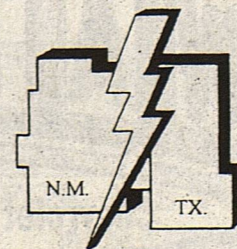
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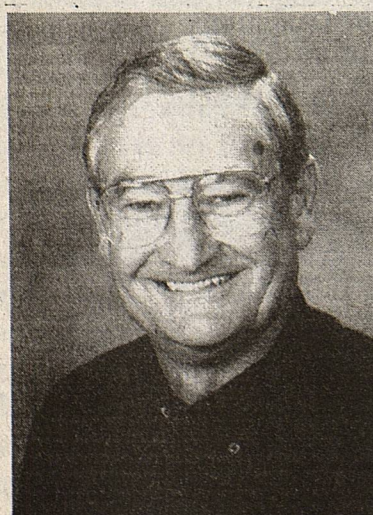


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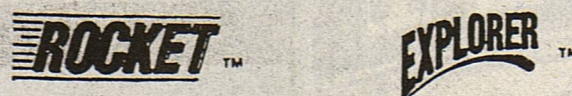
- \* 46 year resident of Yoakum County
- \* Graduate of Plains High School, BA from Howard Payne, MA from TTU
- \* 12 years as High School Principal
- \* 19 years as farmer and in aerial spraying service
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## Cowboys downed by Buffs 20-16



Steven Bunch made good run with blocked kick loose ball

In the waning minutes of last weeks game against Petersburg, the Cowboys saw their 16-14 lead vanish when a desperation 4th down Buffalo run went 24 yards for the winning score.

The Cowboys got off to a dismal start. They could do nothing with the opening possession and were forced to punt. The Buffalos made a first down, but a crunching quarter back sack by Dustin Brunson brought up fourth down.

The Cowboys again failed to move the ball, and Alex Tarango's punt was blocked, & the ball was run in for a Buff 6-0 lead. The Cowboys blocked the PAT kick, alertly scooped up by Steven Bunch who sped down the sideline. A Buff player knocked the ball loose, and Tanner Blount, trailing the play, grabbed the football and went into the end zone for an apparent touchdown.

The officials called a penalty on the Cowboys, who had to settle for a safety and 6-2 score.

Adrian Rios made a good kick return to the 33 yard line, and the Cowboys racked up a couple of first downs, then stalled. The snap to punter Tarango sailed for over his head, and a Buffalo hauled it in

and crossed the goal line. A two point conversion put the Buffs up 14-2.

The Cowboys then came alive. Facing fourth and 10, Tanner Blount hit Adam Garcia with a pass for first down, then found David Luna open for another first down reception. From the 5, Garcia sped thru his linemens wide hole for a TD, and Bunch's PAT put them back in the game 14-9.

The Cowboy defenders stopped the Buff' attack cold. Luna returned their punt to the 40. On fourth and five, Blount passed to Garcia for a 32 yard gain. On fourth and one, Garcia again crossed the goal, and Bunch's kick put the Cowboys up 16-14.

The Cowboys again played tough defense, held the Buffs, and got the ball back on their 30 yard line. The front linemen blocked well, and the Cowboys drove the ball to inside the ten yard line, but couldn't cross the goal.

The loss to Petersburg brings the Cowboys record to one win, three loses. They face Sundown this Homecoming Friday. Be there, and show them we still support them!

## JV Cowboys Continue Win Streak

The JV Cowboys racked up number four with a 20-0 shutout of Petersburg, and remain undefeated for the season. Moises Gonzales scored on a 30 yard screen pass and a 4 yard run, Jared Bell went 35 yards on a QB sneak, and Jason Garica took a 2 point conversion pass from Jared Bell.

## Student Of The Week



This weeks student of the week is Felipe Reyna, a sophomore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wenceslao Reyna. He was nominated by Mrs. Lusk who said, "Felipe goes above and beyond the call of duty on and off the track. He is willing to help his fellow classmates by explaining an equation or by translating a story problem. He is a delight to have in class with his positive attitude."

### CORRECTION:

Leaco Communications sponsored the Round Up Fun Run, and Alltel Communications sponsored the Volleyball Tournament

## Volleyball Review

### Jr. High:

**7th Wranglers** - The 7th girls met a tough Levelland team and fell 4-15, 13-15.

**8th Wranglers** - The 8th girls played tough against Levelland. They fell 7-15, came back 15-11, then were downed 11-15.

### PHS:

**Freshmen Cowgirls** - Coach said the girls took on Denver City, and fought hard but came out on the losing end, playing their best of the season.

**JV Cowgirls** - The girls fell to Denver City in three games. Serving points were Annaliesa O'Quinn 7, Frances Cordova 4, Roxy Fuentes 4, Michaela Traweek 1, Tonya Vasquez 2, and Staci Tuggle 3. Coach says the JV defense has improved 100%. The girls were downed by Wink in two games. Michaela had 1 pt, Annaliesa 3, Staci 1, Tonya 2, Frances 1.

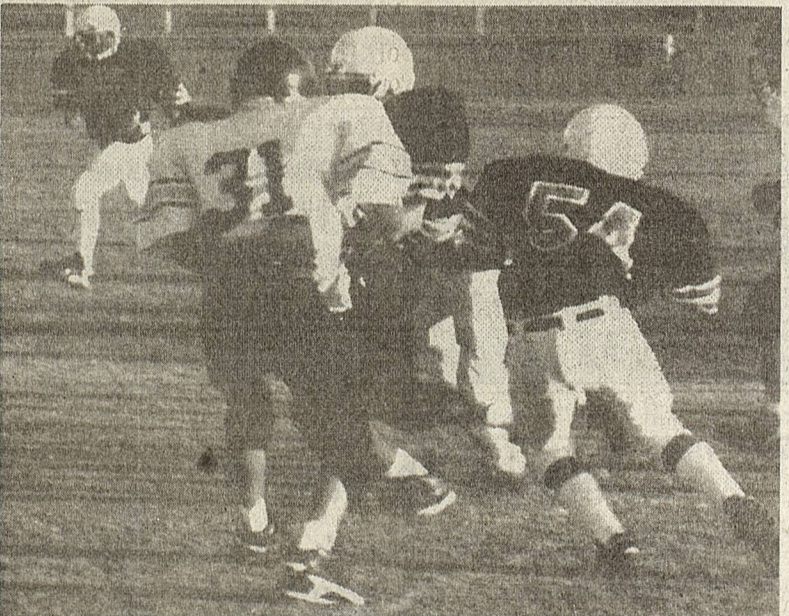
**Varsity Cowgirls** - Denver City downed the Cowgirls in 3 games, and the first game was their best of the year. Serving points were Jessica Flores 4, Laura Morales 5, Kayla Redman 6, Patti Ruiz 2, Candace Bowers 3, Jolyne Burgess 6. the girls fall to Wink in two games. Jolyne managed 3 points, Jessica 2, Laura 2, Kayla 2, Patti 4, and Candace 2.

## 7th & 8th Wranglers Fall to Petersburg

The 7th Wranglers were downed by the Petersburg Buffaloes 26-12. Richard Diaz scored in the first half on a 12 yard pitch from QB Trent May. The youngsters opened the second half with Diaz going 70 yards for the touchdown. Coach Davis said for their first outing the boys did a good job.



The 8th Wranglers also fell to the Buffs, 14-0. Two touchdown passes put them away, but Coach McAdams said they played very hard. He cited Rene Luna, Nick Hays, Manuel Ramos and Miguel Coronado on offense, and the defense was led by Rene, Justin Chambliss, Angel Ruiz and Nick.



## PISD Cross Country Meet

(Runners, Place, Times)

### Jr. High Girls:

Kayla Willis, 4th, 13.57 - Jill Gray 22nd, 15.51 - Mandi Rogers 27th, 16.12.

### Jr. High Boys:

Jose Ramirez 2nd, 12.27 - Chisum Deaton 5th, 12.36 - Jonathan Delarosa 8th, 12.46 - Raul Casias 9th, 12.47 - Armando Ramirez 20th, 14.05 - Adam Guerrero 21st, 14.16  
Team finished 3rd place.

### Varsity Cowgirls:

Krystle Blundell 14th, 13.37 - Wendy Hernandez 19th, 13.48 - Lisa Parrish 26th, 13.59.

### J.V. Cowboys:

Ramon Lozano 12th 19.38, Alfonso Martinez 20th, 20.52.

### Varsity Cowboys:

Felipe Reyna 7th, 16.41 - David Granados 13th, 17.16 - Luis Hernandez 16th, 17.21 - Luis Delgado 23rd, 17.54 - Manuel Hernandez 30th, 18.25 -  
Team finished 3rd place.

## Elementary Cross Country

### 2nd Grade Girls:

Briana Conway 1st, Mari Ruiz 2nd, Lydia Whitzel 5th, Eva Unger 7th, Kim Williams 8th. Team first place.

### 2nd Grade Boys:

Chris Addison 2nd, Landon Earnest 4th, Chris Gonzales 6th, A.J. Martinez 10th, Derek Garza 12th, Zachary Ramon 13th, Holden Welch 14th, Saul Delgado 15th, Zachary Guerra 16th. Team second place.

### 3rd Grade Girls:

Lavern Davis 2nd, L'Shae Arnett 3rd, M'Leah McKinzie 5th,

### 3rd Grade Boys:

Jacob Garza 2nd, Zachary Ramos 6th, John Tyson 7th, Douglas Conway 8th, Chris Loya 10th, Ryan Crump 11th, Jacob Rivera 12th, Larry Caballero 13th, Elias Carrillo 16th, Trent Hawthorne 17th. Team second place.

### 4th Grade Girls:

Desiraye Broome 1st, Caitlin Carter 4th, Kimberly Jackson 5th, Alice Curtis 8th, Erika Loewen 13th, Regina Morales 14th, Meghan Garcia 16th, Kimberly Gonzales 17th, Margaret Martens 18th. Team Second place.

### 4th Grade Boys:

Jose Villegas 3, Rudy Gonzales 4, Abe Hamm 6, Scott Addison 7, Justin Henry 13, Justin Vasquez 14, Joe Luis Gallegos 15. Team second place.

### 5th Grade Girls:

Connie Loya 3, Nichole Loya 5, Jessica Garza 6, Skyler Keese 9. Team second place.

### 5th Grade Boys:

Able Ramos 2, Cade Arnett 6, Peter Neufeld 7, Cornelius Hamm 8, Michael Crump 10, Todd Williams 11, Blake Parrish 17. Team second place.

### 6th Grade Girls:

Amy Brintle 1, Micaela Villegas 2, Sandra Ganda 3, Jamie Covarrubias 4. Team first place.

### 6th Grade Boys:

Aldo Fierro 1, Jacob Mullins 2, Evan Cain 3, Daniel Estrada 4, Breck Hamm 5, Kevin Penner 6. Team first place.

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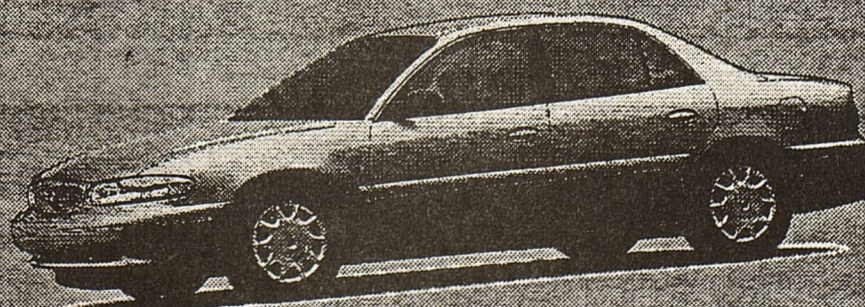
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## Earnest - Crews Wed



Jennifer Earnest and David Crews were united in marriage on August 15, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Plains, Texas. Reverend Bill Wright, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Eddie and Bonnie Earnest of Plains. Grandparents are F.L. Earnest of Brownfield, and Nadine Clanahan of Fort Worth.

Parents of the groom are Ken and Beth Crews of McAllen, Texas. Grandparents are Mrs. Phyllis Crews, Mr. P.S. Crews and Mr. & Mrs. H.H. Presley.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Bianchi gown of diamond white satin. The off the shoulder gown featured cumberbun pleats at the waist and a full skirt which fell to a train. She wore an illusion finger tip veil attached to a beaded headband. She carried a bouquet of fresh Confetti roses trimmed in a woodland theme.

Jennifers something old was her maternal grandmothers engagement ring which was sewn onto her garter and her paternal grandmothers wedding ring. For something borrowed, the bride chose to wear her mothers pearl necklace, and earrings, something new was her wedding gown and diamond earring jackets given to her by her father. For something blue she carried a handkerchief which belonged to her paternal grandmother.

Summer Simmacher of College Station served as the brides maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Michelle Crews of San Antonio, sister of the groom, Stephanie Cole of Houston, and Newja Abouelgubein of Lubbock. The bridal attendants wore slip style dresses of washed silk in colors of dusty lilac, buttercream yellow, sage green, and dusty blue. They carried bouquets of fresh Confetti, Mocha, and Lavona roses of various colors.

Grant Price of Stinnett served the groom as best man. Grooms men were Josh Foxhoven, Rob Busche and Kevin Lyod all of Lubbock. Serving as ushers were Zeb Oliver, Ryan Ralston, both of Lubbock, Michael Earnest and Keith Earnest of Plains, brothers of the bride. The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with a black vest and a Euro tie.

The groomsmen and ushers wore black tuxedos with black vests and bow ties.

Wedding music was provided by Melba Crutcher, the brides aunt, and Patrick Hamilton, music director of First Baptist Church of Plains. They sang "I've Finally Found Someone." Steve Crutcher, cousin of the bride, sang "Go There With You" during the lighting of the unity candle. Piano music was provided by Katrinka Park of Brownfield and Jennifers former piano teacher. Zeb Oliver read 1 Cor. 13: 4-13.

The sanctuary of the church was decorated in an English garden style with fresh greenery, roses, garden flowers and column candles of varying sizes. The parents and grandparents pews were marked with fresh garden flowers.

Following the ceremony, a buffet dinner, reception and dance was held at the home of the brides parents. The brides cake was a layered cake of Italian Cream and banana nut with an almond flavored icing. It was decorated with a woodland theme of confection nuts and leaves. The grooms cake was Kahlua fudge with chocolate icing and toasted slivered almonds. It featured the bride and grooms monogram. The brides and grooms tables were decorated with roses and fresh greenery. Votive candles and fresh greenery decorated the guest tables scattered throughout the yard.

For the new bride and grooms first dance, the couple chose "That's How Strong My Love Is" by Otis Redding. For the brides dance with her father, she chose "My Girl". The groom chose to dance with his mother to the tune of Louis Armstrongs "It's A Wonderful World".

A rehearsal dinner was given by the grooms parents, Ken and Beth Crews, at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock on August 14. The party featured a Fiesta theme and decorations.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Lubbock, Texas where they are students at Texas Tech University. Jennifer is employed at Ablueos and David is employed by Kelly Moore Paint.

## SPC Schedules Annual College Day

Twenty-seven colleges, universities and institutions representing Texas and Eastern New Mexico will be on hand September 30 for South Plains College's annual College Day. College Day is scheduled 9:30 a.m. - noon in the Sundown Room of the Student Center and is open to current high school and college students and those who simply want more information about college, said Wendy Esch, coordinator of new student relations at South Plains College.

"Student recruiters from each of these institutions will have information on their respective colleges available. With representatives from 26 institutions gathered together under one roof, that will make it much easier for students to get information that day than visiting the colleges individually. This should greatly aid prospective college students in the preparations for the coming spring and fall semesters. And for students who are not immediately col-

lege-bound, representatives of the U.S. armed services will provide information on educational and training programs and opportunities."

Institutions include the U.S. Air Force, Army and Marines, South Plains, Amarillo, Clarendon, Shriner and Odessa Colleges, Texas Tech, Abilene Christian, Hardin Simmons, Lubbock Christian, McMurray, Midwestern State, Tarleton State, Stephen F. Austin, Sul Ross State, Southwest Texas State, Wayland Baptist and West Texas A&M Universities, Texas A&M University at Commerce, Eastern New Mexico University at Portales, University of North Texas; University of Texas Permian Basin; University of Texas at Arlington; Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

## Filmtime

This week there were eight children in attendance they were: Clayton Gass, Kristie Lopez, Autumn Friesen, Haley Welch, Whitney Davis, Johnathan Davis, Merrit Crump, Karla Powell. The children sang four songs, played two games, watched a movie, and heard a story.

## New Miss in Town!



Mesa Brooklyn Davis was born Monday, September 14, 1998 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Michael and Ashlee Davis. Proud grandmother is Dolores Davis and great grandparents Billy and Zareta Winn, and Johnnie and Melba Fitzgerald all of Plains.



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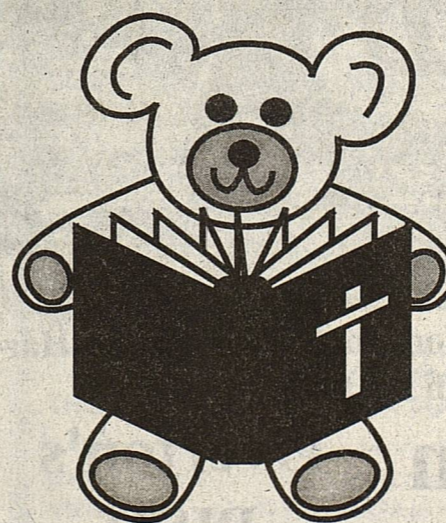
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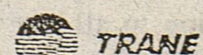
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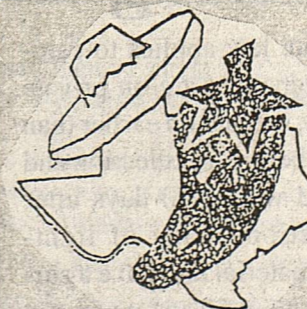
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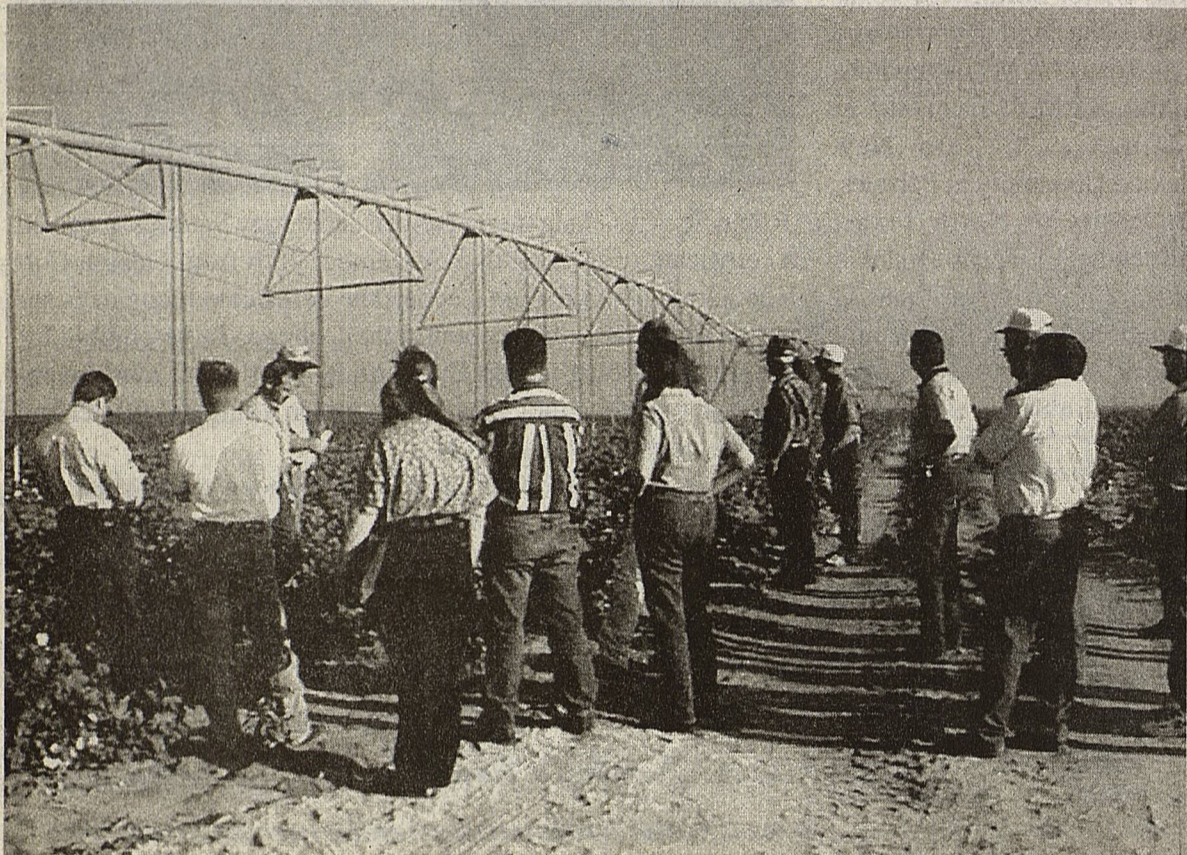
# County Farm Tour Scenes



A tour of the ultra narrow row cotton planting pattern on one of Jeff Roper's fields.



The tour stopped at Anderson Produce for some free samples of the great Yoakum County watermelon.



Tommy Guy Box explained the advantages of utilizing the low energy, precise application pivot irrigation system.



A stop at Brad Palmer's eight acre plot of watermelons and cantaloupes under drip irrigation.



Visiting a field of Jack-O-Lantern pumpkins on Jim Barron's farm. Harvest crews had already made one trip through the field.



The first load of Jim Barron's harvested pumpkins at Anderson Produce

## Campaign signs on right-of-way illegal

With elections just around the corner, campaign signs are showing up on state right-of-ways. However, most people don't realize that it is illegal to place anything on the right-of-way. In state legalese, it's called encroachment.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right-of-way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

However, politicians may place signs on private property. Last year, the Texas Legislature passed a bill (SB446) allowing signs on private property along federally-funded highways. Prior to SB446, campaign signs along federally-funded highways were illegal, even if they were placed on private property by the land owner.

The state law applies to campaign signs that are on private property, erected on earlier than 90 days before an election and removed within 10 days after the election, made of lightweight material and have a surface less than 50 square feet.

The new law does not allow signs to be placed in the highway right-of-way.

"The right-of-way is only for official traffic control signs," said Jerry Morphis, Plains roadway maintenance supervisor. "We will continue to work to make sure the right-of-way is clean and uncluttered so that the official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public."

Signs within city limits remain subject to local ordinances.

## Overton's PISD Annual collection in library

From 1951 through 1994, Berve Overton and her late husband Bill purchased the annual yearbooks from the Plains School system. Recently, their daughter Joan Mann presented the collection to the Yoakum County Library. Joan and Gene Mann delivered the yearbooks at request of her mother Berve. The couple live in Abilene, where Berve moved sometime ago, to be nearer to them and grandchildren.

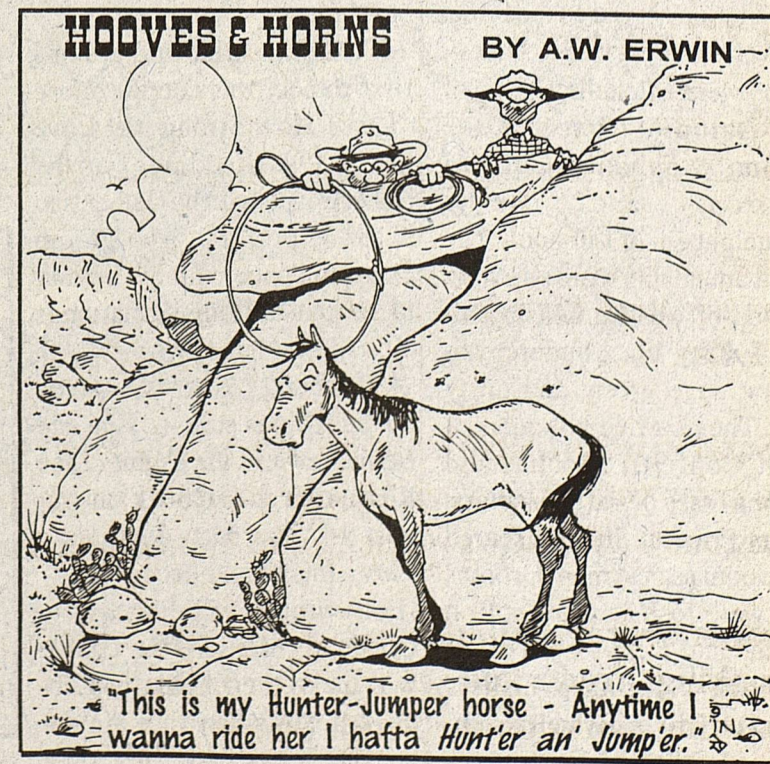
The yearbooks are available for the Community's enjoyment.

## Flu Shots available at local Clinic

The Yoakum County Clinic here now has flu shot serum available to help combat the virus this coming season. Shirley Watson, RV, advises Seniors will be able to obtain flu shots free. The charge for others is a modest \$10.

Nurse Watson and the other clinic personnel wish to express their appreciation to all the Plains patrons of the clinic, and urge everyone to make use of the convenient medical facility

After eating, do amphibians have to wait one hour before getting out of the water??

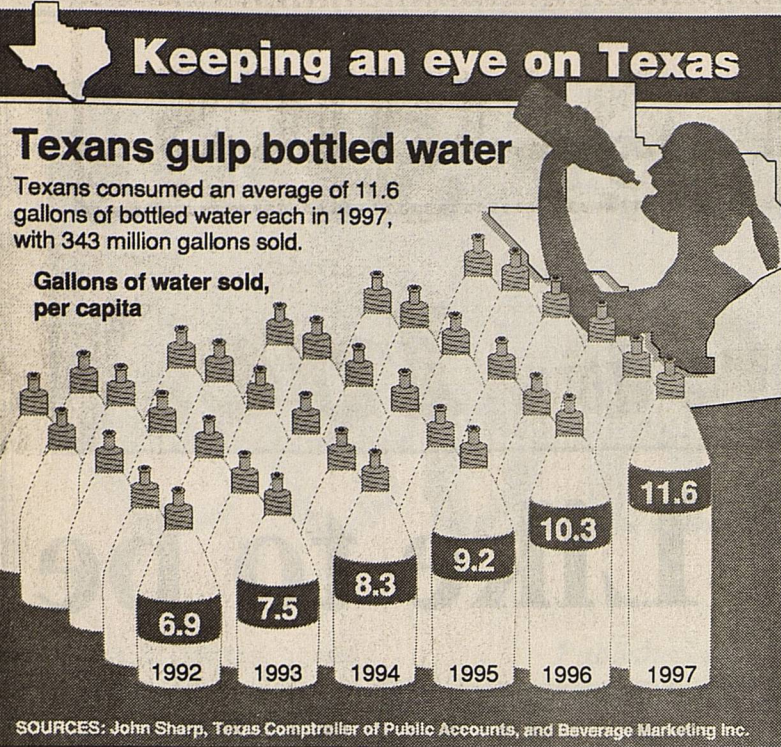


## District Court criminal case

Rick Garcia, 24, had his community supervision revoked in District Court here September 24. He was sentenced to five years in the state prison system,

with credit for 266 jail time served.

He was originally convicted for delivery of cocaine. Judge Kelly G. Moore presided in the case, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark. Warren New was Garcia's attorney.



### CDA Warns About Criminal Mischief

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark said Monday those who think committing criminal mischief acts are fun definitely need to think again.

"We've had a rash of incidents, and many of them have been committed by juveniles, and we want everyone to be aware these acts can carry some very severe penalties."

Definitions of acts of criminal mischief include damaging or destroying tangible property, tampering with property causing financial loss or inconvenience, markings on property including inscriptions, slogans, drawings or paintings, tampering with property which interferes with the owners proprietary rights.

The penalty structure for criminal mischief ordinarily ties the punishment to the monetary loss; Criminal mischief can result in either a class C, B or A misdemeanor charge, a state jail felony or a third, second or first degree felony, all depending on the dollar amount of the loss.

The state takes a very dim view of any mischief acts taken on public service installations of all kinds, and an even dimmer view of acts committed against places of worship, burial, and public monuments and community centers which provide medical, social or educational programs.

Clark reported a youth was recently jailed on criminal mischief charges resulting in heavy financial loss. "It was a pretty dumb stunt, as he was already on probation for a prior conviction of the same offense."

### Best Of Show Photo



Last Thursday Judges at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock selected this photograph by Pat McNabb for the prestigious Best Of Show Award. Pat titled the photo "The Aunts", and it depicts her daughter Tommie flanked by two of her aunts, Marcia Monnett, left, and Marilyn Tiralla. The photo was taken on the McNabb's recent trip to the eastern seaboard to visit relatives there. Pat said she also won a number of other awards for photography and baked goods, and son Grady's Gingersnap cookies were named Best In Show.

### \*Reminder\*

**Pre-Game Homecoming Ceremonies Start At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Prior To The Sundown Football Game**

### Senior Citizens Corner

This weeks main attraction was the "Turkey & Dressing" lunch. A large number came and enjoyed the nice meal.

Visitors for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Cal Farris, both well known in the Community, Nancy Foster, Vicki Blundell, Jenny Coston, Lela Locklin,

Julia Lemley, and Jamie Benton. Also, the Line Dancing Ladies were there in force.

Maedell Mitchell's mothers funeral will be Saturday at 11:00 A.M. in Childress. Our condolences to the family.

We have an auction and bake sale coming up soon - Watch for further information.

News is hard to find this time so,

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# From The Hack



Here's a response to the 39th million question addressed to someone of note about the Clinton-Big M brouha I really liked; US House Majority Leader Dick Arme was asked if he thought all the references in Ken Starr's biblical length report on the seamy affair would seem "fair if you happened to be in that position." Arme sounded like a bunch of local guys I know, one whose pants I happen to be sitting in; "If I were in that position, I'd be looking up from a pool of blood, and my wife would be asking me, 'How do I reload this thing.' You would not find me in that position."

Amen, Arme, your bride sounds just like mine. While on the subject, which seems it will never, never ever go away, the talk around our dining table is, "Where do they find all these people in the polls who continue to say they think the President's personal conduct reeks, yet they approve of his leadership of our country?"

Early morning coffee runs at Johnnie's Restaurant, lunches at Lalito's, visits to the D.Q., resulting in hearing and joining dozens of conversations about the subject have resulted in some very astute observations, in my humble opinion; "I think they are polling the prairie dogs in Johnnie Fitzgerald's pasture,

and you KNOW all of them are democrats."

"They're talking to people coming out of the IRS offices, and they're already way too terrified to tell the truth."

"I think maybe the media bribed their way into some home for the mentally impaired, and just talked to the poor folks in straight jackets"

"What I really suspect is that goofy looking lap dog James Carville has a bunch of disguises, and he follows the media wagon train around, putting on a different mask before he sings hallelujahs about Bubba Billy."

All I know is, some of the anti-Clinton talk in the local eateries prompted one waitress to get steamed to the point she screamed, "Hey, come on, you guys, he's just a man, after all!"

It was reported she took home eighteen cents in tips that day.

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If you are reading this Wednesday at the normal Postal delivery time, Bride and

I should be well on our way to deep East Texas for the 3,129th annual Scruggs Family Reunion. I realize it may be a bit difficult for you to accept those numbers; It just seems that many to me.

It is a very definite given we shall attend this event which reminds everyone, except me, how old others are getting. All

those Scruggs folks hug, (some kiss), say, "Gary, you don't look a bit older than last year", and I say, silently, "thanks, hon, how come you look so much older?" Let's face it. They are kinder than me. There will be a few preliminary meetings of the clan in various households prior to the big bash Saturday, where the main event is hugging, screaming, smooching, and EATING.

These East Texas folks love to eat. No doubt we will stuff plates and bellies with Cajun rice, quail and rice, fish, fish gravy, barbecue, casseroles of unknown origin, and desserts past description.

When it's all over, everyone crawls home exhausted, mumbling, "Thank Heaven that's over for another year!", then immediately start planning the next year event.

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