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City gets approval for two more water wells

The City of Plains was recently notified by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission it's application for emergency approval for drilling two additional water wells on city owned land had been approved. City Administrator David Brunson said drilling on the new wells will start immediately after completion work is finalized on the first well. Ford Drilling Company is continuing to bail out the first very promising well. Brunson said as of Friday 96 cubic yards of gravel had been poured into the well, and bailing was still pro-

ducing an abundance of sand from the water bearing formation. The project engineer said as many as 150 yards of gravel may be used in the evidently large cavity, actually forming a reservoir for water to collect in. A time schedule for starting the additional wells won't be known until the first well is completed and the pump installed.

Brunson said the city hoped to be able to ask for bids on ditching and laying of a transmission line from the well sites to the city within the next few weeks.

Annual Farm Tour Scheduled

The annual Yoakum County Farm Tour will be held on September 24, 1998 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding with a noon meal and program at the County Show Barn in Plains, Texas. The event will be sponsored by the Yoakum County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the local Natural Resource Conservation Service. Tentative tour stops are: Harvest Aid Chemical demonstration, Low Energy Precision

Application Irrigation (LEPA), drip irrigated watermelon, peanuts, pumpkin production and two to four additional stops not yet confirmed.

The annual Farmer of the Year Award will highlight this year's event. All local citizens are invited to attend the Farm Tour. Two CEU credits will be administered to all licensed private applicators in attendance. For more details, contact Tadd Knight, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 806-456-2263.

Criminal cases in District and County Court

In 121st Judicial District Court September 3, Roberto Sanchez, 47, AKA Roberto Gomez Sanchez, had his community supervision revoked. He had previously been convicted of a 3rd or more DWI offense. He was sentenced to five years in the State Penal System. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Thomas Barrientes Sr., 42, received a 10 year suspended and probated 10 year prison sentence. His \$1000 fine, \$236 Court costs, and \$575 Court appointed attorney fees, will be paid with time payments. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with credit for 266 days served. He must successfully complete the B.I.P. Program, and undergo anger management counseling at the County Mental Health Center. He was represented by Attorney Ramon Gallegos.

In County court September 9, Fernando Olivas, 24, pled true to the states motion to revoke community supervision from a

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"CRIME"

First "Watermelon Round Up TEAM ROPING" big success for club



Top money winner Luke Price with saddle, buckle and nice check.

The Yoakum County Roping Club's first effort to coordinate a big team roping event with the annual Watermelon Round Up brought smiles of satisfaction to club officials and members. The inaugural roping drew close to 200 ropers, who made up some 500 teams in four different

classes of team steer roping competition. The top money winner of the long, grueling day (and half the night) action was a Tatum, New Mexico young man, Luke Price, who received a very handsome saddle and shiny belt buckle for his cowboy skills, and a check for

\$1590 in winnings from the #7 Roping Club Officers include Mike Blount, President, Jerry Parrish, Vice-Pres., Su Ann Parrish, Secretary, and Joe Pierce, Treasurer. Money winners in the events are listed on page 6.

Denver City to make another run for Prison



The Denver City Chamber of Commerce and the City Council hosted a noon meeting Monday to determine if efforts should be pursued to bring a prison to the city. Some 30 people representing the Denver City School District, Yoakum County Hospital, Yoakum County Commissioners Court, Chamber officials and members were present in the Council Chambers.

In a previous meeting, Billy Don Everett, owner of Everett Management, had outlined for

the council his ideas on successfully obtaining a prison for state prisoners. Council member Mike Fears said Everett had been highly successful in a number of Texas towns obtaining grants for various economic development projects, including contracting for prison facilities.

Everett has offered to enter into a contract with the City of Denver City calling for a fee of \$3000 per month for 12 months, with an option for either the City or Everett to cancel or ex-

tend the contract.

Mayor Sid Reinert remarked, "I suppose the big question is, who will pay his fee?" County Judge Dallas Brewer jokingly responded, "The County is hoping your Council will pay for it." At the conclusion of the meeting, the Council officially adopted a resolution approving the hiring of Mr. Everett, using city funds for his salary.

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County precip measurements cast doubt on drought being broken

Early this Spring, Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District placed twenty official rain gauges about the county to record rainfall over a major portion of the area. The project is a part of the Weather Enhancement Program the water district joined, with the assistance of a state grant to fund the cloud seeding operation, in which planes based in Portales, Lubbock and Amarillo scout the skies for the proper type clouds to release silver iodide crystals in, hopefully increasing the chance of precipitation, and suppressing damaging hail storms. A major problem this year to date has been a lack of the large, cumulous clouds bearing promise of being potential rainmakers.

The chart reproduced here indicates the section numbers where the gauges are located, and recorded precipitation for the months of April through August. It is interesting to note the wide disparity of measured rainfall amounts among the twenty collecting sites; The Section 265 gauge, eight miles east on State Highway 2196, recorded the most rainfall, 5.40 inches, while the gauge on Section 535, 1.5 miles north of US 82 and one mile east of the stateline, recorded a very scant one-tenth of an inch.

SECTION #	5/31/98	6/30/98	7/31/98	8/31/98	Totals
1	0	0.1	0.4	1.80	2.30
163	0	0	0.1	1.00	1.10
167	0	0	0	0.60	0.60
187	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.40	1.20
255	0.1	0	0.2	0.10	0.40
265	0.1	0.1	0.3	4.90	5.40
298	0	0	0.05	1.00	1.05
308	0	0	0.1	1.40	1.50
342	0	0	0	0.80	0.80
432	0	0	0.1	1.50	1.60
535	0	0	0	0.10	0.10
563	0.2	0	0.8	1.90	2.90
568	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.60	1.80
573	0	0.1	0	1.95	2.05
579	0	0	0	1.80	1.80
753	0	0	0	0.90	0.90
759	0	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.25
793	0	0	0	2.50	2.50
832	0	0	0	1.20	1.20
852	0	0	0	1.35	1.35

New EMS class now undergoing training

Eight volunteers responded to pleas from both Plains and Denver City to beef up their Emergency Medical Service staffs. The long and intensive training period started last week.

New EMS trainees here include Alex Barrientes, Jerry Dominguez, Marc Traweek, Alfred Loya, Lisa Crutcher, and Jo Jackson. Two Denver City volunteers are also enrolled in the training classes, which are provided through South Plains College. Instructors are Karen

Tovar and Terri Smith, both of Denver City.

The training is long and grueling; the EMS students attend 4 hour classes two nights a week, for four and a half months. When the training classes are complete, the students must then pass a written test, as well as a skills test for their certification.

At the present time, the Plains EMS force consists of Joe and Freda Humphrey and Charles Diamond.

Ag Waste pesticide collection scheduled

The Texas Country Cleanup Program announces a collection program will be held at Seagraves September 29. The collection site will be at the Five Points Gin, located 5 miles south of Seagraves on highway 62-385, and hours for the waste collection are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Items accepted by the Cleanup Program include triple rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used oil and oil filters, and lead-acid batteries. Old tires will also be accepted, limited to 50 tires per participant.

Items NOT accepted by the program include pesticides containing 2,4,5T-Sivex, pesticides or preservatives containing Pentachlorophenol, explosive materials, compressed gas cylinders, and non-hazardous such as fertilizers which do not contain pesticide admixtures.

Please Note !!

We will not publish CCN on *October 7*. We are taking a week off for a family reunion.

The next issue will be published on *October 14*.

Mustang Station Now

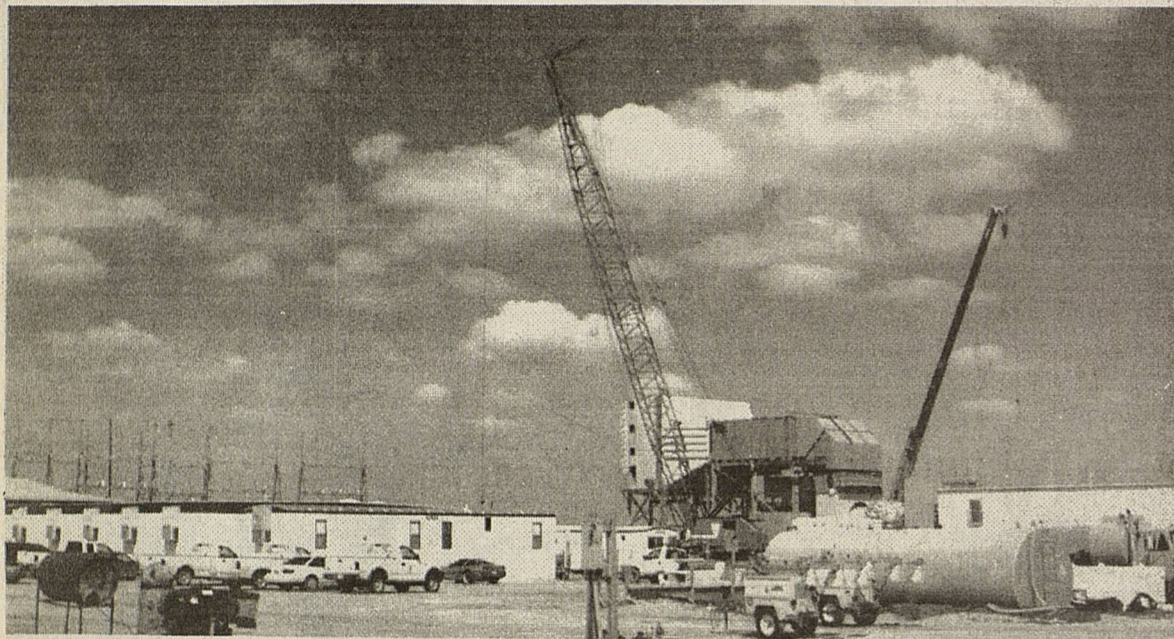
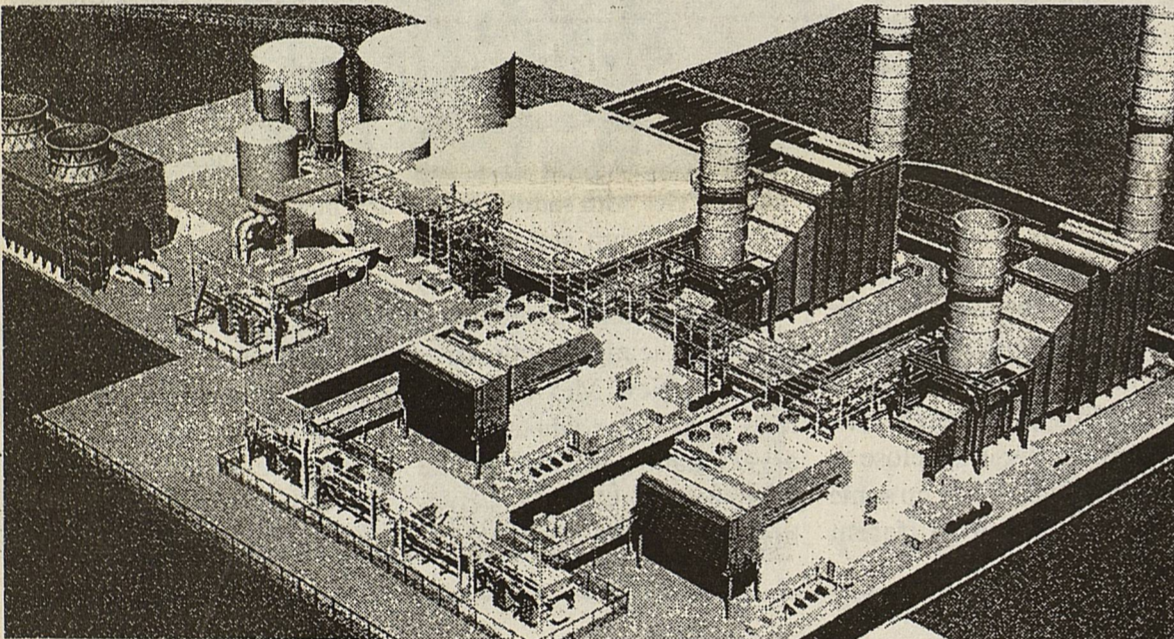


Photo of massive construction project just East of Denver City.

And Much Later



Architects drawing of completed generating plant.

Workers and construction equipment are swarming at the site of Golden Spread's Mustang Station, the very large and complex natural gas powered electric power generating plant.

Initial plans for the \$150 million plant call for the first phase to be on line in the Spring of 1999. At that time, the plant will

be capable of producing some 285 megawatts of electrical power. The second phase, scheduled for completion in 2000, will up production to a peak 488 megawatts.

Primary customers of Mustang Station will be the 100,000 retail member/consumers served by Golden Spread Cooperatives

in the South Plains and Panhandle, and in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Officials say construction workers at the site will reach around 250 persons, and when complete, about two dozen employees will operate the plant on a day-today basis.

Please help us by remembering this:

We're starting our 5th year of CCN, and we remind you, our deadline for accepting material is NOON FRIDAY. We have also set guidelines for article lengths; In reporting weddings, in particular, please limit their size to two columns wide by no more than 5 inches in depth. Longer reports must be paid for. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

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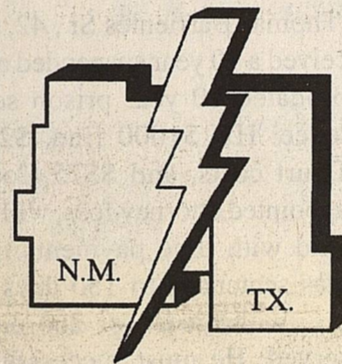
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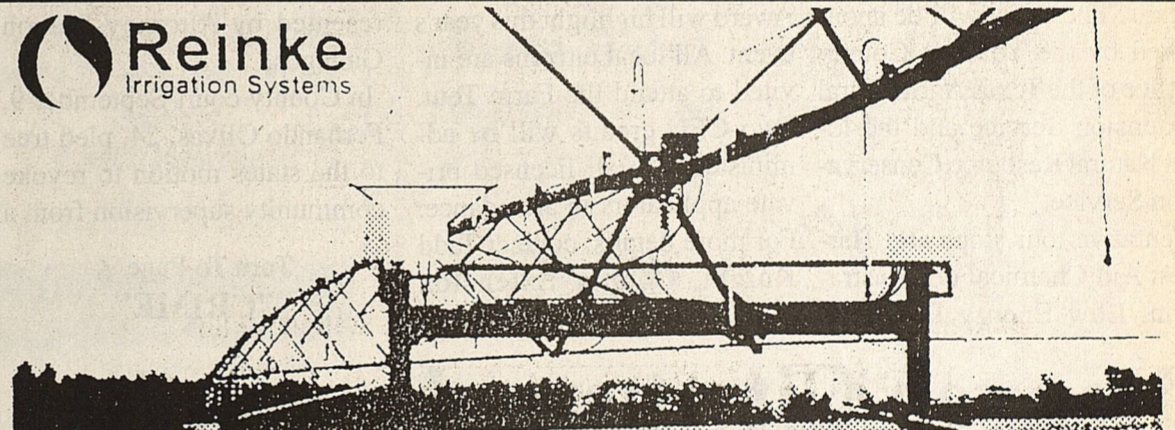
Construction Update

Construction crews are busy converting and transferring services over to Lea County Electric's system in the northeast part of town.



Lea County Electric is committed to Plains and its citizens. We look forward to serving all of our members in Plains!

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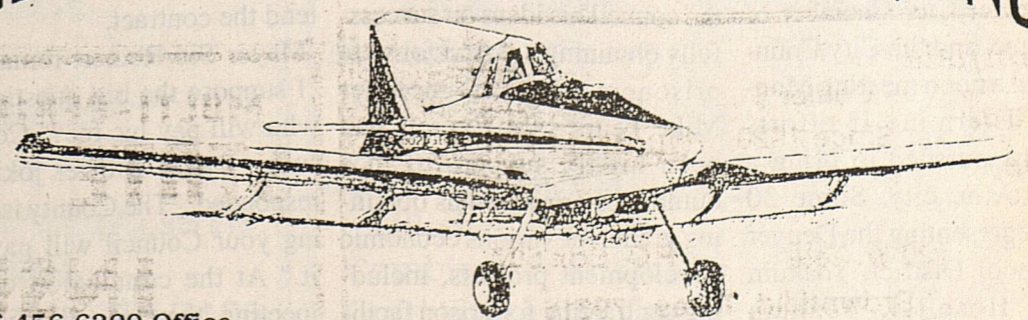
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Sudan Hornets too much for Cowboys



Alex Tarango had to hurry to get this punt off against Sudan

The Sudan Hornets swarmed into Cowboy Stadium last Friday evening, and once again stung the Cowboys 22-13. The game started as if it would be an epic defensive battle. Each team could not generate much offense in their first two possessions. The Cowboy punter, Alex Tarango, kicked from the 38, and the Hornet receiver muffed the ball at their 21, where Steven Bunch grabbed it and raced into the end zone. Bunch's PAT kick was good for a 7-0 lead. The Hornets roared back, and racked up six consecutive first downs, but the Cowboy 'D' halted the drive at the 19th yard line. Plains could not move the ball, and when Alex attempted a punt, the snap sailed over his head and out of the end zone for a safety and a 7-2 ball game. Sudan again returned to their ground game for three first downs, to the 10 yard line. A fumbled ball ended in the arms of Dustin Brunson, and Adam Garcia made a good 38 yard scamper, but on the next play, the Hornets intercepted a Cowboy pass to halt the drive. Sudan moved the ball to the 27, where Tanner Blount intercepted a pass and put the Cowboys in business at the Sudan 45 yard line. Plains could not capitalize on the break, and the half ended 7-2 Cowboys. In the third period, the Hornets scored on a 30 yard run. The two point pass play put them up 10-7. In the first quarter, the hornets ran and passed the ball, and scored again on a 15 yard dash. The extra point kick was blocked for a 16-7 game. Late in the game, a Cowboy punt was blocked, which set up another Hornet TD run for a 22-7 lead. In the next possession, Adam Garcia, brought the stadium alive with a 69 yard touchdown scamper, and the final scoreboard reading was 22-13. The second loss of the young season was hard medicine for the Cowboys and coaching staff to swallow. They next face Wink here September 18 at 8:00 P.M.



Despite the final score, the Cheerleaders managed to WHOOP it up!

PISD Volleyball Summary

Junior High 7th:
The youngest girls faced two class 3A teams in the Denver City tournament September 12. They were downed 15-5 and 15-8 by Denver City, then fell to Seminole 15-7 and 15-1. Despite the losses, Coach McKinzie says the girls are working very hard, and show improvement with each practice and game.

Junior High 8th:
The older Jr. High girls fared a little better in the tournament. They defeated Denver City 15-13 and 15-11, then lost in three to Levelland 15-11, 7-15 and 15-9.

PHS Freshmen:

The youngest Cowgirls continue to improve with each game, but are facing some tough competition. On September 8 they were defeated in two by Levelland, and last Saturday again fell to Seminole. The coaches said the losses are not indicative of how hard they are playing and improving.

PHS JV Cowgirls:
The JV girls made a great comeback against Levelland September 8. They were down 1-12, and ended with a respectable tough to take 15-13 loss. In the Lamesa Tournament Sept. 11 and 12, the girls were stopped by Lamesa and Seminole, but downed Levelland 15-

Varsity Cowgirls:
The Cowgirls fell to Levelland, but played tough. Kayla had 6 kills, and Laura served 2 points, Jessica 12, and Patty 1. In the Andrews Tournament, the girls split with Ft. Stockton, winning one 15-11, and against Brownfield, also 15-11. They were downed by Andrews. In Bracket Play, they defeated Hobbs 15-1 and 15-6. Laura served 10 points, Jessica 9, Kayla 2, Candace 6, Patty 2 and Jolyne 1. 8 and 15-11. Staci served 4 points, Kim 1, Michaela 7, Tanya 13, Frances 5, Roxy 5, and Ashley 5.

PISD Cross Country Results

BROWNFIELD MEET:
The Varsity Boys finished second behind Whiteface. Individual results included Felipe Reyna 3rd, 17:59, Luis Hernandez 4th, 18:07, David Granados 10th, 18:35, Luis Delgado 13th, 19:08, Manuel Hernandez, 17th, 19:46, Ramon Lozano 26th, 20:22, Alfonso Martinez 42nd, 22:05.

Varsity Girls:
Kristen Gray 23rd, 12:48, Wendy Hernandez 33, 13:08, Cassie Dearing 36, 13:20.

Jr. High Girls:
Kayla Willis 5th, 13:01, Jill Gray 26th, 15:58.

Jr. High Boys:
Chisum Deaton 5th, Jonathan Delarosa 6th.

MORTON MEET:
The Varsity Cowgirls were crowned Meet Champions at Morton last Saturday. Wendy Hernandez 3rd, 14:12, Kristen Gray 5th, 14:31, Lisa Parrish 8th, 14:35, Krystle Blundell 11th, 14:46, Cassie Dearing 14th, 14:55, Anne Palmer 26th, 18:04.

The Varsity Cowboys also won their division. Felipe Reyna was 2nd, 17:48, Luis Hernandez 3rd, 18:04, David Granados 6th, 18:50, Luis Delgado 7th, 19:08, Manuel Hernandez 9th, 19:19, Ramon Lozano 15th, 20:38.

JV Runner Alfonso Martizez finished 8th, 24:14.

Jr. High Boys:
The younger boys took third place in the meet, with Jose Ramirez 2nd, 13:22, Raul Casias 5th, 13:54, Johnathan Delarosa 12th, 14:23, Adam Guerros 18th, 15:48, Armando Ramirez 21st, 16:24, Ryan Martinez 23, 21:40.

Jr. High-Girls results were incomplete: Kayla Willis ran in 14:29, Jill Gray 16:49, Mandi Rogers 17:19.

'98 PHS Cross Country Team



L-R, Wendy Hernandez, Lisa Parrish, Cassie Dearing, Anne Palmer, Kristen Gray, Krystle Blundell

Junior High football rosters

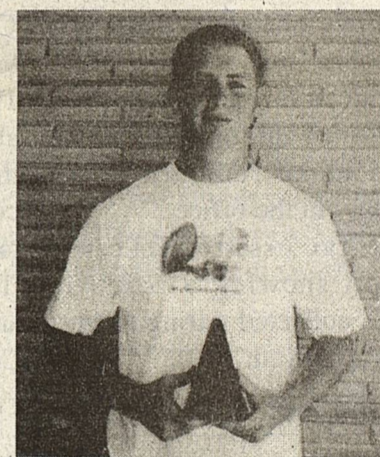
7TH WRANGLERS:

Adam Guerrero	#4
Joseph Martinez	79
Nolan Newsom	55
Trent May	11
Austin Keesee	83
Ryan Martinez	78
Armando Ramirez	16
Zachary Broome	2
Dominic Dominguez	17
Richard Diaz	32
Rodney Guetersloh	52
Tony Gomez	54
Jose Avila	56
Gerardo Granados	65
Larry Escobar	22
Abraham Bucera	69
Fabian Luna	12

8TH WRANGLERS:

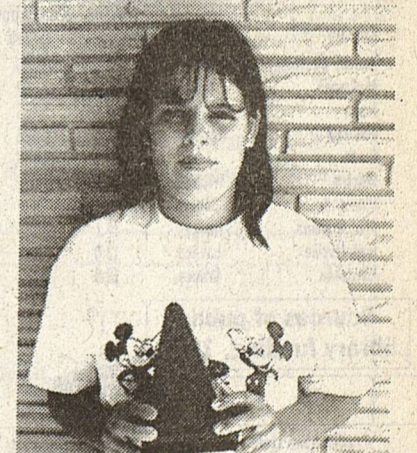
Angel Ruiz	20
Joel Colunga	21
Nick Hays	32
Rene Luna	33
Manuel Ramos	44
Miguel Coronado	60
Kelly Bowers	65
Johnathan Delarosa	71
Jose Ramirez	74
Jordan Bean	79
Chisum Deaton	80
Justin Chambliss	88
Raul Casia	40

Students of the Week



This weeks PHS student of the week is Steven Bunch, a Senior, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bunch. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "Steven Bunch has also been an integral part of the 5th period class. He is a good student and athlete who works hard in each endeavor. I appreciate his team spirit and efforts to excel in the radio class."

The PHS second student of the week is Grisel Molina, a Sophomore, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Molina. She was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "She is definitely a teacher in the making. She is very helpful with her fellow students without just being an answer giver; she makes them work for the answer. She is willing to make her friends mad to help them learn. I am very proud to give this honor to my translator."



Vaughn Culwell Republican Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 4



50 yr. resident of Yoakum County * Graduate Plains High * 1 1/2 yrs. South Plains College * 32 yrs. business experience as farm equipment dealer with stores in Plains & Denver City * Member Plains First Baptist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Yoakum County Connection

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Services held for Royce Gayle (R.G.) Hartman

Funeral services were held for Royce Gayle (R.G.) Hartman, 79, at Shady Oaks Church of God in Brownfield at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 14, 1998. The Reverend L. Edward Price, Pastor of Shady Oaks, officiated, assisted by Reverend Glen Harlin, Northside Baptist Church, Odessa, Interment followed at the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Mr. Hartman died September 12 in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock. He was born September 18, 1918 at Comanche, Texas. He moved with his parents to Terry County in 1919. He farmed in the Union and Wellman area. He married the

former Margaret Bevers September 10, 1941. They moved to Yoakum County in 1959, where he farmed until retirement in 1980. They moved to Brownfield in 1987, where he was a member of Shady Oaks Church of God.

Mr. Hartman is survived by his wife Margaret; two sons, Jerry Gayle Hartman, Plains, and Dicky Lynn Hartman, Mill Creek, Oklahoma; a daughter, Peggy Welch of Plains; three brothers, A.J., Brownfield, Jesse 'Dutch', Brownfield, Hope, Dayton, Oregon; a sister Wanda Gilly, Brownfield, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers in the service.

JP Court Summary

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

Cases Filed: 37 traffic cases, 1 public intoxication, 1 writ of garnishment.

Bonds Set: 2 cases - terroristic threat - \$1000 bond. Driving while license suspended - \$500 bond. 2 cases - Driving while intoxicated, 1st, \$1000 bond. Possession of Marijuana - \$1500 bond. Public intoxication - \$500 bond. Assault causing bodily injury - \$7500 bond. Violation of probation order - \$10,000 bond. 3 cases - motion to revoke probation, held until hearing. Arson - \$5,000 bond. Resisting arrest - \$500 bond. False report to a police officer - \$500 bond. Assault causing bodily injury - \$1500 bond. Terroristic threat - \$500 bond.

Court to receive computer system proposals

In Commissioner's Court September 8, a request by Ed Rogers, Administrator, St. Mary's Yoakum County Hospital, asked for approval to advertise for computer system hardware and software. The proposals would ask interested suppliers to demonstrate their systems at the hospital site. The requested systems will be modeled after those in use at the Seminole and other community hospitals. Proposals will be accepted September 28, but not acted on until December.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark asked the court to approve changing Stephanie Ashburn from a part time hire to full time status. The court approved the request, which will make Ashburn a 3rd Deputy in the office.

The Tax Assessor/Collectors report showing \$15,559 in taxes collected during August was approved.

From Page 1, "DC PRISON"

A spokesman from Garza County, Brian Grimes, outlined that county's and the City of Posts' successful efforts to build a prison there, and in other development projects, Everett will probably begin a search for firms interested in building the prison, at which time serious negotiations would start between all parties.

An under writing firm would be employed to sell bonds for the construction of the facility. It was pointed out none of the involved governmental entities would face any monetary liability should the constructing firm suffer bankruptcy. Only bond holders would have any monetary risks.

Chamber Executive Diane Osborn said the Denver City Economic Development Board had agreed to furnish some initial funds for the prison, the same commitment the Board pledged in an earlier attempt to construct a TYC facility west of Denver City. Judge Brewer said Commissioners Court had informally agreed to furnish up to \$1 million in road construction and dirt work for the prison over a 10 year period, the same incentive offered for the TYC facility. Mayor Reinert asked for a show of hands of those present in favor of hiring Mr. Everett to act as consultant for the prison quest, and received a unanimous

Commissioners Court Con't

In another session of Court Monday, September 14, the Court approved advertising for bids on the sale of a Precinct 4 1972 Mack truck. They Court also approved a contract with the City of Denver City for the county to collect their city taxes.

The hiring of Jose Natividad as an employee at the County Golf Course was also approved.

show of support. He suggested the three participating entities each appoint two members from their ranks to serve as a committee for initial meetings with Mr. Everett.

Judge Brewer inquired if it would be possible to negotiate with either the state or the private prison owner for bed space for county jail prisoners. Grimes replied that was exactly what Garza County had done, and it had greatly eased their jail over crowding. He said currently the state of Texas is spending 1000 more people to prison each month than it is releasing.

Notice for Bids

The State of Texas County of Yoakum

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, October 2, 1998, for the sale of a used 1972 Mack Truck from Precinct 4.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, October 5, 1998.

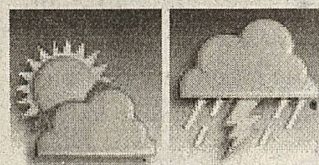
To inspect the vehicle, please contact Commissioner, Macky McWhirter, P.O. Box 207, Plains, Tx 79355, or 806-456-6525.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Tx. 79355, or 806-456-242.

Sealed bids should be marked "Bid-Used Truck" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way @ Ave. G, Plains, Tx 79355. No FAX copies will be accepted.

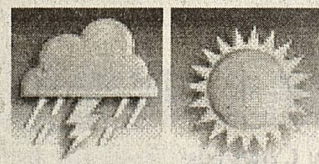
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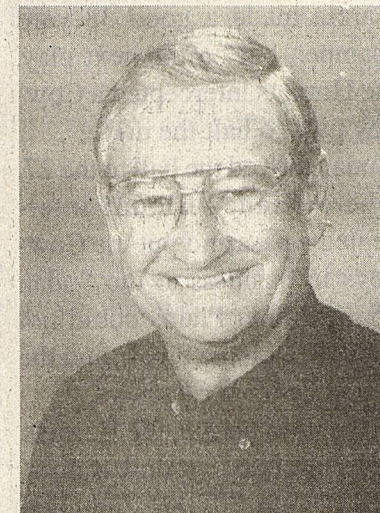
'Come and Go' Housewarming for Debbie & Stoney Garland - Friday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m., just before the Wink football game. Everyone is invited to see their new home !

JACK COBB

Candidate For Yoakum County Commissioner

Precinct 4

General Election November 3



- * 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
- * Former Plains School Board Member
- * Member Yoakum County Hospital Board

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Most library visits per capita, 1996

Library	County	Visits per capita	Population served
Austin/Westbank	Travis	43.5	1,726
McCamey	Upton	28.4	1,523
Iraan	Pecos	21.5	1,495
Bastrop	Bastrop	21.0	4,685
Earth	Lamb	19.0	1,865
Electra	Wichita	14.9	3,031
Pineland	Sabine	14.5	938
Port Aransas	Nueces	14.1	2,333
Hallettsville	Lavaca	13.0	2,593
Navasota	Grimes	12.9	6,785

Most library materials per capita, 1996

Library	County	Materials per capita	Population served
Mount Calm	Hill	41.3	356
Galveston	Galveston	40.1	70,452
Pineland	Sabine	35.2	938
Muenster	Cooke	33.1	1,387
Jayton	Kent	28.8	959
Coldspring	San Jacinto	27.6	613
Guthrie	King	27.4	345
Miami	Roberts	26.2	996
Maud	Bowie	19.5	1,105
Austin/Westbank	Grimes	19.1	1,726

Sources of public library funding, 1996

Federal and state	1%
Grants	1%
School district	1%
Other local income	4%
County	77%
City	16%

Total = \$215.8 million

Materials in Texas libraries, 1996

Print materials (books)	69%
Periodical subscriptions	17%
Audiovisual materials	9%
Other	4%
Microforms	1%

Total = 32.7 million materials

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas State Library and Archives Commission
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Scholarships, Savings Bond Contest Announced

Plains High School Counselor Arlon Alexander has information available for a number of National Scholarships available to eligible high school students, as well as a savings bond essay contest for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students.

The Coca-Cola Scholarship Foundation annually selects 1500-2000 semi-finalist students in their annual program. Factors considered include character, personal merit, academic achievement, civic and extra curricular activities. Interested PHS Seniors should contact Mr. Alexander immediately for an application brochure. Postmark deadline for application is October 31, 1998.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has been conducting the National Voice of Democracy scholarship for 52 years.

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors are eligible for the 3 to 5 minute audio (cassette tape) entry, with the theme, "My Service to America". Last year total awards at various levels totaled \$2.7 million, and a 1st place National Scholarship is \$20,000. Entry deadline is November 1, 1998, Alexander reported.

The VFW also offers a Savings Bond Essay Contest for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. A 300-400 word essay on the theme, "What Freedom Means to Me" is required. Last year \$407,000 in awards were presented, and the first place National entry receives a \$5000 Bond.

For more detailed information on these education opportunities, contact Mr. Alexander in his high school office.

Senior Citizens Corner

The Center expresses Thanks to all who helped with the booth at the Watermelon Round Up. The booth did well and all donations were welcome.

A visitor this week was Hazel Ford. Its good to see the Gordy's at lunch and using the hall for walking.

Loy Black remains in the hospital.

Don't forget the 'Pot Luck Supper', it is a fun evening.

Activities:

Wednesday-Line dancing 10:00 a.m., Pool Tournament.

Thursday-Medical Arts B/P 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Miracle Ear Hearing Aid 10:00 a.m., Cite Council 12:15 p.m., Pot Luck Supper 6:30 p.m.

Friday-Line dancing 10:00 a.m.

Fall CLEP testing schedule announced

September 29 will be the date of the first CLEP exam of the fall at South Plains College.

CLEP, which stands for College Level Examination Program, awards college credit by exam based on students' performance on recognized standardized tests.

"This is an opportunity for students to gain additional college credit," said Gracie Quinonez, SPC counseling and testing coordinator. "A wide variety of exams are available."

CLEP exams will be given at 2:30 and 5 p.m. September 29, October 13, November 3 and December 8 in the SPC Student Assistance Center on the third floor of the Library building. Fee is \$44 to CLEP and \$10 to SPC.

Both subject and general CLEP exams are available. Subject exams in the CLEP program are offered in Introductory Sociology, Human Growth and Development, Introductory Psychology, American Government, Calculus with Elementary Functions, College Algebra, History of the U.S. 1 and 11, English Literature, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature, Freshman College Composition, General Chemistry, Information Systems and Computer Applications, Principles of Accounting, Introductory Business Law and General Biology.

General exams are English Composition and Composite. Pre-registration for CLEP exams is required one week before the test date. Quinonez advised that students who wish to take the English Composition with essay need to register one month before the test date. The test is offered in January, April, June and October.

To pre-register or obtain additional information about the CLEP program, contact Gracie Quinonez, counselor and testing coordinator, at 806-894-9611, ext. 2368.

Keeping an eye on preventing sight problems in children

An estimated 84,000 children each year are treated in emergency centers for eye injuries. Because about 90 percent of children's eye injuries can be prevented, Methodist Children's Hospital is joining Prevent Blindness America in promoting awareness about eye safety during Children's Eye Health Safety Month this September.

"In children under the age of 5, the most common causes of eye injuries are toys which are inappropriate for their age or ability, household cleaners and cigarettes and other related tobacco products," said Curt Cockings, M.D., a pediatric ophthalmologist on staff at Methodist Children's Hospital, a member of Covenant Health System. "Fortunately, most eye injuries are minor without long-term consequences."

"Many of these eye injuries can be prevented by teaching children about eye safety and requiring your children to wear protective gear when playing baseball, basketball or other contact sports," said Dr. Cockings.

The most devastating injuries occur when projectiles such as BB pellets or sharp objects penetrate the eye. Children should not be allowed to play unsupervised with BB guns or air rifles

of any kind.

"Too many children lose their sight in an eye because of injuries from BB pellets and other such projectiles. Parents should be strongly cautioned that the gun they give to their child could actually injure the child or someone else," said Dr. Cockings. "The parents are typically devastated knowing they caused indirectly their own child's injury."

Prevent Blindness America also offers the following suggestions for minimizing the incidence of eye injuries:

*Teach children not to run around with forks, knives, toothbrushes or other items.

*Set a good example by wearing eye protection when cleaning the oven, using cleaning solutions that are ammonia based and operating lawn and other power equipment.

*Do not allow children to play with hairspray, hair brushes or combs without adult supervision.

*Remind children not to throw toys or other objects at each other.

*Keep children away from the area when using lawn equipment.

*Make sure children who wear prescription glasses do not play contact sports without proper eye protection.

School Menu

Wednesday-Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and ham, hot biscuit, diced pears, Milk. Lunch: Fried steak w/gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, jello/whipped topping, Milk.

Thursday-Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, toast, hash browns, juice, Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, hot rolls, tossed salad, peaches, Milk.

Friday-Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, power alley bars, juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwiches, ranch style beans, french fries, apple, Milk.

Library Filmtime

Library Filmtime starter Septmeber 9, and we were so glad to have so many of our young friends back. Haley Welch celebrated her 4th birthday with a party of donuts and ouch supplied by her mon.

Per-school children attending enjoyed songs, games, movies and stories. Attending were: Clayton Gass, Kristie Lopez, Dakota Earnest, Autumn Friesen, Haley Welch, Brittney Roper, Whitney Davis, Johnathan Davis, Merrit Crump.

Dirt Gardeners hold first meeting

The Plains Dirt Gardeners met for their first fall meeting September 9. After the business meeting and refreshments served by Ruby Sellers, they went to the cemetery to plan planting trees. The trees will replace the shrubbery that has been removed. The next meeting will be October 21.

Registration Booth Winners

ADULTS:

1st - Alton Billings - \$100
2nd - Juan Villareal - T-Shirt
3rd - Steve Jones - Cap

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2nd - Deziree York - T-Shirt

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TAILGATE PARTY!

The Plains Athletic Booster Club will be sponsoring a "Tailgate Party" Friday, September 18, prior to the Wink football game. Baked Potatoes with all the trimmings will be sold. The Booster Club invites everyone to come out and support the Cowboys!

Round Up Horseshoe

Tourney Results

1st Place - Eric Ramos, Adrian Rios
2nd Place - Andy Clinton
3rd Place - Steve Crump, Rick Ramos

Round Up Seed Spitter Champs

Elementary:

Girl-Annie Froese, 19' 10"
Boy-Kam Loya, 19' 7"

Jr. High

Girl-Kayla Shepard, 19' 6"
Boy-Justin Chambliss, 26' 9"

High School

Girl-Krystle Blundell, 14' 7"
Boy-Dustin Myers, 21' 3"

Adults

Gal-Judy Addison, 32' 5"
Guy-David Sanders 33' 10"

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Sharp's analysis of high-tech industries' contributions to Texas economy

In the latest issue of his monthly publication, *Fiscal Notes*, State Comptroller John Sharp provides a new analysis that quantifies the contributions of the state's growing high-tech industry to the Texas economy. "This report confirms what we have suspected for some time—that high technology has emerged as one of the primary sources for economic growth in the state," Sharp said.

The report describes programs that Texas companies and educational institutions have undertaken to train workers and recruit students in high-tech programs.

"All the computer power in Texas cannot match the brain power of our young people," Sharp said. "We have to do all we can to create a technically skilled workforce to meet industry's demand."

Sharp's recommendations on what the state can do to ensure an adequate workforce include: *Appropriating \$20 million to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide grants to Texas public universities' engineering and computer

science programs; *Appropriating \$5 million to the Coordinating Board to provide a similar grant program at public junior colleges and community colleges;

*Expanding the Skills Development Fund by appropriating an additional \$4 million in the 1999-2000 biennium specifically for high-tech training;

*Targeting \$5 million of existing Smart Jobs program grants to help businesses train workers for new jobs in the highest demand high-tech jobs; and

*Dedicating \$1 million to the Texas Education Agency to provide competitive grants for public schools with limited resources that are working to increase the number of students in math and science programs.

"Texas is poised to play as important a role in the knowledge-based economy of the future as the state has played in the natural resource-based economy of the past," Sharp said. "But for that to happen, we must take steps now to make sure our students are learning the skills they need to fill these jobs."

Keeping an eye on Texas

High-tech jobs wide open for Texans

As the demand for information technology workers has outstripped supply in many areas, employers are competing to hire bright, motivated people trained at community colleges, as well as four-year college grads. Consultants, temporary, and self-employed workers are also finding a niche in this industry, which likely will become more dominant in the next century.

Occupation	Number of workers	Average hourly wage
Systems analysts/computer programmers	48,840	\$21.76
Computer support specialists	22,300	\$17.67
Electrical/electronic engineering technicians and technologists	19,280	\$15.44
Electrical and electronic engineers	16,920	\$26.81
Computer operators, except peripheral equipment	14,620	\$11.24
Computer engineers	9,790	\$26.87
Data processing equipment repairers	6,360	\$12.61
Database administrators	4,800	\$21.68
Computer programmer aides	4,410	\$14.08
All other computer scientists	4,040	\$25.36

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and U.S. Department of Labor.

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prior driving while license suspended offense. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, must

pay a delinquent \$227 fine, and delinquent community supervision fees of \$340. He was credited with 47 days jail time already served.

Ricky Wayne Trego, 41, pled nolo contendere to the offense of a terroristic threat. He was fined \$500, must pay \$184 court costs, and serve 7 days in jail, with credit for 20 days served. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Martin Baraibar Jr., pled true to the states' motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI offense. His supervision shall be extended 24 months, with monthly fees of \$40. He will be committed to the Community Corrections Facility in Lubbock until successful completion of the program. He must serve at least 200 hours community service. Following release from confinement, he must pay attorney fees at the rate of \$10 per month. His attorney was Warren New.

Judge Dallas Brewer was the presiding court officer, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Watermelon Round Up Team Roping Results

Class 9: (3 steers-header listed first)

1. Allen Childs-Albert Osborn \$517 each & buckle
2. Kirk Parrish-Josh Patton \$385 each
3. Everett Faught-Kress Jones \$270 each

Class 7:

1. Clint Cooper-Luke Price \$910 each & buckle
2. John Copeland-Luke Price \$680 each
3. Justin Nevarez-Jo Jo Lemond \$455 each
4. Jamey Garland-J.W. Spears \$227 each

#7 Draw Pot:

1. Paige McNeil-Albert Osborn \$601 & buckle
2. Brent Martin-Chad Wall \$401 each
3. Paige McNeil-Dickie Wheeler \$318 each
4. Kevin Parker-Charlie Martin \$234 each
5. Kirk Parrish-Paul Fine \$117 each

Incentive Class:

1. Brent Martin-Chad Wall \$186 each & buckle

Round Up Volleyball Results

1st Place Team - 'Six Pack'

Jerry Dominguez, Shannon Ward, Jesus Gandara, Michael Sainz, Jr. Liza, Jason Robertson

2nd Place Team - '3:16'

Isaul Asebedo, Stan Caballero, Bryan Covarrubias, Jason Garcia, Moises Gonzales, Pete Longoria

3rd Place Team - 'Wolf Pack'

Aaron Pacheco, Danny Chavez, Elaina Alvarez, Stormy McDowell, Jacob???, Josh Adams

4 Place Team - 'Nike'

Jamie Covarrubias, Sandra Gandara, Nancy Sigala, Kristian Morales, Daniela Lazos, Jesenia Suarez

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At least six other States and one Foreign Country were represented at the Watermelon Round Up, according to Registration Records; Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Florida, Missouri, and two gentlemen from Germany.

Ordinance No. 135 - 98

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*Passed by the City Council on this the 13th day of July, 1998.

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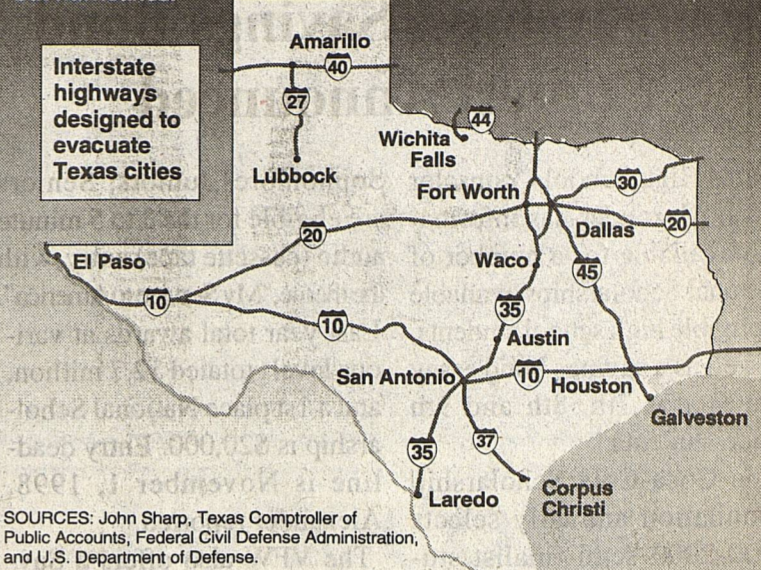
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Interstates provide '50s evacuation plan

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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Federal Civil Defense Administration, and U.S. Department of Defense.

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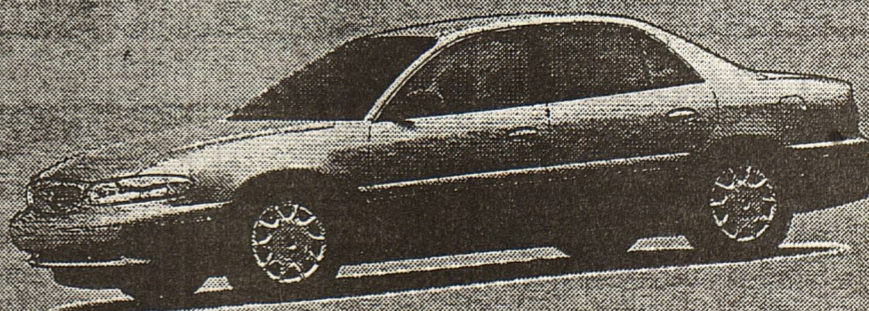


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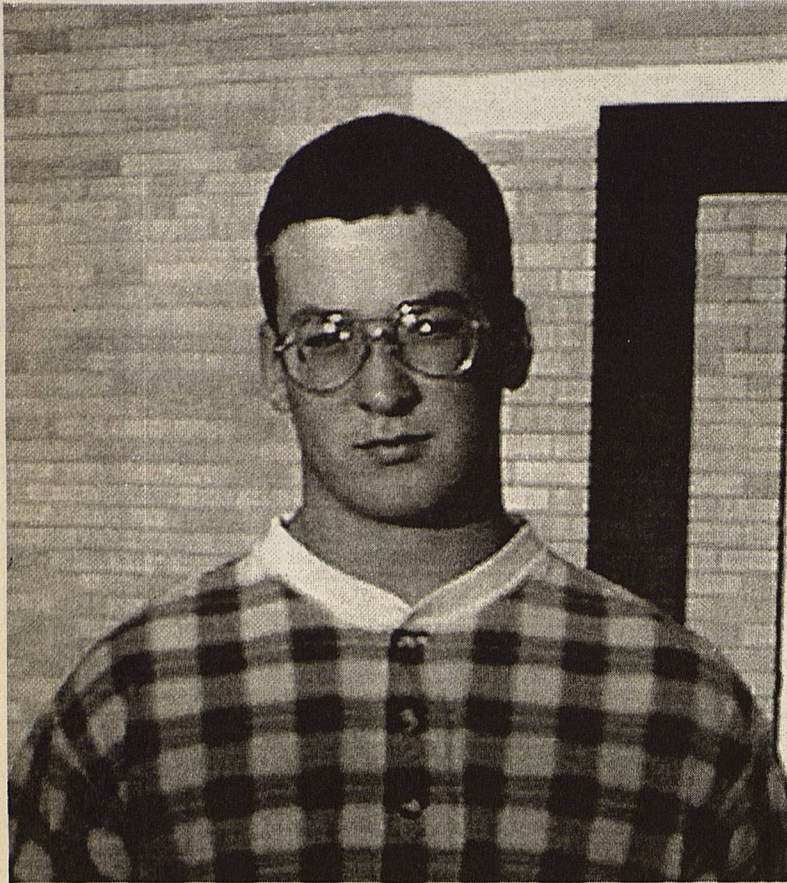


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PHS student to tour with US Collegiate Band



Skyler Johnson, a fifteen year old Sophomore at Plains High, received word recently he had been invited to make a whirlwind tour of Europe with the United States Collegiate Wind Band. The group of talented young musicians have been recognized as members of All State or Regional Bands, as solo performers, or nominated by their band directors.

Skyler said the tour will leave New York City July 1, and return July 22. The large band will

perform in concert at many locations in England and Europe, and will have the opportunity for visiting many historical sights. Some of the places included on the concert tour itinerary include London, Paris, Milan, Venice, Innsbruck, Munich, Bonn, Brussels, and Amsterdam. Skyler plays the bass trombone in the Cowboy Marching Band. He said he has been a member of the band since he was a fifth grader. He is the son of Zane and Timmie Johnson.

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* Aggravated assault dropped 14 percent as probability for imprisonment for assault rose 27 percent.

* Burglary dropped 18 percent as the probability for imprisonment for burglary rose 14 percent.

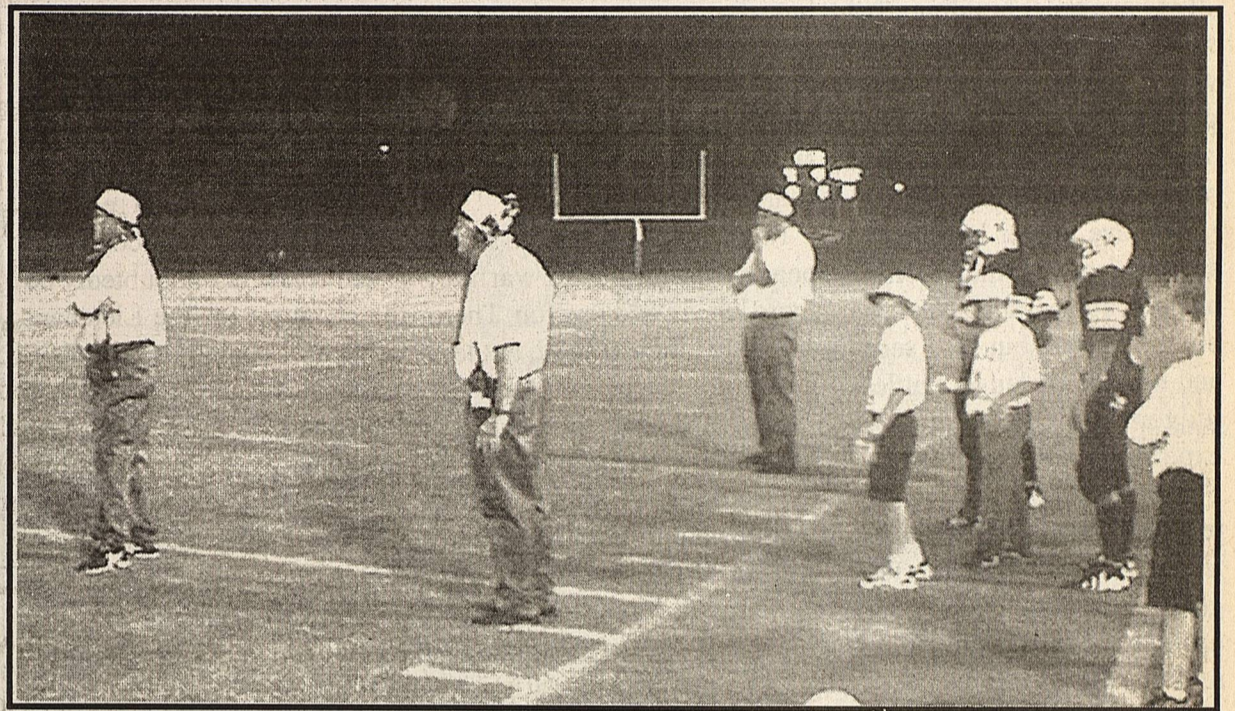
Increased "probability for imprisonment" means that a higher percentage of those who commit certain crimes wind up in prison. In addition, convicted criminals are staying in prison longer.

These trends are important to remember when complaints arise about the high incarceration rates in Texas. The fact is, Texas was late in getting tough on crime. In the late '80's federal court orders and limited prison capacity made for a revolving door in Texas prisons. At that time, incarceration rates were well below the national average. It is only after playing catch up with the prison building boom of the 1990's that incarceration rates jumped dramatically. As a result, violent crimes and burglaries fell 37 percent. Thanks to the drop in crime rate from 1990 to 1997, 1,400 fewer Texans were murdered and 30,000 fewer Texans were victims of violent crime. (Source-Dr. Morgan Reynolds and National Center for Policy Analysis)

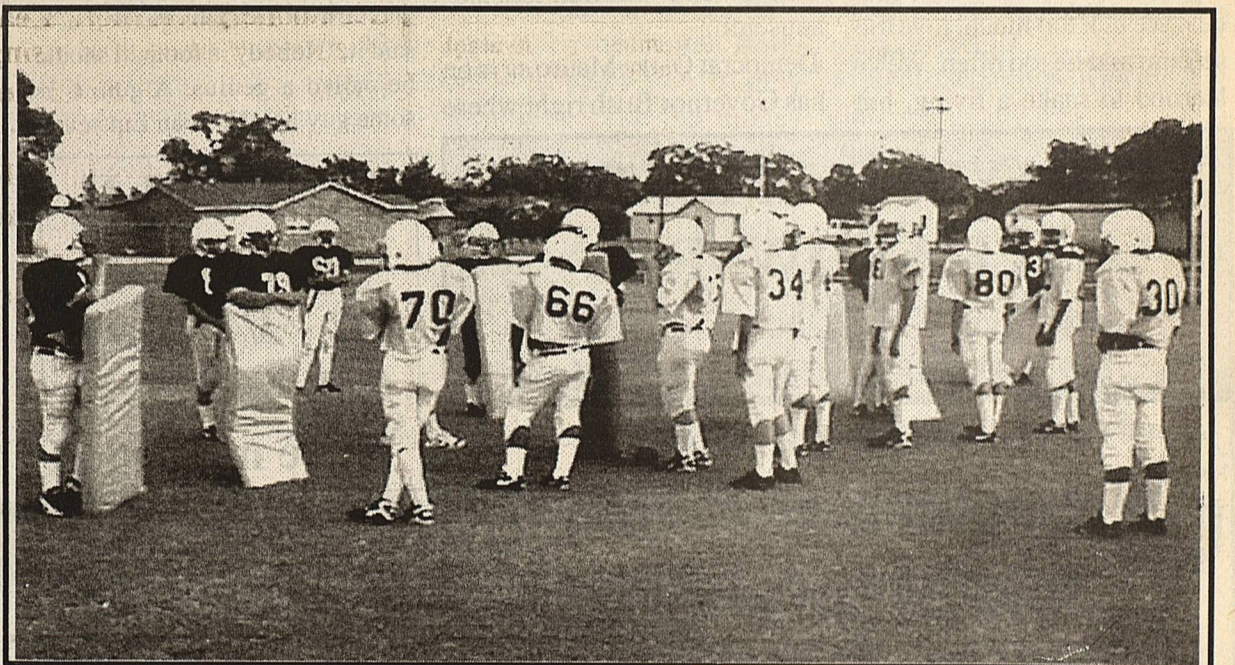
Here in Texas, crime is down again, but remains too high. Crime fell in 1997 in terms of numbers of crimes reported, according to the DPS, with fewer crimes in seven major categories, including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and auto theft. Incidents of family violence, however, rose by 0.2 percent last year. The state violent crime rate is at its lowest level since 1985. There is still plenty of crime, however; There is a theft reported every 48 seconds, and a robbery every 17 minutes.



The resplendent Cowboy Marching Band prepare to deliver their 'Big Band Sound'



A very glum moment on the Cowboy sideline during the Sudan game. Even the waterboys appeared upset.

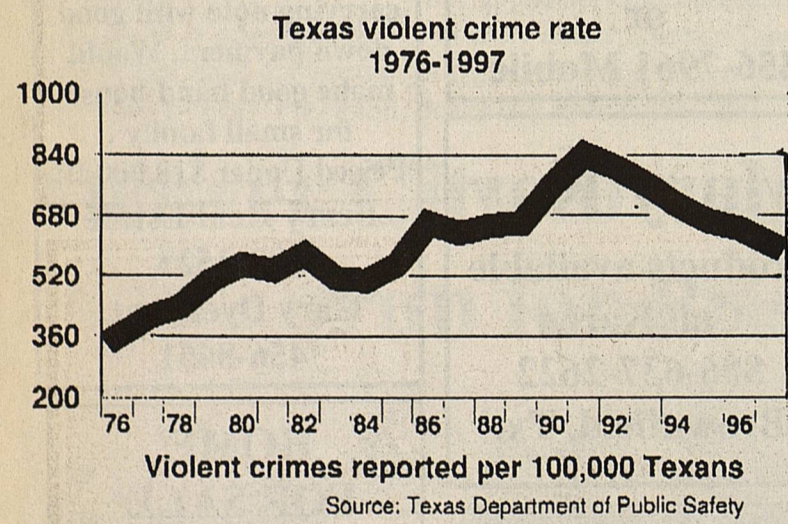


Coach McAdams conducts skull session with 7th and 8th grade Wranglers

In U.S., punishment is up, crime is down

Serious crime in the United States has dropped significantly in the 1990's. In fact, each of four categories of violent crime tracked by the FBI has fallen since 1993. In 1997, serious crime reported to police was only 5 percent above the 1970 level. Why the drop? Consider that since 1993:

- * The murder rate fell 30 percent as the probability of going to prison for murder rose 53 percent.
- * Rape dropped 14 percent as the prospects for imprisonment for rape increased 12 percent.
- * Robbery fell 29 percent as the probability for imprisonment for robbery increased 28 percent.



Letter from dad to daughters tells what he fought for

During the Korean War, a young soldier, who was also a veteran of World War II, wrote a letter to his 6 and 3 year old daughters, Joanie and Rose Marie;

"This is daddy. I want you to listen and pay attention while mummie reads this to you. Just try and make believe I am there talking to you.

"Joannie, I don't think you'll remember me because you were a little baby when I had to go away, but I used to sit and hold you a lot, and when you were a bad little girl I made you sit in a chair until you were good, but I always loved you a lot and I was very proud of you.

"Rose Marie, you should remember me because I used to take you out with me a lot, and I would buy you a lot of candy and sodas, and I used to feel so good when people would say you had eyes like mine. Remember the puppy I bought you? Your mummie used to tie a pink ribbon around its neck and you would carry it in your arms. You looked awfully cute.

"I want you both to know I'd be with you if I could, but there are a lot of bad men in the

world, and if they were allowed to do what they wanted to do, little girls like you wouldn't be allowed to go to church on Sunday, or go to the school you wanted to..

"So, I have to help fight these men and keep them from coming where you and Mummie are. It might take a long time, and maybe daddy will have to go and help God up in Heaven, and if I do, I always want you to be good to Mummie, 'cause she is the best Mummie in the whole world.

"You see kids, I happened to be caught in two wars inside of ten years and the reason I am where I am today is because I am fighting for what I think is right. That's one thing I want both of you to remember. If your conscience tells you something is right, always stand up for it.

"When you grow up to be young ladies, always remember what Mummie has done for you. She's often gone without clothes for herself so both of you could have nice things. Go to church on Sundays, and you can always pray for daddy.

"In a few days I'll be in a hole,

fighting in a place called Korea, so I'm sending you all the love in my heart in this letter. I carry yours and Mummies picture next to my heart, and if I have to go help God, you'll know the last thought I had was of you two and mummie. All my love and kisses, and God Bless You, Daddy."

Private John McCoprnick's let-

ter reached his wife and two daughters three days after they had been notified he was killed in action.

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From The Hack



I don't mind stealing material--perhaps borrowing would be a kinder word--for this column, when I know it's been borrowed before. Stephen Henry, publisher of the Levelland & Hockley County News-Press, recently featured the following in his weekly column, 'Just Rambling'; Danny Andrews of the Plainview Daily Herald is one of the best columnists on the South Plains. Recently, he wrote a thoughtful piece about the paradox of our age. It is a privilege to publish it here:

"We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, and we buy more, but enjoy less.

"We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees, but less sense and more knowledge, but less judgement. There are more experts, but more problems.

"We drink too much, smoke too much, spend recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom.

"We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and lie too often. We've learned to make a living, but

not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years.

"We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've split the atom, but not prejudice. We write more, but learn less; plan more, but accomplish less.

"We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication.

"We've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These are the times of fast food and slow digestion, steep profits and shallow relationships.

"These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure and less fun. There are more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

"It is a time when there is much in the show room, but little in the stockroom."

My thanks to both Mr. Henry and Mr. Andrews-you both made my day a little easier.

A potpourri of political gleanings from the Internet, political columns, political party news releases and publications, ad-nauseum:

Democrat Garry Mauro says he has Governor Bush right where

he wants him - he says the Governor can be beaten on the issues which will surface. He also figures he must win big in Northeast and Southeast Texas, and must get Democrats voters in West Texas out of the closets and to the polls. Probably too early to say what effect the Clinton - Lewinsky fiasco will have on his plans.

El Paso County is seriously considering adopting a computer screen system which will allow voters to simply touch a space by their choice of candidates name. Supposedly it will greatly speed up vote counting, and is virtually fool proof. HA! Anyone who thinks any type of computer device is fool proof has either been watching too many Star Trek re-runs, or smoking funny tobacco.

Speaking of voting, it seems voter turnout has steadily decreased since 1964. Non-voters blame it on a variety of reasons- 22% are too busy-17% are apathetic about politics- 15% are sick or have emergencies, 11% are out of town, and about 4% simply forgot. I suppose the other 31% just had no reason.

One of the most hotly contested state races will undoubtedly be the quest for the Lieutenant Governors chair. Former Aggie classmates Rick Perry (R) and John Sharp (D) have gone a few sparring rounds already, and it's almost a certainty that scenario will eventually become a full fledged heavyweight slug fest, possibly with kick boxing and Karate added. There is a great deal at stake for both parties in this race.

Joe Theismann, Heisman winner and former Redskins quarterback, said it; "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is some guy like Norman Einstein."

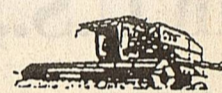
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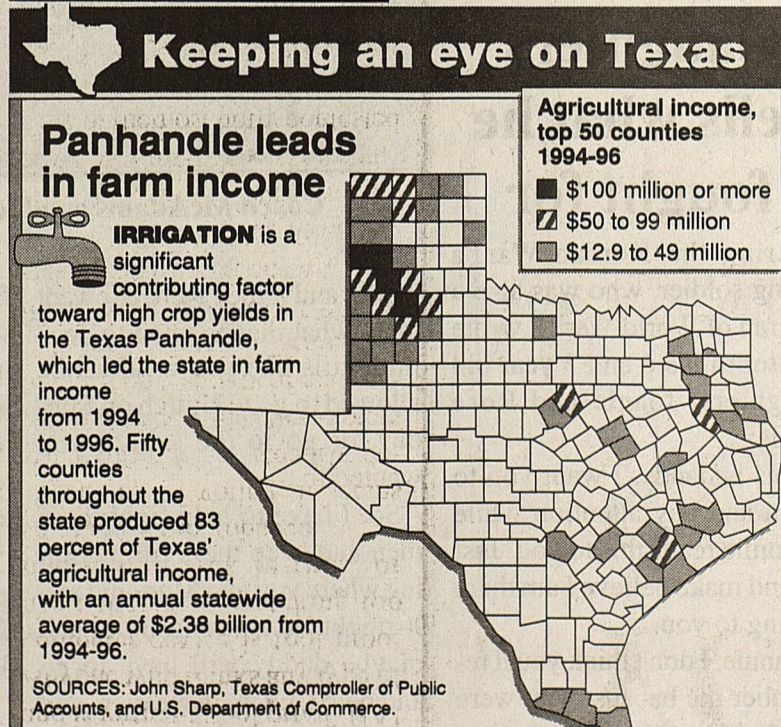
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