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Cloud seeding plane based here should benefit Yoakum County

Sandy Land Underground Water District, one of three water districts comprising the High Plains Precipitation Enhancement Program, recently purchased a Cessna 340 aircraft to be used in seeding clouds to enhance rainfall and diminish chances of damaging hail. The aircraft is currently in San Angelo, being outfitted with equipment used in the seeding flights.

Gary Walker, Sandy Land Consultant, said the Board's decision to purchase the plane was an effort to more effectively operate on clouds in the immediate county area in a timely manner.

"The High Plains program used three aircraft in seeding clouds in a huge area stretching from just south of Amarillo to about the south edge of Terry County, and parts of three New Mexico counties. When radar detected suitable clouds in our immediate area here, the aircraft were often busy seeding somewhere else, and many times the clouds here would move away from us before they could be seeded".

Walker told CCN the Cessna 340 was purchased with Sandy Land reserve funds generated from interest earned on loans to district producers for more

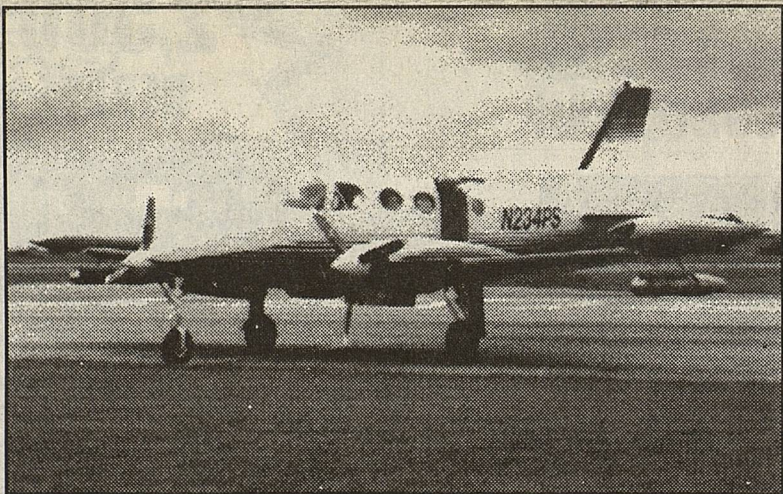
efficient irrigation equipment. "We are allowed to keep one-percent of the interest earned on those loans. We've been making these loans to producers some 8 years. Over a period of time, the investment in the plane will be more cost effective than contracting with a private, outside firm to do the seeding work".

The Cessna plane will be outfitted with a belly rack holding 102 ejectable flares containing silver iodide. The pilot can determine the exact area to eject the required number of flares on tops of cumulus clouds, normally around 20,000 feet in height. It will also be equipped with a pair of acetone generators on each wingtip. The generators, when ignited, burn a mixture of silver iodide and other salts, and

produce a vapor which is sucked into the bottom of suitable cumulus clouds when conditions prevent aircraft seeding the cloud tops.

Sandy Land has been a member of the Precipitation Enhancement program two years of its three year history. Walker said there is a possibility both Gaines and Dawson Counties to our south will join the seeding operation in the near future. He said cloud seeding programs exist all over the nation and in a number of foreign countries. The entire state of Kansas participates in a seeding program deemed very successful.

Gary Walker will be one of the pilots of the seeding plane based here, and another pilot with proper training will share the "On Call" flying duties.



File Photo of Cessna 340

Court OK's hiring new Deputy Sheriff

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Sheriff Jim Rice said, "Cesar Marin is definitely my choice for the Deputy position assigned to the Denver City office". He told the court he had interviewed Marin twice, and had checked on references the deputy applicant had furnished.

"He is a Denver City product, and comments from his references were positive and complimentary. His former teachers in Denver City High School spoke very highly of the young man". The Sheriff said Marin is currently an officer of the Seagraves Police Department, and had also worked in the penitentiary at Hobbs. He is a fully certified law enforcement officer.

Marin will start his duties as Deputy Sheriff on November 20, and his starting salary of \$2386 per month was approved by the court.

In other court business, an order from District Judge Kelly G. Moore setting salaries of the County Auditor, Auditor Assis-

stant and Court Reporter were accepted. Auditor Hazel Lowrey's salary was set at \$40,763 per year, Assistant Kay McClure will receive \$25,017, and Freda Humphrey \$22,852. The Court Reporter salary will be \$16,727. All the salaries for the year 2000 are the same amount as 1999.

A low bid from Sierra Spring Water of Lubbock was accepted for supplying drinking water services to all county departments. Water will be furnished for \$3.50 per five gallon container, and the bid price is good for 18 months.

Mustang Chevrolet was low bidder for two 'Police Package' automobiles for the Sheriff Department. Their bid on each Chevrolet Impala was \$19,983 per vehicle, and allowing \$3,300 each for two 1996 trade-in Chevrolet vehicles, for a net price of \$33,366 for the new cars. Wilson Motors of Snyder was the only other bidder, with a total price of \$34,992 for two Ford Crown Victorias after the trade-ins.

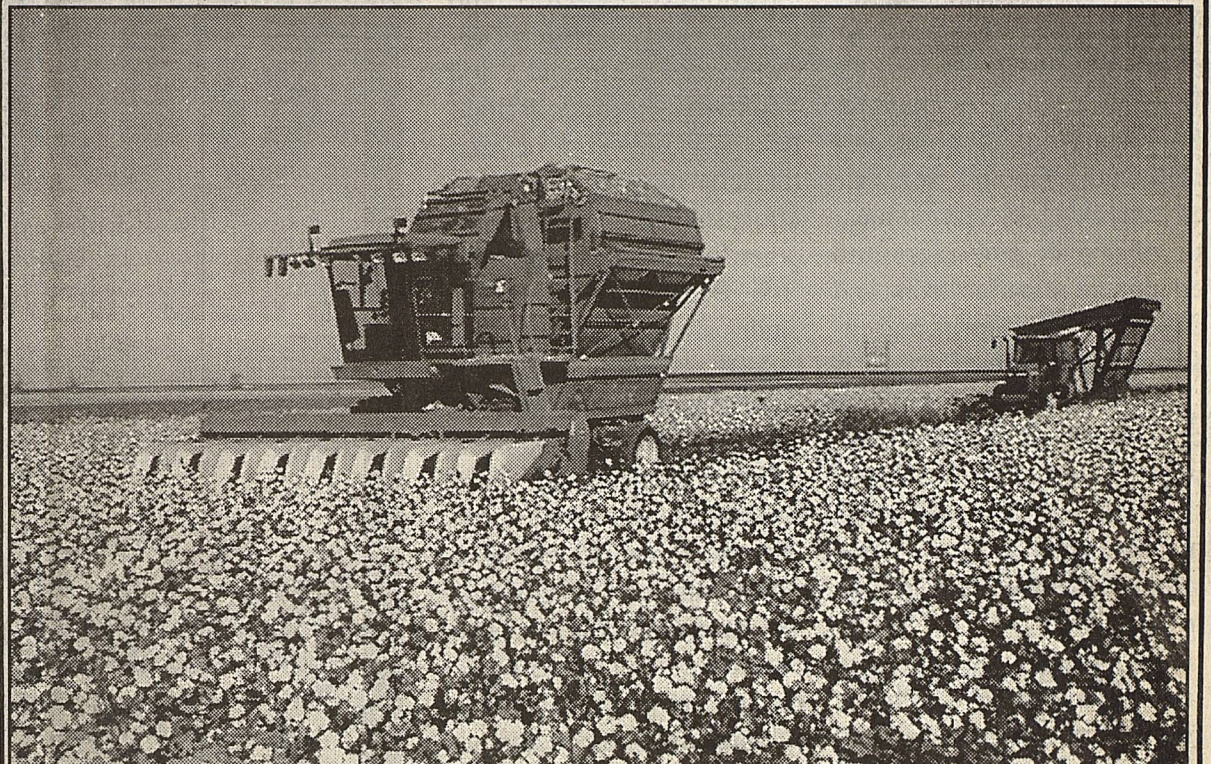
J P Court

November 12, 1999-The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 67 traffic cases, Bonds set: Assault causing bodily injury-\$1,500 bond. Motion to revoke probation-\$1,000 bond. Speeding/Fort Bend County-\$400 bond. Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing. Driving while intoxicated-\$2,000 bond. Public intoxication-\$400 bond. 2 charges-Driving while intoxicated-\$1,000 bond.

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Unusual weather aids some harvesting, slows cotton, milo



This 8 row John Deere cotton stripper, with trailing boll buggy, was busy last week in good cotton field on Stateline.

Mother Nature, always capricious, has been a boon for some ag producers this harvest season, and not so kind to others. The unusually warm, even hot days of November have assisted in gathering area peanut production, but the lack of a true, killing freeze is slowing the harvest of cotton and milo.

Many cotton growers report spraying their fields to kill the growth and plant, only to have the warm days produce new, very difficult to strip regrowth of the plants. Most milo fields are still too green to permit harvesting. Perhaps the only positive effect of the abnormal warm weather is the area peanut harvest is nearing

completion, and no damage was done to the crop by a freeze on freshly dug peanuts.

A telephone survey of area cotton gins Monday morning revealed the following ginned bale count: SunCot Gin 13,650 bales, New Tex Gin, 14,276 bales, Yoakum CountyCoOp 10,419 bales, Tokio CoOp 9,946 bales, and Circle 12, 2,000 bales. All reported these figures well behind last years count at this time.

A "Normal Freeze Date" for the county is hard to pin down, but the Year 2000 edition of *The Texas Almanac*, published by the *Dallas Morning News*, indicates the occurrence on October 31.

Gala reopening of DQ draws clowns, huge ice cream cone, pie in the face contest



A jolly clown, a walking, talking ice cream cone, and the world's biggest cone at the DQ reopening

In virtually every small, rural town across the state, there is an institution as familiar and common as a public school or church - the Dairy Queen.

The recently remodeled local DQ was a busy site last Friday afternoon, with locals register-

ing their votes for a pie-in-the-face contest, and a visit with the two clowns on hand for the reopening, one the Dairy Queen official mascot, "Curly Top", perhaps the only walking, talking ice cream cone in the land. Rosie Gallardo, DQ Manager,

said there were lots of local and out of town customers present for the event.

The Pie-in-the-face contest was won by Sandra Quezada, Manager of Lalito's Restaurant

E-Texas ready to roll

State has basics to be big player in Internet Economy

Does Texas have what it takes to compete in the developing internet economy? Can the state built on oil, cattle rice and cotton become a leader in an industry that doesn't depend on geology, geography and natural resources?

You Bet.

The basics that have made Texas a thriving business center will enable it to compete in the New Economy. Its pro-business environment, low taxes, strong research universities and youthful workforce will be as important tomorrow as they are today and were yesterday.

The industries driving the Texas economy today are those building the foundation of the Internet economy. They include making of computer chips and computers; software development; telecommunication service providers and equipment manufacturers; and developers of editorial and entertainment content.

A new generation of Texas companies is creating new ways to use the Internet. These "dot-com" companies funded by venture capital have sparked a new round of growth in the state.

The competition in the Internet economy will be as fierce, if not fiercer, than any in the past. Regions from Seattle to Atlanta and from Silicon Valley to Washington D.C. and New York City are gearing up to do business in the Internet economy.

Estimates on the size of electronic commerce vary widely. Researchers at the University of Texas conducted a comprehensive study on the new economy and released their findings in June.

The study estimated the Internet economy generated revenue of \$301 billion in 1998. That makes the Internet industry bigger than energy (\$223 billion), telecommunications (\$270 billion), and closing fast on autos (\$350 billion). The study said the Internet accounted for 1.2 million jobs in 1998, about 20 percent of America's 5.9 million jobs.

The UT study divides the Internet economy into four layers: Infrastructure, the basic technologies that are the Internet; Applications, the software that makes the Internet a valuable tool; Intermediary, the technologies enabling electronic commerce; and commerce, the actual buying and selling over the Web.

"WE (Texas) already have some companies immensely

successful in those areas", said Meredith Walker, an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

They include; Infrastructure-Dell and Compaq make computers used in getting on the Internet. IXC Communications of Austin provides transmission lines.

Applications -Vignette Inc and Pervasive Software of Austin make applications for conducting business on the Internet.

Intermediary - Three companies in Austin and Fort Worth bring Internet content and users together.

Commerce - Dell and Compaq sell computers over the Internet; American and Southwest Airlines sell flight tickets, garden.com of Austin sells plants and garden equipment, among many other Internet 'merchants'.

The Dallas Metro area includes six of the nation's 20 largest telecommunication service companies. The area also has 36 colleges from which companies can draw workers.

Central Texas, which has a strong base of semiconductor manufacturing, is now developing electronic commerce companies. They are spinning out of other companies, research organizations and UT and six other colleges.

Five other Texas metro areas, all with populations of fewer than 350,000, ranked in the Milken Study's Top 50 fastest growing tech companies. They are Tyler (14), Killeen-Temple (17), Texarkana (22), Waco (24), Brazoria (34 and Lubbock (41).

Perhaps the bedrock of Texas high tech are its universities. As Stanford and the University of California at Berkley have spurred Silicon Valley's growth, so have the University of Texas, Texas A & M, Rice Universities and others in the state.

At UT, faculty from business, computer science and other disciplines are working together on electronic commerce issues. UT's Barua said "We are glad faculty from marketing and operations management are deeply involved in E-business".

A possible problem spot - A 1996 report on population changes in Texas states most workers in 2030 will have a high school diploma or less, based on current patterns.

The report, from the Texas Data Center for the Texas Leg-

islative Council, said the state will have to improve education and skills of Texas minority workers before all the 'High Tech Goals' become a reality.

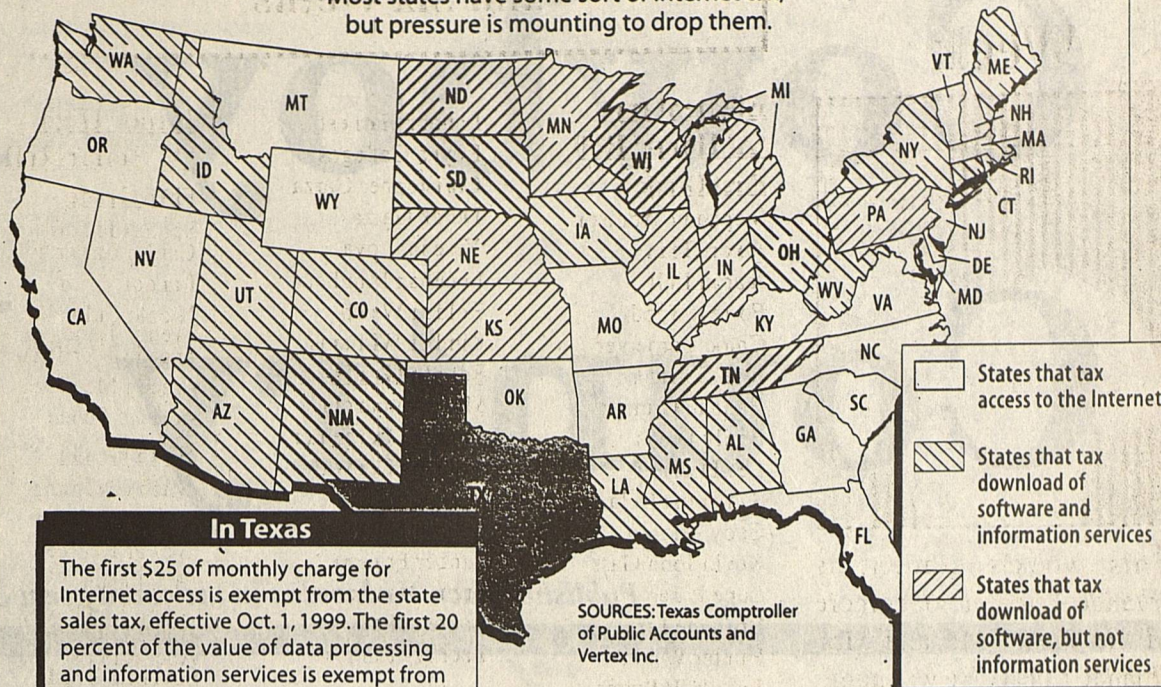
In the past, Texas depended on its natural resources such as oil and gas for its economic growth and well-being. Tomorrow, Texas will rely on its residents, their ideas and their energy to become leaders in the internet economy

"The thing important in the Internet economy is the knowledge capital and the intellectual capital," said Gary Thompson, Director, Texas Electronic Associates. "It's no longer what's under the ground, it's what they know."

Courtesy Fiscal Notes, State Comptroller Office.

Internet taxation

Most states have some sort of Internet tax, but pressure is mounting to drop them.



FISCAL NOTES, September 1999

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Filling the Internet space

Here are examples of how some Texas companies are doing business over the Internet.

Dell Computer Corp., based in Round Rock, says that it does \$30 million a day in Internet-related sales. It also runs Web sites to sell and auction equipment and it offers Internet service to home and small business computer buyers. The company in July opened a Web portal site for consumers that features news, e-mail, search, chat and other services.

Compaq Computer Corp., based in Houston, sells computers that e-commerce companies use to operate their businesses.

Broadcast.com, based in Dallas and now owned by Yahoo Inc., has become the

biggest player for delivering audio and video over the Internet.

CompuBank Inc., based in Houston, was rated the top online bank by Smart Money magazine. It was the first virtual bank to be chartered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Capitol Land & Livestock in Schwertner shows photos of cattle to prospective buyers over the World Wide Web. The Web site, developed in-house, has increased sales 5 percent and more than paid for itself.

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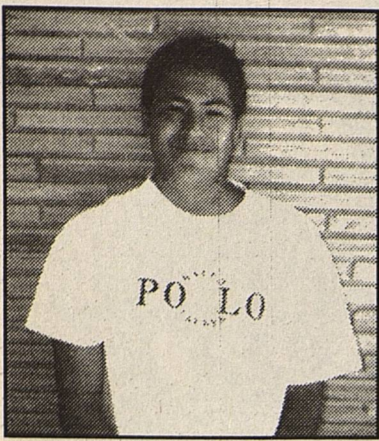
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PHS Student of the Week



This week's student is Servando Luna, a sophomore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Lunao. He was nominated by Mrs. Canada, who said, "Servando is conscientious and meticulous in doing his work in the classroom. He strives to do his best, and always does more than required".

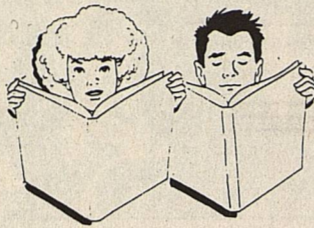
Go, Cowgirls, Cowboys, win a Bunch of Basketball Games This Year!

PISD Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

Elementary 'A' Honor Roll

First Grade
Stephanie Addison
Jaxon Bean
Jaaron Bell
Forrest Booth
Chloe Carpenter
Jose Corrales
Hannah Crump
Emily Davis
Lee Dearing
Samantha Delarosa
Cody Friesen
Kevin John Gass
Lupe Lara
Brittanie Lira
Hunter Welch
Joseph Williams
Second Grade
Claudia Andazola
Taylor Banfield
Jacob Brink
Natalie Butler
Brock Carter
Brandon Craft
Jason Durham
Emila Gallegos
Carmen Gomez
Justin Gonzales
Susana Harms
Brett Hawthorne
Natalie Haynes
Abigail Hernandez
Johnny Land
Ignacio Lozano
Hector Luna
Maria Martinez
Nathan McCravey
Savanah Mindieta
Jacob Neudorf
Sara Neudorf
Troy Parrish
Kenyon Powell
Victoria Valverde
Katelynn Young
Third Grade
Chris Addison
Brianna Conway
Wyatt Dearing

Landon Earnest
Reyna Gallegos
Christopher Garza
Derek Garza
Yesenia Loya
Jonathan Mindieta
Holden Welch
Kimber Williams
Fourth Grade
Maria Andazola
Chandra Carpenter
Douglas Conway
Ryan Crump
Lauren Davis
Amber Friesen
Trent Hawthorne
Lauren Hise
Zachary Ramos



Elementary 'A-1 B' Honor Roll

First Grade
Rochelle Moya
Chase Ortega
Roberto Reyna
Second Grade
Sydney Cueto
Jonathan Lira
Jasmine Mares
Third Grade
Zachary Guerra
A.J. Martinez
Mari Ruez
Skyler Sainz
Fourth Grade
Kurt Alldredge
'L' Shae Arnett
Flor Lara
John Tyson

Junior High 'A' Honor Roll

Fifth Grade
Scott Addison
Caitlin Carter
Landon Craft
Nicole Culwell
Jeremy Land
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Adriana Ponce
Sixth Grade
Michael Crump
Allison Friesen
Skylar Keesee
B.J. Lester
Adam McCravey
Blake O'Quinn
Abel Ramos
Seventh Grade
Evan Cain
Cody Flores
Breck Hamm
Brandon Hise
Kerry Sißon
Eighth Grade
Grady McNabb
Helen Neufeld
Nolan Newsom
Moriah Traweck

Junior High 'A-1B' Honor Roll

Fifth Grade
Erika Loewen
Margaret Martens
Dennis Penner
Sixth Grade
Reagan Haynes
Seventh Grade
Payton Bean
Marlie Diaz
Mayra Flores
Kelby Johnson
Kristian Morales
Eighth Grade
Stacie Alldredge
Carmen Ponce
Manuela Villegas
April Wilmeth

Middle School takes first place in U.I.L. One Act Play competition

The Plains Junior High One Act Play cast recently presented their production for district competition at Post. The play, The Bald Soprano, won first place in the competition. Individual awards were also won including, Best

Actor-Payton Bean; All-Star Cast-Breck Hamm; Honorable Mention All Star Cast awards went to Moriah Traweck, Ashley Vantine, and Evan Cain. The director of the play was Gary Davis, assisted by Paula Cullins.



Kneeling-Daniel Estrada. L-R - Cole Krebsbach, Aldo Fierro, Kelby Johnson, Evan Cain, Payton Bean, Breck Hamm, Kerry Sisson, Moriah Traweck, Helen Neufeld, Ashley Vantine, April Wilmeth, and Cendy Lopez.

Team 'sweeps' at practice meet

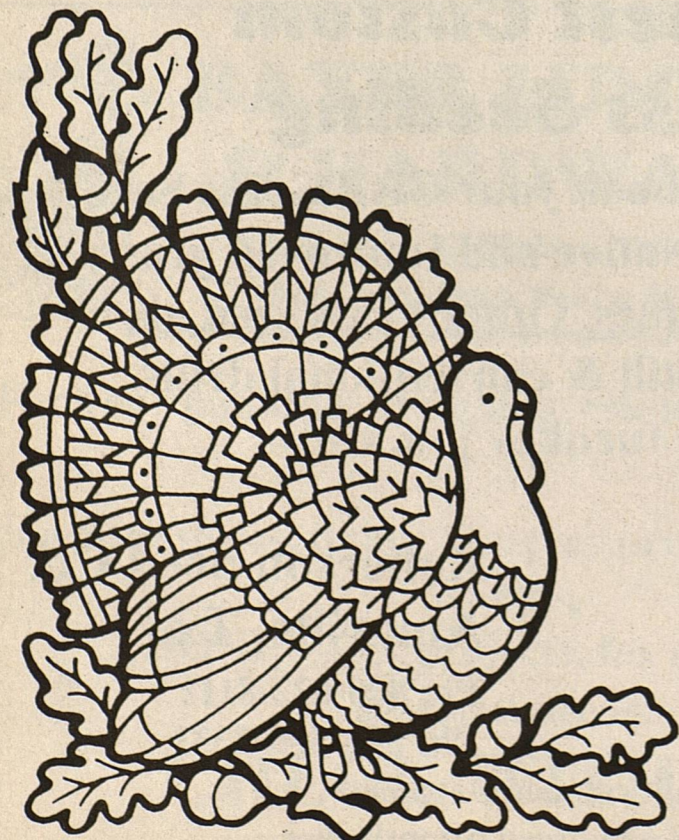
The Plains math and scienceteam traveled to a UIL practice meet at San Angelo Central November 13, and won the A - AAA division and Sweepstakes Tro-

phy. The number sense, calculator, math and science teams all finished first in the division. Kristen Gray had the highest score at the meet in Number Sense and Calculator, and the second highest score in Math. Individual performances included;
Freshmen- Liz Wilmeth, 5th NS, 2nd Cal, 7th math, 3rd sci.

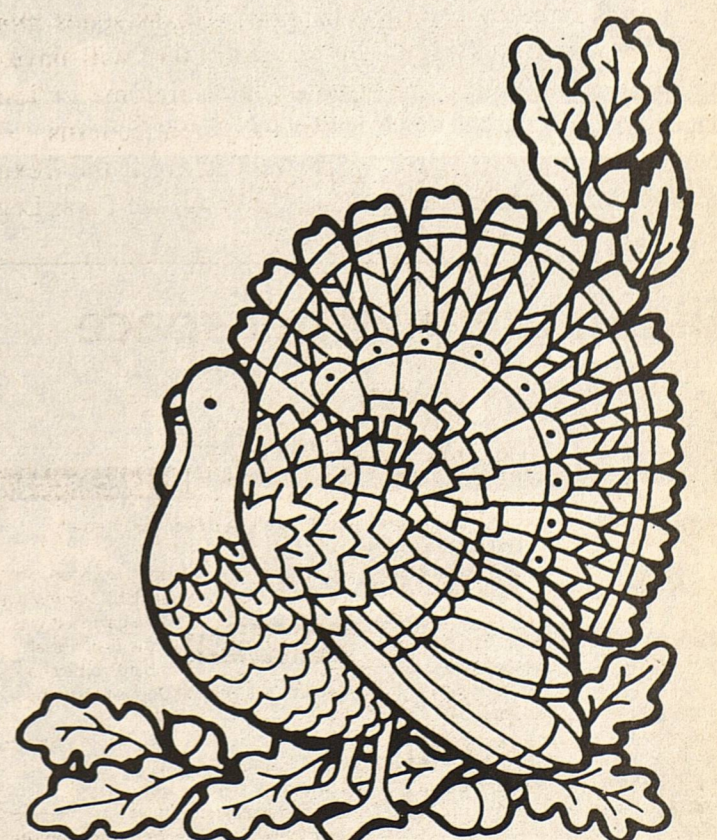
Jill Gray 1st NS, 1st Cal, 2nd Math, 1st sci.
Seniors- Velvet Canada 7th ns, 7th cal, 7th math, 12th sci.
Kristen Gray 1st ns, 1st cal, 1st math, 1st sci, 1st physics, 1st biology, 1st chem.



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Basketball action up next!

Tough Practice Sessions Underway

The sound of bouncing basketballs, squeaking gym shoes, panting athletes, and coaches yelling advice and encouragement could be heard in all PISD gyms last week, with the start of the 1999-2000 basketball season this week. Varsity, JV, Freshmen and Jr. High players were working hard honing their skills for the long season. Head Coaches this year are; Jan Newland, Varsity Cowgirls, Michelle Lusk, JV Girls, David Williams. Varsity Cowboys, Marc Johnson, JV Boys, Edwin Brink Frosh Boys, Linda Haragan 7th Girls, Ruth Diaz 8th Girls, Michael Davis 7th Boys, Blake McWhirter 8th Boys.

PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

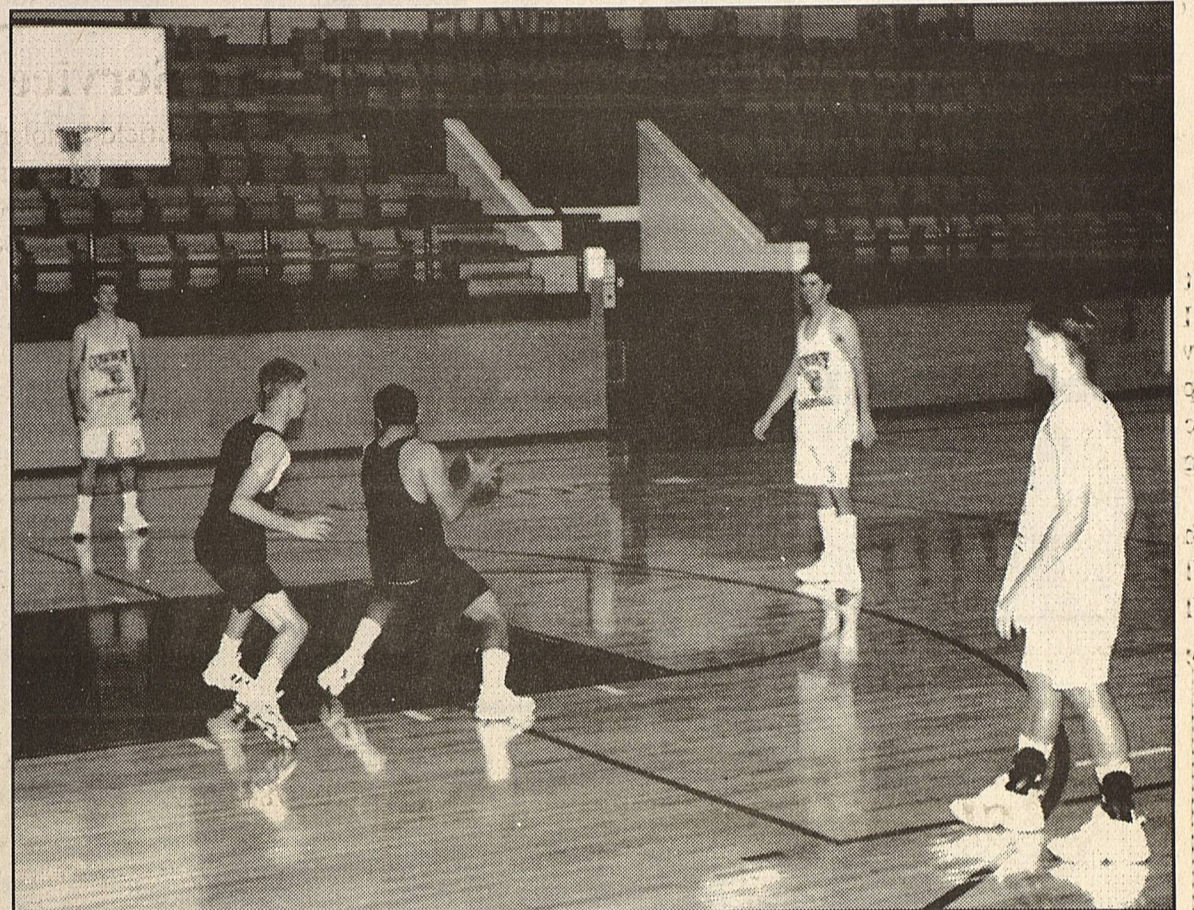
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE	TEAMS
Nov. 16	Denver City	5:00	There	JV/V
Nov. 19	Roosevelt	5:00	There	JV/V
Nov. 22	Abernathy	6:00	There	V
Nov. 23	Morton	5:00	Home	JV/V
Nov. 30	Brownfield	5:00	There	JV/V
Dec. 2-4	Yoakum Co. Shoot out	TBA	Home	JV/V
Dec. 7	Smyer	4:00	There	JV/V
Dec. 9-11	New Deal Tourn.	TBA	There	V
Dec. 9-11	Plains JV Tourn.	TBA	Home	JV
Dec. 13	Sundown	6:00	Home	V
Dec. 17	Smyer	5:00	Home	JV/V
Dec. 30-1	Sundown Tourn.	TBA	Sundown	V
Jan. 4	Open Date			
Jan. 7	Tahoka	5:00	Home	JV/V girls
Jan. 8	Haskell	1:00	TBA	JV/V boys
Jan. 11	Seagraves	5:00	There	JV/V girls
Jan. 14	Post	5:00	Home	JV/V
Jan. 18	Coahoma	5:00	Home	JV/V
Jan. 21	Stanton	5:00	There	JV/V
Jan. 22	District Tourn.	TBA	Seagraves	JV
Jan. 25	Tahoka	5:00	There	JV/V
Jan. 28	Seagraves	5:00	Home	JV/V
Feb. 1	Post	5:00	There	JV/V
Feb. 4	Coahoma	5:00	There	JV/V
Feb. 8	Stanton	5:00	Home	JV/V
Feb. 11	Tahoka	5:00	Home	JV/V boys
Feb. 15	Seagraves	5:00	There	JV/V boys



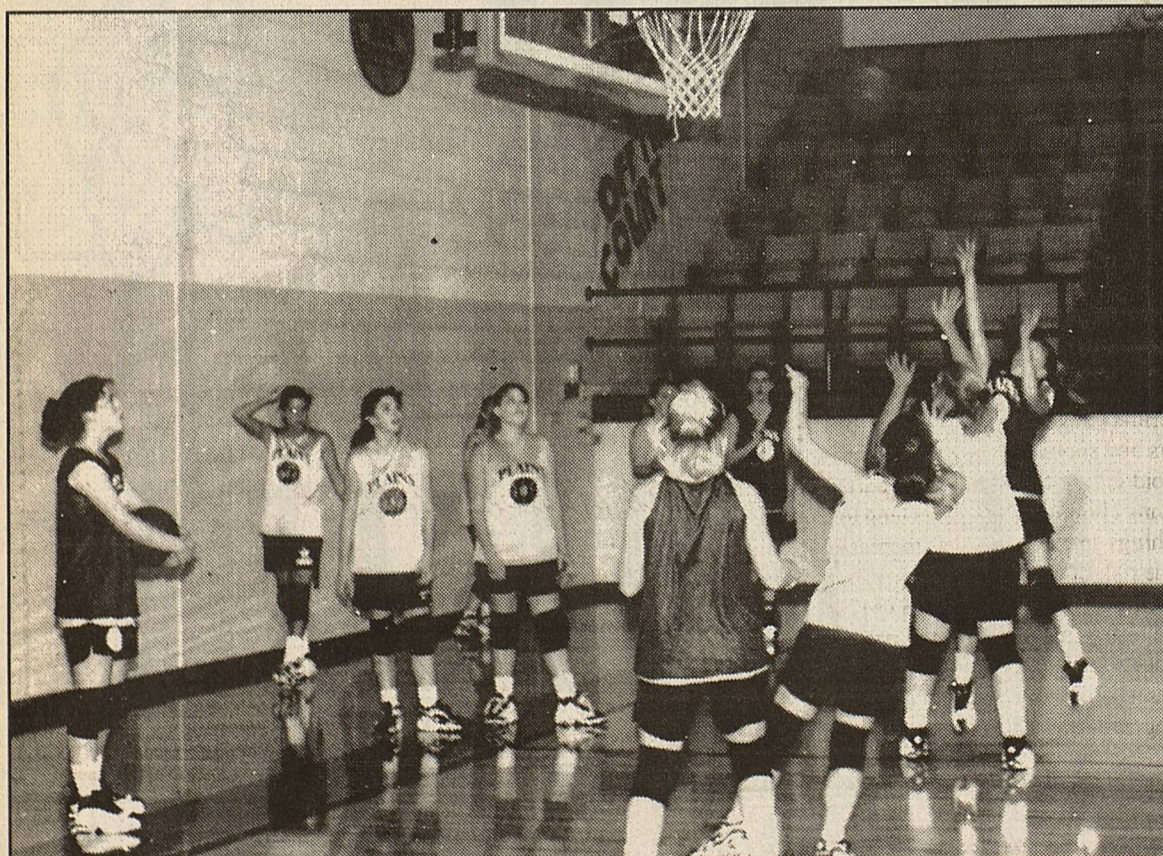
Playing defense, you must be ready to hit the floor



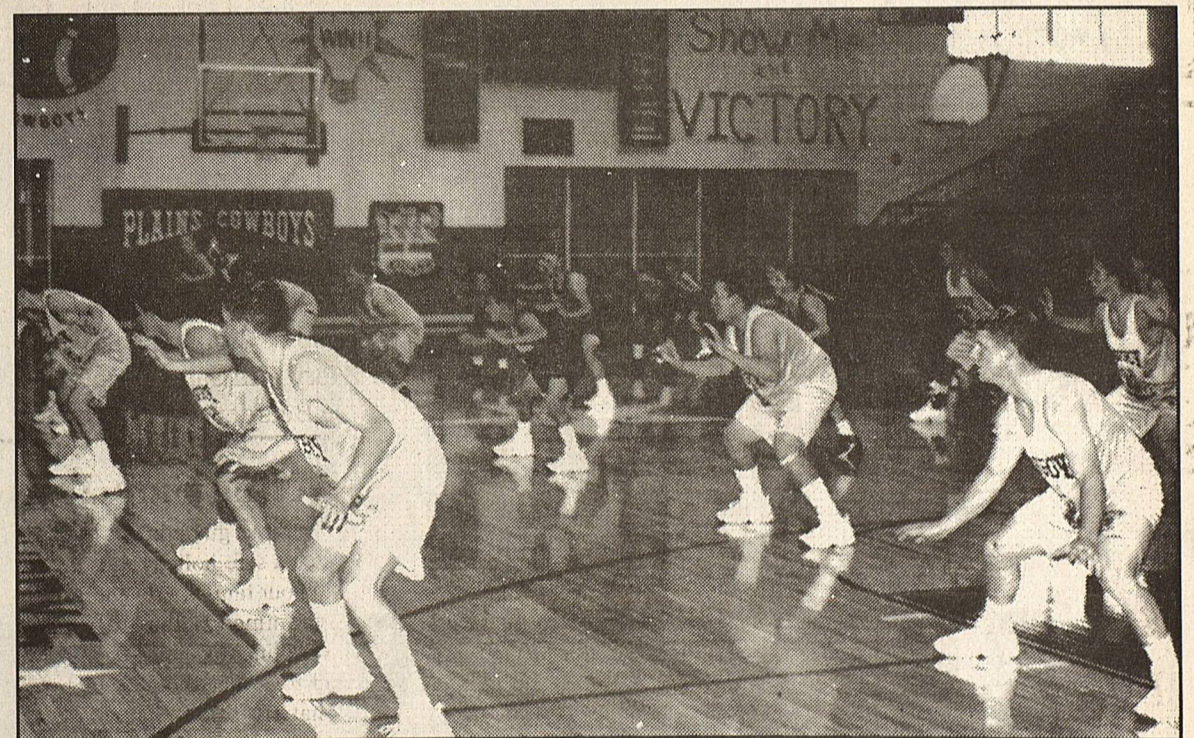
A battle royal between JV and Varsity girls during workouts



Technique drills - how you defend, how you penetrate



Threesomes ran the ball down court and back for offense and defense work



Coaches Williams and Johnson told varsity boys you can't play defense with poor techniques



JV and Varsity Cowgirls were running, gunning, and lots more running last week

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Senior Citizens Corner

First place and a free lunch ticket was won in the '42' Tournament by Ireta Davis and Chris Humphrey. Second place went to Fay Black and Billie O'Neal. We hope for more contestants next time.

Darlene Clevenger is in Lubbock Hospital for heart surgery. We all wish her a first rate recovery. Becky Cryer is home following a couple of weeks with her daughter, recovering from an injury.

The 'Bake Sale Auction' will be on November 22nd, starting promptly at 12 o'clock. Everyone will need to eat fast and get their money ready. We are hoping for lots of 'goodies' to auction off.

The Musicians are suppose to be at the 'Pot Luck' Supper. So come in for a nice evening of food and fun.

The warm days are really nice but walking the long hall is still popular. So come in and do your exercise, crafts, games, and enjoy a good meal and visit with friends.

See you next week,
Smitty

Library Filmtime

Thirteen youngsters attended the filmtime activities at the Library on Wednesday, November 10. Following the pledges to our two flags, the children enjoyed playing games and singing songs.

The two special November holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, were discussed. The books read were: Robbin

and the Raggedy Scarecrow, The Scarecrow Book and The Pumpkin Blanket.

Those attending were; Matthew and Aaron Ramos, Percy and Sol Sosa, Marina Corrales, Colby Bearden, Lucas Hernandez, Darian Gonzales, Irma Carrillo, Clayton Gass, Merrit Crump, Whitney and Johnathan Davis.

Emily Blair Makes Finals At NATS

The Texhoma Region of the National Association for Teachers of Singing, NATS, was held in Denton, Texas on the University of North Texas campus. Teachers of singing from all over the state's of Texas and Oklahoma brought students to the auditions.

Emily Blair, student of Ruby Moultrie, professor of voice at South Plains College, placed 3rd in the Youth Women's division. Emily is a junior at Plains High School and is the daughter of Royce and Cynthia Blair.

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Public Service Announcement

The Miss Brownfield Scholarship Pageant will be staged December 4, 1999 at the Brownfield Middle School Auditorium in Brownfield, Texas. The 2000 Miss Brownfield will receive a \$250.00 cash scholarship, \$250.00 cash wardrobe, and an official Miss America Local Crown. The winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Miss Texas in July, 2000 to represent Brownfield.

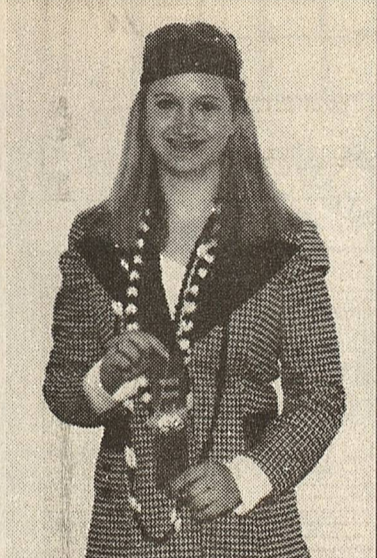
The Teen Miss Brownfield Scholarship Pageant will be held in conjunction with the Miss Brownfield Pageant. Teen Miss contestants must be 13 to 17 years old. The winner of Teen Miss Brownfield will have the opportunity to advance to the Teen Miss Texas competition in Fort Worth, July 2000.

The Little Miss Brownfield pageant is being held as a fund raiser to the Miss Brownfield pageant. Babies and youth from all over the South Plains are eligible to compete in modeling, talent, beauty, and photogenic.

You do not have to be from Brownfield to enter any of the above competitions. For more information call 806-637-8130 or 806-784-0029.

Regan McGinty is shown here with the Blue Ribbon she won as a senior contestant in the recent 4-H Club "Tricks for Making Tasty Treats" contest. She will advance to district 4-H competition in Levelland on November 20.

Other district qualifying club members include Kelly Tipton, Courtney Hix, Kaylyn Lawery, Kaitlyn Moore, Emily Johnson, Chance Kitchens, Mallory Milligan and Chelsey-Anne Bearden.



Selecting Safe Toys For The Holidays

A few simple guidelines can help guarantee a safe holiday season for you and your family. Prevent Blindness recommends the following when selecting toys.

- * Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. Slingshots and water guns are dangerous because they invite children to target other youngsters. BB guns should never be considered toys.
- * Inspect toys for sound construction.

Toys should be made of durable materials, have no sharp edges or points and should withstand impact. * Avoid giving toys with small parts to young children. Youngsters tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. * Look for the letters "ASTM". These letters indicate that the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

TSA MO GA Hosts Americanism Program

Four PHS students brought an Americanism theme program to the TSA MO GA meeting last Monday. Lesli Rowe opened the meeting by singing the National Anthem and "Texas Our Texas".

Joel Gallegos, a nominee attending the HOBY Conference last spring, described the conferences of area sophomores emphasizing different careers and leadership skills. He was particularly interested in information he gained in social work, a field he is interested in after graduation from PHS.

Krystle Blundell, spent eight days at the Girls State Conference in Seguin last summer. She described her experiences in American Government from city level to political parties.

Josh Bell, told club members of his similar experiences at-

tending the annual Boys State meet in Austin last summer. In addition to the sessions on how government functions, Josh told of an extensive tour of the State Capitol and meeting many state officials.

Sarah Jane Shelton and Helen Hunter presided at the refreshment table. Wilma Powell reminded members and the public Christmas gifts are needed for distribution to patients of the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. Gifts should be brought to the Library before Thanksgiving.

The club wishes to remind the Community the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in Pioneer Plaza December 1 at 5:30 p.m. Once again, canned food may be brought to the event. Monetary gifts for Community Christmas Baskets should be given to Toni Jones, Chair of the project.

OPEN HOUSE

Parents and friends,

We would like to invite you to be our guests for the Plains Elementary Open House on Thursday, November 18. We will begin at 6:00 PM. in the High School Auditorium. Our fourth grade students will be presenting their 1999-2000 musical featuring songs about the great state of Texas. Following the program and a few words from Mr. Hise, you are invited to meet us in the Elementary School to visit your child's classroom. We will be available until about 8:00

Please make plans to attend if at all possible. The children and teachers have been working very hard this year and much has been accomplished already. It is important to show support for your child. It is equally important for them to be able to "Show Off" their work to you. This is important not only once a year at open house, but throughout the year as well. Encourage your child and show interest in their work daily. Thank you for your time and we will look forward to your attendance.

Thank You,
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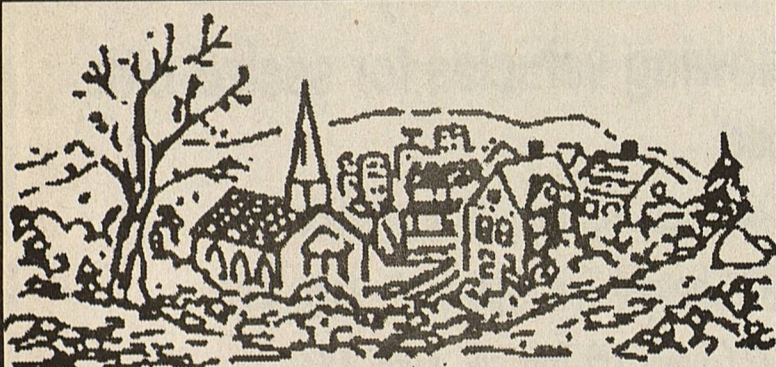
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Texas Baptists Affirm Traditional Belief Statement

Messengers to the 114th annual Baptist General Convention of Texas rejected a move to affirm the 1998 Southern Baptist Convention statement on wives submitting to their husbands.

Meeting in El Paso, November 8-9, about 2,300 messengers affirmed a traditional Baptist statement of faith, elected three new officers by acclamation, approved a \$51 million budget for 2000 and honored Bill Pinson for his service as BGCT executive director.

The convention approved a motion by Bob Newell, pastor of Memorial Drive Baptist Church in Houston, to "affirm, in its entirety, the Baptist Faith and Message statement, as adopted in 1963, as a unifying statement of our common faith and practice."

Messengers to the 1998 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Salt Lake City had adopted a "family" amendment to the 1963 statement calling on every Christian

wife "to submit graciously to the servant leadership of her husband." Then the 1999 SBC in Atlanta authorized President Paige Patterson to appoint a committee to look at rewriting the confessional statement. BGCT messengers rejected an amendment from the floor which would have affirmed the statement of faith as amended in 1998.

Texas Baptists elected Clyde Glazener, pastor of Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth and immediate past chairman of the BGCT Executive Board, as president. Rudy Camacho of Fort Worth, president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas, nominated Glazener, calling him "a man of vision." At a news conference following his election, Glazener said Texas Baptists need to "move on to the Promised Land" and focus on their own vision.

Messengers approved a total budget of \$51,151,184 for 2000, an increase of more than



This combine was busy cutting oil type sunflowers last week in a field farmed by Bruce Lester. Chuck Cook, owner of Cook's Harvesting of Hailand, Kansas, reported the harvested seed would be trucked to Plainview, and from there to an oil mill in Goodland Kansas. Cook expects to harvest some 2,500 to 3,000 acres of sunflowers and milo before returning home.

\$1.4 million (2.8%) over the previous year. Of the total operating budget, \$46,750,000 is to come from Cooperative Program giving, a two percent increase over the 1999 Cooperative Program budget.

Of the total, \$14.9 million is devoted to sharing the gospel, strengthening churches and starting new congregations; more than \$21.8 million is earmarked for supporting Christian higher education, equipping God's people for service and strengthening Christian families; about \$6.2 million is devoted to meeting human needs; and \$8 million is dedicated to missions and ministry support, including the Ministers Counseling Service.

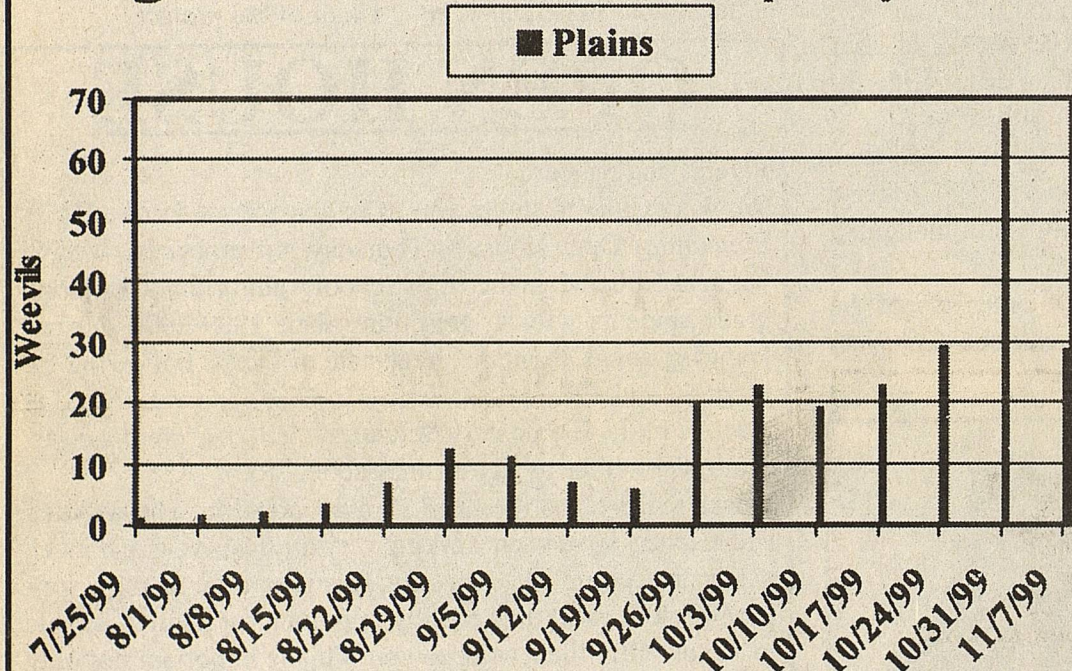


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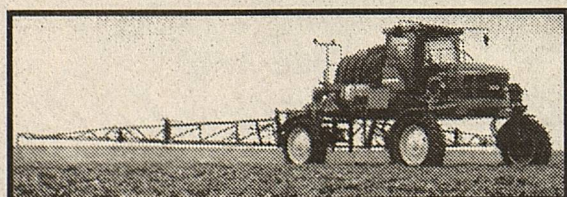
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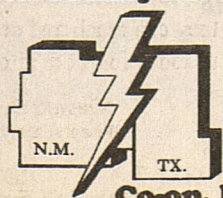
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Obituaries

Funeral For Elijah Hinkle

Elijah Hinkle, 10, died November 12, 1999 at Hendrick Medical Center in Blackwell, Texas. Elijah was born September 14, 1989 in Lubbock. He was a 4th grade student at Blackwell and a member of Scout Pack #149. Services were held Monday November 15, 1999 at Blackwell Baptist Church with Reverend Jackie Gestes officiating. Interment was in Blackwell Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home-Sweetwater. Survivors include his mother Lori Walker, sister Malinda Walker, stepfather Tim Thompson all of Blackwell, Texas; Stepbrothers Caleb and Dylan Thompson of Brownfield, Texas; Father Russell Hinkle of Eagle Pass, NM; Grandparents Lewis and Viola Walker of Blackwell, Texas and Pat and Don Hinkle of Plains, Texas. Family request memorials be made to Cub Scout Pack #149 or Boy Scout Troop #149 in Blackwell, Texas. Contact Bill Miller at 282-3059 or James Jones at 798-3137. Pallbearers were members of Boy Scout Troop #149 and Honorary Pallbearers were Cub Scout Troop #149.

Services Held For Zelda Camp

Graveside services for Zelda Camp, 59, of Houston, Texas were held November 11, 1999 with Mike McDonald, Brownfield Church of Christ officiating. Interment was Plains Memorial Cemetery, Plains, Texas under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Ms. Camp died November 6, 1999 at Houston, Texas. She married Jim Camp October 7, 1958 in Plains. They moved to Houston, Texas in 1965. She was a member of the 249 Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Jimmy Don Camp of Houston, Texas; A daughter Glenda Camp of Austin, Texas; Her mother Emogene Smith of Durant, Oklahoma; 4 brothers Harold Gene Smith of Davis, California, Larry Smith of Conroe, Texas, Jimmie Smith of Denver City, Texas, Calvin Smith of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and three grandchildren.

Final Rites For Charles Trout

Charles Wesley Trout, 75, of Big Lake died Monday morning November 8, 1999 in Hobbs.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 pm. in the First Baptist Church of Plains with the Reverend Bob Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Denver City officiating. Burial followed in the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mr. Trout was born on April 1, 1924 in Yoakum County. The mother of his children was Wana Perkins, who is presently married to his very special friend Frank King. He married Carmen on August 8, 1979. He was a farmer and a mechanic. He was a member of the Tokio Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen, of Big Lake; A son, Pharris Lyndal and wife Cynthia of Denver City; A daughter, Gaye and husband Rodney Hooker of San Angelo; A brother, Lowell Trout of Bonham; Four grandchildren; Robby and wife Victoria Hooker of San Angelo, Paul Hooker of San Angelo, Allison and husband Ben Wells of Amarillo, and Heather Trout of Denton; A great grandchild, Husdon Charles Hooker of San Angelo.

Donations were suggested to Vista Care Family Hospice of Hobbs.

Pallbearers included Robby Hooker, Paul Hooker, Ben Wells, Reggie Clifton, Ronnie Whisenhunt and Frank King. Honorary Pallbearers were Jess Snodgrass, Amos Shifflett, Harvey Romans, Bud Bryan, John Dale Curtis, Leon Huff and Rowe Stephens.

TFU Lauds Passage Of Mandatory Price Reporting

The Texas Farmers Union (TFU) today hailed Congress for taking the historic step of passing mandatory price reporting legislation for the first time.

The measure, which will require packers to report daily the prices they pay for cattle and hogs, was approved as part of the fiscal year 2000 agriculture appropriations bill. The bill was signed into law on October 22, by President Bill Clinton.

TFU for several years has been a leader in the effort to pass mandatory price reporting legislation and worked extensively with lawmakers to develop the measure.

"This is by no means a perfect bill, but it is a far cry from where we are now," said President Wes Sims. "This legislation represents a significant step toward livestock markets

that are more fair, open and competitive. We will continue to work to make improvements to the areas of the bill that are not strong enough."

"We applaud Senator Daschle for keeping this issue on the front burner for several years, as well as Senator Lugar and Senator Harkin and others for bringing all sides to the table to get this legislation passed," said Sims.

The bill would require large cattle and hog packers to report to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) the terms of livestock bought on formula, contracts and the spot market. Small packers would be exempt from the legislation. The bill also authorizes USDA to establish mandatory price reporting for lamb. The bill preempts state laws for price reporting only.

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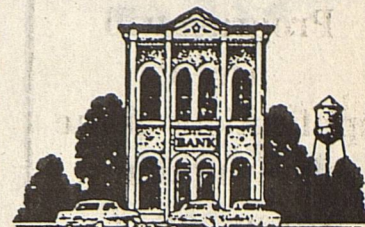
Saving For Retirement

It's never too early to start planning for retirement. People are living longer, staying more active and facing higher medical costs. Do not assume Social Security and corporate pensions alone will carry you through your golden years. Expenses are often more than you anticipate.

With early planning, you can gradually accumulate a fairly large sum of money. Various types of retirement accounts are available. Do your homework to find which one matches your current budget and will supply you with the kind of lifestyle you foresee. The most common are the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and employer-established accounts like 401(k) and Keogh.

Corporate employee packages are great opportunities that can build quickly because they are tax deferred and reduce your taxable income. Since these investments can be tax-friendly, many financial advisors recommend maxing out on programs like 401(k) after setting aside money for emergencies.

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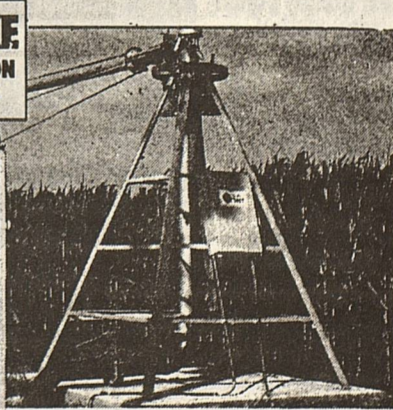
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My sense of timing is sadly lacking. No, my sense of timing sucks!

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I am not exactly a fan of raking falling leaves in the fall, from two pecan trees inside our fence, two large Mulberry's outside the fence, plus every elm tree within seven miles. I excitedly told the Bride, "They got the thing on sale for \$69.95, I'd pay that much if it only sucked up seven leaves a minute!"

We journeyed to Home Depot in Lubbock - you know, that cavernous space where people are lost for days looking for a potty plunger, where EMS continuously prowls the aisles looking for perished shoppers pushing a buggy load of floor tiles, looking for the checkout lanes.

Thirty nine minutes after we crossed their portals, I found the Vortex Monster. The Bride was a bit apprehensive when she read on the box, "Warning - This appliance has been known

to blow clothing off female statues, and suck up 100 pound pigs and small children. Only experienced, qualified personnel should operate this device".

We got the treasure home, and I managed to get all the parts in the shipping crate put together in only 1.7 hours. The manual said a left handed midget could manage it in 17 minutes, blindfolded.

I told Bride to get the 100 foot extension cord, I was getting ready to really clean out our back yard, sucking up all that fallen debris, blowing it through the three inch 'Slinky' looking hose into a trailing large garbage can. Even before I flipped the switch to "High Suck" I was already imagining myself as the next "Mulch King of the South Plains".

I beamed a smile at Bride and shouted, "Here we go", flipped the button to high, and immediately sucked a major portion of our old picket fence down the tube and onto my head.

Semi-conscious, I managed to hear Bride's strident voice; "Oh God No. He's ruined the sucking thing and the warranty won't cover chewing up a fence!"

If you think all this is a bad streak of fate, listen up; Friday evening, November 11, 6 P.M. CBS News reported back east there were many lawsuits being filed by urban folks against neighbors using the leave blowers-suckers, claiming the high pitched noises were driving them all crazy.

I am seriously thinking of disposing of my blower-sucker 200 MPH monster. If neighbors think it's too noisy in it's normal functions, imagine what they might do if they heard what happened when I accident-

tally sucked up and chopped up a stray possum rooting around in our dead petunias.

Going to church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to MacDonald's makes you a hamburger.

Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job. Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.

Lead your life so you won't be ashamed to sell the family par-

rot to the town gossip. Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep.

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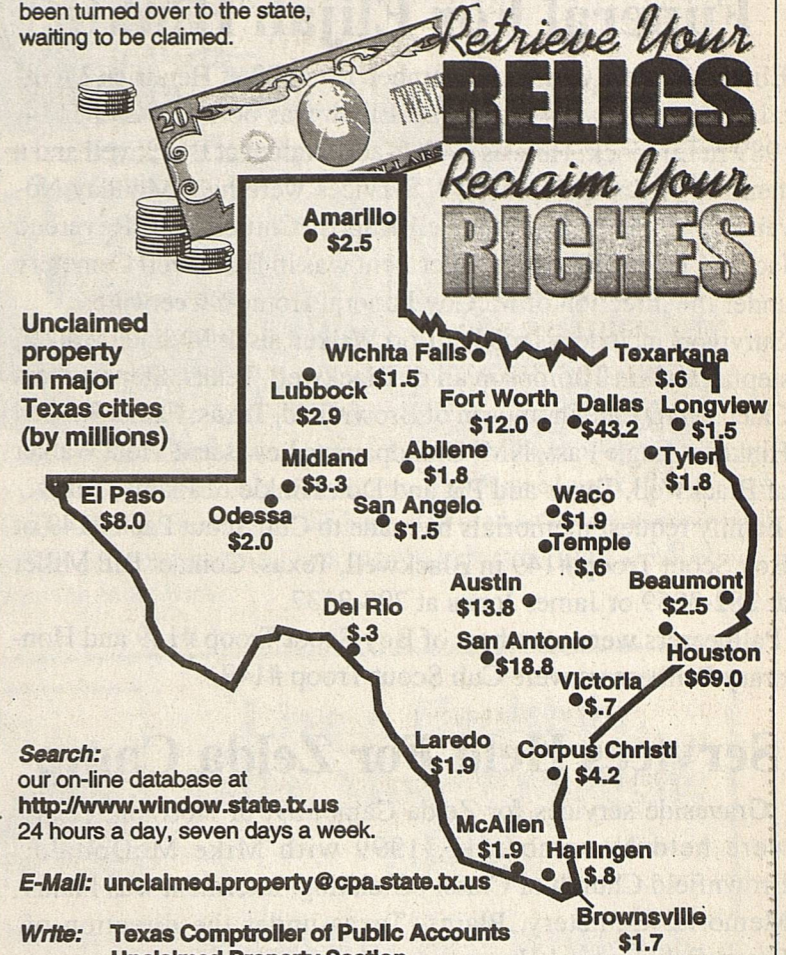
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