

Cowboy Country News

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Agency says county water tainted with chemical found in rocket fuel

An article in the October issue of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* reported the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) had notified communities in Yoakum and ten other surrounding counties their ground water is contaminated with traces of perchlorate, a chemical used in rocket fuel.

The chemical was first discovered in ground water supplying the City of Levelland in Hockley County. To date, there is no explanation of how the perchlorate found its way into area water sources.

The *A-J* article stated letters from their office were sent to Midland, Gaines, Ector, Dawson, Martin, Howard, Glasscock, Martin and Yoakum county city officials advising them of the test samples from 44 water sources confirming the presence of perchlorate.

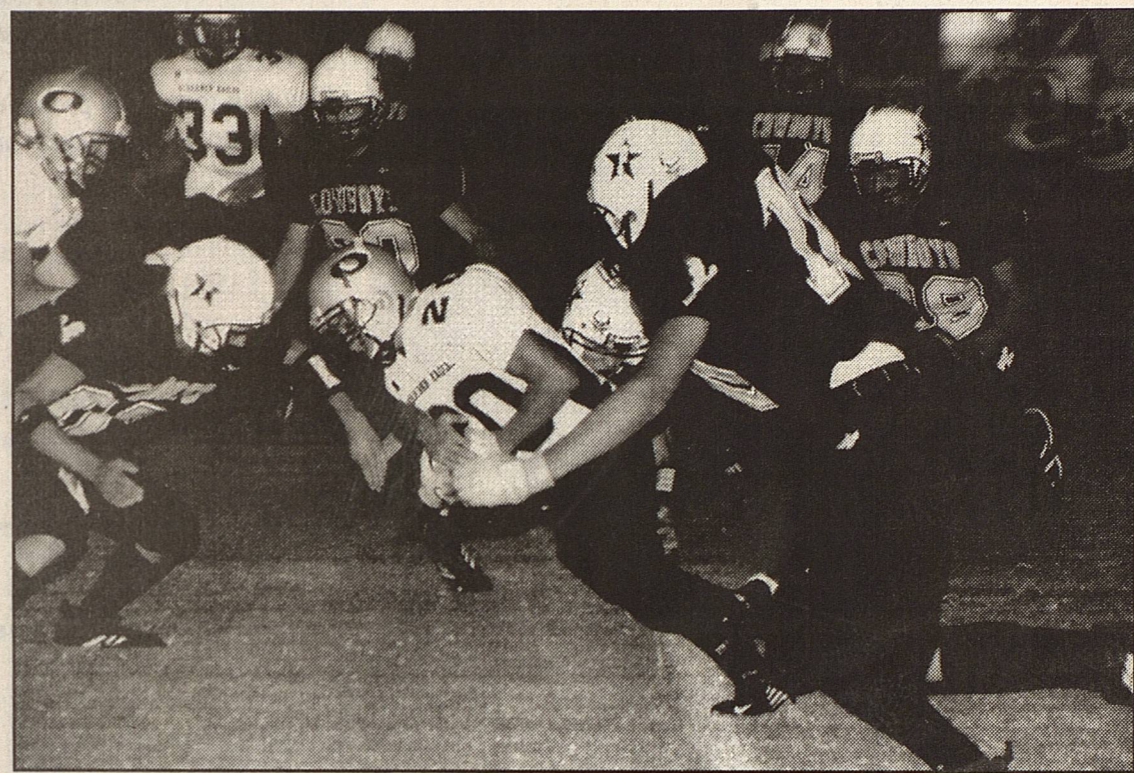
Plains City Administrator Ed

Hansen told CCN Thursday afternoon City Hall had not received the notice from TCEQ. "I called Denver City's City Manager Stan David today, and he told me his office had not received the notice either. We just don't know what the notice contains, but we are very interested in learning exactly what the situation is. If there are steps the city needs to take on this issue, we will certainly notify all the community."

The article in the *Lubbock paper* reported the state considers four parts per billion of the chemical to be important enough for more investigation. In April, the *Levelland News Press* reported a city water tower there had been found to contain 32 ppb of perchlorate. At this time, neither Denver City or Plains officials have information about the severity of the chemical's presence in local water.

Cowboys lose district opener 28 - 7

O'Donnell Eagles prove too much in 2nd, 3rd quarters



The Cowboy 'D' plucked and buried an Eagle runner on this play

Desperate for their first win in an already long and frustrating season. The Cowboys hopes were dashed when the Eagles put 28 points on the board in the second and third period of the game.

O'Donnell took the opening kickoff, and registered two first downs before Nick Hays and Mario Bonilla scored a quarterback sack, forcing an errant punt which lost a yard.

The Cowboys gained a first down on rushes by Hays and Richard Diaz, but their drive was stopped by a third down fumble, forcing Kevin Bartley to punt. The punter muffed the kick and Zach Broome recovered the ball on the Eagles one yard line. Three plays later Bartley punched across the goal for the touchdown, and Bonilla's kick gave the Cowboys a 7-0 lead.

The Eagles roared back in their possession, and reeled off five first downs, and their runner Read put them on the board

with a run over left guard. The PAT kick failed, to make it a 7-6 game.

With 1:37 left in the first half, the Eagles scored again, and a two point rush put them up 14-7. The Cowboy offense went to work at their 34. Bartley hit Broome for 8 yards, Hays went up the middle for a first down, Bartley gained 6 yards, completed a pass to Evan Cain for a gain, then ran the ball to the 18 when the half ended.

The Cowboys took the second half kickoff, and runs by Todd Williams, Hays and Diaz

racked up two first downs, but the drive stalled at O'Donnell's 35. In 11 plays, the Eagles gained big yardage on the ground and in the air, and scored their third touchdown with some two minutes left in the period.

Following the kickoff, the Cowboys promptly lost the ball on a fumble, and three plays later the Eagles pushed their lead to 28-7, the final score.

In the final quarter, the Cowboy offense came alive, gaining good yardage on runs by Bartley and Williams, a 35

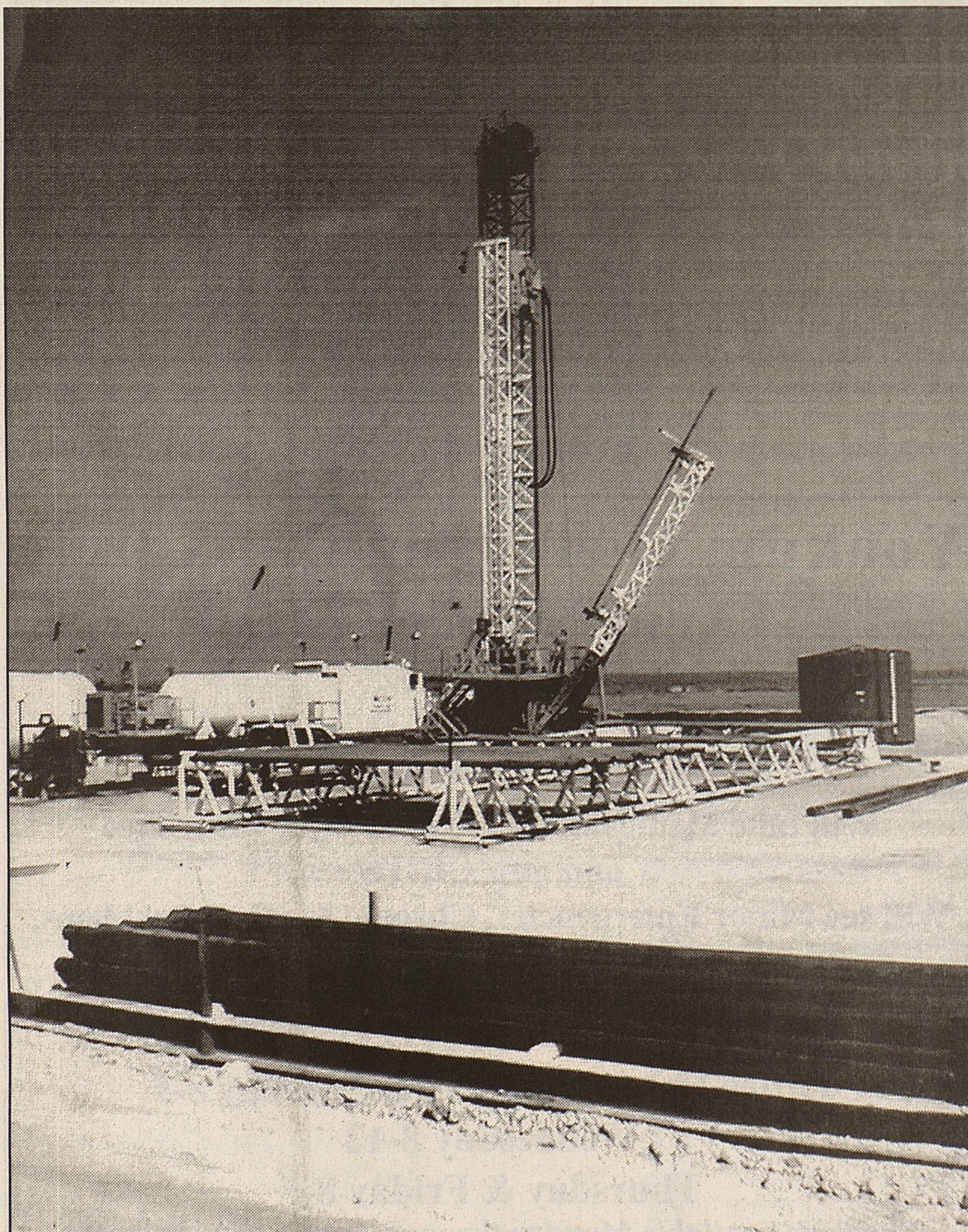
yard pass reception by Diaz, and another catch by Justin Chambliss moving the ball to the 20. Bartley almost broke free to the goal with a 13 yard gain, but the drive was stopped on three pass incompletions.

Computer stats gave the Eagles 341 yards total offense to the Cowboys 184. The Cowboys suffered 5 fumbles, 2 of them going to the Eagles.

Bartley had 56 rushing yards, followed by Diaz 40, Hays and Williams 11 each. Zach

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A different type drilling rig



Capstar Rig #8 was busy making hole north of town this week. The novel type of rig has been in use a number of years in the Permian Basin area, but to our knowledge, not in local production fields. The rig handles only one stand of drill pipe, and has no conventional derrick hand. A hydraulic powered mechanical arm cradles a joint of pipe, lifts it into position where it is mechanically spun into the drill string.

FSA, Texas A&M offer web tool for making 'Base and Yield Decisions'

Plains, Oct. 7, 2002- Farm Service Agency (FSA) has launched the "Base and Yield Update Option Analyzer (BYA)", an interactive web based tool for landowners and operators to use in evaluating and calculating base and yield options for direct and counter-cyclical payments. The web based calculator can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farmbill/tools.asp

"The 2002 Farm Bill affords producers the opportunity to update bases and yields allowing them to take advantage of yield improvements due to improved technology resulting in government payments more in line with actual production." said Gary Six, County Executive Director in Yoakum County. According to Six, base and yield data currently on file at USDA service centers has been frozen since 1985.

The new tool is based on software developed by Texas
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Deadline set for Director nominations in regional boll weevil vote

Austin- Cotton producers in the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the five-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until Monday, November 4 to officially place their names into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 2002 get set to decide in a December 2 referendum whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Western High Plains Zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the December 2 ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical sheet. In addition, the nomination must be supported by at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Nomination forms are avail-

able at county cooperative extension service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at 512-463-7593.

Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at PO Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711 or fax the form to 512-463-1104. The nomination must be received in Austin by November 4.

Don Parrish of Yoakum County currently represents the Western High Plains Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

Growers in the Western High Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in December 1998 and a maximum assessment of \$12 per irrigated acre and \$6 per dryland acre to fund it. With producers voting to continue the program, the current assessment rate will not be affected.

The Western High Plains Zone covers more than 816,000 acres in the following counties; Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum and portions of Lynn and Terry

Services held for Juanita T. Martinez

Rosary services were held for Juanita T. Martinez, 69, October 11 at Plains Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and burial services were held at the church Saturday, October 12, with Father Renaldo Reyes officiating. Interment followed at Plains Cemetery under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Martinez died October 9, 2002 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. She was born April 1, 1933 in Georgetown, Texas. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mrs. Martinez was preceded in death by her husband, Jose Martinez Sr. in 1987; two

brothers, Felipe Torres and Margarito Torres; a sister, Dominga Torres, and her father, Alcario Torres.

She is survived by two sons, Ramon Martinez of Seagraves and Jose Martinez of Plains; four daughters, Juanita Panda, Maria Toscano, Helen Sainz and Josie Guerra, all of Plains; four brothers, Albert Torres of Michigan, Mike and Paul Torres of Vernon, and Larry Torres of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Lucy Sixtos and Angie Harris, of Wichita Falls, and Gracie Mendoza of Cameron; 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Services Held For Edna Chambliss

Edna Chambliss, 93, a resident of Carillon House of Lubbock and formerly a long time resident of Plains, passed away on October 7, 2002. She was born on April 7, 1909 in Anderson County. She married Robert H. Chambliss on January 6, 1934 in Brownfield. He died January 18, 1982. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Plains First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gracie Mae Hale, on April 23, 1967 and a great-grandson, Juten Green, on October 8, 1998.

She is survived by a son, James Robert of Hobbs, New Mexico; a daughter, Bettie Green of Turkey, Texas; nine grandchildren, Beth Ann Cain of Plains, Karen Bearden of Plains, Robbie Phipps of Welch, Kendra Stephens, of Snyder, Jerry Green of Wichita Falls, James Green of Wichita Falls, Kaylene Morrison



of Lubbock, Paul Chambliss of New York City, Gail Chambliss of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 9th in the Plains Cemetery. Great-grandson, Tracy Bearden, of Mineral Wells officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Brownfield Funeral home. (Revised obituary)

I think all this talk about age is foolish. Everytime I'm a year older, everyone else is too..... Gloria Swanson.

JP Court Summary

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

Cases filed:
150 traffic cases
3 failure to identify
2 open containers of alcohol in motor vehicle
1 driving under influence of alcohol
1 public intoxication
1 complaint filed by Yoakum County Sanitarian
Bonds Set:
DWI, first offense- held for Border Patrol
Driving with suspended license- \$500 bond.
DWI, second- held for Border Patrol- no bond.
Bond forfeiture/false report to police officer- \$500 cash bond.
Bail jumping, failure to appear- \$1000 bond.
2 motion to revoke probation/possession of marijuana- held until hearing.
DWI, first- \$1000 bond.
Possession of cocaine, under 1 gram- \$3500 bond.
DWI, second- \$1500 bond, interlock device ordered.
Failure to appear/motion for enforcement- \$40,000 cash bond.

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who showed acts of kindness to Alonzo Bearden through the past few years - taking food, visits, giving him rides, your thoughts and prayers during his illness. ALL the expressions of kindness you showed him! I appreciate it VERY MUCH! Debra Lowe



Congress has no greater responsibility than to provide for our nation's defense. And no decision we make requires more careful consideration than the authorization of the use of armed forces, which may send American sons and daughters into harms way.

After experiencing the aftermath of the tragic 1993 battle in Mogadishu, Somalia that claimed the lives of 18 American service men, I have expressed grave reservations about sending our troops where no clear US security interest is at stake. In the cases of our deployment to Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo, I consistently called on the President to come to Congress to make the case to the American people.

After the tragic events of September 11th, Congress authorized President Bush to use force to destroy the terrorists responsible for the horrific attack.

Now, President Bush has asked Congress for authorization to use military force to deal with the threat Saddam Hussein poses with weapons of mass destruction. We must once again answer the question: What is the US security interest? Why Saddam? Why now?

I doubt there is anyone in America who doesn't feel as I do; If we could have prevented September 11, we certainly would have. We didn't have warning and we paid a heavy price. I believe the experience has led our President to think differently about protecting our homeland.

I believe he doesn't want to wait until an enemy is finished building his deadly arsenal and is ready to attack from a position of strength. It is one thing to turn three commercial airliners into weapons of mass destruction. It is another to have a nuclear missile ready to deploy or arm unmanned aerial vehicles with anthrax ready to ship anywhere in the world.

Each generation of Americans has been called to defend our freedom. Each time our forefathers and mothers have answered the call. Our generations time of national trial has

come. We are being called to stop a new kind of enemy, one spread throughout the world, even within our borders.

This enemy purposefully kills itself to harm others. It is patient, building its resources, striking when and where we are least prepared, using a different method each time. This enemy requires a new kind of defense. Deterrence alone is not enough.

America has learned hard and valuable lessons in the past few years. The first attack on the World Trade Center occurred in 1993, a bombing killing six Americans and injured more than a thousand. What did we do?

In 1996, Hezbollah extremists bombed the US military barracks at Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, killing American service members and injuring 500 others. What did we do?

In 1998, al-Queda terrorist bombed US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing and injuring hundreds. What did we do?

In 2000, al-Queda terrorists again attacked Americans,

bombing the USS Cole, killing 17 American service men, injuring scores more. And, in 2002, the devastating attacks of September 11th, 2001.

Our nation finally was awakened and put the pattern together, to see the threat to the very freedom we cherish. We are now fighting terrorism, and we must follow through.

The President has asked for authority to meet this threat. Congress gave him the wide latitude to root out terrorism. Along with our allies, we are doing that job in Afghanistan.

So why Iraq? Why now? Because we have learned the lessons of complacency; of not being prepared. The President is saying, do we wait for the attack, or do we take steps to prevent it? Our post-September 11th defense strategy demands we prevent it.

If all diplomatic efforts fail and if U.N. weapons inspectors are not allowed unfettered access to suspected sites, our President wants to be able to take away Saddam's means to destroy us. It is our responsibility to give the President the authorization he needs.

The question of whether the security of the US is threatened has been answered and the answer is yes. The consequences of inaction are unconscionable, and we must act now, before we once again realize it is too late.

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Landowners interested in receiving direct and counter cyclical payment may begin to sign-up for the 2002 and 2003 crop years October 1, 2002 and have until April 1, 2003 to make base and yield elections for the new farm program. If no election is made by the April 1, 2003 deadline, the farm's bases will default to the 2002 base, plus oilseeds if applicable. This is especially important for those farms that did not participate in the 1996 farm program and whose records currently show no base acres. "Although the decision to change existing base and yield data is ultimately that of the landowner, and FSA or its employees cannot make those decisions for a producer, we will be more than willing to assist producers. We also encourage producers to work with and seek assistance from their local County Extension Agent," said Six.

For more information on the base and yield calculator or related information, please contact your local FSA office at 456-2132

ware developed by Texas A&M University's Agriculture Food and Policy Center (AFPC) in cooperation with USDA and FSA. The analysis program helps producers evaluate the economic consequences of selecting different base and yield options on a case by case basis for each of their respective operations. When using the analyzer program, producers will need to provide information including planted acres, yields and types of crops grown. The software will prompts producers to enter projected crop prices and various base and yield options used to estimate six years of payments for each crop.

"Making changes to base and yield data is not a pencil and paper decision. Without the web based tool, producers would be confronted with an impossible task," said Six. Six emphasized, "The agency fully supports educated consumers making informed decisions about their operations and encourages producers to use any and all calculation tools available to them, but return to the FSA version when making final decisions."

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NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 AM Friday, October 25, 2002 for the sale of (1) Used 1986 C-10 Pickup, (1) Used 1990 C-1500 and (1) Used 1985 C-10 from Precinct 4. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, October 28, 2002. To inspect the vehicle, Please contact Jack Cobb, Commissioner Pct. #4, PO Box 207, Plains, TX 79355 or call 806-456-6525.

For specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, TX 79355 (806-456-2422) or Commissioner Jack Cobb, Pct. 4, PO Box 207, Plains, TX 79355 (806-456-6525)

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Larry Combest Comments

The U.S. Senate has stalled on its consideration of many important pieces of legislation. In the beginning of the year, it was believed that Congress' work would be near completion by this week. On October 1, we entered a new fiscal year. As of today, the Senate has not even passed a budget bill which they are required to do by law. Many other important policies are also languishing on the Senate calendar.

The Senate is structured to move more slowly than the House, but complete inaction is unacceptable. The list of waiting policies waiting to see the light of day in the Senate chamber is long. The Homeland Security Act, which establishes the Department of Homeland Security, was passed by the House on July 26 and has languished after five weeks of debate. Other measures worthy of Senate action include the Pension Security Act, which helps protect employees benefits from financial misdeeds similar to those pulled by Enron executives; The prescription drug benefit which will greatly reduce costs

to Medicare patients; The Human Cloning Prohibition Act; and the Personal Responsibility, Work and Family Promotion Act of 2002, re-authorizing the highly successful welfare reforms Congress passed in 1996; The Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act, increasing punishment for criminals who prey on children.

West Texans already know this Senate is slow to take up important issues. The Senate decided last year to wait to consider passage of a new Farm Bill. Only this year when the House Agriculture Committee was responding to that need by drafting a sound farm policy, did the Senate begin to consider the issue. The Senate's slow response to the crisis in agriculture greatly complicated our efforts and nearly cost us the ability to have a new Farm Bill in place for this crop year.

There has been considerable finger pointing to pin the blame for the Senate's inaction, but the fact remains these policies need to be considered and moved through the Senate so the President can sign them into

law. The end of this session of Congress is nearing. Congress may be forced to have a lame-duck session this year, which means Congress will reconvene after Election Day. This Congress faced the challenge of having its agenda reshaped by the tragic attacks on our country more than a year ago. Congress responded to that challenge well. Many new laws need to be drafted to help prevent future terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. But the bipartisanship and urgency demonstrated after September 11th has disappeared for those other important Legislative initiatives. To date, the Senate has neglected many of these policies by failing to bring them to the Senate floor for vote.

The business of this country must not be forced to wait for political blame games to be resolved. Some leaders in the Senate have said tight Senate races are the source of the Senate's stagnant pace. If that be the case, it can be said politics won out over serious policy matters in the Senate late this session. Members of Congress are charged with much more

important tasks than merely getting re-elected. I believe Members of Congress' most important task is the welfare of our constituents and the country. The stall tactics being employed in the Senate on addressing these important policies, for whatever reason, are leaving the business of this country unfinished. The Senate needs to do its job.

Notice!
We Will Not
Publish The
November 20
Issue Of
CCN.
We Are
Taking A
Week Off.
We publish
Again
November 27

Bouncing Baby Boy



Michael Valdez and Melissa Martinez announce the birth of their son, Mykal Justice Valdez. He was born September 10, 2002 at UMC in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Mykal was welcomed by grand parents Johnny and Esther Martinez of Plains, and Irene Valdez and Pete Escamilla of Lubbock, and Joe and Angie Valdez of Slaton.

His great grand parents are Mary Alvarado, Plains, and Raymond and Brune Martinez of O'Donnell

Special Library Filmtime

Storytime was held at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, October 9. A special program was presented by Fire Chief Charles Diamond and Fireman Darrell Dusek who brought a fire truck to demonstrate the equipment and explain their duties. This week is National Fire Prevention Week. The Plains Fire Department gave each child a fire hat and a bag containing a color book and fire prevention information.



Pictured left to right: front row, Darrell Dusek, Jentry Wall, Riley Lusk, Kaitlynn Wilson, Darbie Fenton, Charles Diamond. Second row: Amanda Dusek, Hannah Lowrey, Hagen Lowrey, Jaycee Jowers, William Wilkins, Sage Lovelace, Madison Davis, Braedon Davis. Not Pictured: Peyton McWhirter, Kendall Dusek, and Trenity Wall.



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Broome caught two balls, Diaz, Chambliss and Hays one each. Bartley had two punts averaging 40 yards, and Bonillas kickoffs averaged 53 yards. Isaac Ramon, Bonilla and Broome each recovered fumbles. Leading tacklers included Bartley and McNabb 8, Bonilla 6, Armando Ramirez 5, Hays, Nolan Newsom and Ryan Martinez 4 each. Chambliss and McNabb each had a tackle for lost yardage, and Hays and Bonilla shared a quarterback sack.



Unidentified Cowboy runner is buried under Eagles



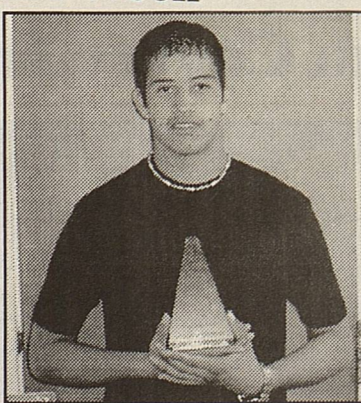
Mario Bonilla kicks extra point after touchdown



Evan Cain, #10, confronts Eagle runner

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Mario Bonilla, a Senior and the son of Francis Bonilla and Jose Silos. He was nominated by Mrs. Jones, who said, "I truly admire any person who has a great sense of humor and the ability to make another human smile just by carrying out everyday actions. Mario is a hard working, delightful individual who lives life to its fullest with a positive, upbeat attitude."



PISD Sports Capsule

Volleyball:

Junior High - The 7th Lady Wranglers had good outings against both Tatum and Shallowater. They downed Tatum 15-11, 15-4 with strong service from Katie Winn and Joanie Bell. They next defeated Shallowater 15-4, 15-9. Lauren Hise and Lauren Davis provided strong serving, and Maria Andazola, Marett Trent and Marisa Melendez had strong games in both wins. The 8th Lady Wranglers defeated Shallowater in two games, 15-0, 15-10. The girls found Tatum too tough and were defeated 9-15, 10-15. The girls are learning skills which will help them in high school next year and are working hard each match.

JV Cowgirls- The younger Cowgirls had a time tough time with Lamesa, a 3A school, and were downed 2-15, 1-15. Coach Thaggard urges all Cowgirl fans to come to the upcoming district games and support both the JV and Varsity teams.

Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls were downed by Colorado in three games, 8-15, 15-9, 9-15. On October 12, they faced Lamesa and were defeated 5-15, 0-15. Coach Lusk said they showed great teamwork and hustle, and urges the student body to continue to support them in district play, and keep a POSITIVE side at all times!

Football:

The Junior High Wrangler team traveled to Odonnell last week, and were downed 32-16. Cody Mayes scored the first 8 points for the Wranglers, on a dash around end, and then ran for the two point conversion. The Wranglers second score came on a pass from Landon Craft to J.L. Vasquez, and Mayes added another two points on his run. Coach Brink said, "Defensively, Antonio Martinez, Scott Addison and J.L. Vasquez kept the heat on the Eagles all night. I was especially proud of the hustle of our kids. They made several good things happen." The Wranglers meet Whiteface in district play this Thursday.

JV Cowboys- The young Cowboys led O'Donnell 7-6 going into the 4th period. Their score came on a 35 yard pass completion from Blake O'Quinn to Patrick Cotton. The Eagles executed two onside kicks to recover the ball which led them to end the game 20-7. Arnold Cordova rushed for 103 yards. Coach Davis said they "Played extremely hard, and did a great job on defense early on. They never gave up, and we are extremely proud of their effort."

PISD 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll

Middle School:

All A Roll - 5th Grade- Hannah Cotton, Brandon Craft, Emilia Gallegos, Brett Hawthorne, Natalie Haynes, Nathan McCravy
All A, 1 B Roll- Jacob Brink, Brock Carter, Justin Gonzales, Abigail Hernandez, Tro Parrish, Kenyon Powell, Shyann Vantine.
6th Grade- All A's- Chris Addison, Reyna Gallegos, Yesenia Loya, Maria Ruiz, Holden Welch. All A, 1 B- Landon Earnest
7th Grade, All A's- Kurt Alldredge, Douglas Conway, Ryan Crump, Amber Friesen, Zachary Ramos. All A's, 1 B- Lauren Davis, Trent Hawthorne, Lauren Hise, John Tyson.

8th Grade, All A's- Scott Addison, Caitlin Carter, Landon Craft, Angelica Mendoza, Araceli Mendoza. All A's, 1 B- Joe Luis Gallegos, Erika Loewen, Afriana Ponce, Colby Wilmeth.

High School:

All A's - 9th Grade- Allison Friesen, Skylar Keesee, B. J. Lester, Ramiro Martinez, Abel Ramos

All A's and 1 B - Michail Crump, Reagan Haynes, Adam McCravy, Blake O'Quinn

All A's - 10th Grade - Evan Cain, Mayra Flores, Breck Hamm, Brandon Hise, Kerry Sisson

All A's and 1 B - Payton Bean, Cody Flores, Kristian Morales

All A's - 11th Grade - Stace Alldredge, Grady McNabb, Helena Newfeld, Nolan Newsom, Carmen Ponce, Manuela Villegas, April Wilmeth

All A's and 1 B - Cendy Lopez, Kayla Walker

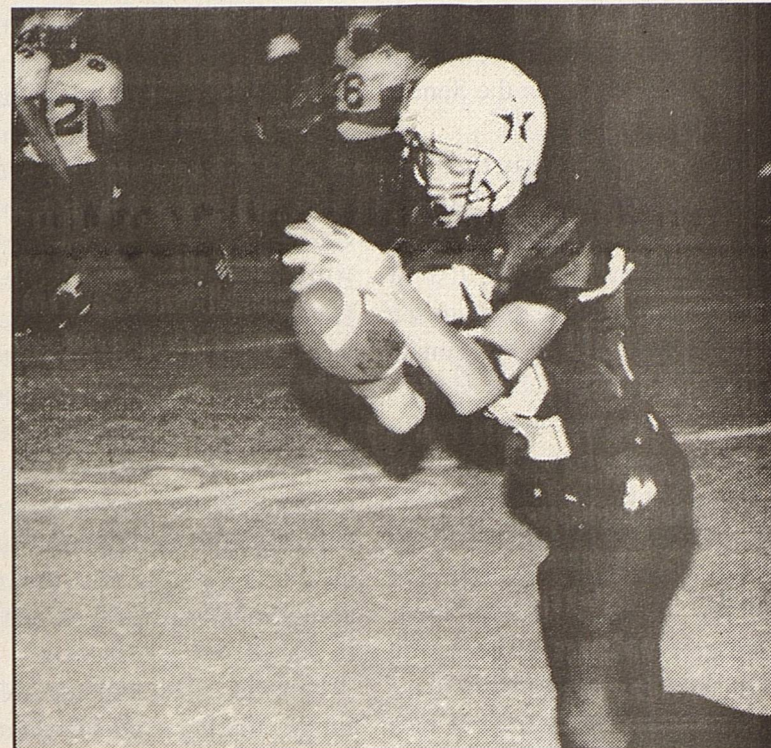
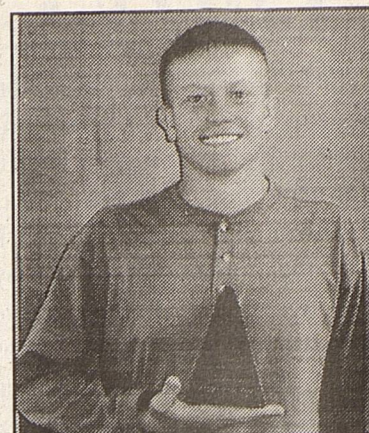
All A's 12th Grade - Kevin Bartley, Jordan Bean, Mario Bonilla, Kelly Bowers, Jill Grey, Keri Hansen, Nick Hays, Tiffany Mullins, Liz Wilmeth

All A's and 1 B - Chelsea Blount, Elda Fierro, Sandra Gallegos, Jessica Knight, Kayla Willis

Student of the Week

Second Student of the Week is Nolan Newsom, a Junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Newsom. He was nominated by Mr. Friesen, who said, "Nolan is a unique student. He approaches tasks from a different angle than most students. He is not afraid of trying to attain solutions by using a back door. He tries to perform his best in everything he does. He excels in academics and football. I look forward to working with him in UIL contests."

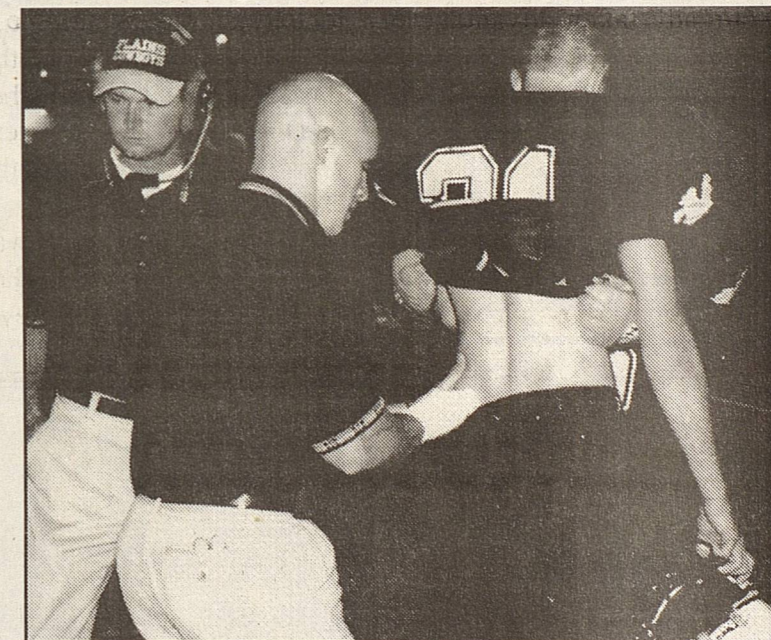
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Zach Broome missed this ball



#33 Todd Williams goes down. Note 290 lb. size of #78



Trainer checks back injury of Justin Chambliss

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"Raising responsible Teens" parenting seminar

Yoakum County - "Raising a teen to become a responsible yet independent young adult is a lot like walking a tightrope," says an expert in adolescent development.

"Growing up places conflicting demands on both parents and teens," says Stephen Small, Assistant Professor of Child and Family Development Specialist at the University of Wisconsin Extension - Cooperative Extension. "Teens need - and desperately want - the freedom to make their own choices. At the same time, however, they still need limits that will let them test those choices relatively safely. Too little freedom, and a teen won't become responsible and independent. Too much, and they may become overwhelmed, making choices that are too dangerous and unhealthy."

Small is one of the experts featured in "Raising Responsible Teens," a six week educational series offering information about adolescent health and development and how to improve communication between parents and teens. The program begins on Wednesday, November 6 and concluded Wednesday, December 11. The series will be held at The Learning Center located at 500 North Avenue C in Denver City from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Senior Citizens Corner

FLU SHOTS: There will be flu shots given at the Center on Friday, October 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you have not already taken advantage of this, please mark your calendar and come on down.

Attendance at Pool Night was down this week because several of our couples had other commitments. We did have some visitors, however, and everyone had a nice evening.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 30. To obtain more information or to register for the program, contact Debbie Pollard at the Yoakum County Extension office, 806-456-2263.

"Any time of transition is bound to be stressful," says Small, "but parents can reduce the stress on themselves and their teens by remembering a few basic principles."

"It's natural for teens to challenge authority," he says. "It's how they discover who they are and what they believe in. So it doesn't really work to tell a teen 'because I'm the parent', when you are asked to justify a decision. You have to develop other strategies; teens need and deserve reasons for the decisions you make."

"They certainly won't always agree," Small points out, "but they are more likely to understand the logic behind rules and regulations and are more apt to abide by the decision, and by showing them the respect you would show to another adult you teach them an important lesson about how to relate to others."

"And that's another principle. The Golden Rule applies just as well to being a parent as to anything else," according to Small. "Most adults wouldn't dream of openly criticizing the hairstyle or clothing of another adult, but routinely do so with

teens. To an adolescent struggling to form a secure identity, being treated with respect by his or her parents sends an important message - even when the parent disagrees with the teen.

And disagreements will happen. That's inevitable when parents set limits. When it does occur, Small suggests the simple advice parents have heard over and over.

"Listen and observe," he says. "If you're tuned in to your kid's abilities, you'll know whether a certain restriction is appropriate or not. Just as it's important for young people to develop confidence in their own judgement, parents shouldn't lose confidence in their judgments about what their particular teenager can handle."

One of the goals of the educational series will be to help parents understand what's normal for each stage of adolescent development. With that general understanding plus a keen awareness of their own child's uniqueness, parents may be more secure in their ability to handle conflict with their teens.

"Being a parent of a teenager can be stressful," concludes Small. "But knowing what to expect from a 'typical' teenager can make walking that tightrope a lot easier."

emerged as winners in the '42 Tournament on Tuesday and each one won a free meal ticket. All meals served at the Center to seniors are available on a basis of a \$2.00 donation, however free meal tickets are given as prizes in different settings such as the Domino Tournament, the Pool Tournament and at Bingo time.

A note from Mola Moorhead this week indicated that she is getting settled in Oklahoma, is feeling well, and has received good reports from her doctors. She mentioned a loaf of home

made sourdough bread she had shared with us a few years ago and said Johnny Akin had given her the starter for that bread back in 1990. It would be interesting to know how many have been blessed with such a gift from her across the years. We miss her here in our Senior Center family.

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Velma Dearing, Sidney Murphey, Debbie Pollard, Jerri Lollar, and Cecilia Knight at the District 2 Party which was held Wednesday evening at the Good Morning Ranch on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon.

Sidney Murphey of State Line Club, Velma Dearing, Cecilia Knight, and Jerri Lollar of Turner Club, and FCS Agent Debbie Pollard traveled to Amarillo September 10-12 for the Texas Extension Education Association State Meeting. Keynote speakers for the conference included Emily Nolety of the American Red Cross, Wynon Mayes, and Lorie Vincent. A special memorial service was held on the morning of September 11th. It concluded with two World War II veterans folding the flag while the meaning of each fold was given. Workshops attended included "What's Up

Dock?", "Are You In For A Shock!", "The Mouse Goes Surfin'", "Buttons, Buttons, Who's Got the Buttons", No Sew Fleece Afghans, Redwork, Christmas Tree Angels, Scissors Angels, Button Magnets, Friendship Cards, and Worry Dolls. Information gained at these workshops will be used in programs throughout the next year. Anyone interested in attending meetings of either State Line or Turner Club should contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office at 456-2263 for information on club dates and meeting places.

Kelton Mason wins honors in Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest

The American Meat Science Association (AMSA) announced winners from the Eastern National Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest,

held Oct. 5, 2002, at Taylor Excell in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania.

Top Individuals: 1. Ryan Ford, University of Wyoming; 2. Matt Lyles, Texas Tech University; 3. Doug Hanks, University of Illinois; 4. Kelton Mason, Texas A&M University; 5. Carissa Hand, Texas Tech University; 6. Marcia Dalton, Oklahoma State University; 7. Susan Belleville, The

Ohio State University; 8. Charlie Brandon, Oklahoma State University; 9. Lori Quinn, Texas Tech University; 10. Justin Kieffer, The Ohio State University.

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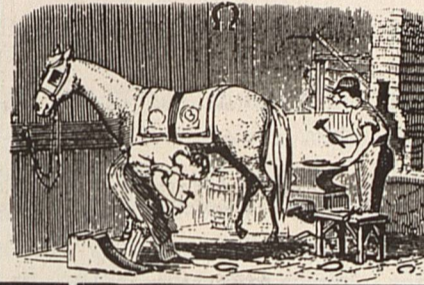
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This calendar is a fundraiser for the Historical Commission in anticipation of and preparation for the Centennial Celebration in 2007. If you are not in this calendar, you may start hunting family photos for the 2004 calendar. Connie Webb, 592-7774, is still accepting anecdotal and humorous stories about Yoakum County residents to use in the Historical Drama to be presented for the 2007 Centennial



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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto y PARA adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional asi como fueron sometida por la 77th Legislatura Regular Sesion, de la Estado de Texas.)

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202	Community Building	West 15th Street	Denver City, TX
303	Yoakum County Library	901 Avenue E	Plains, TX
305	Yoakum County Library	205 E. 4th Street	Denver City, TX
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue G	Plains, TX
406	Tax Office (Branch)	122 W. 4th Street (West 4th @ Ave. B)	Denver City, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: **County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains, TX** (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) & **Yoakum County Tax Office, Denver City, TX**

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From The Hack

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Speaking of Deacons, one in our class claimed honors for staying up most of Saturday night, scattering flour and eggs over his kitchen, baking some sort of cake or breakfast goody to offer the class. I had no idea the class had so many non-breakfast eaters. The cake, whatever, disappeared faster than my bank balance, and the two Deacons and teacher appeared the most ravenous.

Our esteemed Mentor entertained all of us with a discourse on how he had learned to create the pesky gnats (actually Mediterranean fruit flies, but he cannot pronounce Mediterranean) which annually plague us in the fall.

"What you do," he suggested, "is figure out something the gnats really like, like pudding, fudge, maybe marmalade, but my favorite bait is wine. Sacramental wine, of course, of the non-alcoholic variety. You put the bait in your stove's oven, pre-heated to a gnat appealing temperature. When the nasty things start streaming in, you kinda take a head count, and when they get close to 100, maybe 300, you slam the door shut and put the oven on full after-burner. About 30 seconds later, you call your wife to vacuum all the dead gnats up."

He then confessed, "The other night I was on my third batch of roasted gnats, and went back to the TV. About thirty minutes later, I started smellin something pretty putrid, and was wondering if we might have a dog which had thrown up behind my chair. Then I heard Bonnie scream, OK, Edward, your cremated gnats are ready!"

When the lesson finally began, we studied in Genesis, the only book in the Holy Book I have no problem finding. It covered God's Covenant with Abram - God didn't like the way Abram spelled his name, and promptly changed it to Abraham, which was fortunate centuries later when Abraham met Douglas in that debate.

Our mentor, always seeking input, asked, "What do you think God had in mind when he told Abraham he would sire a child, when he was already 100 years old, and his wife Sarah,

whose original name was Sarai, but God had changed to Sarah, because it was much easier to spell and pronounce, was 90?" There was profound silence a moment, then both men and women began tittering - One guy honestly responded, "Man, I ain't even 65 yet, and I threw in the towel years ago!" His wifemate responded, "Not a year too soon, either!"

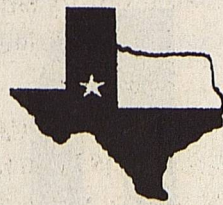
It's an interesting class, actually, and I think everyone appreciates the teacher's study and preparation. I just wish, however, when he uses the chalk board thing, he would learn to spell Ezekiel - it's still not Isequal.

I am beginning to feel some extreme sorrow for our Cowboys. NO, NO, not the Dallas variety, the PLAINS variety.

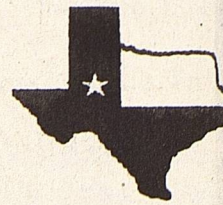
They continue to get un-mercifully pounded. I have watched them in early two-a-days, pre-season workouts, and in the games to date. I know for a fact they continue to be a hard working, hustling, dedicated bunch of young guys. I have not seen them lay down to a winning opponent this year, and that is something awfully easy to do when you lose six straight games. This year's crop of Cowboys were simply not blessed with an over-abundance of size and speed, completely outmanned in every matchup this season.

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