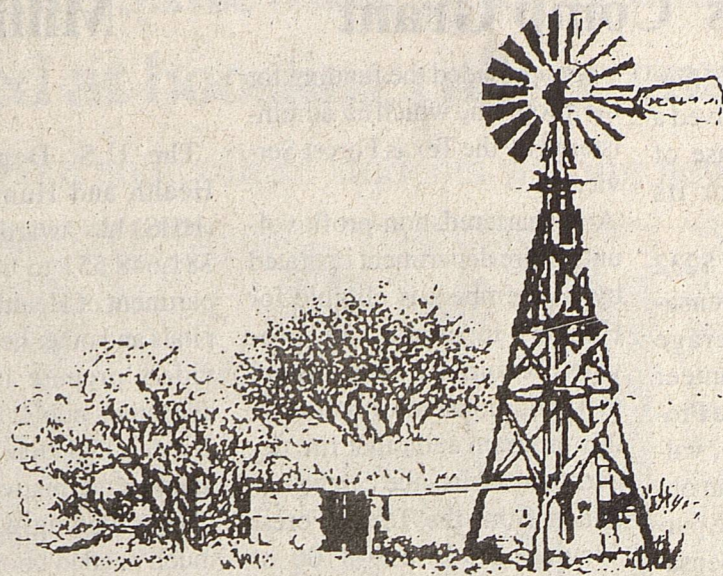


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Only 4 of 22 amendment proposals fail to pass in Constitutional vote here

Texas' Constitutional Amendment Elections historically result in low voter turnout figures, yet election officials here were both mildly surprised and pleased with a larger number of voters than originally anticipated. A total of 442 county residents cast ballots in the long ballyhooed election.

The following is a tabulation of early votes cast, and votes on Saturday, the election day for the amendments: Amendments not passing in Yoakum County designated with *

- Proposition 1 - funding veterans housing; Yes 331, No 88.
- Proposition 2- Mineral interests redemption; YES 225, No 189
- Proposition 3- Exempting religious groups; Yes 244, No 138
- Proposition 4- Districts provide parks- Yes 175, No 219 *
- Proposition 5- Exempting certain trailers- Yes 229, No 188
- Proposition 6- Permit reverse mortgages - Yes 280, No 132
- Proposition 7- Allow six person jury- Yes 323, No 101
- Proposition 8- Take office without election- Yes 299, No 120
- Proposition 9- Permanent School Fund- Yes 211, No 194
- Proposition 10 - Volunteer fire departments- Yes 380, No 29
- Proposition 11- Selling Texas wine- Yes 281, No 126
- Proposition 12- Suits against doctors, providers- Yes 317, No 124
- Proposition 13- Tax freeze certain homes- For 368, No 51
- Proposition 14- Transportation agcy's funding- Yes 229, No 172
- Proposition 15- Retirement system benefits- Yes 285, No 127
- Proposition 16- Home equity loans, credits- Yes 253, No 151
- Proposition 17- Tax freeze, homes of disabled- Yes 355, No 65
- Proposition 18 - Assume office without election- Yes 299, No 121
- Proposition 19- Eliminate rural fire dists.- Yes 180, No 125 *
- Proposition 20- Defense related communities- Yes 155, No 210*
- Proposition 21- Compensation for govt. service- Yes 171, No 234*
- Proposition 22- Elected official/military duty- Yes 339, No 76

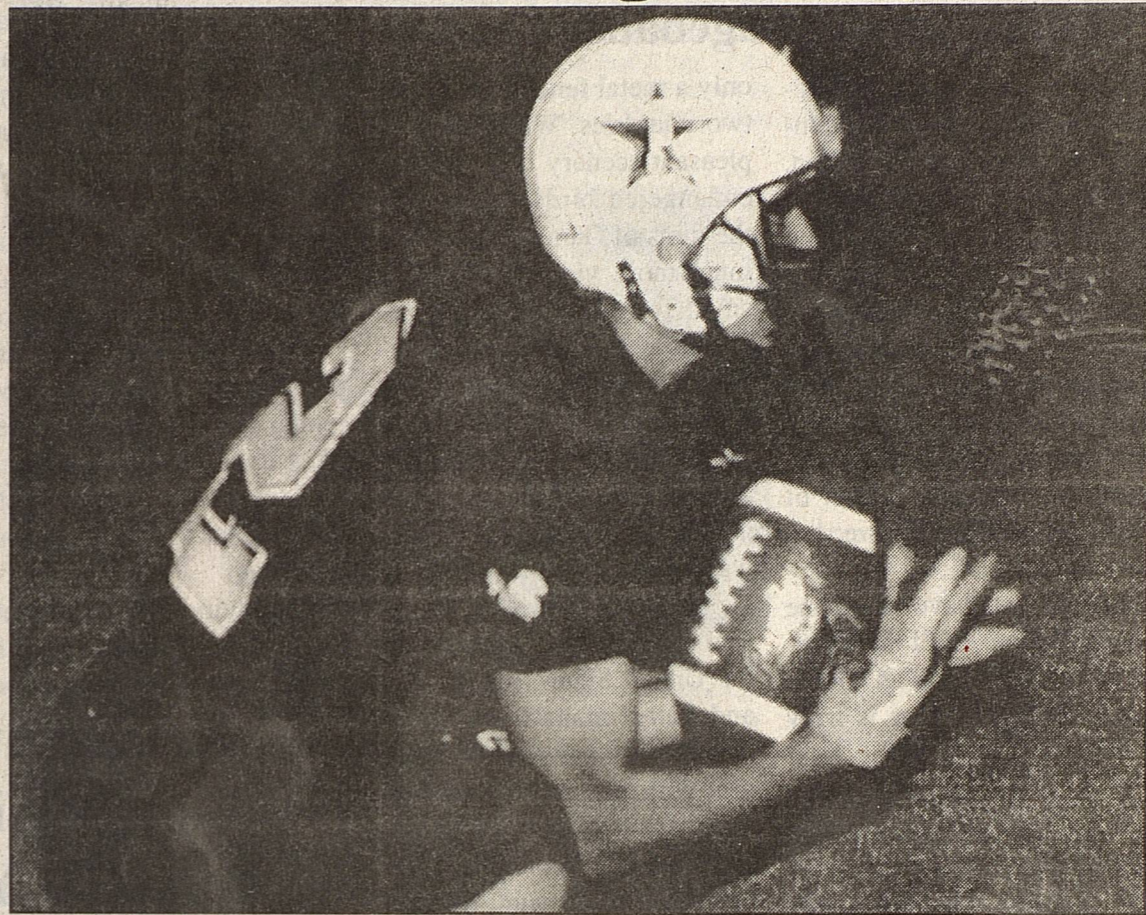
Criminal cases heard in District Court

Two criminal cases were heard in 121st Judicial District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Juan Garcia Jr. pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior cocaine possession cause. Defendant was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, with credit for 182 days served.

Albert Lopez pled guilty to sexual assault. The court deferred adjudication of guilt and placed the defendant on community supervision for five years. He must pay \$1000 fine, \$303 court costs and \$250 court appointed attorney fees. He must also serve 240 hours community service. Warren New was his attorney, and Sheriff Deputy Curtis Coffman was investigating officer.

Sudan Hornets sting Cowboys 35-14



A bit of razzle dazzle - Evan Cain handed the ball to Ricky Diaz, who then tossed the ball to Zach Broome, shown here almost kneeling in the end zone for the six point completion.

Old foe Sudan's Hornets swarmed into town last Friday to deliver the third consecutive defeat to the Cowboys. Relying on a strong ground game, the Hornets racked up 296 to-

tal offense yards, exactly half the Cowboys 148 total yards. The Cowboys did open the game with an impressive effort in the first period. Todd Williams returned the kickoff 11 yards to the 40, and displaying some of their most effective blocking of the season, the Cowboy line opened holes for

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Lions have good fund raising day



Plains Lions Club members worked two hour shifts at last weeks annual broom and mop sale, their major fund raising project. Over \$3600 of Caravan Sales For The Blind merchandise was sold, along with 210 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts brought to the sale from Amarillo. Club President Vicki Blundell expressed appreciation from the club for the community support of the projects.

No action on heating and cooling update plans

Representatives of Lubbock's Digital Air Control presented members of Commissioners Court with a multi-page proposal to make extensive changes and improvements to the outdated heating and cooling system at the county courthouse. Representative Randy Carman said to make the entire system efficient and economical to operate, extensive replacement of old equipment would be necessary, as well as new computer control systems and computers, and extensive new wiring. The proposal from Digital Air estimated the project at \$64,500, plus another

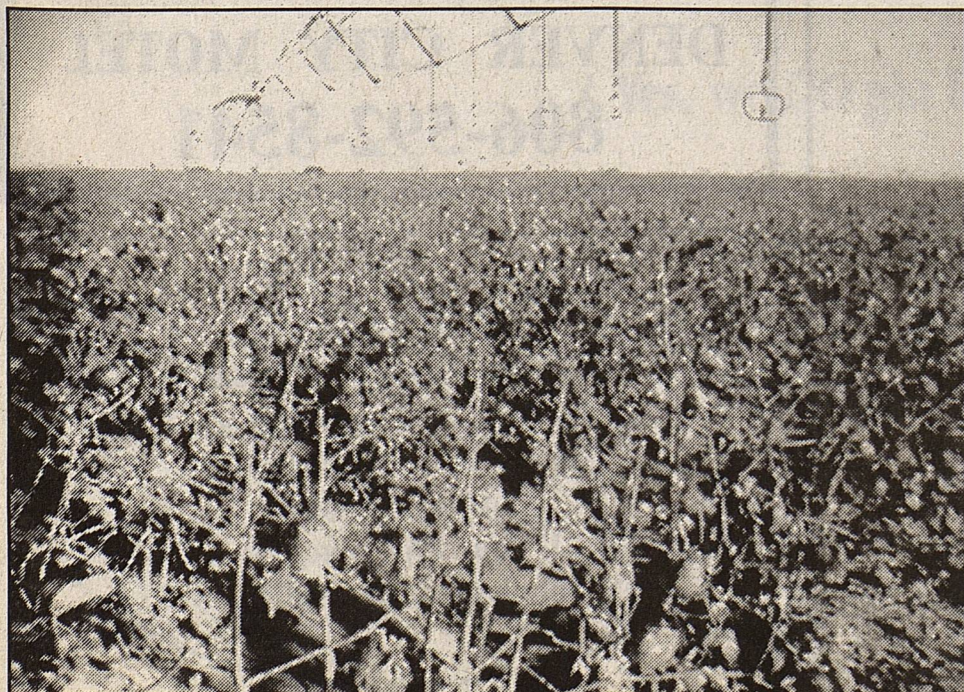
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Board welcomes back Anna Gonzales, sets tax rate



Keith Earnest, on behalf of the Plains ISD Board of Trustees, welcomed Anna Gonzales back on the board in their meeting September 15. Mrs. Gonzales, Chief probation Officer for Yoakum County, was first elected to the position in 1994. She was re-elected in 1997, then was defeated in the 2000 election by Ramon Diaz. In the Monday meeting, the Board formally set the school tax rate at \$1.50 per hundred valuation. \$1.312 will be used in maintenance and operations of the district, while .179 will be set aside for interest and the sinking fund.

Heavy hail damage in Tokio area



Tuesday night, September 9, a storm passed through the area, resulting in some rain, and unfortunately, severe hail damage to county crops in a small area around Tokio. County Extension Agent Arlan Gentry and Jack Cobb flew over the area later last week, and estimated some 3,000 to 3,500 acres of cotton were damaged during the storm. Marc Traweek, manager of the Tokio CoOp Gin, agreed with the estimate.



Fire Department Gains Workers' Comp Grant

City of Plains Volunteer Fire Department recently received a grant toward the purchase of insurance coverage for its members.

The department received \$232 toward Workers' Compensation insurance coverage through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Program, a funding program, volunteer fire departments can obtain reimbursement for the purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance, Death insurance and disability insurance for their members. A two percent tax on the retail sale of fire-

works provided the funding for the program, which is administered by the Texas Forest Service.

Any chartered, non-profit volunteer fire department operated by its members is eligible for HB3667 insurance aid, provided certain requirements are met. Additional information on this program and other fire department assistance can be obtained from the Texas Forest Service at 936-639-8100 or 979-458-6505, or via the Internet at <http://www.amu.edu/tice/>

Congressman Neugebauer Speaks

This past week marks the second anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our nation. During this time of reflection and remembrance, I think about the events of this past year and I am grateful for what I have and for how much life has changed for me and Dana. Had you told me a year ago I would be a member of Congress representing the 19th district of Texas I would have never believed you.

Some of you have heard me say this before, but I like to refer to the West Texas as "God's country." West Texas is truly where you'll find the best people in the world. Events such as September 11th make some folks want to return to West Texas. Sometimes you need to go home and reenergize and reprioritize. In my case, the events of September 11th make me want to work even harder for the people I represent.

During the last week of Congressional recess I traveled with a handful of Members of Congress to Israel. This was the trip of a lifetime for me and Dana. From Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall, to the Dead Sea we had an opportunity to see and touch many of the places where civilization began, and more importantly to us, the places where Jesus walked.

I met with Israeli leaders including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Minister of Finance Benjamin Netanyahu and individuals from the Israeli Defense Forces. Did you know many of our nation's security forces train in Israel? It's true, Israel has been dealing with terrorism for so many years, Americans are now taking advantage of its expertise in various facets of terror prevention and first response to better protect the American people.

One day our group visited the Golan Heights, the Israeli border with Syria, where literally,

only a metal fence divides the two countries. While there is pleasant scenery here such as endangered birds flying over the ruins of Gamla, this area is much more widely known as a small fortress, constantly patrolled by Israeli aircraft keeping a watchful eye over a sometimes hostile neighbor.

One of the most memorable parts of the trip was my visit to a young girl in a hospital who was injured in a bus bomb attack the previous week. This is terrorism we don't often see in the United States, but Israelis and Palestinians live with it daily. I was captivated as I spent time with this girl who suffered terrorism at such a young age. On Thursday, September 11th, I traveled to Cancun, Mexico as a member of the Agriculture Committee's delegation to the Cancun Ministerial Round of WTO Agriculture Trade Negotiations.

The U.S. negotiating team includes the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman and U.S. Trade Representative, Robert B. Zoellick updated us each day we were there, on the progress of the agriculture negotiations. I am thrilled to be able to share my input with the negotiating team.

With agriculture's importance in the 19th district, it is great opportunity for me to be able to follow the efforts of our negotiators and join other members of the committee and representatives from U.S. farm groups in providing guidance to our negotiators. I'll have more on this meeting in my next column.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Congressman. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 1026 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515-4319 or on your website at www.house.gov/neugebauer.

Texas To Receive \$81.65 Million For Terrorism Preparedness

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded a grant of \$81,648,552 to the Texas Department of Health to help hospitals and other health care providers prepare for terrorism and other public health emergencies, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced this week.

"This funding will provide a much needed boost to the hospitals and health care providers that would respond to a terrorist atrocity, Cornyn said. "I applaud the Department of Health and Human Services for this concrete step toward making our hometowns safer, and assisting the men and women who face these threats prepare for any possible terrorist attack."

The funds will be used to upgrade infectious disease surveillance and investigation, enhance the readiness of hospitals and the health care system to deal with large numbers of casualties, expand hospitals, and city, local and state health departments to enhance disease reporting.

"Continuing to improve our public health system and the capacity of our hospitals and

major health providers is crucial at this time in our nation's history," HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. "We must build on the outstanding progress made in the past year and continue working with our state and local partners to enhance our readiness and our ability to respond to public health emergencies. Our combined efforts will result in a stronger system to care for Americans in emergencies, whether it be bioterror attack or an infectious disease outbreak like SARS or West Nile Virus."

Sen Cornyn held roundtables with first responders in Houston, Dallas, Sherman, Waco, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and Beaumont this year to discuss local emergency preparedness as part of an ongoing effort to learn about and highlight security needs in Texas hometowns. The first responder roundtables provide the communities the opportunity to express their needs and concerns directly to the Senator, who serves on the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Neugebauer "Mobile Congressional Office" Coming To Yoakum County

As part of his continuing efforts to address the individual concerns of the constituents of the 19th Congressional District, Congressman Randy Neugebauer's "Mobile Congressional Office" will come to Yoakum County next week.

"As I travel through the district I meet a lot of folks with questions about congressional services. For those who can't make it to the district offices we want to come out to meet them at a location more convenient to them," Neugebauer said.

Congressman Neugebauer invites Yoakum County residents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies to meet

with District Representative Jay Ibarra. Mr. Ibarra will be available from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Tuesday, September 23rd in the commissioner's courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse, Cowboy Way and Avenue G.

Inquiries about Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, other federal programs and comments on issues before Congress are welcome.

Constituents may also contact Neugebauer's Lubbock District Office at (806) 763-1611 or toll free at 888-763-1611 between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm or email the congressman through his website at www.house.gov/neugebauer.



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Assessing Iraq

Operation Iraqi Freedom was the most widely covered war in our nation's history. For the first time, reporters and camera crews were embedded in military units beaming live pictures of the conflict back to the United States, providing real time battlefield updates. Yet round-the-clock coverage does not begin to come close to the experience of seeing, hearing and feeling the danger firsthand.

I recently traveled to the Middle East to visit our troops and assess the situation in person. What I found is troubling. I have often traveled overseas, to Europe and the Middle East, to talk with our troops to better understand their living conditions, their needs and the threats they face.

But what I saw in Iraq was unlike anything I'd seen in the Balkans even at the height of the conflict there. The situation in Iraq is far more treacherous than we anticipated. Conflict continues. The battle has shifted. Following a brilliant conventional military campaign, our troops now wage unconventional warfare. Every day, they defend against guerrilla-type tactics.

Americans are being ambushed and danger lurks around every corner.

That point was brought home to me in a profound and dramatic way. I was within five miles of the United Nations compound in Baghdad when a truck bomb killed 23 people, including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq. Our leaders on the ground believed the remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime are trying to stop the progress of rebuilding Iraq. But they also believe terrorists are coming over the border from Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

It is clear we are stretched too thin in Iraq. We need more troops to help restore order and keep the peace. Not necessarily more U.S. troops: troops from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and nations in the region the have a stake in the success of this mission could be immensely helpful.

We also need people who can begin the rebuilding process in earnest and for the long term.

We need civil engineers, those who speak Arabic and people with border patrol experience.

The war on terrorism is ongoing and escalating.

My Middle East itinerary included meetings with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and then-Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas.

Each of these men has been called upon to provide leadership in the heart of the most volatile region on earth. Each has the responsibility, and the historic opportunity, to effect positive change. Each has the capacity to meet that challenge.

The escalation of violence throughout the Middle East and around the globe is a clarion call to all nations of the earth. This is not just an American problem. If terrorism succeeds against Western nations, it will be turned on Islamic governments that are not considered extreme enough. Moderate

Arab countries must also join in the fight. Standing on the sidelines implies silent support for terrorist actions.

A coalition of Muslim forces participating with security and reconstruction efforts in Iraq would signal not only solidarity, but a genuine desire to create a peaceful and prosperous region. It could help our human intelligence capabilities as well.

Our country has called our troops to duty and they have readily answered the call. But they are living in very harsh conditions, and they are living in danger.

If we are going to continue the high operations tempo of peacekeeping, fighting a war on terrorism while remaining prepared to fight elsewhere, we need more soldiers and the support of other nations in the Middle East. Failure is not an option.

If we don't bring this battle to the terrorists, they will bring it to us, again, on U.S. soil. September 11, 2001 is not a distant memory; it is a constant reminder of the menace of terrorism. We must stamp it out. Peace, security and the future of our civilization demand it.

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\$4,500 for the same improvement in the county jail. At Judge Dallas Brewer's suggestion, the matter was tabled to allow further financial discussions and plans.

Sheriff Don Corzine produced a mutual aid agreement for regional councils in some 15 South Plains counties, representing over 30 governmental entities. The court approved naming Judge Brewer as signatory to the agreement. The sheriff also discussed an issue not on the agenda merely as a matter of information for the court. He reported recent lightning strikes at the courthouse and jail complex had resulted in considerable and expensive damage. A new radio console in his department had been hit, resulting in about \$10,000 in damage, plus expensive damage to the jail copier, four video cameras around the courthouse, and many offices electronic equipment. He was not asking

for any action from the court, but suggested it would be prudent to have a thorough examination of the entire electrical system in the courthouse and jail, as it was apparent the lightning was coming over the building electrical wiring.

Approval was given by the court for employment and salary for Becky Trout as Dispatcher to replace retiring Loretta Houck.

Approval was given to purchase a used copier for the Criminal District Attorney office for the price of \$2795. Approval was also given for the purchase of file cabinets for the office of the new Human Resources office. Officer Teresa Howard reported five cabinets would cost \$1514.

A bid of \$1,000 from Rodrigo Perez was accepted for the purchase of lots 18-20, Block 22, North Addition, with \$8396 delinquent taxes on the property.



Richard Diaz recovers from hit for a few more yards.

Texas launches statewide pilot mentoring program aimed at boosting college enrollment

Hundreds of Texas high school and college students staffing new "Go Centers"

Dallas, Texas - Students, teachers and education leaders gathered today at Pinkston High School in Dallas to kick off an unprecedented statewide mentoring initiative that is part of the College for Texans campaign. This year for the first time, some Texas high schools participating in this special pilot program are offering a new resource to help motivate and prepare students to pursue the path to college.

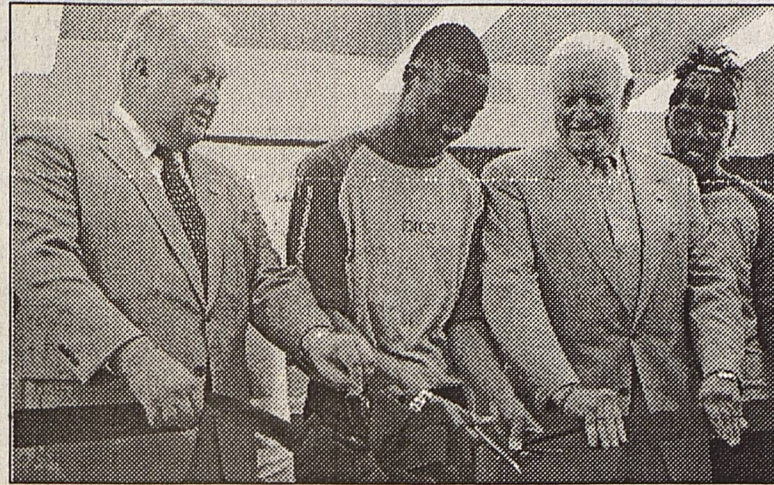
At 45 locations across Texas, pilot Go Centers will begin operating on high school campuses as well as at area colleges. Highly focused mentoring and academic assistance centers, the new Go Centers, such as the one opened today at Pinkston High School, will be staffed and operated primarily by students for students.

These student peer mentors, called G-Force members, recently returned from an intensive statewide training summit in North East Texas.

"We learned so much," said Pinkston 11th grade student Elicia Garcia. "From mentoring strategies and techniques to how to help students overcome barriers to making it to college."

Garcia and her fellow Pinkston G-Force members unveiled the strategic plan they developed for assisting their fellow students who might otherwise not be college bound.

"I think the Go Center can really make a difference," said Garcia. "Many high school students who are not currently



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Chair-elect Jerry Farrington (right) and Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Mike Moses (left) join Pinkston High School seniors Andrew Simpson and Portia Wilson of Dallas in kicking off an unprecedented statewide peer mentoring initiative that is part of the College for Texans campaign. "Go Centers," such as this one in Dallas, will be staffed and operated primarily by teams of student leaders call the "G-Force." More information at www.collegefortexans.com. Photo by Jody Horton



Pinkston High School senior Jesus Ramos of Dallas fields questions from reporters at the launch of Texas' first "Go Center," an unprecedented statewide mentoring initiative that is part of the College for Texans Campaign to help students prepare for college. More information at www.collegefortexans.com. Photo by Jody Horton

aiming for college could make it with just a little bit of encouragement and support, and that's why we're involved."

"College-going rates are too low in Texas, lagging behind California, New York and other

large states," said Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Chair-Elect Jerry Farrington. "Texas' future prosperity depends on having an educated workforce. Otherwise, the best jobs will go elsewhere. That's

why today we are opening one of Texas' first high school Go Centers here at Pinkston High School."

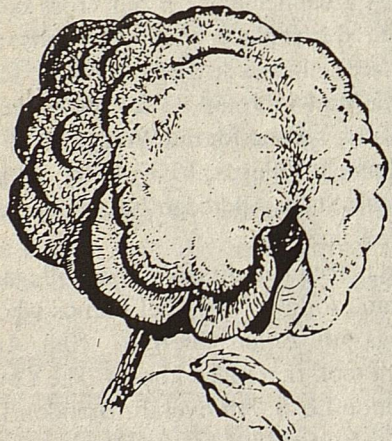
Program planners hope that the new Go Centers, which involve intense peer and community support networks, will expand to as many as 200 schools with low college-going rates in the coming year.

The GO Campaign efforts in the North Texas Region are spearheaded by Texas Campus Compact institutions including Brookhaven College, Collin County Community College District and the University of North Texas. In an effort to promote community engagement, these area colleges are encouraging their students to serve as GO Center peer leaders and mentors. Partners in the North Texas Regional Collaborative include area Chambers of Commerce, Independent School Districts, and the League of United Latin American Citizens.

The College for Texans campaign, which includes the new Go Centers, is a key strategy identified in the state's Closing the Gaps by 2015 education plan, which was adopted by the Coordinating Board in October 2000 and has become widely accepted throughout the state. The plan calls for closing student participation and success gaps within the state, and when Texas is compared with other states, by 2015.

(See the Closing the Gaps plan at www.theccb.state.tx.us).

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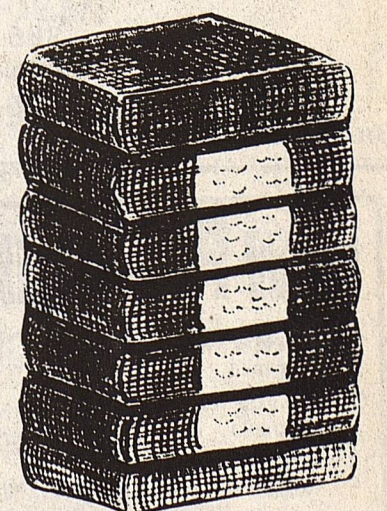
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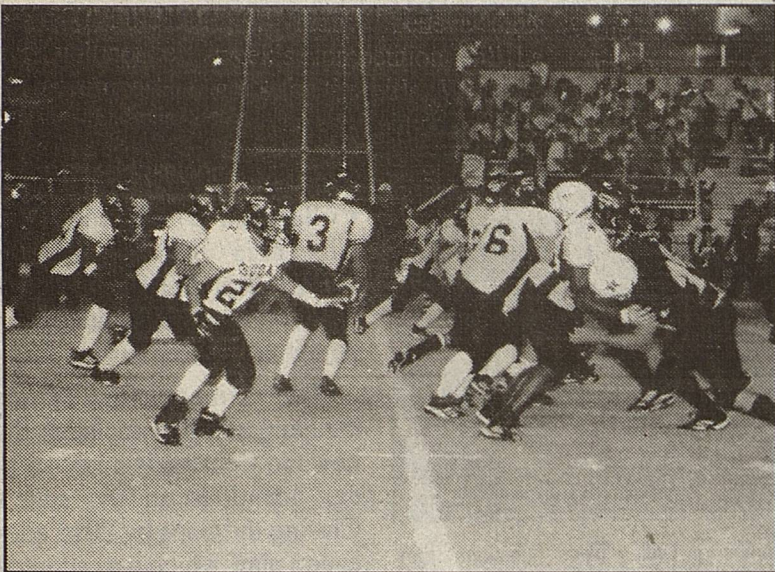


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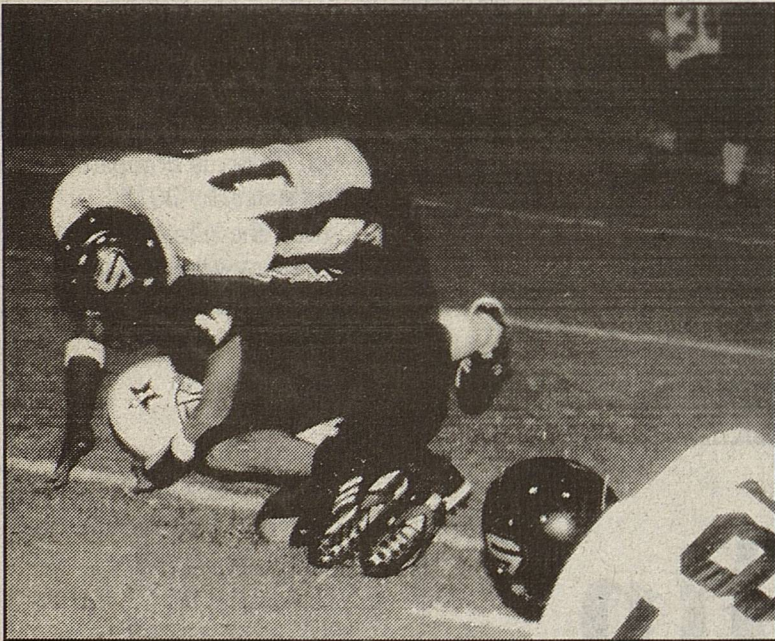
Cowboys vs Hornets Action Scenes



Ryan Martinez, 78, blocks for Richard Diaz



WHAM! Two lines collide.



An unknown Cowboy is buried by a Hornet.

**Come on Cowboys,
BEAT WINK!**

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yards to the 40, and displaying some of their most effective blocking of the season, the Cowboy line opened holes for Williams and Richard Diaz to quickly rack up a first. Evan Cain then passed to Patrick Cotton for 7 yards, and rushes by Williams and Diaz moved the ball for another first down. Another Cain to Cotton pass moved the ball to Sudan's 29, where the drive sputtered to end the first period. The Hornets took T.J. Cordova's punt at their 18. In five plays, they quickly moved the ball for three first downs and 85 yards to score their first six points.

Following the Hornet kickoff, Cain hit a wide open Cotton with a 17 yard completion, but on the next play, missed a throw to Payton Bean, and Sudan's Gaston returned the interception for six more points. The pass for two points put them up 14-0 early in the second quarter. The Cowboys could not move the ball following Sudan's kickoff, and Cordova's punt gave the Hornets the ball on their 29. Their linemen blocked with a vengeance and in 12 plays Hornet runners moved the ball for four first downs and 71 yards, and at halftime Sudan was up 21-0.

When they returned to the field for the third period, the Hornets potent ground attack resumed play with the kickoff at the 29. 13 plays and 71 yards later, they scored again for the 28 point lead.

With just over four minutes left in the third period, Cowboy

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Payton Bean, a Junior and the son of Monty and Pam Bean. He was



linemen delivered effective up front blocking to allow Williams, Diaz and Cain to move the ball from their 39 to Sudan's 5. Cain took the snap, handed off to Diaz, who pulled up with the ball, and tossed a short strike to Zach Broome, open in the end zone for the Cowboys first score. T.J. Cordova's kick was good to make the scoreboard read 28-7. Unfortunately, it would not read thus for long.

Sudan took the Cowboy kick off at the 30, and in eight plays drove 70 yards for another score to go up 35-7.

To their credit, the Cowboys did not toss the towel in. With four minutes remaining, rushes by Cain, Diaz and Williams moved the ball to the 7, where Diaz would ram it over the goal, and Cordova's kick made the final score read 35-14.

Individual stats included: Diaz carried the ball 14 times for 50 yards, Williams 11 and 32 yards, Cain 10 and 31 yards. Cotton was leading receiver with three catches, Broome had one.

Cordova had 38 yard punting average, 32 on kickoffs.

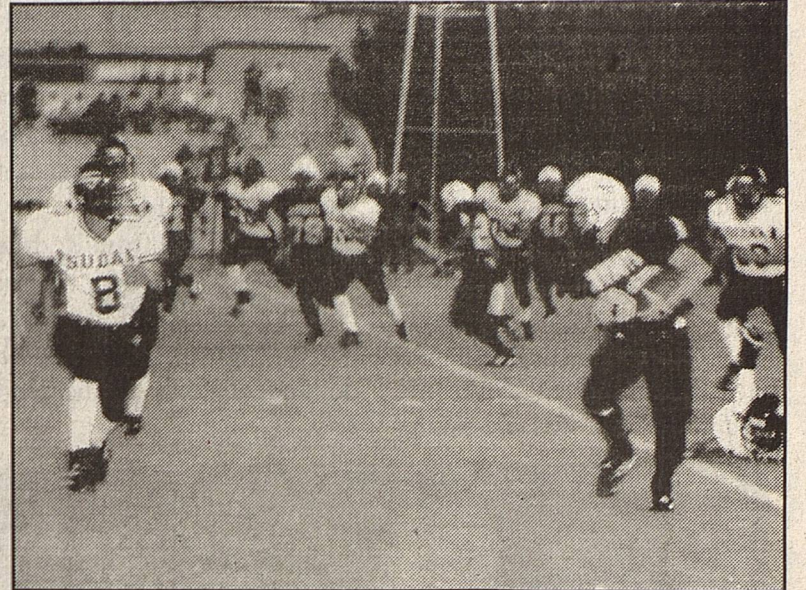
Grady McNabb, Ryan Martinez and Nolan Newsom were leading tacklers, and they, along with Williams, had tackles for losses.

The Cowboys make the long journey to meet the Wink Wildcats at 7:30 Friday, September 19. The Wildcats are always tough - be on hand to support the Cowboys!

nominated by Coach Thaggard, who said, "It's clear people who excel are extremely committed. There is no way to achieve a high level of excellence without a high level of commitment. Payton has worked at that level of commitment in his studies, sports, UIL events, and all areas of his life. He is extremely personable, and I have enjoyed him in the classroom. He is well thought of by his classmates and teachers. There's no doubt he will be successful in whatever goals he sets for himself."



Grady McNabb (we think) stops a runner. Martinez coming to help



Todd Williams heads for his left corner.

PHS Volleyball Recap

JV Cowgirls: Dual Meet Sept. 9; PHS vs Frenship - WON- 26-24, 29-27. PHS vs. Tahoka- LOST- 20-25, 30-28, 12-15. Sept. 12 Lamesa Tourney- PHS vs Big Spring- LOST 15-25, 18-25. PHS vs Denver City- LOST 18-25, 18-25. PHS vs. Cooper- WON 25-18, 29-27. PHS vs. San Angelo- LOST 20-25, 22-25. Coach Thaggard said, " We've improved by leaps and bounds. Other teams have learned not to underestimate us. The Cowgirls are on track with tremendous team spirit and pride." Varsity Cowgirls: VS Shallowater- WON 25-6, 25-22, 24-26, 25-19. VS Levelland WON 25-20,, 25-20, 25-20. VS Frenship- WON 25-19, 25-11, 15-25, 25-12. Coach Harris said, " It's a joy to be coaching these girls! They are having lots of kills!"

Cross Country Results

The Morton Invitational was a banner day for our cross country teams. The Cowgirl team captured first place, and the Cowboys (two teams) won first and third places.. In the Jr. High division, Lauren Davis completed the two mile trail in 16:36.12 for 4th place, and Zachary Ramos ran it in 14:48.14, second for the Wranglers. The Cowgirls were led by Manuela Villegas, 15:37.49 for 5th place, followed by her sister Micaela, 6th, Stacie Alldredge 7th, Ashley Vantine 8th, Kim Trent 15th, Lamanda Sainz 17th. Two Cowboy teams competed in the mens division. Jose Villegas was first overall for the Black Team,, followed by Abel Ramos who was 2nd overall. Payton Bean was 5th, Adam Guerrero 10th, Arnold Cordova 18th. The Black team took first place honors. The Cowboy Gold Team, was led by Chandon Loya, 8th overall, Brandon Davis 12th, Scott Addison 13th, Patrick Cotton 17th, Steven Dominguez 24th, to give them 3rd place overall. They next compete at Olton this Saturday.

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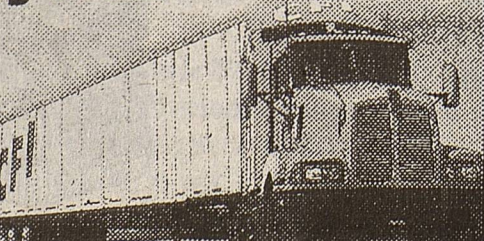
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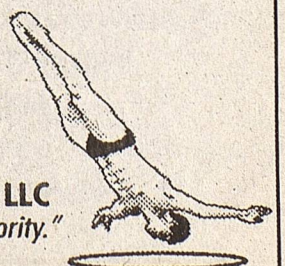
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SPC Sets New Enrollment Record

South Plains College has set a new fall enrollment record, registering 9,725 students at all locations, according to preliminary figures released by the Office of Admissions and Records.

The headcount is 691 students more than the college's official 2002 fall enrollment of 9,034 and represents a 7.6% increase. It is the seventh consecutive enrollment record set by the college.

"Needless to say, we are very pleased with our fall enrollment," said David Jones, vice president for student affairs. "Enrollment growth is a sign of progress and an indication that our partnerships with other institutions are working to expand college opportunities for area students."

Jones said college officials have worked to make sure fall classes are being offered at times and places convenient to students. "Our department chairpersons and faculty have worked to accommodate more students in our programs," he said. "And in this time of rising tuition and fees, we have taken measures to keep our programs affordable, especially for first

generation college students. Both these factors have contributed to our growth."

Jones added that the college's Gateway Partnership with Texas Tech University is also directing more students to SPC. "As Texas Tech grows, so does South Plains College, and vice versa. It's a strong relationship that benefits students in many ways," he said.

A breakdown of enrollment by location shows that 5,751 students are enrolled in classes at SPC's Levelland Campus. This figure is up 796 students over last fall's count of 4,955 students, a 16.1% increase.

Another 4,360 students are enrolled at the SPC Reese Center and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center in Lubbock. That headcount is up 6.8% over last year's enrollment of 4,081 students.

Jones pointed out that the breakdown of enrollment by campus reflects some duplication where students enroll at more than one of the college's location. But, the 9,725 headcount is an unduplicated count. SPC will take an official 12th class day census on Sept. 17 for state reporting purposes.

Certified Nurse Aide Class To Meet

A short course in Certified Nurse Aide is scheduled Oct. 6, Nov. 15 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Classes will meet 5:30-9:30 pm. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Technical Arts Building, Room 100. Clinical instructions will be offered on Saturdays at the Levelland Nursing Home. Times and dates will be announced.

Tuition is \$325, cost of state exam fee is \$76 and cost of textbook is \$36.58. Textbook is Skills and Techniques for the New Nursing Assistant, 5th edition, by Barbara Gilogly. Instructor is Barbara Brattain, L.V.N.

The course provides detailed education, training and work-based experience and direct patient/client care at a clinical site. Students will learn the necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. On completion of 60 classroom hours and 24 clinical hours, students will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus and have a current negative TB test.

Enrollment is limited to 12 students.

Senior Citizens Corner

Isn't it an amazing world we live in? This morning I checked my e-mail to find a note from my cousin in Kansas with an attachment showing the fetus of her unborn grandchild in several different poses, taken in yet another state and sent to the grandmother. Although this baby isn't due until November, I feel I have already made her acquaintance. Whatever happened to wondering what sex, what appearance, and what birthday your child would have?

Have you heard about the guy who told his wife to put all of his money in a shoebox and put it in his casket with him because he wanted to take it with him into the afterlife? Well, someone asked the wife, after his funeral, if she had honored his request. "I certainly did," she replied. "I got it all together and put it into my account. Then I wrote him a check, put it in the shoebox, and put it in his coffin."

I mentioned in a former column about the honor to be paid my brother, Ken Markley, who was a fighter pilot. On August 30th, the people in the French village where he crashed and was buried, gathered with Air Force personnel to join in a ceremony honoring the erection of a monument in his memory. The video, CD with all photos, and pieces of his plane that were on display that day are forthcoming. I have received photos via e-mail everyday since then. What a sense of peace and closure for a brief life well lived. I am proud to claim this hero as my brother and am grateful to the French people who appreciated the price he paid six decades ago.

We miss the smiling face of Alfredo Salinas in the kitchen line up this week. Caterina says he is in the hospital in Odessa for some rest

and recuperation. Hurry back, Fred!

There were several smiling faces as the Bingo group left on Tuesday. This is a fun time for fellowship after lunch and a time to vie for winning tickets. Come join us! Thanks again to the different fellows who volunteer to call the numbers for us. If you notice the little storage chest beside the TV, you may notice that it houses the Bingo equipment very neatly so it is handy for use. Thanks to Pastor Jon for bringing it in and setting it up for us.

Beatrice Rivas, Genevieve Gordy, and Lenore Matus are hospitalized at this time. Fraulein Ralston has suffered a fall and is also hospitalized this week. We send 'get well' messages to each one.

Thirteen students attended the first computer class this week. We are assured there will be more at the next one.

Nearly two hundred dollars have been collected through the "Strive For Five" program to date. As more continues to come in we will realize the value of this approach to fund raising as compared to some that have been used in the past.

Everyone can (and should) be a part of this effort to provide for our Center, so visit with your family and friends and tell them of this program.

Ken and Elsie White are new visitors to the Center this past week. Welcome and do come back to join us for lunch and fellowship. Nancy Chamberlain's smile has also been seen several times this week as she comes in for lunch. She is one of our people who is attending the computer class.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: "I've learned that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?"

No Pain, No Problem

Pain associated with surgery can cause more problems than surgery itself, according to June Dahl, a pain specialist and professor at the University of Wisconsin. But a small device that pumps a local anesthetic directly onto the wound after surgery is helping patients recover faster, without the unwanted side effects of narcotics.

According to studies by the University of Wisconsin and the University of Tennessee, devices such as On-Q, made by Claifornia based I-Flow Corp., and the PainPump, made by Stryker Corp., in Kalamazoo, Mich., are becoming more popular among surgeons who use them for everything from hernia operations to Caesarean sections. Surgeons implant a balloon like pump at the incision site that dribbles a controlled amount of medication directly onto the wound without the nausea, drowsiness and other side effects of narcotics.

Unrelieved pain after surgery causes a lot of physiological and psychological problems, says Dahl.

Post operation pain is often undertreated, Dahl says. The stress from the pain can delay healing, especially when the pain hinders physical therapy. "If people can't do physical therapy, then they won't recover fully," Dahl says.

Acute pain after surgery also can lead to chronic pain down the road. Dahl suggests patients talk to their physicians about developing a pain management plan before surgery. She says the best pain management plans include a pre-pain treatment and a local anesthetic as well as traditional pain medications, such as Morphine.



The Cowboy Band, resplendent wearing their uniforms for the first time this year for the Sudan game

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Yancey House, son of Wayne and Phyllis House, received his Master of Science in Health Care Administration for the University of Texas at Arlington during commencement ceremonies August 16, 2003. Yancey is a 1997 graduate of Plains High School, and a 2001 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He and his wife Jennifer live in Abilene where he is currently employed at Hendrick Hospital.

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Morning Worship - 10:45 am

If God is your co-pilot,
You need to switch seats!

From The Hack

Feeling extremely generous and good hearted today, I decided to print the following letter, despite it's whining nature and considerable inaccuracies. Besides, if I didn't print it, I'm sure I would no longer be the recipient of the "gimme strokes" the writer refers to:

Dear Editor,

I am appalled, after reading your article in the illustrious "Hack", that you would think I would consider extracting, (stealing) funds from you at the golf course.

Dyer, your memory must be failing you in your mature age. It was just last month, after your "minor" incident with a heart attack, that one of our golfing buddies (the one that manufactures cotton bales near the state line) and I discussed the fact we would be our charitable self and each give you numerous strokes on each nine holes. At such time, you just grinned and said, "I guess that will be OK".

I just wanted your readers to receive the true facts, about the article in your paper.

Sincerely,
Vaughn Culwell

P.S. Holly, please accept our sympathy, we can only take him off your hands for so many hours a week.

I'm beginning to feel a bit dependent about the Cowboys. No, No, not the Dallas variety, OUR guys here at PHS. Winless the entire season last year, and after three winless starts in 2003, the quality which coaches and other motivators call 'character' must be in a real stretch. It's hard to display character when you're a teen player of high school football after 13 consecutive losses.

Yet last Friday night, doing the

camera thing along the sidelines (and missing one wipe out by inches when the image I saw through the lens was in reality much closer than I'd computed), I think I felt a sense of character re-emerging. When the Cowboys on the field committed a mistake, their cohorts on the sidelines didn't jump on their case, but yelled encouragement.

While behind 28 points late in the third quarter, Cain's handoff to Diaz, followed by a short toss to Broome in the end zone for their first score DID make a difference in the 'Boys' attitude. They never quit, even after another Hornet score, and managed to put another seven points on the board. before the final buzzer.

Fans, don't give up on them... they haven't given up on themselves.

Overheard Saturday in the Hobbs Wal Mart while getting football film processed:

From a pair of ladies pushing shopping carts, and trailing a baby carriage, one child snoozing, the other screaming: " Daisy, I'm about done in pushing this thing, how much you got left to get?"

" Shh-Shh now baby, I got your bottle warming in my arm

pit, and time we get to the Panty Hose it will be nice and warm for honey buns, and you'll be sweetie-sweetie again! Beulah, don't rush me! I'll be through when me and sweetie are through... besides, we're in my car, remember? OUCH, OUCH! Don't run over my foot, you idiot man!"

She was referring to me, as I tried to pass them while they admired a nifty display of real support bras for REAL WOMEN, I mean!

Thank you, Lord, for requiring us to journey to Wal Mart only once per week. More than one trip would put me back in the cardiac care center.

By the way - the aforementioned cardiac problem yours truly experienced recently: If a certified subscriber can submit to us their guess as to the TOTAL bill for my helicopter emergency flight to UMC back in July, and if it is to the PENNY of the actual bill, CCN will fly you and a guest of your choice, provided it is not an escaped jail inmate, to a spot of your choice, provided it can be reached within 8 minutes from lift off at the Plains airport.. And provided we can persuade an idiot pilot to do all this free. RUSH your entries in by 5 AM Thursday, September 18!

DIRECTOR ELECTION AND NOTICE:

The Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District No. 150 Board of Directors hereby orders and gives notice of an election for the purpose of electing one director for Subdivision 5. In accordance with provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Section 201.073, qualified voters of the above named district will assemble October 8, at 9:00 a.m. at Plains Community Center to conduct the election. Early voting by personal appearance for eligible voters will begin on, Thursday, September 18th, 2003, and continue each weekday through, Tuesday October, 7th, 2003, from 8: am. to 4:30 pm. at USDA Farm Service Center, Plains, TX. Early voting shall also be conducted on Saturday, October 4, 2003 from 8:00 am. to 4:30 pm. at USDA Farm Service Center, Plains, TX. Additional election information is available by contacting the Yoakum SWCD at 1305 Cowboy Way or by calling 806-456-3703 Ext 3.

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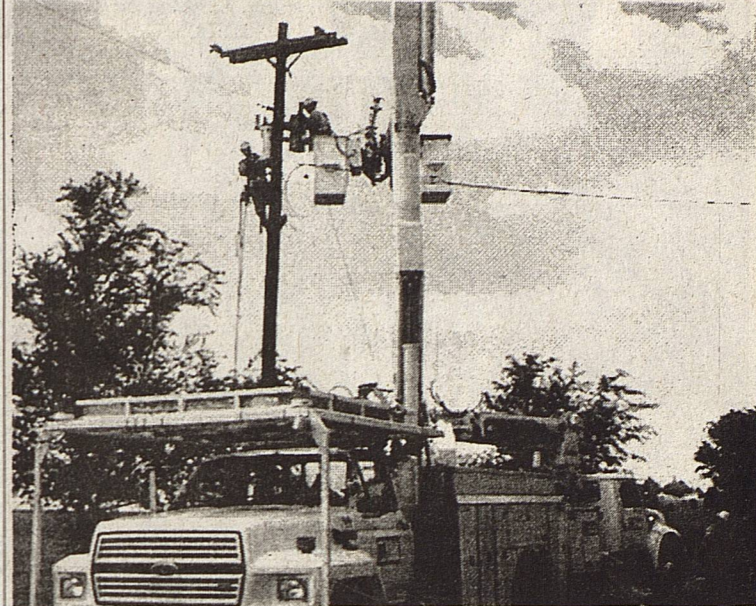
Notice is hereby given that the honorable Kelly G. Moore, Judge of the 121st Judicial District, will hold a public hearing at 9:30 A.M. on the 6th day of October, 2003, in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse in Plains, Texas for the purpose of setting the amount of compensation for the year 2004 for the Yoakum County Auditor, Assistant Auditors and Court reporter. All interested parties and citizens will have the opportunity to be heard.

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