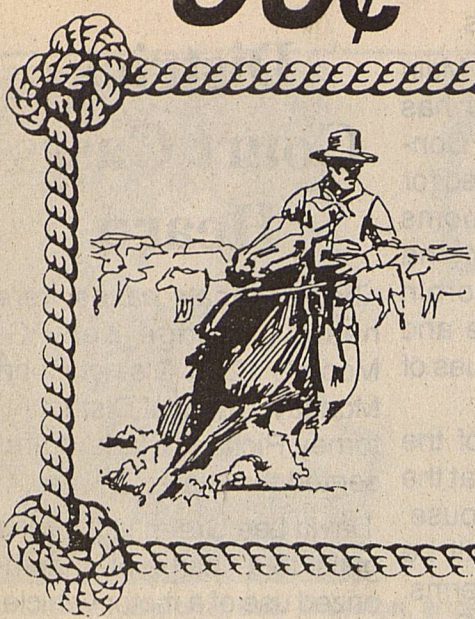


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Anderson Grain Attorney explains bankruptcy dilemma

Editor's Note: The following article was furnished to us by Stephen Henry, Editor of the Lamb County Review, and ran in a recent edition of the Review.

The decision by Anderson Grain Corporation to file for bankruptcy will probably mean layoffs and could inconvenience some farmers, but rumors about the company's finances are not unfounded, a company attorney said.

Buck Anderson, president of Anderson, declined to comment on what steps the company might take in reducing its workforce.

"I really don't have the time," Anderson said last week in response to questions about the firm's next steps.

However, Lubbock attorney Byrnie Bass, who is representing Anderson Grain, said that layoffs for the company and its subsidiaries are inevitable.

"There will definitely have to be some downsizing of staff," Bass said. "There will be a real hard look at selling some assets to reduce their debt load. Past that point, it's like a ball game." (Our article in the October 30 issue

of CCN detailed the proposed sale of one such asset, Anderson's half interest in A&A Fertilizer for \$329,920.)

On Oct. 9, Anderson and its subsidiaries - Sunmark Grain Inc., Zipp Industries Inc. and Pax Industries Inc. - filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

The filing for a petition for relief was made in federal Judge John Akard's court in Lubbock.

Anderson Grain and the other three companies employ more than 200 workers according to Bass.

Anderson Grain has been in business since it first formed in Levelland in the 1950's.

The officers of all four companies are the same. Buck Anderson is president, Todd Anderson is vice president and Dick Holland is secretary-treasurer, Bass said.

The parent company and Sunmark are primarily involved in grain, seed and fertilizer operations.

In addition to operating retail fertilizer plants and grain elevators, Anderson Grain also is involved in am-

monium sulfate production.

Zipp and Pax manufacture fertilizer and operate retail outlets, Bass said.

The main offices for the four corporations are based in Levelland.

However, the companies operate as far east as Sherman and extend west to eastern New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.

Bass blamed the drought, poor crop years and general conditions in the agricultural economy for the corporations' financial difficulties.

"There are just a slew of things that don't amount to much," he said. Bass noted that two audits recently conducted found no irregularities on the part of Anderson or its subsidiaries.

"I think the fact that there are no allegations of wrong doing should inspire some confidence in management," he said. "Bankruptcy, it's no respecter of person anymore."

According to court documents, the corporations have about \$31.5 million in se-

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Cowboys demolish Morton Indians 42-6



Marte Pierce follows blocker for big gainer

The Cowboy offense engine sputtered a bit in their first possession of the ball Friday night, but only briefly. When they got all cylinders running, they kicked in the afterburner and dominated the Morton Indians all four quarters.

Plains was forced to punt shortly after taking the opening kickoff, and an Indian fumble covered by Dustin Brunson set them in motion from the Morton 38. The up front linemen came alive and blocked hard for Eric Luna, Wayne Willett and Marte Pierce, who moved the ball to the 5. Eric plowed across the goal from there, and in a bit of razzle dazzle, a fake kick resulted in Pierce throw-

ing to Willet for the conversion and an 8 point lead.

Morton took the Cowboys kickoff on their 26, and the defense allowed them exactly three yards before forcing the punt to Joe Luna who returned it 25 yards to the Indians 35. Again the offense clicked, and on second down, Steven Bitolas ran a reverse 32 yards for the second TD. Steven Bunch's kick made the score 15-0 in less than 6 minutes of the first period.

Coley Burgess got his biggest kickoff of the year for a touchback. Big hits by Bunch and Wayne Willett again stymied the Indians and forced another punt, which didn't help their cause at all; Joe

Luna took the kick on their 35, and sped and juke'd his way across the goal for the third score. Bunch kicked the extra point to put the Cowboys up 22-0, still in the first quarter.

The Cowboy "D" again pressured the Indians, with good efforts from Will St. Romain, Wayne Willett, and Major Howard. The harried Indian quarterback was forced to throw a poor ball alertly picked off by Willett on the Cowboy 20. The Cowboy blocking machine again came to life, allowing Adriqan Rios and Eric Luna to make good runs. Tanner Blount, replacing Abraham Garcia at quarterback, was sacked by

New Technology Plays Role in PHS Course



"Baby Sitters" Jack Cobb, Ed Rogers, Judy Deaton and their charges

Modern technology is about to play a role in child nurturing in Plains High's Parenting and Child Development class.

Last Wednesday, Instructor Judy Deaton received four 'babies' to be used by students in the child care class. The babies are actually state of the art dolls which will be assigned to students for 48 hours of care.

Appropriately called "Baby-Think It Over" doll, the amazingly lifelike dolls require the same care and attention as a real life infant. They cry (loudly) when hungry or need

attention, even in the middle of the night. They can be programmed for a number of responses, and after the 48 hours of 'adoption' by each student, a monitor tape can be replayed to reveal any neglect or abuse by the 'parent' student. A dropped doll will react on the tape exactly like a real infant.

At the end of students babysitting the dolls, they will make an evaluation of the experience, Mrs Deaton reported. There are currently 38 students, male and female, in the Parenting and Child Development classes

at PHS.

The high tech dolls are not cheap, costing about \$250 each. The Board of Directors of the Yoakum County Hospital voted to fund the project as a means of fostering the needs and means of good parenting skills, responsible parenthood, and possibly as an aid to deterring or reducing the problem of teen pregnancy. Board President Jack Cobb and Hospital Administrator Ed Rogers presented the four dolls to the school. The Denver City High School was earlier donated four of the dolls.

'Hallowjulah' draws ghosts and goblins

The community church sponsored 'Hallowjulah' last Thursday night filled the Community building with costumed youngsters.

The event, planned to keep the kids off the streets, and offer them a night of fun and wholesome entertainment in lieu of trick or treating, was a big success.

Dozens of games drew lines of waiting youngsters waiting their turn, and one offered a chance to toss wet sponges at Church of Christ Minister Ray Young.

Missing out on trick or treating didn't diminish the kids booty of candy, which was generously available, donated by Lowe's Pay n Save, Wal Mart and United Supermarkets.

The event will probably become an annual Halloween event for the churches and community.



This green clad outer space cutie was a bit awed by it all

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cured and unsecured debt. The companies owe approximately \$15 million to their main corporate lender, CIT Group/Business Credit, Inc. of New York. The remaining money is owed to more than 400 creditors, including grain elevators and individuals.

A general creditors meeting will be held Nov. 12. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Sixth St., Lubbock.

Corporate representatives will meet with Judge Akard the following day.

Gary House, manager of Farmers Co-op Elevator in Levelland, said the bankruptcy should not have too great an impact on grain markets locally.

"It's very competitive anyway," House said of the markets.

"It's just a very unfortunate situation," he said. "We don't need to lose businesses."

Bass said rumors that have been circulating about the bankruptcy are unfounded.

"The important thing is to put to rest the rumors," he said.

A fact sheet released through Bass' office contained the following information to address rumors about the bankruptcy:

* There is no missing or unaccounted for grain. The state Department of Agriculture and Commodity Credit Corporation have completed audits and exams of all company grain elevators and determined that there are no inventory shortages. In fact, some elevator inventories appear to be long.

* The 401 (K) profit-sharing plans for all employees are held in trust through Prudential. Through Sept. 30, all profit-sharing plan and retirement plan deductions from employees' checks have been deposited, are on hand and are accounted for by the accounting firm of Robinson, Burdette, Martin & Cowan.

* All payroll tax deposits have been made. The companies do not owe any taxes.

* Neither Anderson nor any of its three subsidiary affiliates have sent any funds "upstream" to its owners in New York since 1990, and only then pursuant to a management contract. The bottom line is that virtually no monies have left the state and the companies to out-of-state owners since 1990.

* All property taxes through the year 1995 to all taxing authorities in counties in which the companies own property are current.

* The CIT Group/Business Credit Inc. is the bank lender to Anderson. CIT has worked with Anderson both

immediately before and after the Chapter 11 cases were filed to provide, in effect, financing in excess of two million dollars in order that the operations of all four companies might remain ongoing. Without this additional financing, and if CIT "pulled the plug," all operations would cease and the value of the assets of all the companies would be considerably reduced.

By continuing to provide some financing for the ongoing operations of the companies, there is at least a chance that those creditors holding unsecured claims will receive a dividend on their claims. That is what management is working toward.

"Their business operations are ongoing," Bass said. "They are attempting to honor what they can in purchases and sales contracts."

A fertilizer plant in Plainview is in operation, as well as a facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. Some of Anderson's grain elevators are open while others are not, he said.

Under Chapter 11, a business is allowed to stay in operation--"at least for the time being," he said.

Companies that file for Chapter 11 typically propose a plan of reorganization, offer to liquidate assets or use a combination of both approaches, Bass said.

"A lot of people... the test is whether or not you can pay your debts as they come in," he said. "You can be asset rich and cash poor. That's probably the case in most Chapter 11s."

On Oct. 15, Bass filed a motion in U.S. Bankruptcy Court to expedite procedures for the determination of interest in and the disposition of grain and the proceeds of grain.

The document stated, "Anderson would show the Court that all parties to this proceeding need a prompt determination in order that they might make other arrangements for grain depending on how their interests are decided, and Anderson would otherwise allege that due to the grain market and the continued cost of storage was well as the need for the orderly administration of its estate such a determination and procedure by the Court needs to be put in place."

"...Anderson would suggest that notice of this motion and hearing thereon possibly be limited to those parties with a perceived interest in the grain."

Akard agreed to the motion and set a hearing on the issue for 9 a.m. Nov. 13 in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courtroom, 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock.

Vote tabulator test run checks out

In a formal test run of the County's automated vote tabulating system Friday afternoon, the AIS (American Information Services) equipment performed flawlessly.

The system, purchased thru Hart Information Service of Austin, was checked out with 18 sample ballots marked as real voting ballots are. Hart also sent hard copy summary reports of what the ballots contained.

Gerald Baker and Faye Nelms of the County Clerk's office performed the test run, observed by official election Judge Jim Barnett. The computerized counting equipment whipped the sample ballots thru at amazing speed. The 18 ballots took less than 9 seconds to be tabulated, and two hard copy printers produced paper status and summary reports.

These printouts were then compared to the reports sent with the test ballots, and everything matched perfectly.

The two printouts detailed percentage of votes for each political party and candidate, and the precinct reports detailed both candidates and parties.

The system was to be checked out two more times prior to its actual use following Tuesday nights General Election final tabulation.

The formal canvassing of votes will occur this Friday.

'Connection' meeting held

Yoakum County Connection Board members met on October 31. Members Dallas Brewer, Linda Powell, L.J. Sanders, Kathy Clark, Jim Millsap, Alonzo Hernandez, Ron Hatfield and guest Kathy Adair discussed the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts planned state meeting in Temple November 12-16. Ann Hartman and Linda Powell will be on a panel at the meeting to discuss all the elements of stag-

ing successful festivals.

The Miller building on Main street in Denver City has been donated to the Connection, and will be used for office space, classrooms and exhibit areas. Myrna Boulter and Jerry Corbin have contributed time and efforts on the legal issues of the acquisition.

At an open meeting of the Connection January 9 at the County Park Party House, four new directors will be elected to three year terms. Betty Switzer, Texas Commission on the Arts, will speak on how the Connection can serve youth and elders with educational activities pertaining to the Arts. The Directors will meet at noon on the first Monday each month. Connection officials urge the public to submit ideas and suggestions on how to improve our county's outlook.

A letter of commendation and membership check from Becky Bennet Schwarz of Germany was received, applauding the Connection's efforts in the recent Watermelon Round-Up. The Director's urge both business firms and individuals to take part in Yoakum County Connection activities. Membership in the organization is \$50 per year.

District Court Cases Heard

Two criminals cases were heard in Judge Kelly G. Moore's 121st District Court Monday. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

David Lee Green II, 21, pled guilty to a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He received a two year sentence in State Jail, suspended and probated two years. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$500 Court appointed Attorney fees, \$171.50 Court costs, payable 90 days on or before release from County jail. He will serve 90 days in jail, with credit for 43 days, and serve 120 hours community service.

Julio Coronado Martinez Jr., 20, also originally tried for unauthorized vehicle use, pled true to the State's Continuation and Modification of Community Supervision. He will be confined in a substance abuse felony treatment facility for at least 6 months but no more than a year. He will be confined 180 days in the County jail or until space is available in the facility. Monthly payments of all prior supervision fees will resume after he is released.



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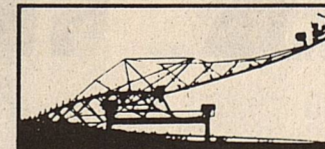
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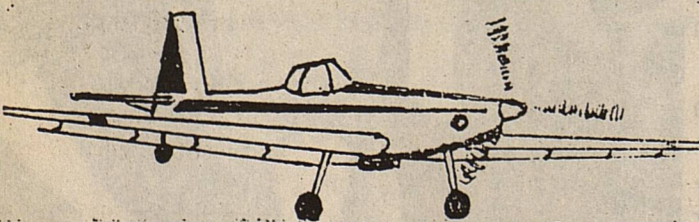


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Pct. 2 Commissioner Bob Thurston, shown with Teresa Howard, was honored Monday morning with a farewell reception in the Courthouse. Thurston will officially retire when votes in the election are canvassed Friday. Bob said he is ready to hand over the reins to his successor, and hopes to do plenty of traveling.

PHS debate pits GOP vs. Demo students

On Monday morning, just hours before the General Election the following day, debate teams representing Presidential Candidates Clinton and Dole fired verbal broadsides at one another, hoping to sway the student body in the auditorium to their political views. The debate was to be followed up on Tuesday morning by a mock vote in the school, and the results would be compared to the bona fide countywide votes cast in the real election.

The debate was sponsored by Edwin Brink, Instructor in Economics and Government. He recruited debate team members from the two classes, some of them, he admitted, preferred to be on the other side. The Republican and Democrat teams were headed by a Chairperson, and spokesmen addressing important issues in the fields of the economy, education, agriculture, national defense and health care. As in real world politics, very few if any punches were pulled in the debate, and integrity, honesty, credibility and ethics were frequently highlighted by both sides.

The Republican view was presented by Chairman Yancey House. Tessa St. Romain addressed the economy, Mary Morales spoke on education, Major Howard covered agriculture, Jacob Lester spoke on national defense, and Lyndi Rowe covered health care. The opposing Democrat team was chaired by Robin Squyres, Arthur Hernandez was the speaker on the economy, Stephen Bitolas addressed education, Marte Pierce presented agriculture, Casey Forbus spoke on national defense, while Kyley Bearden discussed health care.

It was difficult to judge the outcome of the lively affair. CCN would have to call it a toss up, and the students are to be congratulated for the time, effort and serious thought spent in presenting their viewpoints. A well worthwhile and interesting project.

Let's Remember Veterans Day This Special Year

November 11 marks another Veteran's Day on the calendar. Another day we are supposed to remember all those who have served the Nation in past year's. It seems our memory grows a bit hazier each year about the Day's purpose; after all, it has been quite a while since our troops were involved in Operation Desert Storm, the last major conflict involving American G.I.'s.

The day was officially recognized by the Congress in honor of our World War I vets, the 'Dougboys' who slogged it out across the trenches in France and Germany. Veterans Day was later extended to commemorate vets of all the following conflicts.

There are Yoakum County men, a decreasing number each year, who have honorably served the Nation over the globe. A few people still remember World War I, many are vets of the big one, World War II, and saw action, wounds and death in places like Pearl Harbor, Wake Island, North Africa, Italy, Midway, Guam, Normandy, Bastogne, 'The Bulge', Iwo Jima, Saipan, the Philippines and Okinawa.

With Japan's surrender on August 14, 1945, we breathed easier. No more war, we thought.

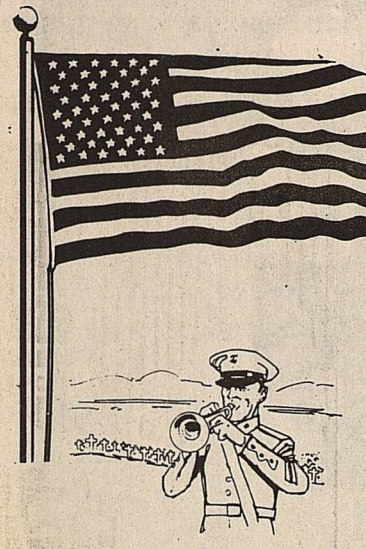
And then came Korea. Once again, young men and women were called to don uniforms in defense of the Nation. It was tabbed a "Police Action", yet over 53,000 Americans died between 1951 and 1953.

Next came Vietnam, perhaps the bitterest conflict since the Civil War, and another 60,000 names were added as casualties to the great Memorial Wall in Washington.

Time flies, and so do our memories. This year, take a few minutes to remember all the veterans who have

served us all. A quick drive thru the cemetery will reveal just a few of the men, and women, who have served us all. A quick look around the community will reveal others still with us. We know one Vietnam Vet walking, working with two plastic knees- A Korean vet who flew on over 50 combat missions, another with scars on his belly from numerous wounds-a Pearl Harbor survivor, another Marine vet with two wounds from Island hopping around the Pacific in WW II- a guy who served miserable years in a Nazi prison camp after his bomber was shot down over Germany.

None of this was fun - Let's observe this day with the respect and reverence it deserves.



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District Jobless Figures Show Yoakum At Midway Point

Data received in State Representative Gary Walker's office, from the Texas Workforce Commission



Costumed kids lined up at one of many "Hallowlujah" games



Happy faces at "Hallowlujah Festival"

sion in Austin, revealed Yoakum County's unemployment rate in the 80th House District.

Reeves County shows the highest rate of jobless in September, 10.3%, followed by Loving, 9.6%, Winkler, 6.8%, and Dawson, 6.3%. Yoakum and Terry counties were tied with 5.7%, followed by Andrews County, 5.0%, Hockley County, 4.8%, and the lowest rate, 3.7% in Gaines County.

District 80 had a total of 550 job seekers receiving a total of \$336,609 unemployment benefits during the month. The entire District has a total civilian work force of 50,938, and 47,964 of these were employed.

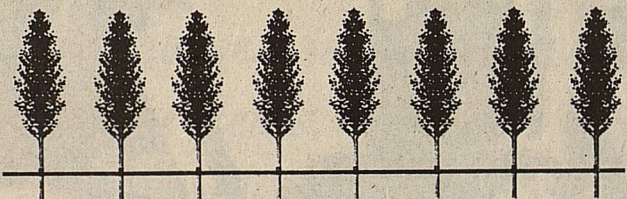
The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District is once again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Plains and Denver City High Schools. All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. Contest winners from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st Place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd Place to the college(s) of their choice. (A minimum of ten (10) essays must be submitted before a second place scholarship is awarded.)

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water. The criteria for the contest is:

1. A minimum of 1000 words.
2. Typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes.
3. References must accompany paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land U.W.C.D. office located in Plains.
4. Cover sheet containing: student's name, essay title, local high school, and date
5. The essays are due no later than **April 16, 1997.**

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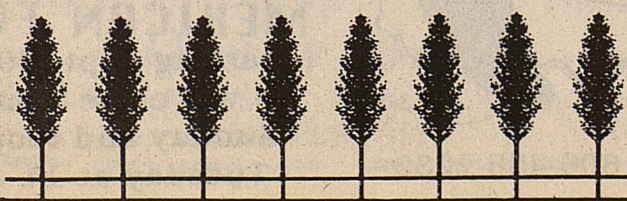
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the Indians, which led to a 4th and 14 dilemma. He solved it by making a nice throw to Marte Pierce for a 32 yard gain, then hit Joe Luna for a 15 yard touchdown. Bunch again split the uprights to put the Cowboys up 29-0.

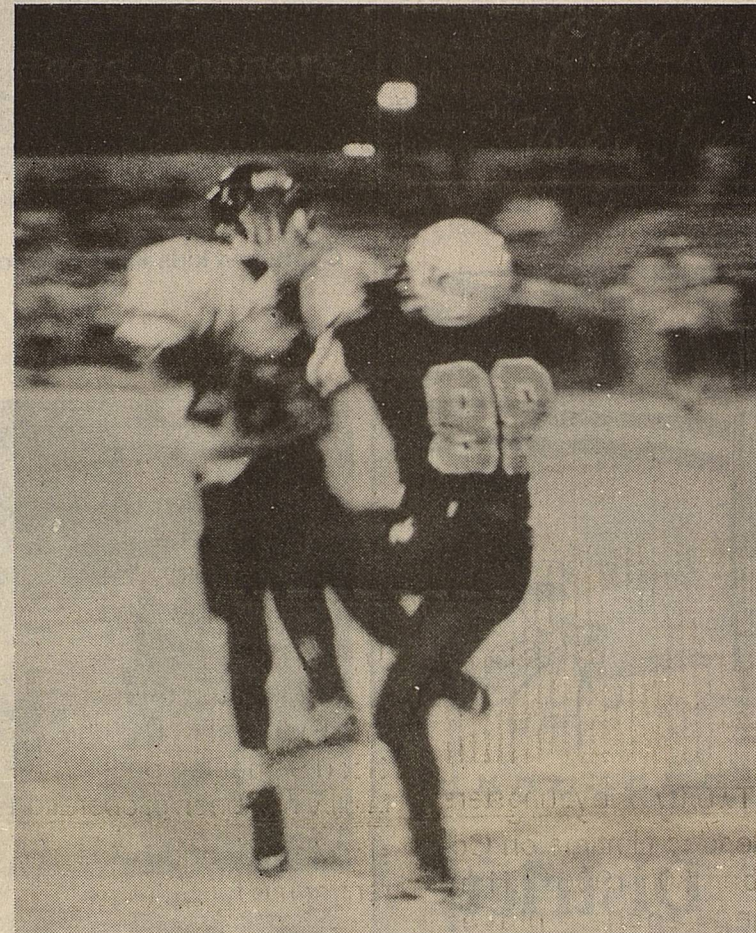
The Indians were once more shut down by the Cowboy defenders, but in their next possession the Cowboys were stopped by the Indians for only the first time in the contest. The aroused Indians began to play offense, and in seven plays finally pounded across the goal for their first score. The conversion play failed, and the scoreboard read 29-6.

With the ball again, a pass interception stopped the Cowboy attack. The desperate Indians went to the air again, and in the most spectacular play of the game, Steven Bitolas nabbed an Indian pass, ran a few yards, was hit, and on his way to the ground, flipped the ball to trailing Joe Luna who raced over 80 yards for his fourth touchdown, and a 36-6 half-time lead.

The Indians, hoping for just their second win of the season, again could go nowhere against the Cowboy defense. Chris Willett, Burgess, Howard and Derek Brunson collaborated to force a fourth down punt, which Burgess blocked. Marte Pierce scooped up the ball and raced across the goal to produce the final 42-6 score. In an act of mercy, the Cowboy coaching staff inserted many of the JV players who were suited up for the game. The younger players performed well, with great efforts



Jason Redman takes Abraham Garcia pass for good yardage



Casey Forbus breaks up Indian pass play

from Kyle Sisson, Kipp Bulldogs there. The drive Blount, Cosme there is not far...make the trip Casillas, Travis Bennett, Mike and support these guys who Bell and all the others seeing have worked so hard all year, playing time. and give the Seniors a final game crowd they will remember.

The big time win was a big boost for the Cowboys after three consecutive loses. In their final contest for the season, they will face the Tahoka

competed in a meet at Lubbock High against 13 other teams from class 1, 2 and 3A schools, and brought home the coveted First Place Sweepstakes trophy. The Calculator and Math team took team also took first place, the Number Sense team finished second, and the Science team was fifth.

Individual honors went to: Kristen Gray, number sense

and calculator, 1st, math 3rd, science 4th; Clint Burrus, number sense and calculator 2nd, math 10th, science 2nd; Tommie McNabb, number sense 6th, calculator 1st, math 9th, science 5th; Maranda Box, number sense 7th, calculator 5th; Shawn Cullins, number sense 2nd, calculator 7th, math 3rd; Shawna Box, calculator and math 1st, number sense 3rd, science 5th; Derek Brunson, number sense 9th, calculator 8th, math 1st, science 6th; Jacob Lester, number sense, calculator and science, 6th, math 7th.

Another really great showing

Volleyball Update

The Varsity Cowgirls clinched District honors with victories over Tahoka. They then prepped for further play-off competition, facing Brownfield October 29. They fell 3-15 and 12-15, and then took on Fort Davis and Wink last Saturday. They were downed by Ft. Davis 13-15 and 2-15. Wink dropped the Cowgirls 10-15, 10-15.

The Cowgirls will travel to Pecos Thursday, November 7 to compete in Bi-District action. They will face the team from Anthony, who eliminated Tornillo this week. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

GO, COWGIRLS!

JUNIOR HIGH:

7th Lady Wranglers; the 7A team girls handily beat Brownfield Oct. 28, 15-8 and 15-9. The 7B girls didn't fare as well, going down 10-15 and 4-15. This marks the last game of the season for the Junior High girls. The 7A team went 13-33 for the year. Team members include: Chelsi Wagnon, Wendy Fierro, Julie Gonzales, Ashley Gonzalez, Erica Bell, Elizabeth Clanahan, Esmerelda Moreno and Annaliesa O'Quinn. 7B Members are Becky Coronel, Annie Unger, Ragan McGinty, Josie Ramos, Carmen Mendoza, Becky Wilmeth, Dominga Avila, Arasley Luna and Liz Ramirez.

8th Lady Wranglers; Both the 8A and 8B girls finished strong. The 8A girls beat Brownfield 15-9 and 15-0, while the B girls won 11-15, 15-12 and 15-11. The B girls finished the year with a 9-9 record, and the A girls finished 19-13. A girls include Ashlei Mason, Michalea Traweek, Frances Cordova, Tanya Vasquez, Kimbe Jones, Kari Guetersloh, Lensey Cullins, Elva Ruiz and Lexi Warren. B Girls are Roxy Fuentes, Lesli Rowe, Amanda Garcia, Martha Casillas, Lisa San Filipo, Donita Richardson, Angelica Hernandez. Lena Campos and Emily Blair.

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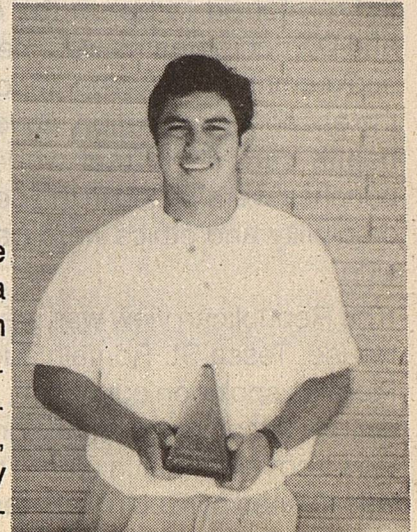
Jr. High Football Results

7th Wranglers; The young Wranglers had a scary start last Thursday when they faced the Morton Indians there. The Indians scored a touchdown on the very first play, but the Wranglers quickly regrouped. Moises Gonzales broke loose for a 17 yard scoring run, and Jared Bell passed to Joseph Rodriguez for two points and an 8-6 lead. In the second period, Rodriguez dashed 45 yards for the second TD, and Bell threw to Rodriguez for another two pointer and the final score of 16-6. Coach Davis said he was well

pleased with the team effort, and the Wrangler's season record is now 7 and 1. 8th Wranglers; The older Wranglers also came thru against the Indians, posting a 24-14 win. Adam Garcia had a big afternoon, scoring all of the points. Coach McAdams said the offensive line opened big holes all afternoon, and cited the play of Joel Gallegos, Israel Moreno, Ross Rogers, Skylar Johnson, Fabian Garza, Jason Garcia, Brett Squyres, Leo Luna, Gerry Rivas, Dustin Six and Armando Luna. He said it was the best performance of the year, and feels many of the players will help in the High School program next year. Both teams face Tahoka here Thursday afternoon, the final game of the year.

Student of the Week

This week's student of the week is Abraham Garcia, a Junior at PHS, and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Garcia. He was nominated by Mrs. Banfield, who commented, "This student excels in many areas. He is bright and intelligent. In my class, he comes prepared and ready to work. He is pleasant to be around because he is friendly, and shows great respect to those around him".



BEAT TAHOKA!



Plains Junior High held it's annual Open House Day on October 29, just before Halloween. Over 100 parents and friends of the students attended the event. They were registered and served "Witch's Brew" by Kari Guetersloh and Lensey Cullins, shown here.

PHS Math, Science teams find gold again

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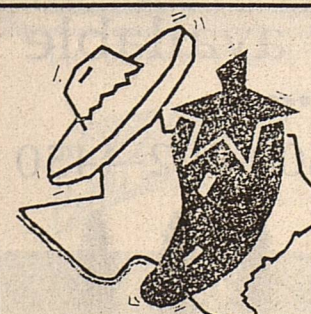
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Femme Friends



Farm Services Agency employees are shown at last week's Open House held to honor Pat Livengood's retirement. Shown L-R are Karen Williams, Wayne Sisson, Leann Lewis, Pat Livengood Gary Six, and Debra Lowe.

Senior Citizens Corner

Halloween!! Ghosts, Goblins, Witches, Black Cats the door bell ringing, and the little people hoping for a treat. It's a special time for the kids and I hope everyone had a fine time.

Here in the Center we can tell when election time draws

near. Recent candidates visiting during the lunch hour were Mr. and Mrs. Mac Bradley, Eddie Coker, J.R. Slentz and Debbie Rushing. Debbie and her mom come in often and bring a copy of the Cowboy News, which we appreciate. Don't forget to Vote! We wish all the candidates a good day at the voting booths.

Some of our senior men have "Gone Fishin." Hope the bad weather does not muddy the water for them.

Jean Sparks home from the hospital and doing great. She gives Sparky an "A" for all the TLC she gets while being ill.

Reba Baker is now in the Seminole Hospital.

Dates To Remember:
Mon. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. and Games/Pool at 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. and Generations G/P Club at 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Fri. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. and Lovington Pool Tournament at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch every day Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The Welcome Mat is always out and all Senior People are urged to come enjoy a good meal, fellowship with friends, and games and activities to pass each day.

See You Next Week, Smitty

New Baby Boy

Timothy Mojica Jr. joined his parents, Timothy and Melissa Mojica, in Levelland Methodist Hospital October 29. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Epifanio and Olga Mojica, Tokio, and Benito and Martha Longoria of Plains. Great grandparents are Juanita Arispe, Sterling City, Mary Morales, Tahoka, Juanita and Juan Flores, Mason, and Epifanio and Luisa Mojica, Lubbock, and great great grandmother Magdalena Longoria, Sterlin City



Thought for the week

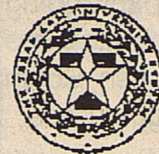
And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah,

30:21



WYLIE BEAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT HERE, HAS MOVED TO BROWNFIELD. FOR MANY YEARS, HE TRAVELED TO THAT TOWN DAILY, AND ALWAYS CHECKED WITH NELSON PHARMACY FOR MEDICINE GOING TO PLAINS, AND DROPPED IT OFF AT PAY n SAVE. THANK FOR THE DELIVERY SERVICE.



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



COOKING WITH PUMPKINS

The pumpkin patch yields more than just jack-o-lanterns and holiday pie filling. It's time to elevate the status of the pumpkin! The festive gourd is really quite versatile. A half cup pumpkin gives you a full day's supply of vitamin A. Pumpkins are also low in calories so long as you don't plo p a heaping spoon ful of whipped cream on top. Fresh pumpkin can be substituted in recipes that call for winter squash or sweet potatoes. They are certainly delicious in puddings, custards and soups. You can also cut them in chunks and steam them with salt, pepper and nutmeg, or mix them with apples, pears, rhubarb and other fruits and vegetables. They taste good with grains such as rice in a casserole. You can even make the seeds into a snack by roasting them at 375 degrees for 20 mi. for cooking, select smaller pumpkins ones that are five to eight pounds. They can last through the winter if you store them in a cool dry place.

Good Samaritan plans benefit concert

The Lovington Good Samaritan Center is in the process of expanding it's facility there, with a large additon to their home for the elderly and others in need. The expansion will include a new physical therapy room, activity room and chapel.

Owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, the facility has been in operation since 1970, and is the current home for 62 residents.

The expansion project will have a total cost of some \$840,000. The Advisory Board and Campaign Committee has set a community donor goal of \$40,000, and the balance of the funds will come from depreciation and other reserve funds.

One of the fund raising projects is a benefit concert scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at Pannell Auditorium. Advance ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. Prices at the door are \$10 and \$5.

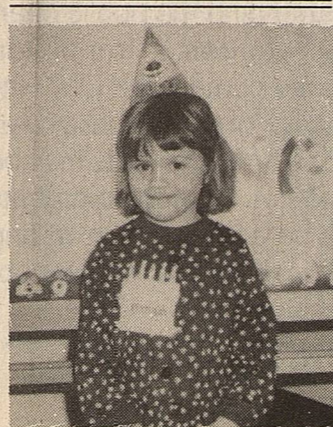
The featured musical group at the concert is the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso. Former Lovington

residents James Hobbs and his wife Cindy created the talented group, and are the operators of the Flying J Chuckwagon and Western Show in Ruidoso, where patrons can enjoy heart chuckwagon style nightly meals and hear a good western music show. In his show, Hobbs explains traditional western music arose from the cowboy lifestyle, and his struggles with nature and the lland in the old west.

Other performers besides his wife Cindy, who is a National Champion Yodeler, include former National and World Champion Fiddler Bart Trotter, and bass guitarist Jayson Jones. The Hobbs two daughters, Emily, 10, and Betsy, 7, join the group for solo performances. Also appearing in the concert will be the Full Circle group from Lovington, and the Lovington High School Jazz Choir. A night of great musical entertainment, and each ticket sale will benefit the Good Samaritan's needed expansion.

The campaign committee reminds donors their gifts are tax deductible

Filmtime



Twenty-one youngsters attended filmtime on October 30, 1996. They sang songs, played games, watches two movies, and read two books. They highlighted the number 6. They also celebrated Hannah Crump's 4th birthday with a party. Her mom brought grape juice and pumpkin cookies.

Other kids attending were Courtney Byram, Kelsey Curry, Carolina Hernandez, Kevin John Gass, Cody Friesen, Jacob Brink, Troy Don Parrish, Hunter Welch, Katelynn Young, Lariah Johnson, Sabrina Byram, Sean Curry, Adam Nixon, Issac Doyle, Autumn Friesen, Merrit Crump, Jaston Brink, Chase Ortega, Haley Welch, and Raegan Young.

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From The Hack

Man, oh man, I wish I had the sources of information the "Weekly World News" does, that sterling publication found at virtually all retail checkout stands.

For instance, I had no idea it was more dangerous to lie in your backyard hammock than to fly a commercial jet-yes, seems more folks flop out of hammocks and suffer injuries than airline flyers each year. Could it be the "hammockites" have a toddy or two before swinging away in the swaying crib?

I was also entranced by the story of a Japanese Kite Flying Champion, one Mr. Futimaka, who raised his great kite to the height of 2316 feet, but unfortunately was killed when the kite dived directly into his head. This guy would have been a wash

out in Las Vegas too.

I was fascinated by the next article, and immediately thought of locals Butch and Bobbie Gayle when I saw the headline, "Man Beats Wife Over Head With Two Pound Bass". This is probably going to be poor Bobbie's fate if she continues to out fish Butch with more and bigger bass.

I was also fascinated and stunned by the revelation a Parisian animal rights activist, protesting the destruction of a wildlife habitat, was ripped, shredded and flayed by a pack of savage weasels. Let's hope some activist doesn't decide to protect our prairie dogs... they may drag him down a hole and eat him.

I really was not too fond of the next article which caught my eye, but he Bride LOVED it! It was captioned, "Old Grouches Are Born That Way". Said men don't get grumpier as they age, they were just as nasty when they were younger, and if they bitch and moan now, they've done it always. That's just the article's and her opinion, of course.

Legal Notice

City of Plains Texas Community Development Program

The City of Plains will conduct a final hearing on its 1992 Texas Community Development Program Wastewater Facilities Grant on Monday, November 11, 1996 at 5:15p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 601 11th Street, Plains, Texas. Topics to be discussed are completion of wastewater treatment improvements and expenditure of grant and local funds.

The City encourages recipients of the project as well as other interested citizens to participate in the hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to David Brunson, City Manager. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Hall office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. All written comments will be addressed in writing within fifteen days after public hearing.

Republic Of Texas Is No More

Austin; At noon President Anson Jones and Governor-elect J. Pinkney Henderson took their place on a flag draped platform, and Pres. Jones addressed a large crowd, with the following closing paragraph; "The Lone Star of Texas, which ten years ago rose amid clouds over fields of carnage, has passed on and become fixed forever in that glorious constellation which free men and lovers of freedom must reverence - the American

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

The cotton market traded in a narrow range this week while searching for a clearer direction in fundamental news. However, traders were confused by the fact that the market barely reacted to the second favorable export report released in two weeks.

USDA reported export sales of 1996-97 U.S. cotton increased a net 254,200 bales in the week ended October 24, up from the previous week's figure of 228,400 bales. The report showed substantial sales to Mexico, Japan, China and Canada and reflected sales made the week when U.S. cotton prices neared the 71-cent level, a price attractive to foreign buyers.

Some said China's purchase of 32,200 bales was encouraging, though not as high as its previous purchase of 97,100 bales. It is commonly believed that China remains the United States' best hope for reviving cotton export sales, though recent news stories have said China is limiting its purchases of foreign growths.

The export figure was considered generally favorable, although according to some analysts, U.S. cotton still appears to be facing some stiff competition. Countries like India are expecting bumper crops and may end up exporting a large amount of cotton. In fact, one analyst said U.S. prices must be low enough in the future to attract buyers away from cheaper priced Indian and other foreign growths.

In other news, the International Union... may the Union be perpetual is my fervent prayer. The final act in this great drama is now performed. The Republic of Texas is no more".

He then stepped to the flag-staff and lowered for the last time the flag of the Republic. A cannon roared, and amid the cheers of the crowd the flag of the United States floated for the first time over the capital of Texas

February 19, 1846
THE TEXAS NEWS

Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) lowered its estimate of 1996-97 world cotton production to 86.58 million bales, down 1.4 million bales from the agency's previous figure. "The largest decline is occurring in China, where government policy placed more emphasis on grain production this season," the ICAC said. The organization also cited production problems in Pakistan as another reason for its lower estimate.

Cotton producers in Pakistan have been plagued by leaf curl virus and pests this season, but early pickings in the country have revealed a larger problem than originally thought, and growers and merchants there are in a growing state of anxiety. In fact, some in the industry now believe Pakistan's cotton production will not reach the Pakistani government's target of 7.1 to 7.4 million bales. A leading group of private Pakistani cotton traders expect the 1996-97 output to be as low as 6.6 million to 6.7 million bales, due to the extensive damage to the crop. A concerned Pakistani mill chief said a 7.0 million bale crop is possible, however, it will not be enough as the country's consumption is pegged at 7.3 million bales.

The crop outlook is much better on the home front as cotton harvesting in the U.S. is more than 50 percent complete, and weather conditions outside the southeastern U.S. have been largely favorable in preserving crop quality.

Even the southeastern states have experienced a much more favorable

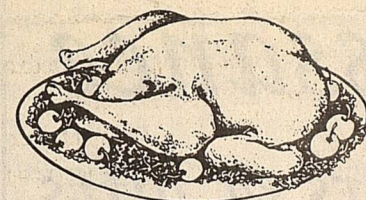
environment for crop maturation and harvesting in the past few weeks than they did earlier this season. Unfortunately, between Hurricane Fran, Tropical Storm Josephine and a number of non-tropical weather events, the quality of many southeastern crops was substantially compromised. Production losses were also reported.

Crop conditions, yield potentials and quality elsewhere in the U.S. vary considerably from one area to the next as they often do during a typical growing season. Overall, the past few weeks of weather have largely been favorable for crop maturation and harvesting.

Harvesting continued in full swing in North Texas as picking was nearly complete in South Central Texas and the Upper Coast. On the Plains, frost began the defoliating of the leaves and reduced the need for spraying defoliants. Although some damage was reported to immature bolls as a result of the freeze, the damage was not enough to cause concern. The cotton harvest in Oklahoma made good progress as well with 19 percent of the state's cotton harvested, compared to only nine percent a year ago.

Additionally, spot cotton sales continue to improve as trading on TELCOT for the five trading days ended October 31 totaled 15,589 bales, up from the previous week's figure of 11,085 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 64.03 to 65.21 cents per pound.

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	Boys	Girls
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Basketball	70,365	70,558
Baseball	38,168	
Volleyball		56,726
Cross Country	26,393	29,354
Softball		25,169
Soccer	18,666	14,544
Tennis	15,729	15,842
Golf	14,630	8,777
Swimming	4,548	5,824
Team Tennis	16,979 combined	
Six Man Football	3,530	
TOTAL	758,900	



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