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Neugebauer bringing House Ag Chairman to West Texas

Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced last week he will bring the new Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, to West Texas next Saturday, October 25, to meet with 19th District ag producers.

Neugebauer, who serves on the Agriculture Committee with Goodlatte (R-Virginia) will give the Chairman a tour of farming operations in the district and make stops including the Birdsong Peanut Processing Plant in Brownfield, and the Ropesville Co-Op Gin.

The two Representatives will then hold a "19th District Farmers Forum" Saturday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Lubbock at the Merket Alumni Center on the campus of Texas Tech University. Neugebauer encourages farm families from throughout the District to attend the event and share their opinions.

"I invited the Chairman to visit because I want him to see and hear first hand the concern of our producers," Neugebauer said. "We have a friend in Bob Goodlatte, because he is willing to help when I discuss the needs West Texas farmers have, whether it's dealing with the Farm Bill, crop insurance, peanuts, trade, or any other issue."

Goodlatte, who took the reins of the Agriculture Committee after the retirement of former 19th District Congressman Larry Combest, said he is eager to visit after learning so much about the area from Neugebauer.

"Congressman Neugebauer has picked up where Larry Combest left off, in being a strong advocate for West Texas farmers," said Goodlatte. "I know this because I see Randy hard at work in the Ag Committee, and because he bends my ear plenty of times. I look forward to visiting West Texas, seeing the unique farming operations and visiting with farmers and ranchers."

Goodlatte, 51, has served Virginia's 6th Congressional District since 1993. In addition to being Chairman of the Ag Committee, he serves on the House Judiciary Committee and the Select Committee on Homeland Security. He is married, has two children and lives in Roanoke, Virginia.

Neugebauer serves on the Ag Committee and Subcommittees and Risk Management, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs, and Livestock and Horticulture. He is also a member of the House Resources Committee and Committee on Science.

*And when those cotton bolls get rotten,
You can PICK an awful lot of cotton!*



This new and massive John Deere six row cotton picker was busy in an excellent field of drip irrigated cotton near the New Mexico stateline last week. Sales personnel in the field monitoring the picker's performance reported Deere makes an even larger eight row machine, but there are concerns its massive weight would not be compatible with our areas sandy soil. While the cotton harvest is not in the very top gear yet, all area gins are running, and most producers are pleased with the early season results.

Cowboys humble Antelopes 39 - 14

The Cowboys overcame a slow and mistake prone start against the Whiteface Antelopes last Friday to score their second win of the season and their first in district action.

The Cowboy defense stopped the Antelopes cold in their first possession, forcing a punt taken deep in Cowboy territory. On their second offensive play, a fumble gave the Lopes the ball on the 10, and on the next play a dash over right tackle gave them six points, and the PAT gave them a 7-0 lead.

To their credit, the Cowboys re-grouped, and late in the first period began a drive from their 20. Todd Williams followed linemens blocking to move the ball to the 38, Richard Diaz skirted right end for 16 yards, and the Lopes were called for pass interference to move the ball to the 29, where Diaz circled right end for the first Cowboy score, and T.J. Cordova's kick tied the game at 7-7.

Following the kickoff early in the second quarter, Whiteface was penalized back to their 12 yardline, where Trey Cleveland would trap their quarterback for a 4 yard loss, and on the next play, T.J. Cordova burst through the Lopes line to block the forced punt, recovered in the end zone by Nolan Newsom for six points, and Cordova's kick put them up 14-7.



Cowboy receiver Zach Broome, 12, battles Antelope for the ball. Neither won battle.

Cowboy defenders virtually shut down the Whiteface offense the remainder of the half. With less than 4 minutes on the clock, Evan Cain threw a 40 yard completion to Payton Bean to move the ball to the Lopes 13, where Williams found a gaping hole over his left guard to push the score to 20-7.

Following the kickoff, Whiteface fumbled on their second

play, recovered by Armando Ramirez to put the Cowboy offense in gear at the 46. Cowboy linemen opened holes for Williams to move the ball to the 33 and a first down. Evan Cain then hit Zach Broome with a pass, who gained some 7 yards, then lateraled the ball to trailing Richard Diaz to push the ball to the Lopes 10. Cain then found Broome open in the end zone for a good catch in traf-

fic. Cordova's kick gave the Cowboys a 26-7 lead at the half.

In the third period, the Cowboy offense quickly went into action. In their first possession, linemen provided good up front blocking to allow gains by Diaz and Michael Crump; and with the ball on their 48, Cain found Arnold Cordova wide open

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Cowboys

Grand Jury Indicts 13

Convened in session October 8, the Yoakum County Grand Jury returned true bills of indictment against 13 individuals. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Robert Rivera was indicted on three separate causes of manufacture/delivery of cocaine, less than one gram, all state jail felonies. The defendant is in jail.

Greg Perez Madrid was indicted on possession of cocaine, a state jail felony. Bond was met by Lonny Folmar. Madrid was also indicted on a separate cause of endangering a child, also a state jail felony. No bond was set on the cause.

Shandee Jordan Chisum was indicted on possession of cocaine, more than one gram but less than four, a state jail felony. Lonnie Folmar was bail bondsman.

Osvaldo Razcon Verdugo was indicted for cocaine possession, less than one gram, a state jail felony. Bond was met by Lonny Folmar.

Tony Gomez Jr. was indicted

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Court hears Extension review, renews hospital management contract

Debbie Pollard and Arlan Gentry, Extension Agents with Yoakum County Extension Service, presented to Monday's session of Commissioners Court a review of all activities the Extension office has been involved with during the Texas Community Futures Forum from 2000 to 2003. Pollard discussed Extension participation to encourage citizens involvement in the political process, a leadership retreat for 24 county young adults, an active program to prevent erosion of the family unit with education about reducing teen pregnancies, drug education, and youth participation in community events. Gentry reviewed his role as the Ag Extension agent, which ranges from participating in the annual country livestock show and sale, the second year of the extension shooting skills and firearms safety program for county youngsters, and assisting producers to benefit from the current farm program. He reported county agricultural income was some \$70 million in 2000, \$71 million in 2001, and rose to \$94 million in 2002.

Clay Taylor, Administrator of Yoakum County Hospital, presented a finalized management contract between the Covenant Healthcare System and the county for the operational management of the facility. He reported the Hospital's Board had earlier approved the contract, and the court also unanimously approved the agreement. Taylor told CCN prior to the meeting the prior announced cost over run problems for the hospitals ongoing expansion and improvement project had been greatly alleviated thanks to an anonymous grant donation received in late August of this year. "The grant was for \$300,000, and if you will recall, our shortfall in funds for the project was just a few thousand

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A NEW DAY DAWNS

"It's like the soul coming back to the body." That was the sentiment expressed by Ibrahim Abdullah, a refugee returning to Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. His heartfelt words paint a vivid picture of the overwhelming change taken place in the lives of the Iraqi people in the last six months. It is hard for us as Americans to grasp just how dramatic that transformation has been. A brutal dictator who killed innocent men, women and children on a whim is gone. His band of thugs who intimidated, tortured and maimed has been scattered, captured or killed. And the Iraqi people are beginning to experience freedom and rebuild their lives after a generation of oppression.

BACK TO SCHOOL

For young Iraqis who have never known life without Saddam Hussein, last month brought about the most visible change. In September, millions of Iraqi children returned to school, marking one of the greatest successes of Operation Iraqi Freedom. US armed forces were integral in making that day possible. Our service men and women worked with local partners to refurbish schools destroyed under Saddam so Iraq's youth could experience the world of opportunity education offers.

Under the former regime, desks were in pieces, blackboards broken, windows shattered, doorways stood void of doors, and poor or no lighting was commonplace. U.S. military personnel and engineers, American and Iraqi contractors worked to repair schools. Walls were painted, wiring and plumbing fixed, glass replaced, security bars installed in windows, and school supplies were issued.

But more important than the new facilities and equipment now welcoming the children each morning is the absence of Saddam Hussein. No longer do the children start the day with a pledge of loyalty to Saddam, no longer does his picture stare down from the walls, or from the textbooks - "even the math books" as one Iraqi teacher said. The horrors of life under a dictator are gone. As reported in the National Review, "...there will be no mysterious disappearances from the classroom. No teachers and pupils will be found dead in school doorways... teenage girls will not be abducted and taken to one of the many harems maintained by Uday, Saddam's sadistic elder son..." Life in Iraq has been altered forever, immeasurably for the better.

A NEW CURRENCY

In October, a new national currency began replacing the old Iraqi money called 'dinar'. While here in America the new \$20 bill being introduced barely makes the evening news, the new Iraqi bills have international implications. Saddam's image has been erased from the money, and Iraqi people can pay for their groceries without his gaze. It also signals the beginning of a stabilized Iraqi economy. While outside investors avoided the country in the past, the new dinar will offer a measure of confidence to the market and bring economic opportunity to Iraqis and foreign investors alike.

HOPE FOR THE FORTUNE

Our military is performing heroic acts every day to ensure the Iraqi people are free and working toward a viable self-government. Normal life is being established, as basic services are restored and hope is reborn. No words can convey the appropriate emotions better than those of the liberated people themselves. The director of an Iraqi maternity hospital and member of the Governing Council said, "I helped deliver thousands of Iraqi babies, and now I am taking part in the birth of a new country and a new rule based on women's rights, humanity, unity and freedom." A new day has indeed dawned for Iraq.

Couple of good dates coming up, one we'd like to forget
 35 days until Thanksgiving
 62 days until Christmas
 112 days until Infernal Tax Day

First Annual Denim and Diamonds New Year's Eve Ball

December 31, 2003

7:00 PM—1:00 AM

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 Linda Moore - 592-8829 * Wilma Powell - 456-2288
 Louise Swanson - 592-2069 * Judy Thompson - 592-2580, or 592-6444

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dollars over this grant. Our entire staff and Board are extremely grateful for this generous gesture."

Sheriff Don Corzine asked the court to approve advertising for bids for two new patrol cars for his department, with or without trade-in of two Impala units, both with over 100,000 miles. The trade-ins would not be available to buyers until the new units were delivered. The court approved his request.

The Sheriff also asked for approval naming Joe Ramos Jr. a Reserve Deputy, and for his deputation. He said Ramos is a veteran US Border Patrol Agent well familiar with this area, who has spent time with several current deputies, and felt he would be a valuable asset for the department. The request was approved.

Suzie Parker, Denver City, was approved as a member of the Child Welfare Board.

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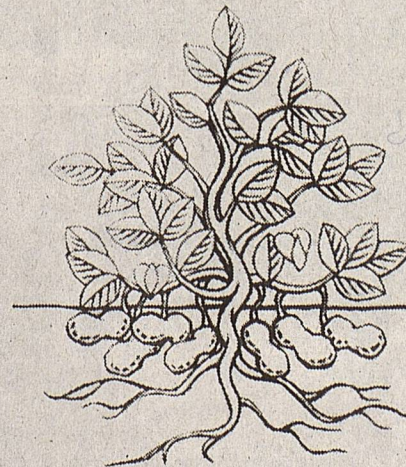
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PHS students attend Tech Prep Career Expo

More than 2900 high school students attended this year's South Plains Tech Prep Career Expo on October 14.

Chad Foster, best selling author of "Preparing Teens for the Real World" was the motivational speaker. He described three keys to success, pursuing your dreams, developing great communication skills and accumulating knowledge.

Students had the opportunity to look at demonstrations as well as participate in hands-on activities and interactive displays in human services, engineering and industrial technology, health services, business/marketing/computer technology, ag/environmental science and arts and communications. 125 business representatives were on hand to talk one on one with the students.

Representatives from Texas Tech, South Plains College, Lubbock Christian and Wayland Baptist talked to students about courses offered in the careers represented at the Expo.

49 PHS students from Mrs. Canada's BCIS I & II classes, Mrs. Dorsett's Accounting I & II classes, and Mr. Canon's Cisco Class attended the event.



Cendy Lopez listens to her heart on instrument enabling patient Doctor and Consulting Doctor to hear heart beat at same time. Looking on, Angelica Gomez, Helen Neufeld and April Wilmeth



Toni Murgia and Kristian Morales feel a real pig's lung in the Covenant-Respiratory Booth.

Nolan Newsom an Aerospace Scholar at Johnson Space Center

Nolan Newsom, a PHS Senior was one of 200 high school seniors from across Texas who spent one week this summer at NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston. Nolan applied and was nominated by state representative Gary Walker to participate in this unique educational experience, where selected students are challenged to complete 12 Web-based assignments during the school year and travel to JSC in summer to explore op-

tions for sending humans to Mars. During his weeklong experience at JSC facilities, attended briefings by noted NASA employees--including astronauts--and worked with a team to design a mission to Mars. Nolan and his teammates concluded their experience by presenting their proposal at a luncheon to members of the Texas Legislature, Rotary NASA, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, JSC senior management, and most impor-

tantly, their parents. The State of Texas, in partnership with JSC and the Texas educational community, developed High School Aerospace Scholars to encourage more students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas. More than 1,000 students from across Texas have participated in the program since its incep-

Connection meets, hears Watermelon Round Up report

Yoakum County Connection held its regular monthly meeting on October 14. Vice Chairman Ed Hansen presided at the meeting in the absence of LeAnn Romines. Elsa Moya read the minutes and L.J. Sanders gave a financial report.

Watermelon Round Up Chair Jeannette Head reported this year's event was another success, despite an increase in expenses. She reported the Round Up had a modest profit of some \$3000, with expenses totaling

over \$35,000. Head reported the annual Classic Car Show, organized by Terry and Wadonna Davis was again a financial success. She expressed appreciation to the City of Plains for supplying the highway detour signs, and the help from Templo Bautista Church for their trash pickup help. "It was a day of safe family fun and good public relations for the county - making a profit is secondary to that. Our Connection memberships are

down, and that also affects our bottom line."

As an umbrella art organization, one of the major goals of the Connection is to promote arts in the public schools by bringing in performers who entertain and educate. Kristi Kostelich of Denver City and Mary Petigrew of Plains have applied again for the TCA grants for their respective schools.

Larry Escobar was indicted for criminal mischief, more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000, state jail felony. Jerome Head met his bond.

Michael Lopez was indicted for criminal mischief, more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000, state jail felony. Jerome Head was bondsman.

Jose Antonio Avila was indicted for criminal mischief, more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000, state jail felony. Jerome Head met his bond.

Frederick David Fell was indicted for DWI, third or more, a third degree felony. Bond was met by Calvillo Bail Bonds.

Ken Alan Burriss was indicted for DWI, third or more, third degree felony. Lonnie Folmar was bail bondsman.

Juanita Petree Bernal was in-

dicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony. Lonnie Folmar met her bond.

Conviction of State jail felony is confinement in state jail not more than two years or less than 180 days, and optional fine not over \$10,000. Second degree felony conviction includes confinement in state prison up to 20 years but not less than two years, and optional fine up to \$10,000.

Third degree felony conviction for criminal mischief, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, state jail felony. Jerome Head met his bond.

Jeremy Jason Gonzales was indicted for criminal mischief, more than \$1500, less than \$20,000, state jail felony. Jerome Head was bondsman.

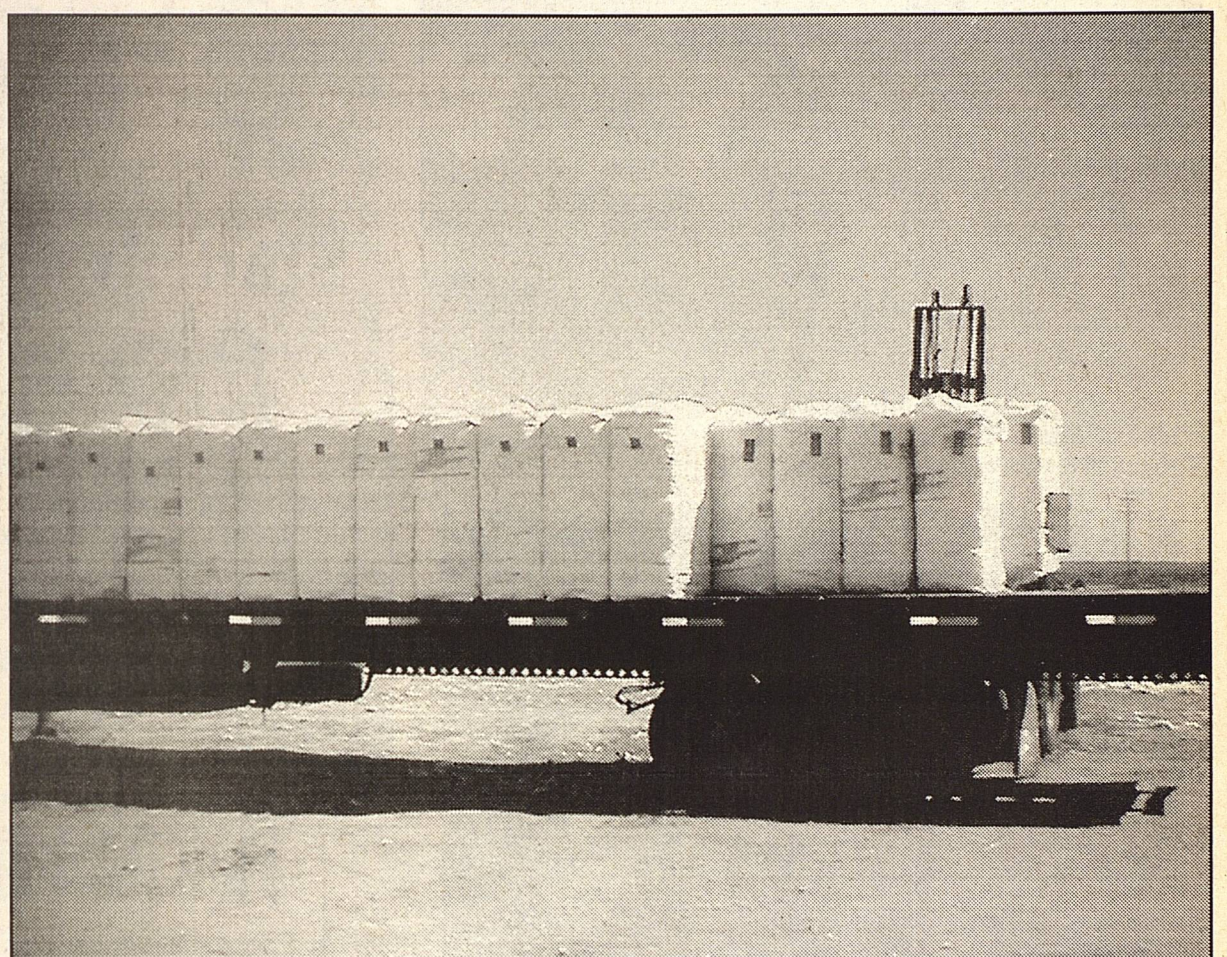
Jerome Head was bondsman. can call for confinement in state

prison up to 10 years, not less than two years, and optional \$10,000 fine. All bonds for felony indictments are set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore.

County Court case heard

In County Court October 15, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Mitchell Scott Shelton pled guilty to reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$226 court costs, complete the victim impact program and serve 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Brad Taylor, and David Martinez was his attorney.

Soon to be a common, everyday sight



This truck trailer was almost loaded with bales of cotton from Yoakum County CoOp Gin, preparing for the trip to the compress in Lubbock. With all local gins now running, and what is probably a better cotton crop than expected at one time, truckloads of cotton will be a routine sight

Hunter Education classes scheduled

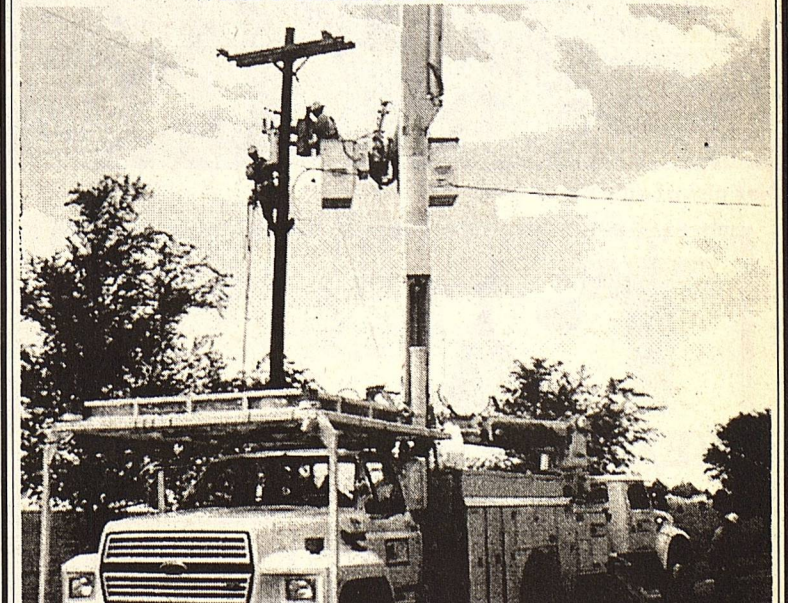
There will be two Hunter Education classes held at the South Plains College Law Enforcement building. The first is an evening class beginning Monday, October 20, and Tuesday and Thursday, 6 PM to 10 PM. The second is a weekend class, Saturday, October 25, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm, and Sunday, Oct 26, 1:30 pm until 5 pm. Cost of the class is \$10. All hunters in Texas born after September 2, 1971 must complete the course. Call Rick or Betty Monger, 806-229-8871 to register for either class.

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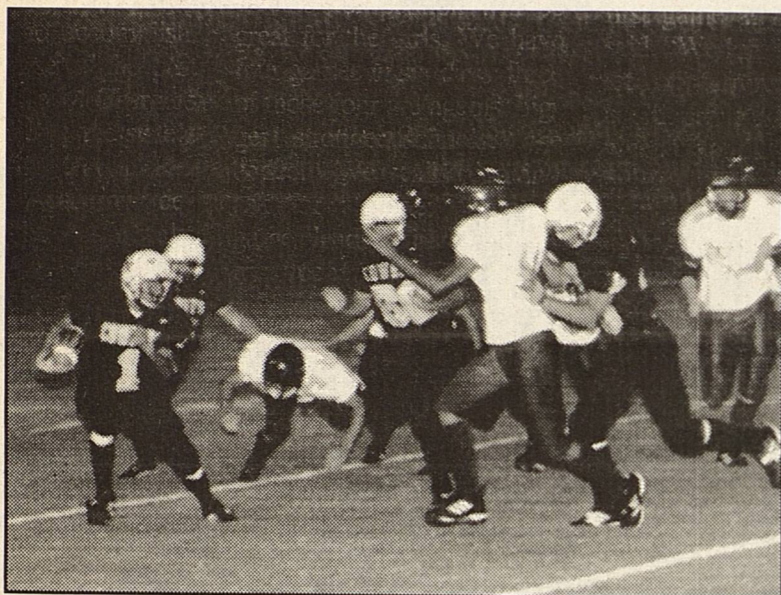
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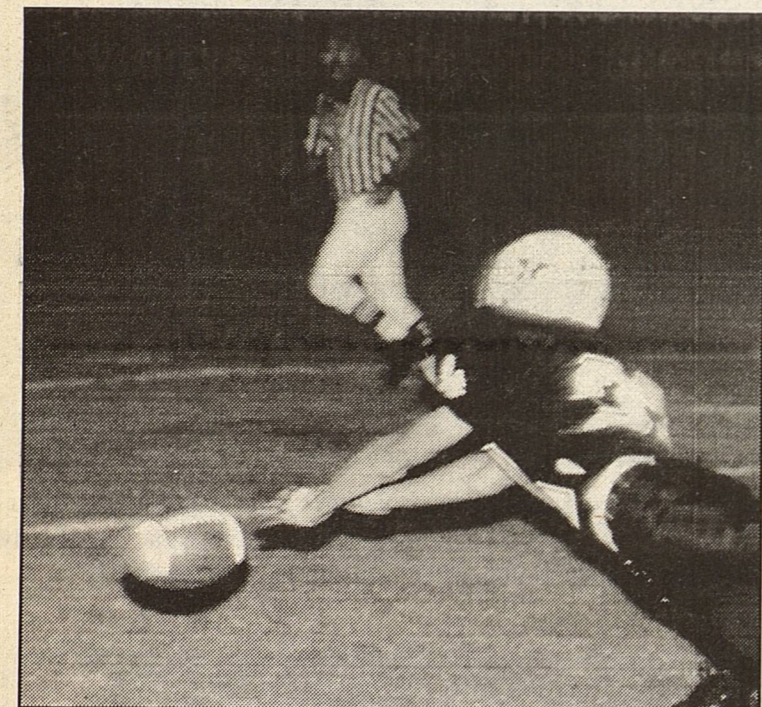
Cowboys vs Antelopes scenes



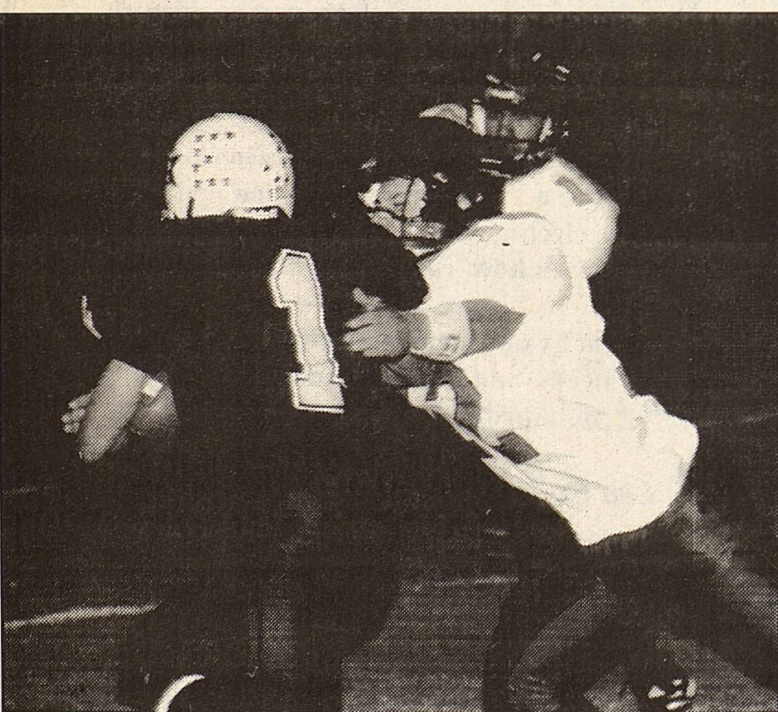
Arnold Cordova battles to down an Antelope



Richard Diaz tries to elude an angry Antelope



Patrick Cotton dives for overthrown ball



Diaz picked up good yardage on this run

with a strike and 52 yard TD scramble to give the Cowboys a 32-7 lead.

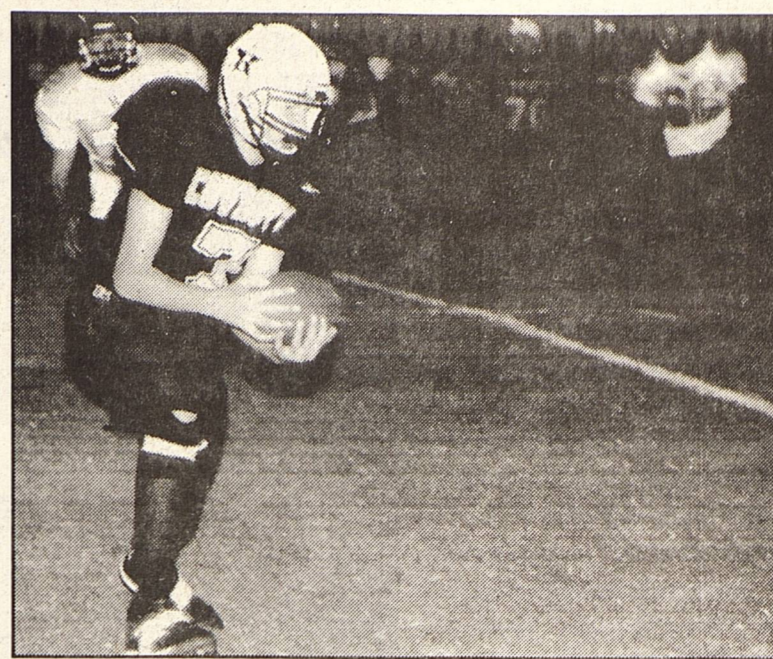
Following the kickoff, the desperate Antelopes managed one first down, then racked up four consecutive pass incompletions to give the Cowboys the ball on the 43. The linemen provided Cain time to find Ramirez open for a 19 yard completion, and opened holes for good rushes by Crump and Diaz to push the ball to the 15, where Williams carried it in for Plains final score.

The Antelopes did manage one successful drive late in the third period, starting at their 27, moving steadily down field and into the final quarter, and with five minutes on the clock, their

quarterback Arguijo carried the ball into the end zone to make the final score 39-14 Cowboys.

The Cowboys displayed a balanced offensive attack, gaining 188 yards on the ground, 184 yards in the air, compared to the Antelopes 125 total yards. Leading rushers were Diaz, 13 carries, 72 yards, Williams, 14 and 66, and Crump 5 for 33. Arnold Cordova caught one pass for 52 yards, Payton Bean 1 for 40, Blake O'Quinn 1 for 21, Ramirez 2 for 32, and Broome, 3 for 23 yards. T.J. Cordova kicked four extra points and averaged 42.7 yards on seven kickoffs.

The 'Boys travel next Friday to take on old nemesis Sundown at 7:30 PM. They will greatly benefit from YOUR presence and support!



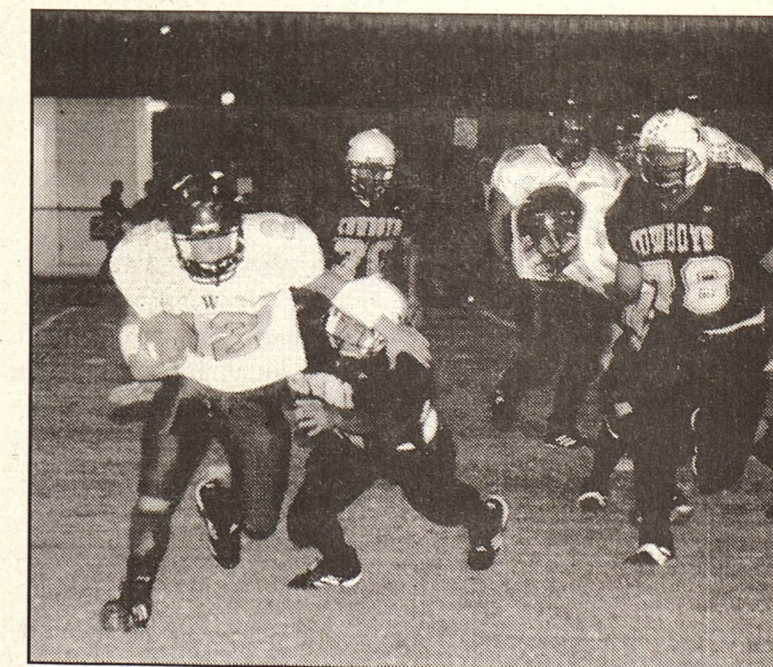
Blake O'Quinn managed to control the ball for a pass reception.



Zach Broome, 12, Nolan Newsom, 67, and unidentified Cowboy bury runner



Armando Ramirez caught this ball



This Whiteface runner failed to make it to line of scrimmage



Cowboys kneel on sideline in respect for injured Antelope player.

PHS Volleyball Summary

JV Cowgirls: The younger Cowgirls handily downed the Whiteface Lady Antelopes on October 15, 25 - 9 and 25 - 14. Coach Thaggard said, "Whiteface had problems returning our hard serves, especially from Angelica Mendoza, who had 13 straight in the first game, plus five serves from Yesica Calderon, and in the second game, 7 from Lisa Neufeld. The ladies did a great job".

No Varsity Report Available

Student of the Week



Student of the Week is Angelica Mendoza, a freshman and the daughter of Joaquin and Romelia Tarrango. She was nominated by Georgann Weisgerber, who said, "A great leader, always a positive attitude, and willing to go the extra mile! She always sets the best example for her fellow students, and participates in a wide variety of school activities. I am proud to nominate Angelica."

TRICK OR TRUNK

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Where: In front of the High School

Time: 6:45-8:00 p.m.

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Tsa Mo Ga Club News

The club's October 13 meeting featured a program on healthy lifestyles, with Ann McGinty as moderator. Members received a handbook, Family Self-Care, provided by the National Women's Resource center, which offered information on general family health, including regular medical check-ups, immunizations, healthy diet and nutrition, exercise and wellness care. Club members related health information to those present.

Members were reminded of the Caprock District meeting scheduled November 1 at Girls Town.

All Tsa Mo Ga members are

Senior Citizens News

By June Hanneman

The visitor list this week includes Billy Ray and Delores Moore, and Linda Kay. L.W. and Jane Sparks were guests of Jean Sparks for lunch.

The gym was a busy place as 157 folks came to receive flu shots Thursday, October 9. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help make the day as organized as possible. Flu shots will be available in the conference room on Friday, October 24. They will be administered by a local medical team and are free to seniors with Medicare and will be available to others for \$15.

Several of our people came to share in the informative class on diabetes last Friday. We appreciate these program targeting our health concerns which different groups make available to us.

As we write these lines, Duncan Ashmore is in the local hospital with his health problem, and Hoot Gibson is traveling to Lubbock this week to receive help with his health problem. Our best wishes go to each of these men.

"Experts have long known mental calisthenics can keep your brain fit as you age, and they've suspected physical activity could as well. But in one new study, dancing beat activities including walking, swimming, and cycling for protecting against dementia. Scientists think moving your feet to the beat may require more concentration from rote exercise...." This from the October, 2003 HEALTH. I stood before our

asked to bring Halloween candy and their Innisbrook gift wrap orders to the October 27 meeting. Candy will be donated to the PHS Student Council sponsored "Trick Or Trunk" Halloween activity Thursday evening in the school parking lot. All candy should be individually wrapped.

Club members and the public are urged to participate in the Innisbrook gift wrap program, a major club fund raising event. To order gift wrap or other gifts, contact any club member.

Hostesses for the meeting were Maria Hernandez and Sarah Jane Shelton.

By Renetta O'Quinn

50th Anniversary Planned



Mr. and Mrs. George Blount will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary October 30 with a family gathering at Cagle's Steakhouse, hosted by their children, Paula and Perry Ham of Denver City, and Mike and Stephenia Blount of Plains. Their grandchildren are Kipp, Tanner and Chelsea, and great grandson Blane Blount.

This is a youth-oriented society, and the joke is on them because youth is a disease from which we all recover
Dorothy Juldheim

Annual 4-H Nut Sale

Yoakum County 4-H members are beginning their Annual Nut Sale fund raiser. Orders will be taken from October 18 through November 20, and products should be received in time for delivery before Christmas. Items available will be similar to last year; pecans, peanuts, flavored peanuts, walnuts and nut and fruit mixes. If you are missed, please call any Yoakum County 4-H member or the County Extension office at 456-2263.



What about... How do most people choose a funeral director? Is it because of cost? Or is it convenience of location or just what?

It is my thought that people look at several factors before choosing a funeral director. The person who will care for their loved one with dignity, show some sincere concern for the family, as well as offer services which justify the cost of a funeral!

I think one of the first things a family thinks about is how is mom or dad going to look? Will they look like they are dead or like they are sleeping?

Of course, we have all been to funeral services where the deceased person 'looked' dead. There was no effort on the part of the funeral director to attempt to make the person look at peace and hopefully, like they did before they got so sick.

Having someone look like they did before the disease, is what's called 'looking normal' in my book. Too many funeral directors pride themselves in getting a person in a view-

ing room and into a casket as fast as they can.

Quickness is not always the best way to go for a family though. As the ole' saying goes, a good wine takes time. Well, preparing someone for their last viewing here on earth takes time too. Perfection is not accomplished in an hour.

People constantly remark about how natural someone looks as they leave our funeral home. Others are amazed at how well someone may look after being so ill, many times comparing the last time they saw them today.

It is our goal to make people gasp when they enter the stateroom alright, but I want them to gasp because someone looks so 'life like' instead of 'like the dead.'

Cosmetology, restorative art, and being a funeral director. All things that have to be done correctly to make someone look the very, very best they can before final disposition.

Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors, the experts on a 'life like' appearance. Until Next Time...

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Jeepers, Creepers We Need Your Old Peepers!

The week of Halloween, October 27 through October 31, the Plains Lions Club with the Boy Scouts will be collecting all types of prescription glasses and sunglasses for adults or children plus nonprescription sunglasses. Children's glasses are especially in need, as they are in high demand but in short supply. Whether they are big or small, fashionably 'in' or 'out', your glasses could change how someone in a developing country sees the world.

These used glasses will be taken to the Recycling Center in Midland, where they will be cleaned, repaired, classified and hand delivered to people in developing countries who desperately need glasses but cannot afford them. Some of the countries getting these used glasses are Funisia, Mexico, Bolivia,

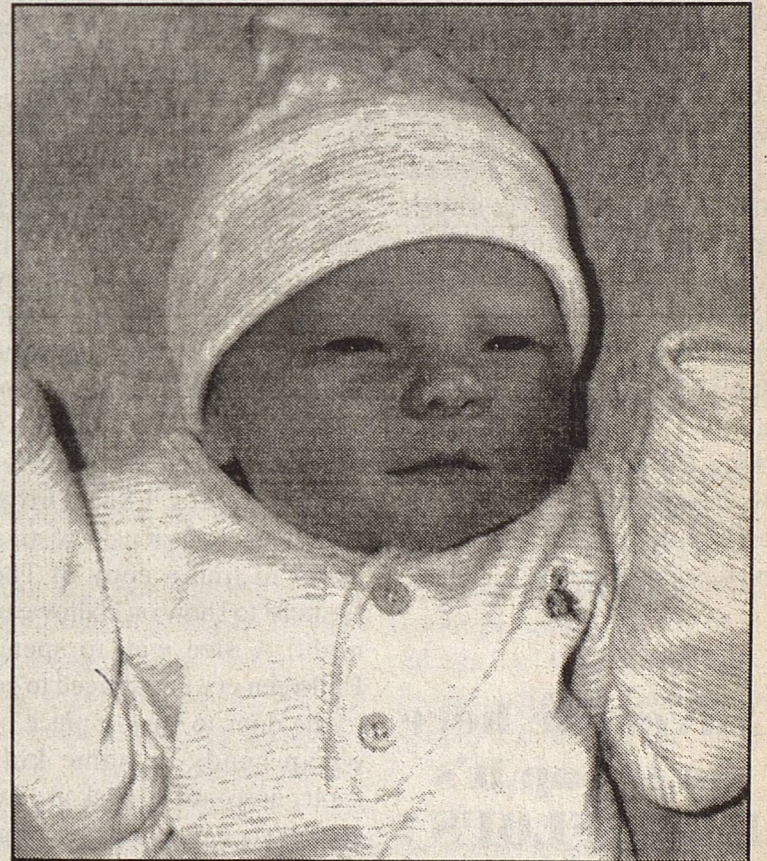
Morocco, Laos, China and the Phillipines.

Sight Night is a part of a national collection drive conducted annually by Give The Gift of Sight, a Family of charitable vision care programs sponsored by the LensCrafters Foundation in conjunction with Lions Club International.

Collections boxes will be placed at the U.S. Post Office and Lea County Electric Cooperative office for your convenience. If you are not able to drop off your glasses at either one of these locations, you may call 456-7453 or 456-3322 and a Lions Club member or Boy Scout will come by to pick up your glasses on October 31st, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

PLEASE GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT!

Bouncing Baby Boy!



Slade Logan Lovelace was born at 12:39 PM September 29, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces, and was 20 1/2 in. long. He was welcomed home by big sister Sage, and his parents, Sterling and Summer Lovelace. Grandparents are Major and Angel Howard, Brownfield, and Reva Lovelace, Brownfield.

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From The Hack

More stuff about Texas 'n Texans, this time from a local lady Texan who is good at painting the U.S. Flag;

If it grows, it will stick or scratch you. If it crawls, it will bite you.

Oncet and twicet are really words.

People actually grow and eat OKRA... even BOILED!

When a buzzard sits on the fence and stares at you, it's time to see your doctor.

All the state's festivals are named after a fruit, vegetable or varmint.

You install security lights on your house and car and leave both unlocked.

Your idea of sexy underwear is a tee shirt and boxer shorts.

You know which type leaves make the best toilet paper.

As Dave Barry succinctly put it in Sunday's issue of the AJ, you know for sure Halloween is just inches away when W/and/K Marts start displaying their Christmas decorations. Not fully convinced? Take a close look at the Arts section of last Sunday's paper:

Guess what's currently playing around Lubbock ;

Night Of The Living Dead has moved from the silver screen, and will be transformed into a stage production of the Lubbock Theatre Project. What? You never heard of NOTLD? It was filmed in 1968 as sort of a spoof, then became a cult thing. Come on, you remember --- a gone goofy satellite has emitted radiation, which somehow brings recently dead and

buried folks to life, stumbling about like Zombies always do, looking for live folks they can eat.

Need more proof Halloween is almost unmercifully upon us? The notorious Garza Theatre in Post will soon feature a three weekend run of the classic blood sucker, "DRACULA". You know, he's the very sophisticated, snobbish looking guy always wearing a tuxedo even when he has to go to the John and who still looks suspiciously like Bella Lugosi, regardless if he's in a movie re-run, a TV commercial, and probably even at the Garza Theatre.

If you are completely dull or hard headed and still refuse to believe the little urchins will very, very soon be kicking on your door, wearing ridiculous costumes (I swear to God last year I saw some kid dressed as a Saint Bernard dog, a small medicinal only brandy flask hung about his-her neck, and when good old mom tugged the panting Bernard up to the door, he-she barked instead of ringing the bell and asking for, you know, the stuff), and at least nine of them will be Dracuka's, genders be damned.

So you continue to refuse to face up to the fact the Hellidays are almost upon us? Here's some of the screen features showing in Lubbock; 'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre', which wore completely out 13 saws in its initial filming; 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show', in which even the stage hands have aged like fine wine, which most of them drank during the original filming; The A-J arts and entertainment Guru William Kerns supports my theory of approaching gore, blood and mayhem always heralding the approaching holiday season by announcing the recently opened Stars and Stripes drive-in theatre (Yes, I Said Drive-In) owner is furiously casting about to find a copy of The Exorcist to show on Halloween night. A nice way to spend Halloween eve - not forced to go to the door to stick a piece of cheap candy in some kids snotty nose, just sit back in your conveyance, munching a chip, sipping a whatever, and of course leaning out the frantically opened window when you have to puke, when the little Blair actress (I always forget her name... I always want to call her Vomit or Weewee Blair) decides she'll show those

dummy exorcists who's really in command by aiming her stream right at the camera).

Hope you enjoy the ghosts and goblins. Folks with wee children should be aware at our house, 40 minutes before the sun goes down, our Rent-A-Dracula reports to work with his trusty assistant, Atilla the Doberman. Atilla will be in charge of screening ALL candy beggars and bell ringers. Rule violators.... MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Friday, October 31, 2003 for the purchase of (1) new 2003 extended cab Pickup with or without trade-in of (1) used 1988 single cab Chevrolet Pickup for Precinct # 1. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 3, 2003. Bid price will be paid from 2003 budgeted funds. To inspect trade-in, receive a bid sheet or for more information, contact Commissioner Woody Lindsey, Pct. 1, 806-592-3601, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City, Texas, 79323. Sealed bids should be marked "NEW PICKUP" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Ave. G, Plains, TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in Cowboy Country News October 15 & 22, 2003.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Friday, October 31, 2003, for the sale of (1) Used 1988 single cab Chevrolet Pickup for Pct. 1. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 3, 2003. To inspect trade-in or for more information, contact Woody Lindsey, Commissioner, Pct. 1, 806-592-3601, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City, Texas, 79323. Sealed bids should be marked "USED PICKUP" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Ave. G, Plains, TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in the Cowboy Country News October 15 & 22, 2003.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive separate bids until 10:00 AM, Friday, November 7, 2003, for the sale of (2) used 2000 Chevrolet 4-door Impala sedans. Vehicles will be surrendered to bidder (or bidders) upon receipt of new Sheriff replacement vehicles at an undetermined date in 2004.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 10, 2003.

To inspect vehicles or for more information, contact Sheriff Don Corzine, 806/592-2747, 1010 N. Main, Denver City, Texas 79323.

Sealed bids should be marked "USED POLICE VEHICLES" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in Cowboy Country News Wednesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 29.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM
The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 AM, Friday, November 7, 2003, for the purchase of (2) New 2004 vehicles with police package with or without trade-in of (2) used 2000 Chevrolet 4-Door Impala Sedans.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 10,

2003. Bid price will be paid from 2004 budgeted funds.

To inspect trade in, receive a bid sheet or for more information, contact Sheriff Don Corzine, 806/592-2747, 1010 N. Main, Denver City, Texas 79323.

Sealed bids should be marked "NEW POLICE VEHICLES" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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Troopers to ride school buses

As part of School Bus Safety week Oct. 19-25, DPS troopers will ride school buses looking for motorists illegally passing school buses. "We caution motorist when approaching a school bus to stop when the red alternating flashing lights are on," said Charlie Kennington,

DPS program administrator for school bus transportation. "In Texas, an average of 20 students for the last ten years have been struck while in the loading zone. Half of those are struck by a motorists illegally passing a school bus." This year's theme - Stay Back, Stay Back from Behind the Yellow and Black-will focus on promoting the idea to drivers and students a danger zone surrounds the school bus. The danger zone encompasses the area 15 feet in front of the school bus, 6 feet on each side 150 feet behind the school bus. Statistics show that students are most likely to be killed when boarding or getting off school buses. There were no students fatalities in 2002. Although 35,000 school buses transport 1.4 million Texas children daily, school buses provide one of the safest modes of transportation, accounting for less than one-half of one percent of Texas roadway accidents.

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