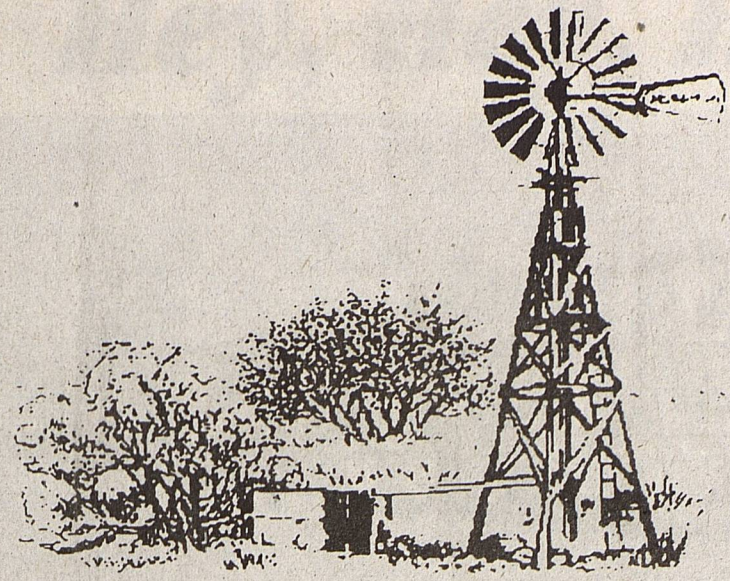


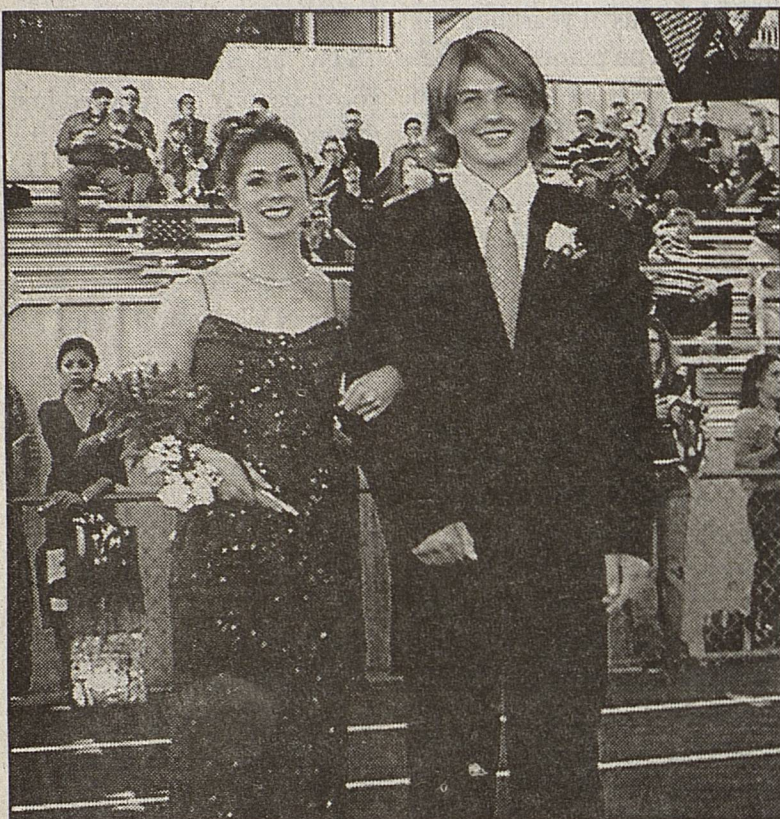
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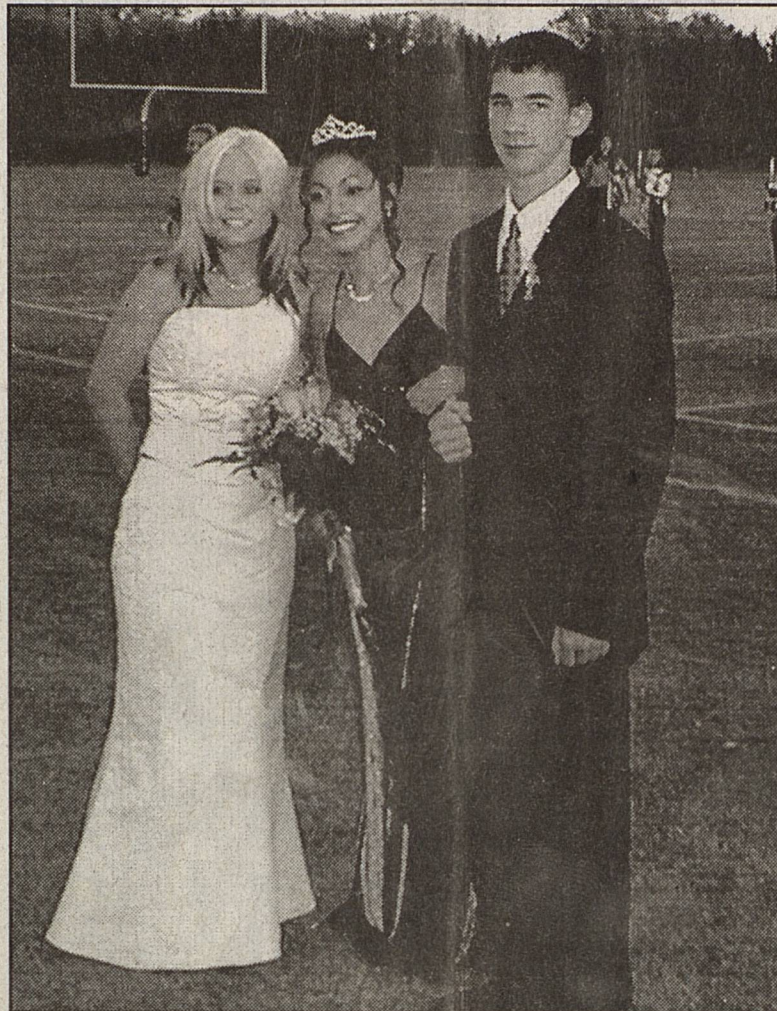
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## Gala 2003 Homecoming Queen Ceremony



Sr. Queen Candidate Moriah Traweck, escorted by PHS Graduate Kelly Bowers



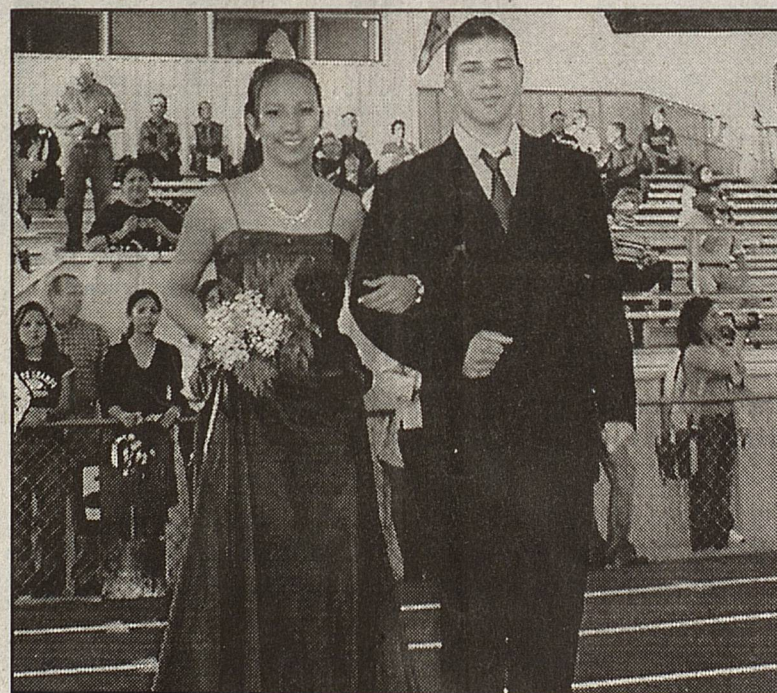
2003 Homecoming Queen Manuela Villegas, center, was escorted by Scott Addison, and was crowned by 2002 Queen Kerri Hansen, on left.



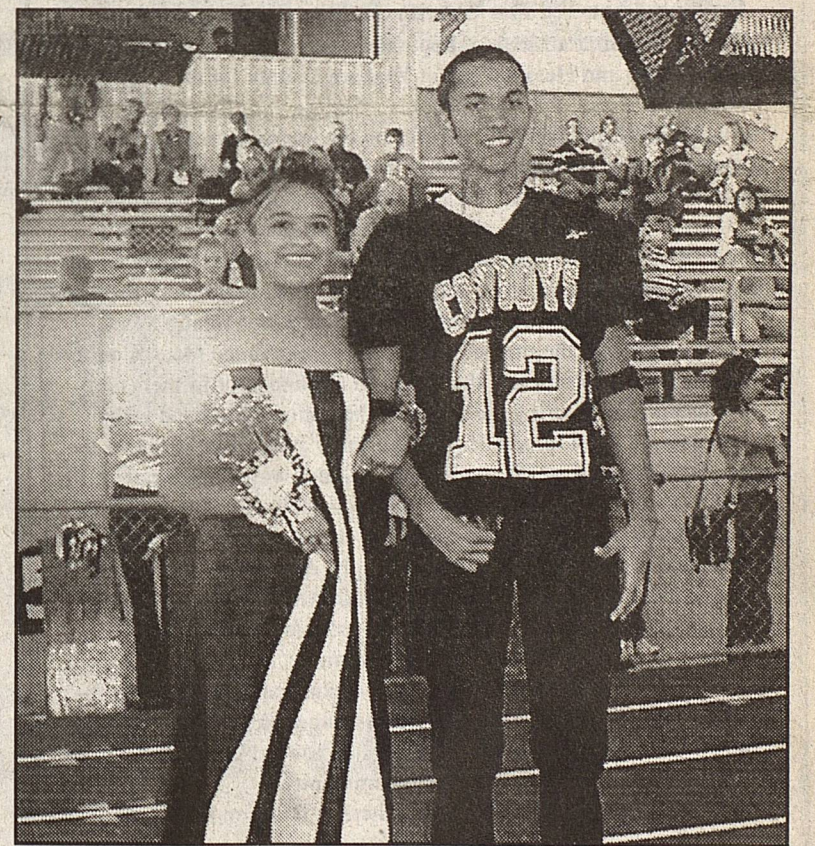
Sr. Queen La Shonda Diamond, escorted by PHS Graduate Joseph Rodriguez.



Soph Duchess Skylar Keese, escorted by Landon Craft



Frosh Duchess Araceli Mendoza, escorted by Steven Dominguez



Jr. Duchess Jamie Covarrubias, escorted by Zach Broome

### 2003 cotton harvest nears on high notes

Cotton gin managers in the Plains area are facing the 2003 cotton harvest probably with more optimism than recent years, according to a recent informal telephone survey by CCN.

Marc Traweck, manager of Tokio CoOp Gin, reported he expected to start ginning recently sprayed cotton Thursday, October 30. He said "I feel much better about this year's crop than last year. For the past few years, and especially last year, our customers have had very little dry land cotton, either because of hail or lack of rain. We had some damage from hail in a limited area, but over all, the dry land and irrigated crops look very good."

Traweck reported the gin produced some 16,000 bales last year, virtually all of it irrigated cotton. "I think it's realistic to predict ginning 20 to 23 thousand bales this year," he said.

He expects the grades of the 2003 crop to be very good, with the exception of some fields suffering hail damage earlier. He didn't expect producers to be happy with prices for their work and investments, "but we've been living with this a long time now," he concluded.

Ron Craft of New Tex Gin on the stateline echoed many of Traweck's assessments. "I expect to be ginning by the end of this week. I think the quality of this crop is as good as the 2002 crop, possibly a

little better, except for some earlier hail damaged fields.

"We have ginned very, very little dry land cotton the last five or six years, and most of this year's dry land crop looks very good, and we're very pleased about that," Craft said. "Some of our producers are concerned about the possibilities of an early freeze, and others are a bit worried about the size of some of this years bolls, but I still think we are looking at a good crop. We're always concerned about cotton prices, and while they are up a bit at the moment, they may not stay up."

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'Cotton'

Homecoming A Bit Sweeter With First Win Of Season.....

### Cowboys destroy Jackrabbits 36 - 2

When you're a high school footballer, have not tasted victory in 15 straight ballgames, you're leading big time in the annual Homecoming Game, with less than a full quarter to go, you tend to be a little crazy when you're taking time on the sidelines - a perfect picture of the Plains Cowboys in the final period last Friday, leading Ralls 30-2. The touchdown minutes later for the final 36-2 score definitely did not quiet things down.

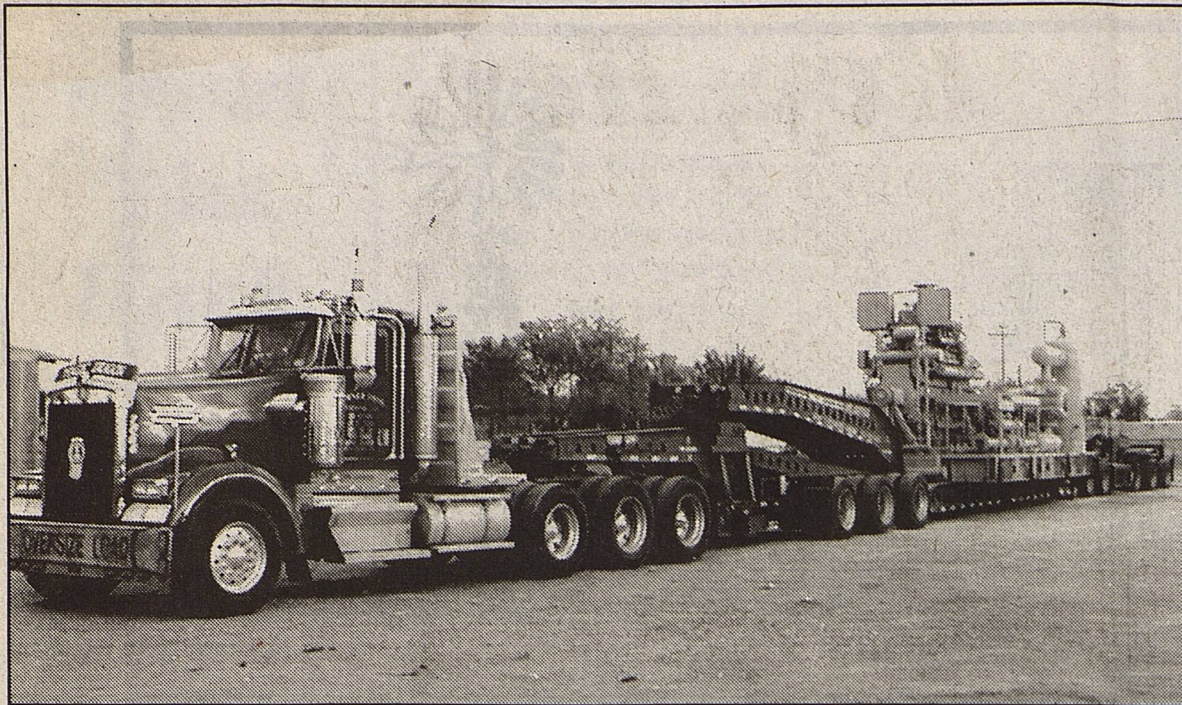
Both teams got off to sluggish starts. In the first period, the Rabbits would manage just three first downs in three possessions, the Cowboys only one in two.

When the Cowboys got the ball to start the second quarter, runs by Todd Williamsn Evan Cain and Richard Diaz gave the



Two Cowboys about to skin a Ralls Jackrabbit  
Cowboys a first down at the 48. lateraled to ball to Diaz for 11 Their offensive line gave Cain yards. The Cowboys moved time to hit Zach Broome with a down field to the 10 where the good throw for a first down, and drive stalled. T.J. Cordova then on the next play threw to Broome again, who quickly  
Turn to Pg. 4,  
'Homecoming'





18 wheeler my eye! This rig belonging to Turner Bros. trucking of Houston took a rest stop in town last Thursday evening. The massive trailer it pulled carried what looked like a large, complete gas booster station, and was enroute to Nebraska. The truck and all trailer units featured 46 wheels, four turning pivots, and was some 140 feet long. Local TxDot employee Carlos Howell told CCN the massive rig had passed inspection and was legal for Texas highways.

### Services held for Tom Barron Jr.

Funeral Services for Tom Barron Jr., 64, of Seminole were held September 25, 2003 in South Seminole Baptist Church with Rev. Dan Dale officiating and assisted by Rev. Bill Wright, Plains First Baptist.

Interment followed in Gaines County Cemetery under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home. He died Monday, Sept. 25, 2003.

Barron was born Jan. 7, 1939 in Dawson County. He married Margie Mitchell Aug. 15, 1959 in Welch. He farmed until 1980 when he began working for Bonner-Haufman Oil Service. In 1996 he worked with Addison Flying Service, and was currently employed by Agriliance.

He attended South Seminole Baptist Church and was a past Master of the Seminole and Plains Masonic Lodges. He was lamb superintendent of the Gaines Co. Livestock Show many years and a member of the Sandyland Antique Tractor Pull Assn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tom Sr. in 1990, and brother Mark in 2001.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Trey and wife Shannon of Seminole; a daughter, Becky Sooter and husband Joel, Seminole; His mother, Marguerite of Plains; two brothers, Jim of Plains and Darrell of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Samantha Jo Conn, Sealy, Tyler Barron, Cassidy and Amantha Sooter, Seminole, and two great grandsons.

### Proclamation By The County Judge of Yoakum County

I, hereby declare the week of September 21 - 27, 2003, as Farm and Ranch Safety and Health week in Yoakum County for the following reasons: Whereas, this year's theme, "Secure Your Farming Future through Safety and Health", focuses on the importance of security in America's farm and ranch regions. The theme suggests that through increased awareness and educational initiatives, aimed at protecting the lives and livelihood of our agricultural producers, the nation's abundance of food and fiber will be secure. The National Safety Council commemorates the hard work and sacrifices of our nation's farmers and ranchers by observing National Farm Safety and Health Week.

Whereas, although the theme of this year's observance focuses on the importance of protecting the lives and livelihood of farmers and ranchers and securing the safety of the nation's food and water resources: we must remember that presently agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States with a death rate of 21 deaths per 100,000 workers and approximately 150,000 disabling injuries. This is a huge toll with respect to the communities involved and the national productivity of our food supply. Agriculture has long been one of the most hazardous American industries. Safety and health education can play a vital role in reducing fatalities and injuries on the farm.

The Yoakum County Farm Bureau, the Texas Farm Bureau, and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies join with the National Safety Council and other organizations in working toward the goal of a safer farm and ranch community.

Therefore, I urge our farmers and ranchers to focus on farm and ranch safety and education.

Signed: Dallas Brewer  
County Judge

### From Pg. 1 'Cotton'

He stated the gin produced 36,350 bales of cotton last year, and expects to gin around 32,000 bales this year.

Chris Chambliss, manager of Yoakum County CoOp Gin, reported his gin will not start cranking out bales for another

week or so. He too was pleased with this year's crop of non-irrigated cotton. "Our customers have much more dry land acres to harvest and bring to the gin this year, and I think the quality of it may be up a bit also. He thinks the overall quality of this year's crop is good.

"We have some fields with shorter stalks, and some areas may have hail spotted problems. We were fortunate this year with low insect numbers and damage. Asked about any cotton price concerns, he answered, "At the moment, prices are up a bit, but I'm sure our members would say, Not Enough, and they probably won't stay modestly high."

Chambliss said the CoOp turned out 23,500 bales of cotton last year. "Barring any weather disasters, I think we could possibly gin 30,000 bales this year.



"The Cheers" worked hard for the win over Ralls, too! Front, Stacie Alldredge, Ashley Vantine. Back, Kim Trent, Daniela Lazos, Jamie Covarrubias, Cecilia Bonilla, La Shonda Diamond, Desiraye Broome

### Cross Country Summary

The big Lubbock Invitational meet at Mae Simmons Park drew more than 30 teams from Class A and AA schools last Saturday. In the high school division featuring almost 300 runners, Jose Villegas ran the three mile course in 17:27 to finish 13th. He was followed by Abel Ramos 37th, Armando Ramirez 53rd, Chandon Loya 76th, Scott Addison 84th, Patrick Cotton 96th, and Brandon Davis 141st.

Because of schedule conflicts, only four Cowgirls competed. Micaela Villegas was 117th, Desiraye Broome 151, Kim Trent 160, and Lamonda Sainz 291.

In boys JV, with 217 runners, Arnold Perez was 50th, Steven Dominguez 157th.

There was no Junior High division, and three Plains runners competed in the JV division; Lauren Davis was 115th in a field of more than 300, Zachary Ramos was 107th, and Branden Loya was 197th. The teams run in Sundown on Saturday, October 4.

**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR

**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

### Texacopia

Can you guess the number one vegetable crop in Texas? Corn? Potatoes? Carrots?

You may be surprised to learn the onion in Texas' top produce crop, gift more than 15,000 acres harvested every year. But onions are just one of more than 45 types of produce grown in Texas, the nation's third largest producer of fruits and vegetables. With all these home-grown varieties to choose from, there's no excuse for not eating healthy.

For thousands of years humans have relied on plants for sustenance as well as to cure and prevent diseases. However, as our lifestyles have become increasingly busy, too often we opt for fast food rather than consuming fresh fruits and vegetables. Such habits can deprive our bodies of certain vitamins and minerals that are essential to maintaining good health. Scientific evidence suggests one third of cancer deaths are diet related and today medical professionals are refocusing their efforts toward preventing disease through diet and exercise rather than treating disease with drugs and surgery.

Speaking of onions, did you know that the sweet onion is our official state vegetable? The famous 1015 Sweet Onion, developed at Texas A&M University, is so sweet and mild it was voted the sweetest tasting onion in a national competition, and is tearless.

Potatoes are another crop abundant in Texas. More than 500 million pounds of red, white and russet potatoes are grown each year in Texas. Potatoes are high in potassium, an important mineral in helping your bones retain the calcium they need to stay strong.

Another vegetable, developed and enhanced through research with health in mind, is the 'BetaSweet' maroon carrot available in some areas. Again, containing 40 percent more beta-carotene than average carrots. Of course, if this had been developed at my alma mater, The University of Texas, we would have left the carrots burnt orange as nature intended.

Researchers are also working to develop darker varieties of melons, such as cantaloupe, because the deeper the color, the higher the content of beta-carotene. Beta-carotene is an antioxidant that helps maintain vision and can reduce the risk of degenerative diseases including cancer. Certain peppers such as Texas' sweet jalapeno are also great sources for antioxidants.

Another nutritious crop produced in Texas is the red grapefruit, which began as a mutation on the pink grapefruit tree. Today, all red grapefruits are descendants of the ruby red first grown in Mission, Texas in the 1940's. Red grapefruit is our official state fruit and thrive in the fertile Rio Grande Valley. Red grapefruit contains high levels of a chemical called lycopene that has been found to prevent some cancers. These famous red gems also make wonderful holiday gifts and can easily be shipped across the country.

Many a childhood memory have been made biting into a juicy red wedge of watermelon. I can't think of a more refreshing treat for a hot Texas afternoon. Ranking third in the nation for watermelon production, Texas farmers grow more than 20 percent of the country's watermelon supply each year.

We also boast of the country's earliest crop of peaches. The Lone Star State ranks in the top ten in "utilized" peach production, so watch out Georgia. Tree-ripened peaches, primarily grown in the Hill Country and in East Texas, are produced at an annual rate of more than 360,000 bushels.

Are you getting hungry yet? Many Texans are unaware our state provides a bountiful cornucopia of fruits and vegetables. Whether you pick your own, buy them at a roadside stand or from your local supermarket, you can be sure you are getting some of the freshest and best tasting produce around. And best of all, it's grown by your neighbors and friends helping to support Texas agriculture industries and boost our state's economy.

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## Randy Neugebauer's Semimonthly Column

This week I'm writing about two very separate issues: the farmers who work hard to put food on your dinner table and the annoying phone calls you get interrupting it when you finally sit down to dinner. As a follow up to my column, I wanted to add a few more facts about my trip to the WTO hearings in Cancun.

At the Cancun Ministerial, trade ministers from all the WTO nations worked to agree on an outline to direct the world trade talks. The outcome of the meeting was to be a formal plan of work that, which would pave the way toward getting the specific commitments that, will comprise the next world trade agreement. While that did not come to fruition, I believe a lot was accomplished. I went on to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, members of the delegations from the European and Australian parliaments, and representatives from U.S. farm groups who opened my eyes to the way agriculture is changing around the world.

While an agreement was not reached I believe that things are changing and the importance of U.S. agriculture, U.S. Cotton, and U.S. Textiles is being recognized more and more. It was imperative that I make sure the outcome of the Cancun meeting leads to a fair trade agreement for Texas farmers and ranchers.

Cotton issues dominated the debated topics. Some African countries want the U.S. to end all government support for U.S. cotton producers. I don't think that one commodity should be

singled out. If we are going to make any reductions in domestic support, it should apply to all commodities and all countries, and we should get more access to other nations' markets in return. I believe American farmers are willing to give some things up, but we need to make sure we are getting adequate concessions from other nations in return.

There's one other thing that's been in the forefront of the news recently and that's the "Do Not Call List," which is a really hot topic right now.

In February, Congress passed the "Do Not Call Implementation Act," which was signed into by the President. This Act provided the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) with the necessary funding to implement the national do -not-call list. Allowing consumers to sign up for a Do Not Call list, essentially to opt out if abusive telemarketing practices, was within the mandate given to the FTC. Nonetheless, last week a federal judge ruled otherwise.

This is now the Do Not Call list is supposed to work: most of the 26 states with Do Not Call laws transferred their phone number lists to the national registry, then starting July 7th nationwide Americans has the option of signing up online at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) <<http://www.donotcall.gov>> or calling 1-888-382-1222 to register to have their names added to the list. Registration remains in effect for five years, unless you remove your number from the registry or your number is dis-

connected. Most telemarketers are required to synchronize their call lists with the national list every three months.

According to the FTC last August, unwanted calls should have been reduced by October 1 for those who sign up by August 31. Registrations after October 1 would take up to three months to take effect. Now this is all up in the air.

Many people think the issue of free speech rights cannot be addressed with congressional action and must be resolved by the courts. While the importance of free speech cannot be expressed strongly enough I believe the rapid response underscored the popularity of the list. After fewer than four months, it already has 50 million numbers. As of now, you can still put your number on the national registry, but now telemarketers are not required to comply with it.

I voted recently on H.R. 3161, which both Republicans and Democrats praised and the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 412-8. President Bush is expected to sign it into law today since the original Do-Not-Call list had been scheduled to take effect October 1. I encourage you to let your thoughts be known on this issue.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Congressman for the 19th District of Texas. 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](http://www.house.gov/neugebauer)

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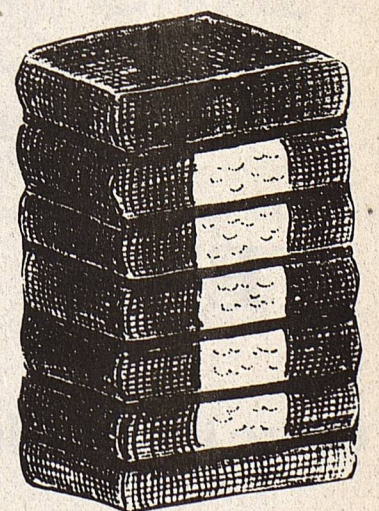
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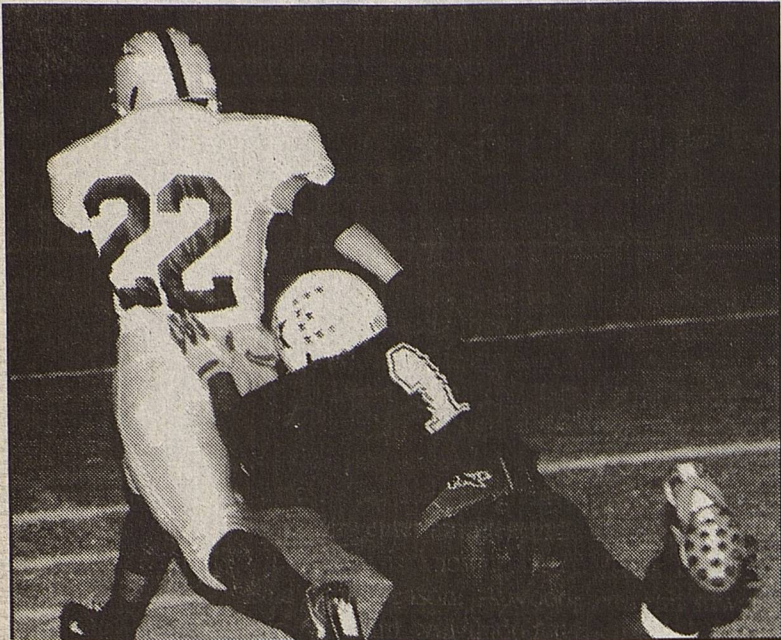
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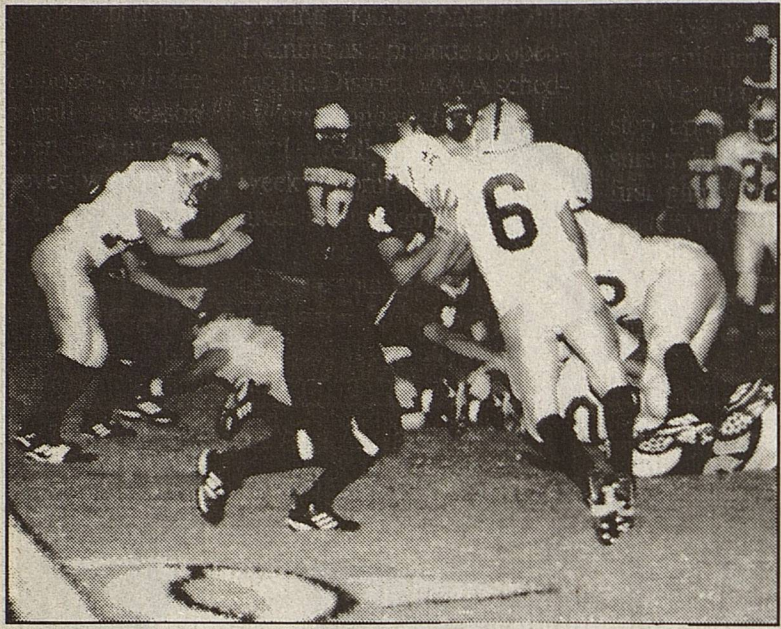
*Why settle for good when you can have the best?*



## 2003 Homecoming Scenes



Richard Diaz, #1, saved a TD by knocking this runner out of bounds



Somewhere in this melee a Cowboy runner is buried



Richard Diaz picked up good yardage on this run around the right side



Cowboys stop a Jackrabbit runner cold

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kicked a 27 yard field goal to get the Cowboys on the Board 3-0.

Cowboy defenders held the Rabbits in check in their next possession, and their punt gave the ball to the Cowboys at the 14. The Cowboys could not move the ball, and Cordova's punt was blocked, and the resulting safety moved the scoreboard to Cowboys 3, Rabbits 2.

The Cowboy offense came alive following the Jackrabbits kickoff. Up front linemen effectively blocked for good gains by Diaz, Williams and Cain, moving the ball to the Rabbits 4, where Diaz went over right guard for the TD, and Cordova's kick gave the Cowboys the 10-2 lead.

Early in the third period, Cowboy defenders Nolan Newsom, Michael Crump and Armando Ramirez Ralls in check, but when they had to punt away, the kick was blocked in the end zone for a Rabbit safety, and the board showed Cowboys 3, Ralls 2. On their next possession, the Jackrabbits threw a pass, picked off by Diaz. Cowboy linemen displayed effective blocking to allow Diaz, Williams and Cain to move the ball from their 34 to the four yard line, where Diaz carried the ball in and Cordova's kick put the Cowboys up 10-2 at the half.

The first play of the second half was a disaster for the Jackrabbits. Richard Diaz took the kickoff at his 10, and went 90 yards for the TD. Cordova's kick put the Cowboys up 17-2.

With 8 minutes on the clock in the third period, Armando Ramirez intercepted a Ralls pass to set the Cowboy offense up on the 47. Running over his left then right guard, Diaz pushed the ball to the 7, and three plays later Todd Williams crossed the goal, and Cordova's point after kick was blocked to put them up 23-2.

Following the kickoff, Armando Ramirez stepped in front of another errant Jackrabbit pass, and after a 34 yard return, the Cowboy ball was on the Rabbits 14. A 7 yard unsportsmanlike penalty moved the ball to the 7, and two plays later, Crump pushed over the gola, followed by Cordova's kick for a 30-2 Cowboy lead.

Early in the final period, the Cowboys could not move the ball, and Cordova got off a good punt to push the Rabbits back to their 3 yardline.

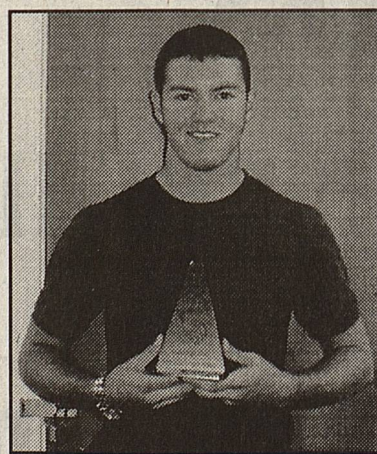
Big defensive plays up front by Ryan Martinez, Grady McNabb and Armando Ramirez forced Ralls to punt from their 12 to the 45. The offensive linemen were now blowing holes in the very large Jackrabbit defenders line, and big gains by Cain, and Williams, a pass completion from Cain to Broome moved the ball to the 11. On the second play from scrimmage, Crump went up the middle for the Cowboys final score and a Very Big 36-2 win, their first this season.

The Cowboys racked up 251 yards total offense to Ralls 93, and had 17 first downs to the Rabbits 3. Rushing leaders were Diaz, 76 yards, Williams 66, Cain 28, Crump 22. Cain completed 4 of 6 passes for 56 yards. Diaz had a 90 yard kickoff return for six points, T.J. Cordova had another big night kicking, three punts, 35.3 yard average, 8 kickoffs, 36.6 average, three PAT kicks, and a 27 yard field goal.

Ryan Martinez and Michael Crump each recovered fumbles. Making tackles for losses were Nolan Newsom, Cordova, Crump, Ramirez, Cody Flores and Martinez. Flores also had a QB sack.

A great effort by all the Cowboys and coaching staff. They have the next Friday off, allowing a breather before starting district action against O'Donnell there on October 10.

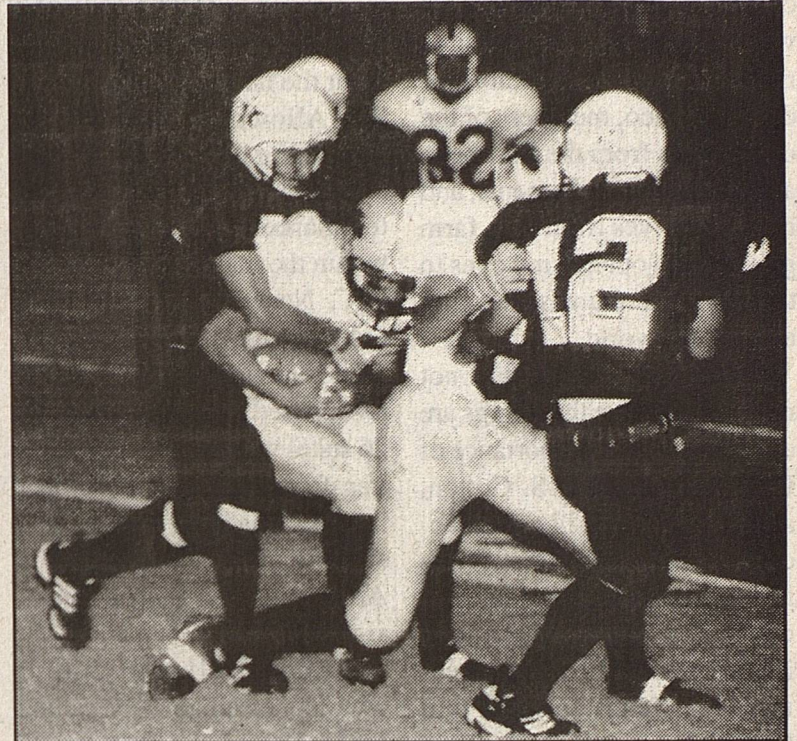
### Student of the Week



Student of the week is Grady McNabb, a senior and the son of Darryl and Pat McNabb. He was nominated by Michele Jones, who said, "Carefree, laid back and a fabulous sense of humor are the three qualities that best describe Grady McNabb. He has always added a calming factor to any group: whether it is in the classroom, a meeting or on the playing field. He is a delightful young man who will achieve much throughout his life. I have been very proud of him as a student council officer."



Coach Evertt McAdams and four of his 1993 State Championship Cross-Country Team - Edward Perez, Jeremy Dearing, Orlando Ortiz, and David Corrales, 3rd place individual.



Three Cowboy defenders maul a Jackrabbit



With a comfortable lead, Cowboys take a water break.



Evan Cain wisely flees from a very large Jackrabbit

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Senior Citizens Corner

Mark October 9th on your calendar! That is the day we will have flu shots at the Center! The hours are from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. These will be given by a health group out of Lubbock called Lubbock Interim. The senior center family will have first consideration, with other community seniors following until the medication is gone.

What a pleasant surprise to see Leta Dodd come in at lunchtime this week. She tells us she is stating with her daughter, Debra Woosley, while she is recovering from some surgery, but she has decided to move back to Denver City. We shall be looking for her at the Center.

Other guests this week include Manuel and Juana Ramos along with Jose and Olicia Corrales from Plains who were guests of Rosa Guzman. Opal Roberts brought Monica Albarez as her guest one day. We welcome each of these folks.

We mention again that several of our senior center family have received gifts from their children in the form of meal tickets to be used at the Center. This is always a welcome gift and makes shopping for birthdays or anniversaries very easy for family members. Memorials in honor of a family member or friend is also a much appreciated gift for the Center.

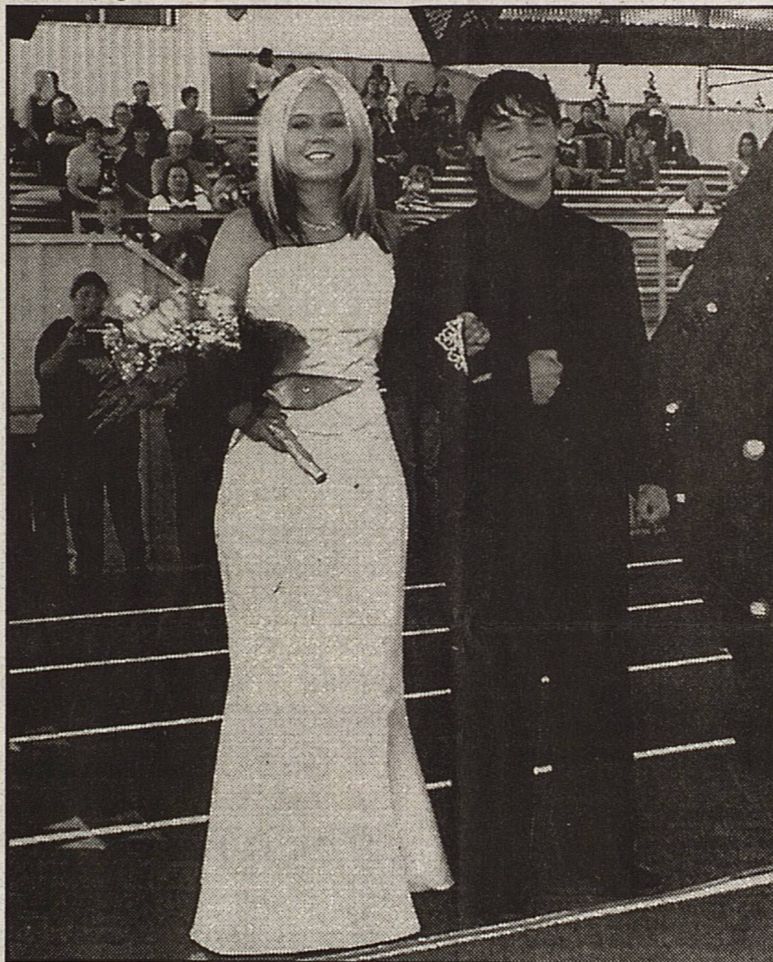
The computer class appears to not only be enlightening, but to have many humorous moments if I heard the tale correctly. As everyone knows, there is a

place for a right click and a left click on every mouse. After having taught about this, the instructor told the class to 'right click.' They had also been doing some typing during the class time, so when this instruction was given, one of the students understood the action to mean to 'write' the word 'click', so she quickly typed in the word 'click'...our smile for the day.

Remember when you learned the alphabet? I'm sure it's been awhile. Try this Senior Citizen Alphabet on for size: A is for arthritis, B is for bad back, C is for dental decay and decline, E is for eyesight-can't read that top line, F is for high blood pressure (I'd rather have low), I for incisions with scare you can show. J is for joints that now fail to flex, L for libido-what happened to sex? Wait, I forgot K! K is for my knees that crack when bent, (Please forgive me, my Memory ain't worth a cent). N for neurosis, pinched nerves and stiff neck, O for osteo-and all bones crack, P for prescriptions, I have quite a few-just one more pill and I'll be good as new! Q for queasiness. Fatal of flu? R for reflux-one meal becomes tow. S for sleepless nights counting my fears, T for tinnitus-I hear bells in my ears. U for urinary: difficulties with flow, V for vertigo, that's 'dizzy', you know. W for worry, now what's going 'round? X for Xray, and what might be found, Y for another year I've left behind, Z for zest that I still have my mind, have survived all the symptoms.



Queen Manuela Villegas and Escort Scott Addison circle the field by golfcart.



2002 Queen Kerri Hansen escorted by her brother, Chris Hansen

## Volleyball Update

JV Cowgirls: The younger Cowgirls competed in the tough Brownfield tournament September 23. They first took a Lubbock Monterey and Fell 11-25, 19-25. They next found Brownfield too strong and went down 3-25, 13-25. On September 27, they faced Lubbock and showed good improvement, winning 26-24, 19-25, 25-20. Coach Thaggard said the girls continue to work hard, and are steadily showing improvement, especially in their passing.

**School Day Pictures will be taken, Tuesday, October 7, 2003**

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**Sunday Schedule**  
Children's Choir - 9:45 am  
followed by Sunday School  
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

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



What about?...

The rain is falling in our area. The farmers probably don't need it on the cotton at this time, but, the moisture is greatly needed.

Isn't it something, rain falls, we complain about the wet, damp, and dreary time but we all know it takes a 'little rain' in one's life to give life a chance to grow.

In our family, that rain was Beth's dad passing away. Just prior to his death, we all learned that we will be grandparents again. Today, we celebrate the future of that new grandchild our daughter is having in a few months.

Isn't that just like God? A family loses a dear loved one from this earth to heaven...another life is sent to replace that one. A family grieves over the loss of a loved one and God sends a bundle of joy to ease that pain and get our minds off the loss.

No, the family won't miss the loved one who's gone any less. That just does not happen. The new little life does not 'replace' the other one; it only provides some joy and celebration in a time of sorrow and loss.

Death and life can be odd experiences at times. In our Christian beliefs, we all know they are in a much better place, a place without sorrow, pain and suffering, but we are a selfish people. We want them here! We love that person and we want them with us. Why do they have to leave now?

Death and Life, Just like rain, hail, snow and sleet...and...sunshine and flowers. It's hard to take the difficult times in life, but we must have it for more life to grow and produce. Difficult times make us more 'sturdy' individuals and hopefully, more caring of others in our same position.

You know, as funeral directors, it is so very easy to become too familiar with death and come across to our families as non-caring. Beth and I work hard to not develop into hard, cold funeral directors. The Funeral Service profession is one in which you must care for people. If not, then you stay in the business only for the money and living provides. And that's not a reason to be in this line of work. Until Next Time...

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## Club Year Starts For TSA MO GA

TSA MO GA members kicked off the club year with a Texas heritage program, consisting of a brisket supper, Texas 'brags' and a report on cowgirl and cowboy museums and symposiums.

Club president Sarah Shelton welcomed members, spouses and special guests to the first meeting of the year with the theme 'God Bless America and United We Stand for Community Service.' As the club tradition, the meal was hosted by Wilma Powell, Mary Jo St. Romain and Elouise St. Romain.

Following the introduction of guests, members participated in an informal discussion of activities and qualities special to Texas and Yoakum County. Shelton then introduced Wilma Powell, labeled as a 'good

hand' and 'good boss' in the local ranching industry, who spoke in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, describing it as 'elegant' and 'fabulous.' Powell cited museums as 'our own history.' She related locations and times of cowboy symposiums held throughout the South Plains, West Texas and New Mexico. The next one, scheduled for Ruidoso October 9-12, features poems, music, chuck wagon cooking, and storytelling. Powell also related news from the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, of which she is a charter member.

The group recently honored a local ranchwoman with the Golden Sour Award. "It (the Ranching Heritage Center) is outstanding for this area. It was started in the early '60's and gives you a lot of history."

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is here, and along with October comes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is a time to celebrate the survivors of Domestic Violence and to lift up the victims. Each year hundreds of thousands of women in the U.S. lose their lives at the hands of their intimate partner. This year Women's Protective Services has implemented many ways for you to get involved to help victims break the silence and make the call.

Starting in September, WPS will host its semi annual volunteer training. In October, WPS will hold a fundraiser at the Cactus Theater, a candle-

light vigil and a community awareness night at Texas Tech. People are encouraged to wear purple ribbons throughout the month to raise awareness on Domestic Violence.

Just because October ends, doesn't mean that WPS stops helping victims and neither should you. November marks the beginning of our Christmas Drive, and everyone is encouraged to participate. If you are interested in playing an active role in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month or would like more information on how you can help WPS, please contact Hattie, Olga or Michell at 748-5292.

## Breath Test For Cancer

A breath test device that detects lung cancer could be used in the future to screen lung cancer patients.

Led by Professor Miles Padgett, a research team from the University of Glasgow and University of Dundee in Scotland won a Proof of Concept award in June for their proposal for a breath analyzing device. The team received the award at the annual Summer Science Exhibition, organized by the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Lung cancer patients produce a high level of certain chemicals in their breath, says the research team. The device would screen exhaled breath for chemicals and detect their presence as concentrations of a few parts per billion. Researchers are testing sensor in clinical trials at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, Scotland.

The research team is developing the device with Shell Global Solutions.

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## From The Hack

I'm having a real difficult time trying to decide whether the State of Texas or the State of California should earn the prestigious "Utterly" award this year - that's Utterly Idiotic Political Activity in a single year.

I certainly feel our own state legislators have staged a strong and memorable campaign to win the Utterly, with sterling, best actor performances by both House and Senate Democrats, but one must remember, Republican Gov. Perry has been a strong contributor of Utterly activity, also. Being one who strives to maintain an open mind while considering political activities, I think therefore I will have to vote for awarding the Utterly to both the Gov and the House and Senate Demos - They both met the requirements to merit the award.

But then, let's not forget the Golden Gate State. They have worked diligently to merit the Utterly (some biased Texans will probably say they deserve TWO Utterlies). Some real interesting stuff been going on in Caliporno. Recall... No Recall... Recall on again. Porno star, porno publisher billionaire, a black midget actor (who had no clue what their Lt. Gov's name was), Mr. Muscular Millionaire, and approximately half the population of Capistrano, all aspiring to the

throne of (hopefully) Governor Grey Doofus... er, I mean Gov. Grey Davis. Now they're saying if neither Snortsberger or McClinsock (whatever) withdraws from the election, the Republican vote will be so split the democrat favorite, Lt. Gov Bustamante will be a shoe-in. What an improvement! He is the guy who is already pushing ideas which reportedly will raise Caliporno's taxes a paltry \$80 billion. He also favors issuing state driver licenses to all California aliens... that's ALL of them, legal, illegal, illiterate, illegitimate, whatever.

My choice of the Utterly for a Californian is even more dicey that the Texas Utterly. There are just SO MANY TRULY WORTHY CANDIDATES!

Man, you think picking Oscar winners is tough!

You few guys who still belong to the American Legion will know where I stole the following:

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The all-girl orchestra was rather weak in the bras section.

Alzheimer center prepares for affair to remember.

With the 21st Century well under way, it may seem the cowboy is a thing of the past. But this particular symbol of Texas isn't hanging up his spurs just yet.

The first cowboys in Texas were vaqueros - Spanish and Mexican cowboys. Vaqueros were horsemen and stock handlers on the frontiers of Mexico. When the Spaniards brought livestock into South Texas in 1687 and 1690, vaqueros followed. By 1775, vast herds of wild cattle roamed the region between San Antonio and Laredo. The Handbook of Texas Online, an encyclopedia sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the University of Texas, says when Anglo cowboys eventually made their way to Texas they embraced many vaquero methods of handling livestock. Anglos also adopted Hispanic cowboy tools and dress, such as the vaquero saddle, chaps, bandana, lasso and spurs, until many of these items became identified with Texas.

Today's cowboys still work millions of head of livestock on ranches across Texas. Texas is first in the nation in its number of cattle and calves, according to the USDA. In January 2003, Texas was home to 14 million head of cattle, or 15 percent of the U.S. inventory, up 3 percent from the 2002 count, and 2 percent more than 2001's total.

In 2002, those cattle resided on 151,000 ranches or "operations" throughout the state. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) defines an operation as any place where one or more head are on hand at one time. So Texas has lots of cows. But how many cowboys are there?

NASS says defining what a cowboy is becomes difficult. He can be a ranch hand tending cattle every day, or a rodeo cowboy, or even a lawyer wear-

ing boots who likes country and western music.

Matt Brockman, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn. has a much more narrow definition.

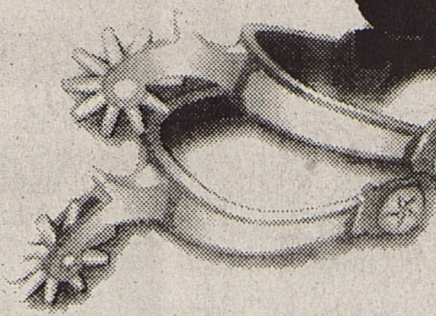
"A cowboy is someone who's horseback and working cattle," he says. "A lot of people think it's an attitude. It isn't. It's a job."

Brockman says on large ranches, employees are divided into crews. There may be farming crews producing the feed the cattle will eat, or on a brush control crew. On the large operations, cowboys do only cowboy work, helping deliver calves, branding, administering vaccines.

"The largest ranches probably don't have cowboy crews larger than 20 hands. One cowboy needs to oversee a minimum of 600 to 800 head of cattle to make it profitable for the owner," Brockman says.

Mike Gibson, manager of the 6666 ranch's cattle division near Guthrie says the 600 to 800 number is a minimum. "The 6666's one of the bigger operations, but the economics of it is we do more with less. I only have seven full-time cowboys." He declined to give the number of cattle on the ranch, but its web site says the ranch has 10,000 mother cows. "During the busy times, like weaning and branding, we might have a total of 15, part time hands from neighboring ranches."

# Still Ridin' the Range



## Bovine bonanza

Texas cowboys have precious cargo in their care. Texas leads the nation in its number of cattle operations, or places with at least one head of cattle at any time during the year, and in the value of its cattle and calves.

### Top 10 states, 2002 Number of cattle operations

1. Texas	151,000
2. Missouri	68,000
3. Oklahoma	60,000
4. Tennessee	51,000
5. Kentucky	46,000
6. Wisconsin	38,000
7. Iowa	34,000
8. Kansas	34,000
9. Arkansas	30,000
10. Minnesota	29,000

### Value of all cattle and calves, 2003 (in billions)

1. Texas	\$8.4
2. California	\$4.9
3. Nebraska	\$4.5
4. Kansas	\$4.3
5. Oklahoma	\$3.5
6. Wisconsin	\$3.3
7. Missouri	\$3.0
8. South Dakota	\$2.9
9. Iowa	\$2.6
10. Colorado	\$2.0

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

NASS reported in March Texas cattle were worth \$8.4 billion, up from \$8.3 billion in January of 2002.

High tech has come to many Texas cowboys. Some use computers indoors, and some use laptops beside the working chutes. Brockman said medical advances have had a big impact in the cattle business. "They now administer vaccines and

health treatments a hundred years ago cowboys would never fathom in their wildest dreams," he said. "Technology has not made cowboys obsolete, but it's made them much more efficient. As long as we have cattle roaming around, there'll be a need for cowboys." Courtesy FISCAL NOTES, a publication of the Texas Comptroller office.

## Hydrogen Sulfide Training Set For October

A short course in hydrogen sulfide safety training is scheduled October 6 at South Plains College in Levelland.

The class will meet 6-9 pm. in the Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, Room 108. Tuition is \$10 per person. Instructor is Paul Harbin, who teaches SPC's program in Electrical and Power Transmission Technology.

The three hour course will cover all aspects of hydrogen sulfide, including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks.

The course meets safety training requirement for work in the oil field. For additional information, contact SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 894-9611, ext. 2341.

Applications are being accepted for the position of County Auditor for Yoakum County. State law requires that the County Auditor be (1) a competent accountant with at least two years experience in auditing and accounting; and (2) thoroughly competent in public business details. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply by submitting a completed application to Judge Kelly G. Moore, 500 W. Main, Room 302 W, Brownfield, Texas 79316. Applications may be obtained from the office of the County Judge in Yoakum County, or by calling Judge Moore at 806-637-7742.

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