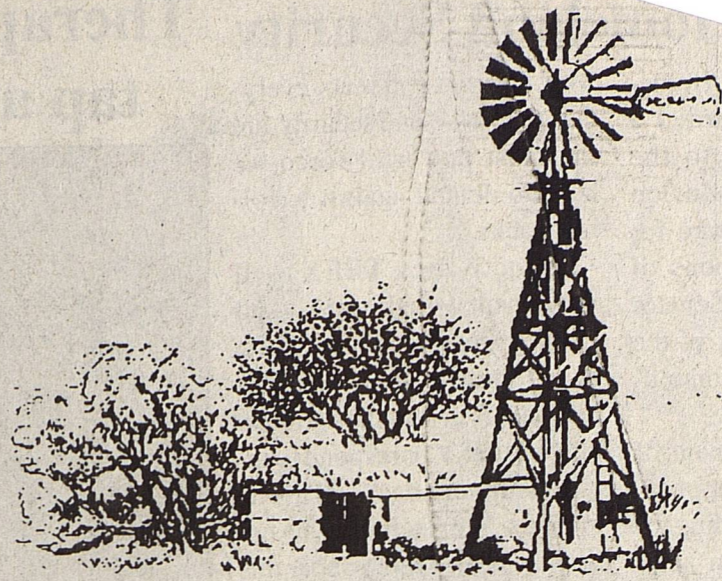


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Watermelon Round Up Final Results

CLASSIC CAR SHOW:

Despite threatening weather, the car show drew 86 outstanding entries from both Texas and New Mexico. Traveling the longest distance was Brad Jones from Stephenville, showing a 1966 Pontiac GTO. Other winners:

Best In Show - 1952 Ford F1 Pickup, Sherrell & Gayla Gurley, Artesia, NM
Mayor's Pick - 1952 Ford F1 Pickup, Sherrell & Gayla Gurley, Artesia
Superintendent's Pick - 1948 Willys Jeep Pickup, Chuck Wood, Clovis, NM
Participants Choice - 1933 Chevy Sedan, Kenneth & Jane Houk, Littlefield, Tx.
Watermelon Round Up Pick - Texas 'Boat Rod', Ralph & Pat Durrant, Lubbock

Best Car Club Participation - 'The Wolves', Lubbock.

COOK OFF RESULTS:

The Round Up's eighth cook off for the first time was a sanctioned event, sponsored by the "Lone Star Barbecue Society" of Arlington, and drew a record 21 cooking teams, from as far away as Stephenville and Rio Ranch, New Mexico. The cooks participated in three categories, barbecued brisket, pork spare ribs and chicken.

High Point Overall Champions:

First - Debbie McInroe, Stephenville

Second - Robert Bredemyer, Sweetwater.

Third - N.C. Clanahan, Plains

Brisket Winners:

1. Robert Bredemyer 2. Jim Armor 3. David McInroe 4. Trampis Mote. 5. Debbie McInroe. 6. Marvin Friesen. 7. Dennis Massey 8. Marshal Young. 9. Terry Roberts. 10. J.D. Parker

Rib Winners:

1. Debbie McInroe. 2. Robert Bredemyer. 3. Kerry Turner. 4. Willie Moore. 5. N.C. Clanahan. 6. Frank Davila. 7. John Walton. 8. Melvin Harris. 9. David Massey. 10. Trampis Mote.

Chicken Winners:

1. J.D. Parker. 2. N.C. Clanahan. 3. Mike Cobb. 4. Marshal Young. 5. Debbie McInroe. 6. David McInroe. 7. Bruce Lester. 8. Trampis Mote. 9. Frank Davila. 10. Willie Moore.

Payoff Results:

\$200 overall grand champion
\$300 1st place each category
\$200 2nd place each category
\$100 3rd place each category.
\$56 4th place each category.
\$30 5th place each category
6th thru 10th - Certificates

Misc. Events:

Cow Patty Bingo winner - Wilma Powell, Plains.

Melon Decorating Contest, sponsored by Denver City Chamber of Commerce;

Best In Show - Payton McWhirter, \$400 bond, Sundown State Bank.

Junior Div. - Sabrina Blanco, \$200 bond, Plains State Bank

Youth Div. - Callie Howell, \$200 bond, West Texas National Bank

Adult Div. - Amber McWhirter, \$200 bond, Wells Fargo Bank

Seed Spitting Contest - sponsored by Denver City Fire Dept.

Senior Men:

Steve Angell, 22' 3"

Adult Men:

Tommy Munson, 23' .25"

Adult Women:

Toni Jones, 19' 2"

High School Boys:

John Angell, 13' ,8"

Jr. High Girls:

Evelyn Duarte, 12' 9"

Jr. High Boys:

Steve Prescott, 18' 5"

All contestants received certificates.

Door Prizes:

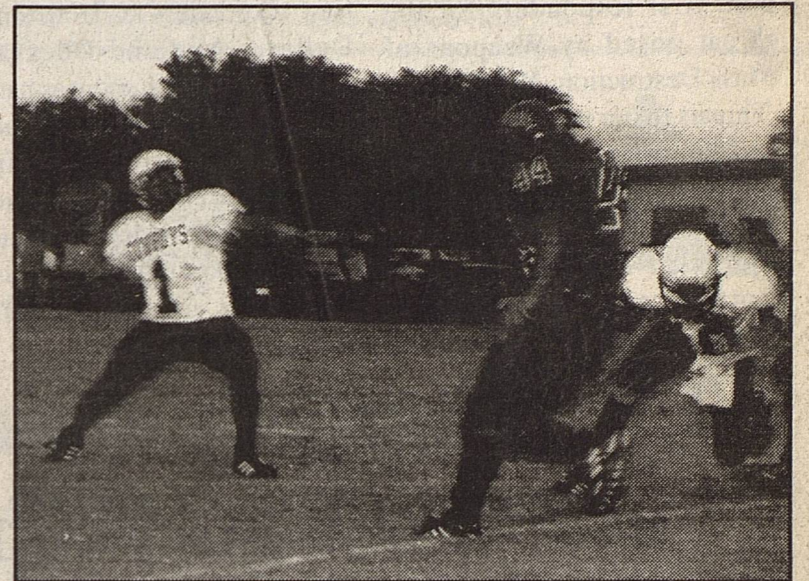
Tracy Bullock - Free South Plains Pest Control Treatment

Wally Hawkins, wind chimes, Spur Of The Moment

Ramona Beene, tapestry throw, Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Cowboys fall to Seagraves 38 - 6

Second half spells doom



Richard Diaz sets, aims, and fires pass

It's a pity bad weather could not have forced ending the Cowboy - Eagle game at the end of the first quarter last Friday. The young Cowboys led

in both passing and rushing offense, and more importantly, 6 - zero on the score board. Unfortunately this was the only day. The young Cowboys led

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September 11, 2001

hen two years ago hijacked airliners slammed into New York City's World Trade Center Twin Towers (also destroying five more major buildings around the towers) television coverage of the disaster ran for days. Now that the TV industry has undergone a self-imposed blackout of the horrific destruction, plus death and destruction at the Pentagon from another terrorist hijacked jet, and almost incredibly, the destruction of the fourth airliner taken by other terrorists, whose passengers decided to fight back, those scenes linger in most of our memories, but certainly not so vividly as those first few days following the events.

This week I remembered purchasing a special issue of Time Magazine, published only some 24 hours after the first jet hit the North Tower. I found it this weekend, and all the horror I experienced two years ago watching the events on TV came washing back as I studied the Time photos, and the narrative delving into details television simply would not, or could not exhibit; A steady rain of jumpers from the first, then the second struck tower, who made the decision a very brief fall would be better than feeling the flesh melt and fall off your body from flames generated by each jet's 24,000 gallons of fuel. Survivors from the Tower's described how, as they fled down jammed stairwells, they could hear the outer walls of the buildings start to creek, then crackle, as structural failure set in. One survivor described finally making it to ground level, and outside the doomed building, only to be almost struck by a falling, badly burned body, and then saw another, almost, survivor who made it outside, only to be struck and killed by pieces of steel from the doomed Tower.

Today we don't watch scenes like these. For some of us, I suppose it's not necessary we see them again - we'll never forget them. It was recently announced there are currently on storage thousands of samples of human DNA which cannot be matched up with thousands of the known dead from 9-11. This should not be surprising; Steel starts to bend at 1000 degrees. The jet fuel was burning at over 1600 degrees. Each floor, in each tower, weighed millions of pounds. When the weight of the floors above the fires started bending the structural steel, the first floor began to fall, its weight on the one below, and the one below that, then the entire building was collapsing, plunging straight down, millions and millions of tons of concrete, grinding, flattening, pulverizing everything under it all the way to ground level.

That's the reason we have an ongoing war on terrorism. Well over 3,000 reasons lives were snuffed, ground or burned out in less than two hours that morning. It's a war I hope and pray we can win - it's a worthy goal.

Groundbreaking held for hospital's new Dialysis Center



Yoakum County Hospital staff members and Board of Directors were recently joined by Yoakum County Commissioners Court and Denver City Chamber of Commerce Red Jacket members for ground breaking

ceremonies at the site of the hospital's new Dialysis Center, to be located near the front of the West Texas Medical Center Clinic.

Busy weekend for law enforcement personnel

Last Saturday evening, September 6, events started happening in the county which would keep local law enforcement personnel busy until the late hours Sunday morning.

Sheriff Don Corzine told CCN Saturday evening his department had received information from The Levelland Police Department indicating two men suspected of being involved in the stabbing death of a Levelland man could possibly be in this county, and furnished a description of a vehicle they might be in.

The sheriff said his office received word a vehicle matching this description was spotted at the local Allsup Convenience Store on Cowboy Way. Corzine, and Sheriff Deputies Larry Murphree, Curtis Coffman, Kenley Powell and David Bryant were joined by DPS Troopers Taylor and Smith at the store, where the two suspects were found in the back seat of the vehicle.

The suspects, Christopher Viernes, 17, and Paul Ochoa, 26, were arrested early Sunday morning without incident, and were later arraigned on murder charges from Hockley County. They were expected to be returned to Levelland this week.

Still early Sunday morning, the Sheriff said the clerk at the Allsup store on Highway 214 in Denver City had activated the store's emergency alarm, and word went out on 911 the store had been robbed. Sheriff Corzine and Deputies Powell and Bryant hurried to the store, where Officer William Gardner, Denver City Police had already arrived. The clerk told officers two

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County Court Criminal Cases Heard

Two criminal cases were heard in County Court September 3, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Ramon Villa pled guilty to possession of marijuana, less than four but more than two ounces. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$750, must pay \$211 court costs, \$25 time payment fee, \$200 court appointed attorney fees, and \$280 restitution to DPS. He will spend 80 hours in jail with credit for 40 hours served, surrender his driver license 180 days, serve 80 hours community service, complete the TAIP drug offenders education pro-

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\$31.4 Million Coming To Texas For Homeland Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant of \$31,370,000 to the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to prepare for threats posed by Weapons of Mass Destruction, U.S. Senator John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced Thursday.

"I applaud the Department of Homeland Security for approving this much needed funding for Texas," Senator Cornyn said. "This grant is a concrete step toward making our hometowns safer and better prepared for the constant threat of a terrorist attack."

TEEX, a component of the Texas A&M University System based in College Station, administers the funding. They will deliver a series of courses to prepare first responders for the threat posed by Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

Threats to our nation's security, and the emergency preparedness of Texas cities, will always be among my highest priorities in the U.S. Senate," Senator Cornyn said. "The men and women in our cities and towns

who face these threats everyday, our homeland security, are the most powerful force we have to defend against terrorist attacks."

The activities TEEX will implement with this new grant funding are a component of the overall strategy to prepare first responders across the nation to prevent, deter, or respond to incidents involving WMD. The courses and technical assistance to be delivered under this funding include a WMD Threat and Assessment course, a WMD/Terrorism Management/Unified Command course and a course on Emergency Medical Services Operations and Planning for WMD.

Earlier this year, Senator Cornyn held roundtables with first responders in Houston, Dallas, Midland-Odessa, Sherman and Beaumont as part of an effort to learn about and highlight security needs in Texas hometowns. The roundtables provide communities the opportunity to express their needs and concerns directly to the Senator.

Lions learn of Physical Therapy improvements on tap at County Hospital



Carmela Davis, currently the only Certified Physical Therapist on the staff at Yoakum County Hospital, was guest speaker at last Tuesday's meeting of the Plains Lions Club. Ms. Davis described the academic background required to be a Physical Therapist, the many types of treatments offered patients at the local hospital, and discussed the expansion and improvement plans the hospital will soon implement in the therapy department. She is particularly excited about the addition of an aquatic therapy pool. "This is not something like an indoor olympic swimming pool. It will be relatively small in area, and approximately four feet deep. It will greatly benefit many therapy patients by providing water buoyancy to those with bodies needing assistance to move and properly function without pain." Ms. Davis said the hospital is currently interviewing other applicants for a position in the therapy department.

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Two Years Later

There events throughout history that define generations. The Wright brothers' first flight in 1903, the Black Tuesday stock market crash of 1929, the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and the landing of a man on the moon in 1969 are a few seminal moments that triggered a seismic shift in the course of our nation. For this generation, September 11, 2001, is a date that will forever recall the devastating attacks that rained terror on the United State of America. But it will also evoke the pride and patriotism we felt as police, firefighters and airplane passengers gave their lives to save countless others.

This month, as we commemorate the second anniversary of the day that 19 hijackers forever changed the physical and psychological landscape of our nation, that day in September merits reflection and raises the question: two years later, are we safer?

On 9-11-03 church bells throughout Manhattan will ring at exactly 8:46 a.m., the moment the first plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. That evening, the lights on Broadway will go dim. Baseball games will observe a moment of silence before the first pitch is thrown. But after the bells cease, the lights come on and the games begin, we must go about our daily lives more careful about our community safety, never forgetting the devastation and horror of September 11.

Immediately after attacks, our nation charged into action, closing the loopholes that allowed the terrorists to infiltrate our country. Aviation security gaps, immigration mishaps and intelligence tapes were immediately addressed. New federal entities were created and charged with the task of protecting our transportation infrastructure and our homeland. And we launched a global war on terror taking the fight to the mountains of Afghanistan, the sand dunes of

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disappeared out the back entrance. The clerk was unable to give a description of any vehicle they apparently fled in. The crime continues to be investigated.

Corzine continued, "That Sunday crime spree wasn't over yet. Sometime during the night or morning, some one threw a rock through the plate glass window at the Plains Dairy Queen, which our officers investigated later Sunday morning. To top it all off, a number of cattle got loose and had to be rounded up and re-penned. We had a pretty busy weekend."

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Edgar Omar Garcia Diaz pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI cause. He will spend 180 days in jail with credit for 19 days served.

Take Five Minutes for Texas; Vote "Yes" on Proposition 12

On September 13, Texans will go to the polls to vote on 22 constitutional amendments. One of those amendments, Proposition 12, could make the difference whether Texans continue to have good available health care for themselves and their families.



Red McCombs
Texas Civil Justice League PAC

Under ordinary circumstances, constitutional amendment elections are greeted with a collective yawn. After all, they usually don't have a lot of appeal, and with the start of school and football season, this particular election is hardly a blip on the radar screen.

I'm not sure what I can say that will convince you to vote in this election, but for Texas I've got to try. I could start by saying that you have the last word on what our state constitution—the rules we all live under—will say. That's a big responsibility, and I certainly don't want to leave it to somebody else to decide for me just because there is a big football game going on that day. If that's a problem, just vote early. If there is one thing state

government does pretty well, it is giving people plenty of chances to vote.

If an appeal to civic duty doesn't do the trick, how about this: if you don't vote in this election, you could lose your doctor and your access to medical care. And it's not just that. If you have a relative or a friend in a nursing home, you might have to look for another place for your loved one to live.

This is a very real possibility if Proposition 12 does not pass on September 13. Simply put, Proposition 12 authorizes the Legislature to place caps on arbitrary "pain and suffering" damages in civil lawsuits against doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers. It also allows the Legislature to set limits on other types of liability lawsuits in the future if those lawsuits get out of hand and threaten other vital public interests.

You don't have to take my word for it. Ask your doctor what he or she thinks about Proposition 12. As part of trying to attract and retain the best possible people to work in my business, however, I provide health care insurance to my employees. I also believe deeply that access to health care is one of the most important necessities for a good economy and business climate. In other words, without good health care, there is no way I

could run a business and keep people working. Proposition 12 will help preserve quality health care and a good economy. It's just that simple.

Moreover, as a Texan, I take pretty seriously my right to vote on changes to the state constitution that affect me, my family, and my business. I'm probably not ever going to sue a doctor or a hospital, and most other people probably won't ever have any reason to do that either. But if one of us does, there is nothing in Proposition 12 that will in any way affect our right to seek justice in the courts or the amount of actual economic damages we can recover. Proposition 12 strikes a reasonable and necessary balance between my rights, should I ever be injured by somebody else's negligence, and the critically important need for access to quality health care.

That's why I am going to vote on September 13 in favor of Proposition 12, and why I am urging my friends, family, employees, and customers to do the same. It is the one thing I can do that day to help assure a brighter future for the people I care about. And I can still catch one football game in the afternoon and another that night.

Cross-country teams excel again

The Cowboy cross-country team, competing against 1A to 5A schools in the Seminole Invitational meet, finished fourth over all, with two key runners out with injuries.

Jose Villegas led the team with 9th place in the varsity division. Abel Ramos was 15th, Payton Bean 22nd, Arnold Cordova 40th. The JV was led by Brandon Davis, followed closely by Scott Addison and Steven Dominguez.

Freshamn Desiraye Broome led the Cowgirls with a 5th place finish against 96 competitors, and was followed by Stacey Alldredge, Ashlee Vantine, Kim Trent and Lamanda Sainz. Coach Davis said, "This was the best race of the season for the ladies, I'm very proud of them."

In the Jr. High Boys division, Braden Loya and Chris Addison finished 22nd and 25th.

Several of the Cowgirls were unable to run in order to compete with the volleyball teams over the weekend, including Micaela Villegas, Manuela Villegas, Lauren Davis and Heather Parrott.

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Vehicle Title And Registration Changes Effective Sept. 1

The 78th Legislature passed new laws that will affect Texas vehicle owners. An additional \$1 fee collected with vehicle registrations, new license plates, and changes to the state's salvage laws will take effect Sept. 1. Increased title fees and additional surcharges on certain on-road diesel vehicles have already gone into effect. These new fees are collected by the local tax assessor-collector's office.

As of Sept. 1, vehicle registration renewals and new registrations will carry an additional \$1 insurance verification fee. The additional revenue will be allocated to the Texas Department of Public Safety through August 31, 2005, to reengineer the Texas driver license system. This will result in the development of a more secure Texas driver's license. After Aug. 31, 2005, the funds will be used to study the feasibility of an insurance verification system aimed at reducing the number of uninsured motorists operating illegally in Texas. The fee, contained in HB 3588, will raise about \$12.9 million in additional funds annually.

The same legislation also amended the state's vehicle salvage laws. The bill raised the fee to obtain a salvage or nonrepairable title to \$8. Under this new legislation, vehicles titled with Nonrepairable Vehicle Titles on or after Sept. 1 cannot be rebuilt, retitled or operated on public roadways and can only be sold for scrap or parts. Vehicles titled with Salvage Vehicle Titles can be retitled as "rebuilt salvage" but rebuilders will be required to pay \$65 fee, in addition to the title application fee, and must submit detailed information about the type of damage the vehicle sustained and about the parts that

were used to rebuild it. The vehicle must pass a state safety inspection before a new title is issued. The new title will carry a "rebuilt salvage" remark for the life of the vehicle.

The legislature approved 38 new specialty plates and standardized fees for the popular organizational and collegiate plates. As of Sept. 1, the fee for these plates will be \$30, with \$22 being earmarked for the organization, college or university. The state will retain \$8 to cover administrative costs. Of that, fifty cents will be sent to the county issuing the plate. New organizational plates will become available to the public as designs are finalized and the sponsoring organizations satisfy the requirements contained in the law. A listing of all newly authorized plates is attached.

The legislation also raised vehicle title fees and established new surcharges for certain diesel vehicles titled in Texas. The new fees became effective immediately upon the Governor's signature on June 23, 2003. The money raised by the increase in fees will fund the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). The TERP plan administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is aimed at bringing Texas' air quality into compliance with established federal guidelines. More TERP information is available at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Vehicle title fees in 41 designated counties will increase from \$13 to \$33 and from \$13 to \$28 in the remaining counties. A new 1% surcharge is also being collected on certain 1997 and newer diesel vehicles. A 2.5% surcharge is being collected for 1996 and older diesels. These surcharges apply to all on-road vehicles, weighting 14,000 pounds or more, whether purchased in Texas or out of state.

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More State Troopers Hit The Highways Highway Patrol Ranks Expand

An Additional 160 troopers will soon report for duty across the state following their graduation today from the Texas Department of Public Safety's Training Academy in Austin. State Senator Steve Ogden of Bryan was the keynote speaker and addressed the graduates.

"Your service to the state of Texas is invaluable," said Ogden. "I am a firm believer that your presence on our highways measurably improves our security and quality of life. By enforcing traffic laws and performing your duties, you save lives and serve as a front line protector of our homeland security."

The troopers from this graduation will start filling 170 new trooper positions created by the Legislature. "The additional trooper positions approved by the Legislature will ultimately translate into greater statewide traffic enforcement good news for the citizens of Texas and bad news for drunk drivers and other criminals," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS.



What About?

As many of you know, Beth's dad passed away on Labor Day in the Dallas, Texas area.

Thank you so very much for all the cards, flowers, food, phone calls and prayers. Everything was so very much appreciated.

We also thank the families who needed us for understanding our situation.

Beth's dad, Rev. Roy Eason, 87 was a man of prayer. When we would spend the night with her parents, he could always be heard praying. He was not a bashful man when it came to praying. He would pour out his heart to God. Everyone in the area knew Brother Eason was praying and calling out their names to God.

In his over 50 years of service to the Lord, he pastored many small churches in the Texas Panhandle. He was married to his wife Lois for nearly 62 years.

His service was truly a celebration of his life and ministry. Many of the district church officials came and had wonderful things to say about him.

His three kids, Beth, Johnny, and Dee Dee sang, "I Did Not Come Here To Ask You For Anything." A wonderful song of just being in the presence of God with out always asking for "stuff".

Up front was four large poster size pictures were among the flowers depicting his life and his family. John Eason, Jr. a grandson, who is an ordained minister in the Bastrop area, shared and Rev. Glenn Beaver of Lubbock.

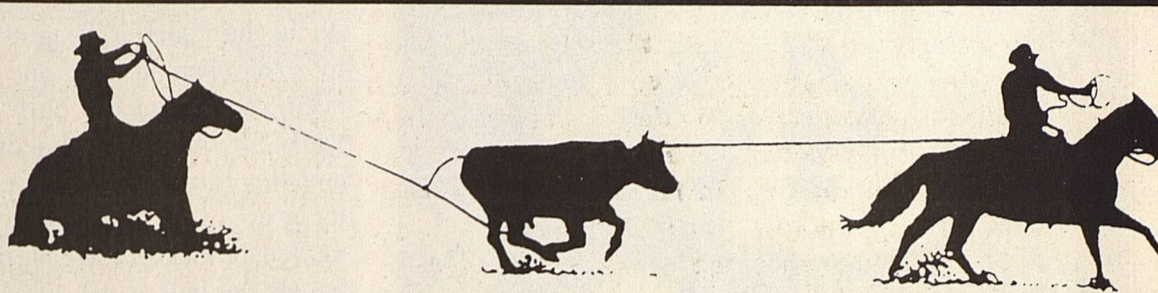
Again, thank you for all you have done for us in these past few difficult days. Until Next Time...

Mark A. Jones
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New Faces At PHS



Principal Steven O'Quinn, background, is shown with Rebecca Black, Social Studies instructor, new Counselor Cindy Davis, former elementary teacher, and Jami Pitts, English and Speech.



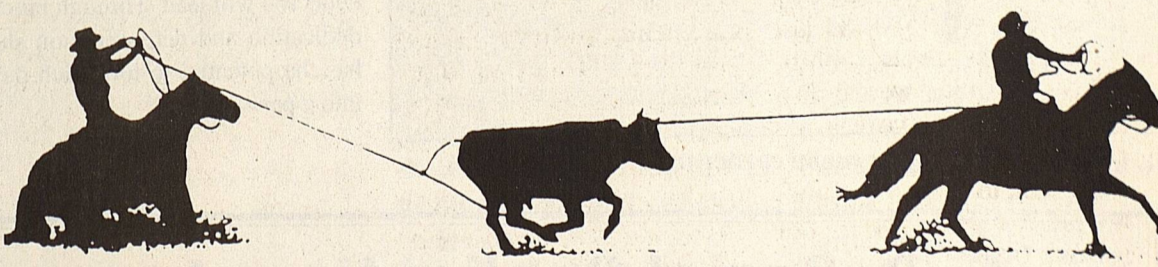
The Plains Roping Club Says Thanks

To all who helped make our 6th Watermelon Round Up Team Roping a great success! In three ropings featuring 642 teams, we paid 80 places a total of \$ 28,280 prize money. Without the great help and support of donors and sponsors, we could not have had this success!

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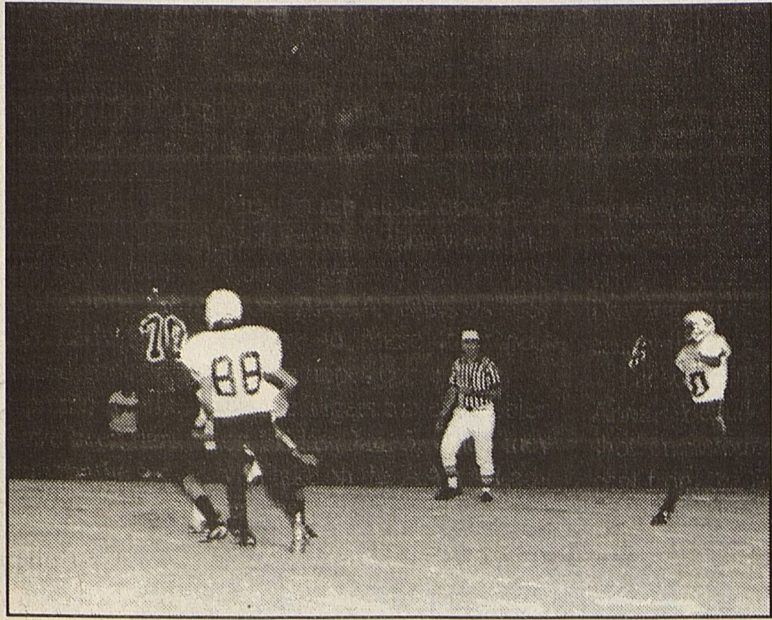
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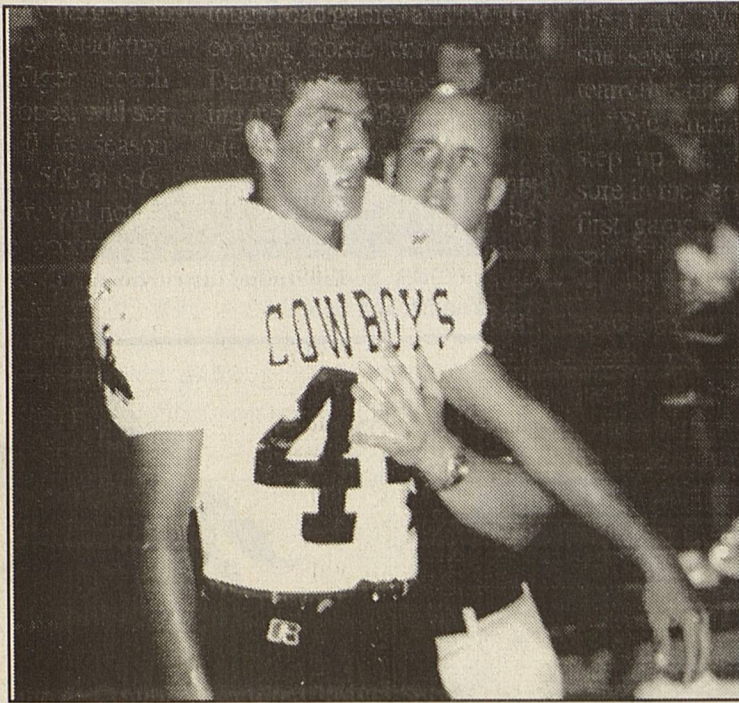
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Children's Choir - 9:45 am
followed by Sunday School
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

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

Cowboy - Eagle action scenes



Arnold Cordova, right, gets punt away



Armando Ramirez gets attention from Cowboy Trainer



Cowboy Band, sans uniforms, provided the big sound



Todd Williams trying to make corner turn

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time in the game for such good fortune.

The Cowboys received the opening kick off, and managed two quick first downs on rushes by Evan Cain and Todd Williams before the drive stalled. The teams swapped possessions until late in the quarter when Zach Broome recovered an Eagle fumble at the 20. Runs by Cain and Williams pushed the ball to the 9, but mistakes on the line produced penalties pushing the ball back to the 19 on fourth down. Cain found Arnold Cordova wide open for a reception and touchdown. The kick failed, but the Cowboys led 6-0.

In the second period, the Eagles offense came alive, and in their first possession, two plays resulted in 68 yards and the Eagles tied the game at 6-6. Peyton Bean foiled the PAT attempt to send the teams deadlocked at the half.

In the third quarter, Seagraves took the opening kick, and in six plays drove the ball 37 yards for their second score, and the extra point kick put them up 13-7. The Cowboys muffed the kickoff and gave the Eagles the ball at the 29, and four plays later they pushed their lead to 19-6.

The Cowboys took the kickoff at their 13. Both the left and right side of the offensive line came alive, and provided good blocking for rushes by Cain, Cordova and Williams, and a

pass from Cain to Richard Diaz moved the ball to the 48, but the drive faltered. T.J. Cordova's punt gave the ball to the Eagles at the 11 yardline with some 50 seconds on the clock. A penalty moved them back to the 6, but a quick burst over left tackle went 90 yards for another score. With no time on the clock, the PAT pushed the Eagle lead to 26-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Barely into the final period, a quick burst around left end by an Eagle runner moved the Eagle lead to 32-6. They would score again about midway in the quarter and go up 38-6 at the end of the game.

The Cowboys would finish with 205 yards offense, 161 yards on the ground. The Eagles had 376 total yards. Individual stats included; Rushing leaders, Williams 59 yards, Diaz 42, Cain 30, Arnold Cordova 27.

Cain completed 5 of 9 passes for 6 points and 44 yards, and Broome, Diaz, A. Cordova and Justin Vasquez were top receivers.

T.J. Cordova punted 5 times for a 32.4 yard average, Broome recovered a fumble, Diaz was credited with an interception, the three leading tacklers were Williams 8, Ryan Martinez 5, Nolan Newsom 3.

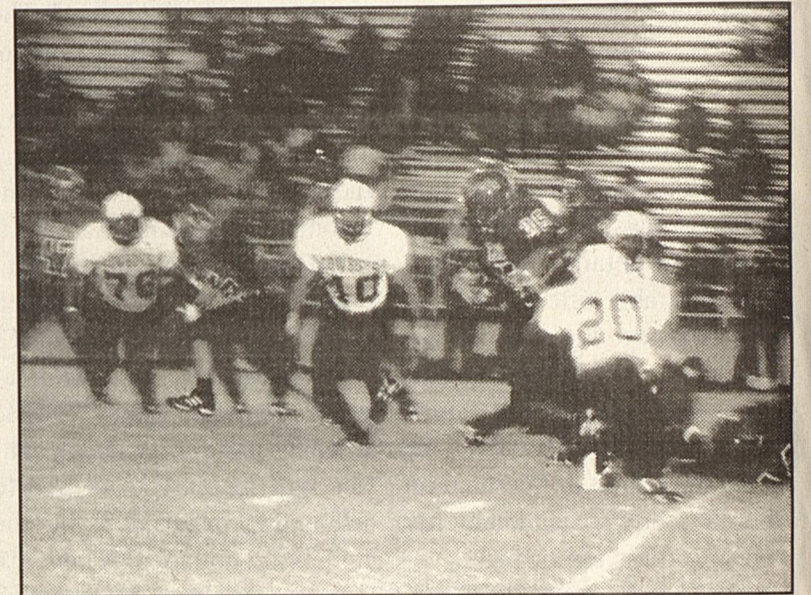
The Cowboys meet Sudan here at 8 pm Friday, September 12. They can use your presence and support !!



Somewhere in this jam an Eagle is in trouble



The band worked hard to keep Cowboy spirits high



Arnold Cordova, 20, nails runner, Ryan Martinez, Michael Crump coming up to assist



Richard Diaz sets sail to corner, Eagles in hot pursuit

Student's of the Week



Second student of the week is Sarah Martinez, a senior and the daughter of Alfred and Sylvia Martinez. She was nominated by Michele Jones, who said, "As a teacher it is always such a pleasant surprise to have a student complete a task before they are asked. Sarah does just that with much enthusiasm and dedication. She is very devoted to all aspects of her life including church, athletics, her family and student council. She has been such a delight to work with and I very much look forward to all she has to add to this school year."

First student of the week is Marlie Diaz, a junior and the daughter of Raymond and Margie Diaz. Marlie was nominated by Michele Jones, who said, "Marlie has been very busy preparing and organizing for this school year. Through summer workshops and previous experience as a student council officer she has gained the qualities she needs to make this school year successful for not only herself, but also the students she will lead. Through much dedication and determination she has the potential to turn each day into a positive one."



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Archeologists One Step Closer To Identifying Remains At Fort St. Louis

Texas Historical Commission (THC) archeologists, in conjunction with forensic experts, have learned the skeletal remains of three people buried in a common grave at Fort St. Louis include a female in her late 20's or early 30's, a male in his late 30's to early 40's and eight year old child.

The remains, initially thought to be those of two males, are believed to be those of early settlers and were discovered at the site near Victoria in November 2000. University of North Texas forensic expert Dr. H. Gill-King has been conducting tests on the remains since that time, which reveal the male was approximately 5'6" tall and suffered a severe blow to the skull. His skull also exhibited a small circular penetration. Experts were able to exactly pinpoint the age of the child through dental samples. Historical records obtained by THC archeologists describe the discovery and burial of three French colonists by Spanish explorers who discovered the site in 1689. French explorer Robert Cavellier, Sieur de La Salle established Fort St. Louis in 1685, then left to seek help

for the troubled colony. Native Americans attacked and killed many of the settlers. Spanish explorer Alonso de Leon discovered what remained of Fort St. Louis in 1689. He buried the fort's cannons and later burned the fort. The Spanish built a presidio on the site in 1721 and claimed the region for it's own.

In 1996, THC archeologists ended centuries of debate about the location of Fort St. Louis when they confirmed the discovery of the buried cannons on a private ranch outside Victoria. The THC team found remnants of the fort and presidio, and thousands of French and Spanish artifacts. They also excavated La Salle's ship, the Belle, from Matagorda Bay in 1996-97.

THC archeologists are hopeful further DNA testing will reveal more clues about life at Fort St. Louis and may eventually identify the three individuals found buried there.

For more information, contact the THC Archeology Division at 512-463-6096.

For more information about Fort St. Louis and the excavation of the Belle, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

VFW Scholarship Competition Set

Brownfield VFW Commander Walter Caviness recently announced the kick off to this year's VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition.

Plains High School students will have the opportunity to compete in the 57th annual essay competition and win thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington D.C., as well as other awards. The theme of this year's competition will be My Commitment to America's Future.

The winners from the 10 area VFW posts will advance to district competition. The district winner along with 24 other district

winners will compete in the state competition.

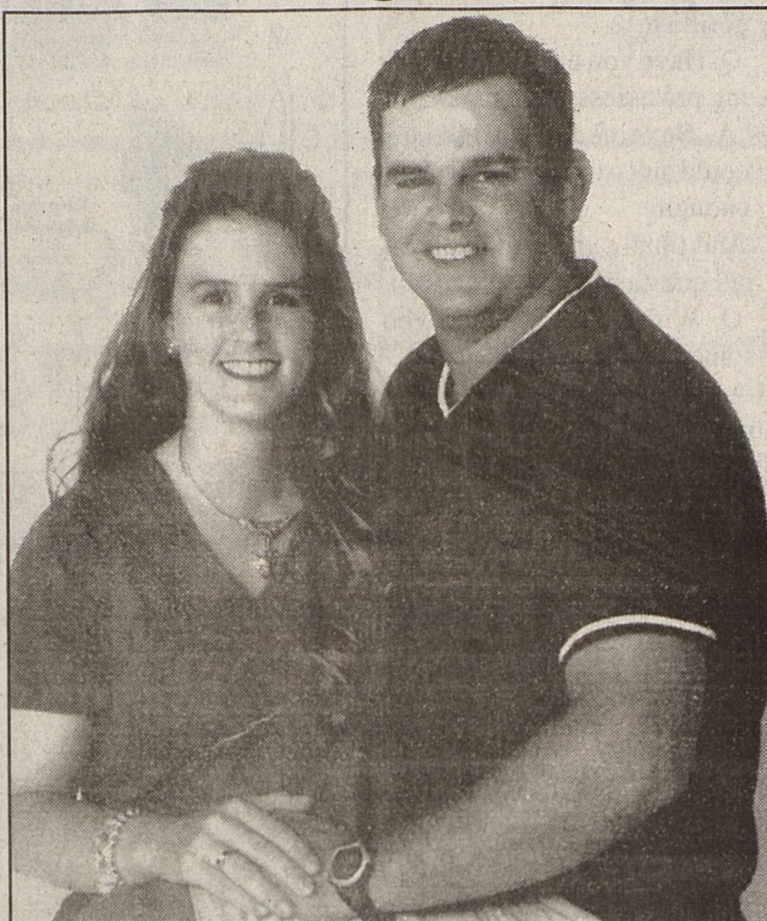
The state winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and at least a \$1,000 national scholarship. One of the state winners will receive a \$25,000 first place award.

The deadline for student entry to Brownfield VFW Post #6794 is Nov. 1st.

Interested students should contact VFW Post #6794 Voice of Democracy Chairman Don Harwood at 637-3235 or Co-Chairman Don McWhorter at 637-3001.

Contest information and entry forms will be available at the students' high school office.

Squyres-Ramsey Wedding Planned



Mr and Mrs. Newell Squyres of Plains are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Diane to Daniel Gaylon Ramsey son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ramsey of Trinidad, Texas. Robin is the granddaughter of Fred and the late Ruby Squyres of Wellington, Texas. Danny is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ramsey and Mrs. Joan Ray all of Malakoff, Texas. He is also the great-grandson of Flora Huffman of Trinidad, Texas.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Plains High School and a 2002 graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in Environmental Science. She is employed with the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service in Eastland, Texas.

The bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Trinidad High School, 1998 graduate of Trinity Valley Community College, and attended Tarleton State University. He is employed with M.L. Phinney, Distributing in Stephenville, Texas.

The couple plan to marry in the First Baptist Church of Plains on November 15, 2003, with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. A honeymoon expense account has been set up at the Yoakum County Federal Credit Union or selections have been made at Wal-Mart and Sears.

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met Tuesday, September 2. Following a brief business session, Jeanette Head and Betty Estep gave a report about the recent art show. The art association gained two new members during the show when Linda Wright and Dianne Bennett joined the association. Uvonne Morgan was applauded for her work making the show a success.

After the meeting, Shelia Stephens introduced the guest artist, Eloise Brown from Brownfield. Mrs. Brown demonstrated how to begin a portrait and had the members draw along with her. Shelia Stephens posed for the portrait.

Hostesses Pat Altman, Julia Lemley and Jimmie Bayer served refreshments to the members and guests.

Senior Citizens Corner

Reverend Steve Brooks was a guest of the Sides family this week. Steve is pastor of our First United Methodist Church. Reverend Jon Humbert and his wife, Donna, from the Nazarene Church, are frequent guests of Elmer and June at lunchtime. It is a pleasure to have our community ministers interested in our Senior Center.

Some have asked to make a contribution to a memorial fund for Vera Gibson. You may pick up a memorial envelope in the office for her.

It's good to see Nettie Short back this week. We miss each one who is absent. Joe Nevarez is back after extended touring in his RV. He reports they had a great vacation. June Anderson had lunch with her sister Dorothy this week. Bill Harmon dropped by for lunch one day. This is a first for Bill. We encourage him to make it a habit. Shirley Moser is back in town. We need to convince her that Denver City is a nicer place than Pecos. Man Son Robles and Molly Flores were also luncheon guests this week.

Moray Clark and Chris Humphries were the winners in the domino tournament this week. We had a dozen players and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

Lenore Matus suffered a fall which resulted in a broken hip. She is hospitalized in Odessa at this time and will be transferred to the local nursing home when she is able.

The Site Council is initiating new fund raising program by the name of "Strive for Five". Any senior who will volunteer to be a part of this endeavor is expected to find five people who will donate five dollars to the Senior Center. Each of those five will carry on with the effort. SPAG has offered this program in lieu of other fund raising programs that have been used in the past. Please check in the office with Gloria to be a part of this program. We understand there are already those who have succeeded in making their goal. Let's all get involved!

The long anticipated basic computer class will begin on September 8th at the high school. Tammy Bailey and Stacy Decker, both teachers, will be teaching the classes which will be held Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., using the

Microsoft Word and X-Cell programs. This is a forty hour course, so it will extend through ten weeks to completion. They have room for twenty-one students. If your name is on the list, please contact Gloria at 592-8000 to verify that you will be able to attend this class. At this time we have more signed up than there is room for in the class, so if you are unable to attend please check at the Senior Center office. There is no charge for this class, but a \$12.00 donation is suggested.

The Center was closed for Labor Day, but the Monday night pool players ended the holiday with an evening of fun and fellowship.

We regret losing Reta Peeler off our Board of Directors. Reta has taken a part time job with Boyer Funeral Home.

Bob Wells music floated on the air on Saturday morning as we strolled through the various booths lined up under the tall trees on the lawn of the Yoakum County Court House. We had enjoyed a "fly-on" breakfast at the local airport before attending the festivities of the watermelon harvest. We could not tarry long but the excitement of the event remained with us all through the day. It was another successful endeavor to bring visitors to our area. Congratulations to all those who worked to bring it to fruition.

Whoever said being a "mother-in-law" isn't right up there at the top of the list? It's at the top of the most unappreciated list, that is, as the following story will avow. It appears that this fellow goes on vacation to the Holy Land with his wife and mother-in-law. The mother-in-law dies. They go to an undertaker who explains that they can ship the body home but that it will cost \$5000, whereas they can bury in the Holy Land for only \$150. The gut says, "We'll ship her home." The undertaker asks, "Are you sure? That's an awfully big expense and we can do a very nice burial here." The guy says, "Look, 2000 years ago they buried a guy here and three days later he arose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

Thought for Today: (the first of an "I've Learned" series) "I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet tissue. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes."

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From The Hack

I refuse to buy Golf Magazines of any title. What I do, is wait until subscribers get tired of them stacking up around the house and take them to the local library for free distribution. Then, I gather up about 14 pounds when Vaughn Culwell disposes of his. Mr. Culwell does not object to me stealing his stuff - He has stolen considerable amounts of U.S. currency from me on the course which far exceed his yearly subscription price. In a recent issue of GOLF, only 14 months old, I ran across these stats of high versus low handicapper habits and results; 58% of the lows have confessed to throwing clubs in anger - only 21% of us high handicappers have. MY OBSERVATION - That's B.S., or basic sediment; I have witnessed poor (that's HIGH) golfers kill ducks in ponds with thrown clubs, put dents in friends carts, and on one occasion cause a definite end to a lifelong friendship. Another faulty stat - 33 % of low handicappers have broken clubs in anger, only 4% of high handicappers. This is another B.S. stat. Several years ago, I witnessed two locals, on the same 18th, finishing hole, snap exactly six clubs over their knees when shots went awry, and another club member set his entire bag of clubs afire after hitting three consecutive

ter hitting three consecutive drives out of bounds. All were bonafide, well known HIGH handicappers.

In another area of the GOLF mag, I answered a Yes or No quiz to reveal why I can't hit the ball long, long, long, other than the fact I'm approaching 72, weigh a total of 159 with a full belly and winter boots on, and have absolutely no talent. Q. Do you wear out your golf gloves in the heel? A. That's irrelevant. I usually lose my glove after the third outing, feeding it to the ducks on hole # 2. Q. Do you divots (for non-golfers, that's holes or scuffs in the ground where you tried to hit the stupid ball) point considerably left of the target? A. No, only about 25% of the time. The other divots are usually evenly divided between right, forward and behind the stupid ball. Q. On you backswing, do you have trouble shifting weight to your right side? A. What difference does it make - I've already told you my weight. Q. Do you sometimes get ahead of the ball before impact? A. What a stupid question. How can I possibly hit the ball if I'm out in front of it? Q. (And here's another even MORE stupid question!) Do you feel more tension in your shoulders addressing the ball than you do with your arms hanging at your sides? A. Yes, you dumb posterior, holding a golf club causes more tension than dangling one's skinny arms and empty hands. Q. After impact, does your left elbow "Chicken-wing" away from you? A. It's readily evident Albert Einstein did not compose this quiz. I thought "Chicken-Wing" was a sort of funky, skunky dance performed by stoned people from New Jersey at a rock concert. In my normal after-swing positions, my

elbows look more like those of a ruptured Passenger Pigeon.

Q. Is your natural ball flight a fade or slice? A. That's an extremely difficult question, as all my playing companions tell me there is absolutely nothing natural about my entire game. Q. Do you often feel as if you come out of shots before impact? A. No, but I often come out of my shoes when I really try to gorilla it. Q. Have you ever had a teaching pro assess your game? A. Several have tried, but could not stop laughing long enough. And finally, the last, final stupid question: Q. With your driver do you sometimes take a divot? A. Not lying down, I don't!! I raise more Hell than the man on a wrong train, and probably always will!

Nothing to Cry Over

Texas' onion crop shouldn't make any farmer cry. The sometimes sweet, sometimes tear-inducing vegetable is the top cash vegetable crop in the state, with 2002 production valued at more than \$122 million, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. The Lone Star State ranks fourth in the nation in onion production behind California, Oregon and Washington. Onion production is measured in hundredweight (cwt). A hundredweight is a unit of measure equal to 100 pounds. Texas onion production has risen steadily in recent years, jumping from 5.2 million cwt in 2000 to 5.7 million cwt in 2002.

Commercial onion production in the U.S. is divided into spring and summer. Of the onion-producing states, only Texas and California produce onions in both the spring and the summer.

Top onion-growing states, 2002
Texas is the fourth-largest onion producer in the U.S.

State	Yield (million cwt)
CA	27.6
OR	10.7
WA	9.4
TX	5.7
ID	5.1

Onions ring in sales
Texas onion production and the value of crops has risen the last few years.

Year	Value of production (in millions)	Production (million cwt)
1999	\$94	5.2
2000	\$96	5.2
2001	\$106	5.4
2002	\$122	5.7

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