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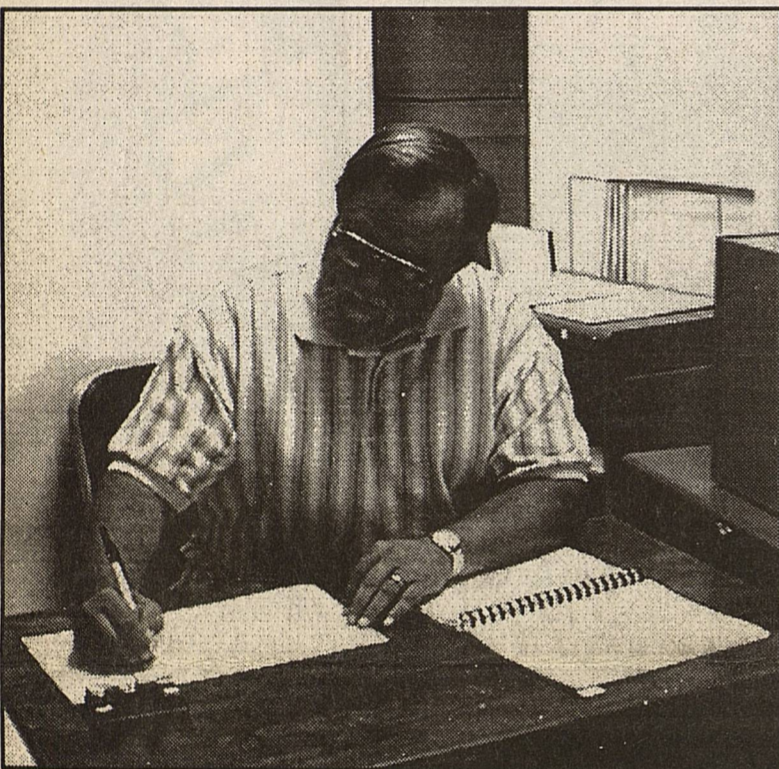
# News



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## Early voting underway



Gerald Baker, first deputy clerk in the County Clerk's office here, is pictured manning the registration desk at the polling place in the courthouse. Early voting on 17 constitutional amendments passed by the legislature in the recent session started October 18, and will continue through October 29. County Clerk Debbie Rushing reported voter turnout has been very light, and urges all eligible voters to take advantage of the convenience offered during the early voting period.

## Cowboys fight back for huge 15-14 win over Post Antelopes

What does a football team do when facing a much favored opponent with a huge line, their own ranks thinned by injuries to just 5 reserves on the sidelines? Simple - they just play their fannies off, never quit or lose hope, which neatly sums up the Cowboys performance last Friday night against the 'Lopes of Post.

The Cowboys took the opening kickoff at the 35, and three offensive plays netted two yards. Alex Tarango punted, and Post took possession at their 29. They quickly moved the ball to Plains' 40, when four big defensive plays by Joel Gallegos, Fermin Luna and Tarango stopped the drive and gave the Cowboys the ball.

Two plays later, the Cowboys fumbled, but again good de-



Jared Bell crosses goal line for second Cowboy touchdown

fense by Josh Bell, Colt Winn and Skyler Johnson stopped the drive, and when the fourth down try failed, the Cowboy offense started on their 16.

Two quick bursts by Josh Bell

gained 8 yards over left guard, then Jared Bell broke loose and simply out ran the 'Lopes defense for a 76 yard touch down, and 6-0 lead when the PAT

In the second period, Post again drove the ball, but defensive work by Jeremy Morphis, Josh Bell, David Luna and

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## Did this pooch help save missing man?

\*\* The following true story is written without identifying the principals involved, at their request.

On October 5, a local producer sent one of his farm hands to the field to tandem disc an area. The following day, he went to the farm to check on the employee's progress, to find both the hand and his tractor missing. He returned to town, went to the employee's home and asked his wife if he was there. She was upset, and told him her husband failed to come home the prior evening.

Now alarmed, the producer reported the missing man and tractor to the Sheriff Department. Deputy Jerry Howard, Lieutenant Lisa Switzer and Investigator Rick Dickson went to the scene. They were able to track the tractor, which left the original farm heading west, until it went down a hard packed caliche road and they lost the trail.

They eventually found the tractor, pulled up to a pivot irrigation system, in park, the engine still running. Deputy Howard told CCN "At that time I was really concerned we would eventually find the man either injured or possibly dead".

The search party then were



Golden Lab 'Lucky' and missing man's sock

stopped by an employee of the boll weevil eradication program, and when he learned they were searching for the missing man, reported he had seen a person on foot in a field of cotton nearby. The officers hurried to that area, and found the man, wandering aimlessly, clad only in his trousers. He was in poor shape, dazed, sunburned, severely dehydrated, and was rushed to the hospital in Denver City.

There, it was learned he had

been on medication for a mental disorder for some time, and had apparently failed to take the medicine, causing a severe and disabling reaction.

When he recovered sufficiently, he told the hospital staff he hoped "that dog is alright. He stayed with me at night, helped keep me warm, I don't think I could have made it without him".

"That dog" was a Golden Labrador Retriever, 'Lucky', belonging to a family living on a

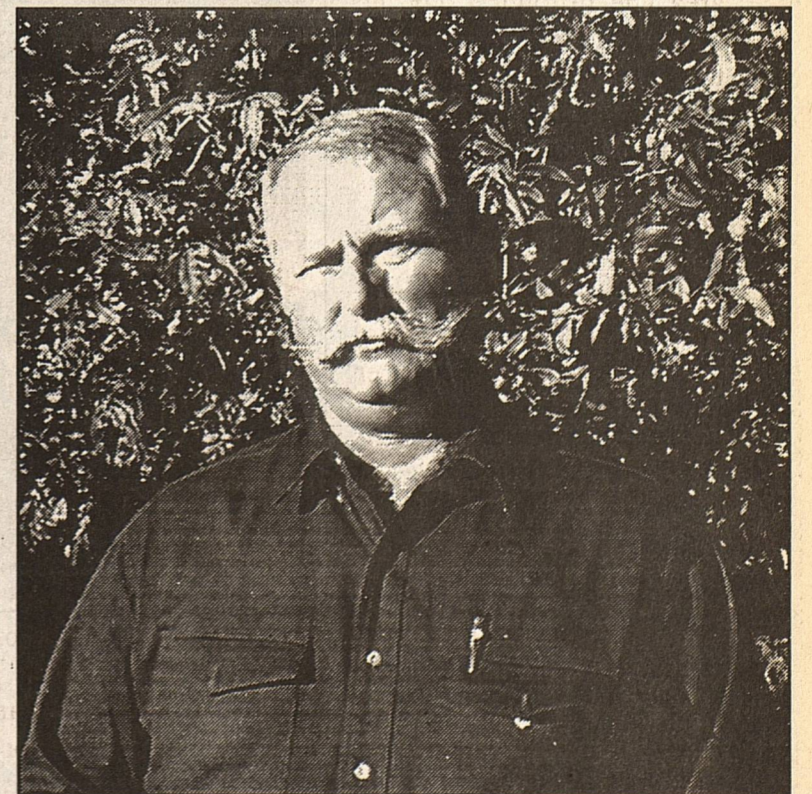
farm near the field where the man was found. The young dog had been seen several times running out in the field, but the family didn't think much of it until they heard of the missing man. Apparently the dog had discovered the wandering man, and had made numerous excursions to join his 'newly found friend', including the night time visit.

An interesting footnote; The afternoon the man and tractor disappeared, the Lab, according to the owners, "acted weird all day and half the night, running out in the field where the guy was finally found, back and forth, and barked most of the night. The next day, we found a tennis shoe, a sock and a piece of what looked like a man's shirt in the yard. The dog kept playing with the apparel, then would run back out in the field. We had no idea the stuff belonged to the missing man".

Question: Was the dog trying to tell the family he'd discovered the missing man, trying to get them to follow him?

We are glad to report both the ill man, and the friendly pooch, are both now hale and hearty.

## Hershel Smith fifth to announce for commissioner job



Hershel Smith recently told CCN he was announcing his candidacy for the position of Precinct 3 Commissioner, subject to the March Republican Primary. "When you work for the county, being a servant to county residents is a must, and I would like to be the public servant commissioner of precinct 3. I have lived in Plains the last 35 years, and I have been an employee of Precinct 3 sixteen of those years. No one enjoys high taxes or rough roads, and I want to work not only with you but for you addressing both issues. I can only promise to serve you in the very best manner I can".

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"Cowboys"

Alex Tarango, plus a 15 yard penalty against Post, stalled their attack.

Plains took over at their 26. Jared Bell gained 2 yards, and David Luina broke a reverse play into the clear for a good 41 yard gain. Kyle Sisson hit Colt Winn for a 16 yard reception, and Jared Bell found holes punched by the line for gains to the 6, and a final burst over right guard gave the Cowboys their second score and a 12 - 0 lead.

In the third quarter, the badly stung Antelopes moved the kickoff from their 21 yardline the length of the field in 10 consecutive plays, and the point after kick left them trailing 7 - 12.

Taking the kickoff, the Cowboys could not move the ball, and a fourth down attempt failed, giving Post the ball at the Cowboys 30. Two plays later, Post scored from the 28, kicked the point and led 14-12 lead

With a little more than 2 minutes left in the third period, the Cowboy offense went to work at their 34. Three rushing attempts failed, and facing a fourth down punt, Post received a roughing the punter penalty for a first down. Jared Bell followed line blocking around the left for 14 yards, Luna gained 21 yards on two runs, but the drive stalled with two incomplete passes. With the ball on Post's 10, Alex Tarango set up for a 27 yard field goal. Kelsey Blundell took the snap, put it in place, and Alex put his foot into it for a perfect kick and the 15-14 lead.

Post gave the Cowboys a scare when they took the kickoff, and drove from their 21 to the Cowboy 9 yard line. The Cowboys, playing desperation defense, made a great stand, and the line and linebackers held the Lopes on the 9 for three plays. Their field goal attempt was wide left, and the Cowboys managed to hang onto the ball for the remaining 49 seconds and a GREAT district win.

They face Seagraves here next Friday. Be there to help them beat the arch rival

**Criminal cases in County Court**

In county court October 12, Leonardo Villegas pled guilty to sexual assault. He was sentenced to adjudication of guilt, deferred. He must pay court costs of \$186, a fine of \$1500, and will be under community supervision ten years. He must establish a DNA record with DPS, and register as a sex offender. He must also undergo outpatient drug counseling at his expense.

On October 18, Maria Esther Lopez pled guilty to driving while license suspended. She was fined \$200 and must pay \$200 court costs.

Judge Dallas Brewer presided in the cases, and Richard Clark, Criminal District Attorney, represented the state.



**Governor Visits Electric Co-Op Officials**



Governor George W. Bush, center, is pictured with officials representing area electric cooperatives during the recent legislative session. Local Terry Davis, a member of the Lea County Electric Board of Directors, stands to the Governor's left. Davis said the photo was taken in State Representative Gary Walker's Capitol Office. The men were lobbying for favorable cooperative legislation on the electric utility deregulation issue.

**Keeping an eye on Texas**

**\$711 million just waiting to be claimed**

More than \$711 million in forgotten property that has been turned over to the state is waiting to be claimed. Besides the categories listed below, unclaimed property also includes the contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes as well as stocks and bonds, which fluctuate in value.

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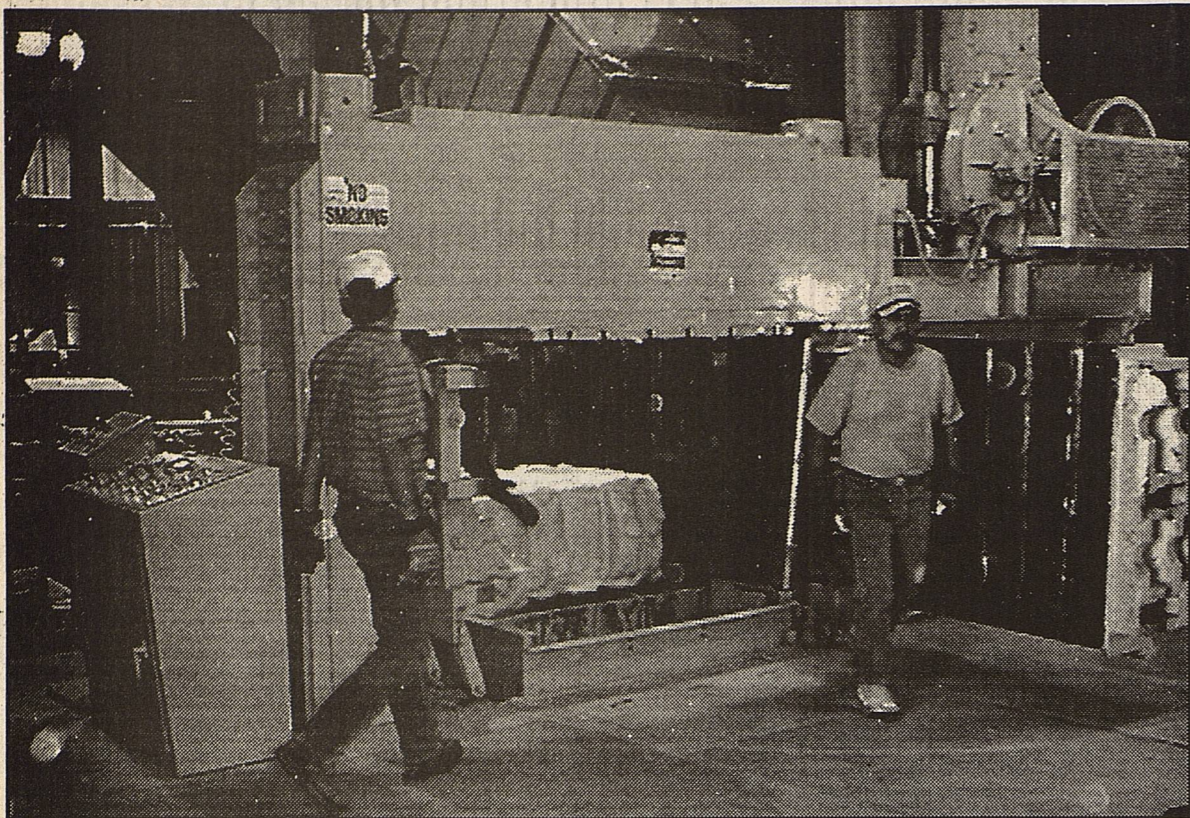
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## Cotton harvest off to slow start



Gin hands prepare to remove finished bale from press at New Tex Gin

A slow maturing 1999 cotton crop, and an unexpected recent rain and light snow have the current harvest running a bit behind. All area gins report they are ginning this year's crop, but have not gone to 24 hour production schedules yet.

Some of the gins and many producers consider the '99 crop to be fair to adequate, but there is

widespread concern about the sluggish market price. A spokesman at one gin reported selling current cotton for sixty-one and sixty-two cents per pound, which included the government incentive P.O.P. amount. Many irrigated cotton growers report they must attain sixty-four to sixty-five cents a pound to reach the breakeven point.

## ★ Voters to decide on constitutional amendments ★

### PROPOSITION 1: Revises the provisions for filling a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

This amendment clarifies who takes over the job of governor and lieutenant governor if those elected to office cannot serve. The lieutenant governor takes the governor's spot if the governor cannot fill out the term. The president pro-tem of the Senate would take the lieutenant governor's place until senators could elect a lieutenant governor to serve until the next election.

### PROPOSITION 2: Relates to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage.

This amendment revises the constitutional provisions authorizing reverse mortgages and resolves conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law. It increases the minimum age of a borrower or borrower's spouse to 62 years from 55 years. It also would specify three methods by which advances could be paid to the borrower.

### PROPOSITION 3: Eliminates duplicative, obsolete, archaic and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The amendment eliminates expired provisions and out-of-date language. For example, it would eliminate provisions for a poll tax, references to county poor houses and dates that have passed.

### PROPOSITION 4: Authorizes the legislature to exempt property owned by charitable institutions from ad valorem taxation.

The amendment broadens the definition of charitable organizations, increasing the number that can qualify for an exemption from property taxes. Small business incubators would qualify for exemption under the proposed change.

### PROPOSITION 5: Allows state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town or other local government district.

The amendment allows state employees to be paid for service on local government entities such as school district boards and city councils.

### PROPOSITION 6: Increases the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribes permissible uses of urban homesteads and prevents the overburdening of a homestead.

The amendment, which increases the maximum size of an urban homestead from one acre to 10, allows the homestead to be used as a home or as both a home and place of business. The amendment allows home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to 10 acres. The principal amount of the loan when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness, however, must not exceed 80 percent of the homestead's market value.

### PROPOSITION 7: Authorizes garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance.

The amendment provides that if an employee owes court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld. Current law allows such withholding only in the case of delinquent court-ordered child support.

### PROPOSITION 8: Provides that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor.

The amendment provides that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the governor wishes, rather than serving a two-year term set by the Legislature.

### PROPOSITION 9: Authorizes the Legislature to create a judicial compensation commission.

The amendment authorizes the Legislature to create a judicial compensation commission to make recommendations on salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the 14 courts of appeals, and the 418 district courts. The recommendations would become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

### PROPOSITION 10: Provides that the commission of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor.

The amendment provides that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes instead of serving a two-year term set by the legislature.

### PROPOSITION 11: Permits a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that it purchases life, health and accident insurance.

Under current law, political subdivisions cannot purchase this type of insurance from mutual insurance companies.

### PROPOSITION 12: Authorizes the Legislature to exempt leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income from ad valorem taxation.

The amendment authorizes the Legislature to exempt from property taxes motor vehicles leased for personal use. Vehicles leased for business use would not be exempted.

## USDA Announces Funding

Lubbock, Texas, October 21, 1999- Dairy Queen of Plains, Limited Partnership, located in Yoakum County, will receive a \$416,843 loan from USDA Rural Development announced Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

The funding was made through the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS), an agency that falls under the Rural Development mission area. USDA Rural Development is the agency in charge of implementing the Clinton Gore Administration's commitment to developing rural communities by administering programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

"Financing small businesses is one of the most important things the government can do to help a community. The Dairy Queen will serve the residents in Plains and will increase the economic opportunities of this rural community by providing jobs for approximately sixteen local residents," Carriker said.

## Public Service Announcement

"Two INS officials from the Federal Dallas Immigration and Naturalization Office (INS) will renew "Green Cards"/Permanent Residency Cards that have expired or will expire before January 1, 2000. They will be at the Catholic Family Service, Inc. office site in Lubbock between November 15-19th. Please call Catholic Family Service, Inc., Lubbock, for an appointment with and INS official to renew your card-806-741-0409."

## Obituaries

### Services held for Ruby Nugent

Ruby Nugent, 78, a resident of Aransas Pass since 1977, passed away Thursday, October 21, 1999, at a Corpus Christi hospital. She was born October 3, 1921 and was a retired title company clerk. She is survived by her son, Mike Nugent and his wife Sylvia of Aransas Pass, her daughter, Donna Claybourne of Aransas Pass, her brother, Burl Hobbs of Ft. Stockton, Texas, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, October 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at Prairie View Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to: Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes & Crematory, Aransas Pass, Texas.

### Services held for Irene Anderson

Irene Anderson, 89, of Denver City died Thursday October 21, 1999 in Denver City.

Funeral services were held Saturday October 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with the Reverend Darren Skinner officiating and Reverend Tom Carter, minister of the Plains United Methodist Church, assisted. Burial followed at the Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mrs. Anderson was born October 16, 1910. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Deen McMillan, her first husband, Elzo McMillan and by her second husband, Wallace Anderson.

Survivors include: 5 daughters: Ruth Taylor of Plains, Margie Slentz of Denver City, Rheda Hinkle of Cedaredge, Colorado, Deanne Gruben of Tatum and Reba Burks of Arkansas; 4 brothers: Weldon Tucker of Abilene, Bill Tucker of Houston, Cecil Tucker of Shelbyville and L.V. Tucker of Oregon; 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rolan Taylor, Russell Taylor, Larry Provence, Jerry Provence, Monte Marrow, Michael Davis and Walt Eads.

## Boll Weevil Count

Oct 18-22	Current	Oct 11-15	Previous
Unit	Count	Unit	Count
713	4029	713	8318
714	8,254	714	15,295
715	12,040	715	11,172
716	14,062	716	8,898
717	5277	717	9,178
718	38,480	718	10,800
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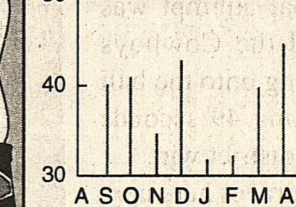
## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Beer drinking peaks in summer months

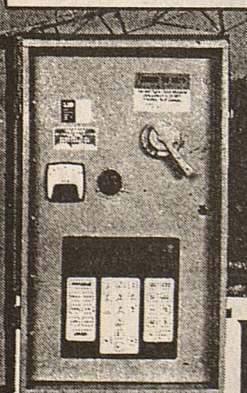
More than 496 million gallons of beer were consumed in Texas in fiscal year 1998, with 47.6 million gallons in July, the peak beer drinking month. The 1998 total amounts to 268 bottles of beer for every adult of drinking age in the state.

#### FY 1998 beer consumption in Texas

In millions of gallons



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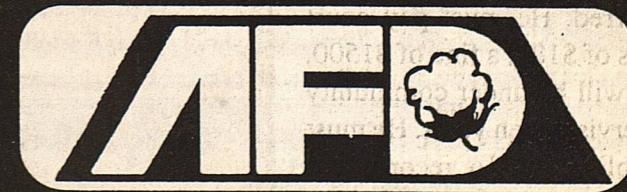
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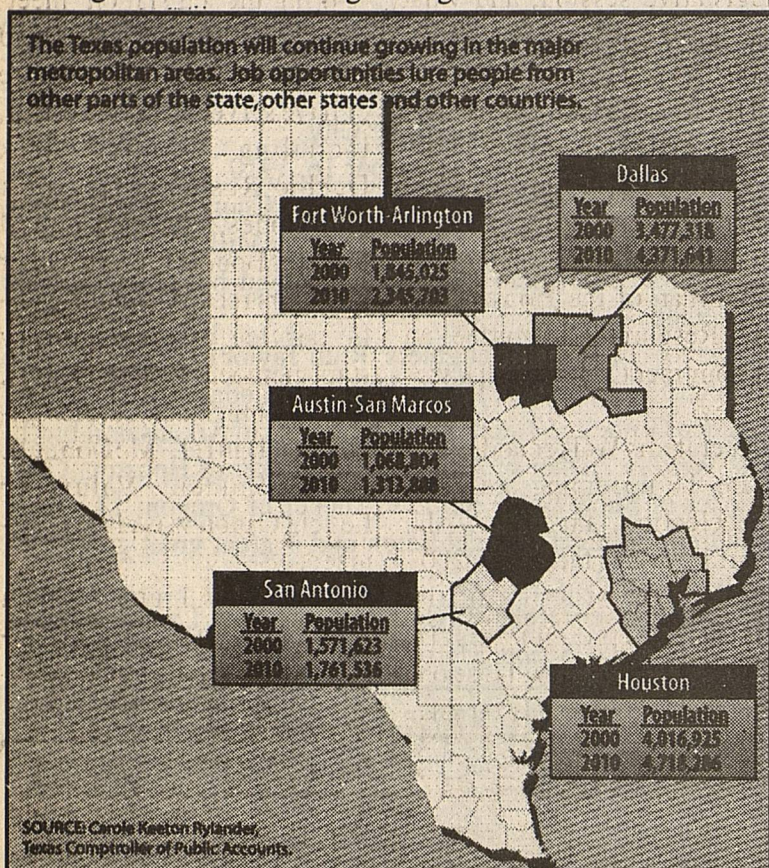
Texas, now 20 million strong, will continue its rapid population growth in the first decade of the 21st century. By 2010, the state will have 4 million new residents for a total of 24.5 million.

The state's population is expected to grow 19.7 percent between 2000 and 2010, according to the Texas Comptroller's office. That's just under the 1990's rate of 20.7 percent. The state's lowest growth rate in the 20th century was 10.1 percent in the 1930's. The national growth rate is about 10 percent per decade.

Birthrate, a strong economy that attracts people from other states and its proximity to Latin America.

Growth will continue to be concentrated in the urban areas. Williamson County in Central Texas is expected to have the biggest percentage change, growing 54 percent to 352,754 in 2010, up from 228,532 in 2000. More than 60 percent of the state's population will live in the state's five largest metropolitan areas.

Growth won't be as strong in rural areas. Forty eight percent of the state's rural counties are expected to lose residents during the decade.



## Court OK's computer wiring job

In Monday's session of Commissioners' Court, Hospital Administrator Ed Rogers asked the court to authorize re-wiring of the computer system in the three Doctor's clinics in Denver City. Rogers said the old wiring had caused some \$40,000 damage to computers over the past few years during electrical storms. The old system will be replaced by a fiber optic T-1 line, linking all three offices together, and also the county hospital, with direct linkage to St. Mary's hospital facilities in Lubbock. The court authorized payment of \$7322 for the project, with St. Mary's picking up \$6500 of the bill.

Rogers also requested \$8500 in county funds for its share of a recent Y2K compliance survey at the hospital by Hamilton-HMC. The survey revealed a number of problems in the electronic system at the hospital which did not meet compliance standards. The court authorized an amendment to the hospital budget for the amount.

In other business, the court authorized advertising for bids on two police package autos for the Sheriff Department, with trade-in of two 1996 Chevrolet Caprice police package cars.

County Treasurer Toni Jones delivered a report showing a balance of \$8,686,583 in county funds as of September 30.

## J P Court

October 22, 1999-The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 75 traffic cases, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 felony, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bonds set: 3 cases-motion to revoke probation, held until hearing. Disorderly conduct-\$100.00 fine. Criminal trespass-\$1,000.00 bond. Posses-

## County golfer shoots his age... 77



At age 77, many amateur golfers have sold their clubs and tossed out their spiked shoes. Not Paul New, veteran attorney, AND veteran golfer at the Yoakum County course and many other sites.

Last Friday afternoon, Paul accomplished something most golfers very rarely accomplish, even rarely, secretly dream of - he recorded a score on the par 70 course of 77 - his age.

The event was witnessed and verified by his playing companions, Judge Dallas Brewer, Juvenile Probation officer Ted Welch, Brad Richards and Bob Blundell. Club Pro Wiley Osborne attested to the score.

Osborne, who has been associated with the game some twenty years, and the resident club pro here 15 years, said the feat is one of the most difficult to achieve in the game for amateur golfers. In his tenure at the county course,

he has not seen another "age score since I've been here". Asked if he thought Paul averaged playing 5 days a week, weather permitting, Osborne laughed and said, "Paul easily averages five days a week, regardless of the weather". He added, "Recording holes in one is routine. Double eagles are extremely difficult and rare. Shooting your age, particularly the older you are, is a true golfing achievement".

\*\* Editors note - The accompanying photo was taken last Saturday morning, and Mr. New complained, "I wish you had given me some warning. I've got old clothes on, tobacco juice all over my cart". A bystander golfer replied, "If it was any other way, no one in the club would recognize you". Mr. New goes through chewing tobacco while playing like Sherman went through Georgia.

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Senior Citizens Corner

The Big News this week seems to be Lovington's "GRAND SLAM" of the pool tournament. Their players won 1st and 2nd in all events. For the men in 8 ball, 1st place Santos Garza, 2nd place Guy Williams. In 9 ball, 1st place went to Joe Trijillo, 2nd to Cookie Blancett.

In the womens contest in 8 ball, 1st place went to Marylin Art, 2nd place Raye Bailey. In 9 ball, 1st place Marylin Art and 2nd place to Raye Bailey. Wake up Denver City players and beat them next time.

The Garage Sale went well. Cool and windy weather kept some away.

New people at the Center this week were Katherine Spivey and Nancy Foster. Welcome to both and keep on coming!!

We have missed Gloria in the serving line this week, but the other girls have done a good job.

Some Good Samaritan has donated a good wheel chair for the Center. A big 'Thank YOU' to the person. Tuesday of this week a made use of it and was very grateful. My son pushed me about a mile from parking to my Doctor in Lubbock. We got lost is the reason for all the time it took.

My son, Brent from California has been visiting all this month, but left for home Thursday. It's like leaving the home nest the first time to see him go.

The long hall is good for walking these cold mornings and the food is great. Wednesday the meal total was 101. Come enjoy food and fellowship.

See you next week,  
Smitty

## Garden Club Meet's

The Plains Garden Club met Tuesday October 19, 1999 in the clubroom for their monthly meeting.

Jackie Willis, president presided over the meeting.

The club voted to support the Endowment Fund again this year. This goes to the Scholarship, National Land Trust and Headquarters.

A date was set to go to a nursery and select trees to purchase for the cemetery project.

Ruby Sellers, Velma Dearing and Deanie Richardson was appointed to a by-laws review committee.

Deanie Richardson gave a informative program on Xeriscape, plants for this area that require very little water.

Those attending the meeting were Debbie Morphis, Kay Canon, Velma Dearing, Ruby Sellers, Jackie Willis, Mary Lou Parks, Ita Young and Deanie Richardson.

HINT: Fertilize spring flowering shrubs with high phosphate bud stimulating plant food.

## Walker speaker at Tsa Mo Ga meeting

State Representative Gary Walker was guest speaker at the October 11 meeting of the Tsa Mo Ga Club. Walker spoke on some of the issues addressed during the recent 77th legislative session, and what the legislature will face in the 2001 session.

He told members of his memorable opportunity in delivering House Speaker Pete Laney's nominating speech, and his pleasure serving as Chairman of the House Land and Resource Committee, an appointment made by Speaker Laney.

Other items Walker addressed were the upcoming presidential election, and one of the thornier issues facing the 2001 session, redistricting of the House of Representatives. He thinks West Texas will lose one member, leaving only 6 repre-

sentatives in Austin.

Walker also discussed the Constitutional Amendment Election, and told members his newsletter should be delivered in the next few days.

During the legislation meeting, Club President Judy Head recognized members who are or have served in public office, including County Clerk Debbie Rushing, Treasurer Toni Jones, and ex-Council member Bonnie Earnest. Other members recognized for public service included library staff members Dolores Davis, Helen Hunter and former Librarian Lattrell McDonnell. Youth Student Volunteer Leticia Canon was also recognized.

The club will attend Ranch Days at the Ranching Center in Lubbock on October 23.

## Congratulations, Krystle Blundell

on your 18th BIRTHDAY!

We also congratulate you on being nominated "Miss PHS" and "Most Beautiful" by the PHS Student Body. We're so proud of you!!  
Bob and Billie Blundell



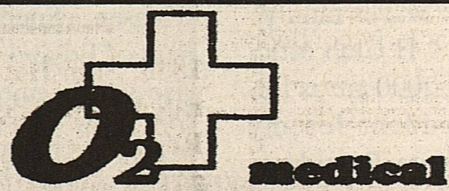
## Bridal Shower Announced

Miss Krystal Sellers, bride elect of Chris Ballard, will be honored with a Bridal Shower on Sunday, November 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library. Gifts selection are at Rhonda's and Lanelle's in Denver City; Nountry Korral, Eileen's Bed, Bath, and Kitchen, and Walmart in Hobbs; and at local merchants: The Depot, Bayer's and the Flower Patch.

## Library Filmtime

At our October 20th Filmtime, several "special" guests visit us; Darryl McNabb, his dog Gunner and a rex rabbit named Dottie. In keeping with the "animal program" we watched a film called 'Farm Animals and How They Grow' and read two books, 'Oh! and 'My Jack'. The Children attending Filmtime were; Bailey Winn, Matthew Ramos, Clayton Gass, Lucas Hernandez, Marina Corrales, Colby Bearden, Merrit Crump, Taya Hamilton, Autumn Friesen, Jaxon and Silas Williams and Haden Johnson.

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Bride Elect of  
**Jered Sellers**  
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10 - 11:30 a.m.  
in the home of  
**Mrs. Karen Bearden**  
701 2nd Street

*Selections:*  
Lubbock - Dillard's, Target  
Brownfield - Nelson's

## HAUNTED HOUSE & CARNIVAL!

PHS Student Council invites you to a drug-free Halloween Celebration October 28, at the Junior High Gym, 6:00 to 9:00 PM!  
\$1.00 for the Haunted House, and bring extra money for carnival food and games!



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## Volleyball Recap

### Junior High:

7th Lady Wranglers - On October 11, the 7th girls defeated Tahoka the second time this year, which clinched the District Championship. Scoring in the good matches was 15 - 13, and 15 - 10.

On October 18, the girls fell to tough Seminole 6 - 15, 11 - 15. Coach Haragan said they are improving on the harder skills, getting ready for 8th grade

8th Lady Wranglers - The older girls also had a great game against Taoka, winning 15 - 12 and 15-2. Coach said the passing and hitting were great.



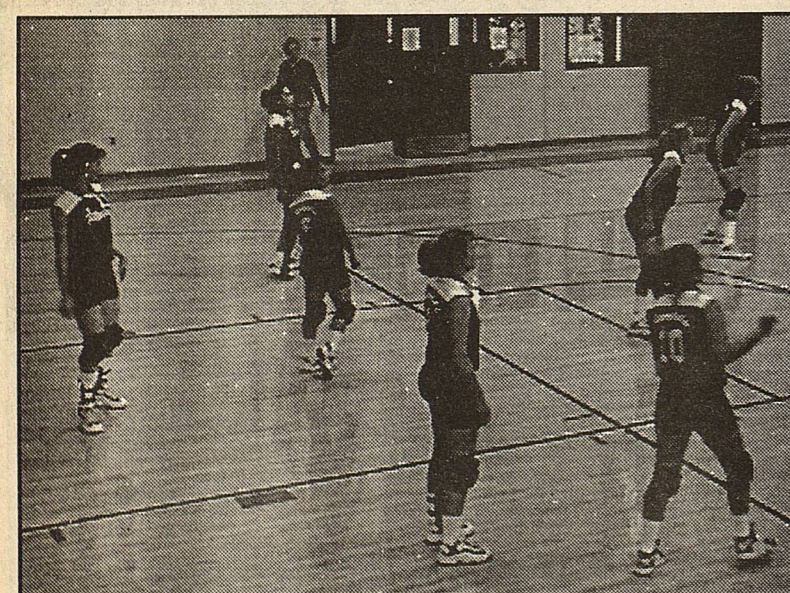
Captains, coaches, officials meet before Tahoka game

The older girls also fell to 3A Seminole, 11 - 15, 11 - 15.

JV Cowgirls - The younger Cowgirls were downed by tough Lubbock Trinity 3 - 15 and 6 - 15 October 12. On October 19 they were downed by Trinity 5 - 15, 2 - 15. They finished their season strong, downing Tahoka 15 - 4, 15 - 9, for a 9 - 11 season.

JV Gold - The "Golden" girl JV ended their season with a great 15 - 12, 15 - 6 win over Frenship to extend their record to 14 wins, 5 losses. Coach said she was very proud of the girls work all season, their teamwork and improvement. Members of the squad included Elizabeth Clanahan, Becky Coronel, Kim Martínez, Jessica Rodriguez, Keri Hansen, Sandra Gallegos, Elda Fierro, Liz Wilmeth, JoAnna Diaz, Wendy Fierro, Allison Butler.

Varsity Cowgirls - On October 12, the Cowgirls faced tough Trinity, and lost 10 - 15, 7 - 15. They were downed again by Trinity October 19, 7 - 15, 15 - 7 and 10 - 15. On October 23, they beat district foe Tahoka 15 - 9 and 16 - 14. Candace had 5 kills, 5 blocks, Jessica had 10 digs, and Laura 15 assists.



Cowgirls in spirited warmup prior to meeting Tahoka



## PISD Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

### Junior High

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### Fifth Grade

Scott Addison

Caitlin Carter

Landon Craft

#### Sixth Grade

Michael Crump

Allison Friesen

Reagan Haynes

#### Seventh Grade

Evan Cain

Cody Flores

#### Eighth Grade

Austin Keesee

Grady McNabb

### Junior High

#### 'A-1 B' Honor Roll

#### Fifth Grade

Nichole Culwell

Margaret Martens

#### Sixth Grade

David Alldredge

### Senior High

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### Ninth Grade

Jordan Bean

Sandra Gallegos

Jill Gray

Liz Wilmeth

#### Tenth Grade

Ragan McGinty

Annaliesa O'Quinn

Becky Wilmeth

#### Eleventh Grade

Emily Blair

### Senior High

#### 'A-B' Honor Roll

#### Ninth Grade

Mario Bonillo

Krystal Gonzalez

Angel Ruiz

Joshua Salazar

Kayla Willis

#### Tenth Grade

Jared Bell

Allison Butler

Wendy Fierro

Tanner Hamm

Arasely Luna

Scott Tirrell

Jared Land

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Angelica Mendoza

Skylar Keesee

B.J. Lester

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Mayra Flores

Breck Hamm

Helen Neufeld

Nolan Newsom

Casson Curtis

#### Seventh Grade

Marlie Diaz

Brant Huerta

Kelby Johnson

Kristian Morales

#### Eleventh Grade

Kelsey Blundell

Roxy Fuentes

Joel Gallegos

Amanda Garcia

Jared Bell

Allison Butler

Wendy Fierro

Tanner Hamm

Arasely Luna

Scott Tirrell

#### Eleventh Grade

Kelsey Blundell

Roxy Fuentes

Araceli Mendoza

Adriana Ponce

Adam McCravery

Blake O'Quinn

Abel Ramos

Brandon Hise

Kerry Sisson

Moriah Traweck

April Wilmeth

#### Eighth Grade

Stacie Alldredge

Jeremy Land

Carmen Ponce

Manuela Villegas

Jessica Flores

Kristen Gray

Wendy Hernandez

Patrick McGinty

Laura Morales

Nicole Newsom

Anne Palmer

Patty Ruiz

Jason Swann

Staci Tuggle

#### Twelfth Grade

Joel Gallegos

Amanda Garcia

Kari Guetersloh

Dustin Six

#### Twelfth Grade

Joshua Bell

Autumn Deaton

Isaac Gonzalez

David Granadas

Chris Leggett

Fermin Luna

Kyle Sisson

## 4-H Club Meets

The Plains 4-H club held their monthly meeting on October 12, with twenty seven members present. The program was given by Cowboy Poet J.B. Allen of Whiteface, Texas. Mr. Allen is a longtime working cowboy, and has written numerous original cowboy poems. He presented several of his poems, and was an interesting and entertaining speaker.

Refreshments were provided by the Mayes family.

The Plains 4-H Club officers for 1999-2000 are as follows: President-Jeremy Horn, 1st Vice President-Ragan McGinty, 2nd Vice President-Dustin Sellers, 3rd Vice President-Casey Mayes, Secretary-Jeremy Humphrey, Parliamentarian-Elizabeth Clanahan, Telephone Chairmen-Todd Williams, Reporter-Joel Horn.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Club Room. If you are interested in joining 4-H or becoming a 4-H leader, call the Extension Office at 456-2263.

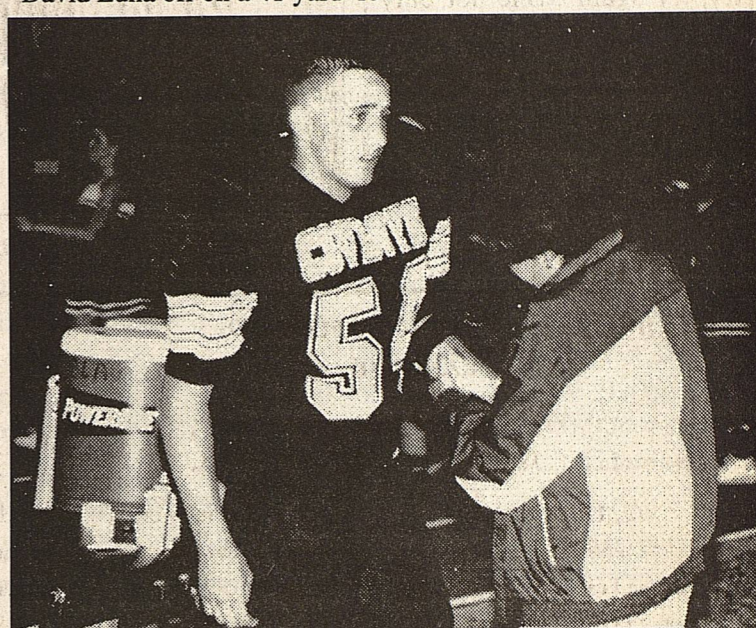
## PHS Student of the Week



Student of the week is Chris Hansen, a Sophomore and the son of Ed and Terri Hansen. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn who said, "Be satisfied with nothing but your best, describes this week's student of the week. This student is very well rounded, he's a good friend, a good athlete, and a great student. He always gives his best and he is a pleasure to have in class."



David Luna off on a 41 yard reverse



Walking wounded Jeremy Morphis gets treated, back in game



Waterboy Brock Carter's working, still has to watch game

## First United Methodist Church

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### Student of the Week



Second Student of the Week is Annaliesa O'Quinn, a sophomore and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steve O'Quinn. She was nominated by Mrs. Lusk, who said, "She is an extremely hard worker in and out of the classroom. She is a true example of the saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again". She not only tries again, she keeps working to achieve perfection in the classroom and on the court".

### BEAT SEAGRAVES!

### Junior High Football

7th Wranglers - The younger Wranglers had a good outing by defeating Tahoka 12 - 6. A pair of 15 year runs by Scott Bruton and Daniel Parker provided the scoring. Coach Williams cited the play of Evan Cain at the end of the game, gaining a crucial first down on a bootleg run. He said linemen Isaac Ramon, Cody Flores, Cole Krebsbach, Mike Lopez, Brant Huerta and Trey Cleveland had outstanding games, while defensive efforts of Bruton, Kelby Johnson, John Wagon, Ramon, and Payton Bean stood out.

8th Wranglers - The older Wranglers had a wild scoring game against Tahoka, and finally prevailed 50 - 48. Arnold Cordova had a TD, Fabian Luna 2, Richard Diaz had 4, Austin Keesee score an extra point, and Fabian had 3

Taking on Post here October 21, they were downed 52 - 34. Fabian Luna took a kickoff all the way for a score, Richard Diaz scored three TD's, and Arnold Cordova scored on a screen pass.



Bellringers Taylor Gray, Chris Cleveland had fun at Post game.

### "The Great Pumpkin Kids"



Mrs. Morris' First Grade



Mrs. Davis' First Grade

Mrs. Ramos First Grade



**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF**  
**TONI JONES**  
 Treasurer of **YOAKUM** County, Texas.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**  
**YOAKUM** County, Texas,  
 In Regular Session  
**OCTOBER 25** Term, 1999

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said **YOAKUM** County, and the Hon. **DALLAS BREWER**, County Judge of said **YOAKUM** County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the **25TH** day of **OCTOBER**, A. D. 19**99** at a regular term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the report of **TONI JONES** Treasurer of said County, for period beginning on the **1ST** day of **SEPTEMBER**, D. and ending on the **30TH** day of **SEPTEMBER**, A. D. 19**99**, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of said County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said **30TH** day of **SEPTEMBER**, A. D. 19**99**; and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Articles 1636-1637, Chapter 1, Title 34 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to **YOAKUM** County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the **25TH** day of **OCTOBER**, A. D. 19**99**; and the same to be as follows, to-wit:

FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS		DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
			TO	FROM		
GENERAL	5,219,194.38	102,877.02	11,861.86	82,441.20	359,391.15	4,892,100.91
PRECINCT #1	604,383.08	8,403.14	960.32	.00	29,204.70	584,581.84
PRECINCT #2	702,629.14	7,608.68	960.32	.00	31,223.88	679,974.26
PRECINCT #3	445,580.95	6,560.85	960.32	.00	35,931.53	417,170.59
PRECINCT #4	455,897.62	6,640.24	960.32	.00	39,866.63	423,631.55
ROAD & BRIDGE	.00	.00	677.91	677.91	.00	.00
FARM-MARKET LATERAL	.00	.00	3,163.37	3,163.37	.00	.00
LATERAL ROAD	636.20	1.12	.00	.00	.00	637.32
JURY	58,848.74	248.40	87.49	.00	3,413.31	55,771.32
C.C. RECORDS MGMT	21,296.50	1,118.07	.00	.00	605.50	21,809.07
COURTHOUSE SECURITY	5,979.28	788.83	.00	.00	.00	6,768.11
CDA FEE ACCOUNT	865.15	281.44	.00	.00	211.82	934.77
ELECTION SERVICES	208.08	.36	.00	.00	.00	208.44
JUVENILE PROBATION-ST	8,577.41	12,723.88	.00	20.88	485.74	20,794.67
LAW LIBRARY	1,138.73	281.93	.00	.00	559.47	861.19
PROBATE EDUCATION	377.63	6.45	.00	.00	.00	384.08
ABANDONED VEHICLES	1,501.69	2.65	.00	.00	.00	1,504.34
SPECIAL VIDEO	52.59	60.07	.00	.00	.00	112.66
Y.C. DRUG FORFEITURE	298.06	.52	.00	.00	.00	298.58
Y.C.S.O. FORFEITURE	85.80	.15	.00	.00	.00	85.95
HOSPITAL D/S	868,539.67	3,282.21	.00	20,000.00	57,233.32	794,588.56
Y.C. RECORDS MGMT	7,859.81	233.80	.00	.00	.00	8,093.61
YOUTH CENTER	5,237.07	7,976.52	10,000.00	.00	10,868.46	12,345.13
PLAINS AIRPORT	176.07	.45	.00	.00	81.33	95.19
LEOSE ALLOCATION	4.51	.01	.00	4.52	.00	.00
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	580,300.34	2,383.25	259.61	.00	1,096.54	581,846.66
HOSPITAL	96,072.83	333,046.09	72,441.20	.00	389,328.03	112,232.09
PLAINS CLINIC	2,098.59	995.57	20,000.00	.00	13,404.71	9,689.45
HOSPITAL MEMORIAL	15,991.73	64.62	.00	.00	.00	16,056.35
JUVENILE PROBATION-TR	5,674.67	9.95	20.88	.00	.00	5,705.50
AD VALOREM TAX	12,621.04	11,710.09	.00	16,017.96	.00	8,313.17
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	6,996.32	8,078.47	.00	9.57	426.43	14,638.79
Y.C. FEE ACCOUNT	13,359.25	16,520.44	.00	18.19	14,472.25	15,389.25
TOTALS	9,142,482.93	531,905.27	122,353.60	122,353.60	987,804.80	8,686,583.40

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# From The Hack

Bride and I survived another of her family reunions deep in the East Texas piney woods. I think the most impressive bit about these annual excursions is seeing how all those other folks have aged in just a years time.

We stayed with her sister Eva and bro-in-law Zig, he of the irregularity fame frequently mentioned here. He is recovering from a rather major operation to repair a faulty portion of his aorta. He greeted us at the door with, "Well, see you finally made it. You wanta see my scar?" I quickly said no, but he was already unbuttoning the front of the bib overalls he now wears. No shirt, just the overalls. He explained, "It takes too long to undo my shirt and show it off... with the overalls I just have to undo the two straps and let the flap down. If you want to, I'll let you take a closeup photo or two and you can run it in that so called newspaper you piddle with". We both declined his generous offer.

One of the better moments of the reunion occurred when one of our many 'favorite aunts' grabbed the Bride in a big squeeze, then asked, "And

where is my favorite author?" Summoned forth, I said, "Dorothy, hon, the word author is incorrect. An author is normally a person who publishes a BOOK".

She delicately snorted and said "Bosh and feathers! If you write something you're an author, and I know! I read Ann Landers and the funny papers, and you're an author. When I get your paper, I get lots more enjoyment out of your column than I do reading the local help wanted ads!" I certainly appreciated that and gave her a squeeze, feeling warm all over. I suppose the highlight of the day long (DAY long? How about eon long) affair was the Bride's turn to be the Emcee with the microphone, a prelude to the performance of the nationally acclaimed "Scruggs Family Nutty Gutty Family Band".

Man, what a performance! They played, sang, beat, banged, scraped and sawed until exhaustion sat in, especially in the audience. I was extremely proud of the Bride, however, when she stepped up to the mike and did a rousing, fiery, red hot version of "St. Louie Woman" Blues, complete with a few Geritol inspired bumps and grinds. It is fortunate no officials in her local church were present, as I feel sure she would have been banished forever by our fire breathing preacher.

To be perfectly honest, I will humbly have to admit I enjoy

these annual get-togethers. I have only known some of these East Texas-Louisiana kin 28 years. Give me a few more, I may recall most of their names. Maybe at least 70%.

True story. A local young couple were recently in Ruidoso, taking a drive through the mountains at night.

The hubby said, "Hon, help me be on the lookout for deer, I'd hate to run over one". His wife said, "Oh, you silly, there aren't any deer out now. It's not even deer season!"

When we returned from East Texas, we were inundated with E-Mail, some of it even fit to print, and some of it reminded

me of the family reunion; 'My wild oats have turned to prunes and All Bran' 'I finally got my head together and now my body is falling apart'

'If all is not lost, where is it?' 'Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant' 'It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere'

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