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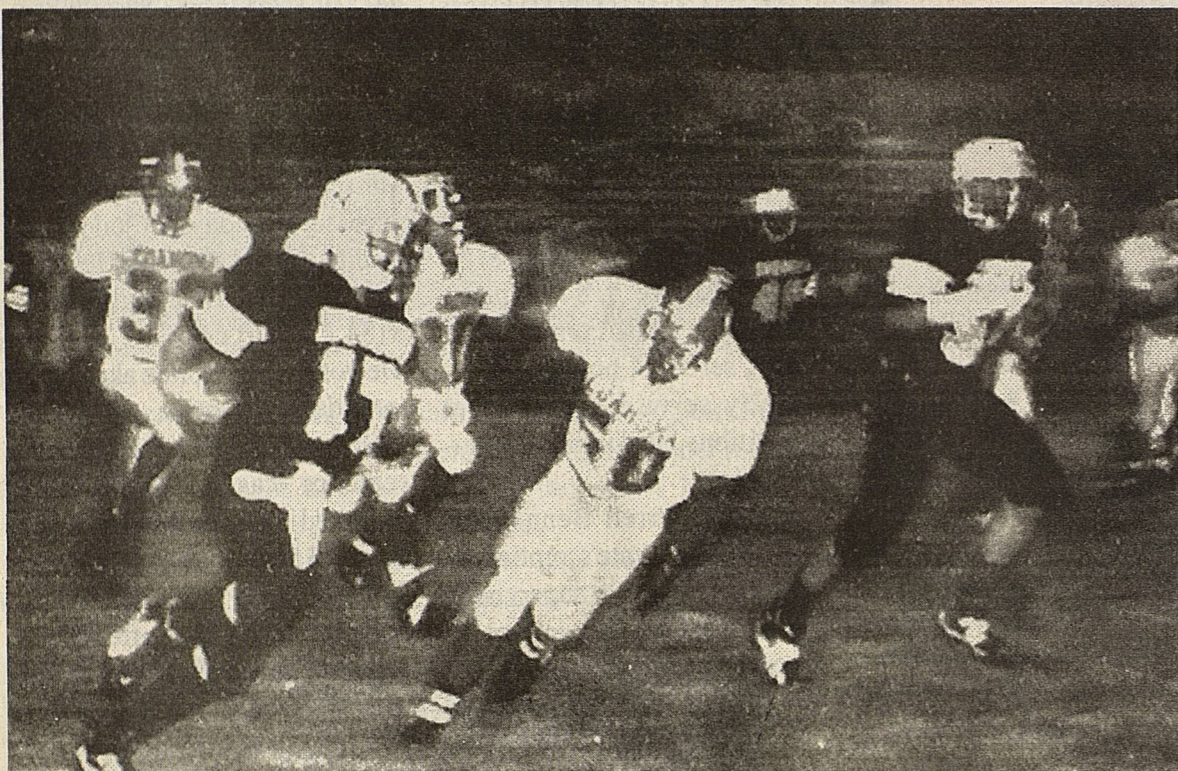


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## Cowboys take bite out of Bulldogs, 43-6



Through a rain smeared camera lens, Jared Bell, #17 with ball, was captured sailing around the right corner, assisted by block from unidentified Cowboy. Taking pictures of the Coahoma game was difficult because of the weather, thus the quality.

Despite a slow start in the first period, the Cowboys came alive and enjoyed possibly their finest hour of the season on offense, amassing a total of 429 yards offense. The defenders did their jobs well also, holding the Coahoma Bulldogs to just 7 first downs and 180 total yards offense.

In the first quarter, the Cowboys fumbled the ball to the Bulldogs, David Luna stepped in front of an errant pass to give the ball back to the Cowboys on their own 10 yard line. QB Jared Bell made two big runs behind some good blocking from the line, Adam Garcia ran for 24 yards. From the Bulldog one Jared pushed the ball across

for the Cowboys first of seven touchdowns.

The Cowboy defense played hardnose football against the 'Dogs in their possession, and got the ball back on their 11. Cowboy blockers led by Steven Bunch, Dustin Brunson, Armando Luna, Mike Bell and Jeremy Morphis opened a big hole for Adrian Rios and a huge gain. From the 50, Adam Garcia found the same blocking to race all the way for the Cowboys score with no time on the clock, to go up 12-0.

Early in the second period, David Luna came up with another big pass interception to put the Cowboys in possession at the Bulldog 15. They moved

to the five, but the drive ground to a halt. On fourth down, Garcia broke loose for his second TD and an 18-0 lead.

The Cowboy defenders again chewed up the 'Dogs offense, and got the ball back at the Coahoma 38. Jared found a wide open Vincent Delgado for a 38 yard scoring strike. The PAT was blocked, and the Cowboys were up 24-6. With less than 2 minutes on the clock, the Bulldogs got the ball back at the 35, and on the first play passed for a 65 yard completion and their only score of the night.

On the kickoff, a good return

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## Boll weevil eradication meetings slated here

In preparation for the upcoming referendum, the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Advisory Committee has scheduled a series of meetings to give cotton producers and crop sharing landowners an opportunity to discuss the boll weevil eradication plan. The vote is being held to determine if cotton producers and crop sharing landowners wish to implement a boll weevil eradication program in the proposed Western High Plains (WHP) Eradication Zone.

Representatives from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the National Cotton Council and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service have been invited and will provide information about boll weevils and efforts of cotton producers

to eliminate them.

Meeting dates and times for the following Yoakum County locations are: Denver City, November 11, 8am, at the Denver City branch of Seminole National Bank. Plains November 12 at noon in the Community Building. All cotton producers and landowners, as well as others interested in the cotton industry are encouraged to attend the informational meetings. Meals will be provided by associated industry representatives.

The proposed WHP eradication zone consists of approximately 800,000 cotton acres in a five-county area comprising Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, and parts of Terry and Lynn counties.

In a December 9 referendum,

cotton growers and cotton sharing landowners in the five county area will vote on the establishment of the area as an official eradication zone and the approval of a maximum assessment necessary to fund a program. Voters will also elect a representative from the proposed zone to serve on the 16 member Foundation board of directors who administer the eradication program in Texas.

Successful eradication has already been completed in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia. The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Oklahoma are also involved in boll weevil eradication.

## West Texan in North Korea on mission of hope

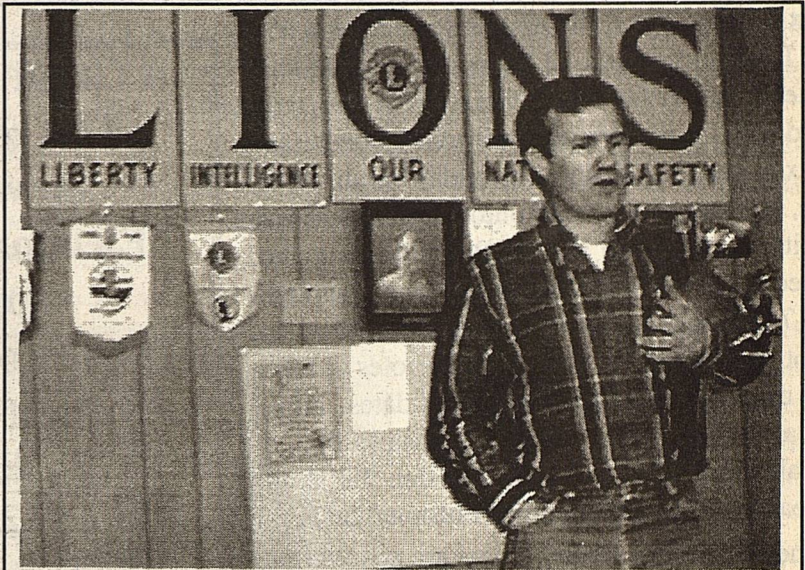
Picture yourself in this scenario. You are an American, visiting a foreign country openly hostile to the United States, a small country roughly the size of our State of Mississippi, but bulging at the seams with a population of 24.3 million. Recent reports indicate as many as 2 million North Koreans, mostly children, have died from starvation in the past three years. You are visiting a communist cooperative 1559 acre farm, the worksite and home to some 4,200 people. Your mission is to earn the Koreans trust, and help show them how their agrarian efforts can be improved to increase desperately needed food crop production.

This is the scene Jared Sellers described at last week's Lions Club Meeting.

Sellers and traveling companions, sponsored by the Texas Baptist Men, with some assistance from the local First Church left DFW on September 14, and spent almost 18 hours in the air before landing at Seoul, South Korea. From there, they flew to Beijing, China. Sellers said the detour through China was necessary for he and his American travelers to obtain entry visas for North Korea. The US and the communist nation have no diplomatic ties, making obtaining visas here impossible.

After a brief sightseeing break in Beijing, the group flew to Pyongyang. He told the Lions his personal faith was sternly tested when they walked out of the airport to board their aircraft, an old, four engine Russian jet, and he could see cords through the thin rubber on the tires. He said the atmosphere in Communist China and Communist North Korea was a different as daylight and dark. "North Korea's rulers have preached hatred of the U.S. to the people since the Korean war of the fifties, and you can see this teaching in the eyes of many of their government people and military and police."

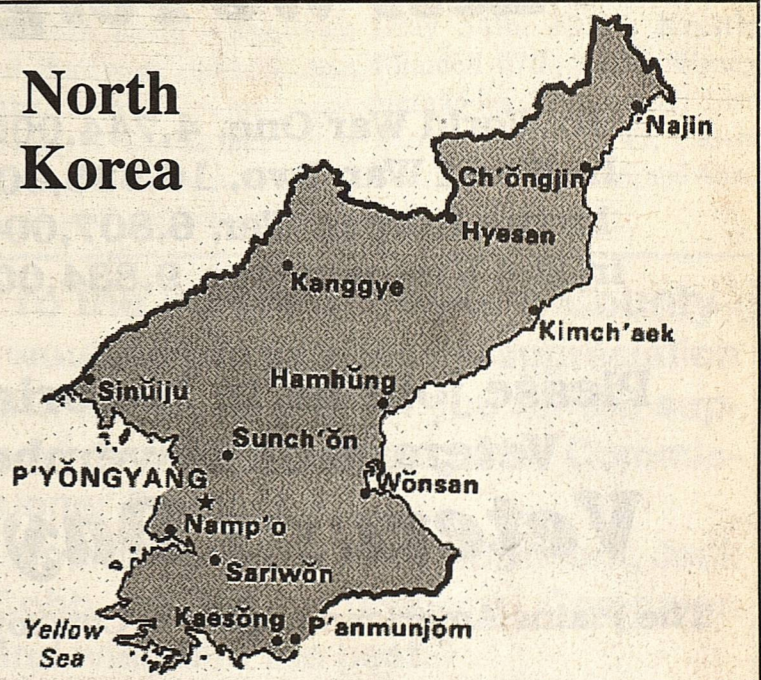
He reported while in the capitol city of China he had been amazed at the heavy vehicle and bicycle traffic everywhere he went. "In Korea, when we landed outside the capitol city of Pyongyang, the city looked enormous with all the towering buildings, but once inside the city, the streets were virtually deserted compared to Beijing, yet Pyongyang is a city of over 2 million."



The group of Texas Baptist volunteers were taken some sixteen miles south to Ko-Ub, the communal farm and home of 4,200 hard working people. He said the cooperative had several dozen old model tractors, but all of them needed work and many were parked for lack of tires. He described watching the hand

fertilizer to the impoverished farm. He said, "Since I was picked to go in an advisory position because of my experience in fertilizer and fertility, I would have thought the Korean hosts would have taken us to farm areas with poor production, places where our advice and help would pay the best

### North Korea



harvesting of a type of grain he couldn't identify. "This old farmer, a man I would guess into his seventies, would stoop over, cut the long stalks of grain, and gather them until he would have a sizable bundle. He would then wrap the bundle with twine. When he had the proper number of bundles, he would pull them together, then tie the entire stack, and it was a large and very heavy looking bundle. He then backed up to it, crouched as low as he could, grasped the bundle behind his back, then managed to stand up and trudge off, carrying the load many yards."

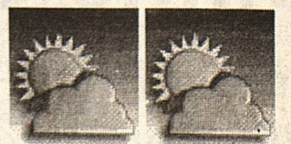
Sellers said rice was the principal crop on the commune, along with some corn and a number of vegetables. "Virtually all of their harvesting was done the old fashion way, by hand. They work very, very hard. In North Korea, you work, or you die."

Sellers and his delegation delivered about \$60,000 in medicine and \$30,000 commercial

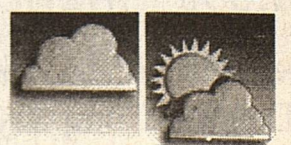
dividends. Instead, I guess in an effort to show their best face, they showed us their most productive farming areas, where they needed the least help."

On the tour of the cooperative farm, Sellers took a number of soil samples to be brought home for lab analysis. When the lab reports are finalized, he said the program hopes to be able to suggest to the Koreans the recommended blends of fertilizers, and some how manage to get the fertilizer into the critically needed areas.

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# Mixed messages sent in election results

Texas vote does not follow national trends

A printout of statewide election results from the office of the Secretary of State reveals some interesting, if not puzzling, data. National media reports the Republican party is scratching its collective heads at its failure to gain congressional clout with the anticipated help of the White House sex scandal. The Democrats are gleeful they did not suffer the anticipated backlash from President Clintons antics.

Here in the Lone Star State, most observers are still trying to figure out how every single statewide, contested race, from the Governor down, including the always confusing long list of judges, was won by Republican candidates.

In a telephone interview with our District 80 State Representative Gary Walker last week, he said he was surprised by this phenomenon. "There simply was no anticipated backlash. I really think Texas voters cast their ballots for the people they think will do the best job in office."

In races for U.S. House of Representatives, no incumbent candidates were defeated, and the Texas delegation in Washington will remain with 12 Republicans and 18 Democrats. "That indicates to me Texas voters were pretty well satisfied with the performance of those incumbents," Texas Republicans lost one seat in the state Senate, but managed to hold onto a slim 16-15 majority. In the State House, Republicans gained three seats, but still trail democrats in members, 71-74. Walker said there remains one contested spot in District 46, with only 20 votes splitting the democrat and republican candidates, and after a recount, the race could be contested.

Walker said "There is no question the House Speakers chair will again be occupied by Pete Laney from Hale Center. There are no other candidates for the job."

He said the messages sent by the state and national election results is confusing, if not indecipherable. "It was suggested and anticipated the Democrat Party would suffer because of Clinton, and across the nation, it just didn't happen. Perhaps the various polls approving Clintons job performance, but not his personal actions, were valid. Republicans wound up losing five congressional seats. On the other hand, here in Texas, the Republican party did very well. Texans elected Republicans to all the statewide offices, and the national Republican party has been very vocal in their demands for impeachment proceeding against Clinton to continue." Walker added, "Of course, there is a real possibility Republican leadership in Washington could change this January."

This comment by Walker was made the day prior to Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's bombshell announcement he would not seek reelection to the position, and would probably step down from the House when his term is up.

**A Great Big Thank You!**  
**The confidence you showed in me on Election Day is greatly appreciated.**  
**I shall continue to do my best to serve all Yoakum County.**  
*Debbie Rushing,*  
**County Clerk**

# Busy day in County Court

On Wednesday, November 4, Judge Dallas Brewer heard ten criminal cases presented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Cecilio Cerda Cruz, 23, pled guilty to DWI. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$600 and must pay \$199 court costs. He will serve 72 hours in jail, complete the DWI first offenders program and AA meetings.

Jamie Allen Stoffer, 18, pled guilty to DWI. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was Fined \$500 and must pay \$199.25 court costs and pay time payment fee of \$25 both to be paid on plea day. He must complete DWI first offender's program, serve 7 days in jail with credit for one day jail time served, suspension of driver's license.

He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Bennie Max Campbell, 54, was found guilty by a jury. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$750 and must pay \$274 court costs. He must serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 12 hours, attend AA meetings, complete DWI first offenders program, serve 24 hours community service with special conditions of community supervision.

He was represented by Attorney Brian Murray.

Julio Coronado Martinez, Jr., 22, pled guilty to DWI. He

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was sentenced to 14 days in jail with credit for 345 days time served. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$199.25 court costs.

He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Peggy Franklin Goodin, 44, pled guilty to criminal trespass. Her 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$150 and must pay \$184.25 court costs. She must complete the BIPP, serve 24 hours of community service with special conditions of community supervision.

William Ferrell Bennett, 37, pled true to State's motion to revoke community supervision from an assault conviction. He must serve 90 days in jail with credit for 55 days served.

He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Angelita Rivas James, 26, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. His 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$150 and

must pay \$184.25 court costs. He must serve 80 hours of community service and complete the BIPP with special conditions of community supervision.

Ernesto Diaz Martinez, 39, pled guilty to possession of Marijuana (2 oz. or less). He must serve 5 days in jail with credit for 8 days served. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$184.25 court costs.

Hector Alacon Cortez aka Hector Eduardo Cortez, 30, pled guilty to DWI. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$199.25 court costs. He must complete DWI first offender's program and attend AA meetings with special conditions of community supervision.

David Yanez Barrientos, 22, pled guilty to evading arrest/detention. He was sentenced to pay \$184.25 court costs and fined \$200.

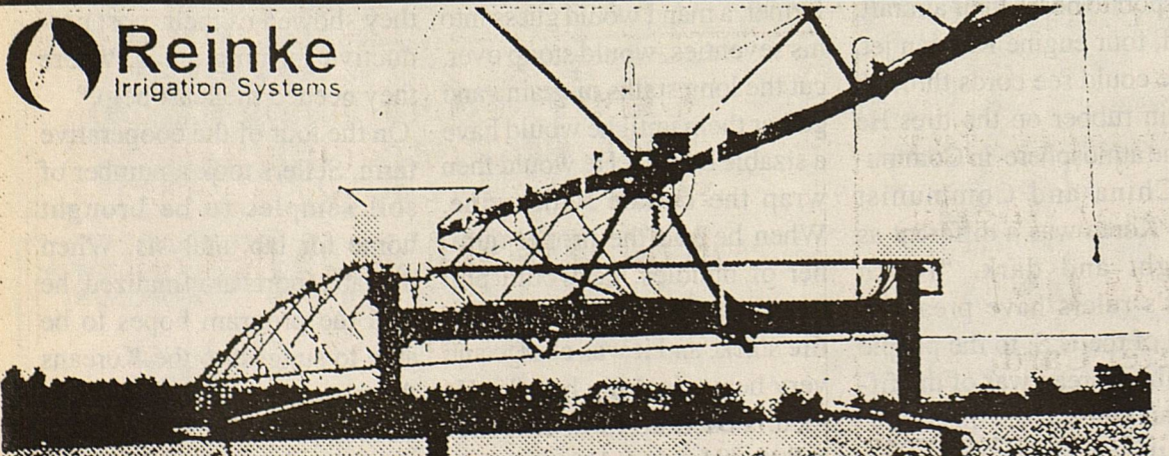


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# Cowboys third in Regional Cross Country, going to State Meet in Round Rock

Felipe Reyna has great race, wins Regional



Luis Hernandez, Ramon Lozano, Felipe Reyna, David Granados, Manuel Hernandez, Luis Delgado, Leo Luna

Cowboy Cross Country runners qualified for the prestigious State meet to be held in Round Rock this Saturday with a third place finish in the big Regional meet last weekend. Felipe Reyna anchored the team with his first place finish in the time of 16:44. The three regional AA teams going to state are Eldorado, Clyde Eula and Plains.

Other individual Cowboy results include Luis Hernandez 14th, 16:44; David Granados 19th, 17:48; Leo Luna 25th, 17:56; Luis Delgado 30th, 18:02; Manuel Hernandez 45th, 18:30; Ramon Lozano 89th, 20:01.



Felipe Reyna in his first place effort

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Josh Bell, #8, prepares to block for a Bulldog for #1, Adam Garcia

by Rios and a Bulldog foul put the Cowboys in business at the 45. Two quick strikes by Jared to David Luna pushed the ball to the 28, where Adam Garcia took advantage of a big hole in the line to scamper across the goal to put the Cowboys ahead at halftime 30-6.

The Bulldogs could do nothing with the ball following the second half kickoff. A great defensive effort forced them to punt. On their first play Rios raced for 35 yards, but a penalty brought it back. From the 47, Jared Bell

followed lead blockers around the right side and went all the way, and Plains led 36-6. The kickoff by Garcia was a good one, placing the 'Dogs on their 24. The Cowboy defense again rose to the occasion and forced a punt. Jeremy Morphis managed to smash through blockers to knock the punt down. Joel Gallegos, who had a good night, scooped the ball up and raced across the goal standing up. The extra point kick was finally successful to give Plains a 43-6 lead with 5 min-

utes remaining. The coaching staff took advantage of the very comfortable lead and allowed all of the Cowboys playing time the remainder of the game. In the waning moments of the game, the Cowboys were threatening, again following a big 45 yard gain by Delgado when the clock ran down. A great effort by both the defense and offense in the season finale

## Student Of The Week

Student of the week is Annaliesa O'Quinn, a freshman and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven O'Quinn. She was nomi-



ated by Mr. Carter, who said "You can dream of becoming a great person, but you must do more than dream to reach that goal. Hard work and dedication make dreams come true. Annaliesa knows her drive towards success must be a sustained and continuous effort."

## Cowgirls 19th in regional meet

The '98 Cowgirl Cross Country team, first time qualifiers for the Regional meet, finished 19th in the event at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Saturday. Individual places include Kristen Gray 54th, 13.44; Krystle Blundell 67th, 13.56; Wendy Hernandez 77th, 14.07; Lisa Parrish 108th, 14.47; Cassie Dearing 153rd, 16.06, and Anne Palmer 161st, 17.02.

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## Juvenile crime up, detention costs rise accordingly

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ted Welch appeared before Commissioners Court Monday morning to seek county funds to meet increased costs of secure placement and detention for juvenile offenders. Welch told the court his office had budgeted state funds for 100 days of detention for the juveniles. During the state fiscal year, September 1 through August 31, 1998, 16 juvenile offenders were secured in the Lubbock County Youth Center a total of 355 days. He told the court he needed approximately \$2500 to pay the detention costs through the August 31 date. The youth center charges \$65 per day to detain the juveniles.

Welch said one offender handled by his office spent 100 days in detention before his court appearance. He said many of the juveniles are repeat offenders, and the most prevalent offenses the young people commit are property crimes, including burglary and theft.

In an interview Monday, Welch said "National media reports indicate the juvenile crime rate is down, but this is not true here in Yoakum County and many other Texas locations. Another

factor affecting the detention figures is the state's push to have all Texas counties set uniform standards for holding these young offenders, and many courts are now using short term detention for its shock value on the juveniles."

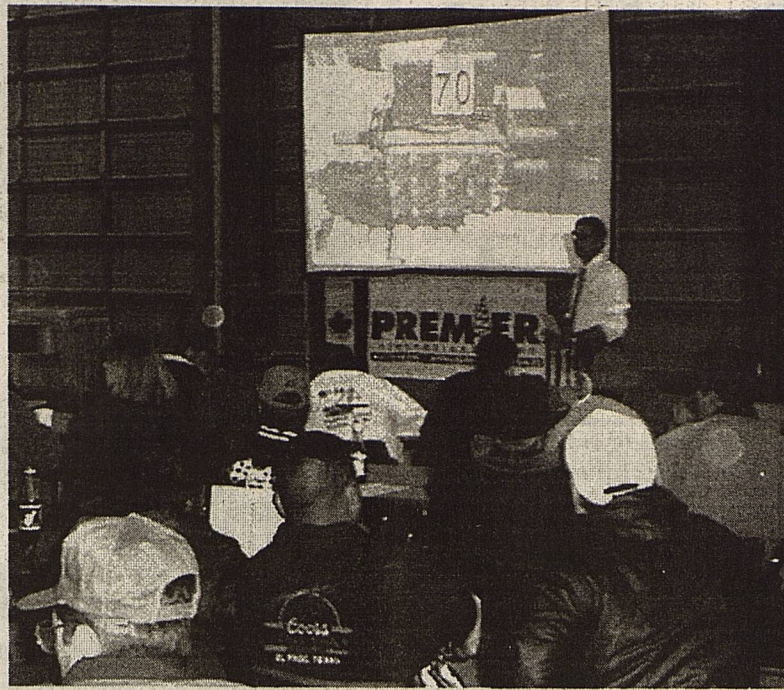
The court approved his request for the funds.

Othe court business included approving a proposal from Integrated Building Electronics for an upgrade the courthouse control system for a Y2K upgrade. The upgrade would include a new computer and software, and three days training on the new system. The upgrade is to cost \$4,790, and was approved by the court.

Dallas; The Texas Almanac, now on the press, will carry several railroad advertisements which boost Texas

According to the ads of the MK&T Railway, "The price of good land in Texas is so low you can own a big farm without investing much money or mortgaging the place. The land will raise big crops, and you will get better prices for what you raise. Texas is no longer wild. There are schools, churches, neighbors and modern towns nearby, no matter where you locate." *The Texas Press*, Sept. 1913.

## JPN Holds Auction



Last Thursday, a large auction sale was held at the Denver City based oil field construction firm of 'JPN'. Because of the days cold and drizzling rain, the sale was conducted in a large shop building. The large crowd of perspective buyers from around the Permian Basin oil patch bid on items which were displayed via slides projected on a large screen.

JPN is a descendant of the original H&M, an oil field construction firm organized in 1952 by the late Noah Maynard. Mr. Maynard the chief officer of the business was assisted in the operation by two sons, Jim and Claude (Sonny) Maynard. He retired in 1984, selling the firm to Jim.

Jim ran the company until 1996 when he too decided to step down. He sold the business, now JPN, to his son-in-law, Buster Rich. Jim continues to live in Denver City, and Sonny live's in Georgetown.

The large auction was held to reduce inventory of tools, equipment and rolling stock.

## Cowgirls fall at Regional

The Cowgirl volleyball teams hopes for a trip to state were dashed when they were downed in two games by Nocona last Saturday in Abilene. Jessica Flores served for 5 points, Jolyne Burgess had 4, Laura Morales, Candace Bowers and Frances Cordova one each. Coaches Marc Johnson, Michell Lusk and Linda Haragan said they were proud of the team and their hard work and improvements throughout the long season. They added they will miss seniors Jolyne Burgess and Pam Redman.

Cowgirl team members include the two seniors, Juniors Patty Ruiz, Laura Morales, Candace Bowers, Staci Tuggle, Jessica Flores and Kimberly Newland, Sophomores Elva Ruiz, Tanya Vasquez, Kim Willis, Lexi Warren, Frances Cordova, Karie Guetersloh and Michaela Traweck.

## Criminal cases heard in District Court

Three cases were heard in District Court November 5. Judge Kelly G. Moore was the presiding officer, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Juan Ramon Garcia, 32, pled guilty to possession of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of cocaine. His eight year prison sentence was suspended and probated eight years. His \$2500 fine and \$246 court costs will be met with time payments. He must pay \$140 restitution to the DPS. He also forfeited \$560 in U.S. currency. He was represented by Attorney Jesse Herrera

Javier Chavez, aka Javier

Hernandez, 24, pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision resulting from a marijuana possession conviction. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with credit for 144 days served in jail. He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Jorge Loya Blanco, aka Jorge Blanco Loya, 29, pled guilty to possession of more than 4 ounces of cocaine. He was sentenced to two years in prison, with credit for 142 days previously served. He must pay \$236 court costs, and must testify truthfully against Miguel Soto.

## JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard, fines and bonds set in Precinct one Justice of the Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 24 traffic cases, 1 simple assault-juvenile offender, 1 public intoxication, 1 consumption of alcohol by minor.

Bonds set: Bond forfeiture on DWI-\$5000 bond. Forgery of governmental record-held until border patrol transports.

Three cases: Assault causing bodily injury-\$1500 bond. Criminal mischief-\$1500 bond. Driving while intoxicated-\$1000 bond. Securing execu-

tion of document by deception-\$500 bond.

Two cases: Possession of Marijuana-less than 2 oz.-\$500 bond. Driving while intoxicated-2nd-\$1500 bond. Public intoxication-\$500 bond. Bail jumping and failure to appear-\$10,000 bond. Possession of controlled substance-\$20,000 cash bond. Driving while license suspended-\$500 bond. Motion to revoke probation-held until transported. Failure to appear-\$10,000 bond. Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.

**November in Texas:** Cabeza de Vaca's Navarez Expedition shipwrecked on Texas coast Nov. 6, 1526. "Declaration of causes for taking up arms against Santa Anna" issued Nov. 7, 1835. Oil discovered in Scurry County Nov. 21, 1948.

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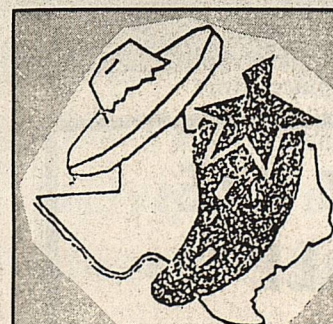
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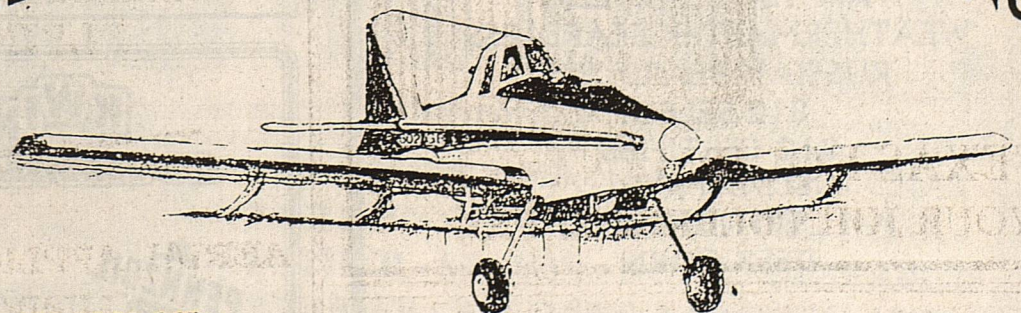
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## Senior Citizens Corner

The Birthday/Anniversary affair was a big success. The Birthday people were Bess Veazy, Mildred Mitchell, Helen Phipps, Lorene Randolph, H.A. Hall, John Galos, Opal Jefferson, Jim Edward, Fred Payne, and Johnnie Aiken. The Anniversary couples were Ross and Vernnie Shook, Randy and Lorene Randolph and Walter and Melba Gayle. Best wishes to all for many more.

Visitors for the day were Rose Edwards and Jennifer Marlow who was helping her Mother celebrate her birthday.

Mildred Rawls has moved away. She called and it sounds as if the new place and lifestyle is super.

Remember the domino Tournament. Its lots of fun. All Seniors who like to play dominoes are invited to come challenge the champs. It starts at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The lunch crowd has been great lately. These cold, dark days are great for getting out and enjoying friends and a good meal.

Don't forget the long hall for walking and the exercise equipment to help keep in good health.

The ceramic room is attracting new people. Its a great way to create your own Christmas presents. Check it out if you like to be creative.

See you next week,  
Smitty

## Final Rites Held for Isabela Juarez

Isabela Juarez, 85, of Plains, died Thursday, November 5, in her home.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Andreas Mendoza officiating. Burial followed at the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mrs. Juarez was born on July 7, 1913 in Nadadores, Coahuila, Mexico. She married Gabriel Juarez in 1932 in Gonzales County. He died October 8, 1974. She moved to Plains in 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of the Guadalupanas at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plains.

Survivors include one son, Baldemar Juarez of Plains; seven daughters; Jovita Sandoval, Maria Ortiz & Carolina Rivas all of Plains, Joventina Toscano of Muleshoe, Lucia Gonzales of Hobbs, Gloria Reyes of Denver City & Eva Mendez of Roswell; three brothers; Manuel DeLuna, Victor DeLuna & Luis DeLuna all of Lincoln, Nebraska; 20 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

*"I was forced to live far beyond my years when just a child: Now, I have reversed the order and I intend to remain young indefinitely"*  
Mary Pickford

Please attend Parent Involvement Night at Plains ISD on November 16th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. for grades Prek - 12th. You will actually go through your child's daily schedule of classes and activities.

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## WARNING

by Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple  
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.  
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves  
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.  
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired  
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells  
And run my stick along the public railings  
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.  
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain  
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens.  
And learn to spit.  
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat  
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go.  
Or only bread and pickle for a week  
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.  
But now we must have clothes that eesep us dry  
And pay our rent and not swear in the street  
And set a good example for the children.  
We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.  
But maybe I ought to practice a little now?  
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised  
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

## Baby Shower

For Amber McWhirter  
at the home of Melba Fitzgerald  
November 15, from 3 to 4:30  
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Selections: Nelsons, Toys 'R' Us, Target

## Communitywide Stress Management Seminar

led by Dr. James Cooper

Friday evening, November 13

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning, November 14

9:00 - 12:00 noon

If you're not under the gun, then someone you know is. Everyone come & bring a friend.

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## Toni Jones Honored for Investment Training

Yoakum County Treasurer, Toni Jones was honored Wednesday, November 4 for five years' continuing certification as a County Investment Officer (CIO). Jones is one of 27 other CIO's from the Class of 1993 who were honored at a special awards dinner presented by the Texas Association of Counties.

The CIO designation is a professional credential earned by county officials who complete a course of concentrated study and pass a thorough examination of investment skills. The program's aim is to train county financial officers, including treasurers, auditors, CPA's, and others, in the most modern techniques to maintain and invest public accounts. CIO's work in compliance with government accounting standards and the Public Funds Investment Act. "Certified CIO's are a distin-

guished group of county officials, and these 27 who have maintained their credentials over the past five years have demonstrated a true commitment to taxpayers," said Texas Association of Counties Assistant Executive Director Karen Norris.

## Filmtime

There were nine children attending Filmtime on November 4th, 1998; they were, Autumn Friesen, Haley Welch, Whitney Davis, Johnathan Davis, Clayton Gass, Brittney Roper, Karla Powell, Ashley Sellers, Darian Squyres Gonzales. The children sang three songs, played a game, watched two movies, and heard a story.

Brittney Roper celebrated her 3rd birthday. Her Mom supplied punch and donuts for all the children.

Signs of the Times

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

On the door of a Music Library "Bach in a minute."

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Sue Holder

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## From The Hack

I heard an interesting and amusing tale recently. It even appears to be TRUE, for a change.

Back in the early 60's, when the transformation of traditional ranch land in the county was being changed into the cultivated acres we're familiar with today, it seems a jet trainer from Lubbock's Reese Air Force Base had serious hiccups in its fuel system, and apparently experienced flame out of its engine. The pilot attempted a restart, failed, and hit the eject control. The T-37 jet was apparently set on auto pilot, for it flew on and on in a circle, finally descending gently in the pasture land now owned by the Blairs, just off Highway 380 and a bit east of the old Bronco Fuel building, remains still standing.

Meanwhile, the pilot floated to the ground, snucked his parachute, made his way to 380, thumbed a ride into town, and reported the accident to the Sheriff's office, then commanded by departed Olan Heath.

Heath, deputies and other cu-

rious townfolk sped to the scene, and sure enough, there the T-37 lay, wheels up, virtually intact except for the ripped up belly portion. A crowd soon gathered to check out the excitement, and one of the more curious, or stupid, happened to be a character known as Eustace, or Esteus, or Ustess,, whatever, but more affectionately called 'Useless'.

'Useless' was a hired hand of one of the early land developers here, also affectionately known as "old Man Hale", no relation to present day Hale's here.

'Useless' had heard of the crash, very big news in the county then, and came to view the scene, along with dozens of others, one being the late Chris Guetersloh.

It seems 'Useless' clambored aboard the crashed jet, and was totally fascinated by the intricate cockpit lay out, all the switches, controls, knob and buttons, and was merrily punching and pulling away when Mr. Guetersloh cautioned, "Useless, you better leave all that stuff alone, you don't know anything about jets."

Useless, who is reported to have an IQ which would have made it difficult for him to proceed onward from the third grade level yelled at Chris, "Bull, I know all about these jetter planes!", still yanking, pulling and punching while leaning inside the open cockpit of the rear seat.

Witnesses reported there was a sudden and deafening BOOM! Useless, in al his knowledge,

had pulled the second ejection seat lever. The shell which fires the thing shot the seat up, catching Useless about chest level, not doing anygood whatsoever to his chest, or to his chin which was also clipped as he rose into a brief but spectacular orbit.

The ignition of the shell, unfortunately, also ignited the jet fuel on the ground under the jets ruptured fuel tanks. In the melee which followed, it was reported while most of the onlookers were entranced, more than one saw Useless fleeing for his life, running north, his considerable beard in flames, only fanned by the speed of his strides..

OK. A day later, Olan Heath's office received a call from Reese AFB, wanted to talk to Useless. The high Sheriff goes to his home, his wife tells him, "he ain't here, he run through here, his beard still smoldering, grabbed up some vittels in a tow sack and a bunch of water cans, and took off afoot to the north, up in them sandhills." Puzzled, Heath asked her why he was running, and she snorted, "Cause he said he wasn't gonna go to prison or pay for no wrecked jet airplane just 'cause he kerked a lever, which dam near killed him anyway!"

The story continues, with Useless hiding out in the shinnery covered sandhills to the north for over a week. The Air Force continued their search for old Useless, but only because they desperately wanted him to sign a release for the damages he suffered to his chin and facial hair in the episode.

Bet a lot of you hadn't heard this... I sure hadn't.

My ritual early Sunday morning includes a stop at the jail to see what dastardly events should fill these pages. Deputy Murphree read the call sheet, said "All's here is a traffic stop, and the settlement over a stolen dog dispute. Pretty quiet Saturday night."

Ha! You weren't on your toes, Duputies. You failed to notice the broken Bud Light beer bottle on the steps of the courthouse. If you'd had that on your call sheet it might have made the front page.



Join us in observing  
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November 11

## Texas' World-Class Economy

On the national map, Texas is one of 50 states, but on the world scene, it is a powerful economic player. Texas' 1996 gross state product of \$551.8 billion is larger than the gross national product (GNP) of most countries. Compared to countries, Texas has the 11th largest economy on the planet, just below that of Spain. On a per-capita basis, Texas climbs to 7th place internationally, between Singapore and Germany.

GNP broadly measures the value of the goods and services produced by a country's

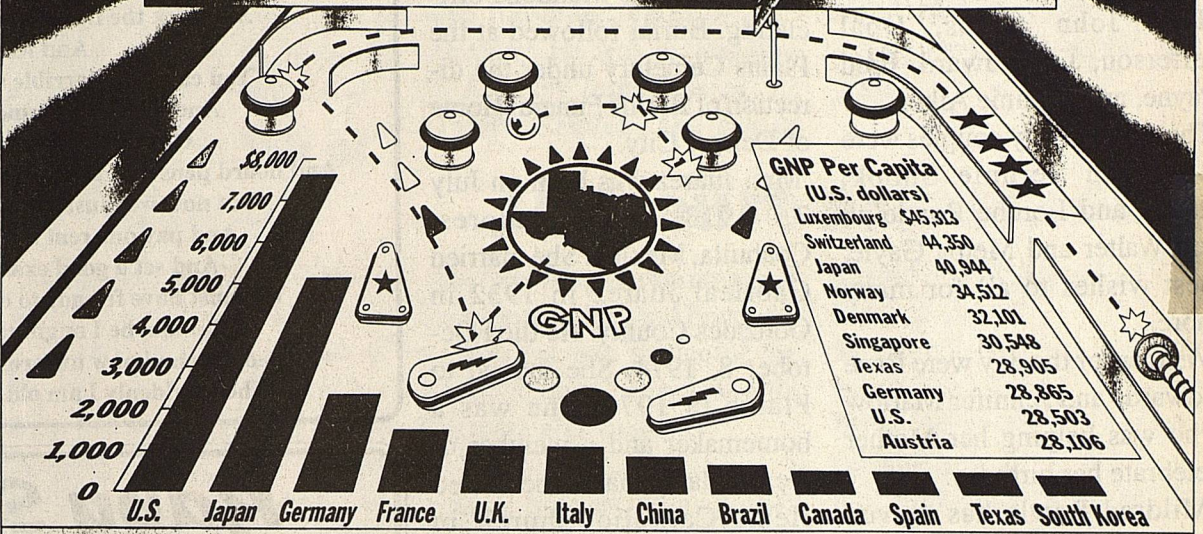
residents. Each year, the World Bank publishes an atlas of key development indicators—such as GNP, life expectancy and annual inflation rates—to provide a glimpse of "the state of life" around the world.

Texas' economic standing in the international rankings leads some to wonder what would have happened had the original Republic of Texas survived. Texas was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845, after winning independence from Mexico and before becoming the 28th state in the Union.

U.S. \$ 7,567,100,000,000

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1996 GNP in billions (U.S. dollars)



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the World Bank.

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