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WALKER TABBED 'LEADER OF EXCELLENCE'

The Free Market Foundation and the Free Enterprise Foundation hosted a 'Leader of Excellence' luncheon at the Petroleum Club in Midland recently to honor West Texas State Senators and Representatives who fought for conservative principles during the 1995 Texas Legislative Session.

Representative Gary Walker, R-Plains, was one of only six West Texas Representatives to win the coveted 'Leader of Excellence' award.

"We are very proud to honor Walker for his consistency and hard work during the session", said Richard Ford, Chairman of the Free Enterprise PAC.

1995 'Leaders of Excellence' recipients were chosen by an objective calculation based on how legislators voted on over 80 recorded votes in the House and 97 recorded votes in the Senate during the past

session. These Legislators who finished in the top 20 percentile are designated 'Leaders of Excellence'. The recorded votes and final averages are reported in the 1995 Texas Conservative Report published by the Free Enterprise PAC, and will be released later this year. Recorded votes tallied covered economic, government, education and social issues.

'Leaders of Excellence' are also being honored at three other regional luncheons across the state, in Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston.

On October 7, the Free Market Foundation and the Free Enterprise PAC will host a banquet with House Majority Leader Dick Arme to name the 'Most Objective Calculation based on how legislators voted on over 80 recorded votes in the House and 97 recorded votes in the Senate during the past

TAX REBATES, NEW JOBS UP IN STATE

AUSTIN- State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$135.4 million in September sales tax rebates to 1,076 Texas cities and 111 counties, a 5.5% increase over payments a year ago.

He said employment in Texas passed the eight million mark for the first time ever in July, as the state's job market continues to show impressive gains. Employment growth of 6.2% in the Austin area led the state. Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio each maintained at least 2.7% employment growth.

The city of Houston received \$17 million, the largest sales tax rebate, a 9.5% increase above the \$15.5 million rebate for the same period last year.

"Houston led all U.S. cities in corporate and government relocations for 1995", Sharp said. "The largest employment gains came in the service sector which added 15,200 jobs."

"The Dallas area continued to show good economic growth, adding 53,600 new jobs, more than any other metro area in the state", he said.

"Despite the slight decline in sales tax rebates during the period, the Austin area remains the fastest growing metro in the state, with sustained growth in all sectors of employment," Sharp said.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

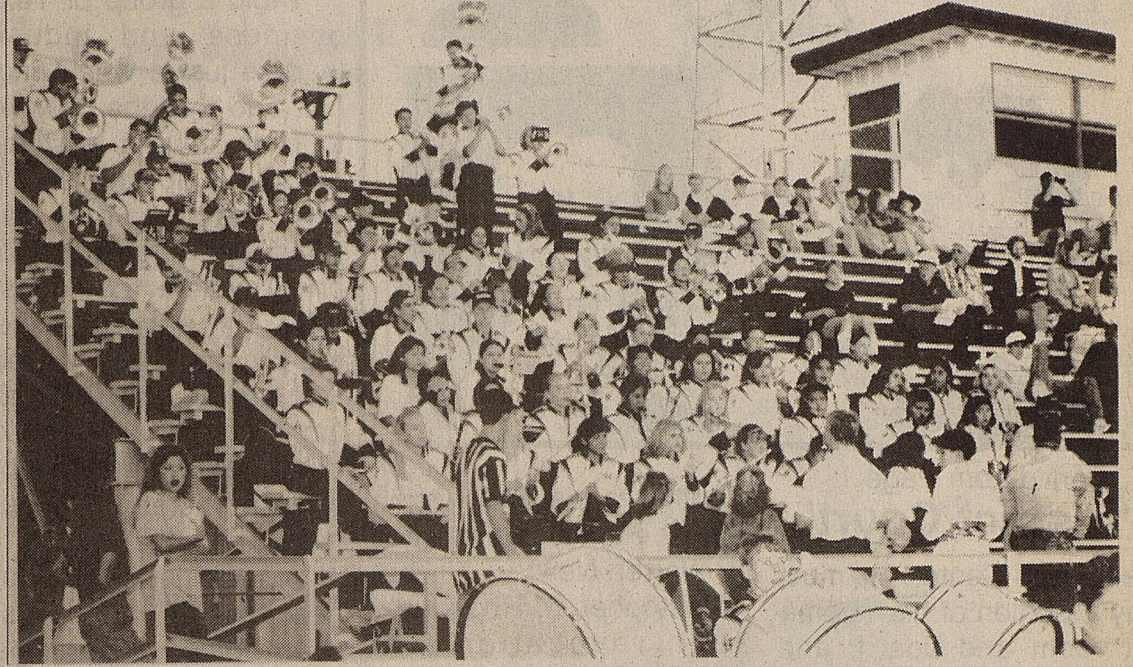
Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Mon., Sept. 18, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners Avara, Thurston, Barron and McWhirter were present along with Kay McClure, Auditors office, Julia Lemley, Clerk's office, Teresa Howard, Treasurer's office, and Richard Clark, Criminal District Attorney.

A brief agenda covered the following items and actions;

The Treasurer's monthly financial report was presented and accepted. All county bills and part time salaries were approved for payment. The Court heard a report from Frilzi Cates, Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, and from Criminal

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Big, Bad, Cowboy Marching Band Sounding Off

The Plains Cowboys, still smarting after the season opening loss to Seagraves last week, were never pressed by the visiting Morton Indians on a rain soaked field Friday night, dominating the game for a 34-0 win.

In the opening quarter, both teams were plagued by the slick turf and ball, and both lost the football in the first few possessions. The Cowboys were finally able to sustain a drive late in the period. With the offensive line blocking well, and hard running by Roy Ramirez and Victor Cantu, the Cowboys were at the Indians 32 yard line. Kirk Parrish, lined up as tight end, despite dropping the handoff, ran the ball to the Morton 6, where QB Ralph Ramirez found Joe Luna for the first TD pass. Josh Traweek made the score 8-0 with a two point conversion run.

The Indians, once more on the attack, reeled off 3 consecutive first downs. A completed pass was fumbled to the Cowboys Marte Pierce on the 17. The Cowboys capitalized on the muff, and began moving the ball, and a good 32 yard run by Victor Cantu with good blocking up front made the score 15-0.

The Indians could not get their offense going once more, and stalled, attempted a fake punt which the Cowboys stopped cold. A good run by Josh Traweek, a Ramirez to Luna pass completion moved the the Indians 3, where Roy Ramirez followed his blockers into the end zone to make the score 21-0.

The second period found the Indians moving against the Cowboy defenders with a vengeance. A long pass and run found the Indians threatening on the one yard line. The Cowboys displayed fortitude, finally

stopping the big Indian QB on the 2, and once more with the ball, managed to work it out to the relative safety of the 38 yard line.

The Cowboy 'D' held off the Indians with several outstanding plays, including a pair of sacks by Sr. Chase Clanhahan, ending the first half.

Briefly into the third quar-

ter the Cowboy offense came alive once more. Traweek, Roy Ramirez, and Parrish attacked on the ground and moved the ball to the 4, where Roy Ramirez again scored. The conversion failed, and Plains led 27-0.

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CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT CASES HELD

Seven criminal cases were held in the 121st judicial District Court Monday, September 11. Judge Felix Klein presided, and the State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Malcolm Grant Pate, 27, charged with aggravated assault, pled guilty to the charge. He received a five year probated prison sentence, was fined \$500, paid \$179.50 in court costs, and must complete a 26 week Batterer's Intervention Program. He was represented by Attorney Mike Brown.

Willie Gierno Vela, 23, pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. He received a 5 year probated prison sentence, was fined \$1500 and \$179.50 in court costs. He must spend 180

continuous days in the county jail, and will lose his drivers license 180 days. He was represented by Mike Brown.

Ubaldo Parra, 33, pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. He received a three year probated prison sentence. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$179.50 court costs, and serve 30 continuous days in the County Jail. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Jose Duran Ramirez, 21, charged with revocation of terms of his probation by forgery, had his probation revoked, and ordered to serve not more than 24 months but not less than 6 months in the Ector County

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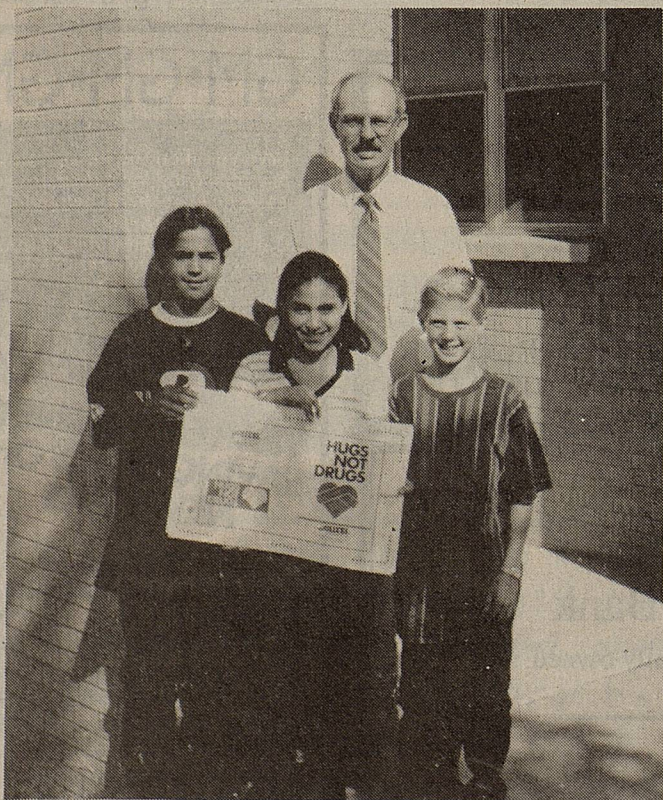
ALLTEL DONATES PISD BOOK COVERS

Texas Alltel, Inc. recently furnished the three Plains schools, Elementary, Junior High and High School, a large supply of covers for all the student's text books.

The bookcovers featured an anti-drug theme, encouraging the youths to stay

drug free. The generous gesture is part of Alltel's policy of supporting the school systems in each community they provide telephone service to.

The local presentation was made by Alltel employee Travis Jones.



7th graders Adam Garcia, Eiva Rulz, Sterling Deaton with Travis Jones

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Defender Ralph Ramirez makes last minute stop on Indian runner to prevent TD.

NO "WHO IS THIS" WINNER LAST WEEK

More than half a dozen annual owned by then callers last week all thought the first grader we featured was Jennifer Earnest. They were warm, but wrong.... The subject is none other than her aunt, Judge Melba Crutcher! Even her husband Dennis failed to recognize her.

The photo was from a 1956 Meadow school

graduating senior James Altman. While we had the yearbook, we found more photos of a surprising number of other familiar faces, shown here. See if you can identify these folks, all now your neighbors, then living in meadow. (Identities on page 4)



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Restitution Center. He must pay a portion of his income for room and board, and pay restitution of \$1814.33.

Thomas Eugene McMichael, 24, charged with revocation of probation-Delivery of a dangerous drug, received an order of probation modification. He must serve 61 days in the county jail, pay \$1000 on delinquent probation fees, and the \$845 delinquent balance must be paid at \$80 per month until the entire balance is paid. He was represented by Warren New.

Jesus Herera, 55, charged with revocation of probation-possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, cocaine, received an order of probation modification. He must receive counseling with Lubbock Regional Council, alcohol and drug abuse or its equivalent, submit to random urinalysis at his expense, report twice

monthly to his Supervision Officer. He was represented by Warren New.

Christopher G. Rodriguez, 22, revocation of probation-criminal mischief over \$750 but less than \$2000, had his probation revoked, received a three year prison term with special condition of parole, and must pay \$1659.77 in restitution. His attorney was Warren New.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,
The family of Buster Kennedy -- Linda, Paul, and Randy -- wish to thank each and every one of you for all the love and support you've given us over these past few days.

Buster loved this town dearly. And it has been shown how much you cared for him.

We know that if he could tell you he would say "I really appreciate it" for all you have given his family in their time of need. So as we say thank you, know that a special one comes from Buster, too.

Love,
Linda, Randy, and Paul

PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

(AUSTIN) Ten days after suggesting that the state should "completely blow up the current job training system," State Comptroller John Sharp lit the fuse.

"The standard bearers of the status quo may think they can safeguard their system against change," Sharp said. "This progress report on our blueprint for the new Texas Workforce Commission should make them think again."

"I told a group of Texas business and industry leaders just a week and a half ago that the only way to fix the current system is to blow it up and start all over again," Sharp said. "This report lights the fuse on a system that doesn't work for anyone--except for private trade schools that are getting rich training Texans for jobs that don't exist and public bureaucracies that push more paper than work."

"No wonder only about 5 percent of businesses even bother to participate in on-the-job training programs. Our design for a new system is driven by the needs of Texas business in partnership with education and labor."

Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston), author of the legislation creating the new agency, praised the Comptroller's report.

"The thrust of this report is to build a system that prepares Texans of today for the jobs of tomorrow," Ellis said. "I'm asked all the time what the new Texas work force system will look like. The Comptroller has done a great job explaining how the new system will work."

Sharp's staff conducted extensive field work to prepare the progress report.

"Time after time, we found proof that the current system fails to work for anyone in the state--except for a handful of trade schools that are getting rich training folks for jobs that don't exist," Sharp said. "Although on-the-job training is widely recognized as the most effective way to help people find work and keep it, Texas

spends \$1.6 billion a year on almost anything but on-the-job training."

Among the Comptroller's findings:

*More than 1,000 state employees in the Department of Human Services (DHS) year assigned to help welfare recipients enter the work force managed to place a grand total of 31 Texans in on-the-job training programs.

*Another 2,000 state employees at DHS and the Texas Employment Commission (TEC) who fill out unemployment insurance claims or other applications perform no job training functions whatsoever.

*Fewer than 2 percent of all AFDC recipients eligible for the federal JOBS program are actually involved in any kind of job training.

*Of all welfare recipients who receive job training through the federal JTPA program, only half are still on the job 13 weeks later.

*Some TEC field operations display signs reading "No Traer Sus Ninos--Thank You For Not Bringing Your Children" in offices where unemployed single mothers who cannot afford child care are expected to seek jobs and training opportunities.

*TEC referred a hearing-impaired Texan to a job interview with a telemarketing firm.

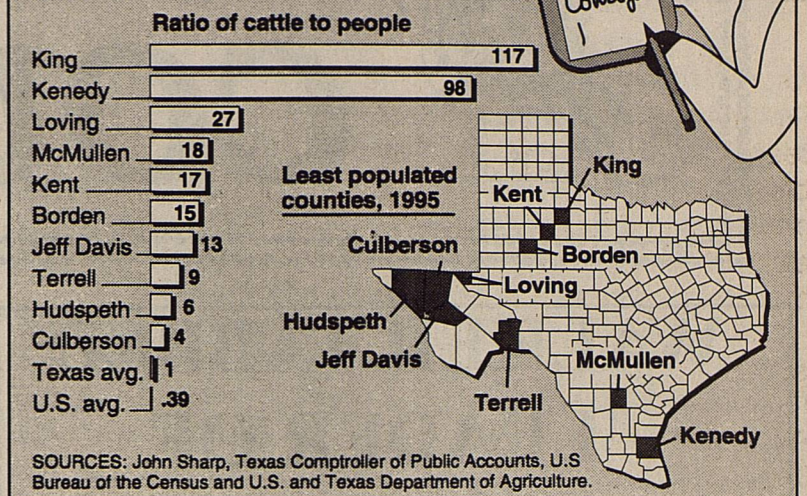
"These state employees are good people trapped in a bad system," Sharp said. "That's why we plan to replace it with a single integrated system responsive to its customers: Texans and the business that give them jobs."

"Unlike any other system in the nation, the new Texas Workforce Commission will grant local communities near-total freedom to design and operate programs that meet the unique needs of their people," Sharp said. "This will allow community leaders to develop their own short-

Keeping an eye on Texas

Room to moo-ve

In Texas' least populated counties there are more cattle than there are people. Cattle in King County take the lead, with a bovine-to-person ration of 117-to-one.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Bureau of the Census and U.S. and Texas Department of Agriculture.

GRAVESIDE SERVICES FOR ALEXANDER INFANT

Graveside services for Kaile Danielle Alexander were held in the Plains Cemetery Thursday, at 1 PM, September 14. The child was stillborn in Memorial Hospital of Dumas on September 12.

She was buried in the plot next to her grandmother, Juanita Alexander. Her grandfather is Bill Alexander of Plains.

THANK YOU

The family of Kailee Alexander wishes to thank every one for their prayers, calls, flowers and other expressions of love and sympathy during our time of loss. May God bless each and everyone of you.

1995 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

- Sat. Sept 23 Seminole Jr. High & High School
- Sat. Sept. 30 Plains Jr. High & High School
- Sat. Oct 7 Lubbock High School Only
- Sat. Oct. 14 Sundown Jr. High & High School
- Mon. Oct. 23 District C C-Sudan in Charge at Littlefield Jr. High & High School
- Sat. Oct. 28 South Plains College, Jr. High & High School
- Sat. Nov. 4 Regional-Lubbock, High School Only
- Sat. Nov. 11 State-Georgetown, High School Only

Adjusted for inflation, the 1939 movie 'Gone With The Wind, grossed \$805 million, still highest dollar producer of all time.

Katherine Hepburn won Oscars for her roles in Guess Who's Coming To Dinner, The Lion In Winter, and On Golden Pond. She received another nine Oscar nominations dating back to 1933.

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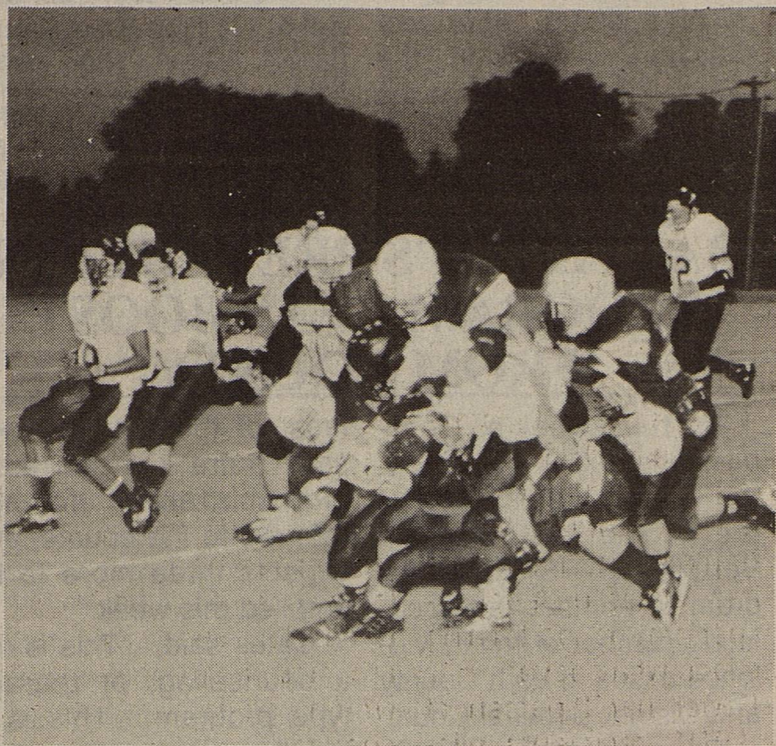
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In the final period, both teams experienced fumbles on the mushy field, and a series of offensive exchanges produced very meager advances.

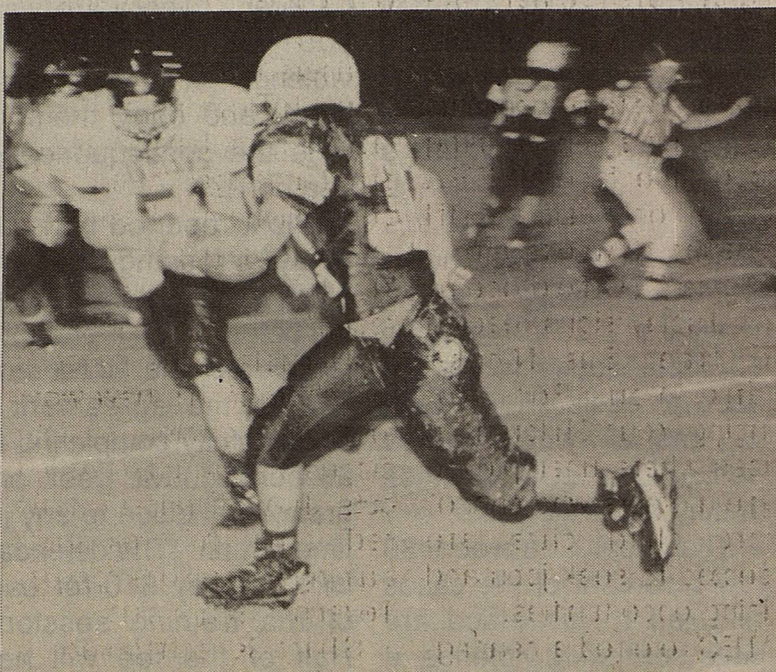
The final Cowboy tallie resulted from an Indian fumble at the 17 yard line. A pair of Roy Ramirez runs behind the Cowboys determined line pushed the ball to the 1, where Ralph Ramirez found Chris Payne open for a six point pass play. The PAT was good, and the Cowboys had the game ending 34-0 victory.

Coaches Larry Mc Minn and Edwin Brink credited the shutout win to a great team effort. The defense did an outstanding job keeping the Indians out of the end zone. Leading tacklers for the Cowboys were Eric Ramos, Lee David Hernandez, Roy Ramirez, Wayne Willett, & Kirk Parrish. The offensive line blocked well, opening holes for the running backs all evening.

The Cowboys must continue to play well and hard. Their next opponent, class 2A Sundown, is showing early season strength, and always play the Cowboys tough.

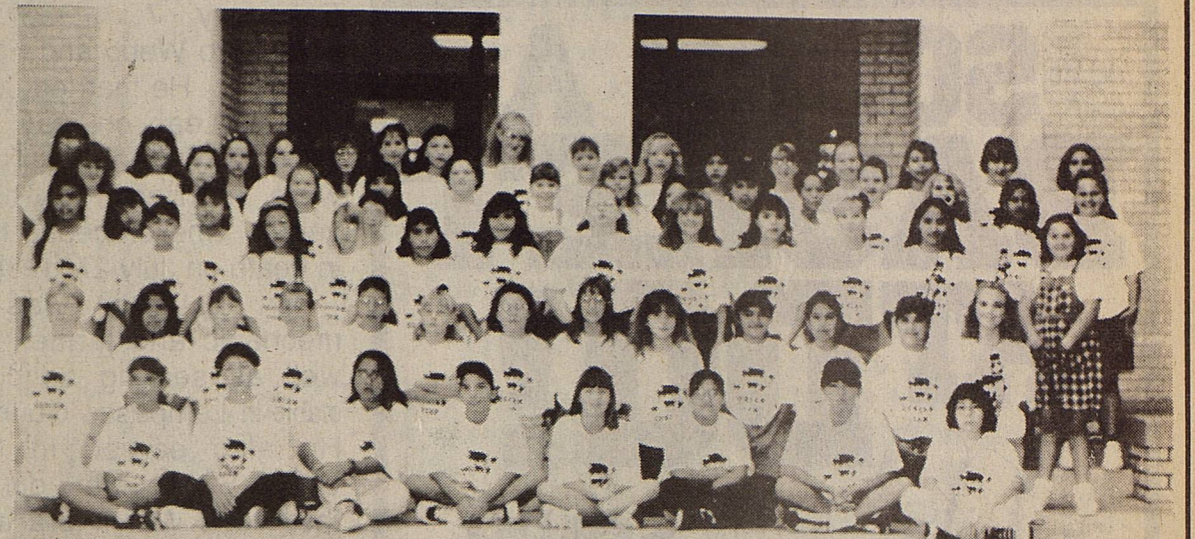


Cowboy defense swarms Morton Runner



Cowboy Roy Ramirez Off On Good Gain

NEW JUNIOR HIGH PEP SQUAD

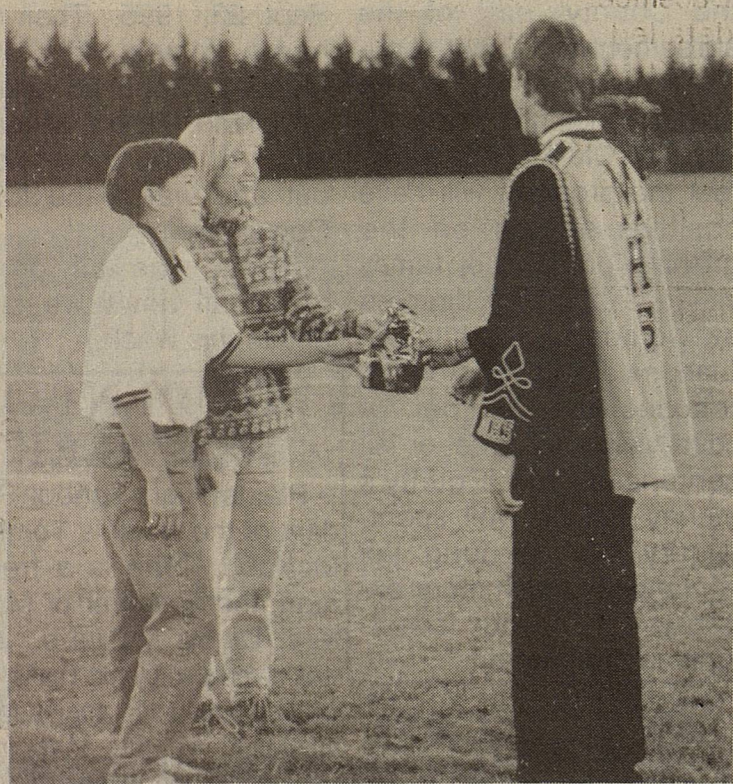
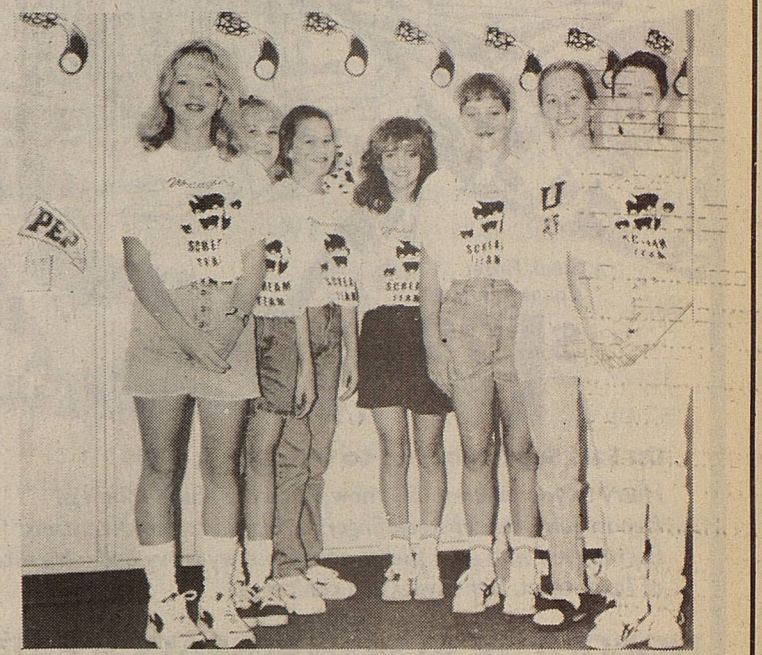


Junior High Cheer Leaders Rebecca Robertson, Autumn Deaton, Kari Guetersloh, Lensey Cullins, Kimberlee Jones, Anne Palmer, & Kelli Osborn.

There's a new, loud, and enthusiastic sound coming from the Plains Middle School these days. The voices of the newly formed "WRANGLERS SCREAM TEAM", the pep squad made up of girls in Jr. High shown here with elected cheerleaders.

Principal Ronnie Watkins said "When they came to us and asked if they could organize a Pep Squad, I figured there might be about 20 girls in the squad. Instead, we have over 75 girls, and man, can they make the noise!"

Anyone making a Friday pep rally can testify to that! Squad officers are Patty Ruiz, Pres.- Elva Ruiz, V.P.- Candace Bowers, Reporter-8th grade Reys Wendy Hernandez & Jessica Flores-7th, Ashlei Mason & Lexi Warren-6th Annaleisa O'Quinn, Julie Gonzales & Arasley Luna



PHS Student Council Members Tessa St. Romain & Valerie Blair present 'welcome' basket to visiting Morton Council members prior to kickoff.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT FRENSHIP

Senior and Junior High Cross Country runners had an excellent outing at the big meet held at Franship last Saturday. Coach McAdams reported great team and individual effort from all runners. He was especially pleased the Sr. Cowboys defeated defending state 2A champion Sundown with their 1st place team finish. Individual finishes were:

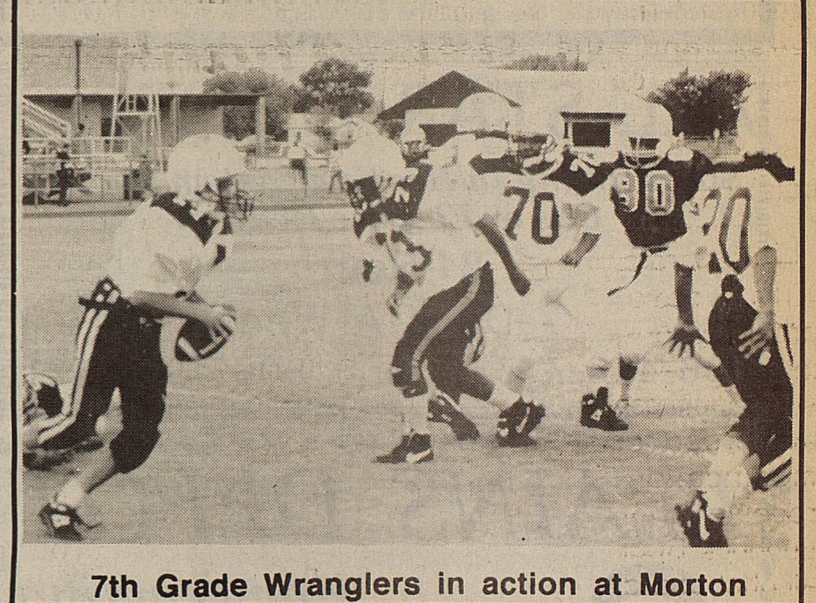
PHS BOYS:		
Jeremy Dearing	2nd	16:50
Jason Robertson	4th	17:22
Jesus Hernandez	14th	18:19
Jamie Caballero	17th	18:27
Joe Luna	20th	18:45
Hector Gallegos	21st	18:45
Will St.Romain	29th	19:06
Brad Seaton	40th	20:24
PHS GIRLS:		
Tanya Hernandez	45th	14:10
Cassie Dearing	77th	15:45
The Junior High Cowboys took first place:		
Fermin Luna	1st	11:55
Chris Estrada	7th	12:47
Kelsey Blundell	12th	13:04
Stanley Caballero	21st	13:51
Matt Willis	37th	16:06
Dustin Six	38th	16:07
Eddie Gallegos	40th	17:07
Jr. High Girls:		
Krystle Blundell	6th	13:38
Anne Palmer	41st	16:41

JV COWBOYS THUMP MORTON 50-6

Thursday's JV game against the Morton Indians got off to a wild and wooly start. The Indians' first three possessions produced two fumbles and a pass interception, resulting in three amazingly fast Cowboy scores. Eric Luna ran the first in, and Tanner Blount tossed a 2 pt. conversion pass to Casey Forbus. The second fumble allowed Adrian Rios to gain 28 yards and a TD to two plays, following good blocking by Adam Dominguez and Derek Brunson. Next, Casey Forbus intercepted and returned to the 1 yard line, where Blount sneaked across for the third score.

The Indians managed their only sustained drive of the day, and found the end zone for a 22-6 game.

The Cowboys roared right back, going 49 yards from Eric Luna and Adrian Rios, who scored again,



7th Grade Wranglers in action at Morton

and an extra point pass from Blount to Luna made the score 30-6 at half time.

Another Indian fumble in the 3rd period sat up another Luna scoring dash for a 36-6 ball game.

Unbelievably, Morton would fumble again, setting up a 38 yard scoring run by Eric Luna, making it 42-6. The Cowboys would have one more scoring drive before the game mercifully ended, 50-6.

Coach Jack Baucom cited great defensive efforts from Luna, Juan Perez, Rios, Kipp, and Tanner Blount, Forbus, Vincent Delgado, Steven

Bunch, Chris Willett, Jason Redman, Heath Bowlin, Will St. Romain, Cosme Casillas and Chris Gonzales.

The offensive units were led by Derek Brunson, Adam Dominguez, Luna, Redman, Bowlin, Bunch, St.Romain, Rios, Forbus, Delgado, Willett, the Blounts, and Mike Guerra.

REMINDER

There will be no CCN paper on October 11.
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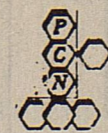
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SPRING BREAK COMING UP

Melisa Rogers, PHS in 1994, Ms. Rogers English Instructor will have escorted a student trip to an article in next week's Washington, D.C., and last issue outlining plans for a year, accompanied students trip to the Nation's Capitol on a touring trip to New York City. The trip this year is for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students.

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FINAL RITES FOR 'BAZ' LAUGHLIN

O.L. 'Baz' Laughlin, age 72, of Plains, TX and formerly of Lometa, passed away Tuesday in Seminole, TX. Mr. Laughlin was born February 7, 1923 in Lometa to Webb and Fairy Laughlin. He married Julia Mae McLean on May 18, 1946 in Florence. They were married forty-nine years. She preceded him in death on July 27, 1995.

Mr. Laughlin was a mechanic and farmer, as well as serving as constable in Lampasas County. He also served in the United States Army during the World War II era and participated in the "Battle of the Bulge". He had no hobbies, but chose to invest all his time in family and work.

Funeral services were Friday, September 15, 1995 at the Briggs-Gamel-Wilcox Chapel at 10 a.m. with Reverend Arthur Washburn officiating. Burial followed at the Nix Cemetery.

Survivors include: three daughters, Linda Cinco of Round Rock, TX, Marsha Lynn Lopez of El Paso and Teresa Bell of Plains, TX.; one sister, Dorothy Potts of Lometa; four grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Laughlin, and by two brothers, Lloyd and Pete Laughlin.

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District Attorney Clark on the County's Batterer's Prevention Program. Ms. Cates asked the Court to contribute a total of \$4000 to assist in the program during 1995-96. After considerable discussion, the Court voted to approve the request. (Ed. Note-See related article below.)

BATTERER'S PREVENTION PROGRAM GETS BOOST FROM COUNTY

In this week's Commissioners Court session, the Court agreed to assist the Women's Protective Services (WPS) new program to combat the escalating number of family violence cases in both County and District Criminal Court.

Frilzi Cates, WPS, Lubbock, and County Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark asked the Court to approve a request for \$4,000 in financial assistance for the Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program organized this July. \$1000 of the amount would be used in assisting victims of violence, and the \$3,000 balance would be used to assist in conducting the 26 week course designed to curb violence in the perpetrator.

Clark said between 30 to 40 percent of the cases referred to his office are cases of family violence, a trend echoed throughout

JR. HIGH WRANGLER VOLLEYBALL RECAP

The 8th Grade Wrangler Volleyball team competed in the Denver City Tournament Saturday, Sept. 16. The black team consisted of Candace Bowers, Velvet Canada, Autumn Deaton, Jessica Flores, Kristen Gray, Wendy Hernandez, Laura Morales, Rebecca Robertson, and Patty Ruiz. They opened the "Pool Play" portion of the tournament against Brownfield, splitting games 12-15, 15-9. Next, the Wranglers took on Levelland, winning both games with scores of 15-8, 15-14. The final round of play against Midland Christian again found the Wranglers on top with scores of 15-6, 15-8.

In the semi-final match, Plains went against Lemesa, and was defeated in two games, 3-15, 9-15. The Wranglers finished the tournament in third place out of 11 teams. Plains was the only Class A team in the tournament.

The white team consisted of Shay Allsup, Leticia Canon, Elizabeth Casillas, Erica Dominguez, Marie Gonzales, America Hernandez, Nichole Newsom, Raquel Perez, Beth Perry, and Staci Tuggle. Linda Castillo was unable to attend the tournament, but is a member of the white team.

They opened "Pool Play" against Denver City Red playing two close games, but losing with scores of 10-15, 10-15. The second round they met Jal, NM and lost 5-15, 6-15. The final games of the day for the white team was against Lemesa, with Lemesa winning 11-15, 8-15.

Both teams have shown tremendous improvement since the beginning of the season.

The black team will compete in the Brownfield Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23, 1995. Their next home games will be on Monday, Sept. 25 against Levelland. The first match starts at 5:00 p.m. Come out and watch the future Cowgirls.

(This was all of the volleyball news we could obtain this week.)

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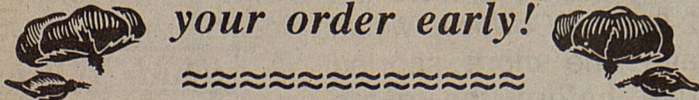
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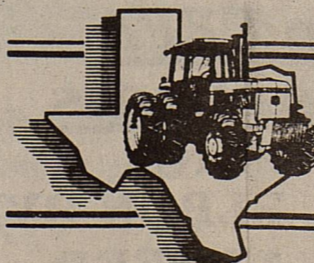
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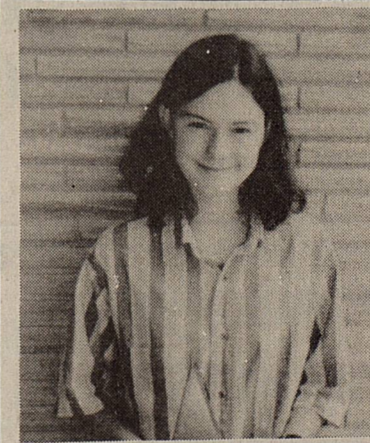
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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the week is Tommie McNabb. She is a freshman, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Darryl McNabb, and was nominated by Mr. Davis.

"This Freshman shows more academic maturity than most upperclassmen. She is also polite, and respectful at all times. This student would be a good role model for students to follow. The worst problem this student may have this year is back to back classes in science. I am very proud to announce Tommie McNabb as this week's student of the week.



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## TSA MO GA CELEBRATES 60TH CLUB YEAR

Tsa Mo Ga Club Members will have the season's club meeting, September 25th, 1995 at 7:00 p.m., Celebrating 60 years in Federation as a member of the Texas and General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Sit Jones, Tsa Mo Ga Club President and Mattie Field, Program Coordinator, will welcome and recognize Charter Members and Past Club Presidents to be honored. Reminiscing on 60 years of Federated Club work will be the high-light of the evening.

Tsa Mo Ga Club was organized September, 1935 in the ranch home of Lillian and Murphy Luna--parents of Wilma Powell and Mary Jo St. Romain. Olga Hayhurst, first grade teacher, one of twenty-five ladies present, suggested the name 'Tsa Mo Ga' meaning Chieftan, or Highest, for the club. Olga and her husband, Warner Hayhurst, Plains High School Superintendent, had moved to Plains from Chickasha, Ok., Indian Territory. The ladies accepted the Charter, adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, elected Mrs. Hayhurst as the first President and voted to name the new Texas Federated Woman's Club 'Tsa Mo Ga', becoming a member of the General

Federated women's Clubs. Tsa Mo Ga Club Members are encouraged to attend the Gala Affair, celebrating the 60th Birthday Party.

## YOAKUM FCE NEWS

Yoakum Council FCE met Wednesday with Margaret Box, Chairman, presiding. Dorothy Jones, secretary/treasurer, read 'Old Glory Lament' by Charlotte Partin for the devotional, read the minutes and a financial report.

Thank you notes were read from Julie Hancock and Katrina Hart for scholarships given. The Council also gave each 4-H member who completed a 4-H record book \$10.

Delegates going to South Padre Island Sept. 19-21 for state FCE meeting will be Margaret Box, Velma Dearing, Gale McDonald, and Maurine Smith as alternate. Council is also paying Dene Rafferty and Bitsy Martin expenses to the state meeting.

Bea Pippin read a plaque from 4-H members to council that read, "Friends of 4-H to Yoakum County Family Community Education Council." It will hang in the Extension Office in Plains.

The following 1996 Council Officers were elected; Margaret Box, Chairman, Velma Dearing and Maurine Smith, Vice Chairmen, Dorothy Jones, Secretary/Treasurer, Sidney Murphy FCE Chairman,

and Bea Pippin, Vice Chairman of FCE.

A craft workshop was held Sept. 6, with Pam Burgess and Bea Pippin demonstrating Victorian angels, barnyard angels and pocket angels.

State Line Club will meet at 10 a.m. in the Clubroom on Sat., Sept. 23. Visitors are welcome.

On Thursday, Oct. 19 at noon in the Clubroom, Dr. Larry Boyd of Denver City will give a program on 'Diabetes.' The public is invited. Members should bring a covered dish for lunch.

October 9-13 is FCE week. The Turner and State Line FCE clubs plan a FCE tea Monday, Oct. 9 from 3-5 in the Clubroom in Plains. The public is invited.

Other fall and winter events will be announced later.

## FINE ARTS CLUB MEETING

The Plains Fine Arts Club held its first meeting of the new club year on Sept. 7, 1995, at 7 p.m. in the home of Lois Miller. She and Sandra Ellison were hostesses. There were 8 members present; Karen Baucom, Beth Ann Cain, Annette Cleveland, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Paula McMinn, and the hostesses.

After the dinner, the meeting was called to order by Debra Hise, Vice-President. Roll call and the

reading of the minutes of the last meeting by reporter Sandra Ellison followed. Treasurer Paula McMinn gave her report. There was no formal program because of illness. The hostess gift was drawn by Paula McMinn.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 5, 1995, at 7 p.m. in the home of Yvette Ramos.

## LIBRARY FILM TIME

Twenty-two preschool youngsters enjoyed film time Wednesday, Sept. 13. They sang songs, heard the story "A Small Green Snake," and saw two movies.

Helen Hunter brought her kitten Leaper to visit the children, and Haley Welch celebrated her 1st birthday party with punch and cookies brought by her mom.

Attending were; Brett Hawthorne, Rhaela Stall, Kelsey Curry, Christopher & Stephanie Addison, Troy Parrish, Isaac Doyle, Lydia Whitzel, Cody Friesen, Holden, Haley & Hunter Welch, Sydney Cueto, Rhaemi Stall, Jacob Brink, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Kevin John Gass, Taylor Banfield, Jasmine Whitzel, and Brandon Craft.



## WEDDING SHOWER PLANNED

A Wedding Shower honoring Chad and Shelly Lowry will be held in the home of Mrs. Sarah Guetersloh on September 24, 2 til 3:30 PM.

## BABY SHOWER HONORING

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## GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Girl Scout Registration will be held Thursday, Sept. 21 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. at the Public Library. Age levels are:  
Daisy - Kindergarten  
Brownie - Grades 1-3  
Junior - Grades 4-6  
Cadette - Grades 7-9  
Senior - Grades 10-12

Leaders are also needed, especially for Daisy and Brownie Troops. Leaders (and helpers) DO NOT HAVE TO BE MOTHERS! You can be a Girl Scout Leader!

For more information, or to sign up if you can not make the meeting, call Jerri Lollar, Plains Troop Coordinator at 522-6521.

## Photo ID's From Page 2

Top Row, L-R; Stanley Ashburn, Randy Forbus, & Eddie Earnest.  
Bottom-Helen Joplin Pope & James Altman.

## P I S D SCHOOL MENU

**Monday:**  
Breakfast: cereal, toast, grape juice, milk  
Lunch: fish sandwich on bun w/tartar sauce, French fries w/catsup, lettuce leaf, pineapple slice, milk

**Tuesday:**  
Breakfast: donuts, toast, apple juice, milk  
Lunch: nacho w/meat and cheese sauce, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk

**Wednesday:**  
Breakfast: sausage in a biscuit, orange juice, milk  
Lunch: cheeseburgers, lettuce leaf, chips, sliced tomatoes, pickles, onion rings, mixed fruit, date cookies, milk

**Thursday:**  
Breakfast: waffles w/syrup, fruit punch, milk  
Lunch: baked potatoes w/homemade chili, cheese, bacon bits, butter & sour cream, carrot sticks, crackers, peaches, milk

**Friday:**  
Breakfast: cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk  
Lunch: roast w/gravy, creamed potatoes, garden green beans, hot rolls, Jello, milk



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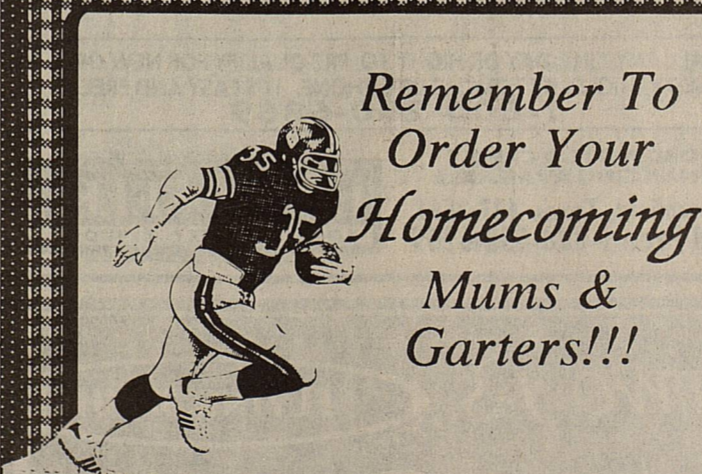
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# FROM THE HACK

Ahhhh. Football season is here. Autumn, my favorite time of year. This Monday PM, watching the Miami-Pittsburgh game, I saw a cute commercial by (Gasp-yes!) Budweiser Beer. Three guys are sitting on a boat dock, fishing lines in the water, one of them obviously the patriarch of the clan.

The son in the middle sidles up to dad, says, "dad, there's something I've been wanting to tell you a long time now." The old man says, "What's that, son?"

The kid answers, tearfully, voiced all choked up, "Well, I just wanted to tell you (sniff), man, I love you!"

Old dad, very serious, says, "Well, that's real nice, son, but you're still not getting my last Bud Light."

Crestfallen, the son slides closer to his brother, and earnestly says "Bill..."

He is abruptly cut off by Bro, also sipping a Bud, with, "Absolutely no way,

man!" This reminds me of our recent supper. The Bride fixed pork chops, one of my favorites. She bought one of those big nine or thirteen pound bags of 'em at Sam's for a pittance, but only cooked four. FOUR. I can eat four BEFORE I eat. I could not keep from eyeing the chop still resting on her plate.

With just a tiny bit of pig left on my plate, I gave her my toothiest smile, and in my sweetest voice said, "Dear, there's something I've been wanting to tell you a long time..."

She froze me with an icicle stare, and said, gnawing on the bone, "Forget it Buddy. This one's mine, and so's the next one. Eat some more rice." Ah, conjugal bliss!

Politics. It seems to me we just finished an eon long political campaign and election just weeks ago, yet the media is already heating up for the 1996 event.

Clinton. Dole. Gramm. Wilson. Now Colin Powell possibly in the Presidential race. What is even stranger is the hype coming from Lubbock and Austin about the possibilities of State

Senator John T. Montford running against Phil Gramm for the US Senate, because Gramm doesn't have to step down from Capitol Hill because of his presidential aspirations.

I have no crow to pick with John T., and it appears Lubbock and most of the South Plains folks have been satisfied with his Austin performance for many years now. Nevertheless, I think he has about as much chance at the Senate seat as I do winning a Pulitzer for journalism. Nil. Fine man he may be, but where is his political base, where are his dollars to match Gramm's war chest, where is his real statewide political clout? I am not totally in love with Mr. Gramm. It's hard to get passionate over a guy who somehow reminds me of a lizard sticking his head out of a hole.

I really don't know why I am writing this, except for the matter of listening to a rather heated debate in the local DQ about the virtues of these two possible opponents. I bet my Blizzard against your Yogurt Freeze Montford doesn't even get luke warm close to scaring Phil.

Some thoughts by the famous on marriage: "If you want to sacrifice the admiration of many men for the criticism one, go ahead, get married" - Katherine Hepburn. "Married men live longer than singles, but married men are a lot more willing to die" - Johnny Carson. "Marriage is neither Heaven or Hell. It is simply purgatory" - Abraham Lincoln. "I think men with a pierced ear are well prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry" - Rita Rudner. "Why do Jewish divorces cost so much? Because they're worth it" - Henny Youngman.

# ODE TO BUSTER

Joe Franklin Kennedy was to most a name they never knew. And most would not have told you that he was Buster, too. And once when Pawpaw lay near death and from a coma stirred, Bus asked him, "Daddy, what's my name?" knowing his mind was blurred.

"It's Buster!", he said boldly as he held to his hand tight. "Now Daddy, what's my real name?", he asked, just to know he was really all right. Once again then, he blurted out "Buster!", in a fitfully agitated mood. And Buster then asked him a second time, just to know that he had understood.

Then wryly with a puzzling look on his face, from his lips words quizzingly came, and then, whether truly or jokingly said, "Say, Kid, what is your real name?"

I never saw Buster seem angry, or ever to hurry his pace. He always would have a new joke to tell, and a big smile upon his kind face. He loved Linda, and Paul, and Randy, and I know he was so proud of them. And if he never bragged openly about them, it was plain that it shown from within.

He loved to play his old guitar. And was very, very good I will say. And though he'd deny it, he'd grin and then say, "Naw, but I sure like to play." Now he's up there with Granny and Pawpaw, and with Snooks and with his brother Bill. And although we don't understand now just why, someday I know that we will. So the good Lord has called him to Heaven, and I think that I do understand. You see it could be, that he needed a picker, for his "All Star Heavenly Band". We'll miss you, Bus!

Joe Horton, Sept. 3, 1995

# P.I.S.D. TRUSTEE MEETING

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 11, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. Members present were; Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, Randy Tuggle.

Also present were; Pete Simmons, Superintendent, Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Steve O'Quinn, High School Principal, Ronnie Watkins, Middle School Principal, Joel Haragan, Elementary School Principal, Arlon Alexander, Counselor, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Valdez and children from Denver City.

Mr. Valdez addressed the board concerning his daughter, Priscilla, transferring to Plains. Mr. Palmer thanked them for coming and said the board would consult with administrators and make a decision.

The following actions were taken by the Board; Anna Gonzalez moved and Danny Bell seconded that the minutes of August

14, 1995, be approved. Stanley Ashburn moved and Tim Addison seconded that the monthly bills be paid as presented.

Dwayne Canada moved and Danny Bell seconded that "Tobacco Free" signs be erected on the school property in order to comply with Sec. 38.006 of the newly enacted Education Code.

Tim Addison moved and Stanley Ashburn seconded that the Option 4 agreements to reduce wealth be approved as recommended and that our partner districts be Brownfield ISD and New Deal ISD.

A financial report was given by Eric Banfield. Administrative reports were given by Steve O'Quinn, Arlon Alexander Ronnie Watkins, and Joel Haragan, Mr. Simmons gave a superintendent's report.

The board entered into executive session at 9:34 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 10:30 p.m. No action was further taken.

# LOCAL SCORES HOLE IN ONE AT Y.C.G.C.

Bob Blundell of Plains recorded a hole in one at the tenth hole of the Yoakum County Golf Course Tuesday, September 12.

With the wind at his back, he aced the 150 yard hole with his Yonex driver. He reports this makes his fifth career Ace.

Witnesses to the shot included Ray Gilstrap, Raney Gilstrap, Bill Qualls and Ray Roberts, all of Denver City.

(Editors note; I would feel much more comfortable reporting this if I had witnessed the event myself. With this cast of witnesses, credibility becomes a very large factor.)

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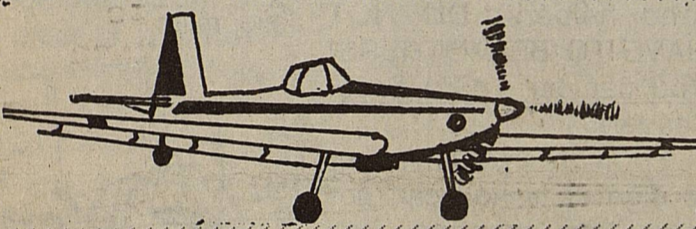
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