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Pct. 3 Commissioner Barron's pending step down stirs hopefuls

The September 22 issue of CCN featured an announcement by local resident Ty Earl Powell he would officially be a candidate for the position of County Commissioner, Precinct 3. The current office holder, Jim Barron, confirmed recently he would not be a candidate for re-election when his term of office expires December 31, 1999. Barron has served in the office since January 1, 1977.

On Thursday, September 30, local Rex Swann contacted CCN, and said he would have a press release available the next morn-

ing announcing he too would be a candidate for the commissioner job. Shortly after noon Friday, Cody Flores, a longtime employee of Precinct 3, contacted CCN to make a statement declaring he too would be contending for the position on the Democrat Primary ballot in March.

At press time, no other official candidacy announcements had reached CCN, despite street and cafe talk and rumors of at least three more individuals seriously eyeing the job. Both Swann and Flores' announcements are printed here.

Rex Swann announces candidacy for Pct. 3 Commissioner



"I am announcing my candidacy for Commissioner of Yoakum County Precinct 3, subject to the March Republican Primary Election.

"I am a life long resident of Yoakum County. My family includes my wife Sherry Patton Swann, sons Jason and Ryan, and other family members in the county.

"My qualifications and experience include; graduate of Plains ISD; Bachelor Degree from West Texas State University, with a major in Management Science, and minor in Economics.

"I presently own a cotton-cattle operation which extends throughout much of the county. I have served on numerous boards and committees during my business career, including four terms on the Yoakum County FSA Committee, Ag Committee for the Yoakum County Appraisal District, and presently serve on the Board of Directors of Yoakum County Coop Gin.

"With the gradual, but inevi-

table erosion of the county's tax base, there will be a necessity to initiate and accept many changes in coming years. I clearly see the continuing need to maintain and improve our network of rural roads throughout the county for the benefit of rural residents, as well as our two major industries, petroleum and agriculture.

"In the future, there will be a need to reduce county expenditures in all areas, but without the destruction of county facilities, services, and employees.

"I am committed to bring my conservative, but responsible, approach to the county business and workings. I only ask the voters of Precinct 3 to examine my past and present performance in business ventures, personal contact, and past community service.

"I will welcome and greatly appreciate your support.

Thanks,
Rex Swann"

Flores' hat in ring for commissioner election

"I have lived in Plains and Yoakum County the last 35 years, and as an elected official representing my friends and neighbors, I feel I can return something to the community which has been so good for me and my entire family". These words opened the interview with Evaristo "Cody" Flores last week when he announced he would be another candidate for the Precinct 3 Commissioner spot in the March Democrat Primary election.

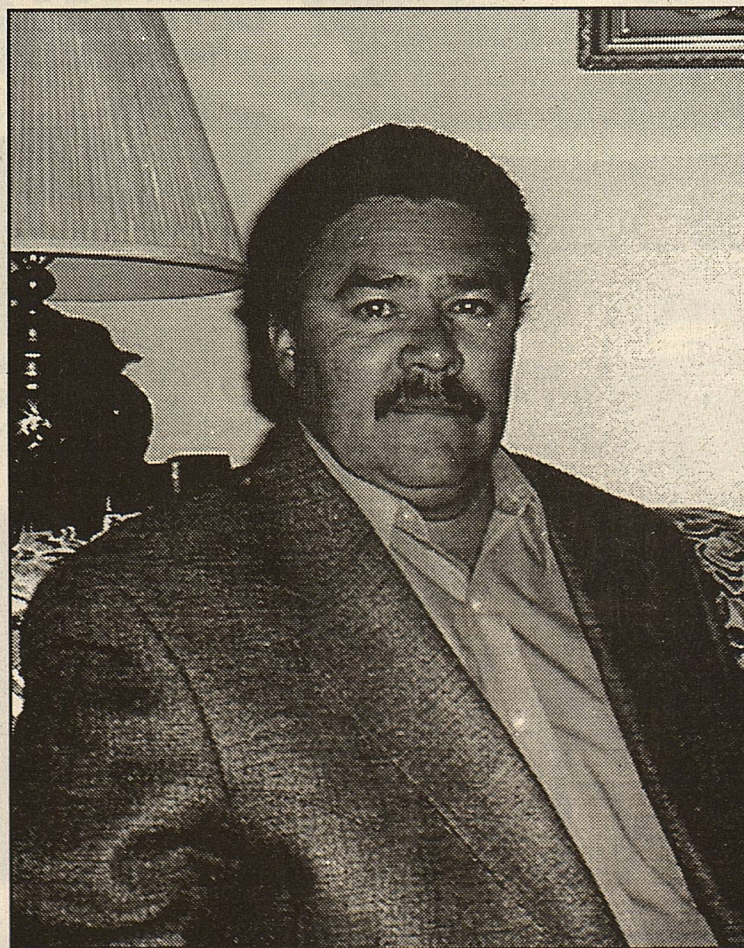
Flores, 44, currently a field foreman in Precinct 3, has a total of 12 years service with the county, including three years with Precinct 4.

He and his wife Diana have three children, Gabriel, a graduate of Angelo State University, Laura, a student at

South Plains College, and Cody Jason, a 7th grader here.

Flores has many years experience with heavy equipment, working as a foreman for H & M, M & M and Danny Moore Service companies of Denver City. "Those years I had to operate with a tight budget because of fiscal conditions in the oil industry, and I know how to make projects work in a cost effective way. I realize the tax valuation of the county will cause lots of belt tightening, and I think I can manage the precincts business economically, and still give the citizens the service they need".

Flores told CCN, "I strongly feel the precinct residents deserve a full time, full service commissioner, and if I am elected, that is what I will be".



**A reminder ...
There will not be an
October 20 issue of CCN
to allow a brief vacation**

Toni Jones named '99 Outstanding County Treasurer in state



Some 180 county officials and guests attended the 51st County Treasurer's Association of Texas annual conference in San Angelo September 21-24.

At the conclusion of the conference, the association's new president, Parmer County Treasurer Anne Norton, was sworn in. A special feature of the closing banquet included Yoakum County Treasurer Toni Jones receiving recognition and a plaque naming her Texas Outstanding Treasurer for 1999.

Other county officials attending the conference were County Judge Dallas Brewer and Pct. 3 Commissioner Jim Barron. Special guests included Jones' daughter Stacey and her friend Jason Sutton.

Amendment election will address many issues

The Texas Constitution, adopted in 1876, has often been labeled by historians, political science experts, journalists, state officials, and the general public as a cumbersome, unwieldy document sorely in the need of a thorough revamping.

In all likelihood the constitution will become even more cumbersome after the special amendment election on November 2.

The 76th Legislature passed 17 joint resolutions before the session ended, all proposing constitutional amendments. The amendments become part of the constitution if they receive a majority of votes in the election.

The proposed amendments address a wide variety of issues for Texas voters; A proposal to revise requirements for filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor; an amendment relating to making advances under a reverse mortgage on a homestead, and payment of the mortgage; a proposal increasing the size of an urban homestead to 10 acres and permissible uses of urban homesteads; an amendment

permitting garnishment of an individual's wages to enforce court-ordered spousal maintenance; exemption of ad valorem taxes on a leased vehicle not used primarily for production of income.

Ironically, one amendment proposal, number 3 on the list, deals with an issue long supported by advocates of a rewrite of the entire constitution; the proposal would eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic and ineffective constitutional provisions.

Since the constitutions adoption in 1876, the document has been amended by voters 377 times, approved from a total of 550 amendments. The 63 legislative sessions (including several special called sessions) have produced as few as no amendment proposals, to a high of 28 amendments in 1987. Only 22 times have all amendment proposals been approved by Texas voters, the last time in 1986.

Historically, voter turnout for constitutional amendment elections is sparse, despite the impact the proposals have for virtually all Texas citizens. A number of local county officials have expressed to CCN their hopes this years voter response is improved.

Plains Residents In Vermont For Annual Rural Meeting

Linda and Melvin Lowrey have just returned from a week in Vermont where they attended the 29th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Rural Rehabilitation Corporations (NARRC). Representatives from twenty five states gathered in Burlington, Vermont to discuss the future of rural America in Y2K. Speaker topics included land conservation, ag tourism, the production of maple syrup, dairy compacts in New England, vocational rehabilitation for injured farmers and ranchers, concentration of power in agricultural markets, pasture based livestock production, land trusts to preserve farmland for agricultural purposes, and whether or not farm lending can be profitable when focusing on high risk borrowers. A panel of speakers, including legislative staff from Senator Patrick Leahy and Congressman Bernard Sanders' offices, addressed the issue of "How to Preserve, Di-

versify and Enhance Rural America in the New Millennium."

The Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture for Vermont delivered welcoming remarks in which she reminded the delegates and guests that Vermont is uniquely rural in character, with Burlington being its largest city with a population of 50,000. The state is noted for its natural beauty, small town atmosphere, rivers, lakes and mountains, as well as the colorful foliage in the fall. Citizens of Vermont are considered "hardy stock," as was illustrated by the deputy commissioner, who because of Hurricane Floyd, had no water in her rural home. She told of having

to take her children to a nearby nursing home for their showers before school, and said she stopped at a convenience store on the way to the meeting to brush her teeth!

The rural rehabilitation corporations were created by legislation passed during the Great Depression to put farmers and ranchers back on the land and provide them with financial management and production agriculture training. In Texas, the nonprofit corporation is Texas Rural Communities, Inc. Linda Lowrey has just completed a term as chairman of the Board of Directors for TRC, Inc. She also presided at the Vermont meeting in her capacity as NARRC Board President. For more information about TRC, Inc., call 1-800-RURAL TX.



Stanley Caballero tries to elude Sundown defender in JV action last week.

Services Held For John Garner James

Funeral services for John Garner James, age 63, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, were held Friday, October 1, 1999 in West Oaks Funeral Chapel, with Reverend Mike Burge officiating. Graveside and committal service were held Saturday, October 2, in Yoakum County Cemetery, Plains, Texas.

Mr. James died Monday, September 27, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in Oasis of Hope Hospital, Tijuana, Mexico. He was born in Dickens County, Texas, June 30, 1936, the son of Jeff Henry and Iva Nona York James. He was a graduate of Plains High School. John began his lifelong career in the oil field at the age of 14 in Snyder, Texas in 1950. After a three year tour of duty in the U.S. Army that took him to Germany, he continued his career in the Permian Basin, then went overseas to Argentina, Peru and back to Texas. He then located in Louisiana, where he began off shore drilling that carried him to Scotland, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Norway, Malaysia, Philippines, and then returned to the U.S. in 1976 to resume career for Mesa Petroleum, then to Oklahoma for Meridian Oil, and finally to Cross Timbers Oil Company in Elk City, Oklahoma, as a production foreman, Ringwood, Oklahoma as an assistant production superintendent, and then to Quitman, Texas where he retired from the company in 1997. He resided in Sulphur Springs since 1993.

He is survived by his wife Tommy Jan Sims whom he married on April 15, 1962. Other survivors include; two sons and daughters-in-law; Jeff Zearl and Marleen O'Brien James of Midland, Texas, Ty Martin and April Turner James of Montgomery, Texas. Three brothers, his twin-Jim A, James of Odessa, Texas, Bill James of Mansfield, Texas, Joe James of Brownwood, Texas. Two sisters, Odell Houghton of Duncan, Oklahoma, Marciel McAltin of Abilene, Texas. Two grandchildren, and one great granddaughter

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Final Services for Nadine Clanahan

Nadine Clanahan, 80, of Fort Worth, died Thursday, September 30, 1999, in James L. West Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 2, 1999, at the Lunn Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Calvin Beach of Dallas, Texas, officiating. Burial followed in the Restland Cemetery under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clanahan was born February 3, 1919, in Erath County, Texas, to the late Leon and Lucy (Conner) Nix. She and Leon Clenehan were married December 31, 1944, in Olney, Texas. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1988. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rising Star, Texas. She was a homemaker. She was a resident of Tokio, Texas for 36 years. She had also lived in Rising Star, Texas and Abilene, Texas. She moved from Grandbury, Texas, to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1995. She was also preceded in death by one daughter; Nancy Clanahan on May 24, 1990 and one brother; Lonzo Nix on April 3, 1988.

Survivors include three daughters; Mary Clanahan of Granbury, Helen Clanahan of Abilene, Bonnie Earnest of Plains; Two sisters; Phemie Branch of Olney, Wanda Battey of Victoria; A brother, Albert C. Nix of Richland, Washington; Three grandchildren, Michael and Keith Earnest, Plains, Jennifer Crews of Lubbock, and three great grandchildren.



Criminal cases in County Court

Three criminal cases were heard in county court last week, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Richard Clark, Criminal District Attorney, represented the state.

Rafael Ibarra pled guilty to a DWI charge. A 90 day jail term was suspended and probated. He must pay \$214 court costs, was fined \$500, and must pay restitution totaling \$1600 to State Farm Insurance and Fred Payne. He will spend 5 days in jail, with credit for 2 days served, must perform 24 hours community service, and complete the first offenders program on alcohol and drug abuse.

Robert Franklin Kaufman pled guilty to harassment. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$184 court costs, and attend at least 24 hours of anger management counseling.

Mark Erwin Barron had community supervision from a marijuana offense modified to include monthly urinalysis.

1854: Fort Davis established near the sources of the Limpia River; abandoned April 13, 1861; reoccupied June 29, 1867. Served as a point of departure for expeditions against the Apache until finally abandoned on July 31, 1891.

Economic Situation Report: U.S., Texas Agriculture

The current economic situation for much U.S. agriculture can best be described as financially stressed. Producers of major grain crops, cotton and pork are receiving prices far below cost of production.

Two major factors have contributed to the current status at the national level - surplus levels of production and a depressed global economy. These factors likely will take one or more years to reach a reasonable balance so farm prices can increase to be more in line with production costs.

The 1996 Farm Bill was predicated on growing and expanding world markets for U.S. ag products. The economic downturn in Asia and the monetary crisis in Russia and several Latin American countries have damaged our export potential through reduced demand in importing countries, and increased export competition from nations whose currencies have been devalued relative to our dollar. These conditions may take several years to recover.

The size of the wheat and feedgrain crops being harvested this summer and fall already are resulting in problems such as shortage of available grain storage capacity and transportation problems. Given the large crops, storage problems, transportation problems, the basis, the difference between the local cash price and the futures price, has widened dramatically for many commodities.

Another comparative situation is the large amount of carryover debt with which many Texas producers are struggling as a result of statewide droughts in 1996 and 1998. There will be little significant rebuilding of equity or accelerated paydown on carryover debt. Cash receipts from all crops in Texas for the first five months of 1999 were down 25 percent from the same five-month period in 1998.

The impact of an extended period of financial stress will be to speed up the consolidation of smaller farms into larger and fewer commercial farming

operations. Marginal cropland will find alternative uses, and less acreage will be planted to cash crops. The long term impact of this structural change could be an accelerated decline in the rural infrastructure as a result of population loss, additional demand on social services, and reduced spending at businesses directly and indirectly dependent on the health of the local agricultural economy. Unless there are unforeseen changes in the fundamental supply/demand relationships for the major crops, the outlook for Texas agriculture is not good.

Prepared by the Agricultural Economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System

Lea County Electric Members To Receive Nearly \$1 Million Refund

Lovington, New Mexico - Beginning with bills sent next month, members of Lea County Electric Cooperative will receive a refund in the amount of \$946,000 over the course of the next twelve months according to General Manager Mike Dreyspring. The refund was paid to LCEC by Southwestern Public Service Company to resolve a wholesale rate proceeding which had been pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission since 1985 as Docket No. ER-477. Approval for the refund method in New Mexico has been received from the Public Regulation Commission. At their September board meeting, the Cooperative's board of trustees passed a resolution authorizing the refund to their Texas members.

The Texas legislature's recent passing of SB7 exempted rural electric cooperatives from rate and service regulation, thereby allowing the Cooperative board to return the refund to its Texas members without having to obtain regulatory approval.

In an effort to evenly distribute the amount to all members of LCEC, the energy costs on customers' monthly bills will be reduced by \$.00118 per kilowatt hour. This adjustment represents a savings of approximately \$1.00 per month on an average residential bill of 850 kWh, and will remain in effect for one year in order to allow all rates classes, including seasonal users, the opportunity to benefit from the refund.

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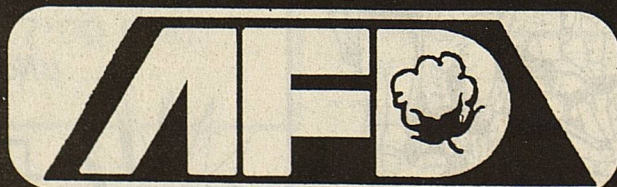
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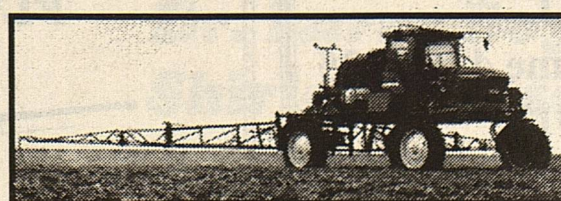
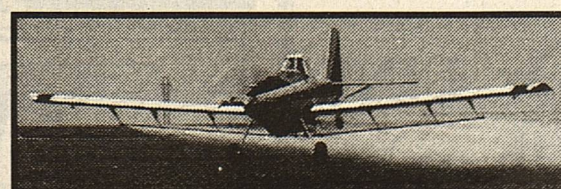


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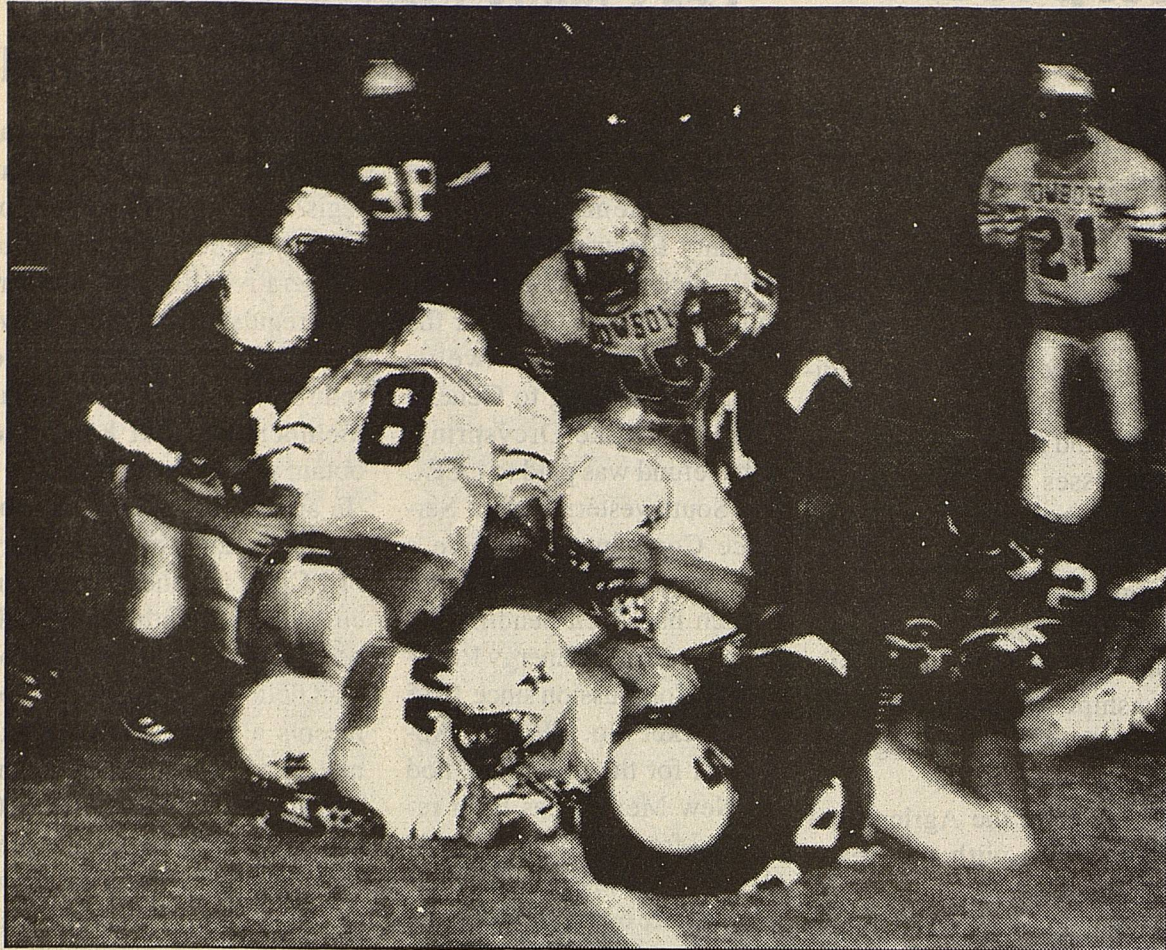
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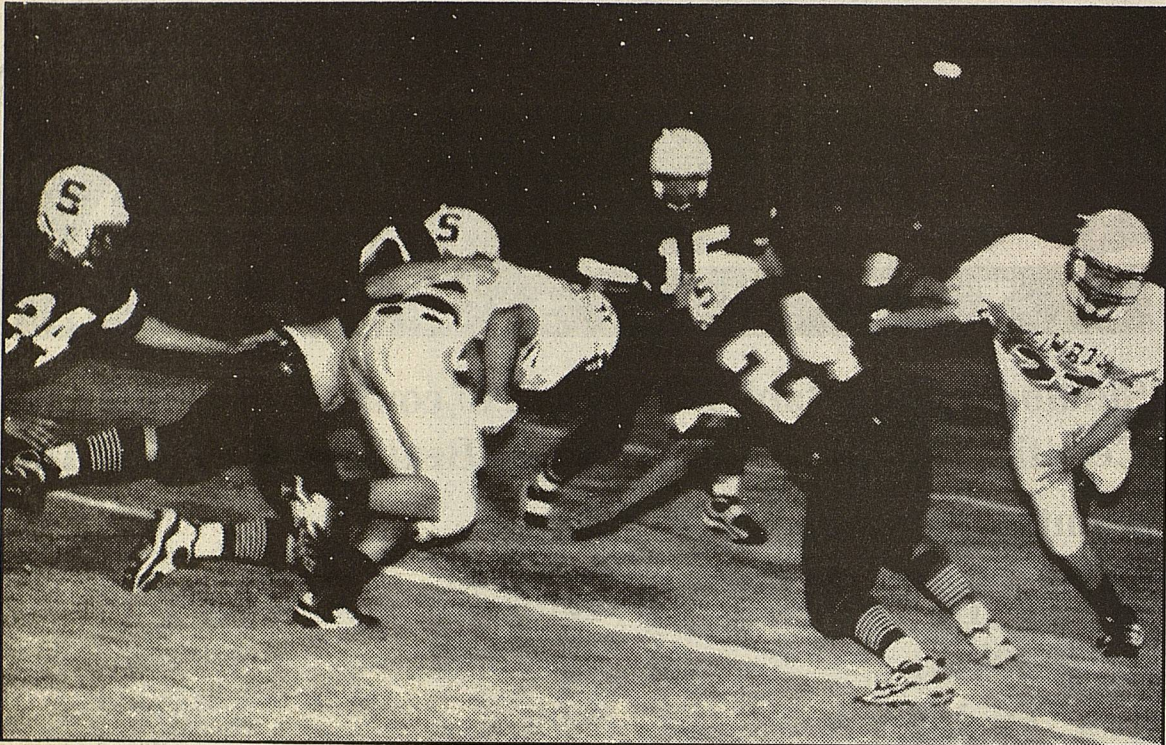
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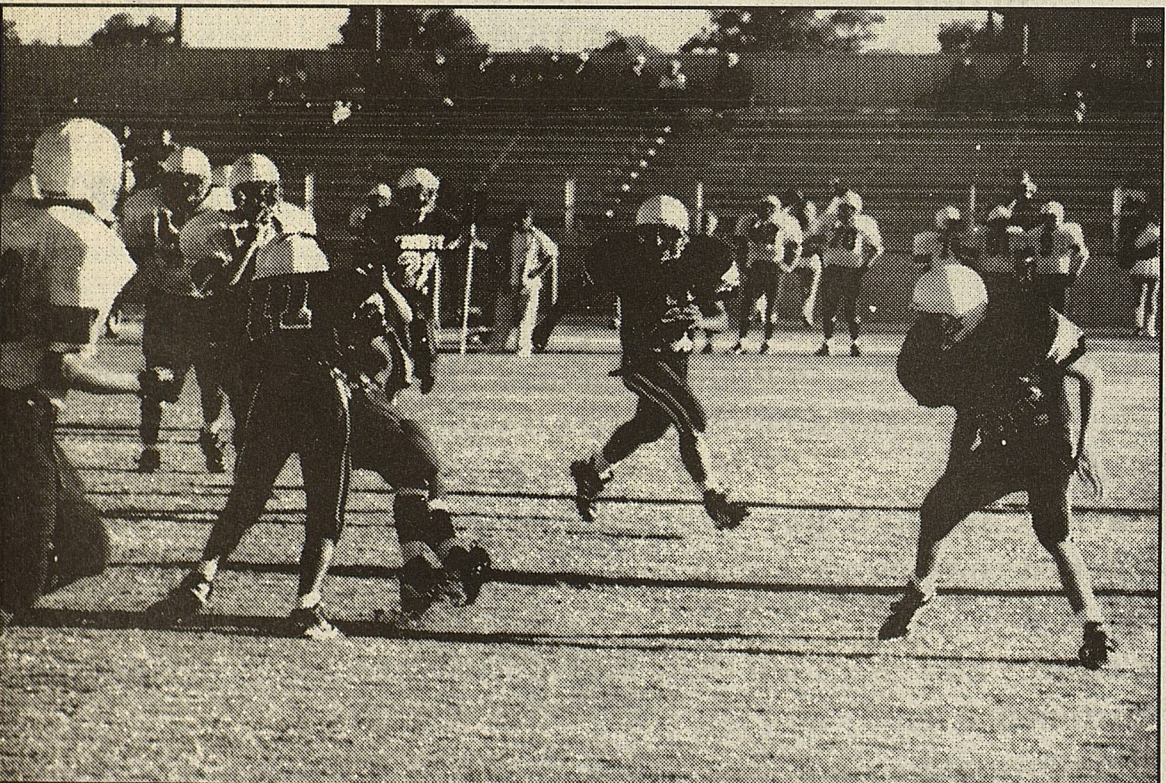
PHS Vs. Sundown action scenes



Josh Bell (8) and a pile of Cowboys surrounded by Sundown Roughnecks



Jared Bell (we think) about to find Roughneck trouble



Israel Moreno made a crunching hit on Sundown runner in JV battle

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Brenda Lozano, a senior and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Lozano. She was nominated by Mrs. Canada, who said, "Henry Ford said, obstacles are those frightful

things you see when you take your eyes off the goal. Brenda is a quiet person with a pleasant smile, a person who strives to do her best, and in a short period of time, has learned to speak, write and understand English. Her goal is to learn, and she keeps her eyes on that goal".



Jr. High Football

7th Wranglers- The young Wranglers got their first win of the season last week, defeating Sundown 12-0. Scott Bruton scored twice, on runs of 15 and 8 yards. Evan Cain completed passes to John Wagnon, Daniel Parker, Mike Lopez and Kelby Johnson. Up front linemen Brandon Hise, Cole Krebsbach, Isaac Ramon, Brant Huerta, Trey Cleveland and Cody Flores did an outstanding job of blocking, and defensive standouts included Payton Bean Kerry Sisson, Scott Bruton and Anthony Luna.

8th Wranglers- The older guys had a great game against Sundown, battling back and forth until the final period to win 30-22. Arnold Cordova started the scoring with a punt return TD, and Richard Diaz threw a two pointer to Dominic Dominguez for an 8-0 lead. Diaz ran for a 20 yard TD in the second period and a 14-14 tie at halftime.

Behind in the 3rd period, Diaz passed to Zachary Broome for 6 points, then carried for the extra point and a 22-22 tie. In the final quarter, Diaz passed to Dominick for a 46 yard score, and Dominick then ran in a reverse for the final 30-22 score. Coach Davis said he was proud the boys never gave up, and played tough defense to hold Sundown, and made their offense click when they had to.

PISD Volleyball Summary

Junior High:

7th grade - Coach Haragan said the 7th girls learned a valuable lesson last week; They had played Denver City twice and won both times earlier, but went down last week 3-15, 15-11, and 4-15- don't take wins for granted

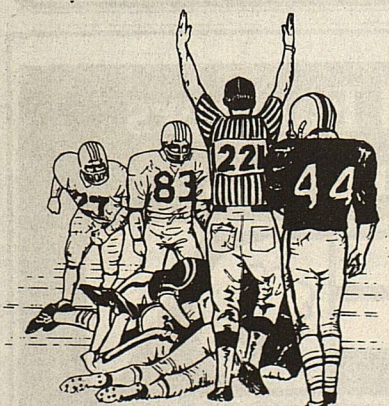
8th grade- The older girls also fell to Denver City, 1-15, 15-11 and 15-8.

JV Cowgirls- JV Gold Team- The Gold girls split with Midland Christian 15-17 and 6-15. In the Lamesa Tournament, they downed Frenship 15-3, 15-10. They next won their opener against Lamesa 15-3, but then fell 7-15, 3-15 to take 4th place in the tourney.

The other JV team lost to Midland Christian 15-4 and 15-9.

Cowgirl Varsity- The Cowgirls beat Midland Christian 15-11, 15-12 Kari had 8 kills, Candace 5 blocks, Patty 13 digs, and Laura 22 assists. They fell to Wink 16-18, 15-10 and 5-15. Karie had 11 kills, Patty 19 digs, Jessica and Lexi 18 digs each. Candace had 2 aces, and Laura had 36 assists.

Beat Stanton!



Plains FFA Report


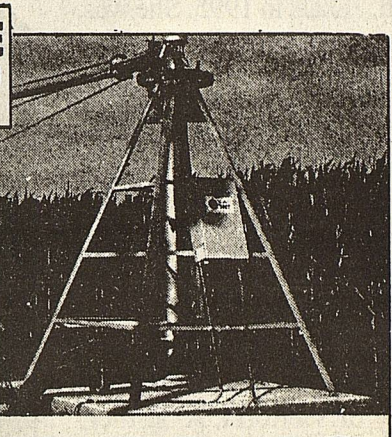


Front-Josh Bell, Chris Cleveland, Back-Staci Tuggle, Shay Allsup, Jeremy Humphrey, Krystle Blundell, Jason Swann.

Recently the election of FFA Officers was held here. This years officers are; President-Jeremy Humphrey, Vice-President-Chris Cleveland, Secretary-Krystle Blundell, Sentinel-Josh Bell, Treasurer-Jason Swann, and Reporter Staci Tuggle. This years FFA Sweetheart will be Shay Allsup. When the Stock Show rolls around this year, everyone needs to support Shay and the FFA chapter by buying Livestock Association Memberships from her, if she sells the most memberships, she will be crowned the 2000 Stock Show Queen. She will also be passing out ribbons at the Stock Show, along with the other contestants.

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by; Staci Tuggle, Reporter

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Senior Citizens Corner

The '42' Tournament went real well. 1st place winners were Billie O'Neal and Ruby Kenady. 2nd place went to Mola Morehead and Johnnie Akin. Its nice to see so many ladies take part. The men seem to have lost interest for awhile.

Word came last Monday that Bill Bullock, Marcene's brother, had passed away. Our sympathy to the family.

Pete Lara from SPAG visited with the Board of Directors this week.

Wanda Black has had a hospital stay, but is home now.

The Center is planning a 'Big Garage Sale' October 16. All donations will be appreciated.

The ones who came to the Center for lunch are urged to register. The weekly sheet is our's on Thursday and Friday, but if you miss it, call ahead. Some days the cooks have more people to feed than food prepared.

New people are coming and visitors are welcome. It's a nice place to be these cool days. Exercise, games, long walks in the hall and lots of visiting go on everyday. So come on in and ENJOY!

See You Next Week,
Smitty

Library Filmtime

Sixteen girls and boys attended Filmtime on Wednesday, September 29. Mrs. Connie McWhirter was the special guest reader. She read the following books: *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*, *My First Animals* and *I Wish I Could Fly*. The group discussed their family pets and the responsibility of caring for them. They viewed a video, *Arthur's New Puppy*, followed by the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Everyone, including moms, participated in Toddlerobics to end the activities. Those attending were; Aaron and Matthew Ramos, Marina Corrales, Bryce McWhirter, Bailey Winn, Clayton Gass, Marcy Banfield, Silas and Jaxon Williams, Iris and Kevin Mejia, Merrit Crump, Lucas Hernandez, Whitney and Johnathan Davis, and Kaylea Altman.



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On October 17, Tabernacle Singers will be with us Sunday Morning at 10:45 A.M. Upcoming Revival with Reverend James West October 31 - November 3 Sunday Morning 10:45, Sunday Night 6:00, week day's at 7:00 P.M.
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Missionaries Had Tough Mission In Reno



Reno, Nevada, a gambling mecca, once known proudly as the divorce capitol of the Nation, gaudy wedding chapels everywhere, where gambling casinos are the state's largest employer, has the reputation of 'A pastor's grave yard'.

When Terry and Rita Fred left Lubbock a little over 2 years ago for Reno to start an Assembly of God Church there, they probably weren't fully aware of the difficulties facing them.

Terry is the son of Bob and Helen Fred and Rita is the daughter of Pete and Cathrine Reed, all from Denver City. Terry and Rita are both 1975 graduates of Denver City High School. They have three children, Daniel, Regina and Gabriel.

The mission couple found a

place to live in Reno, not aware it was a tough gang area. Their three children started talking to other youths, inviting them home for Bible study. Rita said she was astonished to find children who had never owned or seen a Bible.

Gradually their ministry efforts began to reap rewards. They held meetings in their apartment complex club house, and attendance figures grew. When the Fred's celebrated their two year anniversary of their new church, it was attended by more than 100 people.

Rita Fred will speak on their experiences in Nevada in special services at Seagraves First Assembly of God at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, October 10, and the public is invited.

Card of Thanks

Thanks so much to all our local friends for your many expressions of sympathy---the supportive, uplifting cards, calls and visits, the food and beautiful flowers and plants. From the Family of Rose Ancinec; *Joe and LaVerne Ancinec, Gregg and Rheanell, Jerry and Gail, Brad and Vicki and all the grands, greats and great-greats.*



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We Get Letters

A preacher friend once told me our most precious freedom is the freedom to worship. To worship means "to honor or to reverence a divine being." To most Americans that means to worship God. To some that means to worship rocks, trees, golf balls, footballs, rock stars, or other inanimate objects. Even sadder, to others, it means to worship nothingness.

Every other First Amendment we enjoy is built on the foundation of the freedom to worship, the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, the freedom to peacefully assemble, and the freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances. Both the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution protect and guarantee religious freedom. Both contain those provisions because the framers carried a strong distaste for English and Mexican state support religions.

Article 1 of the first 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution contains the so called "First Amendment" freedoms. These first 10 Amendments are called the "Bill of Rights". They were not included in the original U.S. Constitution. The First Amendment was added through the efforts of James Madison and Thomas Jefferson at the urging of religious leaders.

The Church of England was the established state religion of that time in England. Attendance was compulsory. Taxes were levied to support church activities. Nonconformists were punished. That's why some folks emigrated to America. If one happened to be a member of the Church of England, all this state support (money), may have seemed like a good idea, but if one were a Roman Catholic, Baptist, Brethren, Methodist, Presbyterian, Jew or anything else, it was not too popular.

The Texas Constitution goes even further than the U.S. Constitution. It bans the use of state money for religious purposes. As citizens of Mexico, the early Texas colonists were faced with another state supported religion, Roman Catholic. It was supported by public taxes. Again, if one were a Roman Catholic that might have seemed like a good idea, but if not it might have seemed unfair. Hence, the laws against state supported religions, and the protected freedom of worship.

Are public school prayers and especially football prayers an act of worship, which should be protected by the U.S. or Texas Constitution? When I hear a public prayer, I like to hear it from someone who sounds like they are personally acquainted with God, and who sounds like they are getting through. The best prayers are private.

I do not understand all I know about public school prayers. We do not seem to want kids praying at football games, but the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress open with prayer. It is probably because those openings are more serious than the other. However, I have seen some pretty serious football games.

On any given Friday, Saturday, or Sunday during football season thousands even millions of people attend football games. Why do some get upset about the lack of a prayer at a football game when they never darken the door of a house of worship?

Although the U.S. Constitution does not mention God, the U.S. Declaration of Independence does. It expresses a "firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence". The Texas Constitution defines freedom of worship: "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences." Are those words now somehow illegal?

Maybe we just talk about values, but how do we talk about values, and not talk about God?

Last but not least, why do our coins say, "In God We Trust" when we don't.

Richard Clark

October, 1999, Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Did you know.....Children of violent homes are in great danger. In families where woman battering occurs, the rate of child abuse or serious neglect is 1500 percent higher than the national average. Whether or not children are being physically abused, they suffer emotional and psychological trauma from living in homes where the fathers abuse their mothers. Boys who witness their mother's abuse are more likely to batter their female partners as adults than boys raised in nonviolent homes.

We urge you to support the Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, serving Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

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From The Hack

Two things really impressed me the last few days, one very favorably, the other in a more disgusting manner.

Tech's surprise whacking of the Aggies in Lubbock brought moans of anguish from College Station heard in Afghanistan.

A burning question - with the big upset under his belt, if Spike somehow manages to beat the 'Horns, Baylor, Oklahoma and OSU, do you think he will avoid the axe? My suspicion says no.... those victories would probably lead to a

bowl bid, and you KNOW he will blow that.

The disgusting impression? No less than Guv Jesse Ventura, naturally, with his mindless observation regarding organized religion as a sham. He has the brass fixtures to call religion a SHAM after making filthy lucre in a WRESTLING RING? Some brains work in really mysterious ways. And then some just don't work at all.

Things you'd like to say at work but can't:

'And your crybaby whiny-butt opinion would be...?'

'If I throw a stick will you leave?'

'I'm trying my best to imagine you with a personality.'

'Nice perfume. Must you marinate in it?'

'How do I set this laser printer to stun?'

City Of Plains Texas Community Development Program Contract Number 717649 Final Public Hearing

The City of Plains will conduct a final public hearing on its 1997 Texas Community Development Program Water Grant on Monday, October 11, 1999 at 5:05 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 601 11th Street, Plains, Texas. Topics to be discussed are completion of water improvements and expenditure of grant and local funds.

The City encourages recipients of the project as well as other interested citizens to participate in the hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to David Brunson, City Administrator. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Hall office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. All written comments will be addressed in writing within fifteen days after public hearing.

Notice For Bids The State Of Texas County Of Yoakum

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District will receive bids until 5:00 p.m. on Friday October 8, 1999, for the purchase of quality pre-owned Cessna 340 airplane. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in regular session of the Board on Tuesday, October 12, 1999.

Contact Sandy Land UWCD for specifications. Bid price will be paid from surplus budgeted funds.

For bid forms, please contact the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 130, Plains, Texas 79355. (telephone 806/456-2155).

Sealed bids should be marked "Cessna 340 Airplane" on the envelope and be mailed or delivered to Sandy Land UWCD, P.O. Box 130, Plains, Texas 79355. No Facsimile copies will be accepted.

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(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 2 19 99, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de Noviembre de 19 99 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 76a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

ELECTION PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
101	Precinct 1 Building	139 E. Broadway	Denver City, TX
202	Community Building	West 15th Street	Denver City, TX
303	Yoakum County Library	901 Avenue E	Plains, TX
305	Yoakum County Library	205 E. 4th Street	Denver City, TX
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue G	Plains, TX
406	Tax Office (Branch)	122 W. 4th Street (W. 4th @ Ave. B)	Denver City, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: **County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains, TX**
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) **& Yoakum County Tax Office, Denver City, TX**

(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 18, 1999
(date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el día 18 de Octubre, 1999
(fecha)

and ending on October 29, 1999 (y terminando el día 29 de Octubre, 1999)
(date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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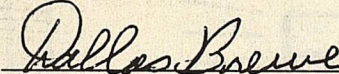
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