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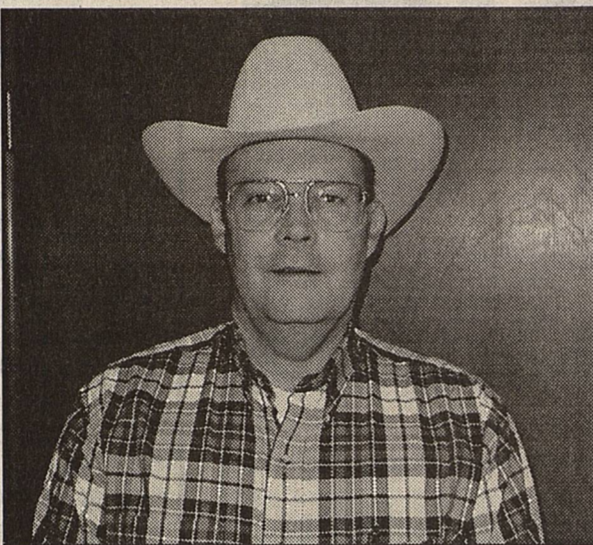
## New faces in county politics Profiles of incoming office holders

When Yoakum County election results were posted in the courthouse last Tuesday evening, there were collective sighs of relief from at least three families. The races for county Sheriff, Tax Collector/Assessor and Precinct 3 Commissioner were history. The following reflects interviews last Thursday with the winners of those three offices, presented in alphabetical order.

Sheriff-elect Don Corzine, 53, has been a resident of the county since 1983. He and his wife Carol have three children, daughters Judy, 30, Jana, 26, and son Derek, 19. Carol is employed by Yoakum County Hospital in the medical records department.

Corzine has 18 years experience in law enforcement, including duty as a Deputy in the Terry and Yoakum County Sheriff Departments. He is currently an officer in the Denver City Police Department.

Corzine told CCN he made the decision to run for the office of Sheriff for a number of reasons. "My goal in law enforcement has always been to become sheriff. I felt I could contribute to the county, make a worthwhile effort for our



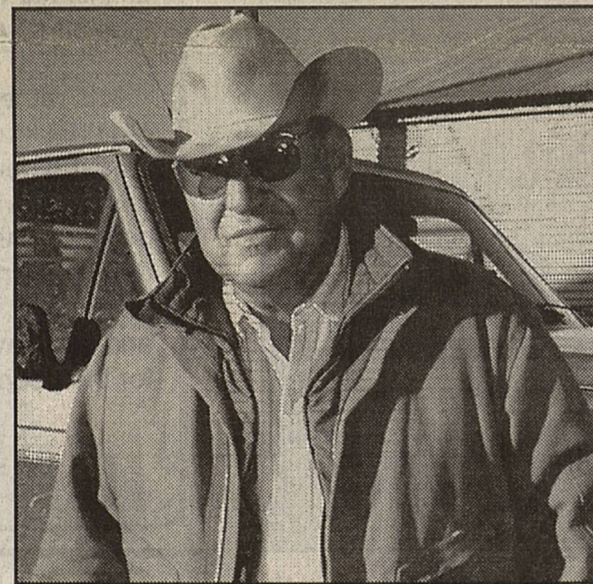
local law enforcement. I was encouraged to run for the office by a number of citizens. I like people, and feel I can have a positive impact on many lives in the county. I appreciate the many voters who supported my views."

Corzine will probably resign from his position with the D.C. Police Department around mid-December, in plenty of time for being sworn in as Sheriff on January 1.

In the closest local race, Ty Earl Powell narrowly defeated his Republican opponent Rex Swann by 31 votes in the Pct 3 Commissioners race. Powell told CCN, "Waiting for the results to be posted last Tuesday evening was a bit nerve wracking, but I was prepared to accept whatever the voters decision was. I realized Rex was a very competent opponent and was worthy of the job."

A farmer and rancher, Powell, 56, is a lifetime resident of the county. He and wife Linda have two children; Lebert is a First Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Eielson AFB at Fairbanks, Alaska. He and wife Amelia have one child, Sommer. Daughter Jo Lena and husband Chad Wall live here, and their daughters name is Jentry. Jo Lena is a Physicians Assistant at the Plains Clinic.

Powell said his decision to run was based on his desire to serve and give something back to the county. "Our family has been here so long, I feel it is an honor to serve and try to make the county a better place to live."



He considers the greatest challenge facing county government is to maximize the proper and best use of tax dollars, while trying to keep taxes down, yet maintaining adequate services for all citizens. He plans no changes in personnel of Precinct 3.

Betty Rivas and husband Navor sweated out the vote postings in the courthouse last Tuesday night. When the total count was in, she said they shared a collective sigh of relief. She will become the County Tax Collector/Assessor January 1.

Betty was born in Denver City 46 years ago, "And I'm still here," she told us Thursday. Her husband is employed by Oxy Permian. They have two sons, Navor Jr., a college graduate of Texas Tech now in Midland, and Eric, a graduate of NMSU living in Midland.

Betty has been in the Yoakum County Tax office 22 years, and now holds the title of Tax Deputy.

She said the decision to run for the office took a great deal of thought and family discussion. "I became convinced I could handle the job, all the office responsibilities. I had been well trained and supervised by my boss, Wanda Smith. I decided to go for it."

Rivas told CCN election night was a nervous time for she and Navor. "I felt fairly positive, but still, very nervous. When it was finally over, I felt a great sense of relief. Now, I feel confident, sure I can fulfill the duties of this office."

Rivas said she may be forced to make personnel changes after the first of the year. "We have two employees who are trying to make a decision



about retiring or staying on. I would hate to lose either lady, but that's an issue we'll have to face after January 1."

**Last Tuesday's snow storm produced .89 inches of precipitation from melted snow according to official National Weather Service' instruments at City Hall**

## DWI cases in County Court

Two DWI cases were heard in County Court November 8, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Guy Clayton Jones pled guilty to a first DWI with open container. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated for 12 months. He was fined \$600 and must pay \$225 court costs. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 13 hours served. He must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offenders program, and serve 24 hours community service. He was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

Joe Dan Garcia pled guilty to a first DWI. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$225 court costs and \$500 fine will be met with time payments. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 13 hours served. He must attend weekly AA meetings and complete the first offenders program. His license was suspended 90 days. He must install an interlock device, and failure to do so will suspend his license one year. His attorney was Jimmy Hammons.

## Mule Deer season starts here Saturday

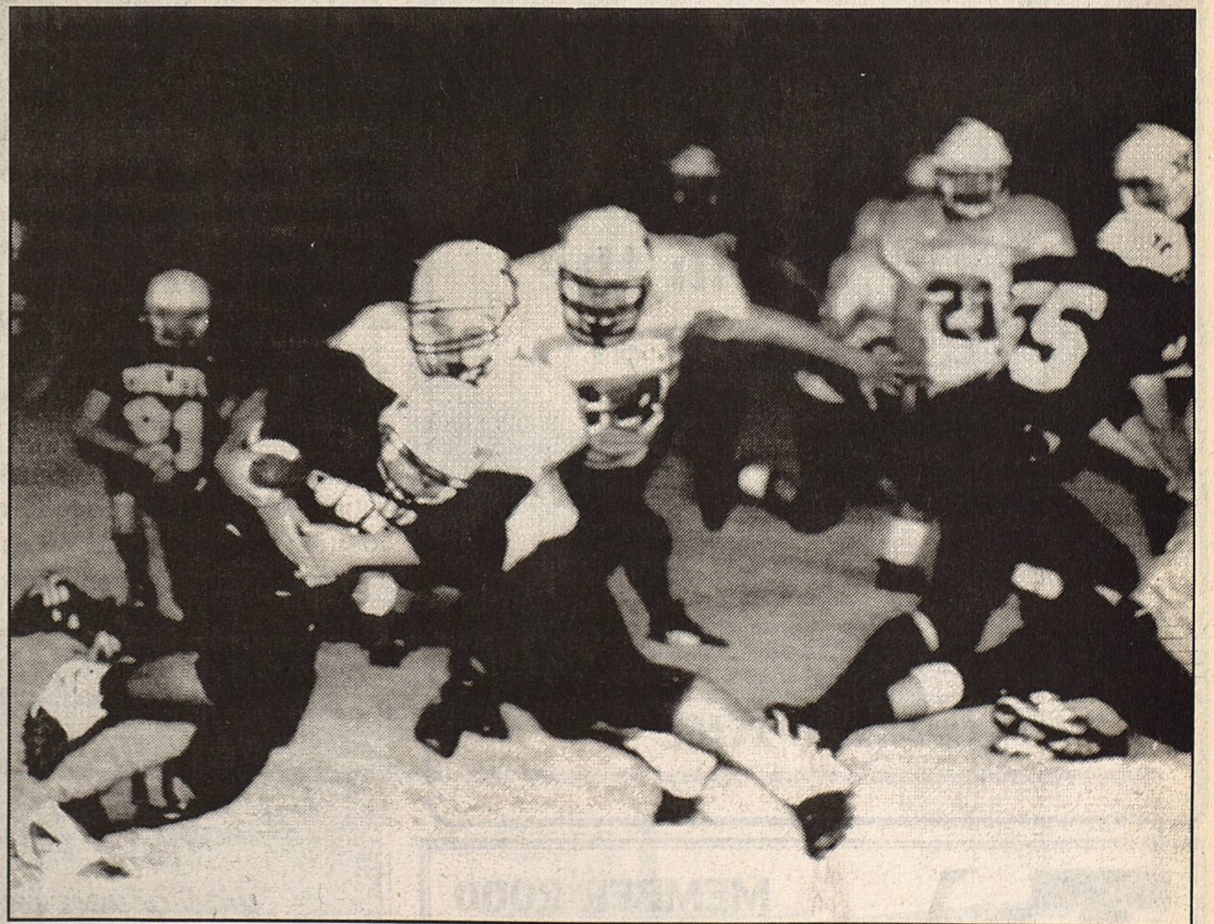
The deer hunting season has started in Texas, and will soon start for mule deer in the following counties; Andrews (west of Hwy. 385), Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb, Terry and Yoakum on November 18, and will run through November 26 this year. Several news articles have been published indicating the season lasts until December 3, but that date is for counties located in the northern Panhandle and in the Trans Pecos area.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department still encourages hunters to harvest mature bucks only. These animals should be older animals 4 1/2 years or older. Duane Lucia, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist stationed in Lubbock emphasizes the harvest of immature animals will result in a reduction of mature animals in following years. "We need to continue to harvest the top of this herd, and we will continue to have quality trophy animals in

the years to come. Lucia added, "There is no doe hunting allowed in these counties. Some areas do have large groups of does, but this is somewhat normal. We are still trying to grow this deer herd into all available deer habitat. They can travel long distances for food, cover and water. Usually when they find what they need they will tend to herd up until they disperse for new areas."

Texas Parks and Wildlife is once again going to collect data from harvested deer allowing department personnel to look at the age structure and herd health of harvested deer in these counties. The Panhandle deer herd appears in good shape. Rains in late May and throughout June allowed good growth of forb and browse species deer utilize, and surveys indicate an above average fawn crop. Questions or comments about mule deer or other species can be addressed by contacting Lucia at 806-761-4970.

## Cowboys prevail, beat Forsan 18-13 Last gasp effort produces season ending win



Adam Garcia about to be trapped by Buffaloes

In the waning minutes of Friday night's game against the Forsan Buffaloes, it's possible the Cowboy coaching staff resorted to some old but classic cliches in an effort to spur the team to supreme efforts; "Don't give up the ship," or, "Dam the torpedos, full speed ahead."

Whatever the message was, it obviously worked. Trailing 13-12 very late in the fourth period following the Buffs second score, with less than two minutes on the clock, the Cowboys

took the kickoff, advanced the ball downfield with a vengeance, and despite a penalty, with just 52 seconds left on the clock, Bell scored on a one yard plunge to give the Cowboys their season ending win.

At the start of the contest it appeared Plains would run away from the Buffaloes. Forsan took the opening kickoff, and good defense work from Nick Hays and Brett Squyres, and Kelsey Blundell knocking down a Buffalo pass

stopped them cold.

The Cowboys took the punt at the 48, and good blocking by the line allowed ground eating rushes by Jared Bell, Adam Garcia and Squyres drove the ball to the Buff's 1 yardline, where Bell punched in for the score and a 6-0 lead.

The Cowboys elation was short lived. Joseph Rodriguez boomed the kickoff to Forsan's 8 yardline, where Buffalo

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## 1990 State Champs

The 1990 Cowgirl State volleyball team will be one of five championship teams honored at the 2000 U.I.L. State volleyball tournament to be held at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos on Saturday. The Cowgirls held off Windthorst 15-10, 18-16 in semifinal competition and defeated Round Top-Carmine 15-8, 15-11 in the Class A championship match. They ended their season at Toney Burger Center in Austin with a 37-2 record and a third consecutive state volleyball championship.



Bottom Row: Brandi Lester, Darce Pierce, Leslie Gonzales.  
 Middle Row: Coach Joyce Pierce, Melissa Green, Kambi Cobb, Sandra Ramos, Amy Crutcher, Oglá Ramirez, Michelle Lowe, Manager Roseanne Martinez.  
 Top Row: Coach Charles Cain, Jolena Powell, Rena McElroy, Amy Jones, Stephanie Cole, Leslie Patton, Vee Ann Fitzgerald, Coach Bill May.

### SPC Spring 2001 Schedules Available

Spring 2001 class schedules for South Plains College are now available.

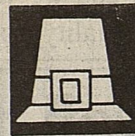
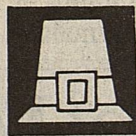
SPC has scheduled spring registration January 8-9 at the SPC Reese Center campus, January 10-11 at SPC Lubbock and January 11 at SPC Levelland.

SPC Lubbock registration will include sign up for courses offered at the downtown location

and at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center in Lubbock.

The schedules also list evening courses and courses offered through the Internet.

SPC's spring schedules are available on-line by contacting [www.spc.cc.tx.us](http://www.spc.cc.tx.us) and can also be obtained by contacting SPC at 806-747-0576, ext. 4601 or 806-894-9611, ext. 2570 or 2375.



**Thanks to all the Yoakum County voters who cast their vote for me in the recent General Election. Your thoughts and confidence are greatly appreciated.**

*Jimmie Rice*



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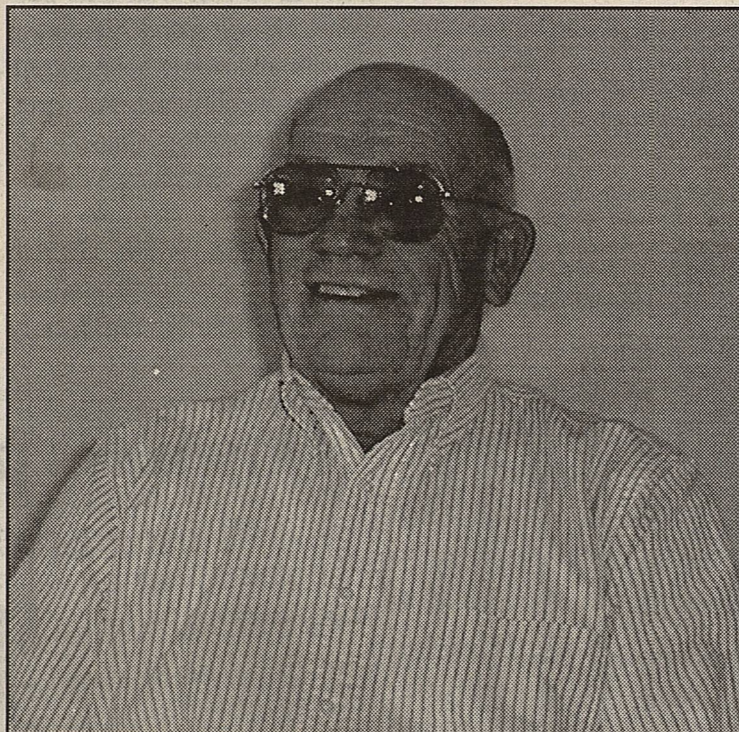
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### Bud Forbus elected to Conservation Board



Bud Forbus of Plains has been elected to serve on the Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. District Directors are elected to serve a four year term. He joins Don Burgess, Dan Wall, Larry Nelson and Danny Bell as members of the Yoakum SWCD.

The five members serving on the District Board are responsible for carrying out the District's educational, informational and conservation programs.

The Yoakum SWCD promotes sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the District. In addition, the District serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

*A sincere and grateful thanks to all the voters of Precinct 3 for the support I was given in the General Election. I am looking forward to working for and with the citizens of Precinct 3 and Yoakum County. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to Rex Swann for a clean and respectful campaign.*  
*Ty Earl Powell*

### Highway Patrol Association to Award 2000 MEDAL OF VALOR

Boerne, Texas--The Texas Highway Patrol Association will present Highway Patrol officer, Derome Daniel West with the 2000 MEDAL OF VALOR at 1:00 p.m. on November 19, 2000 in Boerne, Texas. West is the ninth recipient of the award, and will receive a \$1,000 check and an award plaque. He will also be honored with a permanent plaque in the Texas Highway Patrol Museum, located in San Antonio.

The award is given annually to a Texas Highway Patrol Officer whose actions are deemed heroic by Association members.

West was selected to receive the award for his actions at a disturbance call in October of 1999.

On October 2, 1999, West responded to a disturbance call in Boerne, Texas and exposed himself to gunfire in order to divert the attention of a gunman who had shot and killed Larry Kolb of the Kendall County Sheriff's office. West fired three times at the assailant, killing him.

West also received a Medal of Valor from the Department of Public Safety for the same incident.

*In honor of this Veterans Day just passed, we are repeating one of the first, and certainly the most remembered tribute to those who fell in defense of their country;*

### The Gettysburg Address

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

*- Abraham Lincoln*

- Prepared by Gerald Murphy  
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**I would like to thank you, the voters, for your support and encouragement throughout the race for commissioner, and offer my very best wishes and congratulations to our new county commissioner, Ty Powell.**  
**Thanks again, Rex Swann**

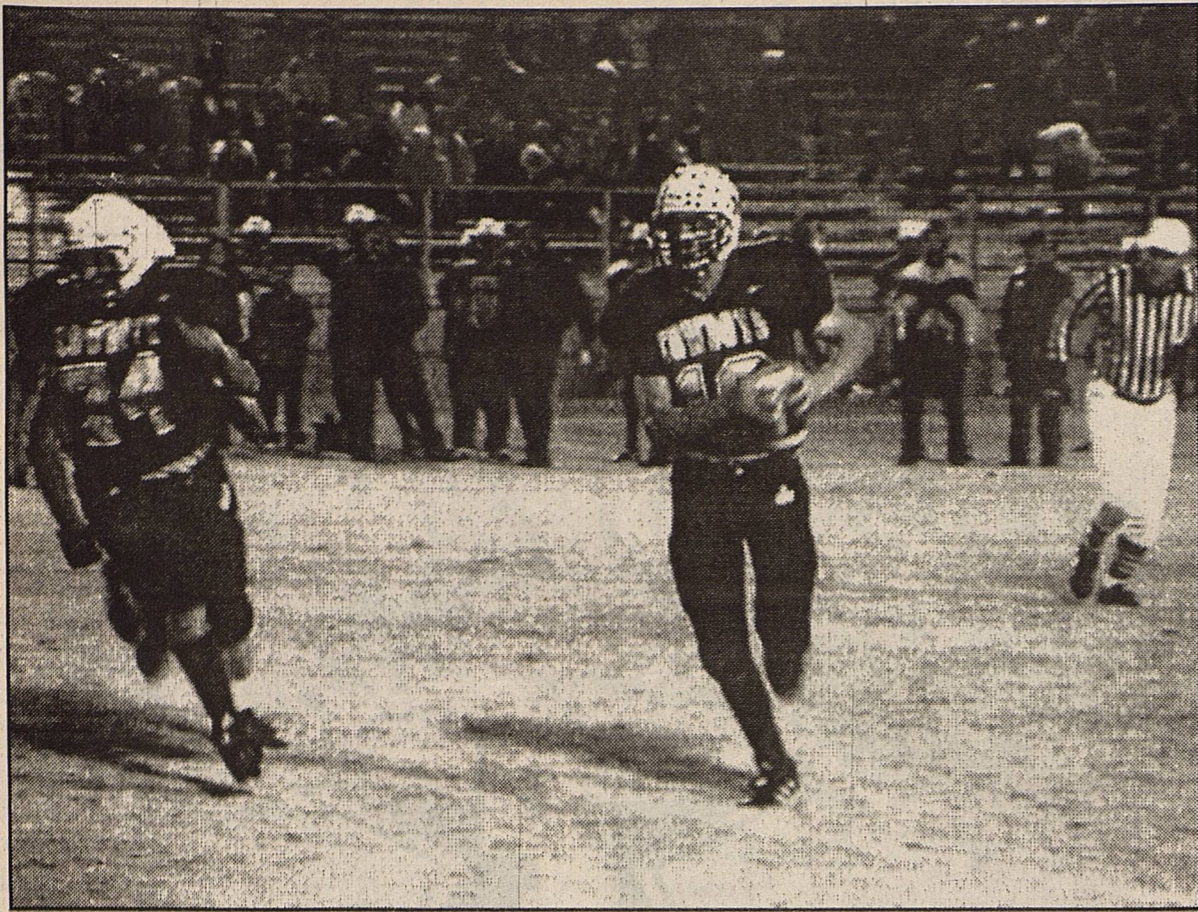
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Louis Escobar, 74, escorts Jared Bell for good gain

Dustin Baker grabbed it and in vain looked for a teammate to hand it to. He was forced to run it, and went almost untouched for 92 yards and a touchdown, and the PAT put the Buffs up 7-6.

Israel Moreno gained 14 yards with the kickoff, Squyres went off right guard for 7 yards, and Bell then raced 52 yards for another quick Cowboy score. In the absence of injured kicker Aaron Cain, the Cowboys again attempted a 2 point conversion which failed, but they were back in the lead 12-7 at the end of the first quarter.

When they got possession in the second period, the linemen opened good holes for gains by Bell and Garcia. Joseph Rodriguez, now in at fullback,

gained 28 yards in three good runs, and the Cowboys drove to Forsan's 11 before the Buff defense held. Neither team could prevail offensively until halftime.

Both the Cowboys and Buffaloes were ineffective on the ground and through the air in the third quarter, and the score remained 12-7 until the final period. In their first possession, the Cowboys came alive. Bell hit Squyres with a pass good for 18 yards, and rushes by Moreno, Garcia and Rodriguez pushed the ball to the 9 yard line, but a penalty moved the ball back, and two incomplete passes turned the ball over to Forsan.

They started their drive at the 19, and went the distance of the

field in 17 running plays to go ahead 13-12

The Cowboys took the kickoff at the 44. A Bell to Tanner Hamm pass fell incomplete, but Bell then found Adam Garcia open for a big gain, which was partially nullified by a Cowboy penalty. Adam Garcia took advantage of a hole his linemen provided and pushed the ball to the 11 yardline, from where Bell went over the middle for the TD and an 18-13 lead with less than a minute on the clock.

When the Buffs took the kickoff, they desperately went to the air, and fortunately, Stan Caballero made a stellar interception which allowed the Cowboys to end the long season with a satisfying win.

## JV Cowboys down Forsan 8-6 in finale

The younger Cowboys ended their 2000 season with a satisfying win 8-6 over Forsan last week. Their only score came on a 17 yard run by Manuel Ramos, and a two point conversion pass from Richard Diaz to Zach Broome. Coach Davis said he was proud of the young Cowboys efforts this year, and expects good things from them in coming years.

## Student of the Week



This week's student of the week is Maria Reyna, a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wenceslas Reyna. She was nominated by Mr. Portillo who said, "Determination and Dedication are just a few words to describe Maria. Her determination to succeed is very evident in her attitude. Even though she may appear shy and quite, she has more pride in school than anyone can imagine. She is a great role model for the many young students that surround her. Her dedication and commitment have played a key factor in the success of the extra curricular programs that she is active in. She is a blessing to have around and her positive attitude is contagious not just to the students around her but it also affects those who teach her."

## Cowboy Football Season Statistics Summary

The following is a summary of computer generated stats of both team and individual performances during the 2000 football season:

Rushing yardage; Jared Bell, 786 yards, 4.9 yard average; Adam Garcia, 410 yards, 3.6 average; Brett Squyres, 203 yards, 5.5 average.

Passing yardage; Jared Bell, 32 completions, 446 yards, 13.9 average; Stan Caballero, 14 completions, 184 yards, 13.1 average; Aaron Cain, 8 completions, 98 yards, 12.3 average.

Pass receiving; Tanner Hamm, 12 receptions, 155 yards, 12.9 avg. Aaron Cain, 7 receptions, 122 yards, 17.4 avg.; Adam Garcia, 12 receptions, 82 yards, 6.8 avg.; Kelsey Blundell, 6 receptions, 80 yards, 13.3 avg.; Brett Squyres, 7 receptions, 73 yards, 10.4 avg.

Punt returns; Jared Bell, 7, 126 yards; Adam Garcia 6, 69 yards. Kick returns; Adam Garcia 17, 252 yards; Israel Moreno 8, 135 yards; Jared Bell 8, 94 yards; Kelsey Blundell 6, 58 yards.

Punting; Aaron Cain 27, 859 yards, 31.8 avg.

Kickoffs; Joseph Rodriguez 31, 1148 yards, 37 yds. avg.

Fumbles recovered; Jared Bell 4, Aaron Cain 3, Adam Garcia 2.

Tackles; (The coaching staff reported these figures are not 100% accurate - in most cases, game films indicate players have more tackles than reported on the computer print-out)

Brett Squyres 80, Jared Bell 59, Adam Garcia 42, Joseph Rodriguez 33, Israel Moreno, 26, Armando Luna 25. (only the top six are reported here).

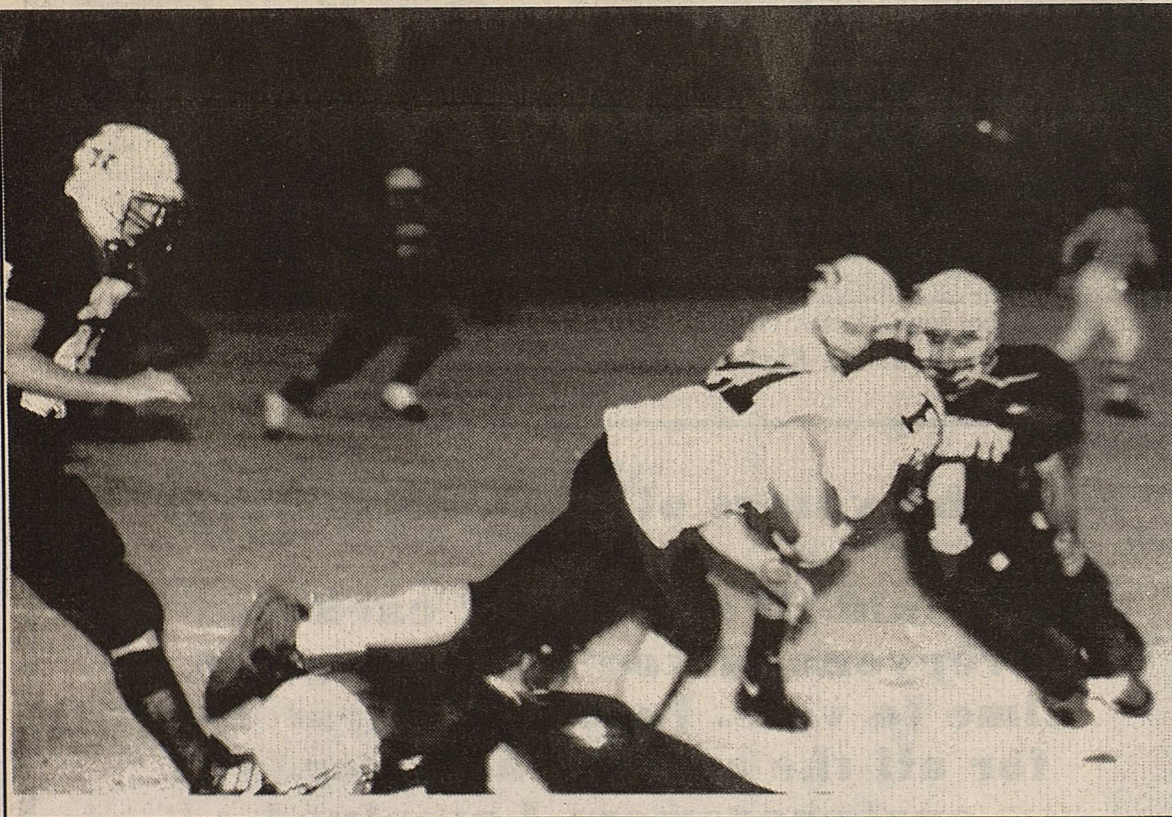
Pass Interceptions; Adam Garcia and Stan Caballero, 2 each; Aaron Cain, Israel Moreno, Brett Squyres, 1 each.

Fumbles recovered; Bell 4, Cain 3, Garcia 2, Blundell, Moreno, Peppin, Hamm, Squyres, Ruiz, Rodriguez 1 each.

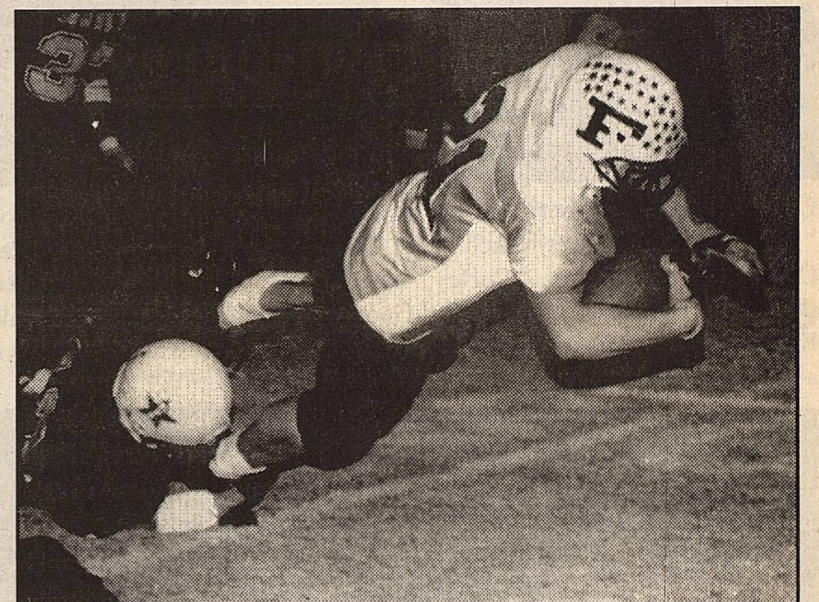
Interestingly enough, the Cowboys scored 62% of their 127 points in the first half. Unfortunatel, their opponents scored 58% of their 241 points during the same half.

Bell was credited with blocking three extra point kicks, and Rodriguez and Chris McGinty blocked one punt each.

The Cowboys managed 112 first downs to their opponents 163, 76 of them rushing, 26 passing, and they converted 30 third down plays in 112 attempts



Cowboys converge on Buffalo runner



Stan Caballero traps Buff runner



Trainer Edith Gonzales wraps Jonathan Peppin's ankle

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## Plains Junior High WINS DISTRICT 3AA Title In Saturday's UIL One-Act Play Competition

Plains Junior High School won the District 3AA UIL One-act play contest on Saturday, November 11th. They competed against five other schools and won the district title for the second consecutive year.

Brant Huerta was named as the Best Actor in the contest. He played the role of Lenny in Plains' version of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Breck Hamm and Cade Arnett were named to the All-Star cast for their portrayal of Curly and Slim. In Addition, Blake O'Quinn and Kerry Sisson were named as members of the Honorable Mention All-Star cast for their portrayal of Carlson and George.

The judge for the contest this year was Mr. Jay Brown from Lubbock, Texas. He spent several years directing one-act play's at Lubbock Cooper ISD before directing theatre at South Plains College and Wharton Junior College. He is a qualified judge who comes highly recommended from the University Interscholastic League.

Stanton Junior High took second place in the

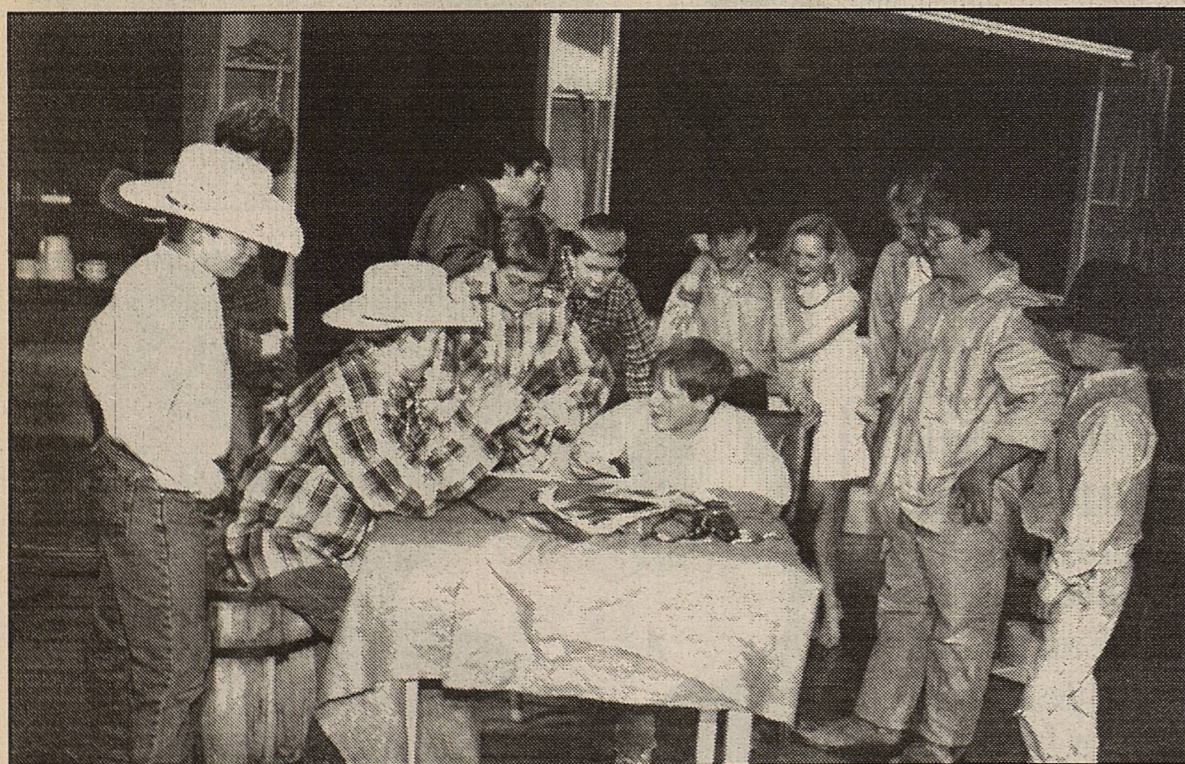
competition with their production of "A Toby Show". Third place went to Forsan Junior High School with their production of "The Little Match Girl". Also participating were Seagraves, Coahoma and Colorado City.

Participating in Plains' production are Brant Huerta, Kerry Sisson, Blake O'Quinn, Patrick Cotton, Reagan Haynes, Cade Arnett, Ben Hayes, Payton Bean, Breck Hamm, Caitlin Carter, Stetson Sellers, Challie Johnson, Angelica Mendoza, Nicole Culwell, Skyler Keesee and B.J. Lester. Gary Davis and Paula Cullins are directing the play this year.

The students will present their play on Thursday evening at the Plains High School auditorium at 7:00 pm. The presentation will be in conjunction with the PHS Student Council holiday food drive. In Lieu of admission to the performance, the community is asked to bring a canned food to donate to the food drive. Following the performance, Student Council members will be knocking on doors throughout Plains asking for food item donations.

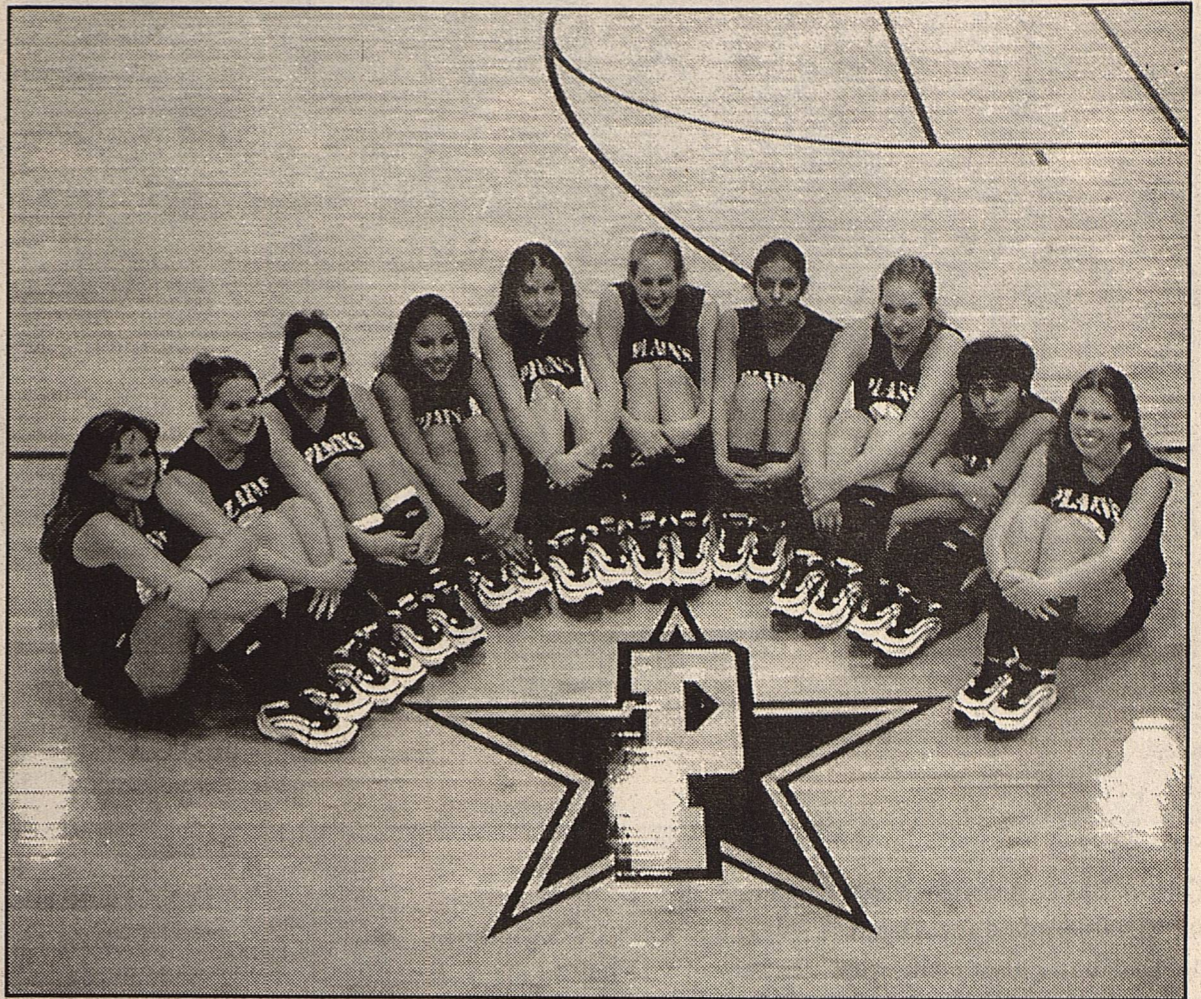


Cast and Crew members: (actors roles shown after their names) Front, kneeling - Reagan Haynes, 'Boss', Stetson Sellers, ranch hand, Challie Johnson, ranch hand, Cade Arnet, 'Slim', Ben Hays, 'Crooks', Breck Hamm, 'Curley', Angelica Mendoza, Crew. Back Row - Patrick Cotton, 'Candy', B.J. Lester, Crew, Kerry Sisson, 'George', Payton Bean, 'Whit', Blake O'Quinn, 'Carlson', Skylar Keesee, Crew, Caitlin Carter, 'Curley's wife', Brant Huerta, 'Lennie'. Nicole Culwell, Crew, unavailable for photo.



Some of the "Mice & Men" cast and crew take a break during rehearsal

## MEET THE 2000-2001 COWGIRLS



Varsity Cowgirls- Chelsea Blount, Mackenzie Winn, Chelsi Wagnon, Frances Cordova, Michaela Traweek, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Arasley Luna, Kim Willis, Tanya Vasquez, Lexi Warren.



JV Cowgirls- Front row; Moriah Traweek, Kim Trent, Crystal Garcia, Jessica Rodriguez, Keri Hansen. Back, Kenia Molina, Kayla Willis, Jessica Knight, Jill Gray, Mandi Rogers, Sarah Martinez, Joanna Diaz.

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**THANK YOU AGAIN!**

*Betty N. Rivas*



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## Local Receive's Academic Scholarship

The Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships at Texas A&M University is pleased to announce that Kristen E. Gray from Plains was selected to receive an academic scholarship based on past and potential academic and leadership achievement.

Gray, a graduate of Plains High School, received the President's Endowed Scholarship, Director's Excellence Award and the National Merit Plus Award. The academic scholarships are offered for four years of undergraduate work at Texas A&M University.

## Brownfield Pageants Scheduled

The Miss Brownfield Scholarship Organization will be sponsoring the Miss Brownfield Pageant on Saturday, December 2, 2000 at 7:00 pm. in the Brownfield Middle School auditorium. The winner will advance to the Miss Texas pageant in Fort Worth, Texas the first week in July 2001. Miss Texas is part of the Miss America Organization. Miss America is the largest scholarship pageant in the nation for women.

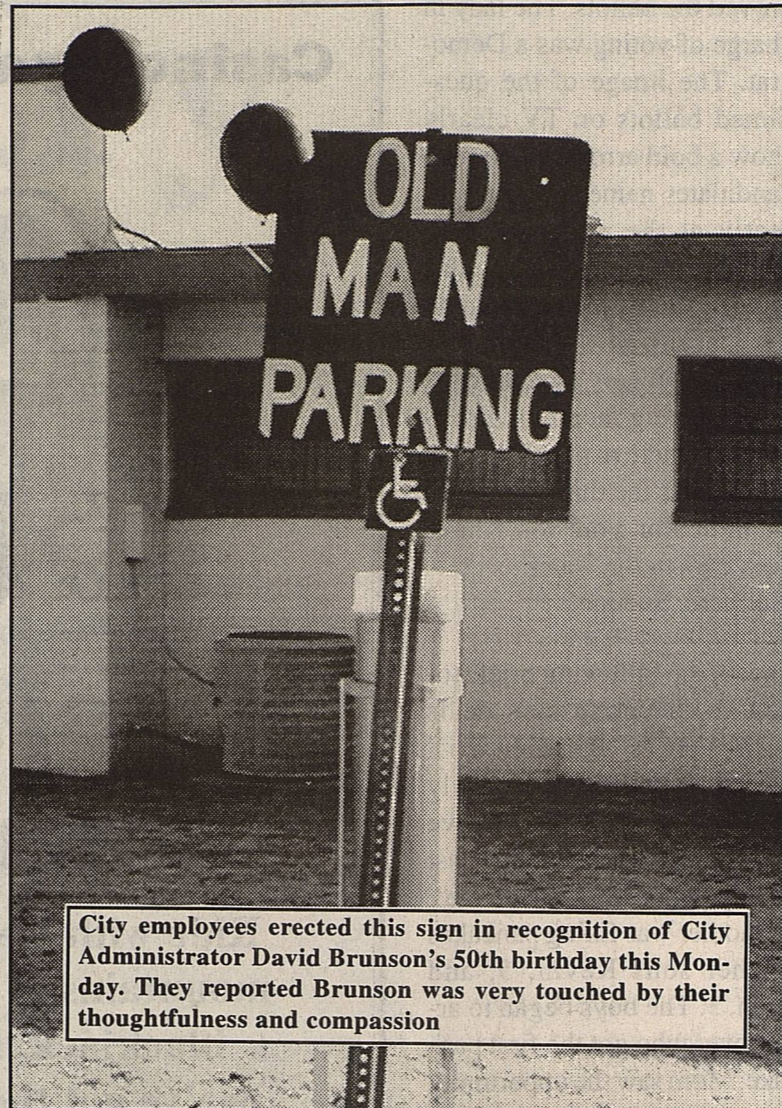
Miss Brownfield 2000 is Stephani Stokes. She is a sophomore at Texas Tech University. Miss contestants must

be at least 17 and a Senior in High School, but can be no older than 24. You do not have to be from Brownfield to enter. Competition includes Physical Fitness in swimsuit, Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown. There is no entry fee for the Miss competition. Several scholarships are awarded at this preliminary and also at the Miss Texas competition. Anyone interested can contact Yvette Harris, 806-637-8130 for more information.

Miss Teen Brownfield is for young ladies 13-17 years of age. This competition will be held Saturday, December 2. Competition will consist of Physical Fitness in swimsuit, Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown. Miss Teen Brownfield will advance to the Miss Teen Texas pageant in Fort Worth. Scholarships will be presented to the winner. Miss Teen Brownfield 2000 is Melissa Bond. Melissa made top 20 at the Teen Texas competition in July 2000.

The Little Miss Brownfield competition will also be held on Saturday, December 2, 2001. You do not have to be from Brownfield to enter. The competition consists of the following: Babies - Three age divisions (age date of pageant); on stage presentation of each baby wearing a Christmas or Pageant dress. Judging on beauty, choice of garment, overall appearance, and personality; no interview.

Girls - 2 - 13 years old; five age divisions (age as of 9/1/00); competition will consist of modeling (party dress or



City employees erected this sign in recognition of City Administrator David Brunson's 50th birthday this Monday. They reported Brunson was very touched by their thoughtfulness and compassion

Christmas dress), interview, talent, and beauty.

For more information on the Teen or Youth pageant contact Paula Parker, 806-784-0029.

## Library Storytime

We had five children brave the snow and cold weather in order to show up for Storytime on Wednesday, November 8th at the Yoakum County Library. We said the pledges to the United States and Texas flags, sang a new Thanksgiving song, read the book, "1, 2, 3 Thanksgiving", and watched two films, "Morris the Midget Moose" and "Fresh Hare". The children attending were: Arista Davis, Micah St. Romain, Clayton Gass, Claire Carpenter, and Iris Majia.

## Gifts for Veterans

The American Legion Auxiliary and Tsa Mo Ga Club are collecting Christmas Gifts for the Veterans at Big Spring VA Hospital. Gifts should be something that the Veterans would select to send to their family members for Christmas. Preferably non breakable items. These gifts may be left with Mary Jo St. Romain or at the Plains Library before November 30th, 2000. Johnny Jones, Yoakum County Veterans Service Officer will deliver these gifts to the Big Spring VA Hospital. Thanks to each of you for helping make a better Christmas for a Veteran.

## "Women, Children and Addiction" Program Scheduled

The Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities and the Lubbock Regional MHMR Center are offering a professional education seminar entitled "Women, Children and Addiction". This seminar is targeted to employees of human service agencies to help them identify and effectively work with women at risk of having a child affected by alcohol or other drug use. Its focus is prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE).

The instructor for this seminar is Kappie Bliss, M.Ed., LPC, a nationally recognized educator and trainer who has presented numerous seminars throughout Texas and the United States.

The seminar is scheduled for November 30, 2000 from 8:00 am. to 5:00 pm. at the Lubbock Regional MHMR Center, 1602 10th Street Second Floor Staff Development Room. CEU's and A&D Continuing Education Hours for LCDC's have been requested. Registration is \$35.00. For more information or to register call Irene Barrientes at 806-797-1746.

## PHS Student Council Hold Food, Clothing Drive

The Student Council will hold their annual community wide scavenger hunt and winter clothing drive Thursday, November 16.

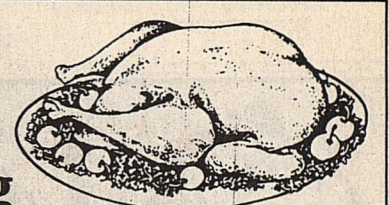
The scavenger hunt will begin at 7:30 pm., and students who want to participate in this competition should meet in the foyer of the boy's gym. Collections will benefit the local food bank and Women's Protective Services.

Students will ask community members to donate canned goods and used winter clothing, as well as other items. Additional items that will be collected for the Women's Protective Services include toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, and powder.

The scavenger hunt will follow the junior high one act play presentation *Of Mice and Men*. Boxes will be set up in the foyer of the auditorium for anyone who wishes to donate canned goods and other items.

The scavenger hunt is sponsored by the Pride and Patriotism committee and is a class competition.

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# From The Hack



**A timely E-Mail:**

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She lowered altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago but I don't know where I am."

The man consulted his GPS and yelled, "You're in a hot air balloon approximately 30 feet above a ground elevation of 2346 feet above sea level. You are 14.97 minutes north latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude."

"You must be a Republican," said the balloonist.

"I am," replied the man, "How did you know?"

"Well, everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and in fact I am still lost. Frankly, you haven't been much help to me."

The man replied, "You must be a Democrat."

"I am," she replied, "but how did you know?"

The man responded, "Well, you don't know where you are or where you are going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

OK, so I had to bite my own tongue last Wednesday morning. Because we wanted to feature local election results, we printed CCN on Wednesday morning instead of our usual Tuesday print schedule. Because of time restraints, I had the paper wrapped up except for plugging in the local vote tally on the front page. I had written this notorious column prior to Tuesday night's election debacle, and I said words to the effect I was very glad the election was a done deal. That's what the tongue biting was about. IT STILL AIN'T A DONE DEAL!

I am still incredibly glad Tuesday's ridiculous TV coverage is over. The talking heads on all the major channels made barnyard braying creatures of themselves as they early on bounced Gore wins over the air like ping pong balls, only to be forced to red facedly say, "Woops, we got a little early here and there."

Bride and I moved around on the channels, but spent most of the time watching CBS and talking head Dan Rather. Normally he appears quite urbane, smooth, polished in his delivery, a master of the language in a manner all can understand. Not Tuesday night. He used more colloquialisms, more corn ball sayings and phrases than are uttered in five solid days at the Local Table Of Wisdom. You know, how mad is a rooster in the rain? When is the fat lady going to sing? How

rusty are lug bolts on a '55 Chevy? Come on Dan, give us a break.

This will probably get me in hot water. So? I've been scalded before. I just can't see all the hullabaloo about the disputed ballot forms in the Palm Beach area. BOTH parties approved the ballots. The lady in charge of voting was a Democrat. The image of the questioned ballots on TV clearly show a bold arrow in line with candidates names pointing directly at the punch hole to record that vote. You know, this is not exactly like explaining the hydrogen bomb or Einstein's theory of relativity. You got a big fat arrow directing you where to punch, bubba, if you miss the thing it may be an indicator you don't have both oars in the water. So there. Sue me.

One of the following brief stories about young kids deals with FBC's Brother Bill Wright. If you guess correctly which one you will receive tapes of all his sermons the past twenty years, absolutely free!

A mother was fixing pancakes for her sons Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who got the first pancake. Mom saw the opportunity for a moral lesson, and said, "If Jesus were sitting here he would say, let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

A father was at the beach with his four year old son. The boy ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to where a dead seagull lay. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the boy asked. Dad replied "He died and went to Heaven." The boy pondered this a moment and asked, Did God throw him back down?"

After church services a little boy told his pastor, "When I grow up I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but

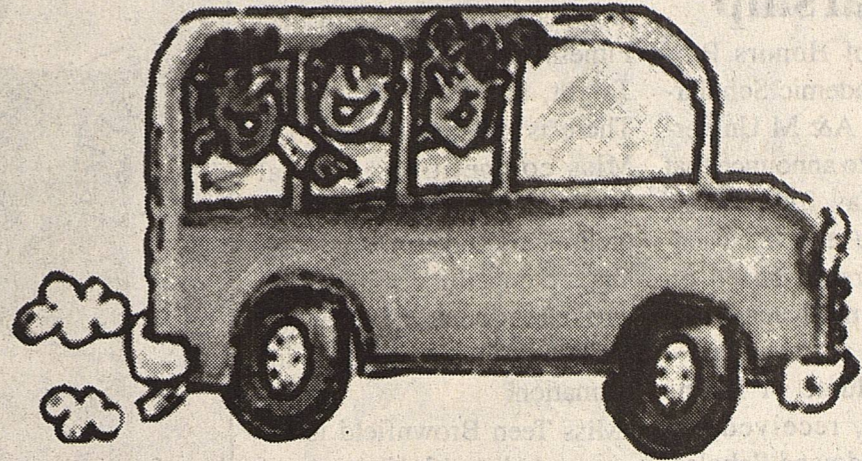
why?" "Because my dad says you are one of the poorest preachers we've ever had." Pretty tough choice, wasn't it?



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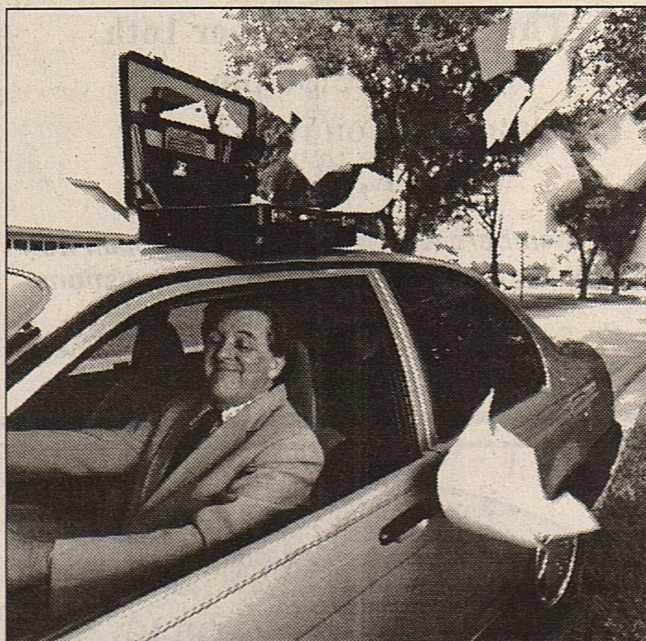
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