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Cowboys Smother Smyer District Showdown Vs. Sudan Here Friday

The weather for Friday night's 47-14 blowout victory by the Cowboys was bitter cold. The Cowboy offense and defense were obviously not, and at times even looked red hot. They extended their season record to 9 - 1, and a perfect 5-0 district mark. The Cowboys took control of the game early. Big plays by Wayne Willett and Kirk Parrish stopped the initial Smyer possession, and a poor punt gave the Cowboys the ball on the Smyer 39.

The offense struck hard and fast. Ralph Ramirez hit Joe Luna for 12 yards, and Eric Luna would then cross the goal from the 8 for a 6-0 lead.

The Cowboys again frustrated Smyer when Parrish sacked the QB for a big loss, forcing another punt, this time to the Smyer 43. Ramirez threw to Joe Luna again for 13 yards. The line blocked well for Eric Luna and Josh Traweek, and drove the ball to the one, where Ramirez sneaked in for his first TD of the night, and Traweeks run for the 2 point conversion and a 14-

0 score. In Smyer's next possession, they managed a first down, but big defensive plays by Joe Luna, Abraham Garcia, and another Parrish QB sack forced another punt. Smyer's defense stiffened, and the Cowboys couldn't effectively move the ball.

In one of their better series of the night, Smyer methodically moved the ball against the Cowboys, on the ground and thru the air, and managed their first TD. Eric Luna stopped the 2

point try, and the score was 14-6 Cowboys.

Coley Burgess recovered the on side kickoff by Smyer, and the Cowboy ground attack again began to click with runs by Eric Luna and Traweek, but a fumble gave the ball back to Smyer on the Cowboy 37.

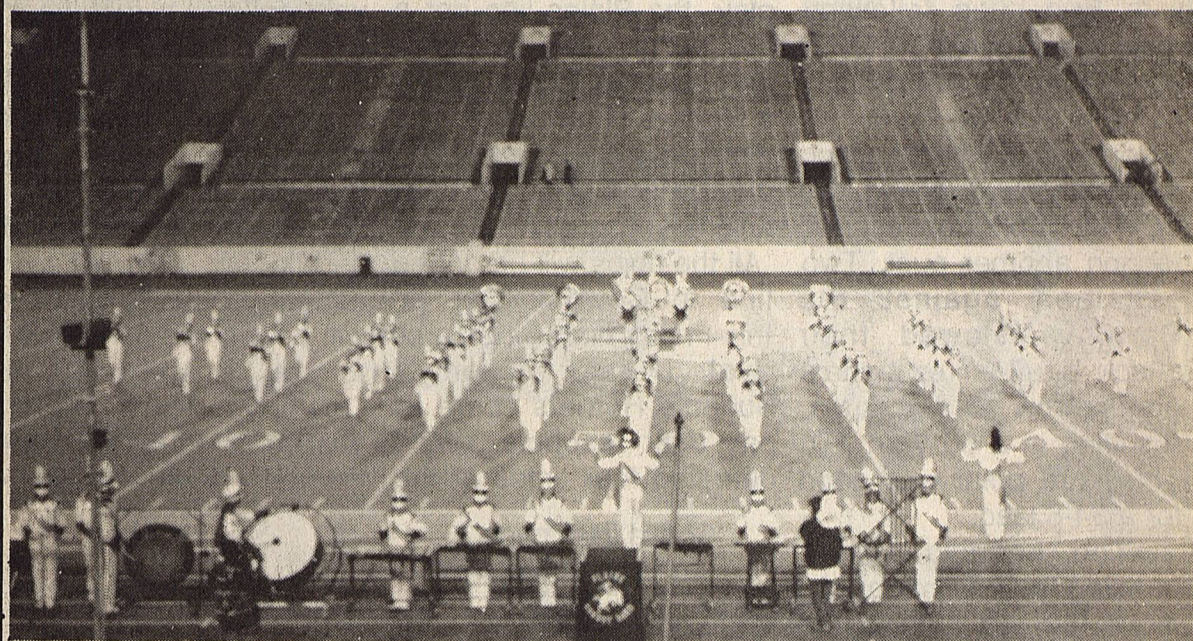
On their second play, Eric Luna stepped in front of a Smyer pass, grabbed the ball and made a good return

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Eric Luna Makes Good Run, Big Gain

Championship Band Performance Brings Honors To School, Town, Themselves



Cowboy Band Struts In Cavernous UT Memorial Stadium

Last Tuesday evening, siren's began to wail, horns began to blow, announcing the caravan escorted, triumphant return home of our State Championship winning Cowboy Marching Band. Returning from the grueling statewide competition in Austin with the #1 Trophy safely in hand after the scrutiny of the expert judges, the band filed off the busses at the band hall, fatigue evident in each face, but smiling, proud faces.

They were met on the outskirts of town by some eighty vehicles, led thru a town of revelers, and met at the Band Hall by an almost ecstatic crowd of followers.

The huge room immediately filled with the band, but 90% of the crowd were supporters. Director Byron Morgan gave a brief speech, barely heard because of his faltering voice, caused by the intense contest, and his verbal instructions to the band throughout the competition, and from plain old fatigue.

A video was shown, to an absolutely hushed crowd, watching the Cowboy Band make their final performance for the Judges, ultimately making them the unanimous choice, "State Champions, 1995 !!"

What a great honor. The only state Championship Contest we are aware of which recognizes the individual, and of course, group performances of a bunch of students from the 8th grade thru High School level.

It was reported the Band and it's entourage on the trip and contest in Austin had a multitude of scheduled, even unscheduled practice sessions prior to the final performance in Memorial Stadium. We also learned group discipline and behavior by the band members on

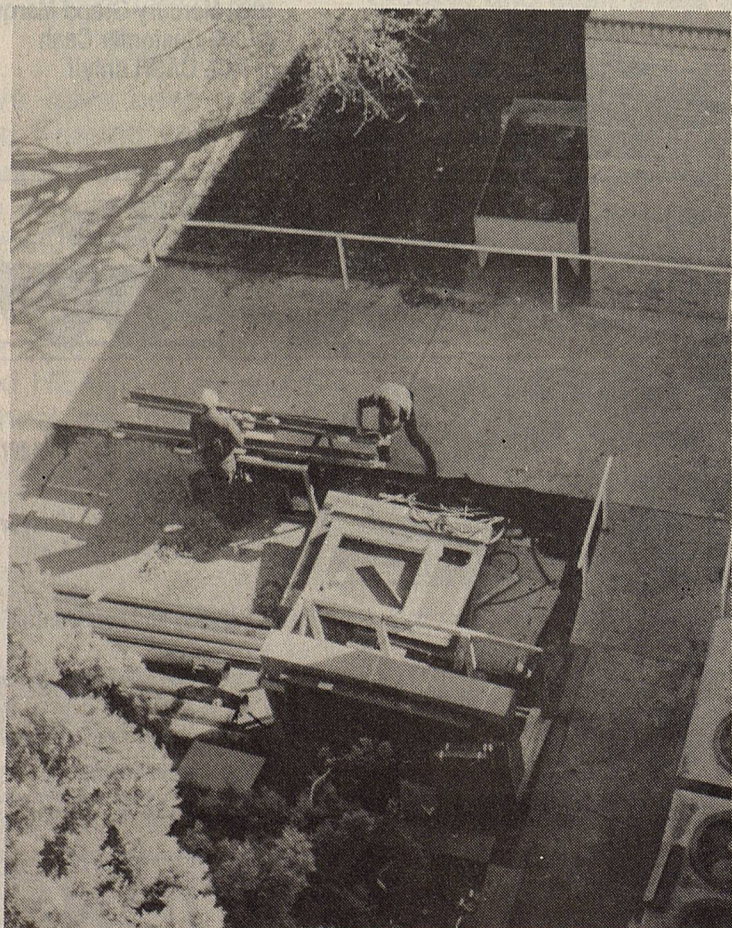
the important trip were exemplarily. Several people attending the big meet reported the video brought home was very good, "but couldn't begin to even come close to the actual effect the band had on the audience while they were on the field. They've never played louder, better, or PROUDER! There was just

no doubt they earned the State Championship".

Director Byron Morgan reported, on both times interviewed, "this was just a great bunch of kids, great musicians, whom my wife Carol and I are so very happy and privileged to have worked with this year".

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Out With The Old, In With The New



In the above photo, workers are shown behind the Courthouse, assembling some of the components to be used in the new replacement elevator now being installed. Some of the worn out equipment from the old elevator can also be seen. One of the main problems causing the demise of the old installation was a major hole in the hydraulic oil

cylinder. There is no definite time table for completion of the approximate \$80,000 job, but the installation crew of Dover Elevator think it could be operational in two to three weeks, much to the relief of the employees, officials and public who have been trudging up the three flights of stairs several months now.

Chamber Makes Plans

The Plains Chamber of Commerce met Thursday morning to discuss plans for coming community events. Attending the meeting were members T.J. Miller, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, David Bunch, Holly and Gary Dyer, David Brunson, Toni Jones, Harry Richardson and Johnnie Fitzgerald.

The annual Chamber and City sponsored Christmas Tree Lighting in Pioneer Plaza will be held at 5:45pm, Wednesday, November 29. Events scheduled are children singing Christmas carols, a message from Rick Doyle, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, and a visit from Santa Claus. You may have your child's photo made with old Saint Nick by bringing one or more cans of food, which will be distributed again this year to the needy. Hot chocolate will also be available for the probable chilly evening.

A tentative date was set for the annual Chamber
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At Last, At Last! NEW WATER WELL APPROVED, TURNED INTO CITY SYSTEM

Following what seemed like years of waiting, not months, to both City officials and townfolk, final approval by the State bureaucracy filtered down to City Hall Thursday, approving the water quality of the new well. The well's valve was opened, the pump kicked on, and the new storage tank south of town is now full.

City Administrator David Brunson said the well is developing some 120 gallons of water per minute, actually a little more than was expected when the well was first drilled.

The drilling rig on the other new well just west of the City limits is still pounding away. Because of other good irrigation wells in the immediate vicinity, Brunson feels confident the new hole will be another source of badly needed water. Once the drilling is complete and the well is developed, the City must again comply with regulations and tests mandated by the State before the second well can be utilized, but City Hall is confident by time the peak consumption summer months arrive, both wells will provide residents a more than adequate supply of water.



Robert Loya, David Brunson turn new well into city lines.

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to the 4. Ramirez would soon punch the ball over for his second score of the game, and then hit Marte Pierce for the 2 pointer and a 22-6 lead.

A few plays before the half Arthur Hernandez recovered a Smyer fumble, but the gun would sound before the Cowboys could add to their score.

In the second half, neither team could effectively move the ball in their initial opportunities. Smyer attempted a desperation fourth down pass which failed, and gave up the ball on the Cowboy 41. The Cowboy line fired off and downfield, with Eric Luna following their broad backs for a 59 yard TD burst, and a 28-6 game.

Linebacker Willett sacked the Smyer QB for a big loss in their next possession, forcing another punt. Two penalties against the Cowboys slowed their attack, but Ramirez made a good throw to Joe Luna, resulting in a 60 yard TD. The extra point was good for a 34-6 lead.

The ensuing Smyer passing attack began to move the ball against the Cowboys, until Joe Luna intercepted a pass and made a sparkling return for another touchdown, and the kick made it a 41-6 ballgame.

Smyer came back surprisingly determined, and in four plays managed to cross the goal and complete the two point



Joe Luna Jukes Out Smyer Back

conversion to close the gap to 41-14.

Smyer again tried an onside kick which was covered by the Cowboys on their 48. On the first play, the Plains line got a big surge, moved down field and led Eric Luna for a 52 yard TD scamper. The blocked extra point would give the Cowboys their final 47-14 victory.

All the chips will be on the line in Cowboy stadium this Friday night when arch rival (Read, 'Enemy') Sudan's Hornets come to pay their respects. While defeated four times at the

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Banquet on January 25, providing other events do not conflict with the date. The Chamber is contacting prospective guest speakers, and local merchants and individuals will be contacted for door prize donations. Confirmation of the date, and announcement of the speaker will be announced as soon as possible.

very first of the season, they hold the same district record as the Cowboys, 5-0. The Cowboy-Hornet conflicts are always intense, possibly even more so this year following last year's Cowboys defeat at Sudan, and after an article appeared in the A-J attributing some "bad mouthing" to Hornet players.

Newspapers probably should not take sides in athletic contests, and we will not do so. All we have to say is, we hope the Cowboys KICK SOME 'SUDAMN' POSTERIONS!

County Court Meets

The County Commissioners Court met Monday, Nov. 13. The Court discussed and acted on Agenda items as follows; Approved minutes of month of October meetings. Neal Newsom introduced Larry Morrow, L.J. Sanders, members of the County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Mario Avila, District Conservationist, Texas Natural Resources Commission. The Board asked the Court to renew the County monetary grant of \$7,000 to help defray labor costs in various county conservation programs. The Court postponed action on the request.

The Court approved a bid from Yellowhouse Machinery, Lubbock, for the purchase of a new John Deere 624 diesel loader. The bid purchase price was \$107,064, less trade in of a 1990 John Deere loader, for a difference of \$47,064. The loader will be used in Precinct 3.

Tommy Guy Box, Plains, was appointed to replace Murrell Thompson, deceased, as a member of the County Welfare Board. Sheryl Russell, Supervi-

Good Artwork

Gwen Carter, owner of "The Cinderella Shoppe" south of town off Hwy. 214, recently contracted the services of local artist Bob McClellan, Morton, to paint a special sign for her gift shop.

McClellan reported he has been dabbling in one form of art or another most of his life, and has been active painting murals on buildings all over the South Plains. His works can be seen in Denver City, Seagraves, Morton, Dimmitt, Earth, Crosbyton, Muleshoe, and dozens of other rural towns. He painted the local Yoakum County Abstract office here sometime back.

McClellan said he started his commercial art career in California in the early seventies, doing airbrush art on custom vans and trucks.

He discovered a Morton girl to his liking some years ago, married her, and they have four boys, being raised by his talented hands and brush work.



Remember 'Parity' Topic ?

A few years back, parity price for farm growers and livestock producers was one of the hottest topics in Ag production areas, as well as on Capitol Hill. Parity price, defined simply as what a producer should get for his commodity, based on the cost of production at current cost levels, compared to what he actually receives in the day to day market. The Chart below reflects the ongoing difficulty in achieving this goal of everyone involved in agriculture, a goal which may never again be reached.

(Figures from USDA Market Prices Index)

Farm Price Barometer For September 1995

Commodity	Parity Price	Current Price	Percent of Parity
WHEAT (bushels)	\$ 8.62	\$ 4.42	51
RICE (cwt.)	24.10	7.70	32
CORN (bushels)	5.84	2.73	47
UPLAND COTTON (lb.)	1.59	.821	52
PEANUTS (lb.)	.619	.305	49
BARLEY (bushels)	5.22	2.52	48
FLAXSEED (bushels)	10.70	5.15	48
OATS (bushels)	3.24	1.49	46
GRAIN SORGHUM (cwt.)	9.01	4.87	54
SOYBEANS (bushels)	12.50	5.92	47
BEEF CATTLE (cwt.)	142.00	58.90	41
HOGS (cwt.)	98.30	48.20	49

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in September 1995 was up 2.9 percent from the previous month and up 8.2 percent over September 1994. Gains over August 1995 for lettuce, wheat, corn and milk more than offset declines for grapes, potatoes, cattle and strawberries. As compared with a year ago, September 1995 higher prices for hogs, corn, lettuce and wheat offset lower prices for cattle.

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Cowboy Cross Country Runners Place Second in State Meet

The weather in Georgetown last Saturday was perfect for the huge State Championship Cross Country meet, provided you were watching it on TV, in the comfort of your warm Living room. The arctic front bringing strong, very cold north winds to most of the State late Friday made a very tough sport tougher on the runners, and even the large crowd of spectators and supporters.

When the hundreds of runners from every section of the state finished the grueling course, the frigid air could not stop the sweat pouring from bodies of struggling runners fighting the clock, one another, and the demanding Southwest University course laid out on their nine hole golf course.

The Regional winning Cowboy team, comprised of Jeremy Dearing, Hector Gallegos, Ralph Ramirez, Will St. Romain, Jamie Caballero, Jason Robertson and Joe Luna had high hopes of knocking off the strong team from Priddy, the Class A defending champs, and strong favorites this year, but couldn't quite get the job done.

The Cowboys finished a very respectable second in the strong field, behind Priddy, and nosing out Navarro who finished third in the large field of 12 1A school teams, and with individual qualifiers making a total of 125 runners.

A cross country race is very hard on the runners, and hard on the spectators too, because of the huge area the course covers. It is virtually impossible to follow the runners from the start to finish, unless you are an official in a golf cart monitoring the event. Nevertheless, as the runners pass, the strain on the contestants is obvious as they race by, sweat pouring, legs and bodies straining, lungs burning, and runners collapsing in physical pain and exhaustion at the finish line is a common sight.

Several PISD officials commented at Georgetown the annual championship event gets larger each year. School buses of every size, shape and color were observed, from Amarillo to McAllen, El Paso to deep East Texas, and the very large number of spectator vehicles filled the entire campus of Southwest University.

The Cowboy runners are to be congratulated for another very successful year, a very long, extremely tough year.

Individual Cowboy finishes in the large, strong field included Jeremy Dearing, 11th, 18:04, Joe Luna, 16th, 18:16, Jamie Caballero, 28th, Ralph Ramirez, 32nd, Will St Romain, 45th, Hector Gallegos, 67th, and Jason Robertson, 76th.

WAY TO GO, COWBOYS!

groups, and even a few 3-A organizations. If you are among the persistent, stay at home Friday night types, you are going to miss a real treat if you don't catch this group together before the regular season is over, here at home against big time foe Sudan.

"Way To Go, Band!"

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY SCENES



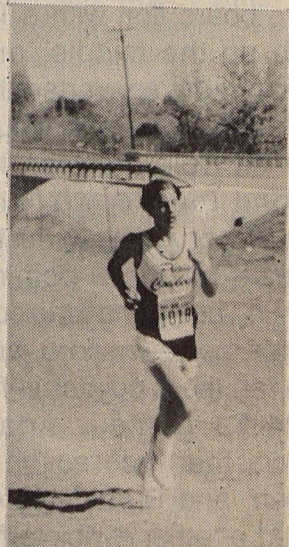
The Team- Front: Hector Gallegos, Will St. Romain, Joe Luna. Rear: Coach McAdams, Jason Robertson, Ralph Ramirez, Jamie Caballero



Jeremy Finishes Strong



Ralph and Jamie Start 2nd Lap



Will Going Up Hill Again



Joe Luna Starts Over



Three Exhausted Cowboys trying to recover, and console each other

Jr. High Volleyball Summary

The B-team was defeated by Seminole 10-15, 1-15.

The A-team was defeated by Seminole in 3 games; 12-15, 15-11, 12-15 October 30, 1995

The 7th grade volleyball teams ended their season on a good note.

The B-team was defeated by Brownfield in 3 games; 8-15, 15-13, 8-15

The A team pounced on Brownfield and defeated them 15-5, 15-0

Elva Ruiz had 7 straight serves in game 1 and 11 straight serves in game 2.

They have done an excellent job this year and have improved a great deal. They also have been a pleasure to coach.

The 7th grade Volleyball girls are: Emily Blair, Martha Casillas, Frances Cordova, Lensey Cullins, Amanda Garcia, Dawn Garland, Kari Guetersloh, Angelica Hernandez,

Kimberlee Jones, Ashlei Mason, Adrienne Ramoz, Donita Richardson, Lesli Rowe, Elva Ruiz, Lisa San Filippo, Tanya Vasquez, Lexi Warren, Kim Willis, Michaela Traweek.

8th Grade

Plains 8th grade Volleyball girls ended their 1995 season at Brownfield on October 30.

The B-team lost their first game in a close contest with the score 13-15, but could not seem to get things together in the second game with a score of 6-15. They had split their previous matches with Brownfield earlier in the season, winning a match and losing a match.

Ending their season with a win, the A-team defeated Brownfield for the fourth time this season with scores of 15-5, 17-15. Brownfield had defeated the A-team once during the season.

The B-team ended the year with a 3-8 record, while the A-team had a 10-8 record. Some of the losses went three games and could easily have been a win for the Wranglers. Plains played only one Class A school all

season, the other games all against Class AAA and Class AAAA schools. We have a lot to be proud of in the way these young ladies represented our school.

Each of the Wranglers showed improvement during the season. This group was a privilege to coach, and will be an asset to the high school volleyball program next year.

I would like to thank each of the players for their hard work and enthusiasm this year. These young ladies want to put another "Gold Ball" on the gym wall, and with their attitude it just might happen.

A special thanks to the parents, grandparents, and other supporters of the 1995 8th grade volleyball team.

The Wranglers are now preparing for the basketball season starting Nov. 20. We hope to see the continued enthusiasm and support for our basketball team.

Coach Harragan

Student Of The Week

Adam Dominguez is a Sophomore, and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dominguez. Adam is a member of the State Champion Cowboy Band where he plays the trumpet and he plays J.V. Football. He was nominated by Byron Morgan.

"Adam is a very dependable young man. He is self motivated and he is always ready to help others when they need it. Adam knows what needs to be done without being asked," states Mr. Morgan. "Adam is a true leader and a great role model."

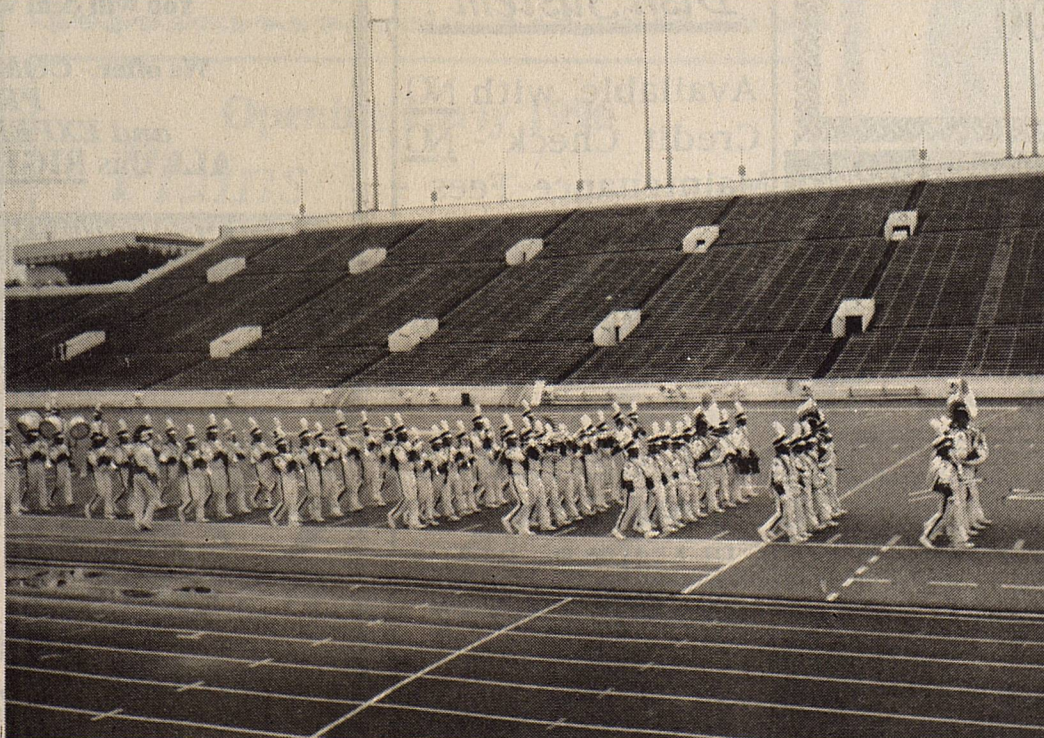


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We have been watching and hearing High School Bands for more years than we care to admit. It is our absolute conviction, the 1995 COWBOY MARCHING BAND is the finest group we have ever WATCHED, and HEARD, from any 1-A school, the majority of 2-A



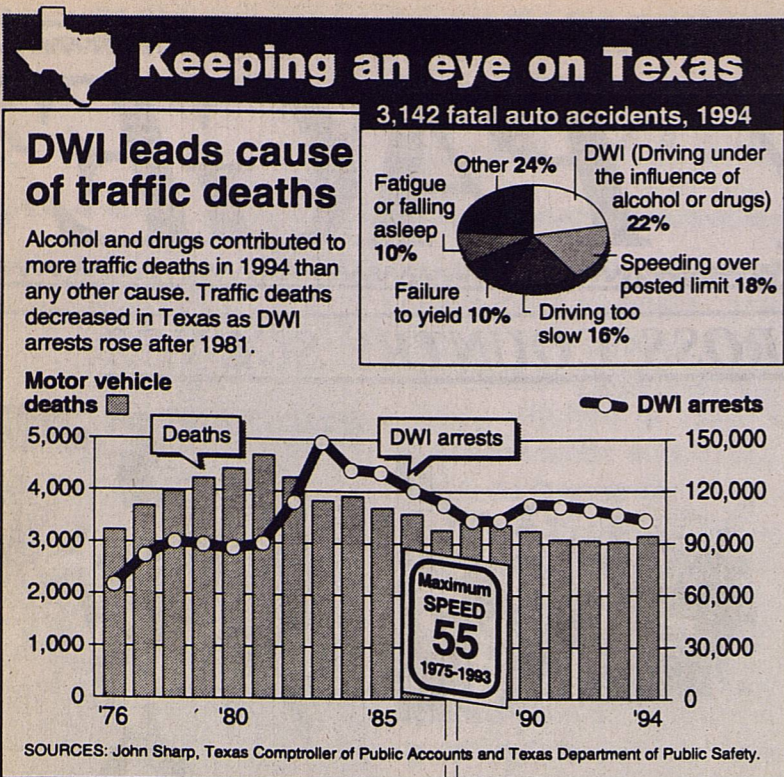
Drum Majors Jeremy Dearing, Tessa St. Romain



To Win, it's Practice, Practice, Practice



Steve O'Quinn gives boost to bus painter



County Criminal Court Session

Five DWI cases were heard in Judge Dallas Brewer's Court Wednesday, November 8. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Oscar Silva Medina, 23, pled guilty to the charge, was given a probated 12 month jail term. He must also pay Court Costs of \$227 and a \$500 fine. He must spend three days in the County jail, and attend AA meetings once per month.

Jose Luis Mendez, 24, pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. He was given an 18 month probated jail sentence, pay a \$750 fine, \$227 Court costs, and will serve 30 days in County jail.

Julian Varela Juarez, 30, also pleaded guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. He also received a probated 18 month jail term, \$750 fine, \$227 Court costs, and \$291.68 in restitution fees, and must attend AA weekly.

Jessie Ojeda Garza, 27, also pled guilty to DWI, received a 12 month probated jail sentence, paid \$100 of the \$227 Court costs, must pay a fine of \$500 in \$46 monthly installments, will spend one day in jail after credit for previous time, and must attend AA monthly.

Lupito Munoz Contreras, 23, pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. In addition to the 18 month probated jail sentence, he must pay a \$750 fine, Court costs of \$227, serve 30 days in County jail, and attend AA twice monthly.

A Galveston newspaper early this year announced the arrival there of a fine-toned organ from Antwerp, Belgium. The Episcopal Church now uses the first organ in Texas.

Josiah Wilbarger, who survived a scalping by Comanches near Austin, reported the scalping "sounded like the roar of thunder". The Texas News, Dec. 11, 1844

Student Of The Week

Robin Squyres is a Junior and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Newell Squyres. She was nominated by Mr. Davis.

"I have taught this student for the past five years and would describe her as honest, hard-working, respectful, self-disciplined, courteous, confident, self-assured, neat and mature.

Above all these things, Robin is mature enough not to blame anyone or anything for her mistakes. This shows much maturity for this young lady. She corrects those mistakes herself and continues along, making no excuses. She currently has a 97 average in Biology II and is always at the top of her class.

Robin goes beyond the minimum requirements on her work and does the extra things that are nice. Robin is also a good athlete and, I understand, a very good Cowgirl.



Wrangler Football Wrap Up

On November 7, the 7th grade Wranglers downed the O'Donnell Eaglets 20-0, and improved their season record to 6-1. Adam Garcia made a good run for the first score, and Aaron Cain's toss to Dustin Six for the 2 point conversion put the Wranglers in front 8-0. Garcia added another touchdown, and the final tally came when Cain took a pitchout and raced 50 yards for the score.

The 7th and 8th grade Wranglers joined forces November 9 against Smyer, and scored an impressive 32-12 victory. David Luna got the Wranglers on the score board first with a TD dash up the middle, and Fermin Luna converted the two pointer. Fermin would later hit Colt Winn for the second touchdown, and Kyle Sisson threw to Justin Bennett for the 2 pointer. Fermin Luna turned the corner for the next score, and also ran the 2 pointer in for a 24-12 game. Adam Garcia then scored on a sweep, and Brett Squyres added another 2 points for the final 32-12 tally. Coach Davis cited the outstanding defensive play by Armando Luna and Adam Garcia.

PISD Honor Roll

Elementary	Junior High	High School
All A's D.J. Robertson Lupita Quintana Kimberly Jackson Meghan Garcia Landon Craft Scott Addison Kimberly Gonzales Ericka Loewen Angelica Mendoza Araceli Mendoza Regina Morales Adriana Ponce	All A's Sandra Gallegos Jill Gray Elizabeth Wilmeth Tanner Hamm Ragan McGinty Annaliesa O'Quinn Scott Tirrell Becky Wilmeth 7th Grade Emily Blair Kelsey Blundell Aaron Cain Lensey Cullins Chris Estrada Ashlei Mason Dustin Six Lexi Warren 8th Grade Velvet Canada Christopher Cleveland Autumn Deaton Jessica Flores Kristen Gray Wendy Hernandez Fermin Luna Kelton Mason Laura Morales Anne Palmer Patty Ruiz Jason Swann Staci Tuggle A-B Honor Roll 5th Grade Chisum Deaton Krystal Gonzalez Mackenzie Winn 6th Grade Jared Bell Clint Hayes Ky May 7th Grade Sterling Deaton Kari Guetersloh	Kimbe Jones Lesli Rowe Elva Ruiz 8th Grade Krystle Blundell Candace Bowers Leticia Canon Nichole Newsom Kyle Sisson High School All A's 9th Grade Clint Burrus Marcey House Tommie McNabb Lisa Parrish 10th Grade Vicki Bayer Heath Bowlin Shawna Box Yvonne Gonzales Summer Howard Gideon Traweek 11th Grade Sonia Avila Yancey House Jacob Lester Mary Morales Roni Ponce Robin Squyres 12th Grade Valerie Blair Jeremy Dearing Steven Vasquez A-B Honor Roll 9th Grade Maranda Box LaChesha Johnson Matt Morgan 10th Grade Derek Brunson Shawn Cullins Laura Flores Abraham Garcia Delia Gonzales Kassie Lowe Lindsey Six 11th Grade Kyley Bearden Lyndi Rowe Tessa St. Romain 12th Grade Hector Gallegos Chris Payne Joshua Traweek



8th Grade Volleyball
Back: Wendy Hernandez, Candace Bowers, Rebecca Robertson, Pattie Ruiz, Laura Morales, Coach Haragan
Front: Jessica Flores, Autumn Deaton, Kristen Gray, Velvet Canada

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age. She stood on a box to reach the ingredients. She cooked for 6 people. Practice makes good cooking! Kerby Kitchen is always open to friends and family. If you don't know the meaning of "pinch" or "dab" go by and watch Odell put together her famous coconut pie. She will visit all the time, telling you about Kerby, Jimmy, Cleve, and, how good God has been to them and those wonderful grandchildren.

Sorry folks, we do not need any help. This is a bad job for Cowboy Country Kitchen, but someone has to do it.

Do you want good Cornbread Dressing? You have to start with good Cornbread.

From Kerby Kitchen
 1-1/2 cups corn meal
 1/2 cups flour (All Purpose)
 2 tsp. baking powder
 1-1/2 tsp. salt
 1 egg
 2 Tblsp. bacon drippings
 Pour into a hot iron skillet.
 Cook in a preheated 425° oven until done.

The CGN Cook went traveling around this week. Guess What? Just happened to end up in the Kitchen of Odell Kerby. She was cooking pork backbone and black-eyed peas, fried okra, cornbread and ice tea. The house had a wonderful aroma of home and black-eyed peas. As always, after hugs, she asked, "Would you care for a cup of coffee, tea, some cake or pie?" (Are any of you jealous of my job yet?)

Odell started cooking when she was 12 years of

Library Filmtime

Twenty-five children attended filmtime on Nov. 8. They said Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag, sung songs, played games, watched a movie, and listened to a book read. Those attending were: A.J. Martinez, Kimber Williams, Troy Parrish, Taylor Banfield, Lydia Witzel, Morgan Willis, Hunter Welch, Brandon Craft, Hannah Crump, Heather Penner, Cody Friesen, Landon Earnest, Katelynn Young, Rhaela & Rhaemi Stall, Kelsey Curry, Jasmine Whitzel, Holden & Haley Welch, Ashley Hainer, Merrit Crump, Alex Penner, Autumn Friesen, Dakota Earnest, and Jacob Brink.

Senior Citizen Corner

Knock-Knock. Who is there?

Everyone who missed the party last Friday night (including me). Word is they had a nice supper and fun games. Oh, well! Maybe next time we get a chance.

Dates to remember:
 On Nov. 13 all November birthday people will be recognized

On Nov. 15 we are having our annual Thanksgiving lunch, along with a Bake and Jewelry Sale. Anyone planning to come for the meal please register early. The Welcome Mat is out, so come on down.

New faces at the Center are Maria DeLanderos, Cesarene DeLanderos, Stanley Elliott, and Trinidad Tovas.

This month Donna Clark from SPAG spent a day in the office with the Director. Also Sue Smith, our dietitian came, along with some friends.

Our sympathy to the families of Jewel Rummage, also to S.L. and Peggy Dolloff on the death of their daughter Beth.

Next Wednesday is Pool tournament day at our center. All it takes to enjoy the fun is You!

All Seniors are welcome, come join our special days - or make every day Special and be here.

See you next week,
 Snitty

Methodists Score Big With Annual 'Chili Fest'



The First United Methodist Church's 2nd annual 'Chili Fest' was another successful fund raiser last Tuesday, Election day, November 7.

Despite the fact a large number of residents were out of town, following the State Championship Band contest in Austin, well over 150 people enjoyed the

homemade chili and desserts offered at the church fellowship hall, and took advantage of the many arts and craft projects for sale at the event. The Church wishes to thank all who enjoyed the meal, and especially all the volunteers who made the event another success.



Christmas Tree Lighting

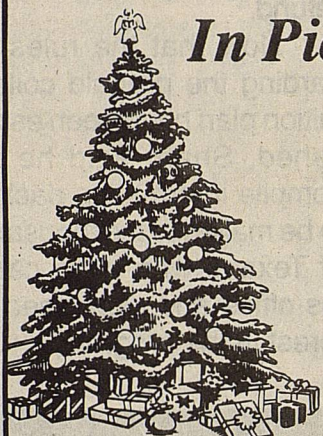
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Children can have their photo made with Santa by bringing at least one can of food for the community needy.



Birth Announcement

Doug and Terry Isaacks of Plains would like to announce the birth of a daughter, Kami Mika Isaacks. She was born at 7:40 a.m. on November 3, 1995 at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces.

Kami Mika has a sister, Lexi. Her grandparents are Jack and Betty Isaacks of Levelland and Jack and Maggie Spears of Plains.

PLEASE NOTE

The date for the next Band Booster meeting has been changed to Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5PM at the Library. You are urged to attend!

Thank You

To my wonderful friends in Plains; I wish to thank you for the special prayers, the food, flowers, cards, visits and calls of concern during my recent illness. Such an outpouring of love was deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you.

All my love,
 Louise Goehry

Thought for the Week

Prayer: O God, help us to see how you use even the smallest things for the honor and glory of your kingdom. Help us to honor others and the place they have in your quilt. Amen.

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From The Hack



Remind me, forcefully, never again to listen to the folks on radio and TV who predict outcomes of sporting events, in particular, the Dallas Cowboy games. Remind me also to never, ever, listen to the sages and seers at the 'Table of Wisdom', each and every one smarter than the media experts, who all predicted a Dallas blowout over the 49'ers this last Sunday. Fortunately, I turned the tube on exactly 3 minutes late that dismal day, and did not have to witness the incredible 2.5 minutes in which the 'Niners' jumped to a 14-Zip lead.

I spent the balance of the afternoon either (1) raging, (2) cursing, (3) Moaning and crying, or (4), listening to the bride telling me to shut up and suffer in silence. Before halftime, I was so depressed, I held a gun to my head, and said, 'OK, it's time to take a strong drink, or go back to work on the paper', only one option which I really desired. The gun forced me to it.

What is it about sports, in particular, Pro Sports, that can make so called experts, Dean's of the field, look so absolutely stupid prior to a big contest like this weekend's Dallas debacle?

On Friday, returning from

Hobbs with developed photos, I listened to the Lubbock Guru's on their "Sports Talk" show at 5 PM each weekday. They enumerated reason after reason the Cowboy's would kick the 'Niners' into Galveston Bay, then when I got home, some more geniuses insisted this would be the biggest defeat of a Niner team in human history. Ha! And Another Ha! To You Geniuses!

If you think for one minute I fell for all that hype and B.S., forget it. I know a thing or two about sports, I am here to tell you! You think I fell for all that Station KRAP stuff about the betting line being Dallas by a bundle? Not in this man's life!

I found a jerk, a real nerd, fresh off the turnip truck, a character who believes in the tooth fairy, and betting on inside straights, who thinks Pat Buchanan is a shoe-in for the Presidency, who thinks the IRS treats him fairly, who really thinks the moon is made of cheese; He happened to tell me Saturday morning, "Know What? I think the 49'ers are gonna beat the Cowboys tomorrow".

My heart skipped a beat; I managed to be cool, said, "Hey, lemme run home, get a couple hunnerd from the bride... She's really been panting to bet on the Cowboys this week! She would love to accommodate you".

You know, it's really not so bad sleeping on the deck in the backyard, if your bride is understanding like mine, and let's you carryout all the cover you need every night. And I only have four more nights to go. Then I can even start

eating at home again, too.

Did you happen to catch the article in the Sunday Dallas Morning News about the "Mind Machine" in Big D? The Columnist, Steve Blow reported on his recent brief experiment with the Cyberlink apparatus at the Mental Fitness Center there. A founder of the Center told Blow "Mental fitness is to the mind what physical fitness is to the body. It's a scientific fact, if a person exercises their mind, they can improve their ability to learn, to be creative, to relax, and measurably increase their I.Q."

Blow reported the 'Mind Machine,' with musical tones and flashing lights reduces stress, increases productivity, accelerates learning, and all sorts of other good stuff.

He said researchers at Pepperdine University used mind machines to teach students 1,800 words of Bulgarian language in just six weeks. Wonderful! And the machines only cost about \$240.

If the Table of Wisdom regulars get wind of this startling bit of hi-tech, I will make a prediction; The Wisdomites will quickly pool their assets, and purchase one of the gadgets. Lord knows it couldn't be utilized by a more needy group. My only question is, who among those sages and seers will be smart enough to turn it on?

Criminal District Court

The 121st Judicial District Court convened Monday, November 13 with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark. The following is a summary of cases heard and acted on.

Antonio Valles, 20, charged with possession of marijuana, pled guilty to the reduced offense of possession of marijuana (50 pounds or less but more than 5 pounds), a 3rd degree felony. He received a five year probated sentence, transferred to his county of residence, was fined \$1,000, \$169.50 Court Costs, and \$140 restitution. He was represented by Attorney Jimmy Hammons.

Osby Dale James, 35, pled true to violating terms of his probated sentence on a prior conviction of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His Order of Probation Modification states he should; attend outpatient treatment twice a month in Terry County with Lubbock Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at his own expense for six months; attend Alcoholics Anonymous at least three times a week; submit urinalysis once a month for drug abuse screening for twelve months; be under Intensive Supervision Probation with weekly reporting to Community Supervision Officer for six months.

He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Glen Dale Cleveland, 39, pled to Revocation of DWI, Subsequent. It was ordered in the Order on Probation Modification that Defendant shall: be under Intensive Supervision Probation (weekly reports with Community Supervision Officer) for one year; attend Out-Patient counseling with Lubbock Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Terry County for six months and as directed by Community Supervision Of-

ficer thereafter at Defendants' expense; attend Alcoholic's Anonymous at least three times per week; serve 10 days in the Yoakum County Jail beginning January 2, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.; submit a Urine sample once per month for 12 months for drug testing at Defendant's expense; pay all amounts ordered by the Court in full before the probationary period ends on February 22, 1998. He was represented by Attorney Jimmy Hammons.

Texas Tomorrow Fund On Track For January Kick-Off

State Comptroller John Sharp announced that the state's new prepaid college tuition plan that allows Texas families to lock in the future costs of their children's education at today's prices will go into effect on January 2, 1996.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund was created to let parents or grandparents purchase college tuition and mandatory fees at any Texas community college or state university well in advance of a student-to-be's enrollment.

"This pay now, learn later plan will help families make sure they're ready for college when their kids are," Sharp said.

Sharp noted that the average tuition at a public college in Texas has risen by more than 14 percent a year over the past decade.

"When Sir Isaac Newton proclaimed that what goes up must come down, he obviously wasn't talking about college tuition rates," Sharp said. "That's why we will soon offer Texans a head start on those rising costs--and the peace of mind of knowing exactly what those costs will be."

Sharp said that money placed in the Texas Tomorrow Fund will be invested and earn interest during the years before a student-to-be goes off to a public college so that the fund will yield enough to pay for the student's education. A plan for private schools will also be available.

Sharp noted that the program isn't a guarantee of college admission and that students will still have to meet all entrance requirements. If a child decides not to go to college, opts to attend a school in another state or is unable to continue his or her higher education, the full amount paid on the contract will be refunded. Depending on the reason for the contract's termination, a cancellation fee may be charged or interest withheld from the refund.

Now that the rules regarding the prepaid college tuition plan have been established, Sharp said he will compile information packets to be mailed to the thousands of Texans who have called his office and expressed interest in the program.

Yoakum County 4-H Food Show Well Attended

Twenty-four Yoakum County youth participated in the Yoakum County 4-H Food Show held on Sunday, November 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the Denver City Community Building. Approximately 50 attended the contest, including friends, family and guests. Participants were Jona Dye, Sonya Dye, Kaylyn Hix, Jennifer Lewis, Megan Lewis, Rhett Price, Logan Wood, Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Kristin Elliott, Amanda Hiller, Courtney Hix, Chance Kitchens, T.J. Kitchens, Kyle Minton, Tara Price, Landra Wood, Alecia Bearden, Jennifer Coston,

Ashley Elliott, Keigan Funderburk, Brianne Peeler and Jinger Hancock, all of Denver City and Clayton Oswalt and Katie Oswalt of Plains.

All participants received ribbons and clover-shaped cookie cutters.

Thirty-one Denver City 4-H members participated in Food & Nutrition project meetings prior to the county competition. Project leaders were Debra Nevarez, Mary Lucy Bearden, Lesa Wood, Phyllis Price, Dian Peeler, and Joni Hancock. The Plains project group was led by Dottie Mayes.

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