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General Election Special Issue

After months (or was it years) of campaign oratory, debates, a blistering advertising war in every conceivable type of media, the General Election of 2000 has finally concluded. The following is a summary of voting in all Yoakum County precincts as posted in the courthouse Tuesday evening. The results are not official until votes are canvassed in Commissioners Court. Only county total votes are listed here because of our print deadline. Candidates are listed as their names appeared on the official ballot.

President/Vice President:

George W. Bush/ Dick Cheney (R).....	1911
Al Gore/ Joe Lieberman (D).....	531
Harry Browne/ Art Oliver (Lib).....	8
Ralph Nader/ Winona La Duke (Grn).....	10
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Presidential Write. In:

Howard Phillips/J. Curtis Frazier	
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David McReynolds/Mary Cal Hollis	

U.S. Senator:

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R).....	1918
Gene Kelly (D).....	435
Mary Ruwart (Lib).....	20
Douglas Sandage (Grn).....	12

U.S. Representative:

Larry Combest (R).....	2019
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John Turnbow (Lib).....	207
Railroad Commissioner:	
Charles R. Matthews (R).....	1657
Carolyn Fields (Lib).....	269
Gary Dugger (Grn).....	109
Railroad Commissioner, unexpired term:	
Michael L. Williams (R).....	1638
Anthony Garcia (Lib).....	321
Charles L. Mauch (Grn).....	72
Justice, Supreme Court Place 1:	
Nathan Hecht, (R).....	1657
Mike Jacobellis, (Lib).....	191
Ben J. Levy, (Grn).....	123
Justice, Supreme Court Place 2:	
Priscilla Owen, (R).....	1721
Joe Alfred Izen Jr. (Lib).....	251
Justice, Supreme Court Place 3:	
Al Gonzales, (R).....	1499
Lance Smith, (Lib).....	481
Presiding Judge, Crt. of Criminal Appeals:	
Sharon Keller, (R).....	1375
Bill Vance, (D).....	765
Judge, Crt. Criminal Appeals, Place 1:	
Charles Holcomb, (R).....	1714
Rife Scott Kimler, (Lib).....	213
Judge, Crt. Criminal Appeals, Place 2:	

Barbara Parker Hervey, (R).....	1366
William R. Barr, (D).....	749
State Representative, District 80:	
Gary Walker, (R).....	1992
Judge, 7th Crt. of Appeals Dist. Place 1:	
Brian Quinn, (R).....	1749
Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, Place 2:	
Don H. Reavis, (R).....	1737
Dist., Judge, 121st Judicial District:	
Kelly G. Moore, (R).....	1934
Sheriff:	
Donald L. Corzine, (R).....	1340
Jimmie Rice (D).....	1095
County Tax Assessor/Collector:	
Suann Parrish (R).....	777
Betty N. Rivas (D).....	1677
County Commissioner, Pct. 1:	
Woody Lindsey (R).....	613
County Commissioner, Pct. 3:	
Rex R. Swann (R).....	248
Ty Earl Powell, (D).....	279
Constable, Pct 1:	
Shirley Dene Rafferty (D).....	579
Constable, Pct. 2:	
Gordon S. Sefcik (D).....	1248

'EVEN START' has positive impact on students and communities

Almost 200 adults and children are benefiting from the Even Start Family Literacy Program held at Denver City's Kelly Elementary School. Staff members and volunteers celebrated "National Family Literacy Day" Wednesday, November 1. Special guests for the special breakfast and tour of the programs facilities in the school's Learning Center were County Judge Dallas Brewer, and Commissioners J.R. Slentz and Woody Lindsey. Representatives of The Denver City Press and Cowboy Country News were also guests for the impressive program.

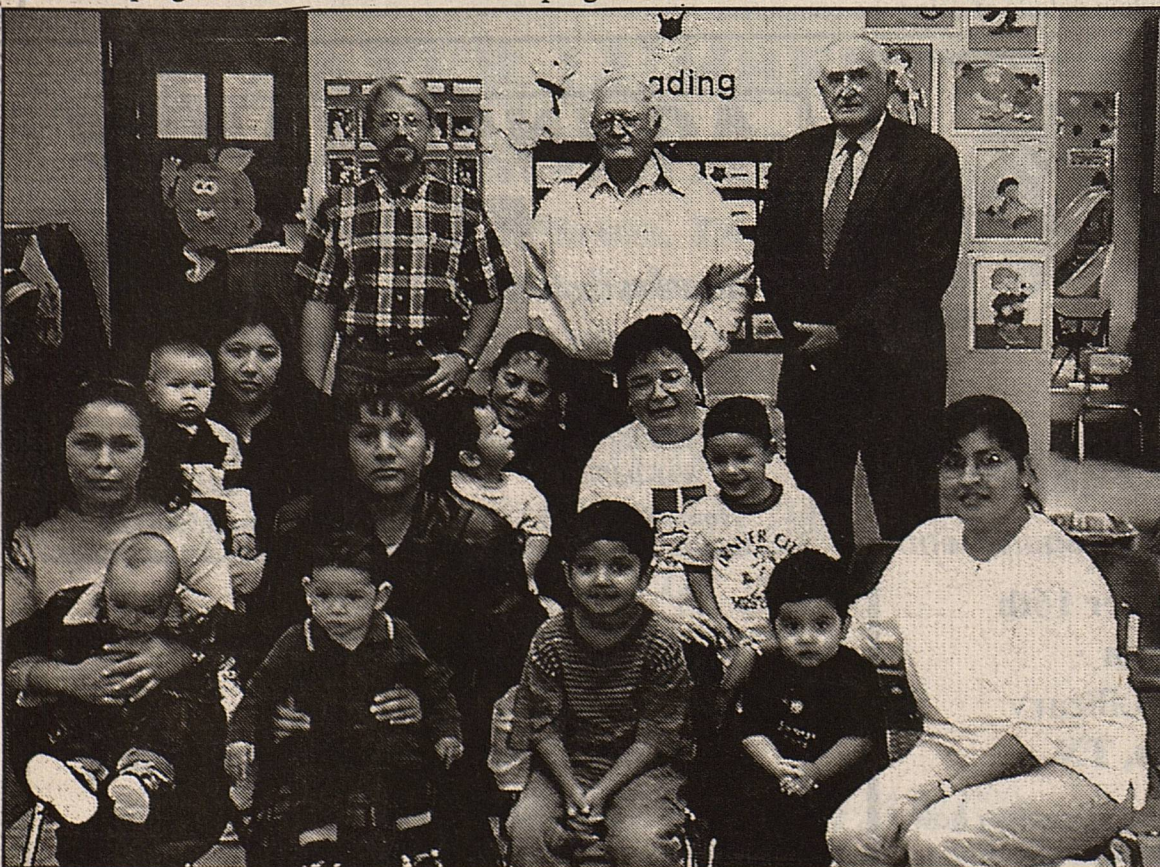
Even Start Director Kathy Clark told the guests 69 parents and 89 children currently participate in the daytime literacy program, and 35 more adults attend evening education programs at the Center. Care for infants and very young children is provided to allow mothers to attend the daily programs.

Another department offers educational programs for youngsters who will soon enter Pre-Kindergarten classes in Denver City and Plains. Clark said Plains Elementary Principal Vernon Hise and a number of elementary teachers recently visited the program for these

youngsters. "They were greatly impressed, and told us when our students are ready to start in Pre-K or Kindergarten, they are far better prepared for their first year in school than children who have not been enroled in Even Start."

In all levels of the literacy program, strong emphasis is placed on learning proficiency in the English language. "You can imagine how difficult it would be for you to suddenly find yourself in Mexico, unable to speak Spanish, but faced with making a living, going to

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Front, L-R, Marisol & Ivan Andazola, Alicia & Noe Andazola, Daniel, Samuel & Nicole Cueto. Middle, Santiago & Ray Carrasco, Enequina & Andrez Prado, Luz Maria & Israel Rodriguez. Back, Commissioners Woody Lindsey, J.R. Slentz & Judge Dallas Brewer. The ladies and their children are all Plains residents enrolled in the Even Start Program

Wolves shut Cowboys out 21-0



Adam Garcia, white jersey, about to be greeted by hungry Colorado City Wolves. Game story Pg. 3

Center Point School site to receive marker from Historical Commission

On Tuesday, November 14, the Texas Historical Commission will place an official historical marker at the site of the former Center Point School. The site is three miles west of town on US 82, then 7.1 miles south on FM 1622, near the home of G.W. Cleveland.

A dedication ceremony will take place at the site, with County Judge Dallas Brewer and Mary Jo St. Romain, Chair of the Yoakum County Historical Society as speakers. Following dedication ceremonies, refreshments will be served at the Plains Community Center, and the public is invited.

Research for the historical marker was performed by Mrs. Billie Anderson Sullivan, a former student of Center Point School. She began her research in 1994. Center Point School District 8 was established



in the early 1920's to meet educational needs of students in rural Yoakum County. The district covered 64 sections of mostly ranch land. The one-room wooden school was built by a Mr. Whittle, Arthur Davis, P.W. Smith, Joseph B. Hassell and Willie A. Anderson in 1924. Please turn to page 5, 'Center Point'



Adult education ladies and guests enjoyed a variety of home cooked breakfast dishes

school, living a productive life. This is the exact problem many of these young, and adult students face here," Clark said.

The adult literacy program covers three phases; English as a second language, adult basic education, and classes to attain G.E.D. certificates.

During the breakfast prepared by the students, Luly Zubia, Denver City, and Nicole Cueto, Plains, read letters detailing their learning experience and

plans for their future. Ms. Zubia has achieved her GED, and Ms. Cueto should receive hers this year. She said she had high hopes of going to college. "Who knows, maybe someday I can be an LVN or RN, or some other professional," Ms. Cueto said.

Clark told the guests Plains residents and their children can now get free transportation on Spartan buses to attend the daily classes. "We have nine

adults and six children from Plains in our program now, and we hope more Plains people will take advantage of this opportunity."

The program offers both adults and children hope for better, more productive futures, and opportunities for them to become true assets in their communities.

To learn more about Even Start opportunities, call 592-5977.

Just a Simple Veteran

He was getting old and paunchy and his health was failing fast, And as he sat around the Legion telling stories of his past Of the war that he had fought in, of the deed that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.

And tho sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke, All his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke, But we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol Bob has passed away, and the world's a little poorer, for a Veteran died today.

No, he wasn't mourned by many, just his children and his wife, for he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life. He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way; The world won't note his passing, tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state, while thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great. The papers tell of their life stories, from the time that they were young.

But the passing of a Veteran goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of this land, Some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow, who in time of war and strife, Goes off to serve his country

and offers up his life?

The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives. While the ordinary Veteran who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them, for it is so long ago.

That our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's went to battle, but we know. It is not the politician, with his compromise and ploy, Who won for us this freedom that our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand

Would you really want some cop out with his ever waffling hand.

Or would you want a Veteran, who has sworn to defend, His home, his kin, and Country, and fight until the end?

He's just a common Veteran and his ranks are growing thin, But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict we find the Veteran's part Was to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor, while he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least let's give him homage, at the ending of his days.

Perhaps a simple headline in the paper that might say Our Country is in Morning, for a Veteran died today.

Author Unknown

JP Court

November 3, 2000- In Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Court. Judge Melba Crutcher presiding, the following cases were heard, and fines and bonds set: 70 traffic cases, 2 public intoxication, 1 minor in possession of a tobacco product.

Bonds set: motion to revoke probation - held until hearing. Bond forfeiture - \$3000.00 cash bond. Bail jumping and failure to appear - \$7,500.00 bond. Driving while intoxicated - \$2,500.00 bond + interlock device ordered. 2 cases - public intoxication - \$150.00 fine. Littering - \$100.00 fine. Driving under the influence of alcohol - \$200.00 bond. No drivers license - \$200.00 bond. Assault causing bodily injury - \$500.00 bond. Motion of surety/ injury to a child - \$7,500.00 bond. 2 cases - motion of surety/ harassment - \$1,500.00 bond.

Holocaust Survivor to Speak Here

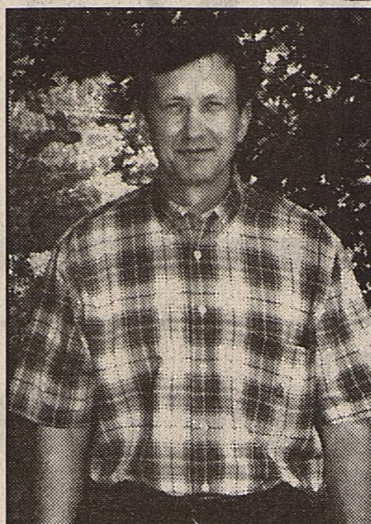
Helen Shiver, a Holocaust survivor, will speak to Plains High School and Junior High students on Thursday, November 16, 2000.

The Student Council invites community members to attend this assembly which will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium. The Pride and Patriotism Committee is hosting Mrs. Shiver for a Veteran's Day project.



Obituaries

Services Held For W.N. "Buddy" Childress



Buddy Childress, 50, of Tenaha, Tx. passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2000 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, Tx. He was born December 19, 1949 in Mansfield, La. Service was held at 2:00 pm. Friday, November 3, 2000 at the Jackson Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dock Lazarine officiating. Interment followed at the Jackson Cemetery in Shelby County under the direction of Watson & Sons Funeral

Home. Survivors include; Wife: Kay Worsham Childress of Tenaha, Daughter: Nena Childress of Tenaha, Son and Daughter-in-law: Josh & Cori Childress of Hehderson. Brothers & Sisters-in-law: Doug & Jan Childress of Orange, Lynn & Emily Childress of Bridge City. Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Garvis & Darrell Jones of Joaquin, Diane & Jim Lassiter of Lovelady. Father-in-law & Mother-in-law: Levis & Louise Worsham of Joaquin. He was the nephew of Holly Dyer, and Cousin of Debbie Rushing of Plains and Dolores Knotts of Lovington, NM. A number of cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas R. Childress and Lera Scruggs Childress and a brother Harold Childress.

2000, in Corsicana. She was born February 21, 1931 in Blooming Grove, Tx. Service was held at 3:00 pm. at Corley Funeral Chapel on November 3, 2000 with Dr. David Hale officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Corley Funeral Home.

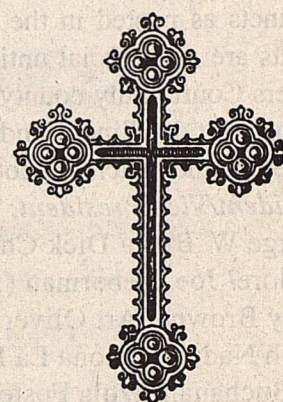
Survivors include: 2 daughters & husbands: Cynthia & Royce Blair of Plains and Sylvia & Mike Rainwater of MaBank, Tx. 3 sisters Lola Buchanan of Corsicana, Tx, Thelma Gordon of Garland, Tx., Helen Martin of Amarillo, Tx. 1 brother James Neal Finch of Lancaster, Tx. 6 Granddaughters and 1 Grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Garland Ross Maxwell.

Pallbearers included: Gary Buchanan, Jeff Buchanan, Matt Moody, Tim Moody, and Sherwin Tate.

Services Held For Betty Jo Maxwell

Betty Jo Maxwell, 69, of Corsicana, Tx. passed away Wednesday, November 1,



Cow boxes? Nope, computers!



These boxes with the familiar black and white logo of Gateway Computers crowded Yoakum County Librarian Opal Roberts' office last week. They are the payoff of the grant awarded the two county libraries by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Two computers, one capable of functioning in Spanish, a printer, and related hardware for accessing the internet valued at \$7,480 will soon be installed for library patrons use. The library will host an Open House November 16 to display the new equipment, and a representative of Gateway will be on hand to explain details of using the computers.



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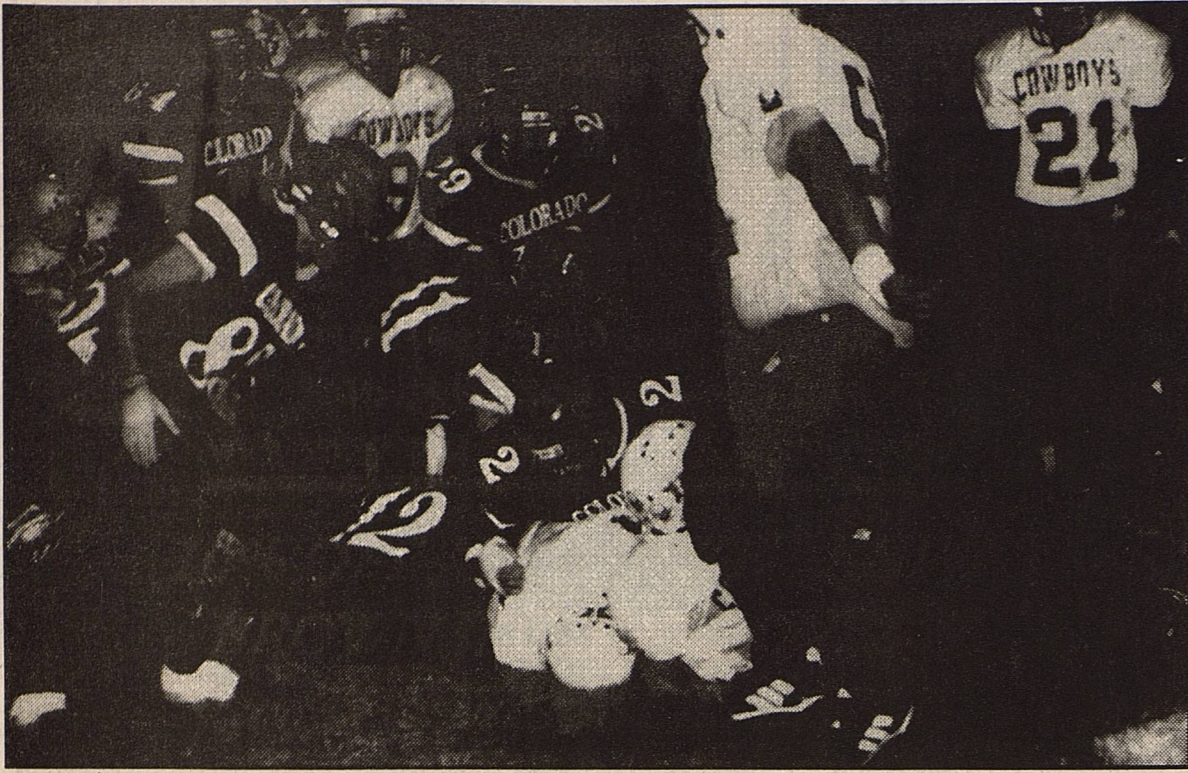
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Cowboy - Wolves game highlights



When two lines collide, there's usually a big pileup

Costly mistakes, untimely penalties often overcome good offensive and defensive efforts in football, which appeared to be the case last Friday night at Colorado City. The Cowboys outgained the Wolves on the ground, 157 yards to 77 yards, with total offense of 207 yards, to Colorado's 186 yards. The Cowboys simply could not get on the score board.

In the first period, the Wolves took the kickoff and went through the air and on the ground to the Cowboys 16, where Aaron Cain recovered a fumble to stop the drive. Unfortunately, the Cowboys promptly fumbled the ball at the 15, and two plays later Colorado City was up 7-0.

Israel Moreno returned the kickoff 37 yards, and the Cowboy line opened holes for Jared Bell and Adam Garcia who pushed the ball to the Wolves

5 yardline. A holding play cost the Cowboys yardage, but Bell found Kelsey Blundell open for a reception, yet the drive sputtered and gave the Wolves the ball on their 2. The Cowboy defense held off the Wolves until the period ended.

With five minutes left in the first half, the Cowboys drove the ball with rushes by Bell, Garcia and Brett Squyres, but a pass intended for Blundell was intercepted at the 5, and the half ended with the Wolves up 7-0.

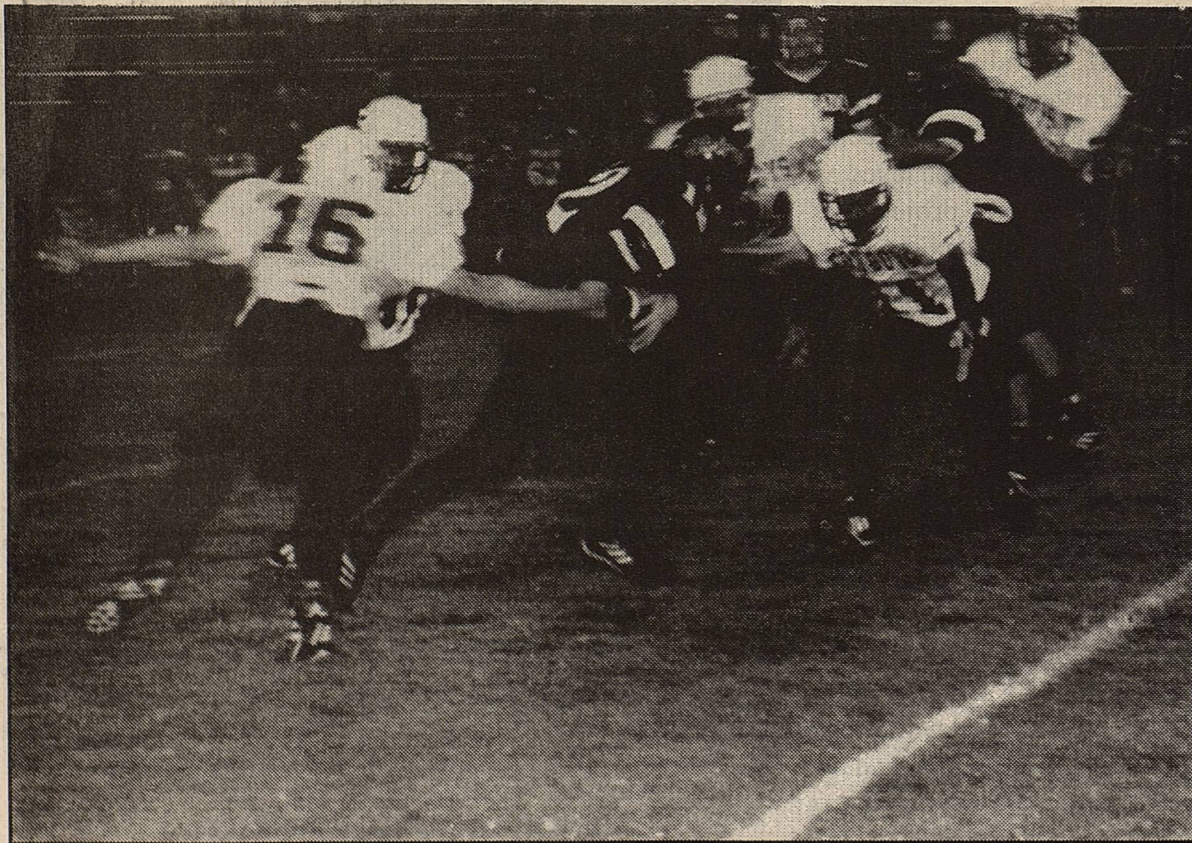
In the Cowboys first possession in the third quarter, another pass interception handed the ball to the Wolves, and two plays later Plains was down 14-0. With 3:47 on the clock, the Cowboys gained two quick first downs with good line blocking to allow ground gains by Bell, Squyres and Garcia, and a pass completion from

Bell to Tanner Hamm, but a false start and unsportsmanlike penalty stopped the drive.

The Cowboys fate was sealed early in the final period when Colorado drove 42 yards in 9 plays to lead 21-0. They took the following kickoff and quickly gained a first down on the ground, but another pass interception gave the ball back to the Wolves, and the win.

Individual efforts included Bell with 90 yards rushing, Garcia 62 yards. Moreno and Chris Gscheidle each recorded quarterback sacks, Garcia forced a fumble, Moreno, Stan Caballero, Squyres, Larry Escobar and Jason Garcia had tackles for lost yardage. Bell led the team in tackles.

The Cowboys face Forsan here this Friday night in their final game of the long, very tough season. Come to the stadium and show your appreciation for their efforts.



Jared Bell, 16, and Israel Moreno, 11, about to converge on Wolves ball carrier

19 years of superior ratings for Plains Cowboy Band

What a year for the Cowboy Band! They traveled to Denver City on October 7 to compete at the Tumbleweed Classic. Because of the no pass-no play rule, they only had five days to re-learn their UIL marching show. They managed to win Best in Class and fourth overall at Denver City.

Three days later they competed in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Marching Festival. They received a Division Two rating, and still won Best in Class and Best Overall Drum Majors.

The band then had only two days of preparation because of weather, added a song to their routine, and attended the Pioneer Marching Festival in Plainview. The complete show was on the field for the first time,

and in very stormy conditions. In their trademark black rain ponchos, they received the festival's Division One rating and were again selected Best in Class.

Their highlight came Saturday, October 21, when the band won it's TWENTIETH Division One rating. Band Director Ray Portillo told CCN, "They are the most remarkable kids I have ever worked with. We are a very young band. Over 50 percent of the band are 7th, 8th and 9th graders, but as these kids mature, so will the band program. I want to thank the parents and the community of Plains for hanging in there with us. The community is good to us, and we want to continue to make you all proud of these students, who do great and incredible things!"

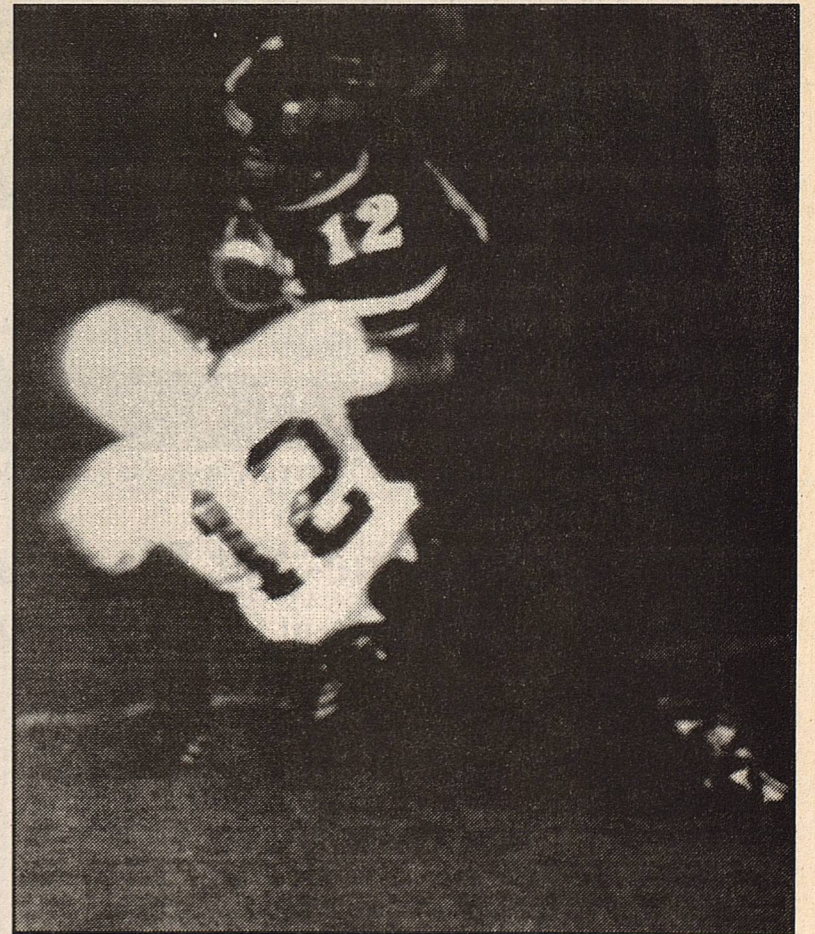


Senior members of the 2000-2001 Cowboy Band include, front, Amanda Garcia, Maria Reyna, Frances Cordova, Martha Casillas, Angelica Hernandez, Donita Richardson, Lensey Cullins. Middle, Albert Lopez, Sharla Vantine, Israel Moreno. Back, Skyler Johnson, Chris Gscheidle, Stan Caballero, Ross Rogers, Ty Tyson.

Cowgirls eliminated in road to Regional Meet

Plains Cowgirls defeated Tornillo in Area competition at Monahans November 2. Scores were 15-1, 15-6. Michaela Traweck had 6 kills, Kari Guetersloh 5. Lexi Warren had 8 digs, Tany Vasquez 15 assists, Mackenzie Winn 12 service points.

They next faced Van Horn at Monahans Monday night, and were eliminated from their bid to advance to the Regional Tournament to be held in Abilene. Van Horn narrowly won the game 15-8, 11-15 and 16-14. Individual performances were not available at press time.



12 on 12 - Stan Caballero about to take down a wolf



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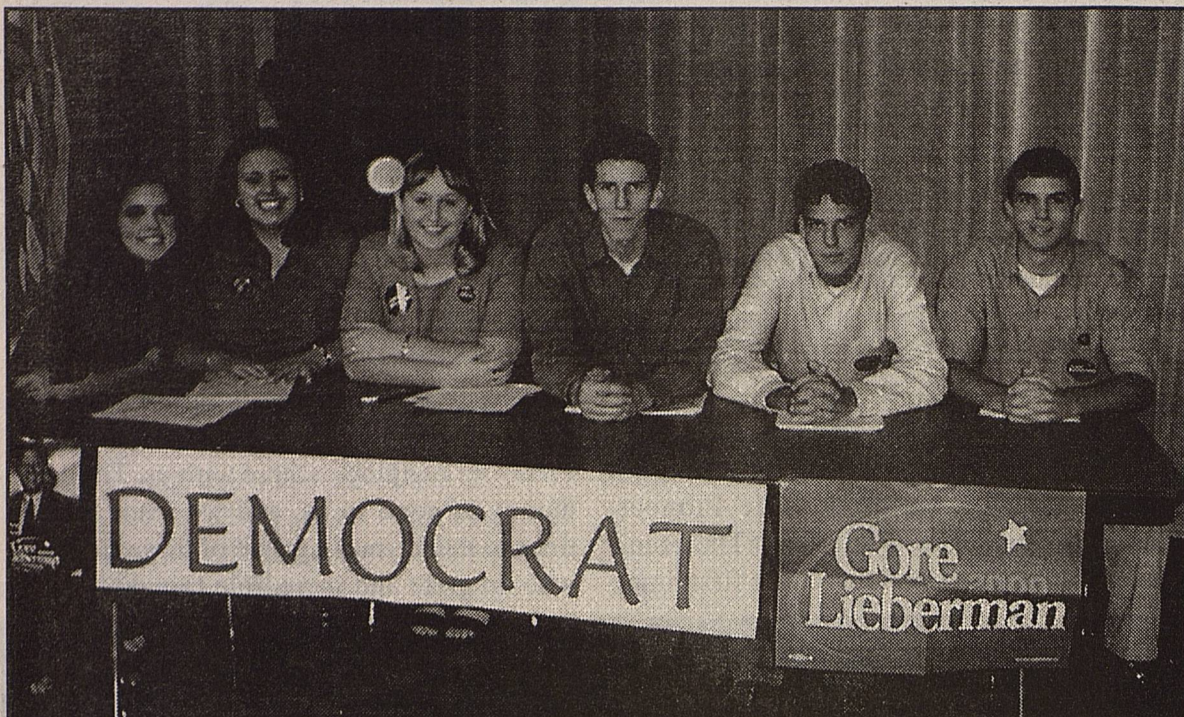
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Hot Political Action At PHS

Mock Presidential debate stirs emotions of party speakers and student body



Democrat team members Lensey Cullins, Roxy Villareal, Lesli Rowe, Dustin Six, Taylor Gray, Aaron Cain.

Two groups of Plains High Seniors representing debate teams supporting Democrat and Republican candidates in the presidential election campaign locked verbal horns in Monday's assembly period.

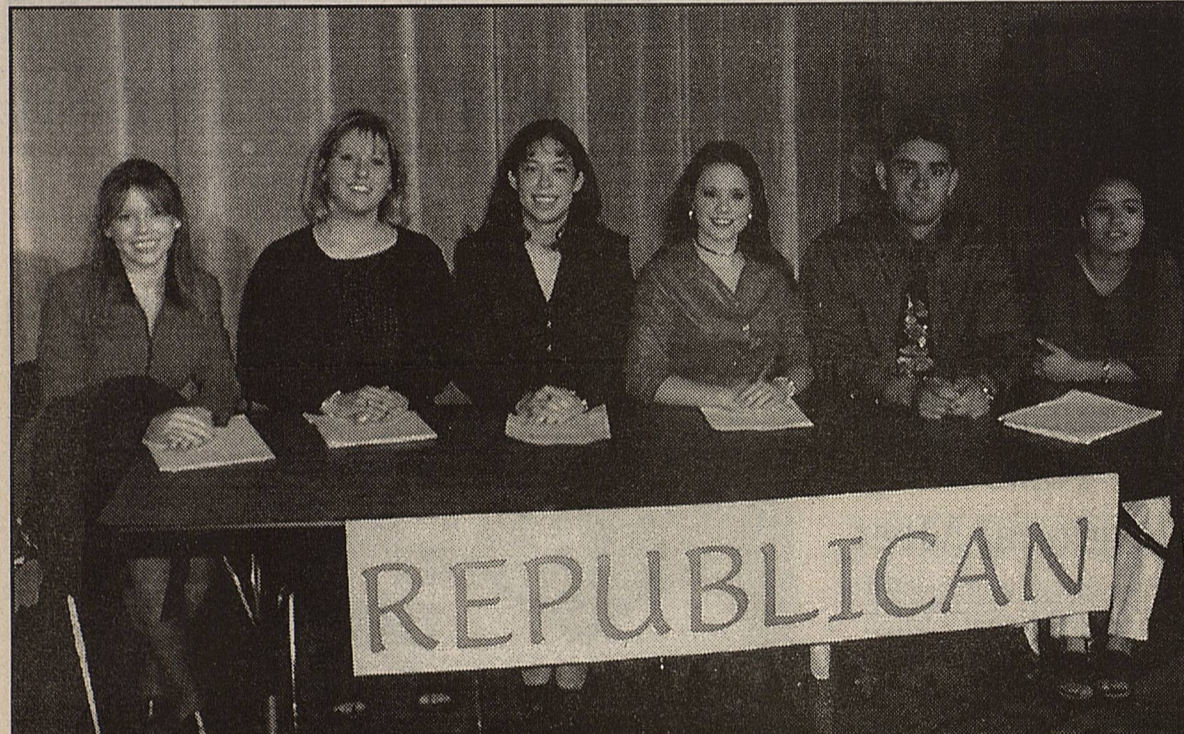
Government instructor Edwin Brink served as moderator of the 45 minute debate. Aaron Cain served as Chair of the Democrat speakers, and Lexi Warren held that position for the Republicans.

The teams addressed five issues in the campaign, Agriculture, Defense, the Economy, Education, and Health and Social Security. For the Democrats, Taylor Gray addressed agriculture, Dustin Six defense, Roxy Villareal

economy, Lesli Rowe education, Lensey Cullins health and social security. Republican speakers addressing the same topics were Emily Blair, Joel Gallegos, Michaela Traweek, Elva Ruiz, and Nicole Haynes.

The chairmen delivered final 'wrap-up' statements. Brink told the assembly the seniors had researched the issues they addressed on the internet, and spent many hours compiling data for their talks.

While no official scoring was made on the debate, it was obvious from the student body's noisy enthusiasm the Republicans were clearly the prevailing party.



Republican team members Lexi Warren, Nicole Haynes, Michaela Traweek, Emily Blair, Joel Gallegos, Elva Ruiz.

Junior High One-Act Play slated Saturday

Plains students to present Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men"

Plains Jr. High will host District 3AA UIL One-act play contest Saturday, November 11 beginning at noon. Plays will run back to back, rather than on the hour as in the past. The performance schedule is:
12 noon- Seagraves, "Once upon a playground"
12:45- Coahoma, "Goodbye to the clown"
1:30- Colorado City, "I never saw another butterfly"
2:15- Plains, "Of mice and men"
3:00- Forsan, "The little match

girl"
3:45- Stanton, "A toby show"
The awards presentation will begin at approximately 5 p.m., where the honorable mention all-star cast, the all-star cast, best actor and best actress awards will be announced, in addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plays.
Judge for the contest this year is Mr. Jay Brown of Lubbock, highly recommended by the UIL.
Participating in Plains "Of mice and men" 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 Keese and B.J. Lestser. Gary Davis and Paula Cullins are directing the play this year.
In preparation for the contest, the students will present their play on Thursday at the Plains High auditorium at 10 a.m., and the public is invited.

Students of the Week



PHS student of the week is Skyler Johnson, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Johnson. He was nominated by Mr. Portillo, who said, "Discipline and self-motivation is what makes Skyler excel in studies and extra-curricular activities. He is respected by his peers and is willing to lead by example. His will for perfection is very contagious on those around him. It's not often we as educators have students who have the discipline and self-motivation to succeed in all their endeavors. He is a true leader and will be successful in whatever he chooses to do when he completes his school year. I am proud of all the accomplishments and goals he has set for himself. He plans to attend college to pursue a degree in music."



PHS student of the week is Roxanne Villareal, a senior. She was nominated by Mrs. Rotunno, who said, "This week's student of the week is a responsible, up beat, positive, energetic member of several organizations. Not only does she always do what is expected or required of her, she takes on many additional projects as well. She is active in FHA, Student Council, church activities, and much more. Her participation in class discussions adds a great deal to the depth and quality of various topics. Her writing shows an often profound insight into human nature and the art of literature. She is quick to accept any assignment, and she throws herself into it with an energy and love for learning rarely seen. In addition, she does all these things while contending with challenges and responsibilities far beyond those of the average high school student."

PHS Personalities 2000-2001

- Miss PHS - Lensey Cullins
- Mr. PHS - Adam Garcia
- Most Handsome - Tanner Hamm
- Most Beautiful - Kari Guetersloh
- Best Dressed - Adam Garcia
- Lexi Warren
- Cutest Smile - Lensey Cullins
- Chris Hansen
- Most Humorous - Mandi Rogers
- Dustin Six
- Most Likely to Succeed - Aaron Cain
- Nicole Haynes
- Most Athletic - Jared Bell
- Michaela Traweek
- Most Academic - Eric Nixon
- Nicole Haynes
- Most Spirited - Taylor Gray
- Steve Aldredge
- Friendliest - Nicole Haynes
- Gerry Rivas

Former Cowgirls Honored

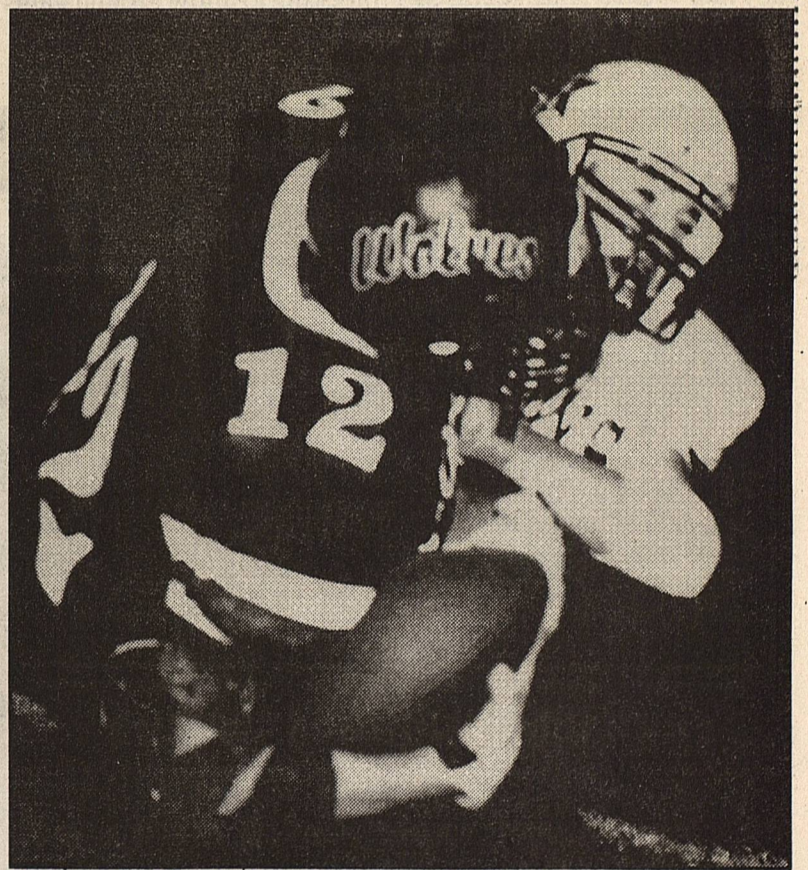
In the October issue of Texas Girls Coaches Association News, three former Cowgirl Track Team members were named to the 1999-2000 Track & Field Academic All-State Team. Receiving the honor were Kristen Gray, Anne Palmer and Wendy Hernandez, Plains 2000 graduates, The girls were coached by Head Girl Track Coach Linda Haragan.

Regional Cross Country

In the Regional Cross Meet at Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park November 4, Sophomore Jonathan DeLaRosa finished 63rd in the field of 152 runners. It was his first time to qualify for regional. Coach Haragan said, "We are proud of what Jonathan has accomplished this year, and look for him to return to the regional and possible the state meet in the next two years."

Cowboy JV beats Colorado City

On November 2, the JV Cowboys found themselves down to the Colorado Wolves JV 7-0. In the third quarter, Richard Diaz scampered 10 yards for a touchdown, then threw a two point pass to Justin Chambliss for an 8-7 lead. In the final period, they scored a safety to go up 10-7. Later, Manuel Ramos scored on a 23 yard scamper, and Diaz hit Arnold Cordova with a two point conversion pass to down the wolves 19-7.



Unidentified Cowboy in white has tough time with Wolves runner

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Methodists sense of timing was perfect



The event planning committee at First United Methodist Church must have experienced a sense of satisfaction last Tuesday at their annual Chili Luncheon, Bake and Arts and Crafts Sale. A cold wind blowing snow must have whetted appetites of true Texans for homemade Chili, the General Election day brought people to town, and from the looks of the crowd in the church fellowship hall around 12:30, most of them were lined up at the Chili counter. Several church officials reported they were unable to obtain a head count of people attending the big fund raiser, but felt this years event was one of the more successful since the inaugural in 1992.

You are invited to a baby shower honoring
Blane Blount



son of Kipp and Heather Blount
on Sunday, November 12, 2000
from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.
in the home of Vee Ann Carter

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Card of Thanks

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,
Thank you so much for the many hospital and home visits while Billy was ill. The food, flowers and cards were very special and greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and prayers in our time of sorrow.

With Love,
The Billy Winn Family

WATT WATCHERS

From PHS Student Council

No Cost Tips

Turn off water while shaving and brushing teeth

Collect rainwater

Cover pots/pans while cooking

Winter Tips

Turn the thermostat down 10 degrees at night

Keep the curtains closed on north windows

Summer Tips

Open windows on cool sides of home

Wear loose, light colored clothing

Use fans to circulate air in the home

Low Cost Tips

Caulk on the inside of doors and windows

Install low flow shower heads

Insulate electrical outlets and switches



First United Methodist
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Invites you to Worship!

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:15 pm
Wednesday Evening Study 6:30 pm
Tuesday Afternoon Study 5:15 pm

From page 1, 'Center Point'



Some of the details found at the school included a potbellied stove which burned coal and cowchips, the 'chips' collected in sacks by students. Plumbing consisted of two outdoor toilets. A windmill furnished drinking water, and a barbed wire fence surrounded the building, with entry over a stile.

Center Point classes varied from four to more than twenty students, some who walked to school, and others rode horseback. Teachers worked under contracts paying \$85 to \$100 per month, and did all the janitorial work. Most boarded with local families.

The school building also served as a non-denominational church for Sunday School and preaching once a

month, revivals, an election site, box suppers and annual Christmas events.

In 1935 the first oil was discovered in the county, resulting in increased population and improved transportation, and in 1939, an election merged the school district with other districts to form the Plains Rural School District, which led to closing Center Point School. The one room building was later moved to Plains and used as a band building, and later as part of the American Legion Hall.

The State of Texas leads the nation in numbers of historical markers, over 12,000, and 17 other states have used the Texas program as a model for their markers.

You are cordially invited to attend *Center Point School Historical Marker Dedication* on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 10:00 A.M.

Located three miles west of Plains, Texas and 7.1 miles south on FM1622

(Plains to Allred Highway near the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cleveland)

Refreshments will be served following the dedication at Plains Community Center (On Eleventh Street one block south of the Courthouse, Plains, Texas)

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Plains Community Center

New Books at the Library

Fiction: *Hong Kong*..Stephen Coonts, *Rescue*..Nicholas Sparks, *Sky Is Falling*..Sidney Sheldon, *Pagan Babies*..Elmore Leonard, *Thunder From Jerusalem*..Bodie Thoene, *Beyond The Gathering Storm*..Janette Oke, *Mirage*..Don Passman, *Wish You Well*..David Baldacci, *A Kiss Of Shadows*..Laurell K. Hamilton, *Prodigal Summer*..Barbara Kingsolver, *Spider's Web*..Agatha Christie, *Temptation*..Jude Deveraux, *Merrick*..Anne Rice, *Shape's Fortress*..Bernard Cornwell, *Journey*..Daielle Steel, *A Christmas Wedding*..Andrew M. Greeley, *Deviant Ways*..Chris Mooney, *What You Wish For*..Fern Michaels, *Eagle's Cry*..David Nevin, *Murder In The Lincoln Bedroom*..Elliott Roosevelt, *Home For The Holidays*..Johanna Lindsey, *The Last Precinct*..Patricia Cornwell, *Christmas In My Soul*..Compiled by Joe Wheeler, *A Hamptons Christmas*..James Brady

Non-Fiction: *Sal Mineo: His Life, Murder and Mystery*..H. Paul Jeffers, *The Golden Era Of Golf: How America Rose To Dominate The Old Scots Game*..Al Barkow, Memorial Donation..By Rufus & Nell Brian In Memory of Hoss Newsom, American Heart Association Meals In Minutes, *The Andrews Sisters Story*..John Sforza, *I Love You, Ronnie*..the letters of Ronald Reagan to Nancy Reagan, *Practical Miracles For Mars & Venus*..John Gray, Ph.D., *Morgan's Run*..Colleen McCullough, *Shattered*..Dick Frances. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center donated a video entitled *Lymph Node Mapping-Sentinel Node Biopsy*. This 14 minute video explains the procedure of sentinel node biopsy and details the benefits and side effects. Memorial gift in memory of Doyle (Hoss) Newsom from Gena Wilmeth.

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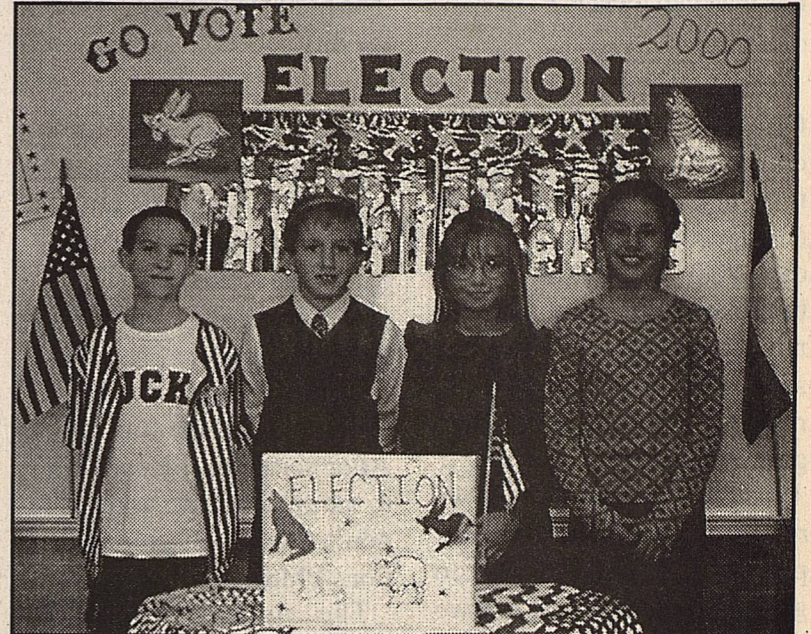
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3rd graders learn all about election process

Some of the most enthusiastic voters in the county this week were third graders in classes taught by Debbie Steffens and Amber McWhirter. The students learned the qualifications of being a registered voter, filled voter applications and received registration cards. They then chose their political party, either "Coyotes" or "Jackrabbits", and campaigned for office. They staged a party primary election, and the winners chose their running mates.

The third graders developed ten propositions on school practices and used 'Character Counts' themes to write their platforms. They made campaign posters, slogans, buttons, and invited parents and grandparents to hear their speeches on Monday and Tuesday. Later Tuesday, they went to the polls, presented their registration cards and cast votes for their candidates and ten propositions.

In Mrs. Steffens class, Sara Neudorf (Pres.) and Natalie Haynes (Vice-Pres.) represented the Coyotes, and Nathan McCravey (Pres.) and Brock Carter (Vice-Pres.) represented the Jackrabbits. In Mrs. McWhirter's class, Brandon Craft, (Pres.) and Katelynn Young (Vice-Pres.) were Coyotes, and Taylor Banfield (Pres.) and Shyann Vantine (Vice-Pres.) represented the Jackrabbits. The teachers said, "The students worked hard on their campaigns and learned a great deal. We're very proud of them."



Brock Carter, Nathan McCravey, Sara Neudorf and Natalie Haynes.



Shyann Vantine, Taylor Banfield, Brandon Craft, Katelynn Young

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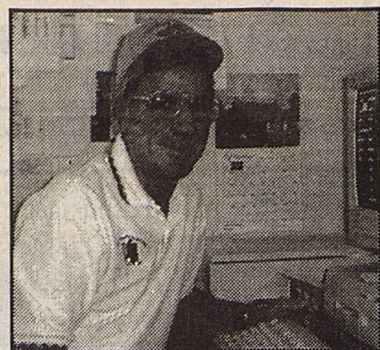
After School - 4:30 pm. DBAB

5:15 - 6:30 pm. Supper

6:00 pm. Zombies

7:00 pm. - RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Generation X, Sanctuary Choir Practice

From The Hack



Number of physicians in the U.S. - 700,000
 Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year- 120,000
 Accidental deaths per physician- 0.171
 (U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services.)
 Number of gun owners in the U.S.- 80,000,000
 Number of accidental gun deaths per year (all age groups)- 1,500
 Number of accidental deaths per gun owner- 0.0000188
 (U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms)
 Can we assume from this Doctors are 9000 times more dangerous than gun owners?

I have visited the Hallowed Grounds of the Table of Wisdom several times recently, and none of them have been pleasant. The last visit was another dark, rainy day, following one brief day of sunshine, then immediately followed by another siege of rain, rain, and more rain. The Table regulars were grim.
 One offered, "Really nice we returned to our regular weather pattern - I sure didn't want to get sunburned that one day we had."
 Another Seer offered, "Yeah, I tried to throw in the towel with my banker. I went to him yesterday and told him there ain't no way I could pay up. I asked him if I killed myself would he write off the debt. You know what he said? I've already re-possessed your guns, and I'm not about to loan you money for more. You'd better

be considering a rope or carbon monoxide, 'cause this is it, bubba."
 Another regular chimed in, "My cotton's so sorry I prayed for a hail all year. My hail insurance on this crop would have just about got me half-way even, if I'd had the money to buy the stuff. I didn't."
 Then, one of the younger, more optimistic producers announced, "Well, this does it for me. Next year I'm gonna try to sell Hundai cars."
 A sceptimist bellowed, "Hey, man, you can't even farm, how are you gonna sell cars?"
 The proucer replied, "What's the difference?"

Bill Wright may or may not appreciate this... publicly he will not, privately he will :
 A preacher told his congregation the entire range of human experience could be found in the Bible. He stated, "If it happens to humans it is described in the Bible."
 After services, a lady came to the preacher and asked, "I don't think the Bible mentions PMS at all."
 The preacher paused, thought, and said he was sure he could find a biblical reference to the PMS subject in the Bible.
 Next week, he searched Book, Chapter and Verse of both Testaments on the subject.
 That Sunday, the woman approached him after services and asked if he'd found any Biblical references to

PMS.
 The preacher beamed and said, "I certainly did," and read to her, "And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Bethlehem."

A serious moment, and strangely enough, this comes from last Sunday's church services. The subject of the sermon was 'Thank The Lord'. My Bride and I had just lost a very loved nephew of hers. The man was 50 when he lost his almost three year battle against cancer.

I have spent a number of times in a bass boat with this East Texas kin, and more hours just talking. He was what all of us should wish our kids grow up to be. Certainly not without sin - he was just a man, you know. He liked country music, and before grim reaper illness set in,

he would drink a little beer and enjoy his music. Every medical effort was attempted to spare his life. He would leave a lovely wife, two attractive and talented kids, and a very large number of truly loving kin and friends..

The Bride was on the phone a number of times during his last few days. One of Buddy Scruggs family members told her in one conversation, "He almost left us, but rallied and told us he loved the Lord fully, he thanked the Lord for giving him the blessings he and his family had shared, he was ready to meet his Lord, and, 'I want all of you to go home and get some rest, I'm in very good hands.'"

During his last few days, the Doctor assured the family visitors he was not in pain, and he would have spells of complete lucidness. I think he was when he made that statement.

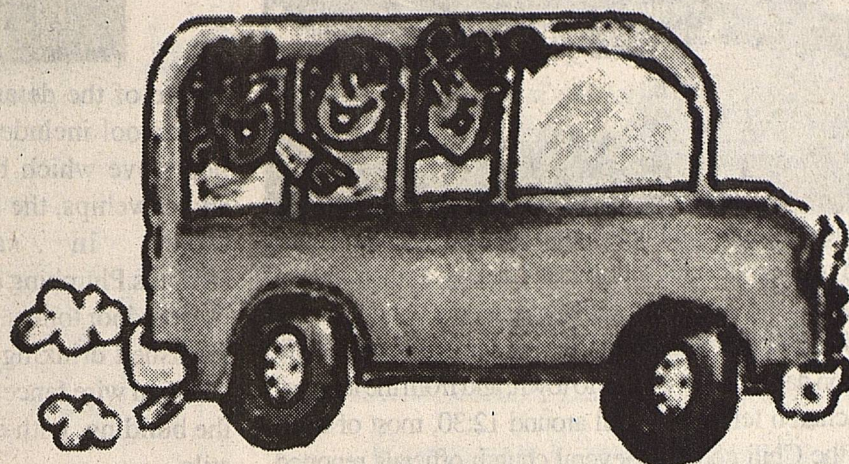
How's your pulse after the election? Outraged over a candidate or two getting in, or yours not getting in? I am probably a bit of all the above. My one positive thought at the moment is, "

Thank You, Lord, for terminating this mess!" I recall my first Presidential vote. It was cast for Dwight Eisenhower. Clumsily enough, I confessed to this to my grandmother, and I thought she would go comatose. She claimed since her much earlier vote for Hoover, a Republican, she had

rather the earth reverse it's rotation than have other than a Democrat in the office. Following this, my de-flowering process in American politics, I think I have about equally switched par-

and Republicans over the years since Ike. Yes, I know some of you straight ticket folks are shrieking, 'burn him at the stake.' I probably made some mistakes down the line, but I am sort of proud I can truthfully say, I didn't help elect Richard Milhouse, either!

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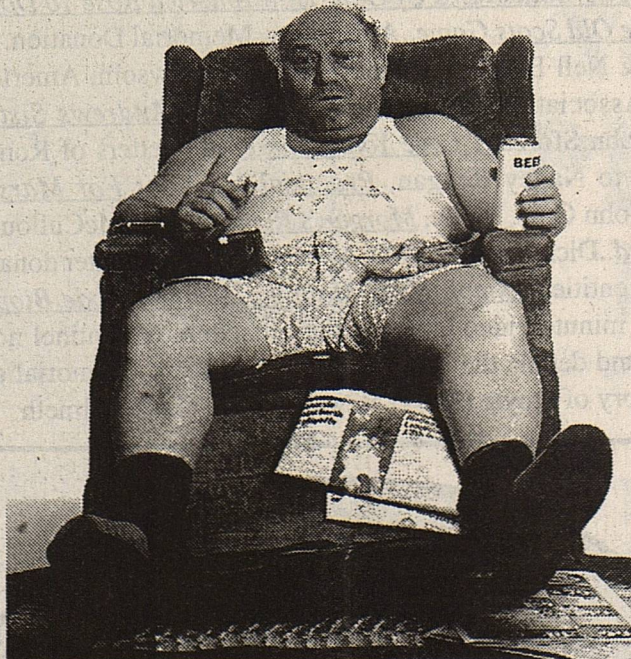
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