

Cowboy Country



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News



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Amendment Election set for November 6

Number of changes in voting procedures explained

The Constitutional Amendment Election mandated by the 77th Legislature will be held November 6. Early voting in the election will start Monday, October 22, and will continue through November 2. County Clerk Debbie Rushing announced there are a number of changes in voting procedures for both Plains and Denver City residents.

All eligible county voters may cast early ballots during the above dates at the County Clerk office in the courthouse. Voters may also request applications for mail in ballots by stopping by the Clerk's office, or obtain an application at the Denver City Tax Office. They may also request the application for mail in ballot by calling the office, 456-2721. Rushing also explained changes in voting sites. "We are consolidating polling places in Denver City for this election only to reduce expenses for the election. Eligible residents of voting precincts 101 and 406 will cast their ballots at the County Precinct 1 building at 139 E. Broadway, while voters of election precincts 202 and 305 will vote at the Denver City Community Building on West 15th

Street. Consolidating the polling sites will save the county well over \$1000 in labor and supply expenses," she stated.

Rushing reported there are four requirements to be met when applying for a ballot by mail; Applicant must be 65 or older; Disabled or confined in a hospital or nursing home; Confined in jail; Expected to be absent from the County on election day, and in this case, the ballot must be sent to the voter at an out of county address.

The County Clerk explained some changes in early voting for Denver City residents. Election laws allow "Mobile early voting." Personnel from the Clerk's office will man polling places in Denver City four days during the early voting period, following this schedule:

Tuesday, October 23, Senior Citizens Center, 10 am until 3 p.m.

Thursday, October 25, Thriftway, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30, Senior Citizens Center, same hours as above.

Thursday, November 1, Thriftway, same hours as above.

Crime cases in County and District Court

In County Court October 1, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Charles Kenneth Bailey was found guilty by a jury for two traffic violation charges. For possession of a radar detector in his vehicle, he was fined \$200, and must pay \$247 court costs. He was also found guilty of speeding, 78 miles an hour in a 65 mile speed zone. He was fined another \$200, and will pay an additional \$250 court costs.

In District Court October 9, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Lenual H. Elmore Jr. pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A five year state prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500 and must pay \$237 court costs. He will serve 160 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, install an ignition interlock on any driven vehicle, and complete the DWI repeat offender program. Investigating officer was William Gardner, Denver City Police, and his attorney was Jimmy Hammons.

Ignacio Morales Jr. pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior assault causing bodily in-

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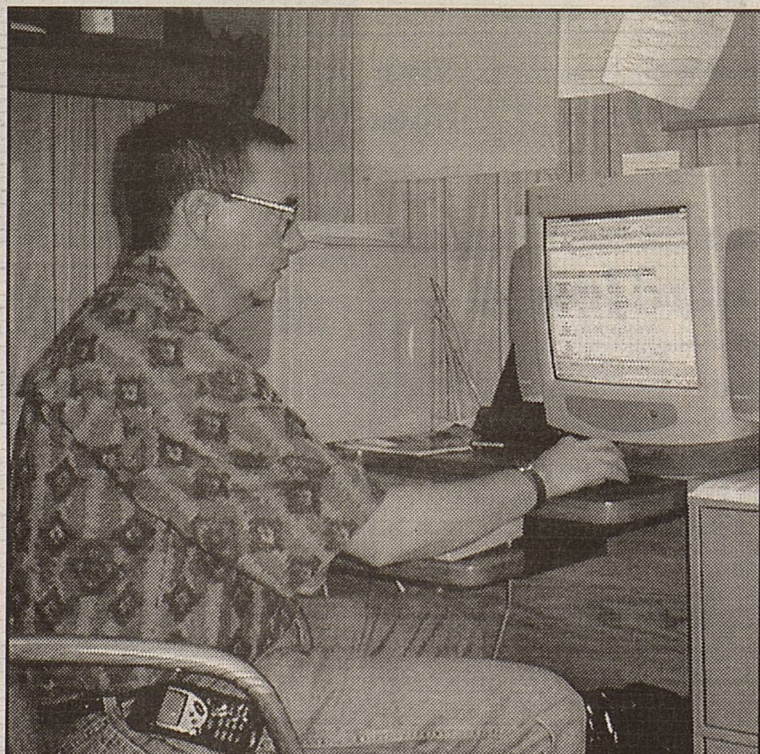
Council appoints Ed Hansen new City Administrator

In the October 8 meeting, Plains City Council members voted to appoint Ed Hansen City Administrator, to replace David Brunson who accepted the manager's job for the City of Muleshoe on October 1.

Hansen, 45, was hired March 8, 1999, and was named the City Utility Supervisor. Prior to coming here, Hansen had worked in Sundown for Warren Petroleum as a field office manager, and later as a gas field operator.

Hansen and his wife Teri, a Special Education Aide for Plains ISD, have three children, Chris, a Senior at PHS, Keri, a Junior, and Brent, a second grader.

Asked about his reaction to the Council decision to promote him to the top City post, Hansen told CNN, "I am very pleased, very excited, and I feel very challenged. I know I face a real learning experience in the months and years ahead." He said a number of city projects are on tap which will keep him busy. Plans for the new City



Hall building are currently in Austin, being reviewed to make certain they meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Hansen said he hoped the approval would come in the near future. Once given the OK, he thinks advertising for bids for the construction of the new city facility could start either in

November or December.

He also discussed plans for improvements to the city's water and natural gas systems in coming months. Work on both utility systems would take place primarily in the northern portions of town.

Hansen discussed a growing
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Cowboys Stampede Stanton 49-6



Joseph Rodriguez picks up yardage against Buffaloes

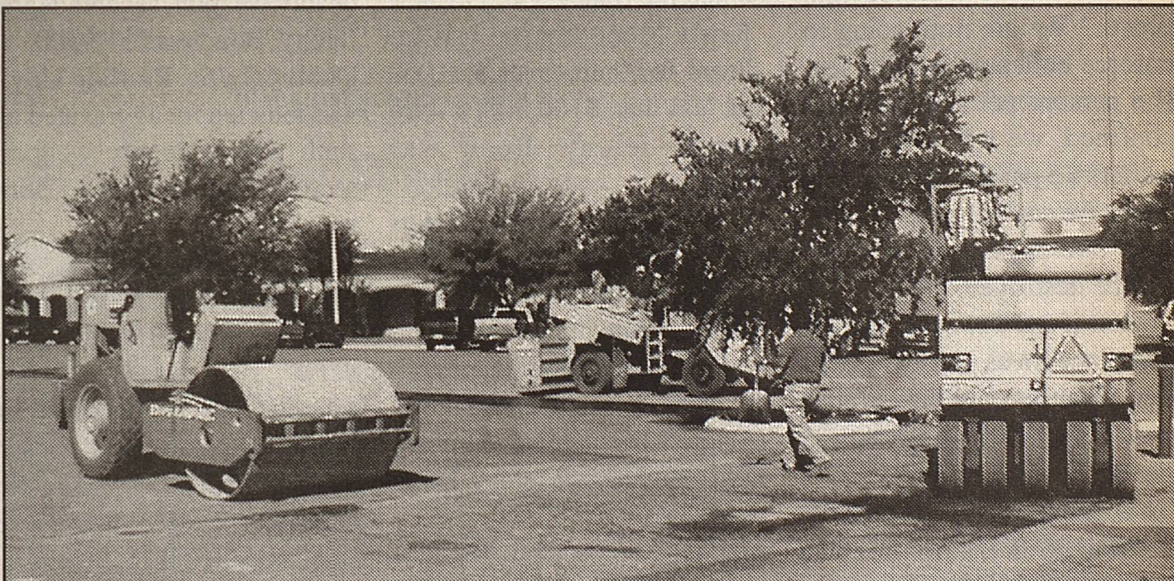
Where do you start with the superlatives, the Cowboy offense, which racked up 411 yards on the ground and through the air, or the defensive effort limiting the Stanton Buffaloes to 224 yards and a meager 6 points? The Cowboys dominant effort produced their district opening win and a 4-2 season record which easily could be 6 and 0, their two losses by a meager total of 14 points.

The Cowboys again got off to a fast start. They took the opening kickoff, manage one first down

and then were forced to punt. The Buffalo receiver muffed the ball, recovered by Louis Escobar on their 21. A penalty moved the Cowboys to the 15, and Moises Gonzales quickly raced around his left end for the first of 7 TD's, and Joseph Rodriguez kicked the first of seven straight extra points to put the Cowboys up 7-0.

When the Buffs had their second possession, strong defensive work from the Cowboy line

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Men and equipment from Precincts 1, 3 and 4 were busy re-surfacing the parking lots in front of the local school. Commissioner Jack Cobb, Pct. 4, said counties are allowed to work with other governmental entities, and in this case, the school district paid for all materials and fuel, with the three precincts furnishing labor and equipment.

Community Planning For Drug & Alcohol Prevention by a "Community That Cares"

We hope you are ready for an exciting opportunity in Yoakum County to create a viable solution to the problem of drug and alcohol abuse in our communities. As a result of brainstorming, planning and strategizing at the Leadership Retreat held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, we are focusing concentrated effort towards creating a plan of action for alcohol and drug prevention with local partners, collaborators, community volunteers and stakeholders. Teen pregnancy issues have highly associated with drug and alcohol abuse and will be focused on as a result of the drug and alcohol

abuse problem.

We need your voice, your input and your talents to make this a success. The strong leadership in this county reflects the best practice models of drug and alcohol prevention. That is "start with a community that cares."

Please mark your calendars for an Alcohol Prevention Leadership Training to be held Saturday, October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., hosted by Yoakum County Connection, Yoakum County Cooperative Extension and Yoakum County. The training will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located on

1400 State Highway 214 in Plains. Dr. Linda Jouridine, Extension Health Specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension will help facilitate the day's events and activities. A meal will be provided and we are requesting that you R.S.V.P. to the Yoakum County Cooperative Extension office by Wednesday, October 24 at 456-2263 so we can ensure there is plenty of food for everyone. There will be no charge for this all day training or the meal. Please mark your calendars, phone in your reservation and make plans to attend.
BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Columnist dead right about U.S. Immigration Policy

A recent article by Linda Chavez, a columnist for Creators Syndicate, Los Angeles, reaffirms the beliefs of many citizens and more importantly, government officials. Current immigration policy is LAX, to the point it exacerbates our current Terrorist War Number One.

She writes, "It is time to rethink American immigration policy in the face of a clear and present danger from terrorists. Nearly eight of ten polled by the Center for Immigration Studies after the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon think so, including 74 percent of self-defined liberals"

Ms. Chavez points out the nation has focused for the last decade on the Mexican and Latin American immigrants, because of the fear of Latinos taking "our jobs, abusing our welfare system, over populating our cities," but ignoring other far more important issues. Our patrol of the Mexican border continues to be strengthened, yet our border with Canada, where at least two of the terrorists are believed to have en-

tered the U.S., continues to be far too open. Millions of foreign visitors enter the U.S. legally each year with valid, temporary visas or student visas. Terrorists can do the same. In 1996, legislation was passed by Congress requiring all U.S. entries and exits be recorded, but the law was shelved last year. There is now no method for Immigration and Naturalization Service officers to track anyone here on a temporary visa - once a terrorist is here, he can simply disappear into our society.

Chavez urges legislation requiring all aliens to register with the government at least once a year, notify INS of any address change, and creating a tracking system which could be used as a tool by law enforcement in combatting terrorism. She concludes, "Living in the U.S. is a privilege, not a right for non-citizens. Law abiding citizens have nothing to fear from these requirements." We now more than ever need this tool

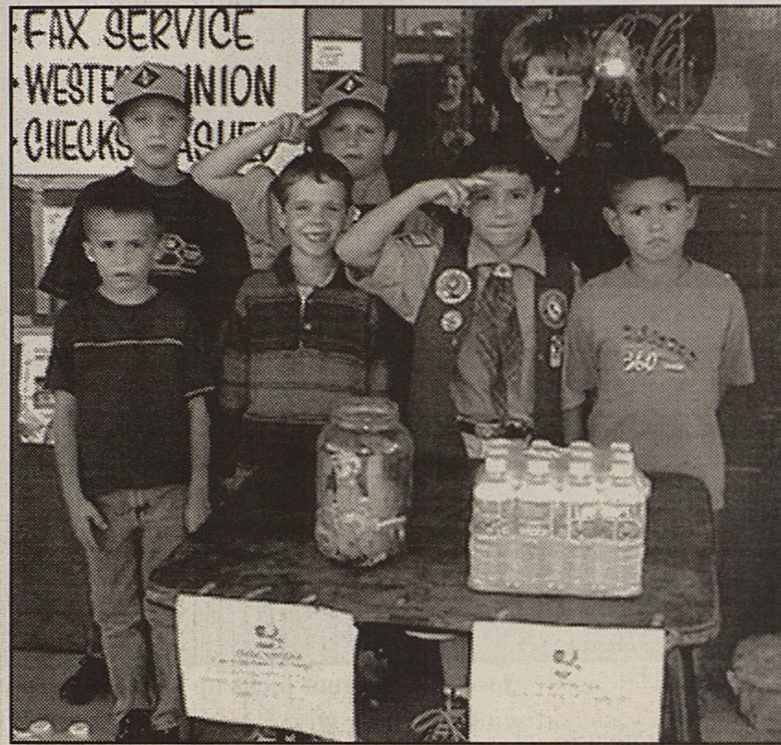
dicted for third or more DWI, third degree felony. Bond was \$2500. Jason Shawn Spurgeon was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony. Jerome Geronimo Yzaguirre was indicted for third or more DWI, third degree felony enhanced to first degree felony.

Bond was \$2500. Ranges of punishment for felonies are: First degree- Confinement in Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for life or not more than 99 years or less than five years, plus optional \$10,000 fine. Second degree- Confinement in TDCJ not more than 20 years

or less than two years, optional \$10,000 fine. Third degree-Confinement in TDCJ not more than ten years or less than two years, optional \$10,000 fine. State Jail felony- Confinement in state jail not more than two years or less than 180 days, optional \$10,000 fine.

Cubs work for WTC rescue workers

The Cub Scout members of local Pack 778 shown here set up a collection site in front of Lowe's Market last week, asking shoppers to dig deep for donations the boys will use to purchase bottled water for the hundreds of rescue workers at the terrorist attack site in New York City. The first through fifth grade youngsters manned the site from 4:30 until 6 P.M. Monday through Friday, and collected \$ 495 to purchase the water. The scouts expressed their thanks to Lowe's, Agro and all donors. Shown above, front row, L-R are Troy Alldredge, Christopher Davis, Justin Gonzales and Andrew Conway. Back row, Blake Longoria, Jacob Brink and Robert Davis.



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problem the Council had recently addressed, pets running loose in the city limits. He said the city had long had an ordinance prohibiting roaming animals, containing provisions for charging an impoundment fee for stray pets picked up and kept in facilities at the old light plant. "We are now going to enforce collection of this fee. If a persons pet is caught and confined, we will charge the owners \$ 5 per day for confinement. We can only keep the animals five days, and then they will be destroyed." Asked if the council planned to replace im as Utility Supervisor, Hansen said they probably wouldn't do so anytime in the near future. In a discussion with Mayor T. J. Miller, he said he was pleased the Council acted promptly to fill the Administrator position. He thought Hansen's transition into the new job would be easier than for a newcomer to the city. "I hope, and think he will do us a good job, and help us keep the city in good financial shape."

Grand Jury Indicts Fifteen

The Yoakum County Grand Jurors convened September 17 and returned true bills of indictment in fifteen felony cases. Felony indictment bonds are set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore. Richard Clark, Criminal District Attorney, represented the State.

Kristy Marie Lozano was indicted for theft, over \$20,000 but less than \$100,000, a third degree felony. Bond was \$5000.

Larisa Joann Hargrove was indicted for possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine, a state jail felony. Bond was personal recognizance.

Alavaro Hernandez Zubia was indicted for a third or more DWI, third degree felony. Bond was \$2500.

Manuel Ramos Castruita was indicted for a third or more DWI, third degree felony. Bond was \$2500.

Donald Gene Gardner was indicted for failure to appear, a third degree felony. Bond was \$15,000.

Vicente Lasoya Perez was indicted for burglary of a habita-

tion, second degree felony. Bond was \$5000.

Christopher Brit Marion was indicted for unlawful possession of a firearm, a third degree felony. Bond was \$5000.

Carol Marroquin was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony. Bond was \$15,000.

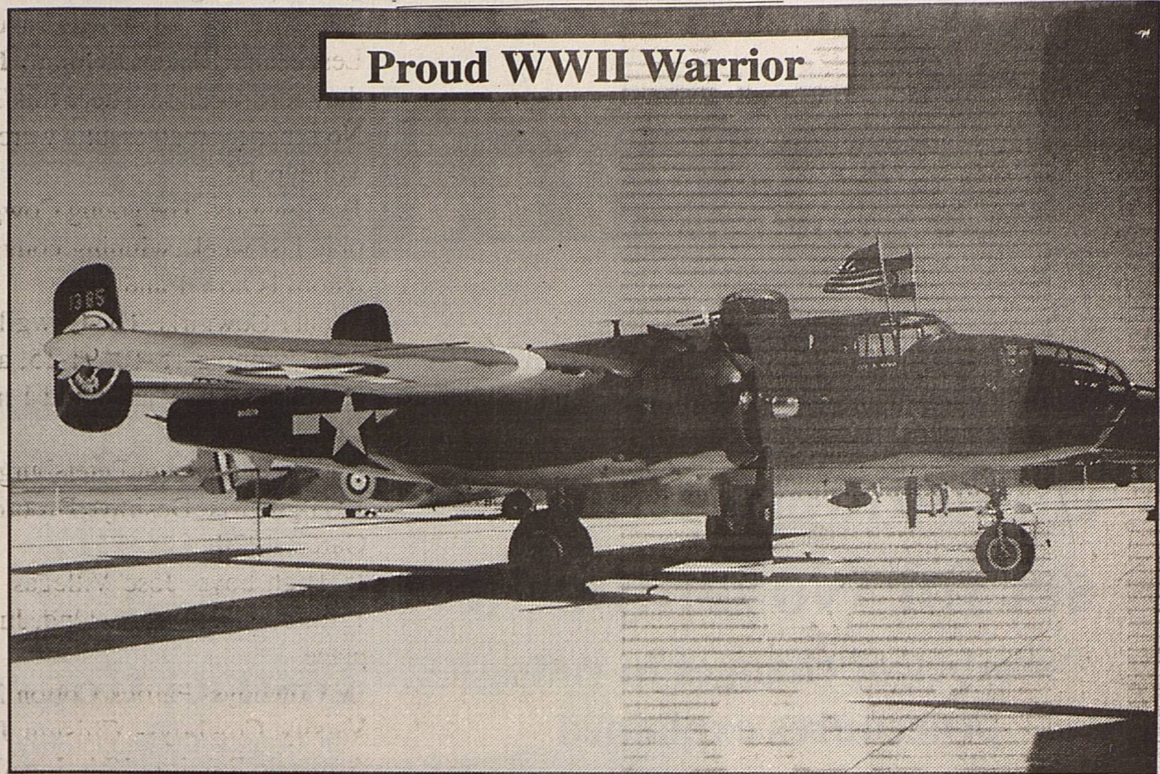
Debbie Lynn Prather Coyle was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony. Bond was \$3000.

Jose Guerra Gomez Jr. was indicted for third or more DWI, third degree felony. Bond was \$2500.

Johnny Leroy Criswell was indicted for unlawful of firearm by a felon, third degree felony enhanced to second degree. Bond was \$10,000.

Clinton Page Parks was indicted for delivery of marijuana to a minor, a second degree felony. Bond was \$5000.

Jose Alejandro Loya was in-



This immaculately refurbished Air Force B-25 medium bomber which saw service in Europe and the Pacific was one of well over ten dozens planes in the recent Midland Confederate Airforce Air Show at Midland airport.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Yoakum, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 6 20 01, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6th de Noviembre de 20 01 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas pro la 77a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas

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

ELECTION PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
101 & 406	Precinct 1 Building	139 E. Broadway	Denver City, TX
202 & 305	Community Building	West 15th Street	Denver City, TX
303	Yoakum County Library	901 Avenue E	Plains, TX
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue G	Plains, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: **YOAKUM COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE PLAINS, TEXAS**
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

(location) (sitio)

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2001 (date)
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el día 22 de Octubre, 2001 (fecha)

and ending on November 2, 2001 (date) (y terminando el día 2 de Noviembre, 2001 (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Deborah L. Rushing
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

P.O. Box 309
(Address) (Direccion)

Plains 79355
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

October 30, 2001
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 11 day of October, 20 01.
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Dallas Brewer
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

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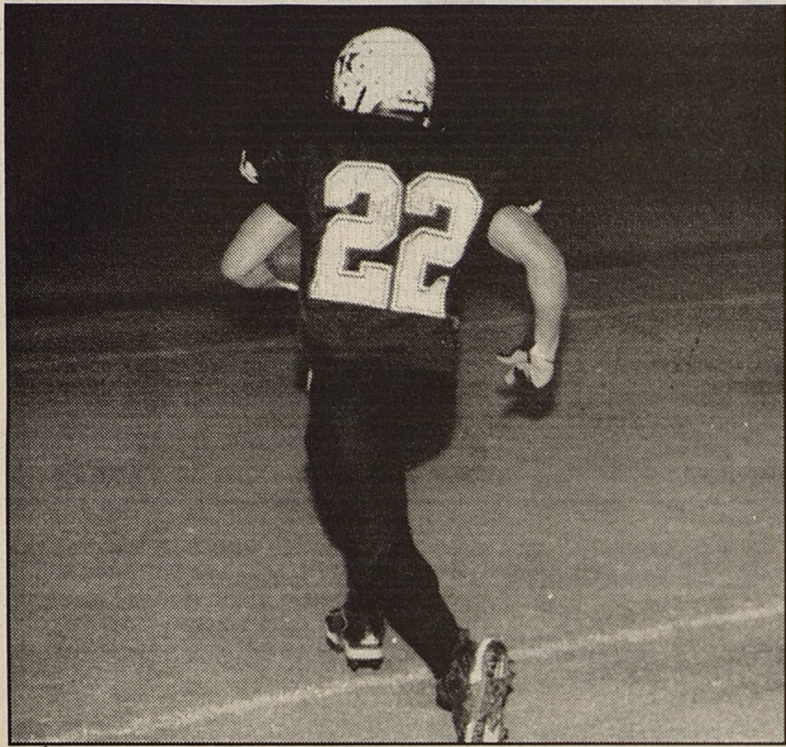
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Cowboy action scenes



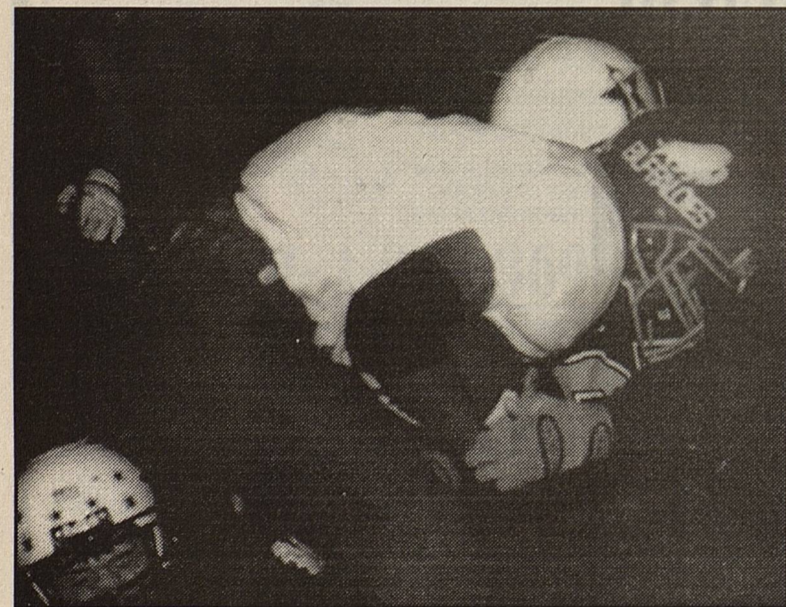
Unknown Cowboy about to down a Stanton Buffalo



Moises Gonzales going across goalline



Arnold Cordova on ground gainer



Two Cowboys stop a Buff runner

PISD Sports Update

Football:

8th Wranglers: The Wranglers found Stanton's JV too much to handle, and fell 40-8 last Thursday. The Wranglers score came on a 65 yard kickoff return by Todd Williams for the touch-down, and then a two point conversion run. Coach Brink noted the second half was a big improvement for the Wranglers, with good blocking and fefensive work from linmen Reagan Haynes, T.J. Cordova, Adam McCravey, Ben Hays, Blake Parrish. B.J. Lester and Blake O'Quinn. Their record is now 2 and 3, and they face Coahoma here this Thursday evening.

No other football results were available Monday morning.

Volleyball:

JV Cowgirls- The young Cowgirls dominated Tahoka in district play last week, winning convincingly 15-2, 15-4. Ther district record is now 1 and 1.

Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgilrs also ahndled Tahokas's varsity well, winning 15-10, 91-15, and 15-2. Ther season record is 8 and 18, and they are 1 and 1 in district play.

Cross Country:

Eight team meet at Petersburg October 13-

Jr. High girls- Desiraye Broome 9th, Alice Curtis 51st, Meghan Garcia 127th.

Jr. High boys- Jose Villegas 1st, Abel Ramos 6th, Ben Hays 15th, Spencer Prtega 22nd, Justen Henry 52nd.. Team was 3rd place.

JV Cowboys- Patrick Cotton 2nd.

Varsity Cowboys- Chisum Justus 11th, Payton Bean 16th, Armando Ramirez 18th, Jonathan Delarosa 22nd, Nathan Hays 28th, Chase Howell 29th, Brandon Davis 32nd, Arnold Cordova 33rd. Cowboys were second in the meet with 72 points.

PISD 1st Six Weeks Honor Roll

Elementary 'A' Honor Roll

First Grade
Nicholas Alvarado
Salvador Corrales
Roxana Cueto
Vanessa Cueto
Johnathan Davis
Whitney Davis
Katie Dearing
Carmen Delgado
Darren Fenton
Autumn Friesen
Rebecca Garcia
Andrew Lara
Jennifer Lira
Stacy Loewen
Abe Neudorf
P.J. Pando
Abraham Peters
Matthew Ramos
Jasmine Rivera
Joseph Sainz
Kailey Vasquez
Fermin Villegas
Haley Welch

Second Grade

Greg Andazola
Vanessa Andazola
Suzette Bonilla
Andrew Conway
Adriana Corrales
Shelby Covarrubias
Marya Cueto
Christopher Davis
Dakota Earnest
Taylor Fitzgerald
Brent Hansen
Carolina Hernandez
Lexi Isaacks
Zachary Lamar
Maria Loewen
Erica Martinez
Mariela Martinez
Eva Neudorf
Cynthia Rodriguez
Felicia Rodriguez
Camishay Rubio
Denise Tarango

Third Grade

Stephanie Addison
Kelbi Bartley
Jaxon Bean
Forrest Booth

Fourth Grade

Hannah Crump
Samantha Delarosa
Cody Friesen
Kevin John Gass
Kristen Knight
Brittanie Lira
Hunter Welch

Fifth Grade

Taylor Banfield
Brock Carter
Hannah Cotton
Brandon Craft
Emilia Gallegos
Brett Hawthorne
Abigail Hernandez
Nathan McCravey
Katelynn Young

Middle School 'A' Honor Roll

Fifth Grade

Chris Addison
Landon Earnest
Reyna Gallegos
Yesenia Loya
Holden Welch

Sixth Grade

Douglas Conway
Ryan Crump
Lauren Davis
Amber Friesen
Lauren Hise
Zachary Ramos

Seventh Grade

Scott Addison
Caitlin Carter
Landon Craft
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Colby Wilmeth

Becky Wilmeth was not listed on last week's PHS all-A Honor Roll

Eighth Grade

Michael Crump
Allison Friesen
Skylar Keesee
B.J. Lester
Ramiro Martinez
Adam McCravey
Abel Ramos

All 'A' 1B

Fifth Grade

Brianna Conway

Sixth Grade

Lesslie Garcia
Maria Ruiz
Vanessa Martinez

Seventh Grade

Nicole Culwell
Joe Luis Gallegos
Margaret Martens
Adrianna Ponce

Eighth Grade

Reagan Haynes
Blake O'Quinn
Blake Parrish

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limited them to one first down before having to punt. The Cowboys set up shop at their 28 yardline. On the second play from scrimmage, Jared Bell cleared his left end, and with good broken field running raced 69 yards for the score, and Rodriguez increased the lead to 14-0. Stanton managed two first downs in their next offensive series, but the Cowboy ' D ' again held, forcing a punt. The Cowboys small but tough linemen provided blocking for Bell to gain 14 yards in two rushes, and then go up the middle 78 yards for his second TD, and the Rodriguez kick gave then a 21-Zip lead at the end of the first quarter.

At the start of the second period, Rodriguez' squib kick produced a Buff fumble, covered by Bell. Good blocking allowed big gains by Bell, Gonzales and Rodriguez, and from the 17, Bell hit Richard Diaz with a scoring pass, and Rodriguez kick increased the lead to 28-0.

Almost incredibly, the Buffaloes again fumbeld the ball in their next possession, and runs by Gonzales and Bell moved the ball to the 28, from where Bell burst over right tackle for another score, and Rodriguez kick made it 35-0.

With three minutes left in the first half, a Buff runner found a big hole and went up the middle for 33 yards and their only score of the game. Chris Hansen stopped their two point conversion attempt, and the Cowboys led 42-6 at halftime.

Early in the third period, Stanton would again fumble the ball. A Buff 15 yard penalty moved the Cowboys to Stantons 44. A run by Rodriguez pushed the ball to the 17, and there the right side of the Cowboy line opened a hole for Gonzales to scoot into the end zone, and Gonzales 7th PAT kick provided the final 49-6 district win.

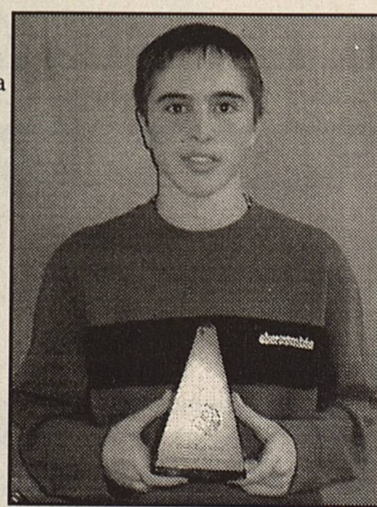
The Cowboy coaching staff substituted liberally the remainder of the game, and many of the former Junior Varsity players received valuable game experience in the final period of the game.

Unofficial individual stats included: Rushing leaders were Bell, 204 yards, Gonzales 107, Rodriguez 53, Diaz 26. Fumble recoveries; Bell 4, Diaz, Escobar, Nick Hays and Ryan Martinez 1 each. Tackles for losses, Jeffrey Lollar, Rodriguez and Escobar. Tanner Hamm had the only interception.



Moises Gonzales about to be rudely greeted

Student of the Week



Student of the Week is Breck Hamm, a Freshman and the son of Ace and Dana Hamm. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, " Breck is an enthusiastic and eager learner. He is dedicated and disciplined in performing his best work. He has a creative nature which he shares with his classmates, and he doesn't hesitate to volunteer for projects outside of class. He is a pleasure to have in class."

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jury to a family member cause. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with credit for 387 days served. Vicente Losoya Perez pled guilty to burglary of a habitation. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but the court recommended placing the defendant in the State Boot Camp Progra. He must pay \$242 court costs, \$250 attorney fees, and was fined \$1000. Investigating Officer was Chris Ballard, Denver City Police. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both court sessions.

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You are cordially invited to attend the grand opening from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th.



Top Row: Tammy Jividen, Elvida Winkler, Rhonda Trent, Elsa Moya
Seated: Debi Helwig, Bill Helwig, Scarlett Eastteam



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Lifelines & Styles

50th Anniversary Celebration



Fred and Sue Ramos will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows Saturday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramos are the parents of Majorie Diaz, Estella Ramos, Gloria Calsoncin, Freddie, Rick, Eric Ramos, Adrian Rios and the late Dora Rios, and they have 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

All of their friends are invited to the celebration.

TsaMoGa presents women's health program

The theme of the October 8 Tsa Mo Ga Club meeting was "Women's Health Issues." Program coordinator Zarita Winn introduced Jo Lena Wall, PA-C with the Yoakum County Plains Clinic, who spoke on health promotion and disease prevention for women. She stressed the importance of proper diet and exercise, and urged a visit to a Doctor before starting a new fitness routine, and encouraged avoiding fats, alcohol and tobacco. Ms. Wall distributed literature on heart disease, osteoporosis, cancer and healthy diets.

The next Tsa Mo Ga program will be held October 22, and District 80 Representative Gary Walker will be guest speaker. He will discuss the recent legislative session, and the upcoming November Amendment Election. PHS students Ragan McGinty and Annaliesa O'Quinn will share information about their experiences this summer with the NASA Space Program for students, and Annaliesa will tell of her youth tour of Washington D.C., sponsored by Lea County Electric.

Ann McGinty and Shannon Dusek were hostesses for the meeting.

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 Morning Worship - 10:45 am
 Youth Fellowship/Study - 4:30 pm
 Choir Rehearsal - 6:45 pm
Wednesday Connections
 Food, Fellowship & Bible Study
 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Other Opportunities
 Fitness/exercise Class - 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays

John Steinbeck's Of Mice And Men

John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" opens at 8 pm. tonight in the Southwest Mabee Heritage Center at College of the Southwest.

The play's two main characters, Linnie and George, represent the millions who lead an anonymous existence but share the universal dream to one day better their life, director Mary Lyle said. "It touches your heart," the CSW adjunct theater professor said of the production. "George and Linnie are lonely, they're drifters and they haven't got much to hang on to except that maybe some day, they'll get a place of their own."

Slow-witted Linnie is portrayed by Leigh Melton, who owns a hair-styling business in Hobbs, while George, the character who befriends Linnie when nobody else will, is played by Daniel Russell, advertising director at the Hobbs News Sun.

Others who play key roles in the CSW theater offering include Barry Herzog, Pete Mosher, Shannon Otto, Jay Patton, Luke Anderson, Larry Holland, and Sam Ulibarri.

"Of Mice and Men" was an immediate success when it was published in 1937. After making its way to Broadway that

same year, the play won the Critic's Circle Award. In 1939, "Of Mice and Men" was made into a film that received an Oscar nomination for best picture.

The novels of Steinbeck, who also wrote "The Grapes of Wrath," typically give voice to disenfranchised men, women and children during the Depression and Dust Bowl Era.

Because she's fascinated with the period as well as Steinbeck, Lyle selected "Of Mice and Men" as the CSW fall production because "we haven't done a dramatic piece out here in a while."

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday night as well as Friday. A dinner theater begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and the production continues at 8 p.m. on October 19-20. A 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled for October 21.

Public school students who are studying Steinbeck in English as well as the Depression in history class have made plans to attend the production, which will also feature the Depression era photographs of Dorothea Lange, Lyle said.

Tickets for the dinner play are \$25 while the price is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children at all other performances. For reservations, call CSW at 392-6561.

Senior Citizens Corner

Hi to everyone in Yoakum County.

Don't forget our pot luck supper on the 18th, the Harvesters will be here to entertain us with their Christian Music. When we have these pot luck supper's and music, they are not just for the Seniors, they are for everyone that likes good food and good music.

Our condolences, prayers and love go to the Emma Jean Ivey, Manuel Carrasco, Lupe Esparza families, also the family of Scott Lowery.

Things have been fairly quiet

around the center this week. Margie Moore is still coming over and doing exercises.

The food is still good so everyone get your duds on and come on down. Either call in before 10:00 am. or the day before, so you won't have to wait.

We would also like to take this time to thank Deroy Anderson and the farmers for their donation of watermelons to our center this year. We really enjoyed them!

Till next week,
 Wanda B.

Booster Club Meets

The Plains Booster Club met October 8 in the school cafeteria. Members discussed Spirit items which will soon be on sale, including cowbells, rally rags, stadium seats and earbands. Anyone interested in purchasing any of the items should contact a member. Purchases can also be made at future football and basketball games. Athletic schedule posters are being distributed, and may be purchased by contacting Billie Howell at Plains Elementary.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 am.
Morning Worship 10:45 am.
Evening Program 6:00 pm.
Wednesday
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Supper
 6:00 pm. Zombies
 7:00 pm. - RA's, GA's, Mission Friends,
 Sanctuary Choir Practice

Storytime At The Library



Shown waiting for the fire truck at the Library last week were Arista Davis, Mesa Davis, Madison Davis, Peyton McWhirter, Jentry Wall, Amanda Dusek and Braedon Davis.

Last week at the Yoakum County Library Storytime in Plains, we celebrated Fire Prevention Week. Two of Plains finest Volunteer Firefighters, Alex Barrientes and Jerry Dominguez, brought the fire trucks to the library and demonstrated how they work and what to do in case of a fire. The children even got a chance to handle the water hose and see the inside of the fire truck. Afterward the children enjoyed special fire truck cookies.

4-H's Exhibit Projects At Fairs

Several Yoakum County 4-H members exhibited goats, lambs, cookies, cakes, jams and jellies, crafts and clothing at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock, September 21-29 according to Country Extension Agents Arlan Gentry and Debbie Pollard.

Exhibits in the goat show were among 236 animals entered. Chance Kitchens exhibited 3 goats, winning 2nd, 4th and 7th places. Ragan McGinty also had 3 entries, placing 4th, 5th and 9th. Cody Mayes placed 10th with one of his 3 entries. Other exhibitors were Logan and Landra Wood with 5 goats entered and Matthew Merritt with one goat. Chance Kitchens also won the Senior Showmanship Award.

In the Lamb Division, 453 lambs competed. Chelsey-Anne Bearden placed 10th in her class. Marty and Marcy

Roberts also exhibited lambs.

Seventeen 4-H members entered 55 items to compete for prizes in canned goods, baked goods, craft items and clothing items. They captured 12-1st places, 6-2nd places, 1-3rd place and 4- Honorable Mentions. Members participating were Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Forrest Booth, Andrew Conway, Brianna Conway, Douglas Conway, Hana Crump, Cheyenne Durham, Clayton Gass, Kevin Gass, Joseph Horn, Micah Horn, Sara Horn, Cody Mayes, Grady McNabb, Maretta Walker, Lydia Whitzel and Kimber Williams.

Kristen Knight exhibited a pig at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on October 1-4, 2001. She placed 1st in the Heavy-weight Cross class in the Junior Market Swine Division. Over 800 hogs were exhibited.

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From The Hack

Since the September 11 attacks on our nation, a wave of patriotism has swept over most Americans. If you are not aware of this pleasant phenomenon, you have either been living in a cave or doing time in solitary. I think it's great. I hope and pray it can be sustained a long, long time, for I feel our war on terrorism will call for a costly and sustained nationwide effort.

The Bride and I attended the recent Confederate Air Force air show in Midland (No, they still haven't changed the CAF name.) I can guarantee there was plenty of chest swelling pride and patriotism there. I can't recall seeing so many US flags flying in one location, and it seemed like every fourth person you saw sported red, white and blue colors in their attire. There were around 150 aircraft on display, and most of them per-

formed in the air. There were the usual WW II planes, and some that saw action in Korea and Vietnam. There were a number of current military aircraft which you could gawk at on the ground, and REALLY gawk when a number of them performed. A Navy F-18 was the first to show its stuff. It streaked down the runway just in front of the viewing area, then the pilot put the torch to its afterburner, and that roar literally shook the earth as he turned the nose straight up, and then the roar just washed down on us as he sped out of sight. That roar was immediately replaced by another, the crowds approval of the performance.

A B1-B next performed the same trick... it roared down on us, then it fired off four afterburners as it too climbed almost straight up, and I realized I had only thought the F-18 was loud. About this time, the announcer on the PA broke into his narration of the show, and solemnly announced our attack on the Taliban resources had just begun, and pandemonium reigned in the crowd. People around us actually screamed with pleasure when they heard we had finally struck back. The show continued. We

watched in awe as the Army's six Golden Knights parachuted from 12,000 feet, performing aerial acrobatics, trailing colored smoke from boot tanks, to land precisely on target despite stiff winds. When they were all on the ground, they came to attention to be identified, and before marching smartly off, they saluted the audience, and I heard a roar of approval just a tiny bit louder than Tech fans in Jones Stadium following a Red Raider touchdown.

The Air Force Thunderbirds then strutted their stuff in gleaming black and white F-15's, and their precision flying at almost groundlevel was a true marvel, and again at each pass, the crowd went loudly crazy. When the CAF staged their annual replica of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the many dozens of 'bad guys' being chased by pitifully few 'good guys' in WWII craft, over simulated bomb and torpedo explosions, the crowd seemed a bit subdued, and I noticed many in the audience wiping their eyes, and not from any blowing dust. One elderly gentleman directly in front of us turned to his elderly wife, and I

saw the American Legion cap he wore and saw he was a WW II vet. He was obviously shaken, and I heard him tell her, "I was at Hickam Field when they hit us. It was bad there, but not as bad as Pearl Harbor." At that moment I realized I was having some

sort of problem with my own eyes. The Bride seemed like she too had picked up some foreign matter in hers. I guess patriotism is contagious. I hope it is, anyway.

Going away party for Pat Bowlin, Oct. 23, 5 PM, Plains Library. Gifts, money tree. All of her customers and friends invited!

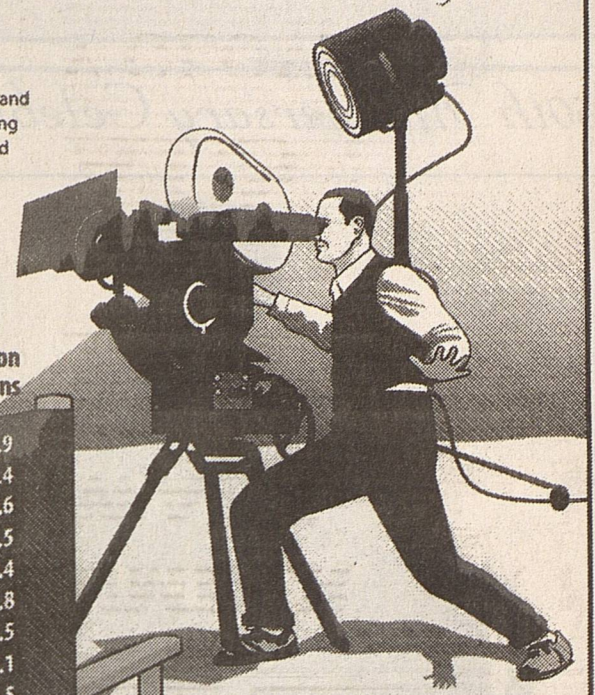
Texas at a Glance

Roll 'em Texas

After declining for three years, the number of major film and television productions based or filmed in Texas, including feature films, TV movies and TV series, episodes, segments and specials rolled to 39 in 2000, up from 33 in 1999. Texas filmmakers and video professionals also produce hundreds of commercials, corporate and non-broadcast films and videos, music videos and other projects.

Texas film and television production

Number of projects	Combined production budgets in millions
48	\$132.9
30	\$139.4
49	\$180.6
45	\$204.5
51	\$330.4
57	\$284.8
51	\$227.5
47	\$282.1
33	\$205.5
39	\$277.0



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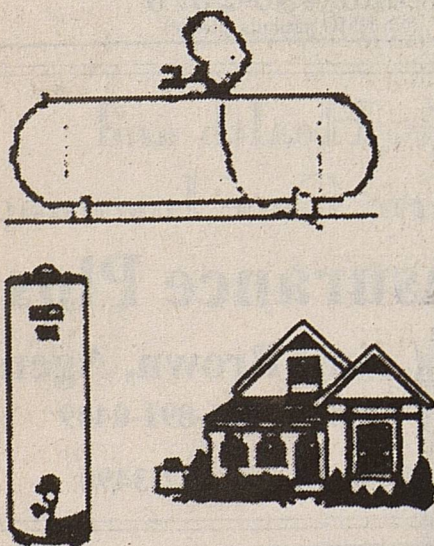
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