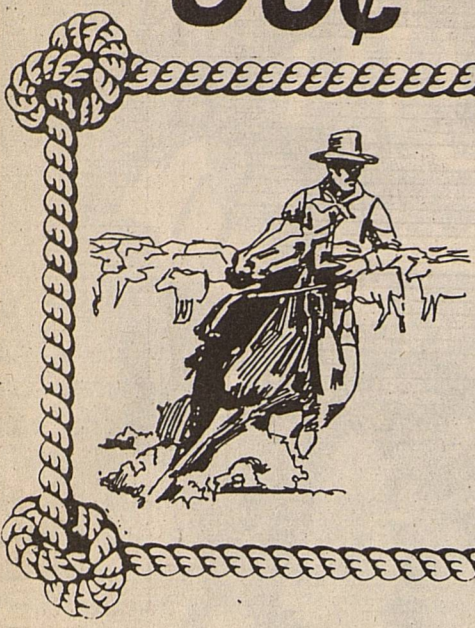


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1996 Homecoming Royalty

Kristi Guetersloh crowned in pregame ceremony



The PHS 1995 Homecoming Queen, Valerie Blair, gave up her throne prior to last week's Whiteface game, placing her crown on the head of the 1996 queen, Senior Kristi Guetersloh. The impressive ceremony featured the introduction of the three Senior Queen candidates, and Duchesses from the Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen classes, resplendent in their formal gowns and dresses, and their escorts, equally resplendent in tuxedos.

Pictured above are, L-R, Sophomore Duchess Jolyne Burgess and Jamey Garland, Senior Queen Candidate Bridget Bernal and Eric Estrada, Freshman Duchess Patricia Ruiz and Jamie Caballero, 1996 Queen Kristi Guetersloh and Doug Rushing, Senior Queen Candidate Sonia Avila and Clint Burrus, and Sophomore Duchess Lindsey Six and Kipp Blount.



Dad Royce Blair looks on as Valerie Blair crowns Kristi Guetersloh under approving eye of escort Doug Rushing.

Cindy Gray Elected New Conservation District Director

At last Thursday's meeting of the Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District, more than two dozen voters elected Cindy Gray as a new director, replacing retiring Neal Newsom.

Cindy, and her husband Jim Gray, are county landowners involved in both farming and ranching interests. They are the parents of son Taylor, and daughter Jill Gray, both Juniors in High School in the PISD system.

Retiring President of YCSWCD Neal Newsom has served on the Board of Directors since 1992. He was elected President in 1994. The election featured Gray's nomination

for the office by Board member Linda Powell, and Board member Don Burgess nominated local producer Jack Cobb to fill Newsom's vacancy. Bob Ensor, Assistant Conservationist, Texas Natural Resources Commission (TNRCC), from the Temple office, addressed the audience, assisted by Mickey Black, Assistant Conservationist from the Lubbock state office.

Ensor addressed the newly enacted Farm Bill of 1996, and its impact on statewide soil and water conservation district committees. He said, "We cannot tell you exactly how

the new farm bill will affect you in your farm and ranch efforts during the next seven years of the program. If I understand the rules of a game, I can probably play the game. All the rules have not been written in the new farm program, and we, nor any other agricultural agency, state or national, can tell you exactly what to expect in the next seven years."

He said local Soil and Water Conservation District's would have an important role in the new program, saying such district's are specifically mentioned six times in the new law, the

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Cowboys derail Whiteface 25-6, extend record to 4-1

Strong second half dooms 'lopes plans for 1st win

The winless Whiteface Antelopes invaded Cowboy stadium, hoping to make the Cowboys their first victims of the year, and for the first half, played like they might do just that.

In the first period, neither team's offense could find the right spark, and had to settle for a back and forth exchange of possessions.

Cowboys Major Howard and Marte Pierce made a big hit and stop on the antelope runner late in the quarter, forcing a 'lopes punt to Plains' 32 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Coley Burgess, in at fullback, burst up the middle for a 14 yard gain. Abraham Garcia threw to Pierce for a big 35 yard gain. Garcia next passed to Joe Luna for 22 yards and first down on the Antelopes 2.

Their defense stiffened, and the Cowboys faced fourth down and one yard to go. Garcia managed to burrow his way under the defenders for the first return run, wiped out by a score, and Burgess' kick gave the Cowboys a 7-0



Jason Redman on the go after good catch lead.

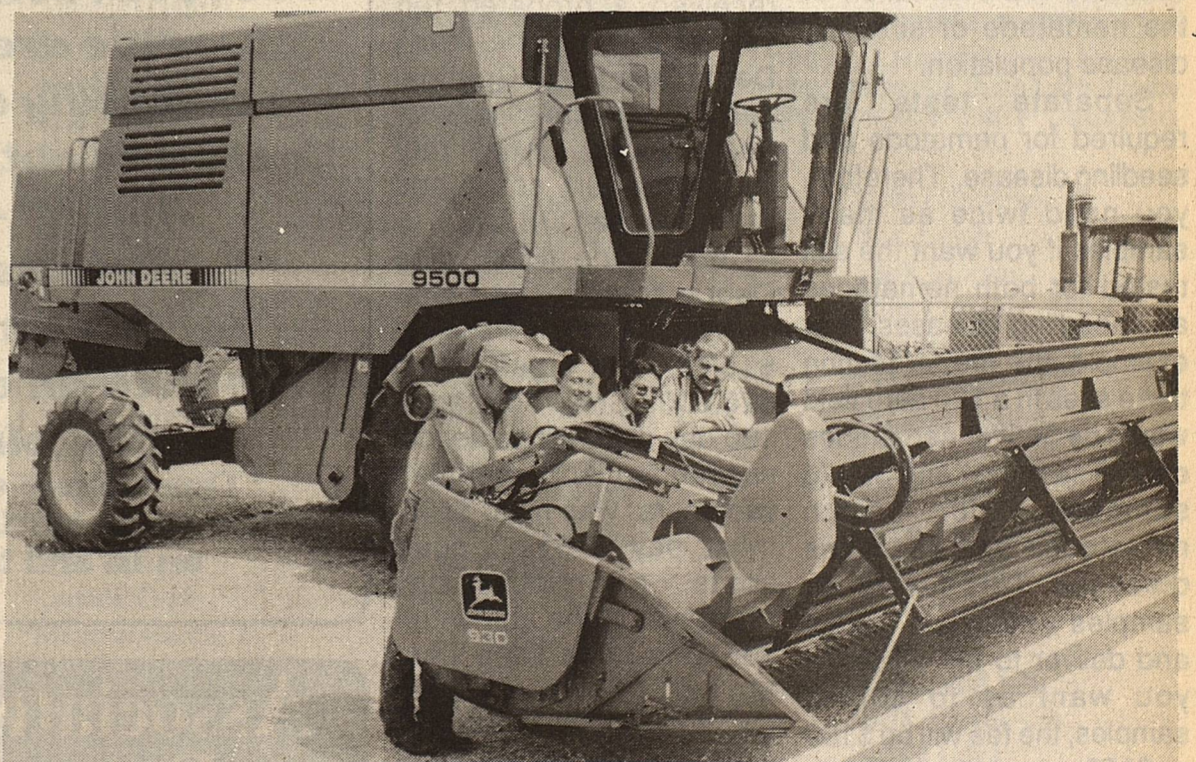
For the remainder of the first half, the teams battled back and forth. Luna, David Flores and Dustin Brunson had big defensive plays to stall the 'lopes attack and force a punt. Joe Luna made a fine return run, wiped out by a penalty, and from their 15, Burgess made another

bruising run for 24 yards, but the Cowboys drive fell apart at the 27.

Whiteface made two quick first downs, where Wayne Willett made a great sack on their QB for a 7 yard loss. Tanner Blount

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First 'New' Grain Combine Sale Here in 15 years

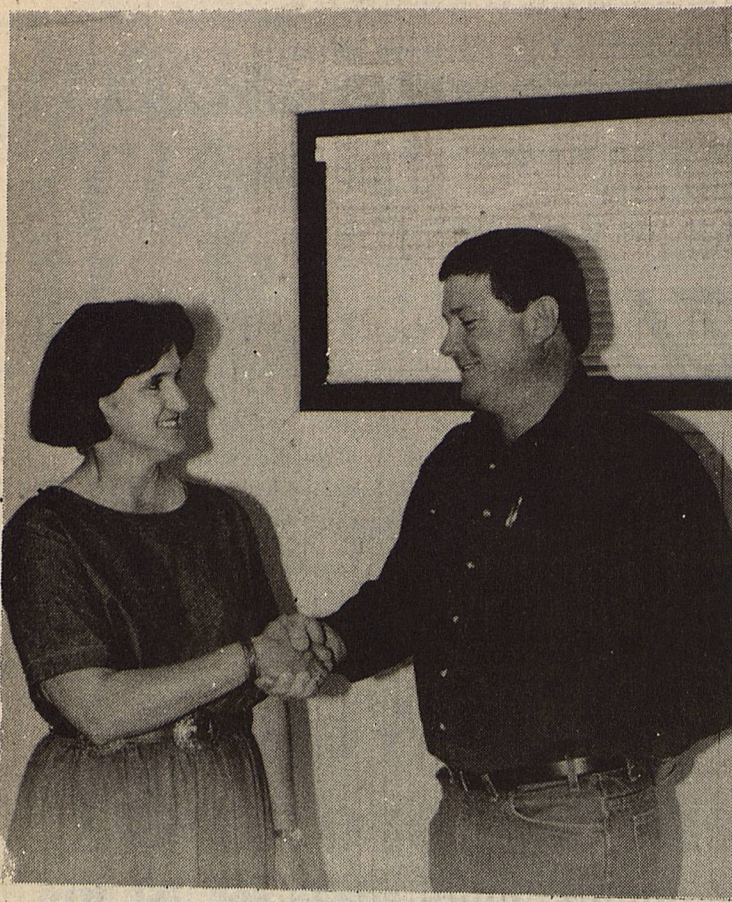


Randy and Edith Tuggle shown with new machine, with Texas Equipment's Raymond Martinez, head combine mechanic, and Aubrey Cox, dealership manager.

With the ever expanding number of acres planted to cotton in Yoakum County, and declining acreage in grain sorghum in the area, once the commodity mainstay here, it is a rare occurrence when a producer buys a new harvest machine such as the Tuggle's John Deere 9500 grain combine. While technically not 'new', with a few dozen hours on the tachometer, in appearance it looks like it came off the showroom floor.

Vaughn Culwell, former owner of Plains Farm Supply, the Texas Equipment predecessor, said the last new combine sold locally was a 7720 John Deere, to Billy Guetersloh in 1981.

The Tuggle's have some 1,400 acres of milo in cultivation this year. He will probably do some custom harvesting with the machine, if it doesn't hinder gathering his cotton crop. Most producers think if weather conditions stay favorable, many fields of dryland milo could produce 3,000 to 3,500 pounds per acre, with irrigated fields producing in the 5,000 to 5,500 pound range.



Cindy Gray congratulated by Neal Newsom

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first time such attention has been given to local district's in national legislation. He detailed the major resource concerns included in the current Farm Program; Water quality, animal waste disposal, flooding, conversion of farmland, excessive erosion, and loss of riparian areas. Conceding some of these concerns are not apparent in Yoakum County, Ensor stressed the importance of local SWCD Board's continued efforts to secure government funds for local projects.

Citing the fact some \$7.5 million to \$11 million of Farm Services Administration and Great Plains Contract Program funds are spent annually in Yoakum County, Ensor told the audience of the vital need of the SWC District's Board to actively seek the County's share of these funds, which are granted on a "per need basis". He added, "If our commission isn't aware of your needs, we cannot help you go after the money you need to help in your conservation plans, money the entire district needs for all resource conservation programs".

Nematode and Seedling Disease Sampling

The Terry—Yoakum Pest Management Association will be processing soil samples from producer fields this year. One quart of soil will be needed for testing a site. The fee will be \$15 per sample. Three samples should be collected from each field to obtain an accurate representation of the nematode or seedling disease population.

Separate tests are required for nematode and seedling disease. Therefore, you need twice as many samples if you want the soil tested for both nematodes and seedling diseases. For example, the fee for testing three sites in a 120 acre field would be \$45 for nematodes only (3 samples) and \$90 (6 samples) for both nematodes and seedlings disease. This fee is for samples which you collect and deliver to my office. If you want us to collect samples, the fee will be \$100 or \$150, respectively.

Contact my office (637-8792) if you wish to have a field tested.
Phillip Kield

District Court Cases

Two criminal cases were heard in 121st District Court Tuesday, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. Valentine Lucero Acosta, aka Angel Acosta, 33, pled guilty to possession of marijuana (more than 50 pounds, less than 2,000 pounds) in a February, 1995 offense. He was represented by Attorney Arnold Miller.

Acosta pled guilty, and received a probated ten year sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system. He was fined \$5000, must pay \$179.50 court costs and \$17.50 to the DPS lab.

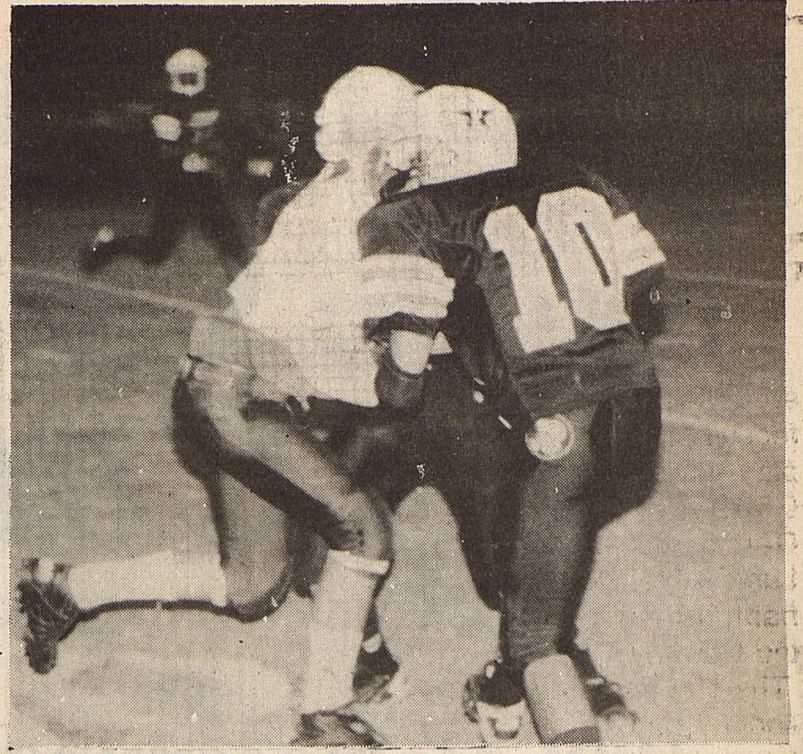
Debra Sue Hart, aka Debra Massie, 34, pled guilty to theft, more than \$1500, but less than \$20,000. She received a 180 day state jail sentence, suspended and probated two years, was fined \$500, must pay \$181.50 court costs, and must pay restitution in the amount of \$3872 to Long Term Care Mgmt., Inc., dba Canterbury Villa, Denver City. She was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Criminal District Richard Clark represented the state in both cases.

PHS Math/Science team dominates in big meet

The PHS Math/Science Team, composed of members from all four grade levels, had a fantastic showing in the UIL meet at Sweetwater October 5. They walked away with the overall Sweepstakes Award, competing cla 1A, 2A and 3A schools. The Number Sense team took 1st place, the Calculator team won 2nd, as did the Mathematics team, and the Science team finished 4th in the meet.

Individual honors were awarded as follows; Freshman Kristen Gray was first in number sense, calculator, math, second in science. Sophomores; Clint Burrus, 4th No. sense, 5th calculator, 10th math, 1st science; Marcey House, 6th no. sense, 5th math, 8th science, 1st biology; Tommie McNabb, 8th no. sense, 1st calculator, 7th math, 9th science; Maranda Box, 7th calculator, 9th science; Juniors; Shawn Cullins, 1st no. sense, 7th calculator, 1st math, 8th science; Shawna Box, 2nd no. sense, 3rd calculator, 10th math, 7th science; Seniors; Yancey House, 3rd, no. sense, 10th calculator, 8th science; Jacob Lester, 10th no. sense, 10th science. Congratulations to all the scholars!



David Flores & unidentified Cowboy "crunch" a Whiteface Antelope

Student of the Week




PHS Student of the week is Amber Easter, the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Altman. A

Junior, Amber was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "So many students do their work 'to make the grade', or simply please their parents or teachers. It's so refreshing to see students who are actually interested in learning. Amber is one of those interested in all aspects of learning, and I've heard nothing but positive comments about her".

Band Boosters meeting Wed., Oct. 9, 5:30 pm in the library, to discuss a fund raiser!!

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- * Chief deputy in Clerk's office 13 years
- * Appointed Interim Clerk by Commissioners Court and sworn in 5/31/96
- * Capable and qualified
- * Member of First Baptist Church in Plains, Tx.
- * 35 year resident of Yoakum County
- * Married 35 years and mother of 2, grandmother of 2

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Applications are available from any of the Cooperative's offices (Plains, Tatum or Lovington). For further information or for submittal of an application, please contact:


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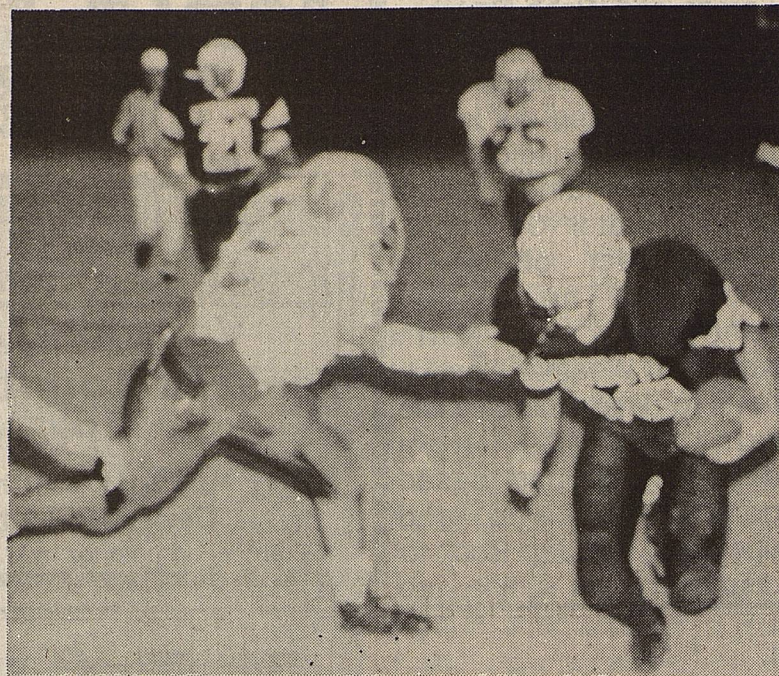
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smashed an antelope receiver to break up a pass play, giving the ball to the Cowboys on their 44. Garcia quickly tossed to Luna a first down, but the halftime buzzer stopped the Cowboy's drive.

The first play following the second half kickoff gave a Cowboy fumble to the Antelopes, and on the very next play it was their turn to cough it up. Garcia got a good gain with a toss to Pierce, and Burgess got a fist down on his carry, but the Cowboys again fumbled the ball at their 40. On second down, Wayne Willett scored another big stop, followed by Luna's pass interception. They couldn't move the ball, and kicked the ball to the 'lopes, and when the receiver bobbled the punt, Pierce made an alert recovery on the Antelopes 34.

Garcia quickly hit Luna for an apparent touchdown, but a motion penalty brought the play back. The Cowboy front line blocked hard for Adrian Rios, who made a good 35 yard TD run, and they were up 13-0.

Cowboy defenders stymied the 'lopes, and got the ball back on their 27. The Cowboys began a drive, featuring a Garcia to Luna throw for 13 yards, a first down run by Burgess, and a spectacular, one handed catch of Garcia's



Adrian Rios about to be downed after big gainer pass by Jason Redman. The drive ended at the 14, and on their first play, David Flores made a fine interception, handing the ball back to the Cowboys. Chris Willett made a good catch of Garcia's pass, and then Luna grabbed his next throw for a 21 yard TD play. The 2 point conversion failed, and the Cowboys led 19-0. The now furious Antelopes went into action at their 24, and in seven quick plays, drove the ball into the end zone for their first and only score. Following the kickoff, the Plains line gave Garcia great blocking and time to throw a beautiful ball to Joe Luna, who raced untouched for an 84 yard touchdown, and the final 25-6 score. The Cowboys, now 4-1 for the year, next face district

Jr. High. JV Football

Jr High, 7th & 8th - The Junior High coaches combined the 7th and 8th Wranglers against Whiteface last Thursday, and came away with a convincing 36-6 victory. Adam Garcia scored on a 50 yard punt return, and also scored a 2 point play. Brett Squyres scored on a 10 yard reverse, Joel Gallegos had a 1 yard TD, and Joseph Rodriguez caught Jared Bell's pass for a 2 point conversion play.

JV Cowboys - The younger Cowboys had a good but tough game against the Kress JV last Thursday, and added a 14-8 victory to their season. Fermin Luna hit Vincent Delgado with a 12 yard TD pass, and Kyle Sisson tossed a two pointer for the Cowboys first score. Sisson then threw to Delgado for a 25 yard scoring strike. Coach Williams said Cosme Casillas had an outstanding game on the offensive line, while Mike Bell, Josh Bell, Casillas, Kip Blount and David Luna stood out on defense.

Volleyball Summary

Junior High - The 7A girls traveled to Denver City on September 30, taking on the Jr. High Fillies. They lost the first match 9-15, bounced back for a good 15-4 win, but fell in the tie breaker 12-15. The 7B team didn't fare quite so well, losing 12-15 and 9-15. The 8A girls fell to Denver City, then 14-16 in a hard fought game. Their 8B teammates found a little easier going, winning 15-9, and 15-2.

Varsity Cowgirls - The Cowgirls journeyed to Lovington last Tuesday and played four tough games. They lost 6-15, 11-15, then came back to win 16-14, but lost the final game 11-15. The girls next traveled to Portales, a lengthy distance, and much further home after losing 7-15, 12-15, and 4-15.

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Most Likely To Succeed;

Yancey House & Mary Morales.

Most Athletic;

Joe Luna & Kyle Bearden.

Friendliest;

Wayne Willett & Sonia Avila.

Most Spirited; Shawn Cullins & Roni Ponce.

Cutest Smile;

Will St. Romain & Shyloh Winn.

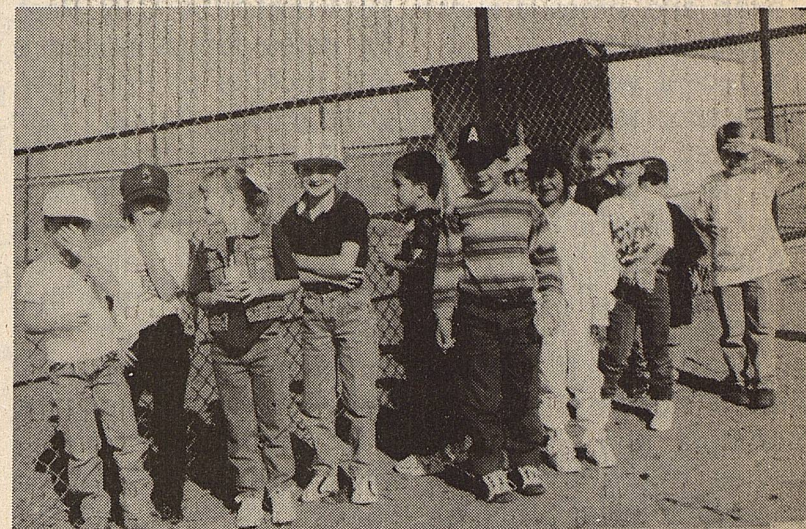
Best Dressed;

Abraham Garcia & Kassie Lowe.

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First Graders enjoy field trip to ostrich, vegetable farms

Three groups of Plains Elementary first graders had a great day away from the class room recently, visiting the Shofner's Kilimanjaro Ostrich Ranch just east of town, then south to the Shoestring Cattle Company's vegetable farm on the stateline. The youngsters learned about the big birds homeland in Tanzania, Africa, saw how vegetables are grown, and even gathered some to make soup back in the class room.



Mrs. Ramos' class; Katie Winn, M'Leah Mckinzie, Maretta Trent, Chris Loya, Jacob Rivera, Elias Carrillo, Marcy Carrillo, Doug Conway, Lauren Hise, Rubi Castillo, Zachary Ramos, Trent Hawthorne.

PISD Honor Roll

High School

9th Grade

All A's (Excluding P.E.)

Velvet Canada
Leticia Canon
Audra Ellis
Jessica Flores
Isaac Gonzales
Kristen Gray
Wendy Hernandez

Chris Leggett
Kelton Mason
Laura Morales
Anne Palmer
Patty Ruiz
Kyle Sisson
Jason Swann
Staci Tuggle

All A's and 1 B

Joshua Bell
Krystle Blundell
Candace Bowers
Fermin Luna
Kelli Osborn
10th Grade
All A's
Maranda Box
Clint Burrus
Cosme Casillas
Marcey House
LaCresha Johnson
Tommie McNabb

All A's and 1 B

Lisa Parrish
Joshua Bayer
Dustin Brunson
Tandi Jones
Tony Lazos
11th Grade
All A's

Vicki Bayer
Heath Bowlin
Shawna Box
Derek Brunson
Shawn Cullins
Laura Flores
Abraham Garcia
Yvonne Gonzales
Summer Howard
Kassie Lowe
Gideon Traweek
Sandi Warren
All A's and 1 B
Jamie Caballero
Dolly Gonzales
Will St. Romain

12th Grade

All A's
Sonia Avila
Kyle Bearden
Yancey House
Jacob Lester
Mary Morales
Roni Ponce
Lyndi Rowe
Robin Squyres
Tessa St. Romain
Allen Ward

8th Grade

All A's

Aaron Cain
Lesli Rowe
Lexi Warren
All A's and 1 B
Emily Blair
Ashlei Mason

Elementary

1st Grade

All A's
Curtis Arteaga
Elias Carrillo
Ryan Crump
Britnie Duran
Trent Hawthorne
Juan Lara
M'Leah McKinzie

Colby Ortega
John Tyson
Chandra Carpenter
Douglas Conway
Lauren Davis
Amber Friesen
Lauren Hise
Chris Loya
Marissa Melendez
Zachary Ramos
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Cody Mayes
Matthew Jimenez

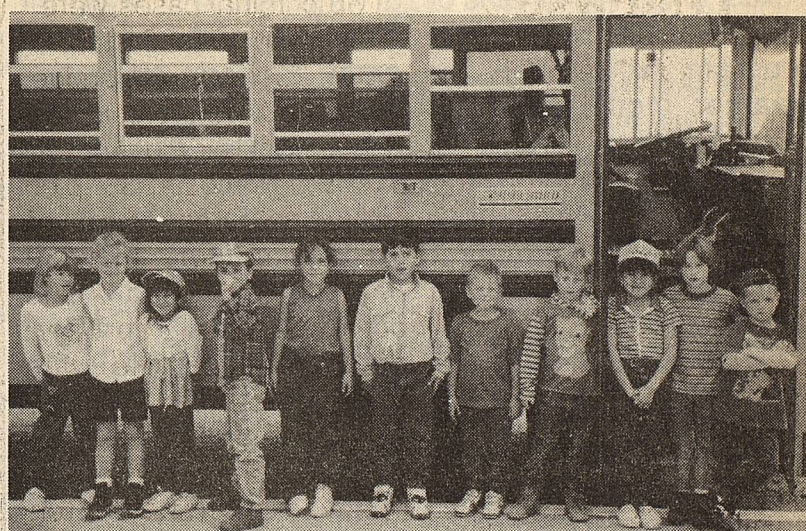
2nd Grade

All A's
Scott Addison
Jose Luis Gallegos
Chase Guetersloh
Kimberly Jackson
Erika Loewen
Araceli Mendoza
Adriana Ponce
D. J. Robertson
Jose Villegas
Landon Craft
Meghan Garcia
Callie Howell
Challie Johnson
Angelica Mendoza
Dennis Penner
Lupita Quintana
Kristina Unger
Colby Wilmeth
All A's and 1 B

Desiraye Broome
Kimberly Gonzales
Lisa Neufeld
Alice Curtis
Margareta Martens
Stetson Sellers
3rd Grade
All A's
T. J. Cordova
Allison Friesen



Mrs. Morris' class; Standing, Joani Bell, Curtis Arteaga, Britnie Duran, Jose Flores, Jacob Garza. Sitting, Nely Fehr, Flor Lara, Chandra Carpenter, Jonathan Mindieta, Ryan Crump, Vanessa Garcia, Cody Mayes.



Mrs. Davis' class; Amber Friesen, Lauren Davis, Marissa Melendez, Matthew Jimenez, Maria Andazola, Juan Lara, Colby Ortega, John Tyson, DeeDee Cavazos, Larry Caballero, Cory Bryam.

All A's and 1 B

Arthur Hernandez

Junior High

5th Grade

All A's

Trent May
Moriah Traweek
All A's and 1 B
Grady McNabb
April Wilmeth

6th Grade

All A's

Sandra Gallegos
Krystal Gonzales
Jill Gray
Kayla Willis
All A's and 1 B
Ryan Swann
Elizabeth Wilmeth
Mackenzie Winn

7th Grade

All A's

Annaliesa O'Quinn
All A's and 1 B
Jared Bell
Patrick Brintle
Ashley Gonzales
Tanner Hamm
Nathan Hayes
Ky May
Scott Tirrell
Becky Wilmeth

Rose Henderson

B. J. Lester
Mark Morgan
Katie Oswalt
Abel Ramos
Todd Williams
Michael Crump
Benjamin Hays
Skylar Keese
Adam McCravey
Blake O'Quinn
Blake Parrish
Sara Wiebe
All A's and 1 B
Perla Acosta
Nicole Loya
Casson Curtis

4th Grade

All A's
Evan Cain
Breck Hamm
Brant Huerta
Kerry Sisson
Marlie Diaz
Brandon Hise
Daniela Lazos
All A's and 1 B
Lela Coronado
Mayra Flores
Cody Flores
Kristian Morales

Does 'Rainmaking' Work?

Apparently so, other State programs planned.

The well worn axiom, "You can't fool Mother Nature" may have merit, but it appears men and technology can assist her in producing beneficial rain.

Articles featured in the DALLAS MORNING NEWS and other state newspapers this summer detailed the history of cloud seeding, and outlined the ongoing programs in Texas and other drought plagued areas.

In recent years, weather modification technology has attracted the attention of the Texas Natural Resources Commission (TNRCC), Texas Department of Agriculture, a large number of Underground Water Conservation Districts (UWCD) and a number of State Senators and Representatives. There is a strong possibility bills could be introduced in the Legislature, calling for a statewide

extended artillery duels between the two forces were often followed by rainfall. The USDA sent General R.G. Dreyenforth, with several pieces of artillery, to West Texas. He located the cannons along the edge of the Caprock, and they were fired periodically. No formal records were kept of the experiment. Later, from 1911 until 1914, C.W. Post, the cereal foods millionaire and founder of Post City, conducted similar rain inducing experiments. He was convinced Powers' theory was right. He first sent dynamite aloft on kites, but soon quit that dangerous practice, and for three years, periodically set off explosions along the Cap. He was convinced the efforts increased rainfall by 40%, but his program died with him in 1914.

Dawson, Borden, Curry, Howard and Mitchell Counties.

The bottom line question is, does cloud seeding work, without any adverse results such as producing damaging hails? Bomar says yes. Results from the West Texas five county area show rainfall was greater during the seeded years, compared to unseeded years, with 2 1/2 more inches at Colorado City, 4 1/2 more at Snyder, and over 4 inches more at Big Spring. Cotton yields in the target area increased as much as 64% during seeded years as compared to unseeded.

He added, "Our study strongly suggests if you can make it rain 10% more during the growing season, for every dollar spent seeding, producers and ranchers stand to gain 6 1/2 dollars from crops,

suitable cumulus clouds.

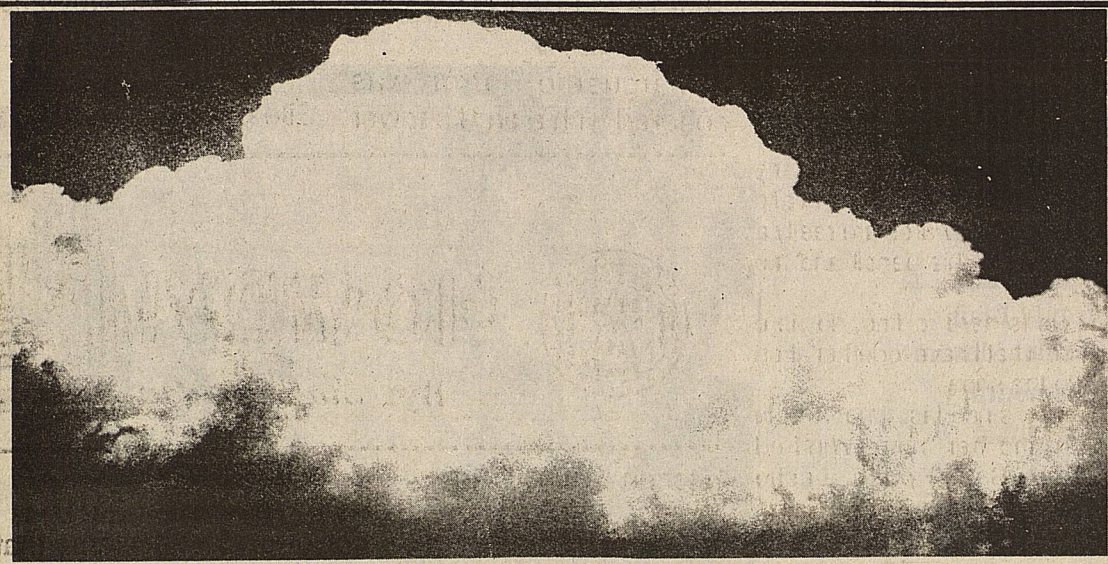
Other cloud seeding

programs are on the drawing boards, with weather modification plans for a 12 county area in south Central Texas, a 3 county area south of San Antonio, and the City of Laredo and Webb County.

Closer to home, an extensive feasibility study is being carried out in the area under jurisdiction of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, officed in Lubbock. The District contracted with North American Weather Consultants to determine possible rain benefits from deploying ground based generators along and upwind of the Cap Rock to disperse silver iodide into

Timely rains in our area have led many to believe the serious drought over much of the southwest may be over. On the other hand,

anyone who has lived in West Texas a number of years knows beyond a doubt, another drought always lurks just around the corner.



Large cumulus clouds like this are the targets of "Weather Modifiers".

cloud seeding program, in an area stretching from the Valley, through Central Texas, to the High Plains of the Panhandle. The program would call for weather modification, or cloud seeding, over millions of acres of crop and range lands, an annual program with estimated costs ranging from \$4 to \$7 million dollars.

'Rainmaking' efforts are not new in Texas. In the late 1800's, The USDA noted research by one Edwin Powers, who found during the Civil War,

TNRCC has appointed George Bomar, staff meteorologist, as Director of the state's weather modification research program. Bomar's office has released extensive material detailing how cloud seeding works.

Bomar reports the State's longest running weather modification program continues in West Central Texas, in the vicinity of the Colorado River headwaters. The operational area covers some 3,600 square miles, with the bulk of cloud seeding occurring in

cattle, and savings on irrigation".

How does cloud seeding work? Cumulus clouds, the predominant cloud type in summer months, contain particles of moisture called ice crystals, too small and not heavy enough to fall to earth in the form of rain. The most common method of cloud seeding is releasing silver iodide into the cumulus, or convective cloud, by flares released from aircraft flying at the top of the cloud. The particles in the smoke reach the core of the cloud. Under correct conditions, trillions of ice crystals can be produced from just one gram of silver iodide. The crystals grow larger, heavier, and become raindrops.

The TNRCC is responsible for licensing and permitting weather modification organizations. This past Spring, The West Texas Weather Modification Assn, or, WTWMA, started a seeding program covering 7 million acres in eight counties, in an area between Odessa and San Angelo. A North Dakota firm is performing the aircraft cloud seeding, and the five month program is being funded by assessed ad valorem taxes of \$0.04 per acre. At the end of the contract period, all accumulated data will be tabulated to furnish

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- Yoakum Co. Women's Protective Services, past Director/Member;
- Yoakum County Golf Course, former Bd. Member;
- Plains ISD Jr. High Campus Committee, past Member;
- Tsa Mo Ga Club, 1996 Officer;
- Plains Lions Club, 1996 Officer;
- SPC Wesley Foundation Board, Officer;
- Plains Athletic Booster Club; and
- Yoakum County Livestock Association.

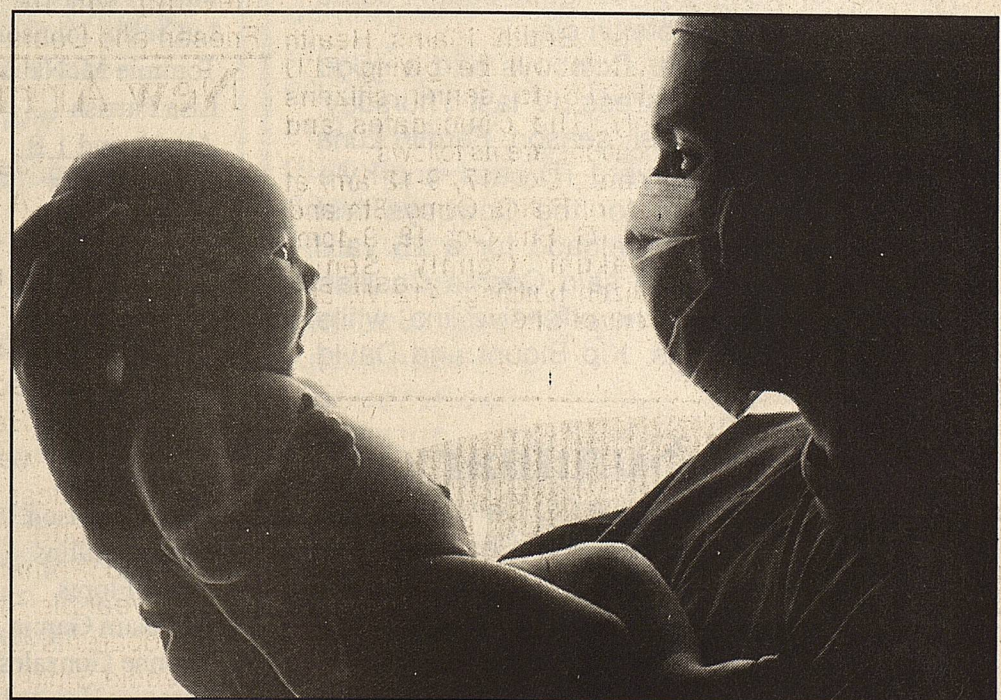
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Wedding Vows Exchanged



Carri Avette Combs of Tolar, and Steven Wade Tuggle of Granbury, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, September 14, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church in Granbury. A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The Reverend John Duncan officiated. The grooms uncle and aunt, Randy and Edith Tuggle, of Plains, sang "Long As I Live" and "Heaven Sent Me You."

The bride is the daughter of Debbie Hill of LaVeta, Co., and Larry and Linda Combs of Cleburne. She is the granddaughter of George and Nancy Combs of Tolar and Beatrice Washington of Waxahachie. She is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Henson of Quanah.

The groom is the son of Danny and Tink Tuggle of Granbury. He is the grandson of Dorris and Louise Tuggle of Plains and Dockie Hulse of Brownwood, formally of Brownfield, and the late Alanson Hulse.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was the brides sister, Terri, of Phoenix, Colorado. Bridesmaids were Sherri Johnston of Tolar, sister of the bride, and Kim Cummings of Weatherford, cousin of the bride. The grooms father served as best man. Groomsmen were Tye Wickline of Granbury and Jason Johnston of Tolar. Kandyce Walker of Santa Anna, cousin of the groom, and Kari Crump of Amarillo, were flowergirls. Parker James, cousin of the bride from

Weatherford was the ring bearer. Candelighters were Lance Bills of Zephyr and David Tuggle of Bryan, cousins of the groom. They also served as ushers along with Gary Backus from Granbury and Shayne Mays of Amarillo. Tammie Tuggle of Meridian, cousin of the groom, registered guests. Sara Turner, Katie Turner, and Christy Wickline, all of Granbury served at the bride's table. Shanna Bills of Zephyr and Staci Tuggle of Plains, cousins of the groom, served at the groom's table.

An arched candelabra and unity candle were accented on each side by a heart shaped candelabra. A memorial to the grooms brother, Shane, held a white rose and lit candle next to his picture.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and will make their home in Granbury.

The grooms parents hosted a chuck wagon supper in their back yard after rehearsal, Friday, September 13, 1996.

Flu Shots

The South Plains Health District will be giving FLU SHOTS to senior citizens only. The clinic dates and locations are as follows:
Thurs., Oct. 17, 9-12 am, at City of Plains Clinic, 8th and Ave. G. Fri., Oct. 18, 9-4pm, Yoakum County Senior Citizen building, 412 W. 5th, Denver City.

Fine Arts Meeting

The Plains Fine Art Club met October 3, 1996. The hostesses, Martha Palmer and Frankie Walker, served a delicious Mexican dinner at the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, which was beautifully decorated in Autumn colors, with leaves and pumpkins.

The evening began with singing by "The Hillsiders", performing several hymns which were enjoyed by all. There were eleven members and six guests present. The member were: Mrs. Sue Banfield, Carolyn Culwell, Sandra Ellison, Donna Friesen, Michelle Hawthorne, Debra Hise, Lois Miller, Martha Palmer, Frankie Walker, Annette Cleveland and Sonya Young. The guests included Linda Young, Gary and Carmela Davis, Jerri Ellis, Ray Young and Vernon Hise.

After roll call and reading of the last minutes, Vice President Debra Hise called the meeting to order. Old business was discussed and the Club finalized plans for the Potato Bake Sale for the October 11 football game with Shallowater. There will be tables on the Visitor's and on the Home sides of the field. Prices will be \$2.00 and \$2.50. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund of the Club. At the close of the school year some deserving senior or seniors will be awarded a scholarship.

Sue Banfield won the drawing for the hostesses gift.

The Club's next meeting will be November 7, 1996 at 7 P.M. Hostesses for the meeting will be Donna Friesen and Debra Hise.

New Arrival!

Jason and Amber Smith proudly announce the birth of their son, Bryson Luke Smith. Born on September 28, 1996, he weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was welcomed home by one sister, 5 year old Stephanie.

Grandparents are Hershel and Debbie Smith of Plains. George Estes of Austin and Julie Hanks of Clyde. Great Grandparents are Loretta O'Neill of Plains, and T. C. and Vynomma Clark of Hale Center.

Women's Protective Services Open House

Your are cordially invited to attend an Open House, sponsored by Women's Protective Services on Friday, October 11, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at our office, located at 412 W. Fifth Street, Denver City.

October is Domestic Violence Month in Texas and across the nation.

Refreshments will be served, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Citizens Corner

Our column this week may turn into a tug-of-war between my pencil and the CMA Award Program. The Awards are really a distraction for this pencil and me too.

News is hard to find, so here goes for what I have together, then back to the show.

Visiting since last time: Paula Flippin and her mom, Winifred Huffman, Shar Hough, Leslie Floyd, Becky's mom, Donna Keller, and Darwin Hobbs. Swapping old time memories with our new Director. Seems as if they were once neighbors. Just to make Darwin a real Senior Citizen, it has been about 40 years since I began writing his name on sales tickets.

Joyce Trantham is home from the hospital. Reba Baker still not able to be home.

The flu shots are still not available at the center. As soon as we know we will let everyone know.

Activities Coming Up:
Mon. Line Dancing at 9:45 a.m. and pool game at 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m.
Thur. Gail Ballou to help with insurance claims.
Fri. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. and Tatum Pool Tournament at 10:00 a.m.

October 22, the Center will sponsor a fund raising supper at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The supper is beans and chili, with dessert and drink—all you can eat for \$2.50. You can't beat a deal like that. The good fellowship is FREE.

This week we began a new fiscal year. Let us hope and work for the best one ever. See you next week, Smitty

About Deadlines!

Once again, we would like to ask your cooperation in observing our print deadlines. We have stated on many occasions it is **FRIDAY, NOON**, before the next issue. The only exceptions are for news items occurring over the weekend, which we will TRY to work in if received EARLY Monday AM. We make no promises for articles received after these hours. Thank you!

Local Art Club Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met in the clubroom on Tuesday, October 1, with ten members present.

President Linda Powell called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Jimmie Bayer reported the current financial status.

It was announced that the Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Thursday evening, December 5, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Members were informed of the Texas Alliance for Education and Arts Annual Conference to be held at Temple, TX. on November 13 through 15.

Marguerite Barron was honored with a card shower

observing her birthday.

Kathy Teal Morris of Lubbock gave an interesting demonstration on techniques of watercolor portraits, as well as displaying several of her works which have received Best in Show honors on a 5-state level. Those attending were: Linda Powell, Jimmie Bayer, Shelia Stephens, Marguerite Barron, Susie Powell, Eileen Fillipp, Betty Estep, Inetta Teaff, Thelma Lee Cheatham and Wilma Powell.

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HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



Kitchen Success Tips:

1. Set out all ingredients before you start to assure that you have everything and understand what each item is.
2. Read through recipe before starting to assure you understand all procedures.
3. Read through the recipe "Tips" too, as they include additional hints and ideas specific to that particular recipe.
4. Use measuring cups that come in quarter cup sizes for dry ingredients so you can spoon into the cup and then level off with a straight edge. Never scoop flour as you can add several extra tablespoons/cup measurement more than what was intended in the recipe.
5. Use a see-through glass or plastic cup with measurement indicators on the cup for measuring liquids. Have cup on a flat surface and check amount at eye level for accurate measurements.
6. Check containers before removing from microwave oven. If they are hot, use oven mitts to protect hand and countertop.
7. When cutting or chopping always cut away from yourself, preferably on a cutting board.
8. Watch timings carefully. Always set microwave oven for minimal time and then add additional time as necessary to achieve the doneness described.
9. Have fun! Make a note by the recipes you want to make again or share with others. Add any notes about creative additions or changes you want to try another time.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

THURS: Football, 7th & 8th vs. Shallowater there, 5:30, JV at 7:30pm.
FRI: Football, Varsity vs Shallowater here, 7:30pm
SAT: Cross Country, Sundown, Volleyball, 9th, JV, Varsity vs, Ft Davis, Brownfield, at Kermit 2pm.
MON: School Holiday!!
TUES: Volleyball, 9th, JV, Varsity, Monahans there, 5:30pm.

MENU:
Wed; Breakfast, pixxa, orAnge juice, milk. Lunch, All American cheeseburger, chips, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookies, milk. Thurs., Breakfast, waffles, cereal, raisins, fruit punch, milk. Lunch, Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk. Fri., breakfast, cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk. Lunch, baked ham slice, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, corn, rolls, sweet potato pie, milk.

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Yoakum, four other counties ok'd for emergency farm loans

Washington- Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has named five Texas counties eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans because of losses due to drought, high winds, and excessive heat from October 1, 1995, through June 10, 1996, and continuing.

Yoakum County was named a primary disaster area on September 25. Also eligible, because they are contiguous to Yoakum County, are Cochran, Gaines, Hockley and Terry counties.

Farmers in all five counties have eight months to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, they must have suffered at least a thirty percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Plains Lions Meet

The Plains Lions held the bi-monthly meeting Thursday, October 3, with 14 members present. Carolyn Culwell and Holly Dyer were guests at the meeting.

Lion Pierre St. Romain brought a video tape from a recent PBS television broadcast for the program. The film was a humorous discussion of a serious subject, 'Stress Management'.

The club recognized the volunteer work performed by Gene and Heath Johnson recently, completing the exterior painting of the club and Scout meeting building.

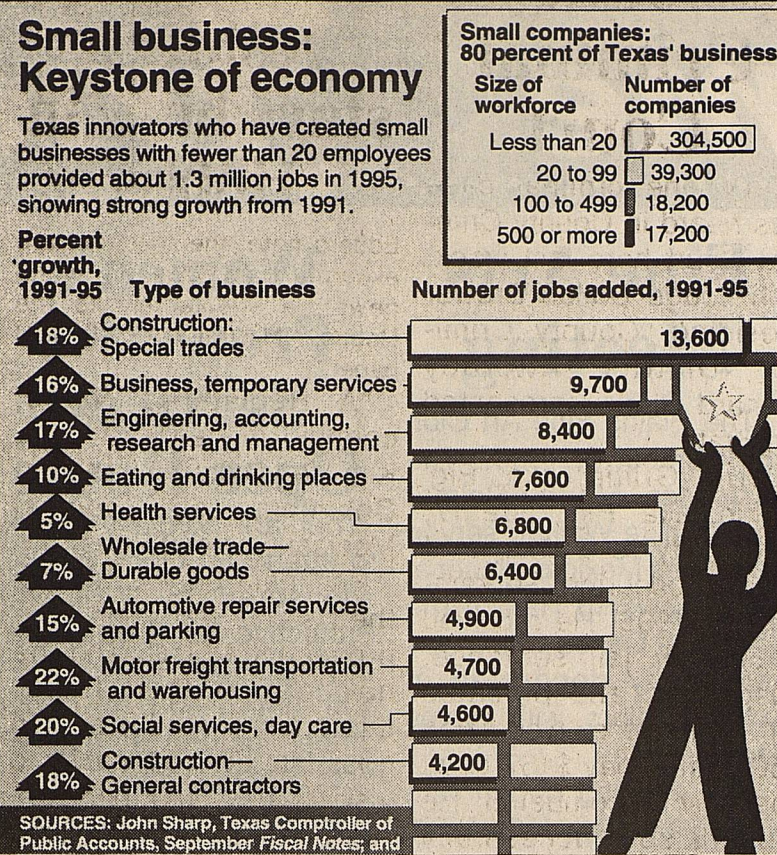
The Lions meet the first and third Thursday of each month at noon, and anyone interested in becoming a member, male or female, is encouraged to attend the next meeting October 17.

Expensive Shutdown

Common Ground says that last winter's federal government shutdown cost \$369 million just from the collapse of tourism in national park gateway towns. Some 366 national parks, 508 wildlife refuges and 100 recreation areas were closed for 26 days, and 10 million people were turned away from the parks. Hundreds of thousands of visitors were barred from rivers, trails and campsites on Bureau of Land Management acreage, and 1 million days of hunting, hiking and fishing on refuges were lost. Mariposa County, California, home to Yosemite National Park, declared a state of economic disaster after one in four residents went jobless and \$5 million in tourist dollars were lost.

Oct. 15, 1976: First campaign between Vice-Pres. candidates Walter Mondale, Robert Dole, took place in the Alley Theater, Houston.

Keeping an eye on Texas



County has very brief meeting

Commissioner's Court Monday didn't last long, seven minutes, to be exact. Wanda Smith, Tax Assessor/Collector reported her office collected \$9,869 in taxes during September, one line item

transfer of \$900 was approved, and the Court authorized payment of \$25,369 in bills and part-time salaries.

Another session of the Court will be held this coming Friday at 10 a.m. Judge Brewer reported the Court officers will be attending a conference of the Texas Judges and Commissioners Association in Lubbock next Monday.

Cross Country team at Lubbock Meet

The JV boys and Varsity girls cross country teams competed in a very large field of runners last Saturday. Coach McAdams said the JV boys gave great efforts, with Felipe Reyna taking 8th place in the field of over 200 runners, with a great time of 17:23. Fermin Luna ran the course in 19:03, David Luna 19:42, and Alex Luna 19:44.

There were over 400 girls entered in the varsity division. Wendy Hernandez had a great time of 14:17, Lisa Parrish, Tanya Hernandez and Cassie Dearing all finished in under 15:00, and Anne Palmer ran 16:20. McAdams said this was the best performance of the year for the Cowgirls.

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Under certain conditions (see below) a qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail may be picked up at the Denver City Branch Tax Office, or at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's office on or before **October 29, 1996** to be eligible to vote in the **General Election On November 5, 1996.**

Conditions for voting by mail:

1. Voter is or expects to be **ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** of the voter's residence on election day.
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3. Voter is **65 YEARS OR OLDER** on election day.
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- Miss PHS:** Kristie Guetersloh.
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- FFA Beau:** Jennifer Lollar.
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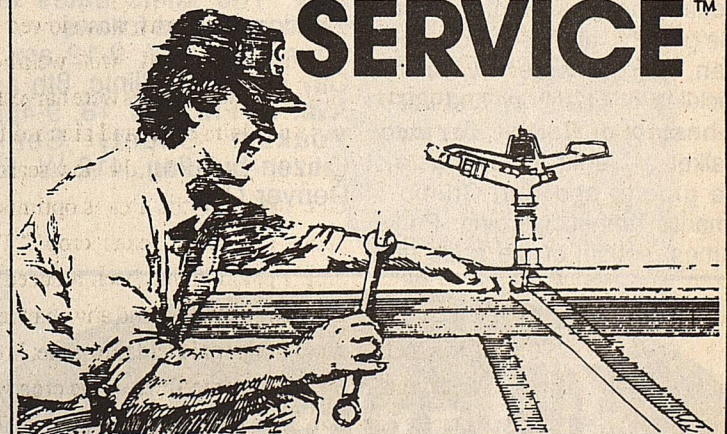
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8th Wranglers Sterling Deaton, 12, and Adam Garcia, 20, help break up pass play in recent Petersburg game here.

West Texas Invites All

West Texas towns and communities are doing all they can to encourage the tide of immigration which, after running in reverse for a short while, is again flowing westward. Agencies to encourage immigration have been set up in many West Texas cities, such as a Progressive Committee in Abilene, a Board of Immigration in Ballinger, a Bureau of Immigration in Brownwood. These societies do not paint the virtues of West Texas in modest terms; in truth, they invite the world to West Texas.
THE TEXAS NEWS, DEC. 1, 1891

County Criminal Court

Only one criminal case was heard in County Criminal Court here last week, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. County Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Darrel Griffin, aka 'Pig' Griffin, aka 'Pig', age 17, pled guilty to a charge of assault occurring September 26, 1996. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated for 12 months, was fined \$500, must pay \$157 court costs by December 6; He must also successfully complete the Batterers Intervention Program, receive counseling and treatment with the State Dept. of Mental Health and Retardation as a condition of community supervision, and absorb any reasonable cost for the program, and must attend school faithfully and obtain a High School Diploma or G.E.D.

Former resident stays busy in Hobbs

Editors note: the following are excerpts from "Women in the news", a supplement to the Hobbs, NM DAILY NEWS SUN paper.

"A Registered Nurse, certified in newborn care, Kim Van Dyke has been at Columbia Lea Regional Medical Center 11 years.

"Her main duty is to help the parents transition from pregnancy to including the newborn in their family situation. Van Dyke also goes into the community to visit mothers and toddlers, and works with nursing students.

Very active in the community, the source of much of Van Dyke's involvement is her church, the First United Methodist. The Methodist women raise money through dinners, which is put into mission projects and church activity. "Very dear to my heart are Walk To Emmaus Retreats. Held about once a month, they are spiritually fulfilling", she said, designed to stimulate spiritual growth.

"But the project closest to her heart may be the Church's Bereaved Parents Group she put together and hosts. Her oldest son died five years ago, just before his seventh birthday. "It's important to reach out to parents and let them know they will get through this, she said.

"Van Dyke is also President of the state FFA Alumni organization, the largest youth organization in America. FFA focuses on citizenship and community values in young people.

Whether at work or volunteering, Van Dyke says she has the 'satisfaction of knowing that maybe one life was better because I was there that day'.

Kim is married to Brent Van Dyke, and the couple have two children, Chance and Chelsi. She is the daughter of Sheila and 'Bo' Stephens of Plains, and is a 1982 graduate of PHS

More than one way to skin a cat roof



A recent re-roofing project at the Old Courthouse building here called for removing the old, damaged roof surfacing materials. Unlike many house re-roofing projects, the contractor's workers didn't toss the deteriorated tar and paper material over the side of the building, to be picked up later. They gathered it in wheel barrels on the roof, then dumped it in a pipe and barrel chute, into a trailer behind the pickup shown here. The crew on the ground used ropes to position the chute over the trailer, which was the hauled to the landfill site.

TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending October 3, 1996

The market rollercoasted this week as uncertainty about the U.S. and world crop size seized nervous market watchers. Wet weather was in the news for several leading cotton-producing countries as well as closer to home in the Southeastern U.S and South Texas.

Moist conditions continue to prevail in the countries of India, Uzbekistan and Pakistan, where substantial amounts of cotton are grown. Unusually heavy monsoon rains were reported across much of the already soggy central and southern areas of India this week, and there is concern for the cotton crop in that country. In addition, frost was reported in northern Uzbekistan. Although a report has not yet been released, it is commonly believed the cold temperatures coupled with wet conditions likely did some damage to the cotton crop there. Meanwhile, Pakistan has problems of its own as the cotton crop has been subjected to cool weather and a whitefly infestation that have substantially damaged the crop.

On the homefront, USDA reported overall U.S. cotton crop conditions declined slightly as of September 29, with 61 percent rated good to excellent, against 63 percent a week ago. As of the same date, approximately 77 percent of bolls had opened, compared with an average of 72 percent. The cotton harvest continues to expand on schedule with 18 percent of the crop off the stalk, against 12 percent previously reported and a five-year average of 17 percent. All of the states were either equal to or ahead of the normal harvest schedule, except

Texas, where only 18 percent had been harvested as of September 29 compared with the average of 25 percent.

Harvest has been slowed over most of Texas. In fact, many Central Texas growers are not able to return to their fields after recent rains and concern over cotton quality mounts. Some open cotton in the area has deteriorated with exposure to additional moisture and regrowth has become a problem in the unharvested fields. Harvest is nearing completion in the Upper Coastal Bend as producers race the intermittent patterns of wet weather to bring their cotton in before the grades slip any further. According to an analyst in the area, there also has been a problem with exceptionally high micronaire.

On the High Plains, where harvesting aids are being applied as bolls open, crop maturity was slowed by unseasonably cold, wet weather. However, the first bales were harvested in some Plains areas and gins are beginning to open for the new season. One analyst in the area is optimistic about the West Texas crop. "The crop's potential has been reduced by cool temperatures, and any chance of record regional yields are gone; however, about one-third of the crop was not affected by the adverse conditions and will produce an above average crop," the analyst noted.

Meanwhile, USDA announced export sales of 1996-97 U.S. cotton increased a net 111,300 bales in the week ended September 26, down slightly from the previous week's figure of 123,500 bales. Featured buyers were Japan, Mexico and South Korea.

Some analysts noted commitments by this period last year were more than 4.0 million bales, compared with the current commitments of 2.2 million bales. USDA projects 1996-97 export sales of 6.2 million bales, but many market watchers are expecting a downward revision of that number. Some forecast exports at no more than 5.0 million bales as demand for higher-priced U.S. cotton remains somewhat sluggish.

U.S. imports also have been a topic of conversation in the market. The U.S. Customs Bureau reported cotton imports of 31,712 bales for the week ended September 29. USDA's projection for U.S. imports is 500,000 bales, but as foreign growths continue to be imported, analysts expect the figure to be much higher. So far, the season's export shipments are 381,700 bales, according to USDA. Total imports are more than 360,000 bales, and could possibly overtake export numbers.

On the spot cotton scene, TELCOT sales were down slightly, as a selective interest in high grade old crop cotton was noted. One observer said this was further proof that poor cotton grades are flooding the market due to less than favorable growing conditions throughout the nation. Sales of 1996-97 cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ended October 3 totaled 4,130 bales, down from the previous week's figure of 5,277 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 67.72 to 72.41 cents per pound.

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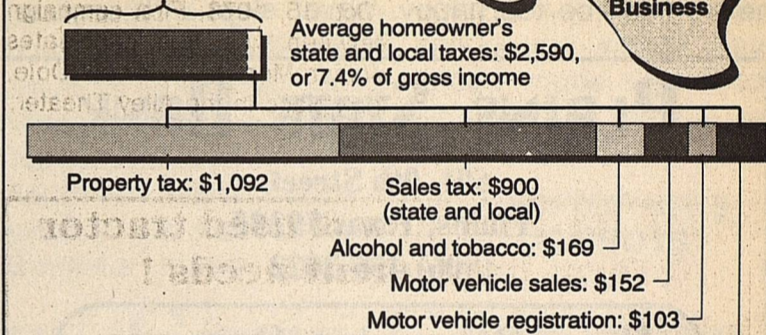
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Keeping an eye on Texas

State and local taxes

The average homeowner in Texas pays about seven cents in state and local taxes for every dollar earned.

1994: average household income: \$35,000



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From The Hack

An inherent responsibility of the editor of a multi-personnel paper such as this ('multi-personnel' means the Bride and I) weekly rag is interviewing folks for news articles. It could be termed the necessary "Good, Bad and Ugly" job.

Most personal interviews are friendly enough, with full cooperation of the interviewee. Not all, however. Not long after we started CCN in August, 1994, I sat down with a guy to do an article, said the ritual, "Now, tell me in your own words how this event came about?"

He looked at me, said, "Why? You're going to write it the way you want to". Mildly, I was a bit taken aback, a bit miffed. I assured him I would repeat his story verbatim, a pledge I could not keep. Here is the actual transcription of the interview; "Well, the uh, reason we done what we done was we saw the need, no, the necessity, I mean, you know, we had to do something, and we went ahead and done it, but about halfway through the project, we saw some, you know, faulty errors, naw, some real screwups, and I knew my boss in Houston was gonna be real... well, he wouldn't be too happy,

so I got a committee together, and, man, we musta met 27 times, with lots of finger pointing, and then, uh, I got pretty steamed, you know, and I said, 'now listen up, dodoes, I'm sick of this 'expletive', and it's gonna be my 'expletive' if y'all don't gimme a good plan'. Well, the bunch finally got off their 'expletive', and gimme a good plan. Course, the big guy in Houston had to meddle with it quite a bit, but what we did was fairly close to what we started to do in the first place. If it hadn't been for all that 'expletive' which went on 'bout a year or so. And that's where we are today. There's you a good story, now get off and run with it".

I know a normally very nice lady in this town who was once asked (NO! NOT BY ME!) her age. She told us she told the other guy, "my age and my weight are absolutely none of your business!"

I do know of some people I would dearly love to interview, regardless of the outcome and responses. I would love to sit down before Ross Perot and Dolly Parton and compile a story. It would be interesting to hear what Dolly had to say about the size of Ross' ears, and hear him respond on the size of her, uh, eyes, or cheekbones, or whatever.

I would love to interview Liz Taylor, who once said, "Yes, I've been married a number of times, but I've never slept with anyone I

wasn't married to". I have but one question - how about the times you didn't get any sleep at all?

I would like to question Eddie Taylor of Denver City, ask him how someone as runty and ugly as he can hit a golfball so far; Seriously question my East Texas brother in law, to discover the great mystery of how a mere mortal could be so full of it, yet still suffer from irregularity; It would be fascinating to talk with Russia's Boris Yeltsin, to determine if it's true vodka has played any role in his liver being the size of a medicine ball; It would be a great news story if I could interview the Chicago Bull's Dennis Rodman, to settle once and for all the veracity of the rumor he is really Princess Dianne in drag.

There's all sorts of great stories out there, if I could just persuade folks to really talk to me. Instead of cussing me.

Recently read a news item from an eastern seaboard city. Said the local cops were cracking down on teens discovered with snuff in their vehicles, a naughty, naughty violation against a recently passed city ordinance. True. Sounds like the law may have originated from some group like M.A.S.S- Mothers Against Snuffy Students.

County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed;
2 felonies, 1 class A misdemeanor, 1 class C misdemeanor, 2 civil cases, 30 traffic cases, 2 emergency protective orders issued.

Bonds set;
Driving while license suspended, \$500.
Motion to revoke probation(Midland County), held until transported.
Driving while license suspended, \$500.
Assault-Family violence, \$1500.
No drivers license, \$92 fine
Failure to maintain financial responsibility, \$285 fine.
No drivers license, \$92 fine
No valid inspection sticker, \$43 fine.
Possession of controlled substance, more than 1 gram, less than 4, \$7500.
Evading arrest, \$2500.
Harboring runaway child, \$3500.
Unauthorized use of vehicle, \$7500.
Theft under \$50, \$50 fine.
Assault causing bodily injury, \$1500.
Assault, family violence, \$2000.

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Texas Book Festival

A first of its kind literary event for Texas has been planned with the initiative of First Lady Laura Bush. Texans have the opportunity to celebrate Texas Authors and their books at their own special book fair. The Texas Book Fest will be held at the State Capitol November 15-17, featuring books, writers, reader, booksellers, and publisher. Books on Texas, about Texans, covering every literary genre and every aspect of Texas culture, history and heritage, will be featured. Some of the authors represented at the Fair include Sandra Cisneros, John Graves, Mary Karr, Larry McMurtry, Shelby Hearon, Elmer Kelton, David Lindsey, Namoi Shihah Nye and Marion Winik. First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chairman of the First Texas Book Festival, will host festival meetings at the Governor's Mansion.

Early voting by personal appearance starts Wed. October 16

Hotel revenues hit new high

AUSTIN—Despite higher nationwide gasoline prices and a lengthy drought, Texas hotel and motel revenue for the first half of 1996 is 9.6 percent higher than the same period for 1995, according to the Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division. Revenue collected for January through June 1996 was \$1.66 billion compared to \$1.52 billion for January through June 1995.

In addition, a comparison between the second quarter of 1996 and the same period for 1995 shows that nine metropolitan markets enjoyed double digit revenue changes: Brazoria, Corpus Christi, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, Sherman/Dennison, Victoria, and Wichita Falls. Non-metro areas also saw significant increases in revenue, with a 13.5 percent increase in the second quarter of 1996 compared to 1995.

Tourism is the third largest industry in the state. In 1994, travel and tourism pumped \$24.5 billion into the state economy and supported 435,000 jobs. Tourism produced \$946.8 million in state tax revenue and \$704.9 million in tax revenues for local communities. It is estimated that for every additional \$56,250 spent by domestic and international travelers in Texas, one job is created.

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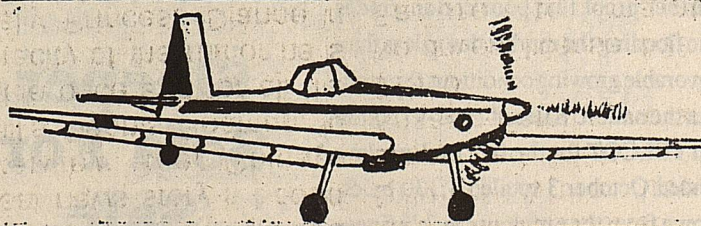
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