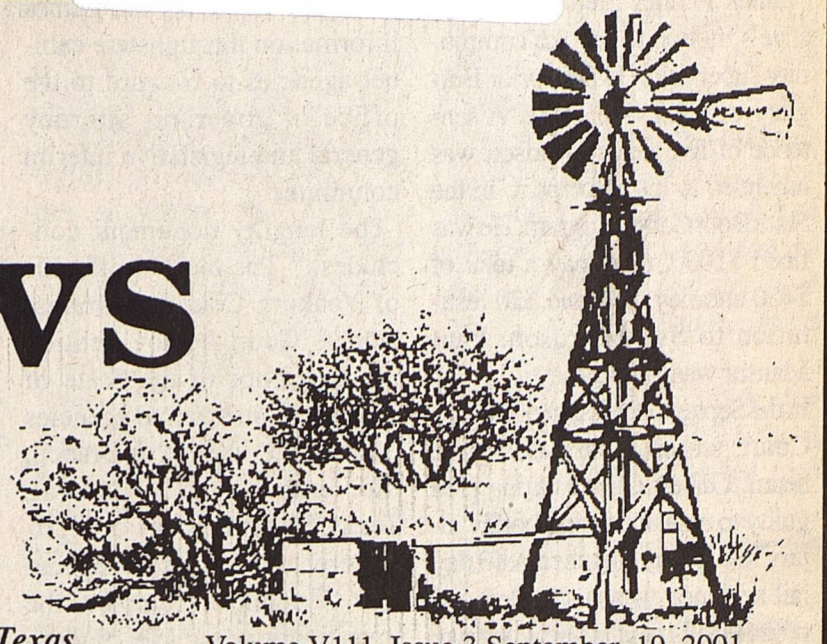


# Cowboy Country News



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## Cowboys down Sudan Hornets 33-12

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Texas Governor Rick Perry asked all 254 Texas county's law enforcement and emergency services organizations to participate in a brief prayer vigil last Friday at 7 P.M., to mark the New York City and Pentagon terrorist attacks. Yoakum County personnel attending the prayer gathering here included Vicki Delgado and Alex Barrientes, Plains Fire Department, Deputies Curtis Coffman, Larry Murphree and Jerry Howard, Charles Diamond, Fire Department, DPS Trooper Robert Shugart, and Jerry Dominguez, Donna Diamond, Fire Department.

## Criminal Cases In District, County Court

In District Court September 10, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Felipe A. Rodriguez pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated 10 years. He was fined \$1500, and must pay \$237 court costs. He must perform 160 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, surrender his license 90 days, spend five days in jail, and complete the DWI repeat offender program, and complete Manged Care Center Treatment Program. His attorney was Rush S. Wells, and investigating officer was DPS Trooper

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## 'Dec. 7, 1941.... A Day Of Infamy'

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

'Sept. 11, 2001.... Another

Day Of Infamy'

Every American Citizen



Courthouse flags at half mast symbolize the agonizing most Americans are experiencing following the horrific carnage in New York City and at the Pentagon last week. The following editorial, originally broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair a Canadian television commentator, was later printed in the Congressional Record. We think it could possibly make you feel a bit better about our nation.

"AMERICA: THE GOOD NEIGHBOR"

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on the remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there, I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornados. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the DC 10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all international lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting men on the moon? You talk about Japanes technology, and you get radios. You talk about German technology and you get autos. You talk about American technology, and you find men on the moon, not once, several times, and safely home again.

You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting U.S. dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke. I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I

Turn To Page Two, 'America the Good Neighbor'

## Two timely resolutions pass in Commissioner Court

In last Friday's two sessions of Commissioners Court, two very appropriate resolutions were quickly and unanimously approved. A "Declaration of local agricultural Emergency" document was studied by the court members and then adopted. The same resolution has been circulated in most agricultural counties of the state.

Pertinent portions of the document contained the following statements;

'The present economic distress in rural Texas is a direct consequence of a severe and increasing disparity between agriculture prices and other commodities which has largely destroyed the purchasing power of

farmers, has broken down the orderly exchange of commodities, and seriously impaired the agriculture assets supporting the local and state credit structure and tax base..... The county commissioners find the cumulative negative effects on agricultural producers and rural commodities is a direct result of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government's failure to execute constitutional powers pertaining to agricultural transactions: to uphold and enforce domestic anti-trust laws against corporate monopoly concentrations in agriculture: to stabilize foreign currency in relation to domestic currency to provide a level playing field in global trade:

to negotiate foreign trade agreements for the benefit of agriculture, labor and industry: to provide compensation for trade restrictions arising from foreign policy initiatives.'

The resolution then states approving commissioner courts should 'direct the Attorney General to investigate apparent abdication by the Executive Branch regarding compliance with existing laws: direct the Governor to provide state cabinet agencies information regarding the economic consequences of the failure to implement existing Federal Agricultural Policy: directs the commissioner of agriculture to hold in-

## Fuel Dealers Receive Warning On Price Gouging



These chaotic scenes of Plains residents lined up for gasoline at Anne's and Uncle's Convenience Stores were taken last Tuesday, the day of the Trade Center tragedy in New York City. Word apparently quickly spread around the nation of skyrocketing fuel prices, and the public responded with a run on all fuel sources. On Wednesday, the three sources for gasoline in Plains raised pump prices ten cents.



Texas District and County Attorneys Association has received unverified reports of skyrocketing gas prices across the State of Texas, apparently in response to the tragic events

of Tuesday's terrorist attacks against the United States. Due to Governor Perry's declaration of a statewide emergency, it is illegal act under 17.46 (b) (25) of the DTPA to take advantage

of this disaster by "selling or leasing fuel, food, medicine, or another necessity at an exorbitant or excessive price."

The AG has set up a toll free number for consumers to com-

plain about price gouging: 1-800-337-3928. The AG has also requested that TDCAA send this fax to you in order to spread the word of this illegal activity, as many DA's or CA's have already called these offices with questions regarding the gas prices and whether or not it is an illegal act. The AG also requests you forward this information onto your local police departments and constituents. Pursuant to 17.48 of the Business and Commerce Code, DA's and CA's have a duty to lend to the consumer protection division any assistance requested in the commencement and prosecutions of action. Moreover, a DA or CA may institute and prosecute actions seeking injunctive relief, after contacting the Consumer Protection Division pursuant to the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

As for prosecutions of this type, the AG indicated that the CA or DA could prosecute these cases under the Act if they wished, or if they chose not to, the AG's Consumer Protection Division would make a case by case analysis to determine if charges should be brought.



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Trooper Robert Shugart

James Penner pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior Burglary of habitation cause. A sentence of five years in prison was amended to his placement in the State Boot Camp Program. He was fined \$1000, must pay a total of \$450 attorney fees, and \$20 restitution to Sue Ferguson. Paul Mansur was his attorney.

In the September session of County Court, ten criminal cases were heard. Gilbert Olivares Orona pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury to a family member. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will make time payments on \$255 court costs, and must pay \$707

restitution. He must complete the Anger Management Class, and attend aftercare counseling. His attorney was Bill Wischkaemper. Deputy John Matus was investigating officer.

Sammy M. Rodriguez pled guilty to possession of two ounces or less of marijuana. He was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred, must serve six month community supervision, was fined \$200. He must pay \$75 restitution to the DPS, complete the Texas Alternative Incarceration Program, and serve 24 hours community service. Robert Shugart, DPS, was investigating officer.

Dion Brent Mills pled guilty to possession of two ounces or less marijuana. He was fined \$250, and will pay \$210 court costs, and \$140 restitution to DPS. He will surrender his license 180 days. Robert Shugart was investigating officer, and his attorney was Michael Sales.

Rodrigo Martinez Perez pled guilty to a first DWI, B.T. .12/.121. A 90 day jail sentence was probated 12 months. He will pay \$225 court costs and \$500 fine. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 9.5 hours served. He must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and serve 24 hours community service. Investigating Officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Florencio Aguinaga Villegas pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. His 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay a \$250 fine. He spent 24 hours in jail with credit for 12 hours served, and must serve 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was William Gardner, D.C. Police.

Nancy Acosta Hernandez pled guilty to possession of two ounces or less marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. She must pay a \$250 fine, \$210 court costs, and \$70 restitution to DPS. She must spend 36 hours in jail with credit for 24 hours served. She will serve 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Ion Aaron Barnett pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$210 court costs, must complete the drug offender education program and surrender his license 180 days. Investigating officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Karen Elizabeth Sanders pled guilty to theft, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. She received 24 hours community supervision, was fined \$250, must pay \$255 court costs, and \$800 restitution to Wells Fargo Bank, and will serve 24 hours community service. Investigating Officer was Charlie Higgs, D.C. Police.

William Ruben Chavez pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision. He will spend 90 days in jail with credit for 41 days served.

**From Page One,  
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investigative hearings to gather information through state cabinet agencies to forward to the office of governor, attorney general and legislative interim committee.

The lengthy document concludes, "The elected officials of Yoakum County Commissioners Court hereby petition the Governor of the State of Texas, administrative agencies of the State Executive Branch, the Texas Attorney General, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Texas Legislative Council, to complete the investigation and file evidentiary studies; request the members of the Texas Legislature to adequately fund and complete these studies for delivery to the next regular or special legislative session.

**From Page One, "America, The Good Neighbor"** don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our Neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands now gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

*Stand Proud, America!*

**\*\* Editors Note - The broadcast was made a number of years earlier. The authors points are still valid today.**

The court also approved a very firm resolution condemning the terroristic attacks on New Yoakum City and the Pentagon which is reproduced on this page.

Other items on the agenda included Steve Mills, Superintendent Denver City ISD addressing the court on the availability of the district's Intermediate School Building. Board members recently voted to abandon the building because of decreasing student numbers. Judge Brewer told Mr. Mills the court would take under consideration the school district's offer to sell the building to the county. If the county declines to purchase the building, Mills said it would probably be razed.



**YOAKUM COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESOLUTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF YOAKUM

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists, and;

**WHEREAS**, these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C. and;

**WHEREAS**, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders, and;

**WHEREAS**, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve, and;

**WHEREAS**, these horrific events have affected all Americans. It is important that we carry on with the regular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States and their counties to stand tall and proud.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County, Texas, condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County, Texas, supports the President of the United States, as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks, and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County, Texas, recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood at the nearest available blood donation center.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**  
Special Election  
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

**PROPOSITION 1**  
(HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

**PROPOSITION 2**  
(SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonias. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias."

**PROPOSITION 3**  
(SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

**PROPOSITION 4**  
(HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

**PROPOSITION 5**  
(SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

**PROPOSITION 6**  
(HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

**PROPOSITION 7**  
(HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

**PROPOSITION 8**  
(HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjunct general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

**PROPOSITION 9**  
(HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

**PROPOSITION 10**  
(SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

**PROPOSITION 11**  
(HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

**PROPOSITION 12**  
(HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**PROPOSITION 13**  
(SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

**PROPOSITION 14**  
(HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

**PROPOSITION 15**  
(SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

**PROPOSITION 16**  
(HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

**PROPOSITION 17**  
(HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

**PROPOSITION 18**  
(SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

**PROPOSITION 19**  
(HJR 81)

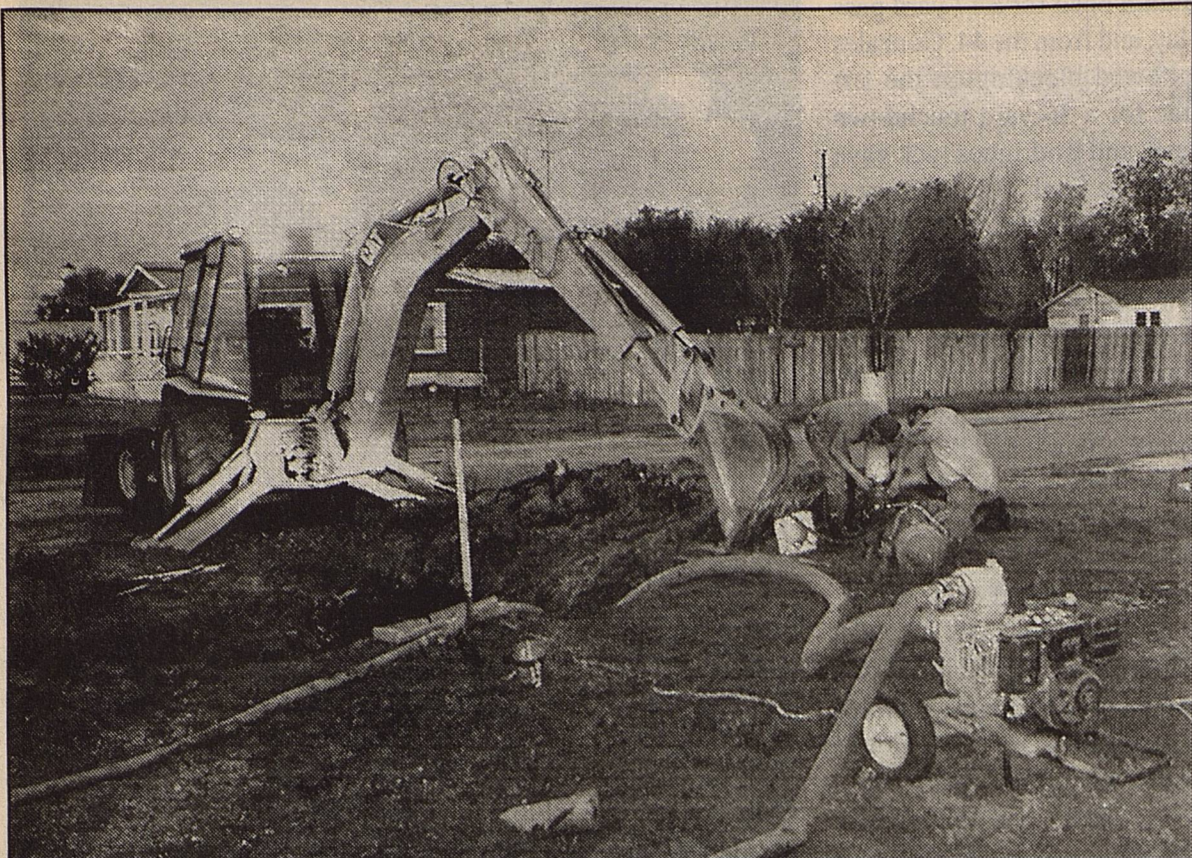
Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llaman al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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City employees were called out early last Sunday morning to replace a broken off fire hydrant which caused a massive water leak and virtually stopped the flow of city water. Tracks at the scene indicated a vehicle had veered off the road at the corner of Avenue E and 8th street, and struck the hydrant, shearing it off the water mainline. A Sheriff Deputy at the scene reported the Department was trying to find the vehicle, which must have sustained damage to the front end.

## Sergeant Luke A. Smith Earns Elite Infantry Badge

Sergeant Luke A. Smith, of 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, earned the right to wear the Expert Infantry Badge by successfully completing the Army EIB program. Sergeant Smith completed the intensive training and testing with a "true blue" rating. Infantrymen who pass all 35 rigorous testing events on the first attempt are called "true Blue", as blue is the color of the infantry.

The final road march of the EIB program brought to a close more than three weeks of concentrated effort by infantrymen who sought to identify themselves as elite professional combat arms soldiers.

"The Expert Infantry Badge is the premiere mark of excellence in the infantry," said St. Major Richard A. Montcalm, Sr., command sergeant major, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment.

The EIB program consists of 35 events or stations at which soldiers must demonstrate all the skills essential to the infantryman, from weapons and re-

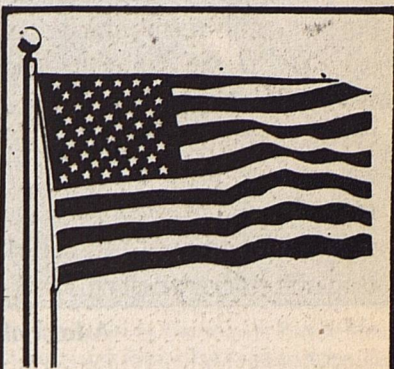
ports to land navigation and physical fitness. The program is designed to challenge infantrymen to improve their abilities in combat, and in turn to help the Army maintain a high standard of combat readiness.

The first day of official EIB testing included The Army Physical Fitness Test. Infantrymen who passed the event scored a minimum of 70 percent in the push ups, sit ups, and two mile run. By the end of day two, the qualifying infantrymen had successfully completed the day and night land navigation courses. During days three and four of testing the infantrymen tackled 31 stations, where they were tasked to maintain, operate and employ first aid and communications equipment, as well as a variety of weapons including grenades, mines, anti tank rockets and rifles. Soldiers also had to correctly perform maneuvers such as the high crawl, low crawl and three to five second rush.

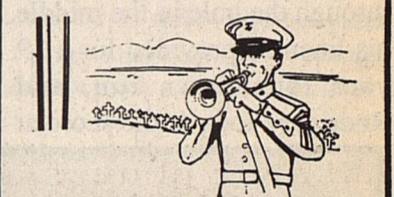
The final event of the EIB testing occurred when infantrymen tried to complete a 12 mile road

march in less than three hours, while wearing a rucksack weighing 35 pounds or more. High temperatures and humidity made the road march considerably difficult. Of the 104 soldiers who passed the 34 previous events, 56 were unable to finish the road march in the required three hours; a number of whom suffered heat related injuries. At the end of the road march, forty nine had qualified to wear EIB.

Sergeant Luke A. Smith is a graduate of Plains High School and the son of Hershel and Debbie Smith.



# May God Bless America



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#### Dinner / Lecture Sites:

##### Artesia, New Mexico

Date: Tuesday, September 25

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Place: Artesia Country Club  
2701 West Richey Street  
(No student forum)

##### Carlsbad, New Mexico

Date: Wednesday, September 26

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Place: Pecos River Village  
Conference Center  
Carousel House  
711 Muscatel  
(Student forum 4-5 p.m.,  
CSW-Carlsbad campus)

##### Hobbs, New Mexico

Date: Thursday, September 27

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Place: College of the Southwest  
Scarborough Memorial  
Library Atrium  
6610 Lovington Highway  
(Student forum 4-5 p.m.,  
Mabee Heritage Center)

Cost: \$25 per person for dinner and lecture

Because of limited space, reservations are requested by September 21, and will be accepted on a first-come basis.

#### College Credit Opportunity:

Students desiring college credit may enroll in the seminar entitled *Leadership Strategies in Today's Economy*: BUA 4721, EDU 4721, or EDU 5721.

#### Requirements include:

- Attendance at a 1-hour session
- Attendance at dinner / lecture
- 1500-word essay

For more information concerning credit opportunity for the seminar, please call Cindy Robertson at (505) 392-6561, ext.1004, or Kim Parsons at (505) 887-3500.

Tuition will be waived if registered by September 18. A fee of \$35 includes book, dinner, and seminar.

#### Tickets may be purchased at:

College of the Southwest  
6610 Lovington Highway  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240  
or by calling (505) 392-6561  
or (800) 530-4400

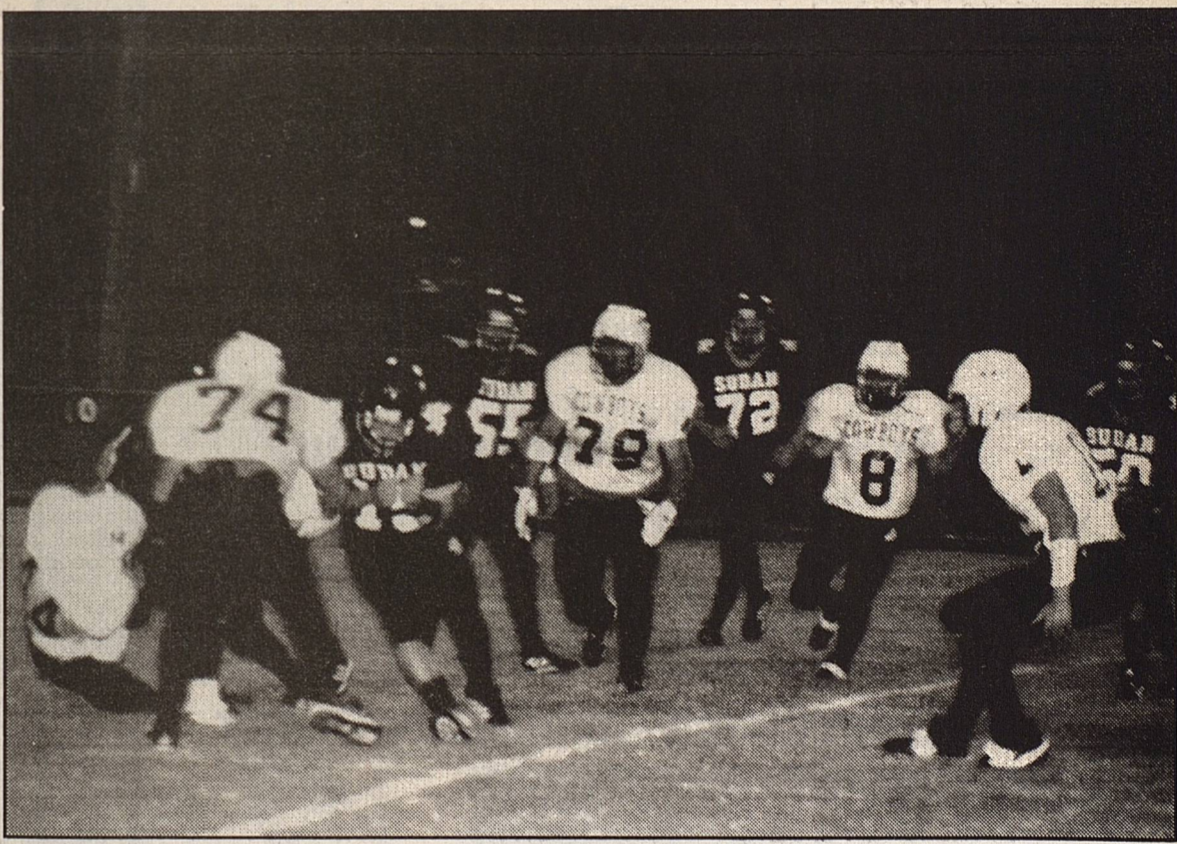
or

College of the Southwest-Carlsbad  
500 West Church  
(505) 887-3500

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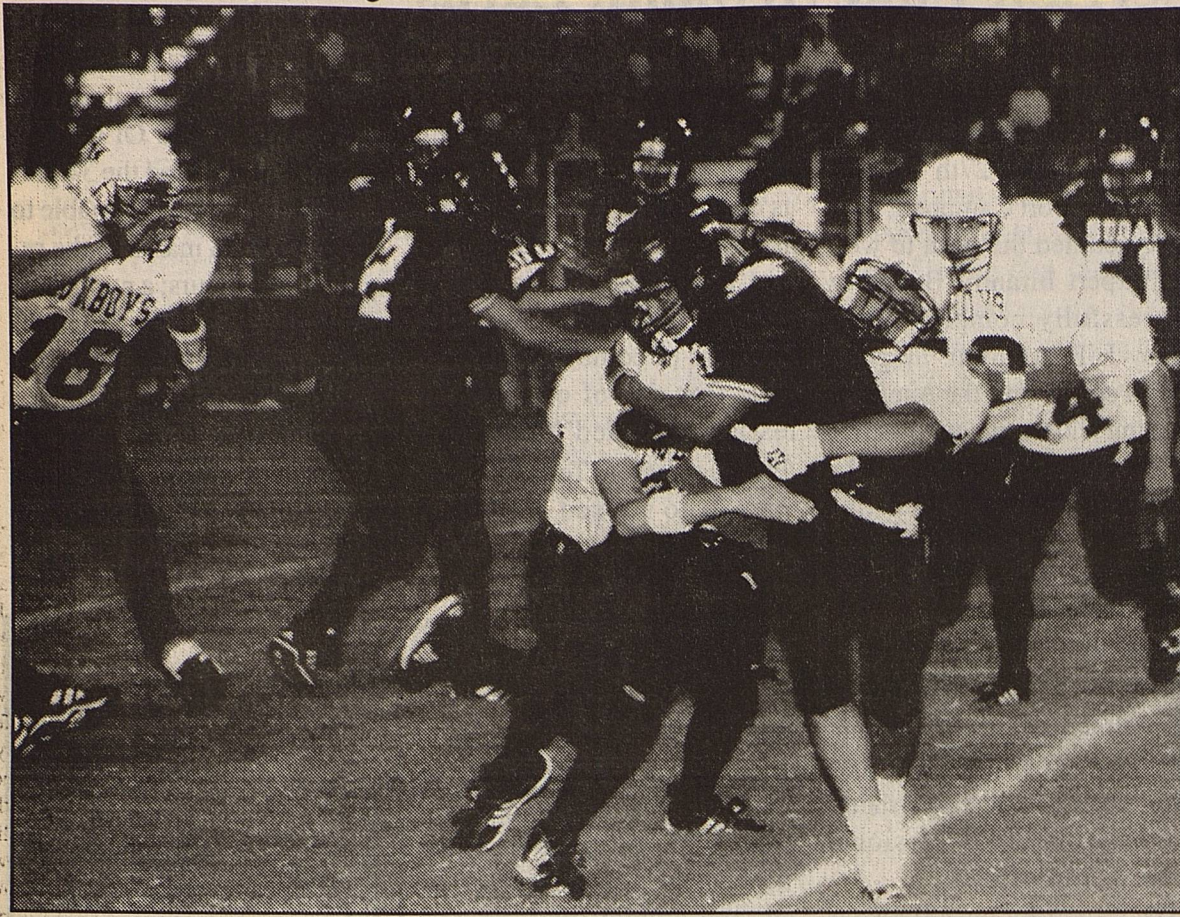
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## Cowboys defeat old nemesis Sudan 33-12



A host of Cowboy defenders swarm Sudan runner

The PHS Cowboys journeyed to Sudan to notch their first victory of the 2001 season last Friday evening. The Hornets took the opening kickoff, and strong defensive work by the Cowboys resulted in a forced punt on fourth down. As in their opener against Abernathy, the Cowboys scored on their first offensive play, a nifty pass from Moises Gonzales to Tanner Hamm for a 39 yard TD, and Joseph Rodriguez kicked the extra point for a quick 7-0 lead.

The 'D' again held the Hornets in check, and in their second possession Jared Bell burst through the hole in the middle his linemen provided for a 39 yard touchdown run, and Rodriguez toe put the score at

14-0. Early in the second quarter, the Cowboys appeared a bit complacent, and the Hornets drove 94 yards in 7 plays to score on a pass to put 14-6 on the scoreboard.

With over half of the second quarter gone, the Hornets again had the ball, and opened a hole in the Cowboy line for a 63 yard scoring dash. The PAT attempt failed, and the score stood at Cowboys 14, Hornets 12.

Shortly before the half, Sudan intercepted a Cowboy pass to stop a drive which had pushed the ball to the 7.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys took the kickoff at their 32, and in ten plays drove the ball to the Sudan 2, but couldn't

cross the goal line.

With less than 4 minutes in the 3rd period, Bell hit Richard Diaz with a pass that pushed the ball to Sudan's 5, and two plays later Moises Gonzales crossed the goal to put the Cowboys up 20-12.

The Cowboy defenders again bottled up the Sudan offense, forcing a punt. Bell took the punt at the 35, got some good blocking out front and raced 65 yards for the Cowboys fourth score to make it a 26-12 lead.

The Cowboy defense shut down the Hornets most of the final period, and with 7:58 left on the clock, the Cowboy offensive line provided blocking to allow Bell to go over left guard for 6 yards, then once again Gonzales found Tanner

Hamm open for a 17 yard pass play, and from the 44, Gonzales followed blocking on the left side for a 56 yard touchdown dash, and Rodriguez kick gave them the final 33-12 victory.

The statistic summaries showed some bright spots, a few not so bright; The Cowboys had total offense of 370 yards compared to the Hornets 246, with Cowboys getting 284 on the ground, and 86 yards in the air on 9 passes. They were also penalized ten times for 85 yards.

Bell was credited with 12 scoring points, Gonzales also had 12, Hamm 6, and Rodriguez 3. Hamm caught 2 balls, Diaz and Jeffrey Lollar one each. Moises only had to punt twice, for a 33.5 yard average, while Rodriguez averaged 40.3 yards on six kickoffs. Manuel Ramoz was credited for a blocked punt, Bell and Louis Escobar both had QB sacks, while Justin Chambliss, Ramoz, Angel Ruiz, Mario Bonilla and Escobar racked up yard losing tackles.

A good win, badly needed for the Cowboys who face a long, tough schedule, with no open dates. They next take on the Sundown Roughnecks here this Friday. JOIN US!!

## Plains ISD sports recap

### Volleyball:

7th Lady Wranglers- The 7th girls defeated Tahoka on September 10, 15-7, 15-12. They next competed in the Brownfield Tournament and found the going a bit tougher, but did manage to take the Consolation prize. They were downed by Midland Christian 5-15 and 7-15. They pulled out a win over Lubbock Cooper White 10-15, 15-2, 15-11, and then downed Cooper Red 15-8, 15-1.

8th Lady Wranglers- The 8th girls lost a close contest against Tahoka, 9-15, 15-5, 14-16. In the Brownfield Tourney, they fell to Midland Christian 4-15, 14-16. They bounced back to defeat Brownfield White 15-10, 15-9, but then lost to Cooper 9-15, 15-4 and 7-15.

Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls had a rough outing against Denver City and went down 7-15 and 5-15.

### Cross Country:

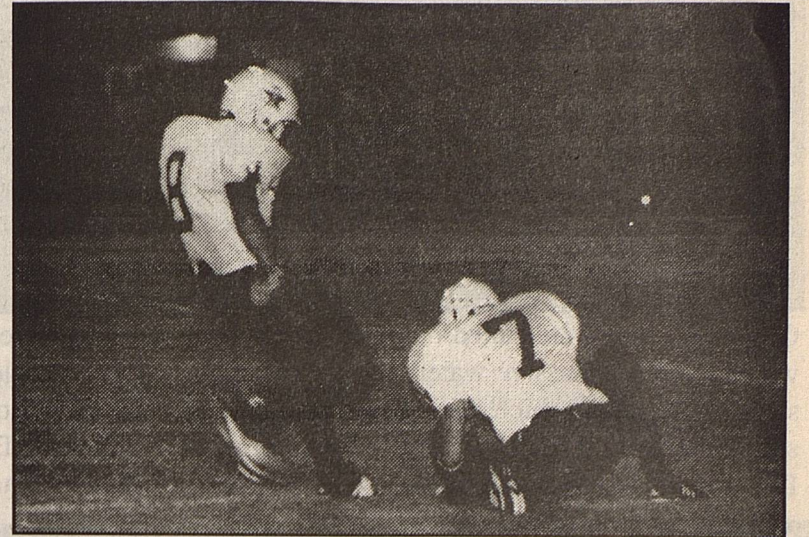
Jr. High- At the Seminole meet September 8, Desiraye Broome, the only Jr. High runner, competed against 157 other runners to take 6th place.

Jr. High Boys results included Abel Ramos 15th, Ben Hays 26th, Casson Curtis 40th, Spencer Ortega 50th, Steven Dominguez 51st, Michael Therwhanger 63rd, Justin Henry 67th.

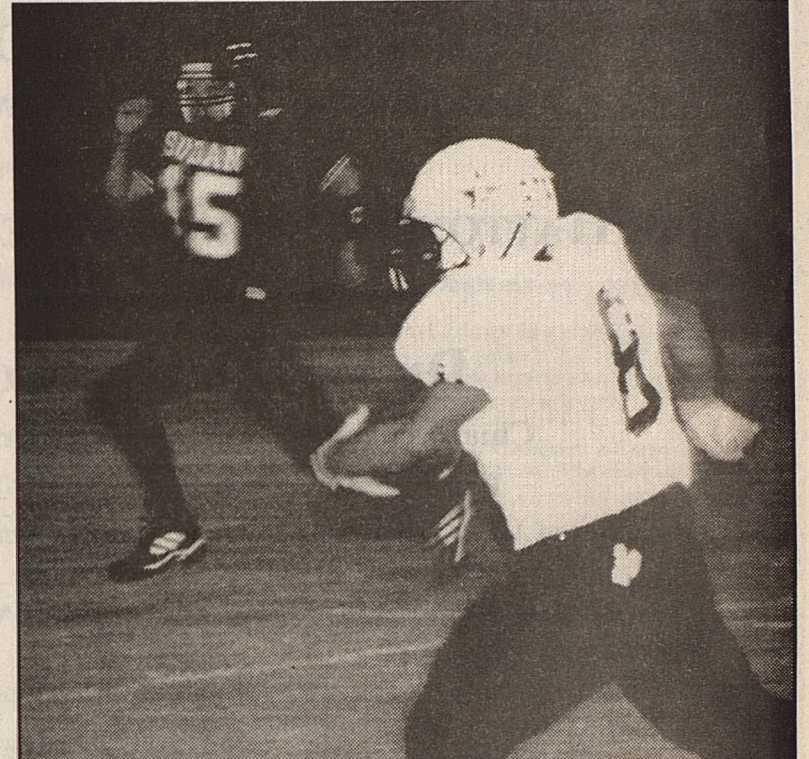
PHS Boys captured sixth place competing against 13 teams, many form much larger schools. Armando Ramirez was 28th, 28th, Payton Bean 35th, Jonathan DeLaRosa 38th, Chase Howell



Joseph Rodriguez, 8, gets good block to help Moises Gonzales



Kevin Bartley holds. Joseph Rodriguez nails PAT kick



Joseph Rodriguez hits afterburner to flee pursuing Hornet

53rd, Brandon Davis 56th, Arnold Cordova 60th, Nathan Hays 63rd. JV Boys result included Patrick Cotton 28th, Luis Escobar 36th, Daniel Estrada 43rd.

At the September 15 meet in Morton, Desiraye Broome came in 2nd place. The Jr. High boys captured meet first place honors. Jose Villegas was 2nd, Abel Ramos 3rd, Ben Hays 6th, Steven Dominguez 16th, Michael Therwhanger 21st, and Justin Henry 22nd.

The Varsity Cowboys also wone their meet. Chisum Justus was 3rd, Jonathan DeLaRosa 4th, Payton Bean 5th, Armando Ramirez 6th, Chase Howell 7th, Nathan Hays 8th, Brandon Davis 9th. JV boys Daniel Estrada was 2nd, Patrick Cotton 9th.

### Football:

The 8th Wranglers opened their season with a big 42-6 win over The Brownfield Cubs 'B' team. Todd Williams scored three touchdowns and two extra point con-

### JV Cowboys:

The younger Cowboys suffered a tough loss to the Sudan Hornets September 13. Arnold Cordova scored on a 47 yards run, and Evan Cain completed a pass to Armando Ramirez for the two point conversion. They Cowboys later scored on a quick pitch from Cain to Armando, who then passed the ball to Armando Ramirez for a 34 yard TD. The two point conversion attempt failed.

versions. Also scoring for the Wranglers were Abel Ramos, Casson Curtis and Ramiro Martinez. Martinez also had a two point conversion. Both Curtis and Michael mTherwhanger tossed touchdown passes. Blake Parrish, Adam McCravey, Todd Williams, Peter Neufeld, Blake O'Quinn and Michael Crump all had fumble recoveries. Coach Brink expressed his pleasure in the effort of the Wranglers, and said there were very few mistakes in the game.

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# Walker, Texas Rep

By State Representative Gary Walker, Dist. 80

During the 2001 Legislative Session, we dealt with many issues of vital importance to consumers in our state. One such bill was HB 472, authored by Representative Burt Solomons (R-Carrollton), HB 472 enables the Public Utility Commission of Texas to implement a statewide "Do Not Call" list for consumers who wish to stop telemarketing calls to their homes or businesses. Similar legislation had been offered in previous sessions but had not been passed.

Currently, the PUC is in the process of writing rules to implement this Act. According to the legislation, the state will be able to charge consumers up to \$3 to place their number on the list for three years. All telemarketers must obtain a copy of the list before doing business in the state. Important to note is that any company a consumer has done business with before will be exempt

from the Do Not Call list. I hope the public will be receptive to the proposed rules for the Act. I know some will be frustrated because of the fee associated with having your name placed on the list. I feel the cost is mitigated due to the length of time your name is listed. Anyone with internet access can track the progress of the rulemaking by visiting the PUC's website at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us) and clicking on "Texas Do Not Call List" under the "Hot Topics Briefs" link.

The Texas telemarketing and Disclosure and Privacy Act represents years of work by legislators in trying to address a problem faced by countless citizens of our state. I think the plan they have enacted will be very beneficial, and I encourage constituents to call my office if they have questions about HB 472.

## Library Storytime

The weekly Storytime was held at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Following the pledges to the United States and Texas flags the group participated in Toddlerobics. We sang the "ABC Song", "The Wheels on the Bus Go Round", "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", and "Roll Over". The discussion of the day was about cats and kittens. The books read were: Cats, I Love Cats, and Find The Kitten. We watched a film entitled, Boots and Her Kittens. The group sang 'Happy Birthday' to Mesa Davis who will celebrate her third birthday on September 14. We enjoyed refreshments to help honor her special day. Those attending were Peyton McWhirter, Mesa Davis, Amanda Dusek, and Madison Davis.

## New at the Library

FICTION:  
Bamboo & Lace - Lori Wick  
Money, Money, Money - Ed McBain  
Steppin' On A Rainbow - Kinky Friedman  
The Veteran - Frederick Forsyth  
Envy - Sandra Brown  
Scared Ground - Barbara Wood  
Lake Woebegone, Summer 1956 - Garrison Keller  
The Holy Road - Michael Blake  
The Surgeon - Tess Gerritsen  
NON-FICTION:  
Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith - Joni Eareckson  
World Travel Atlas - Columbus Travel Guides  
Reagan, In His Own Hand - Ronald Reagan  
Grow Younger, Live Longer - Deepak Chopra  
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## Services held for Melissa G. Armstrong

Funeral services for Melissa G. (Missy) Armstrong, 37, of Bossier City, LA. were held September 10 at Rose-Neath Chapel in Bossier City. Officiating was Bro. Bill Cosby, and singles minister Ray Rainey of First Baptist Bossier. Graveside services and burial were held September 11 at Zion Hill family cemetery in Weatherford.

Miss Armstrong was born in San Angelo, and passed away September 6 after a lengthy battle with cancer and multiple sclerosis. She was a legal secretary and member of First Baptist Bossier. She was a graduate of Conroe High School in Houston.

She is survived by her parents, Harold and Kittie Parks Armstrong of Bossier; sisters Patricia Rodrique of Lake Charles, La. and Glenna Angel of Harrison, AR; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Samuels of Ft. Worth; maternal grandmother Mary Lou Parks of Plains; one niece and three nephews. She is also the niece of Lela Warren and Jannelle Cobb of Plains. Her maternal grandfather, Rev. Neil Parks, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Mark Rodrique, Stephen Warren, Russell Warren, Douglas Warren, Jay Fitzgerald, Stephen Estes and John Kronerberg. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2121 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport, LA, 71104.

## Senior Citizens Corner

Tom Clevenger and Mola Morehead won the '42' tournament on Tuesday, congratulations to both.

Friday the 14th is Higginbotham Jamboree. Thursday the 20th is pot luck supper at the center.

We have been having good crowds for lunch. All seniors come on down and join in the

fun, good food, fellowship, and laughs. We have line dancing, treadmill and walking in the hall.

Friday 21st is our Site Council meeting at 12:30.

We are all praying for the survivors of the terrorist actions.

We also send our prayers to all that lost loved ones in the tragedy.

## Booster Club Meets

The Plains Athletic Booster Club met on Monday, September 10, 2001 in the Plains Elementary cafeteria. The first annual Meet the Parents event was held. High school football, volleyball, and cross country athletes attended, along with their parents. Parents were introduced by the athletes and were recognized. A brief presentation was made concerning insurance plans available for local students. Refreshments were served and a brief meet-

ing followed the presentations. At the meeting, plans were discussed for the homecoming bonfire scheduled for September 28, 2001.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held on September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. Junior High athletes' parents will be recognized at the meeting and refreshments will again be served. All parents and interested supporters are urged to attend these meetings.

Early voting continues in the PISD Business Office until September 25 in the tax rollback election.

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## Texas Partnership for Food Safety

Governor Rick Perry and the Texas Board of Health will sign a proclamation designating September as Food Safety Month.

The South Plains Public Health District has joined with Industry, Government, and Consumer groups to form the Texas Partnership for Food Safety Education.

This occurs every September with the "Fight Bac" campaign.

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# From The Hack

In the Wednesday, September 12 issue of the *Denver City Press*, which has a later press run time than CCN, allowing them to feature some of the terrorist horrors, Editor Clinton Bowman expressed the same feelings I am still experiencing about the Black Tuesday. He wrote in his *Babbling With Bo* column he simply did not have it in him to create a humorous article. It is impossible for me to dream up anything funny to write about in this space, and I am pecking this out almost a week later.

I have witnessed some incredible historic events in my almost 70 years. I first heard of the Pearl Harbor bombing while attending an Abbot and Costello movie in San Angelo that December 7, 1941 afternoon. The comedy was cancelled, and the audience streamed out, shocked, and the Air Force personnel in the theatre hurried out and back to Goodfellow Field, most of them cursing "those dirty Japs," but in much coarser language.

I followed the progress of WW II via the radio, and in movie newsreels, fascinated, shocked,

often scared. When I saw films of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki I was stunned, but elated, for all the grownups said the terrible war would soon be over. They were right.

I watched films and video coverage of Russia's launching of Sputnik, and read of the U.S.'s embarrassment at the Communist nation being so far ahead of in the race for outer space.

I watched in horror the coverage of JFK's assassination in Dallas, shed tears watching his funeral procession, and later the almost incredible video of Jack Ruby shooting Lee Harvey Oswald.

I was thrilled, proud beyond words when I watched the tube late on the night we put men on the moon, and the nation knew we were now years ahead of the Russians in the desire to explore outer space.

The successful space shuttle flights to and from satellites and space stations thrilled me. The fiery explosion of Challenger truly hurt my heart, as did scenes of the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy featuring bleeding, maimed and dead pre-school kids and hundreds of adults.

Our successful experience in Desert Strom and the following burst of patriotic fervor which swept across America pleased me, but I felt then and now we stopped the operation much too prematurely.

All of these events have made powerful, long lasting impres-

sions on me. I feel quite sure, however, I will remember the scenes from the World Trade Center carnage, the Pentagon, even that Pennsylvania corn field where the third jet plummeted into the ground. As I write this, five days of television footage of the events has been almost non-stop, and the tremendous cleanup process will go on for weeks.

I truly thought I had witnessed some momentous historical events over the years, and I have, but as monumentally important and dramatic as they were, in my mind they pale in comparison to Black Tuesday.

Less than a full week earlier, an old and dear friend I had not seen in years came through Plains, inquired where we lived, found our house, met the Bride, and she escorted he and his wife to the golf course to see me. During the course of the very brief visit, Joe

told me he and his wife Nancy were soon to leave on a thirty day photo safari to Africa. In the evening of Black Tuesday, I felt real concern about their flight to Africa, and called him to see if they were still going. He said, "I'm almost positive we'll cancel it. I'm not particularly afraid of the flights (He retired some-time back from his Air Force career as a highly decorated helicopter pilot in Vietnam), but I'm too upset and just too damn mad right now. We are at war, whether everyone realizes it or not, and I doubt we could enjoy Africa with these scenes and thoughts on our minds."

I feel the same way about this column - there's lots of stuff going around in my mind, but very little humor.

From the internet:  
What does the average Miss. State player get on his SATs?----- Drool

What are the longest three years in Georgia football players life--- his freshman year.

What do you get when you put 32 Arkansas cheerleaders in a room?--- A full set of teeth

## \*ELECTION\*

An election to select a Director for Zone 5 of the Soil & Water Conservation District will be held Tuesday October 2, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. in the Plains Community Center. The incumbent for Zone 5 Director is Dan Wall. Zone 5 covers a 144 square mile area surrounding Plains.

In order to serve a four year term as Director for Subdivision 5 in the Yoakum Conservation District. The person elected must be 18 years of age or older, an eligible voter, own farm or ranchland in Yoakum County and reside in a county which is within the District.

Speaker for the event will be State Representative Gary Walker. Refreshments will be served.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of H.E. (POLLY) Rushing, Deceased were issued on September 11, 2001, in Cause No. 1392 pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: Betty Ann Rushing.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Yoakum County, Texas. The post office address is: Betty Ann Rushing, c/o Bradford L. Moore, P.O. Box 352, Brownfield, Texas 79316 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Executrix at the above listed address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 14th day of September, 2001.

Bradford L. Moore  
Attorney for the Estate

## \*NOTICE FOR BIDS\*

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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 28, 2001, for the sale of (1) 1991 Chevrolet Pickup for Precinct #3.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, October 1, 2001. For more information concerning the sale or to view the vehicle, please contact Commissioner Ty Earl Powell, P.O. Box 605, Plains, Texas 79355 or call 806/456-4371. Sealed bids should be marked "PICK-UP" and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G., Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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