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Water & Texas

Texas Water Plan calls for
conservation and new sources

Water, or the lack thereof, has been a subject virtually every historian, recording our state's progress following independence from Mexico, has delineated as a serious challenge to continued growth and prosperity. In the current issue of *Tierra Grande*, a monthly publication of the Real Estate Center at Texas A & M University, an excellent article entitled "Dam the reservoirs - Full speed ahead", written by Charles E. Gilliland, sheds interesting light on what lies ahead for Texas and Texans in their age long quest for water. Portions of Dr. Gilliland's article are reproduced here, with permission granted by Editors of *Tierra Grande* last week.

"As a new century approaches, Texas faces a future threatened by water shortages because of the growing population. Without prudent planning, water demand to support expanding cities will exceed projected supplies. This potential for... shortages prompted the state government to undertake a proactive planning approach in dealing with water policy before shortages reach a crisis stage in some future drought.

"Earlier this century, the United States met looming shortages with ambitious projects, expanding current supplies through construction of large reservoirs. Dam building spread throughout the country, bringing life to the deserts of the arid west. These projects involved substantial investments of public funds, and unquestionably, altered the environment. As the century draws to a close, support for these projects has waned, and water policy has shifted from supply strategies to planning for more effective use of existing supplies.

"The Texas Water Plan, described in Water for Texas, published by the Texas Water Board, seeks to primarily facilitate the transfer of water from agricultural irrigation to urban uses... and provide for geographic movement of water from areas with surplus supplies to areas facing chronic shortages. Despite aversion to new dam construction, the plan includes provisions for eight new reservoirs.

"The state-wide water plan establishes estimates of current usage as well as projected requirements through 2050. The water volume used in each Texas region, along with its percentage of state-wide usage is described in Table 1 illustration.

Water, Page 2

Cowboys end season on high note, beat Coahoma Bulldogs 19 - 0

The Plains Cowboys hoped to achieve two goals going into Friday night's game against Coahoma - beat the Bulldogs, and secure a spot in the district playoffs. They achieved half their goals with a very convincing 19-0 victory, but the play-off spot was out of their hands when wins by Stanton, and Post's victory over Seagraves sent those three teams into post season play.

The Cowboy's last hurrah for the football year was a good one. They rolled up 14 first downs to the 'Dogs 6, and had 217 combined offense yards to Coahoma's 92 yards, this despite the Cowboys suffering 9 penalty flags.

The Bulldogs threatened early in the first period when a pass completion moved the ball from the 50 to the Cowboy 25, but good defensive work by Mario Bonilla, Colt Winn and

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"Cowboys"



Colt Winn makes reception and good gain.

Lions Clubs play large role in area Eye Bank

Terry Jeffries, a member of the Seminole Lions Club and a Gaines County Commissioner, told local Lions last week their and other clubs support of the Great Plains Eye Bank in Lubbock is crucial to it's success. The local club donates funds allocated according to its number of members.

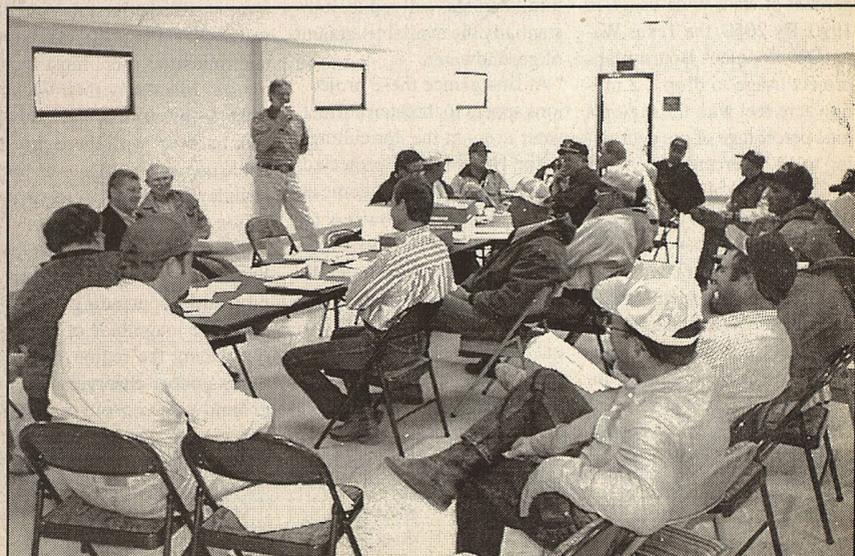
The Eye Bank, organized in 1974, assists the visually impaired with a number of programs, including cornea transplants obtained from organ donors. In 1998, 84 patients received transplants, restoring their sight. Two of those recipients were patients referred to the Eya Bank by Yoakum County Hospital.

Jeffries said not all eye donations are suitable for transplants, but can be utilized in repairing damaged ear drums. The Eye Bank has a staff member who is on call 24 hours a day to pick up a deceased donors eyes, and the operation must be completed within six hours of the donors death.

Area Lions Clubs contribute about 33% of the Eye Bank's operating budget, with state and federal grant funds furnishing the remaining operating expenses.

Jeffries encouraged everyone to utilize the organ donor portion of state driver licenses.

Peanut producers attend first meeting on proposed Co - Op



Iaian Prentice, far left, dark coat, explains plans for new peanut co-op to prospective members

Some thirty area peanut producers attended the first county organizational meeting of what is hoped to become the West - Tex Peanut Co-Op here last Thursday. Previous meetings had been held earlier in Brownfield, Seminole and Levelland.

Incorporating board members of the proposed Co-Op were selected prior to granting of the state charter in October. Two members, Jet Wilmeth and Jerry Parrish, attended last Thursday's meeting. Chief spokesman at the meeting was Iaian Prentice, a commodity broker now representing Collins Brokerage Company, of Atlanta. That firm's President, Alan Collins, was also present at the meeting. If the cooperative is successfully organized, Collins Brokerage would be responsible for marketing the members peanut production.

The business mission of the Co-Op is production in a five county area of top quality peanuts. The initial goal is to sign-on members with sufficient irrigated acreage to produce 100,000 farmer stock short tons of peanuts.

The peanut cooperative would be a full service organization - farmer committed stock would be delivered to a complete peanut facility to be built south of Brownfield, where they would be graded, left in the shell or shelled, depending on the ultimate customers needs. Mr. Prentice told the producers, "You are at a tremendous disadvantage in negotiating a fair price for your crop due to the lack of a shelling facility here in West Texas".

He also noted area producers have some advantages over other peanut growing areas, notably relatively lower land costs, farmer efficiency, and less expense for using chemicals. Another big plus, according to the speaker, is West Texas has an abundance of suitable peanut land, necessary for crop rotation, avoiding 'worn out land' common in many other peanut production areas.

Marketing efforts for West-Tex peanuts would be focused not only on large, stable processing firms in the U.S., but a number of important foreign buyers as well including processors in Canada, Holland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

The multi-purpose cooperative peanut plant will be located on acreage south of Brownfield on a railline, and officers of the corporation have already received extensive bid proposals for all construction of facilities at the site. Prospective Co-Op members at the meeting were told they had until a November 15 deadline to sign and submit all forms committing acreage and farmerstock tons of production in the cooperative.

Board member Jet Wilmeth told CCN following the meeting "Around a dozen producers signed up today, and we feel pretty good about the success of forming the Co-Op". He said other informational meetings would be held around the membership territory before the November 15 deadline.

County voter turnout for election mirrors low numbers across state

Like most other areas across Texas, voters in Yoakum County found little in the November 2 Constitutional Amendment Election to ignite their passions and send them to the polls in great numbers.

According to figures furnished by the County Clerk and County Tax office here, 353 eligible voters cast ballots on the 17 amendments passed by the legislature in its last session, including 56 early voters. According to the tax office,

there are 4,414 eligible voters in the county, indicating a turnout of 7.99 percent. While a relatively low percentage chose to vote in the special election, turnout here was a bit heavier than in Lubbock and many other larger cities.

Locally, voters approved 14 of the 17 proposed amendments. Failing to get approval here were; #8 - Provide that the Adjutant General serves at the pleasure of the Governor; #9 - Authorizing the legislature to

create a judicial compensation commission; and, #10 - Provide that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

Another proposal, # 11, barely passed, 169 for, 167 against, a measure allowing political subdivisions to purchase non-assessable property and casualty insurance in the same manner as purchasing life, health and accident insurance.

From Page 1, Water

Table 1. Current and Projected Texas Water Use

Region	Water Use			
	1990 Total (Acre Feet)	2050 Total (Acre Feet)	1990 Percent of State	2050 Percent of State
Panhandle	5,742,754	2,196,483	36.51	14.73
Rolling Plains	310,896	287,030	1.98	1.92
North Central Texas	1,016,084	1,926,993	6.46	12.92
North East Texas	551,362	784,812	3.51	5.26
East Texas	682,133	840,339	3.83	5.63
Houston Region	1,897,678	2,906,601	20.09	19.99
Mid-Coast	1,126,282	986,251	6.46	6.61
Coastal Bend	188,402	302,913	1.20	2.03
Lower Rio Grande	1,557,159	1,479,866	9.90	9.97
Winter Garden	309,144	140,664	1.97	0.94
Southern Edwards	676,571	879,084	4.30	5.89
Hill Country	78,754	91,309	0.50	0.61
Austin	175,613	524,066	1.12	3.51
Heart of Texas	414,179	588,421	2.09	3.94
Upper Colorado	344,245	346,134	2.19	2.19
Upper Rio Grande	657,754	630,149	3.64	3.64
Lower Rio Grande	48,000	91,100	0.26	0.41

Source: Texas Water Development Board

"At 5.7 million acre feet per year, used largely for crop irrigation, the Panhandle represents the most prolific user of Texas water, comprising 36.5 percent of state-wide usage in 1990. By 2050, the Texas Water Development Board plans project usage to drop 2.2 million acre feet with the region's total percentage of use decreasing to 14.7 percent.

"This regional 61.7 percent decline in usage will occur as the population expands by 45.5 percent. This growth will boost municipal requirements by 24 percent and industrial usage by 68.4 percent because of combined effects of aquifer depletion and development of water saving technology and crops.

"The plan projects agricultural demand to slip by 16.9 percent; however, changes in the aquifer, coupled with changing conditions in agricultural markets, will reduce substantially the available amount of groundwater.

"At first glance these projections appear to threaten current water users in the agricultural sector. However, the projected changes will not likely come at the expense of landowners for two reasons. First, farmers in the region have pioneered development of water conserving technological advances in irrigation. Current farmers produce crops with a fraction of the water used just 30 years ago. As genetic engineering

and new techniques develop, demands on the aquifer will likely decline.

"Second, by developing their water resources, these users have established a right to the water that prospective urban and industrial users must recognize. Marketing their water rights to those urban and industrial interests with more profitable uses will compensate for abandoning its use in crop irrigation.

"Some water-planning groups have taken issue's with this projection, contending it overstates the magnitude of reduction facing the region. Nonetheless, most observers agree groundwater resources will continue to decline, reducing

forecasts construction of eight reservoirs to add more than a million acre feet of water to supplies, at a cost of \$1.3 billion. Virtually all of the projects are slated for construction in the eastern half of Texas and will supply water to growing municipal and industrial users.

The eight new reservoirs would vary in capacity size from 12,000 to 470,000 acre feet of water, and costs for each project ranges from \$676 to \$6,217 per acre foot.

The Texas Water Plan says the first four of the new storage reservoirs will be needed by

2010, with the last reservoir not needed until 2050.

A number of issues are faced by the builders and operators of these reservoirs. Most importantly, the management at each reservoir must meet pre-set limits on the amount of water that can be captured by the dam and provide for a required amount of flow through or water that passes through the dam and continues on for other uses downstream.

The quantity of flow through is determined in part by the downstream environmental concerns. Sufficient flow

through must be provided to meet the needs of wildlife and fish that live and breed downstream.

Dr. Gilliland is a research economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A & M.

The Tierra Grande article may not be what all of us in the region want to hear, or believe, but those thoughts offer little comfort to what we all know - a change in our water supply and water habits is inevitable

1526: Cabeza de Vaca's Navarez Expedition shipwrecked on the Texas coast.

Table 2. Projected Changes in Texas Water Use, 1990-2050

Region	Population (Percent Change)	Water Use			Agricultural	
		Total (Percent Change)	Municipal (Percent Change)	Industrial (Percent Change)	Demand (Percent Change)	Use* (Percent Change)
Panhandle	45.5	-61.7	24.0	68.4	-16.9	-66.1
Rolling Plains	20.1	-7.7	13.8	29.9	-14.4	-20.9
North Central Texas	119.4	89.6	92.4	91.7	2.4	2.4
North East Texas	29.6	42.3	15.2	56.7	0.1	0.1
East Texas	41.2	23.2	26.7	69.1	-43.5	-43.5
Houston Region	122.7	53.2	103.4	65.5	-29.3	-31.1
Mid-Coast	61.0	-12.4	39.2	100.3	-32.7	-34.1
Coastal Bend	85.8	68.8	48.2	127.5	-27.5	-27.5
Lower Rio Grande	228.5	-4.9	170.9	48.2	-14.3	-29.7
Winter Garden	81.5	-54.5	76.1	187.8	-23.7	-71.3
Southern Edwards	174.5	30.0	153.3	123.6	-22.5	-77.8
Hill Country	76.6	15.9	51.6	46.1	-8.0	-8.0
Austin	222.4	198.4	218.9	114.5	-13.1	-13.1
Heart of Texas	62.7	42.0	53.7	157.8	-5.5	-24.2
Upper Colorado	64.5	0.6	59.2	8.0	-11.4	-27.3
Upper Rio Grande	151.6	-4.2	105.9	41.5	-16.7	-35.6

*Calculated assuming agriculture will sustain any shortfalls. Source: Texas Water Development Board

available total supplies. Clearly, this region faces demanding challenges to meet future water needs".

"To meet some of the projected water demands in urban areas, the Texas Water Plan

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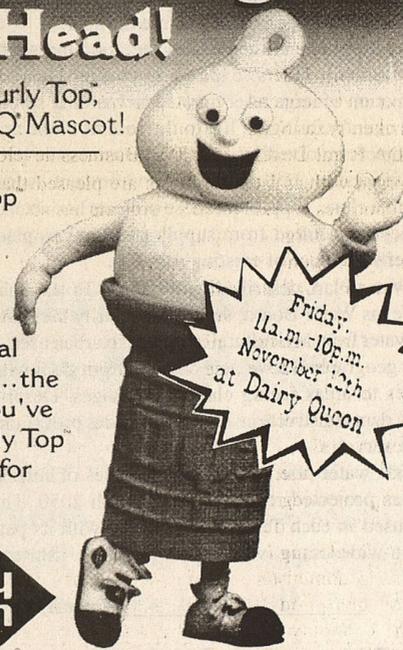
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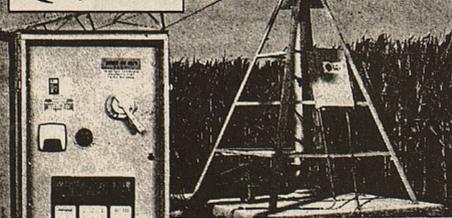
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The features include caller ID deluxe, caller ID on call waiting, call return, repeat dialing, preferred call forwarding, call selector, selective call acceptance, selective call rejection and anonymous call rejection.

"Customers can begin using these features immediately at no charge and do not have to sign up for the free trial," said Scott Mann, vice president of ALLTEL's North Texas wireline operations. "These convenient features help prevent customers from missing important calls and simplify their busy schedules."

After the free 30 day trial, customers will be charged 50 cents for each of the calling features, up to a maximum of \$4 a month for each feature.

* Caller ID deluxe lets customers view on a display unit the number and name of an incoming caller.

* Caller ID on call waiting lets customers view on a display unit the number or name and number of a second caller when the customer hears the call waiting tone.

* Call return allows customers to

call automatically the last party who called or attempted to call. If the returned number is busy, call return will continue to attempt the call for up to 30 minutes.

* Repeat dialing eliminates the frustration of busy signals and the need to constantly redial by continuing to dial a number, for up to 30 minutes or until the connection is made.

* Preferred call forwarding allows customers to forward calls from selected phone numbers to another location.

* Call selector announces important calls with a distinctive ring.

* Selective call acceptance screens incoming calls by allowing customers to create a list of numbers from which they are willing to accept calls.

* Selective call rejection allows customers to create a list of phone numbers from which they do not wish to receive calls.

* Anonymous call rejection lets customers block calls from people or companies who have blocked their name and number from appearing on that customer's caller ID.

For more information, residential customers can call ALLTEL at 1-800-452-5354.

ALLTEL provides communications services to more than 8 million customers in 25 states and has information services clients in 54 countries and territories.

USDA Announces Funding

Dairy Queen of Plains, Limited Partnership, located in Yoakum County, will receive a \$416,843 loan from USDA Rural Development announced Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

The funding was made through the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS), an agency that falls under the Rural Development mission area. USDA Rural Development is the agency in charge of implementing the Clinton-Gore Administration's commitment to developing rural communities by administering programs designed to strengthen the economy and

infrastructure of rural areas.

Programs offered through RBS are available to businesses in rural areas and incorporated towns or cities with a population not exceeding 50,000. "Business developers in Texas are pleased that the RBS program exists," said Carriker. "Financing small businesses is one of the most important things the government can do to help a community. The Dairy Queen will serve the residents in Plains and will increase the economic opportunities of this rural community by providing jobs for approximately sixteen local residents."

For more information regarding Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Lubbock, Texas at 806-785-5644, ext. 4.

Diaper Shower - honoring - Shannon Dusek

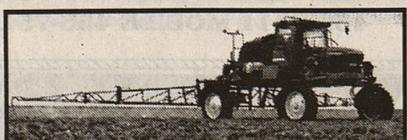
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We Get Letters

Dear Editor,
During October 1999, Texas lost four law enforcement officers to senseless, violent deaths. Why? Because they did their job; they answered the call.

According to an FBI report in a front page story in the San Antonio Express-News, October 17, 1999, the most dangerous job in law enforcement is that of a rural deputy sheriff. They are required to enforce all laws--federal, state, county, and city--not just local ordinances. Do you know that many of these rural deputies (and police officers in small communities) earn less than \$22,000 per year? Because they earn so little, most of them must moonlight on their days off just to provide basic needs for their families.

It's time we Texans step up and answer our call. Because Texas is one of the fastest growing states, and we want our state to be safe, it's up to us to see that all law enforcement officers are paid a respectable salary. It's up to you and me to write our state representatives and state senators to demand that Texas either provide a base salary for full time law enforcement officers or a stipend to bring up those wages that are below the poverty line.

As parents of a law enforcement officer in rural Texas, my husband and I realize that there will always be danger in that job, but we would like to improve the quality of their lives. We need your help. We need people from all 254 counties in Texas to pass around petitions and get signatures from their fellow citizens to present to our state legislature when it meets again in January 2001. If you would like to join a real Texas "posse", send a legal sized, self addressed, stamped envelope, and I will send you the appropriate petition, information about how to obtain signatures, and directions for delivery of your petition. Send your request to me, Betty Harper Murphy, P.O. Box 102, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735, or e-mail your request to bharpermurphy@hotmail.com. Together our "posse" can round up the signatures needed to get our legislature's attention.

Soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us also give thanks for all those who willingly serve us as law enforcement officers. Let us remember our fallen heroes in those

Cowgirls win Area Playoff, advance to Regional Quarterfinals!



The Plains Cowgirls journeyed to Albany last Saturday and defeated Nocona 15 - 11, 11 - 15 and 15 - 8 in Regional Playoff Action. In the well played win, Kari Guetersloh had 13 kills, Candace Bowers 10, Jessica Flores 9. Candace had 4 blocks, Patty Ruiz recorded 19 digs, and Laura Morales had 41 assists. Team members here are shown with the trophy for the big win. They faced the Peaster Lady Greyhounds in Abilene Tuesday evening, after CCN's presstime.

ranks and let that memory move us into action to improve the quality of lives for their fellow officers, those who are still answering the call.

Sincerely yours,
Betty Harper Murphy

Successful migrant education program honored here

Plains Independent School District has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating its migrant students.

TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected PISD as a winner of the 1999 District Award, given to school campuses and school districts having high TAAS passing rates among their migrant students. Statewide, 102 school districts and 319 campuses are receiving the recognition.

The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses which strive to meet the unique needs of migrant children and their families and help migrant students to meet high academic standards. There

are approximately 116,000 migrant children in Texas.

In order to receive the district award, school districts had to have at least 80 percent of their migrant student population passing each subject area and/or all tests taken of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test and have at least 94% percent migrant student attendance rate. The 102 district winners were divided into four categories based on numbers of migrant students enrolled.

Faculty/staff for migrant education in PISD include; Cindy Conway, Gloria Covarrubius, Elizabeth Penner, Diana Flores, and Melissa Garcia.

Scavenger Hunt

The Student Council will sponsor a Food Scavenger Hunt & winter wear collection on Nov. 18. We will be going door to door so please be ready to donate. All food will go to the local food bank, & all coats & winter wear will go to the Women's Protective Service.

We will greatly appreciate your participation.
PHS Student Council

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas honors 1.6 million living veterans

Nationally, Texas ranks third in the number of living veterans.

Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, honors the men and women who have served in the United States military.



World War I	200
World War II	362,000
Korea	257,800
Vietnam	571,600
Persian Gulf	135,300

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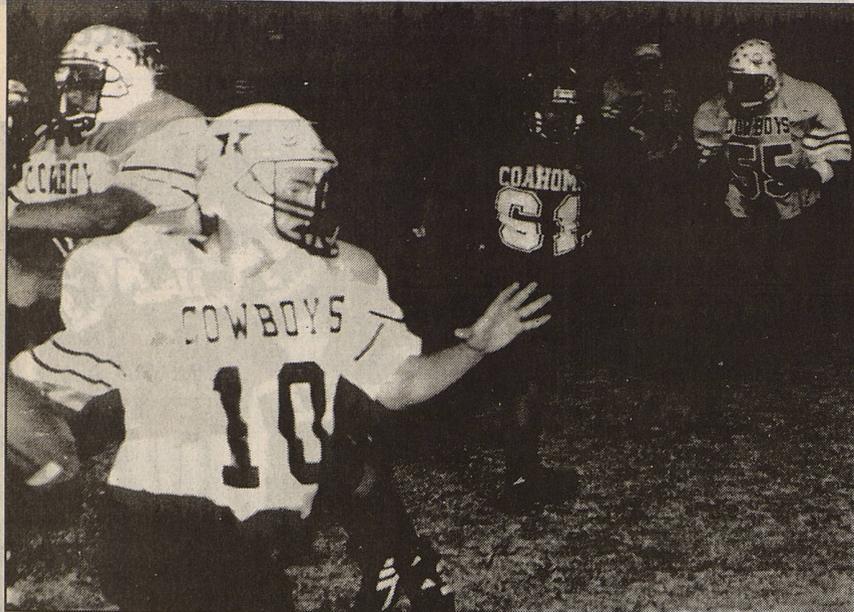
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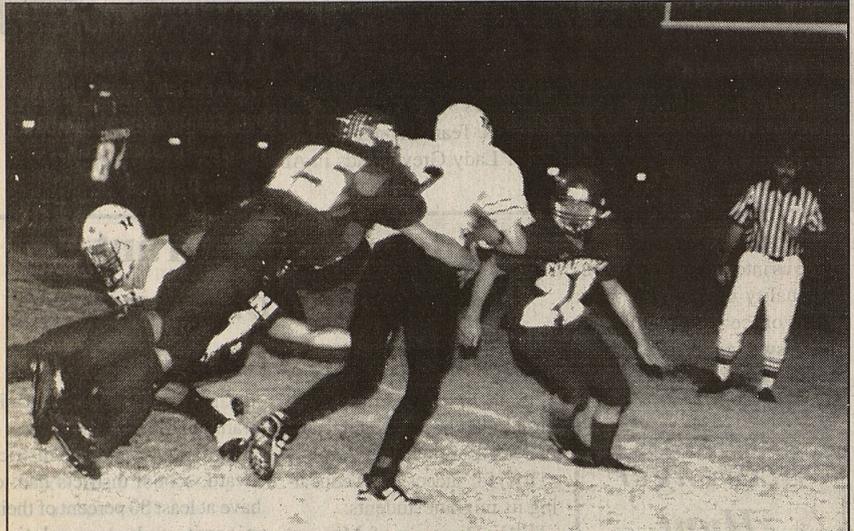
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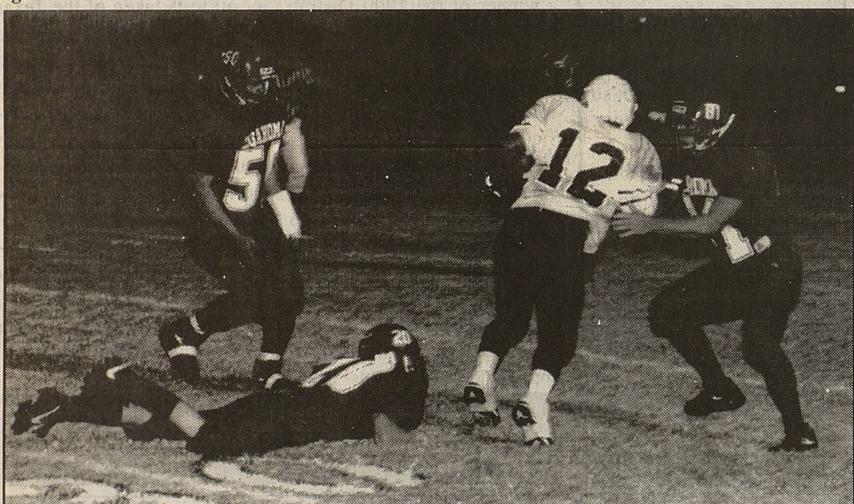
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Kyle Sisson, 10, records good gain with blocking help from Josh Bell, background, and Fabian Garza, 55.



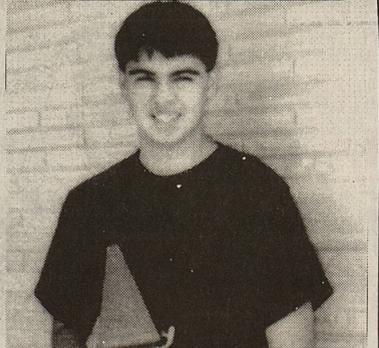
Unidentified Cowboy, in white, left background, gets a block to help Jared Bell, 17, cross Coahoma goal line.



David Luna, 12, made a good reception here, about to be downed by Coahoma Bulldog defenders.

Student of the Week

This weeks student of the week is Joshua Land a freshman and the son of John and Celia Land. Joshua was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn who said, "Probably any one of this student's seven teachers could be here this morning to present him as student of the week. This student not only takes his work seriously, but is interested in learning, and gaining knowledge from each lesson. This student is not shy about asking questions, and is intent on understanding. It is a pleasure to have Joshua at Plains High School this year."



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Jeremy Morphis stopped the drive cold.

With four minuets left in the first quarter, the Cowboys started a drive at the 41. The line blocked well for good gains by Josh and Jared Bell, Kyle Sisson hit Josh Bell for a 12 yard pass completion, and five rushes by Jared pushed the ball across for the first Cowboy score. Aaron Cain's kick was good for a 7 - 0 lead early in the second quarter.

The ' Dogs took the kickoff but were stopped at their 22 when Joel Gallegos recovered a fumble. Sisson found Josh Bell for an 8 yard reception, and Jared went over right guard for their second score. The PAT failed, and the Cowboys were up 13 - 0. Neither team could muster a drive in the remaining first half.

Early in the third period, Bonilla, Gallegos, Alex Tarango and Josh Bell had good defensive plays, and Morphis and Winn sacked the Dogs quarterback for an 8 yard loss.

With the ball again, the Cowboy offensive line had big plays, allowing gains on the ground, and pass completions by Sisson to David Luna, and Colt Winn, moving the ball to the 8 yard line, but an interception stalled the drive.

From their 28, Coahoma couldn't move the ball and on a desperation fourth down try, Josh Bell recovered a Bulldog fumble, but the Cowboy offense was again stalled.

Following Tarango's punt, the Bulldogs tried to ignite their offense, but a pass interception by Kyle Sisson gave the Cowboys the ball again at their own 10 yard line. The Cowboy line created big holes for rushes by both Bells', Sisson carried for two good gains, moving the ball the length of the field to the Coahoma 5 yard line, where Sisson found Winn open for a good reception and the Cowboys third touchdown. The extra point kick was wide, and the Cowboys were up for the final 19-0 score.

Coahoma desperately tried to get on the scoreboard during the final two minutes, but the game was over when consecutive sacks by Morphis and Moises Gonzales on the last two plays ended the game. It was an excellent showing to end the Cowboys season.

1835: Consultation issued "Declaration of Causes for Taking Up Arms Against Santa Anna".

JV Cowboy action vs Coahoma



Keith Jackson, with ball, tries to follow blockers across the line of scrimmage



Nick Hays, with ball, about to meet some Bulldogs



JV Cowboys in scramble for loose football

PLAINS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1999-2000	
DATE	OPPONENT
Nov. 18, 20	Whiteface Tournament - 7 TH GRADE
Nov. 22	Tahoka
	Girls - Tahoka Boys - Plains
Nov. 29	Seagraves
	Girls - Plains Boys - Seagraves
Dec. 6	Post
	Girls - Post Boys - Plains
Dec. 13	Coahoma
	Girls - Coahoma Boys - Plains
Jan. 6	Stanton
	Girls - Plains Boys - Stanton
Jan. 10	Whiteface Tournament - 8 TH GRADE
Jan. 10	Tahoka
	Girls - Plains Boys - Tahoka
Jan. 13, 15	Plains Junior High Tournament - 7 TH & 8 TH
Jan. 17	Seagraves
	Girls - Seagraves Boys - Plains
Jan. 24	Post
	Girls - Post Boys - Plains
Jan. 31	Coahoma
	Girls - Plains Boys - Coahoma
Feb. 7	Stanton
	Girls - Stanton Boys - Plains

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1999 Yoakum County 4-H Food Show Winners

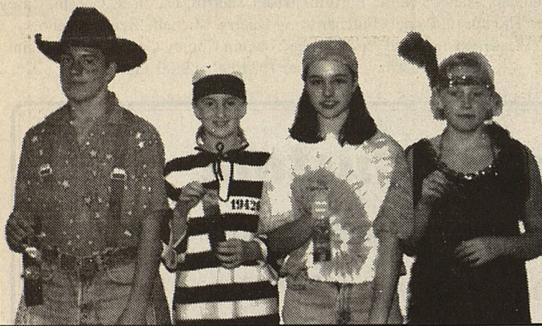


Junior 1-4-H Food Show Winners: L-R Emily Johnson, Kelli Tipton, Mallory Milligan, Kaylyn Lowery.

"Tricks for Making Tasty Treats" was the theme of the 1999 4-H Food Show which was held on October 30th at the First Baptist Church in Plains. The objectives of the 4-H Foods and Nutrition Project are to develop an understanding of the principles of food and nutrition, and an understanding of the social and cultural aspects of food. 4-H members are also expected to acquire and demonstrate skills in planning, purchasing, storing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive, nutritious and safe meals and snacks.

4-H members also packaged a Dry Bean Soup Mix, to be given to needy families, for their Food and Nutrition community service project.

The 1999 winners who will be advancing to district competition on November 20th at Levelland are: Bread and Cereal Category winners: Kelli Tipton and Courtney Hix. Main Dish Category Winners: Kaylyn Lawery, Kaitlyn Moore, and Regan



Junior 2-4-H Food Show Winners: L-R Chance Kitchens, Kaitlyn Moore, Chelsey-Anne Bearden, Courtney Hix.

McGinty. Fruit and Vegetable Category winners: Emily Johnson and Chance Kitchens. Nutritious Snacks Category winners: Mallory Milligan and Chelsey-Anne Bearden.

Other 4-H members participating in the food show were Andrew Conway, Natalie Haynes, Matthew Merritt, Troy Parrish, Dain Johnson, T.J. Kitchens, Cody Mayes, Kimber Williams, Miranda McCulloch, Kassijo Robertson, Logan Wood, Forrest Booth, Timothy Minich, Cynthia Solis, Brianna Conway, Michael Therwhanger, and Landra Wood.

The "People's Choice" award for the best tasting dish went to Chelsey-Anne Bearden for her Chicken Cheese Ball. The "Best Costume" award went to Logan Wood for his interpretation of Dracula.

Senior Citizens Corner

Birthday Honorees this month were Dessie Berry, Ann Greer, Johnnie Akin, Maridell Mitchell and Ed Kostich. Anniversaries were remembered by Walter and Melba Gayle and Lillie Brown. Many happy returns to each of these.

Jean and Elmer Hannaman had the Pastor of the Church of the Nazarine and visiting Evangelist as guest one day. Also Iren's sister Beth is visiting. Tommy and Judy Hicks visited during lunch on Monday, and Tommy gave pointers on the Tuesday Election. It's nice to have visitors and all are invited to come often.

We are seeing new faces every day. All Seniors are welcome to come have lunch, exercise, join in the games, crafts, and have a nice visit with friends.

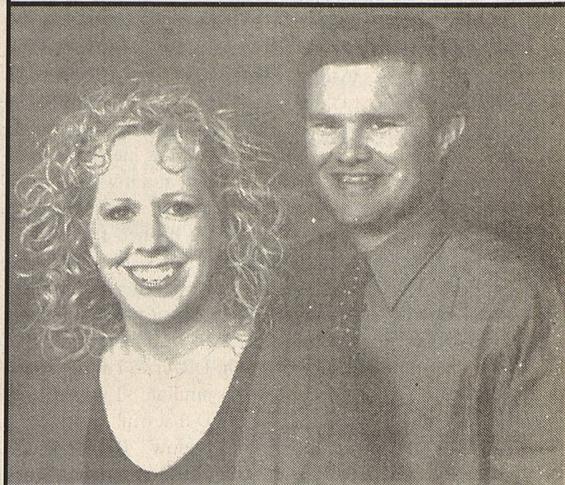
The 'Bake Sale' Auction is coming up November 22nd. It will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to bring a cake, pie, cookies or any kind of goodies, and be at the Auction. This will be our last 'Fund Raiser' for the year, so lets make it a good one.

The Garage Sale is an on going thing, and the public is invited to come look, buy or donate items any day.

These cool mornings make the long hall inviting for the daily walk.

See you next week,
Smitty

Engagement Announced, Wedding Planned



Bill and Linda Wright of Plains announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Kay to Jered C. Sellers son of Hugo and Pat Sellers of Seminole. They will be married in Plains at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 27, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to share in this happy occasion.

Library Filmtime

The signs of fall and autumn were the topics of discussion at the weekly filmtime at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, November 3. The books read were: Autumn and Step Into Fall. The boys and girls viewed a film entitled: Fall is Here. The pledges to the United States and Texas flags were followed by group singing of "I'm a Little Teapot," "The ABC Song," and "Old Macdonald Had a Farm." The program ended with the game "Ring Around The Roses." Those attending were: Bailey Winn, Iris and Kevin Mejia, Marina Corrales, Percy Sosa, Lucas Hernandez, Evan Robles, and Macy Banfield. Each child received an autumn leaf static cling window decoration.

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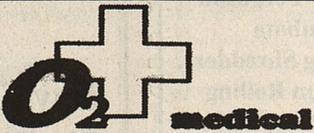
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Gift selections can be seen at Target, Penny's, and Toys R Us, in Lubbock and Nelson's Pharmacy in Brownfield

Thank You!!

The family of Alma Lynn McGinty expresses a sincere thank you for the cards, memorials, food, words of encouragement and prayers. Through these acts of love and fond memories she will continue to be a part of Yoakum County and the area she loved. The phone calls, visits and cards have given us comfort during our time of sorrow. The love and kindness of the people of Plains and the South Plains area has been overwhelming.

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From The Hack

How often does your phone ring between 11:59 AM and 1:01 PM? That, of course, is the noon hour - lunch time - lonche-mid-day repast - midday break time. It is also the time I make a daily wager with the Bride - I offer to bet her five bucks to three times between straight up noon and 1 PM.

She fell for my ploy three consecutive days. Three days the phone rang during the allotted time. She paid me the first day, and the second. She also called me several unsavory names as she paid off, but nothing like the names she gave those offenders making the calls.

I tried to reason with the Bride, noon is the only time some folks have to call, or perhaps are afraid of disrupting our work schedule. "Hog swill", she snorted, "It's cause they don't have anything better to do than open a can of Vienna sausages, while I'm sweating and scattering flour everywhere making buttermilk biscuits, which you never appreciate enough. Everyone out there knows I am busy as a hornet in

heat at noon, yet the stupid phone rings off the wall every day!"

I began to get a wee sense she was more than normally rabid about lunchtime phone calls. I finally sucked it up and asked, "Come on now, it can't be all that bad... what phone call did you get at noon today to tick you off this bad?"

She sniffed, snorted, got a bit teary-eyed, and whimpered, "Well, today at noon I was talking to Fanny Mae Humpswell about gout pills and pumpkin pie recipes, and I got the bell saying I had a call waiting. Well, I just let that sucker ring. When I finally got through with Fanny Mae, that special answering thing you got me had a message on it, and it wasn't good. It said cause I wasn't there I'd missed a chance for me and any three folks I chose to spend four days golfing, fishing and doing Disney World free. FREE!"

"Oh, DRAT!", I shrieked, or words similar. "I would have LOVED that trip".

"Yes, I know", Bride purred, "Our three grandsons were equally disappointed. You could have tagged along too for just \$795 more"

Once more faithful reader Geoff Gentry (or is it just because he doesn't have anything else to occupy his time?) helps us out with the following;

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas shines in the limelight

Total Texas production budgets for film, television projects and commercials in 1998 was \$266.7 million.

Production budget, in millions

Year	Budget (Millions)
'94	~100
'95	~150
'96	~200
'97	~250
'98	266.7

Projects: Austin City Limits, Walker, Texas Ranger, Barney & Friends, Varsity Blues, The Faculty, Office Space, A Slipping-Down Life, A Texas Funeral, Committed, Abilene, The Operator, Singapore Sling, Equinox, Knocks, Arlington Road, What I Like About You, Just Sue Me, Boys Don't Cry, Rock Opera, Natural Selection, Universal Soldier: The Return.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and Texas Film Commission.

"HOW TO BATHE A CAT"

1. Thoroughly clean the toilet.
2. Add required amount of shampoo to water, having both lids lifted.
3. Obtain cat, soothe him while carrying him to bathroom.
4. In very smooth movement, shove cat in toilet, quickly closing both lids, making certain not to get any part of your body near edge of toilet.
5. Flush toilet three or four times. This produces a 'Power Wash and Rinse', which I have found to be very effective.
6. Have someone open door to outside, ensuring no people are between toilet and outside door.
7. Stand behind toilet as far as possible, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The now clean cat will rocket out of toilet and streak outside where it will dry itself. Thank you, and sincerely, THE DOG

E-Mail mania; The following originated from ex-Plainsite Janie Crawford, went thru half a dozen other folks before reaching us.

Subject - Biblical interpretations by children, no corrections made.

In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the sabbath off.

Boll Weevil Count

NOV 1-5	Current	Oct 25-29	Previous
Unit	Count	Unit	Count
713	8,132	713	11,344
714	11,623	714	22,291
715	13,756	715	39,823
716	13,122	716	33,442
717	10,175	717	21,932
718	26,680	718	51,230
TOTALS	83488	TOTALS	180062

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On November 16, 1999 at 9:00 A.M.

A jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on November 16, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

Plains and Tokio Residents: Margarito Torres, Michael Ray Covarrubias, Gilbert Lee Garcia, Patria Altman, Johan Friesen Neufeld, Sherry Ann Swann, Daina Davis Butler, Christy D. Brink, Maranda Leigh Box, M. Keith Bayer, Juana Ruiz Ramos, Rebecca Luna, Anna Loewen Sawatzky, Patricia Ann McNabb, Leann E. Lewis, Juan Villarreal, Timothy R. Addison, Kellie Landers Earnest, Dan Hugh Wall, Ann Hartman, Joel Chris Chambliss, Mary Janelle Cobb, Douglas Erwin Patton, Martha C. Villegas, Richard Manuel Garcia, Royce Barron Blair, Jo Ann Martinez, Jack Spears, Charles Travis Jones, Antonia Vaquera Villarreal.

Denver City Residents: Ernest Hilburn, Josefina Briones Jimenez, Margarito Favela Reyes, Dee Lambert, Karen Green Cummings, Jorge Medina Delarosa, Roy Escobedo, Elsa Flores, Jimmy R. Bearden, Cleo Small Newman, Carlos Cesar Perez, Sherry Lynn Boyer, Naomi Gilbreath, Veronica Marin Flores, Richard Leon Looney, Irineo Salazar, Modell Hunnicutt, Janie Durhan, Justin Keith Berry, Cecil Robles, Stacy D. Green, Amy Danell Valverde, Candy Tate, Dora Lilia Garza, Eva Maria Hernandez, Janet A. Gibson, Marie Grimaldo Rendon, Alfredo Polanco Deleon, Bertha Pacheco, Royce Peeler, Alberto Servantez Guerra, Elodia M. Diaz, Nioma Tirrell Jones, Charles E. Dorminey, Janice C. Ford, Reymundo Munoz Zubia, Brian Alan Stephens, Antonio Jaquez Carmona, Kimberly Michele Kelley, Catherine Lynn Spadlin, Lori Aldridge Jones, John Glenn Williamson, David A. Wright, Mary F. Seymore, Bill W. Merideth, A.L. Carruth, Mark Wesley Clevenger, Esperanza Lopez Foster, Ignacio Perez, Daniel Romero Molina, Rosalia Macias Ortega, Harold L. Mead, Barbara Grissam Carter, Willis Victor Hart, Robin Renae Bailey, Albert Benjiman Curtis, Adrian Aragon Soto, Billie Ayers, Betty Rivas, J.M. Newman, Irma Medina Palma, Vicente Aguilar, Vera Elizabeth Brown, Lorenzo Torres, Gloria Esquivel, Emily Freeman, Oscar Pena, Daphne Scarborough Harrison, Rogelio Gutierrez, Frances Lavarne Bruton, Sandra B. Ford, Nancy Lorraine Nixon, Juan Carlos Ayala, Peggy S. Eaves, Antonio Burciaga, Judy Williams McPherson, Mario Humberto Orona, Shirley Bruton, Jarrod Anthony Chestnut, Jerry D. Patterson, Anne Bocanegra Perez, Armando Bayona, Lu Ann Milligan, Cynthia W. Ramirez, Carol Sue Maynard, Judy Whitfield Kleam, Bradley Scott Kinney, Marlene E. Gibson, Robert D. Hanneman, Catherine Reed, Victor Lozoya, Norma E. Gonzales, Carla Deanne Clark, Barney J. Rush, Tommy Wayne Bullock, Melanie Shalane Marin, William D. Stevens, Raymond Leon Cable, Marvin Emory Hobbs, Sharnee Wright, Flordeliz Yanze Lopez, Brenda Alicia Sanchez, Margaret Todd, James Aaron Adams, Reynaldo Salazar Orona, Jessica Jane Allen, Sonya Reed, Genetta Kennedy Coello, Ruth Bailey Gooch, Joy Goodwin, Steve John Shumate, Jeanette Marie Portillo, Trisha Sherrill, Daron R. Corbin, Casey Lee Thompson, Pamela Fulcher, Amy Guerra, Michelle Rena Moreno.

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