

Cowboy Country

News

God Bless America!



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Amendment Election draws small turnout

The November 6 state constitutional election was apparently a "Ho-Hum" event for most Yoakum County voters, and throughout the state. According to election officials here, the county has 4,723 registered voters, and only 293 of those cast ballots in the election, only some six-tenths of one percent of those eligible to vote on the 19 constitutional amendments passed by the 77th Legislature. According to news reports Wednesday morning, some 4.67 percent of registered voters in the City of Lubbock cast ballots in the election.

All nineteen of the amendments passed here, and throughout the state, according to news reports. District 80 State Representative Gary Walker told CCN, "I thought it was rather unusual for that many constitutional amendments to be approved throughout the state. If memory serves me correctly, most of the recent amendment elections contained amendments which failed to pass." To determine if his memory was valid, Walker placed a call to his Austin office and asked his administrative assistant there to research the issue, and send the results to CCN.

A fax was received the following day containing this data: In 1995, 14 amendments were on the ballot, and three failed to pass. In 1997, 14 amendments were offered, and two were turned down by voters. In 1999, 17 amendments were proposed, and four failed.

Helwig Law Firm adds attorney to staff



Joe Nagy, seated, and Bill Helwig

Joe H. Nagy Jr. joined the Helwig Law Firm as a practicing attorney on October 1. Nagy, 43, is a native of Lubbock, where he graduated from Monterrey High in 1976.

He graduated from Texas A&M in 1980 with a BS degree in Building Construction. He would later find himself roughnecking in the Lubbock area, and then in the African nation of Angola, "and the time there seemed much, much longer than it really was," Nagy told CCN.

He returned to school at Tech, working on a law degree, which he obtained in May, 1989. He practiced law in the Austin area some 12 years, including stints with a number of law firms, three years of private practice, and in the legal department of State Farm Insurance.

Nagy said he was ready to re-

turn to West Texas, and was looking for an opportunity. Oddly enough, Bill Helwig was searching for another attorney for his firm. A friend recommended Nagy, and then Nagy's father, also a practicing attorney, called Helwig about his son's background. "I was at first really reluctant to come to a small town to practice. I finally received a call from Bill's wife Debbie, and we all got together for dinner one night, where I learned more about each of them, and finally agreed to work with them."

Both Helwigs expressed their pleasure at having Nagy come aboard in the firm. "That dinner, and later visits seemed like a great meshing of personalities and backgrounds, and we are so pleased," Debbie Helwig said.

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Local Vets share World War II memories in library display

To help commemorate Veterans Day November 11, local World War II veterans Nuell Shoffner and Bud Forbus generously allowed the Plains Library to display many of their personal awards, collections and decorations from the great conflict.

Army vet Shoffner served in the Infantry in the European Theatre, and saw extensive, heavy fighting in Germany. One souvenir he brought home was a Nazi flag, taken from a Nazi headquarters building in a town which finally fell to U.S. Army forces after more than three months of fighting. His personal battle decorations are featured in the display, as well as souvenirs taken from captured German troops.

Bud Forbus joined the Marine Corps in 1943 after graduating from Abilene High School. He saw plenty of action in the Pacific Theatre. He took part in the amphibious assault on the Island of Guam, where he received the Purple Heart for battle wounds. A little later, serving in the Marine Third Corps Division, he would take part in the invasion of Iwo Jima, where well over 5,000 Marines died before the small island finally fell. There Forbus received his second Purple Heart from wounds he received in a hand to hand battle with a Japanese soldier. Forbus survived, the Jap didn't.



The Shoffner display



The Forbus display

County Court Criminal cases heard

In October 31 and November 7 sessions of County Court with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, seven criminal cases were heard. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both sessions.

Calvin Bruce Womack pled guilty to a subsequent DWI with open container. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. A time payment will meet \$225 court costs. He was fined \$1000, will spend six days in jail with credit for one day served, attend weekly AA meetings and complete the DWI repeat offender program at his cost, serve 80 hours community service, complete the managed care center outpatient program,

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Cowboys herd Buffaloes 36-12

To meet Tahoka in playoff action Friday



Jubilant Cowboys host Trophy indicating they are Playoff Bound!

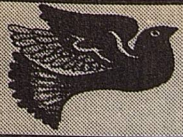
The Cowboys ended regular season play in Forsan with a very convincing 36-12 win. They recorded 6 wins, 4 losses during the season, and finished three and two in tough district competition.

Plains took the opening kickoff, quickly moved for a first

down with rushes by Bell, Rodriguez and Gonzales, but a fumble was scooped up by the Buffs and carried to the Cowboys three yardline. They would score two plays later, but Moises Gonzales blocked the PAT kick to give the Buffs a very temporary 6-0 lead.

The Cowboys took the kickoff at the 41. Cowboy linemen opened a hole for Bell to lateral to Gonzales for 22 yards, and on the next play Bell kept the ball and went 37 yards over left tackle for six points. Joseph

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Obituary

Martin Flores, 63, of Plains died Monday, November 5 in the Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City.

Funeral services were held Thursday, November 8 at the Templo Bautista Church of Plains with Rev. Albert Castro Sr. officiating and assisted by Rev. Jose M. Rodriguez. Burial followed in the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Mr. Flores was born on May 23, 1938 in Runge, TX. He married Maria Cantu on November 28, 1958 in Plains. He moved to Plains in 1956 and owned Flores Oil Company. He was a retired farmer and member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Maria Elana Flores; 1 son:

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Bill said he thinks Nagy has an excellent background in practicing law, being a native West Texan, and his experience in litigation is a real asset for the law firm.

Nagy lives in Seminole with his wife Darla. They have two children, sons Jacob, two and a half, and Michael, seven.

"Even after meeting with the Helwig's, and our agreement, I still had some serious reservations about small town, rural living, but no more. The family and I are enjoying it more everyday."

Helwig said he and his wife had long wanted to be repre-

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and install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle driven. Arresting officer was Patricia Valdez, Denver City Police.

Martin Moreno Corral pled guilty to a first DWI, open container and b.t. 176/187. He will make time payments on \$226 court costs and \$600 fine, complete the DWI first offender program, serve 30 hours community service, spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 24 hours served, and complete the TAIP outpatient treatment program.

Marisela Carrasco pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She will make time payments on \$225 court costs and \$500 fine. She must complete the DWI first offender program, serve 30 hours community service and attend weekly AA meetings.

Leonel Luciano Garza pled

Adam Flores & wife Nancy of Midland; 3 daughters: Angel Castro & husband Albert, Jr. of Midland, Sylvia Hilliard & husband Stacy of Hobbs, & Eve Flores of Midland; 6 brothers: Calistro Flores of Dallas, Jesse, Pete & Evaristo Flores of Plains; 4 sisters: Lupe Vasquez of Plains, Tomasita Chapa of Irving, Soila Gonzales of Denver City & Cindy Mares of Winters; 6 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 3087, Odessa, TX 79760.

Pallbearers were Calistro Flores, Jesse Flores, Pete Flores, Reme Flores, Evaristo Flores & Joe Flores.

sented with a law office in Plains. "It's directly across the street from the courthouse, and Plains is truly a neat, unique town." He plans to fully staff the office here about three days a week. The office is open eight hours a day during the week, and managed by Elsa Moya, a long time Plains resident.

Helwig also plans to open a law office in Seminole sometime after the first of the year. "Joe and I will rotate and work out of all three locations. Our computers are networked, and it should be a good situation for all three locations."

guilty to driving while license suspended. He was fined \$ 100 and must pay \$211 court costs. Arresting officer was Patricia Valdez, D. C. Police.

Felix Ray Williams pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI cause. He will spend 180 days in jail with credit for 16 days served.

Dacia Leann Humphrey's conditions of community supervision from a prior purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor were extended six months. She must pay \$40 monthly supervision fees, serve seven days in jail with credit for one day served, and perform 24 hours additional community service.

Arnulfo Ernie Salazar Jr. pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and \$211 court costs. Joe Ramos, D.C. Police was arresting officer.

By W.H. Graham, Lovington Leader

This could be the start of something big. Lea County's first oilfield water recovery plant goes on line Thursday. Well, maybe Friday. There are those last minute kinks.

All components are at the site, and by this time next week the plant, located south of the Navajo Refinery, should be perking, turning out about 15,000 gallons of usable water a day.

Shepherded by the Lea Soil and Water Conservation District, the Water in the Desert project is funded by \$186,000 in grants and is designed to demonstrate the feasibility of converting throw-away-water - that which comes to the surface with oil - into water that can be used.

Tim Coakley of the Second Chance Water partnership which is contracted to install and operate the plant, is enthusiastic about prospects.

He says there is a "high probability" it will work, and demonstrate the practicality of recovering this water, which is now injected into deep formations thousands of feet below the surface.

The plant will draw its brine supply from a storage tank owned by Pure Resources, which is donating the site and furnishing the water. Using reverse osmosis, with an pro-

prietary enhanced step that increases efficiency and lowers costs, the plant will upgrade the water from about 40,000 parts per million dissolved solids (mostly salt) to about 8000 parts per million.

That would make it roughly equivalent to the quality of the Pecos River in Southeastern New Mexico. It's suitable for irrigation and recreation, but not as a municipal water supply

Second Chance is shooting for a cost goal of 7 cents a barrel to reclaim the water. Oil companies now pay about 30 cents a barrel to take it from the lease and dispose of it.

The plant will take about 30 gallons a minute of brine and process it. This will produce about 10 gallons of cleaned up water and about 20 gallons of more concentrated brine.

The concentrated stream will be disposed of in the usual manner, and the treated water will be available for other uses.

Water Pilot Plant Goes On Line Thursday

A 500 barrel tank is at the site and will be used to store some of the water.

Three small plots nearby have been prepared and County Agent Wallace Cox has agreed to plant wheat, barley and rye and irrigate the plots with wa-

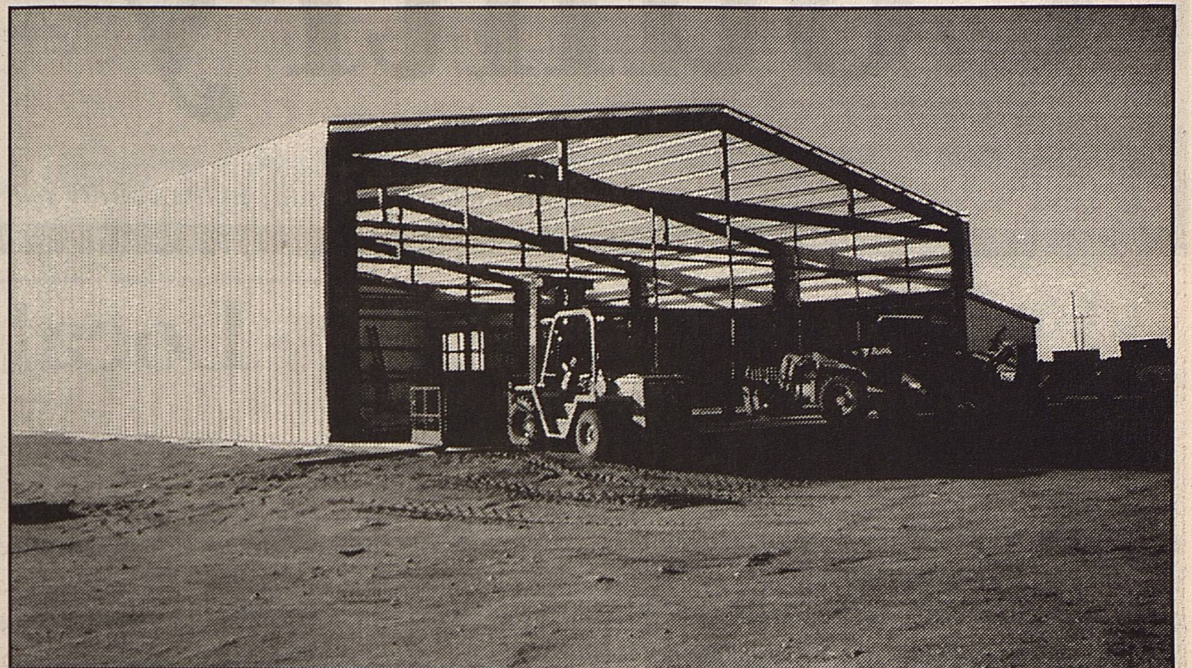
ter drawn from the plant. The operators also plan to have a tank with fish in it. This is designed to show how plant and animal life can be sustained by the processed water.

At the pilot level the plant will produce about 15,000 gallons

of good water a day. This is the amount of water used by about 20 average homes in Lovington.

Data from the pilot plant will be used to pursue additional, larger grants to increase the scale of the operation, once its feasibility has been demonstrated.

BEAT TAHOKA !



Workers last week were putting final touches to the exterior walls of the new Sandy Land Water District hangar at the county airport. The 9000 square foot building will be used primarily as an aircraft maintenance facility, where mechanics can perform work on planes out of the weather. The new hangar should be finished sometime in December.

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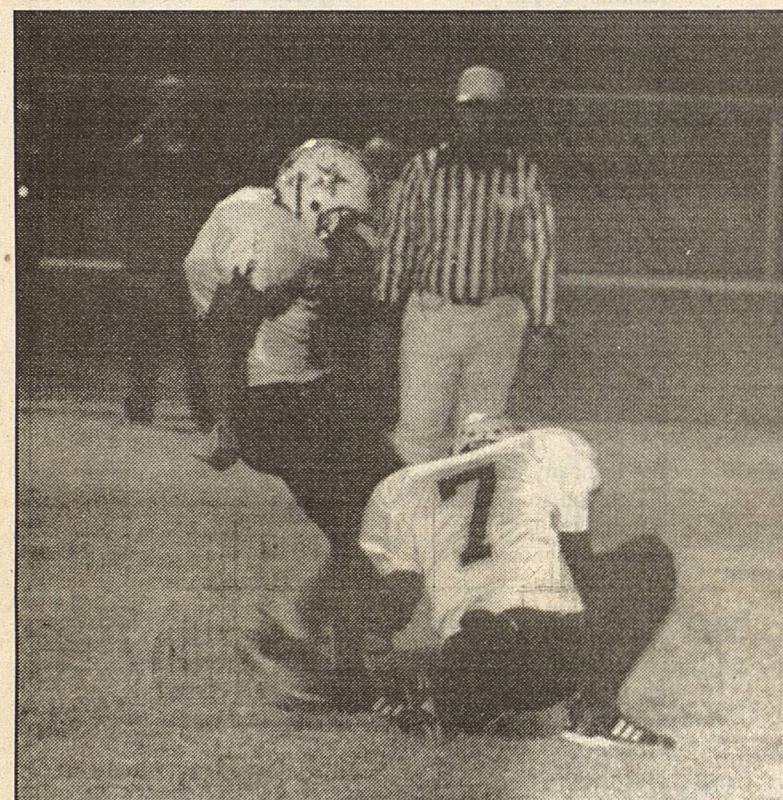
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More jubilation following 36-12 win



A pair of Cowboys zero in on a Buffalo



Kevin Bartley holds, Joseph Rodriguez make s extra point



Justin Chambliss, 20, gets good block to help Jared Bell

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Rodriguez then kicked the first of four extra points to put the 'Boys up 7-6, the score when the first period ended.

The Cowboy defense stifled the Buffs in their first possession of the second period, and the Cowboys took their punt at their own 29. A combined air-ground attack by the Cowboys pushed the ball down the field, with rushes by Bell and Gonzales, a pass completion to Rodriguez, and from the 8 yardline, Bell tossed to Richard Diaz for the score. Another good kick moved the score to 14-6.

With 3:56 left in the half, the Cowboys got the ball on the 43. Following good lead blocking, Gonzales went around right end for 29 yards. Bell hit Tanner Hamm with a pass to move the ball to Forsan's 21, but a penalty moved them back to the 31. Gonzales gained 13 yards around left end, and a neat lateral from Hamm to Gonzales went the final yards for the TD and kick making the halftime score 21-6.

In the Buffs first possession in the third period, they were moving the ball on the ground, but went to the air on their 33, and Gonzales made a good interception to put the Cowboy offense in gear at the 38. Bell skirted right end for 31 yards, then again found Diaz open to take a pass for 21 yards and the score. In a surprise move, kicker Rodriguez passed the ball to Hamm for two points and a 29-6 lead.

The Cowboy defense limited the Buffs to one first down in their next possession, and when the Cowboy offense set up shop on the 47, Cowboy linemen punched big holes in the Buffs defense, allowing Bell and Gonzales to gain big yardage, with Bell covering the last 18 yards for his second score, and Josephs kick made it 36-6.

With a little more than five minutes left in the game, a Cowboy fumble gave the Buffs the ball at Plains 36. They managed their only sustained drive of the game, and moved the ball on the ground to score their second time. The two point attempt failed, and the Cowboys had their sixth win of the year, 36-12.

Cowboys stats were impressive. They gained 353 yards on the ground, 63 yards passing, compared to Forsans total 154 yards. They were not forced to punt the entire game. Individual performances included; Bell and Diaz each scored twice, Gonzales once, and Joseph had four kicking points. Bell had 179 yards on the ground, Gonzales 115, Diaz 25, Rodrigiez and Ramoz 16. Hamm caught 5 balls, Gonzales 3, Diaz and Rodriguez 2, Ramirez 1. Top six tacklers were Nick Hayes, Kevin Bartley, Rodriguez, Bell, Ryan Martinez and Armando Ramirez. Armando Ramirez had two QB sacks, Hayes one and half, Jose Ramirez one, Ryan Martinez one half.



Unidentified Cowboy downed before linemen can help him



Joseph Rodriguez, 8, blocks for Moises Gonzales



Tanner Hamm makes good reception



Jared Bell, Armando Ramirez on collision course with Buff

Regional Cross-Country, Mae Simmons Park

Seven Plains Cowboys competed in the big regional meet in Lubbock. A total of 34 schools competed, and the Cowboys competed against 23 other teams. The Cowboy team finished 9th, a good showing. Individual results included;

Name	Grade	Place
Armando Ramirez	Sophomore	50 th
Payton Bean	Freshman	53 rd
Jonathon Delarosa	Junior	63 rd
Chisum Justus	Junior	82 nd
Chase Howell	Junior	84 th
Arnold Cordova	Sophomore	88 th
Brandon Davis	Sophomore	115 th

5th and 6th Grade Cross Country

On November 1st, the 5th and 6th graders participated in a cross country meet in Plains. The girls and boys ran a mile and a half, and competed against each other in their grade levels. They all worked very hard and did well overall.

Results by classes:

5th Grade

1. Jose Flores
2. Maria Ruiz
3. Chris Addison, Brianna Conway
4. Landon Earnest
5. Reyna Gallegos
6. Yesenia Loya
7. Zachary Ramon
8. Alfred Martinez
9. Abraham Harms
10. Alejandro Lara
11. Dylan Hunter
12. Holden Welch
13. Zachary Guerra
14. Eilario Caballero
15. Derek Garza

6th Grade

1. Mario Sigala
2. Zachary Ramos
3. Joseph Loya, Juan Lara
4. Lauren Davis
5. John Tyson
6. Cody Mays
7. Anna Harms
8. Katie Winn
9. Ryan Crump
10. Douglas Conway
11. Kurt Alldredge
12. Sergio Olivas
13. Matthew Jiminez
14. Jacob Rivera
15. Marissa Melendez

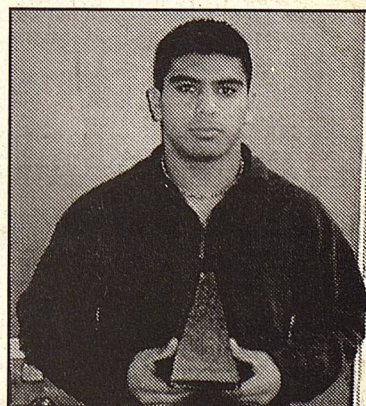
Middle School wins District One-Act Play contest

Plains Middle School's presentation of The Voice Of The Prairie impressed the judges enough to name it their choice for first place in the District 3-AA contest held here last Saturday. Plains Caitlin Carter was named Best Actress, Adam McCravy Best Actor, and Douglas Conway was named to the All Star cast, with Blake O'Quinn receiving Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

Plains Athletic Booster Club meets Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 pm in the cafeteria to discuss the upcoming basketball season. Parents of high school athletics are urged to attend this meeting!

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Joseph Rodriguez, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs Jesse Rodriguez. He was nominated by Coach McMinn who said, "This young man has played extremely well for the Cowboy football team this year. He has done everything we have asked him to do the past few years. He has excelled in many athletic events the past four years. He is a big part of the football team. He's a steady player giving 100% every game. He is always a leading tackler, and good blocker and ball carrier on offense. His biggest asset to the team is his educated toe. He has kicked 30 extra points, and several deep kick-offs this season."



Let's go to Seminole this Friday and see the Cowboys Beat Tahoka!

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From The Hack

In last Sunday's Lubbock AJ, Columnist Dave Barry had a great time poking fun at small towns named Grand Forks, North Dakota, and East Grand Forks, Minnesota. The Minnesota Grand city stages an annual festival called 'Cats Incredible' in honor of the huge, and I suppose, grand catfish often caught in the headwaters of the Mississippi River there. His humor reminded me of a trip Bride and I made from here to Georgetown one memorable September.

If you think Plains, America is small, just visit Bertram, Texas. The visit won't take long. Unless of course, you get caught up in snarled traffic leading from Bertram to, honest, Oatmeal, Texas, some six miles south.

We had to pull off the road, and watch a dandy parade slowly pass by, headed for Oatmeal, you know, goat pulled little wagons of kids, pick-ups filled with elderly ladies and gents dressed like early Texas pioneers (yes, I know it sounds like the Plains rodeo parade, but this was the OATMEAL parade), an old, beautifully restored '37 Packard convertible, filled with three beaming, screaming couples probably in their 50's and I strongly suspicion very high on strong spirits.

I got out of our vehicle to stretch as the parade crept by, and I swear at that moment a guy in farmers overalls, smoking a cob-pipe, passed us ex-

actly herding a herd of six pigs down the road. I was amazed.

Our livestock show people here can't get six pigs together to do anything but squeal, pass gas, poop and try to run in a stampede through the judge's stand.

I finally turned and asked a couple of obvious Bertramites sitting in lawn chairs at the side of the road, enjoying the panorama of the parade, now featuring a full blown Ostrich pulling a cart carrying a full blown Emu, and casually asked, "What's the deal with the Otameal parade? This is Bertram."

The elderly man looked at me carefully, like I had fallen from a very tall tree, and in a voice like that of a patient mother talking to a little blithering idiot boy, said "Of course it's Bertram. Don't you know I lived here 77 years?"

I immediately wanted to ask him why an 'Oatmeal Festival'? Did they originate oatmeal? Did someone die from overeating oatmeal? Was some one killed over oatmeal? Were babies conceived after overdosing on oatmeal? I decided he might be an oatmeal fanatic of some type, and do me bodily harm for questioning the importance of possibly the staple food in the region, oatmeal.

I blundered on, "Yes, I understand, but why start the parade here, why not in Oatmeal."

There was a long silence in which he and his equally long in the tooth wife stared at one another. The old man then asked her, "Why DO they start the parade here, Ma?" The little old lady shifted the snuff in her lip a bit and sniffed, "Why, Amos, I have no idea. It's always started here. I guess maybe because none of them Oatmealers want to come to Bertram and call it a Bertram

parade. Who cares. Look there at that cute little boy dragging his little sister around the bed of that truck by her hair!"

I hope the town fathers of Plum, Texas never decide to stage a festival and parade. It would take all of them for a pudding. All 95 souls.

I was trying to finish an article for this issue Monday morning when I heard the break-in on CNN about the plane crash in Queens, New York, and I rushed where the tube was, naturally asking myself, 'could it possibly be another terrorist attack?'

After watching the footage of the fires burning many residences, caused by falling pieces from the airliner, I thought, those New Yorkers have had problems enough since September 11, now another plane crash, many people left homeless by the residential fires, many, many eye witnesses to the doomed jet plummeting to earth carrying over 250 innocent people to their death. I came to the conclusion, these Yankee loving New Yorkers are pretty tough stock. Much tougher than this small town Texas boy. I salute them for their trials and tribulations since that Black Tuesday.

From all the media sources reporting Veterans Day affairs, I think it fair to say this years remembrance was very special, and I think it is a result of September 11, and the ongoing war on terrorism. Our church, and I feel confident all other denominational churches had special moments to commemorate the day. I want to use this column to call your attention to a local couple and their two kids who have contributed hugely, and for many years, to Veterans Day by placing flags on all known graves of U.S. servicemen or women in Plains' Cemetery.

Darryl and Pat McNabb, and siblings Tommie and Grady, have for many years faithfully placed Old Glory miniatures on the resting sites of all known veterans. They must feel a deep appreciation for the ones they honor, for the pay for their services is exactly zip, zero. This Veterans Day, they inserted 72

of the small banners, from one end of the cemetery to the other. It always worries the family they may have missed a Vet, and when we talk to them about their contribution, they always ask, "How can we find out if we are finding all of them?"

You readers can help. If you know of ANY Veteran whose resting place was not marked with a flag this year, PLEASE call the McNabbs', 456-5555, or CCN, 456-8451. Thank you.

It's easy to cuss the petroleum industry, BUT.. The industry pays

more than \$2 billion a year in state & local taxes.. they pay \$130 million in state sales & franchise taxes..oil & gas extraction pays over \$200 million to the state permanent school fund..the industry employs more than 240,000 with a \$12 billion payroll. Pretty impressive figures, you have to admit.

The question I always have is, "Why, when gaso line prices fall, do ours HERE not fall as much as anywhere else; when it goes UP, why do ours go even higher? I know, supply & demand. Still...."

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Helping Seniors Avoid Telemarketing Fraud

As America's senior population increases, it is important that they protect themselves from falling victim to telemarketing fraud.

According to a congressional report, Americans lose an estimated \$40 billion each year to counterfeit or phony products and services through telemarketing fraud. While the elderly are prime targets for these criminals, all of us should take steps to protect ourselves from falling victim to this type of fraud.

The best way to avoid these con artists is to simply hang up the phone. But be aware that these scam artists are very skilled in their "profession." They are especially adept at preying on older people living alone who may be lonely. They often take advantage of this loneliness by pretending to be concerned only with the senior's happiness and welfare. Don't be fooled. They care only about your money.

Common Telemarketing Scams

- **Free Prizes:** These "free" prizes are generally over-priced or worthless. If a telemarketer offers you a free prize, thank them and ask them to send it to you. If you are told you have to buy something before you can receive your "free" prize, hang up.
- **Free or Low-Cost Vacations:** These "free" vacations will generally cost you two and three times their worth after you pay all of the hidden charges.
- **Health Products:** Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing any vitamins or other health aides over the telephone. Generally, the products that the telemarketer is offering have little or no medicinal or health value.

- **Investments:** Beware of "get rich quick" schemes. These could endanger your life savings. The Independent Bankers Association of Texas advises that you always check with your local banker, attorney, accountant or a family member before entering into any investment proposal.
- **Charities:** Always ask charitable organizations with which you are not familiar to send you written information about their organization. Then check out this information with your local Better Business Bureau or consumer protection agency before giving them any money.

Ways To Identify Telemarketing Fraud

- If a telemarketer tells you that you must act immediately on an offer without giving you time to think about it, hang up.
- If a company with which you are not familiar requests your credit card information or your bank account information, hang up. If someone calls posing as an employee of your bank and asks you to verify your bank account number, hang up. Your bank has your bank account number- you don't need to verify it.
- If a phone solicitor tells you a courier will come by your house to pick up your check or cash, hang up.
- Always ask for written information from a

company with which you are not familiar. If the company refuses to send you information in writing with references, hang up. Legitimate companies are happy to provide you with this type of information.

How to Avoid Telemarketing Calls

Recent state legislation grants authority to the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) to put rules in place to help protect consumers from unscrupulous telephone sales solicitors.

If you do not want repeated calls from telemarketers, tell them to put your name on a "do not call" list. It is against Texas law for them to call you again. If they do call again, get as much information as you can from the company and then report them to the Customer Protection Division of the PUC at PO Box 1326, Austin, TX 78711-3326, or call toll-free 888/782-8477. You can also e-mail the PUC at customer@puc.state.tx.us.

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Florida Company Tackles National Problem of Sanitizing Mail

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Senior Citizens Corner

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We still have clothes in our garage sale.

We have activities everyday, walking in the hall, crocheting, painting and ceramics in the craft room. The women play dominoes in the dining room and the men play in the domino room. Pool playing in the pool room. Domino tournament is Tuesday the 13th. There is always a good turn out for these

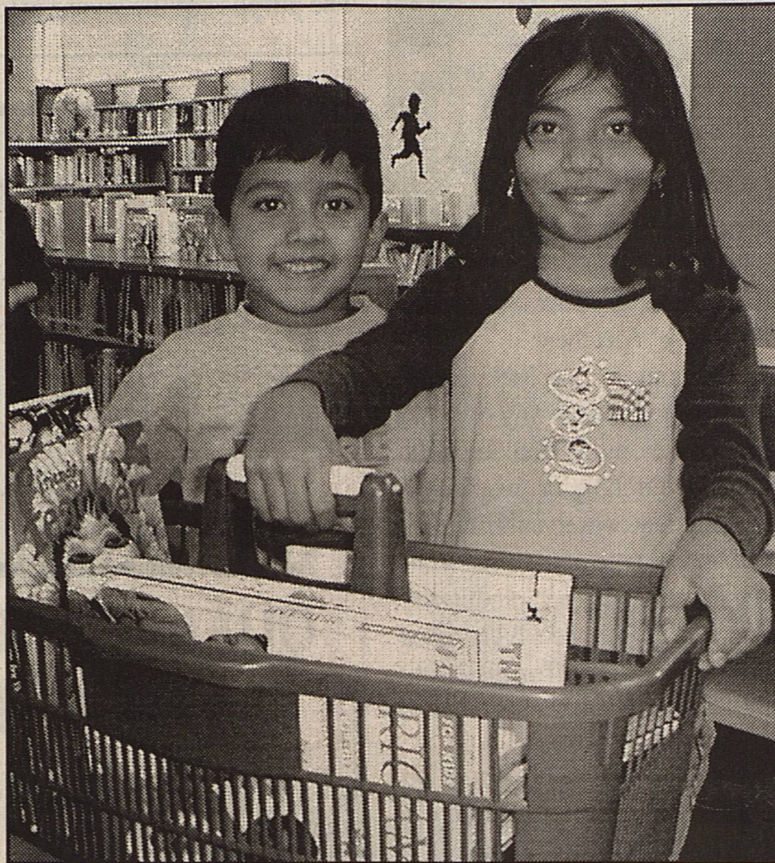
days, also for game nights on Monday nights. Monday, Wednesday and Friday is line dancing at 10:00 am.

We have really good food most everyday and there is only a \$2.00 donation for seniors 60 & over. \$4.00 will cover everyone else that are under 60. If your mate is 60 or over and is with you there is only a \$2.00 donation each. There are suggested donations for 60 years of age and over.

The center is for all Yoakum County residents, not just Denver City.

Till next week,
Wanda B.

"Shopping Baskets" assist Library patrons



Daniel and Sydney Cueto are shown with one of the local library's 'shopping baskets', crammed with their books. Librarian Opal Roberts said the newly added baskets make browsing for books easier, especially for school kids who often check out many books at a time.

CSW has record enrollment for Fall 2001

College of the Southwest is pleased to announce a record enrollment for the Fall 2001 semester. 891 students encompassing the Hobbs and Carlsbad campuses, as well as the on-line course program are attending classes, a figure well above last Fall's 699. Gienna Ohaver, Registrar and Director of Educational Services, attribute's the College's growing enrollment to the school itself. "I think the size of the school, the people on the campus, and the personal aspect the school provides are what attracts students to CSW. Our main emphasis has always been to serve the students and I think it shows."

She also pointed out both the new master's agreement with area schools and the criminal justice program are factors in this student growth. CSW currently has 69 criminal justice majors. A majority of these classes are taught on line. "Many of our criminal justice majors are already involved in law enforcement jobs. They tend to work shifts that do not allow them to attend traditional classes. The on-line courses are a real convenience."

CSW is one of the fastest growing independent colleges in the Southwest. Since President Joan Tucker's tenure began in 1989, the school has enjoyed tremendous growth in all areas, including enrollment.

Interesting things in our county

By Holly Dyer

Lanelle Smith, the owner of Lanelle's flower and specialty shop in Denver City, has been in business over ten years. Her store is not your ordinary flower and gift shop. Visitors and customers will enjoy browsing through collections of antiques, fresh and silk floral designs, items for special occasions or club demonstrations, weddings, showers and funerals, all are beautifully displayed.

Lanelle's is a member of the Teleflora wire service for out of town orders, and she has been a talented designer for 18 years. County wide delivery service is available. You'll enjoy a visit to this unique shop.

CSW Students Named To Who's Who

Twenty nine students from College of the Southwest have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders in the 2002 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. The CSW students join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from College of the Southwest include Kristi Ivy of Plains.

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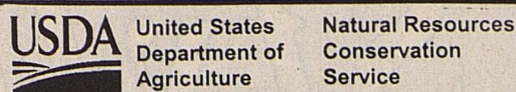
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On The Level

with Donald Haley
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Ever wonder what being a conservation farmer means?

If you take a gander at Ricky Hartman's farming operation southwest of Plains, you'll know.

With over 2000 irrigated acres under minimum tillage, Ricky proves that our fragile South Plains soils don't have to end up in Ft. Worth after a hard west wind!

All minimum tillage acres are sown to four rows of wheat in the furrow, keeping the soil in place and hedging the bet against blow-out of emerging seedlings.

Ricky figures he puts about 2 inches of water on the wheat and hopes Mother Nature helps out a little. With increased infiltration and decreased run off, he says he gets that back and then some during a normal rainfall year.

Also, he hasn't run a breaking plow over his land in the six years he's been farming.

In addition, he doesn't farm dry corners, opting instead to keep them in wheat cover to protect his circles. Four of his corners are in the CRP program. Cash crops are peanuts, watermelons and pumpkins.

A typical watermelon rotation is wheat, followed by melons, then wheat again, followed on the fourth year by peanuts.

After peanuts, wheat is sown for harvest and then pumpkins sown into the wheat stubble, then wheat again.



Bottom line the ground has always got some type of seeded cover and then that cover is used to protect the next crop and so on down the line.

Ricky says he shoots for averages of 5000 pounds per acre on peanuts, 46,000 per acre pounds of watermelons and 20,000 pounds per acre of pumpkins.

Since we were in a pumpkin patch and talkin' pumpkins, Ricky noted that his best pumpkin yield was 36,000 pounds per acre. Wow..now that's rollin' out the jack-o-lanterns! You notice he doesn't plant cotton.

Ricky says he's 28 years old. Is he wise beyond his years or just doesn't know how much fun he's missing?

Talking with Ricky and seeing his operation, one sees a very bright and conservation minded young man who knows what he's doing and

where he's going. With a little help from commodity prices and Mother Nature, he'll get there.

I guess you could say Ricky comes by his conservation way of thinking honestly, as his Dad, Jerry, can show you a thing or two, by example, about conservation farming and how to protect the land, while keeping it healthy and productive.

So, Ricky, well, he's had a good teacher and he's well on his way to continuing that tradition of land stewardship excellence.

It's been a hard year, and my hat's off to those who mind the land, protect it, love it and show wise stewardship over it.

Ah, yes, there's nothing like a cool, clear day on the South Plains of Texas. There's a smell of earth, of work, of home. And there's a feel of good things to come.

J P Court

November 2, 2001-In Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding there were 52 traffic cases, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor, 2 minors in consumption of alcohol, 1 public intoxication, 2 felony cases, 2 class B misdemeanors.

Bonds set: 2 cases-driving while intoxicated-Terry County Warrant-\$1,000 bond. Parole violation-Travis County Warrant-no bond. Unauthorized use of a vehicle-\$5,000 bond. Failure to identify-\$500 bond. Evading arrest-\$500 bond. Bond forfeiture/original charge-DWI-\$2,000 cash bond. 2 cases-Driving while intoxicated-1st-\$1,000 bond. Failure to maintain financial responsibility-\$295 bond. 3 cases-Assault causing bodily injury-\$1,500 bond. 3 cases-Motion to revoke probation-held. 2 cases-Driving while intoxicated-2nd-\$1,500 bond X interlock device ordered. 2 cases-Public intoxication-\$500 bond. Engage in organized criminal activity-\$40,000 bond. Theft-o/50-u/500-\$2,500 bond. Driving while license suspended-\$500 bond.

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Elementary school migrant education program honored

Plains Elementary has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating its migrant students. TEA's division of Migrant Education has selected the school as a winner in the 2001-2002 Excelling Award given to school campuses and school districts achieving academic success with their migrant students.

The purpose of the award is to

recognize school districts striving to meet the needs of migrant children and their families, and help migrant students to meet high academic standards. There are some 126,000 migrant children in Texas.

Campus winners were ranked within four categories, Exceptional, Excelling, Promising and Acknowledged, based upon migrant student performance on the TAAS and mi-

grant student dropout rate. Statewide, 48 campuses were rated as Exceptional, 175 campuses as Excelling, 188 as Promising, and 172 as Acknowledged.

Congratulations to the teachers, staff and students for continuing to make Plains Elementary one of the top schools in the great state of Texas.

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Local Fire Fighters Compete In Training Meet

Last month members of the Plains Vol. Fire Dept. attended a two day training session in Midland, hosted by the Permian Basin District Fire Fighters Association. The district is comprised of 43 fire departments. The first day is spent in training to combat different types of fires. The second day consists of contests between the different departments taking part in the school. Various races are run using different types of

fire equipment. The Plains Fire Dept. took second place in two of the three races; the first was the six-man hose race, then the two-man hose race. Each race consisted of stringing various lengths of hose from the fire truck or hydrant and delivering water to a fire. Firemen who competed in the races for Plains were Charlie Diamond, Alex Barrientes, Michael Barrientes, Tony Perez, Darrell Dusek and Alan Altman.

Volunteer firemen could benefit from pending legislation

Legislation weaving its way through Congress would help address the declining number of volunteer firefighters in the nation by providing a financial incentive to attract new people, and retain those firefighters already serving.

The Volunteer Firefighter Relief Act would provide for the creation of a special IRA for all volunteers in the form of tax deductible contribution up to \$500 per year to their accounts.

Volunteer firefighters account for nearly 75% of all firefighting personnel in the U.S. Rep. John McHugh (R-NY), one of 33 co-sponsors of the bill, said "We need incentives to recruit and retain new people to keep our small and mid-sized cities safe. These volunteers don't do it for the money, they do it for the benefit of others. It's time we do a little something for them."



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