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## 'Robin Hood' Wounded, But Not Dead Yet

'Rich vs. Poor' School Finance Issue Certain to  
Plague Districts, Citizens, Legislators  
Between Now And Next Session

When the recent 74th Legislature was gavelled to a close, and SB 1, the so called School Bill, became a reality, many West Texas school officials, teachers, tax payers, and Legislators themselves breathed a collective sigh of relief, full well knowing the relief could be temporary. The new law covered a multitude of subjects, with new rules and regulations affecting virtually every phase of the state's public education system, but our area was most importantly affected by the portions of the bill addressing how our schools would be financed.

In its essence, the long, complicated bill gave financial relief to many counties and school districts considered wealthy, principally from mineral resources on their tax rolls. This wealth had long been coveted by poorer counties and districts

around the state. For years, they had advocated 'sharing the wealth', and had fought and lobbied bitterly in Austin to get an equal share of mineral rich areas tax money for their school districts. A huge amount of money would have been pulled from West Texas Counties, including Yoakum County.

SB 1, while not a perfect solution for the 'rich' districts, did benefit the day to day operation of their school systems. Some of the important features of the bill allowed extending the 'Hold Harmless' provision two more years, allowing us funds for running our schools at 1992-93 levels two more years, the use of current year appraisal values to determine recapture amounts, continues the efficiency credit of \$100 per Weighted Average Daily Attendance,

and continued credit for tax collection and appraisal expense.

P.I.S.D. and many other West Texas districts must still share a portion of their funds with other 'Poorer' districts under a five option plan of their choice, mandated in 1993 when SB 7 became law.

How our area 'Rich' districts principally benefited from passage of this year's SB1 can be summarized as "legislation which at least doesn't force us to give up MORE of our tax dollars to other districts around the state".

Rumors are already circulating in Austin, and many affected districts, of forthcoming efforts by the 'Have Nots' to renew their assaults on the coffers of tax money in our 'Rich' counties and school districts.

An organization which our Plains Independent School District is a member of was organized in 1991, the "Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition" (SRSFC).

A number of West Texas smaller, budget balanced school districts, realizing the threat the infamous State Supreme Court "Edgewood decision" ('Robin Hood') posed for their financial future, organized in Lubbock during the Spring 72nd Legislation meeting. They were determined to fight the Court's decision to disallow school finance plans not allowing "equal access to funds at equal tax effort."

The small group quickly realized their strength and effectiveness could only be enhanced by additional members, and a more effective way to get their message to the floors of the House and Senate, always inundated by thousands of legislative proposals under consideration.

While the term 'Lobbyist' is frequently held in low esteem by many, both Legislators, their staff members, and the groups they represent will avow it is the only effective method of presenting controversial measures to the ones making ultimate legislative decisions, simply because their staffs cannot keep them abreast of all the proposed bills. Consider the fact that over 6,000 bills were presented for consideration in the 74th Session. Of this staggering

Gulf conflict.

Since the Civil War, 3,401 individuals have been awarded the nation's highest decoration for valor in combat, the Congressional Medal of Honor. This small number takes on heavy significance when considering the millions who have fought, bled and died for us over the past 130 years. One Medal winner, who normally keeps the cherished symbol in his sock drawer, recently said, "It's certainly not an act of disrespect. I keep it there because Vietnam (where he won the honor) was then, and this is now. You've got to get on with life. Nobody was over there to win awards. I was very unremarkable". Probably said very sincerely, but a statement very hard to believe.

Another Medal of Honor winner, at the battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, Union Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, commanding

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## Cowboys Pluck Eagles 22-13

Now 8 - 1 For Season, 4 - 0 in District Play



'I think I have it...Yeah!'  
Joe Luna makes good catch.



'I got it, I got it!'  
Marte Pierce and fine interception.

The weather in O'Donnell Friday night was cold, and for a good portion of the game against the Eagles so were the Cowboys. Fumbles played a big role in the district contest, each team muffing the ball four times, and ironically, both Eagle touchdowns came from recoveries of dropped balls in the end zone.

Fumbleitis fever started early, with O'Donnell giving up the ball on the third play of the game, but the Cowboys felt charitable and returned the ball on their first play from scrimmage.

The Cowboys held the Eagle attack, took the punt deep in their own territory, and on the second play, another fumble fell in the end zone and was recovered by the Eagles, leading to a 7-0 first period score.

A good kickoff return by Joe Luna, and a 15 yard penalty moved the Cowboys to the Eagle 49. QB Ralph Ramirez found Chris Payne open for a 34 yard pass, and Luna raced 13 yards for the first Cowboy score.

Ramirez Hit Marte Pierce

for the 2 pointer and an 8-7 lead.

The Cowboys held the Eagles in their next possession, Wayne Willett pounding their QB just short of a first down.

Despite a good run by Josh Traweek behind good line blocking, the Cowboy's had to punt to the Eagles.

The Cowboy 'D' came to life, and big hits by Willett, Chase Clanahan and Kirk Parrish forced a desperation pass on fourth down. Marte Pierce somehow got in front of the receiver and made a spectacular, circus juggling type interception, and returned it to the Eagle 40.

Traweek gained 21 yards on the first down, crushing a defensive back getting in his way. Despite a good catch by Eric Ramos of a Ramirez pass, the Cowboy attack faltered.

Taking the punt, the Eagles mounted a strong attack, and on a third and nine play from the 49, an Eagle receiver caught a good pass, lost the handle on it, and when it rolled into the end zone, another Eagle covered it for their

second score. The 2 point try was killed by Willett for a 13-8 game.

The Cowboys took the kickoff on their 29, and steadily advanced the ball with runs by Traweek and Ramirez, and two good catches by Joe Luna. From the 20 yard line, Ramos crossed the goal line, and Traweek, behind a crunching block by Clanahan, scored the two pointer to put the Cowboys up 16-13.

With little time left in the

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## Rusty McGinty Named To Rodeo Hall of Fame

Former Plains resident Rusty McGinty, along with fellow Texan Jim Bob Altizer, were inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City on October 22.

Rusty McGinty, who passed away in 1964 at the age of 56, won the steer wrestling at Madison Square Garden in 1937, and for a number of years held records for the fastest time on two steers at Fort Worth and at rodeos in Utah and Idaho. His rodeo career spanned 18 years, and he also participated in bronc riding and other events.

Altizer specialized in calf roping during his 26 year professional career, and won 14 roping titles in San Antonio, Phoenix and Houston. He won the World Champion calf roping title in 1959, and the World Champion steer roping crown in 1967. He currently resides in Del Rio.

Courtesy of "THE SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS", October.

## They Do It Again ! ★ Cowboy ★ Marching Band Wins State !

Early Monday afternoon we learned the Cowboy Marching Band, competing in the big State meet at Memorial Stadium in Austin, had earned a spot in the final five competition, to be held later that evening. The ominous part of this news was the fact they had been rated behind the band from Mundy. In last week's issue of CCN, we had predicted a big win for the hard working and talented 103 member band. It was a nervous, lengthy wait, but we finally received word from a jubilant Superintendent Pete Simmons our bunch were the new State Champions, unanimously picked first over Mundy, Irion County, Sudan and Asherton. Our sincere congratulations to each and every member, and to the Morgan's for another year of hard and dedicated work !



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number, only 1,100 were approved and sent to the Governor for his enactment. The Coalition realized they must have someone to represent their interest in an eloquent, respected and experienced manner, and eventually contracted the services of former State Senator Kent Caperton (D), Bryan, and later lobbyist Roger Miller.

In the four year history of SRSFC, the group has grown to a membership representing sixteen of the 'Rich' school districts of West Texas. Current member districts include PISD, Denver City ISD, and Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Grady, Guthrie, Klondike, Loop, McCamey, Rankin, Seminole, Sundown, Whiteface and Wink Independent School Districts. In addition, Sterling City, Iraan, Buena Vista, Garden City and Jayton are anticipated new members.

In interviews this and last week, we contacted several district Superintendents, area Representatives, including local Representative Gary Walker, asking their views on the effectiveness of the coalition in keeping local tax money at home for local school financing, and other views on the probable ongoing battle for tax dollars.

Representative Walker reported his feelings the positive provisions in SB1 for small rural districts, such as ours could not have been achieved without the funded efforts of SRSFC. "To successfully engineer a bill, among thousands of others presented to the Legislature each session, requires the special talents and expertise of groups such as SRSFC. Our small office staff simply could not effectively review each and every bill without outside help, assistance and advice. This Coalition demonstrated again how small interest groups, such as the West Texas Coalition, must stand together to battle other special interest groups from much more populous areas to preserve our major interests".

Walker also outlined his ideas of forthcoming school finance battles in the next session in 1997. He said there could be an entirely new school tax funding formula introduced. He felt the current property tax method of taxation for education is entirely too burdensome for tax payers. He reported a conversation he heard from Governor Bush relating his feelings the current funding ratio for education is now 45% state derived, 55% from individual districts. Bush

feels it would be more equitable to change this to a 50/50% formula, and later, possibly go to a 55% state, 45% district rate, a change which would be cheered by all county taxpayers.

Other school officials whose district's hold membership in SRSFC also had words of praise for their accomplishments in the past five years, and high expectations for the Coalition's future involvements and accomplishments.

Howard Pollard, Denver City Superintendent, was quick to credit SRSFC with saving his District "at least \$1 million dollars. Without the Coalitions efforts in securing the hold harmless portion of SB 1, that is the amount we would have to be sending to some other so called poor District."

Pollard said prior to the formation of SRSFC, smaller West Texas schools had no way of getting their voices heard in the Legislative halls of Austin. "It's a small organization, but has lots of clout, and there is absolutely no doubt in my mind the minor amount our District pays to belong to it is an 'AAA' investment. Our returns on this investment have been phenomenal." He agrees the thorny school finance issue will continue to haunt the type of schools making up the Coalition, and feels it absolutely imperative to continue membership in it.

Ervin Huddleston, Superintendent of the Andrews District, reported "Our Board of Directors have already voted to stay in the Coalition. They realize the tremendous job Kent Caperton and Roger Miller have done in Austin representing us and the Coalition". He pointed out matters concerning public education occur weekly, monthly, year in and year out, not just every two years when the Legislature convenes. "It's only with full time representation thru the Coalition can we be aware of what may be facing us. Our rural schools in West Texas may still have dollars, but our area simply doesn't have people, or the votes, to protect us from the 'Big Guys' around the State."

Huddleston added, "In all probability, school finance problems are going to with us forever. But other important issues are always cropping up. An individual District in far West Texas simply has no way of keeping abreast of everything happening in Austin which can affect our daily operations. A case in point is the flap caused by the Attorney General's ruling on using our tour type buses. If we had not been repre-

sented by Caperton and Miller, our individual schools would have had no chance to work our way out of that dilemma."

Maxie Watts, Wink Superintendent, wrote the following for a review of the Coalition; "SRSFC is a big benefit to me... having a network that can provide information in a timely manner. This gives me the opportunity to monitor the situation in Austin. If a crisis occurs, we can get to Austin to intervene without personally spending a lot of time there. I feel this puts me in positive perspective with my Board and community when I can relate things which are happening before they read it in the newspaper".

He also pointed out, "The Coalition was not only instrumental in helping get good school legislation passed. Just as importantly, they were instrumental in preventing BAD legislation passing."

Robert Ryan, Superintendent at Seminole said, "I can honestly say we feel our district and our taxpayers have been saved millions of recaptured dollars as a result of the SRSFC leadership of Pete Simmons and the day-to-day representation by Kent Caperton and Roger Miller. Without a doubt the return on our investment in Caperton and Miller has been many, many times greater than the investment itself.

"There is no doubt in my mind "Robin Hood" would have been a lot worse had we not had representation working on a daily basis to block additional legislative action.

"I feel as CEO of our school district I have the responsibility of advising our Board of Education concerning what is best for SISD. My recommendation has been and will continue to be we must participate in the SRSFC. Only through this organization do we have "guard dogs" and "hunting dogs" in the persons of Caperton and Miller working in our behalf. Since our board is committed to safeguarding our district and at the same time providing the best possible education for our students they have seen fit to maintain SRSFC membership."

It appears our West Texas members of the SRSFC have greatly benefited from their association with the Coalition. It's functions have benefited our schools, and undoubtedly their help will be needed again and again in the future.

In order for readers to better understand the sure to continue battle over school finance plans between the 'Haves and Have Nots', we are printing a partial chronology of important events leading up to the Edgewood Supreme Court decision of 1991 ( more popularly known as 'Robin Hood'), and subsequent events to date;

1973- US Supreme Court holds that state system of funding which tolerates disparity in wealth does NOT violate equal protection clause of US Constitution.

1984- Attorneys for poor districts file suit, claim Texas finance system unconstitutional, poor districts still underfunded.

Apr., 1987- Judge Clark rules on case, says system violates Texas Constitution.

Dec., 1988- Texas Court of Appeals reverses Clark's decision, says system may be unfair, but doesn't violate Constitution.

Oct., 1989- State Supreme Court declares system IS unfair, sets May 1, 1990 deadline for correction (Edgewood I)

Jun., 1990- Gov. Clements signs SB1, education compromise \$528 million bill to eliminate disparity between rich, poor Districts

Sep., 1990- Poor districts challenge SB 1, Dist. Judge Scott McCown declares it unconstitutional.

Jan., 1991- State Supreme upholds McCown's ruling (Edgewood II).

1991-Series of events lead to creation of County Education Districts (CED's).

Jan., 1992- State Supreme Court rule CED's unconstitutional, gives Legislature until June 1, 1993 to correct.

Nov., 1992- Legislature fails to meet Court Order for revamping plan.

Jan., 1993- Judge McCown studies methods of closing Texas public schools.

May, 1993- Gov. Richardson signs SB7, allowing property rich districts several options to reduce wealth to preestablished per student amount.

Jan., 1994- Judge McCown faults SB 7 for provisions funding school facilities, threatens prohibiting sale of school district bonds if not remedied.

Jan., 1995- Texas Supreme Court upholds SB 7, including facility funding provisions.

Spring-Summer, 1995- 74th Legislature approves SB 1, so called Education Reform Bill, Gov. Bush signs it into law.

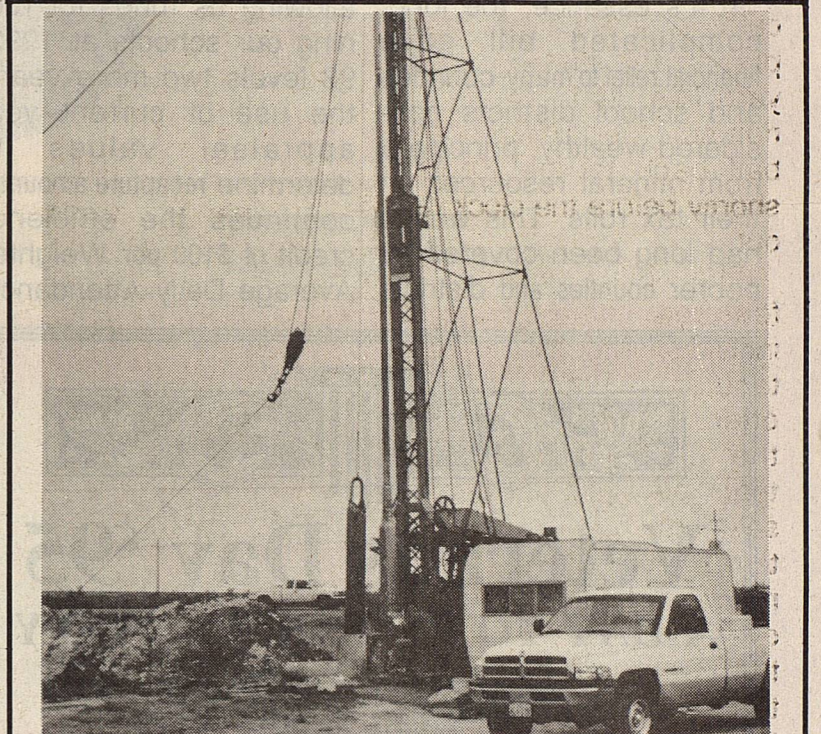
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the 20th Regiment of Maine in the savage battle for 'Little Round Top', had an unlikely background for his display of valor. Prior to joining the Army, he had been a Seminary student, and later a professor of rhetoric and modern language. His force of 386 men atop the rocky hill repulsed attack after attack by superior Confederate forces for four and one half hours in some of the fiercest fighting of that bloody war. Down to a handful of ammunition, seeing another Rebel attack forming, Chamberlain in desperation drew his saber, leaped from behind his barricades, and yelled for his remaining men to launch a bayonet charge. His men followed him down the hill, and the Confederates were so stunned they fell back in

disarray. Struggling back up Little Round Top, he found reinforcements at last. He had been wounded in the foot, had lost 136 of his men, but had held the hill, preventing Lee's forces from flanking the defending Union Army, possibly making the final outcome at Gettysburg a Rebel victory.

There are scores of men, and some women in this town and county who have worn uniforms in defense of our country. Some of them survived bitter warfare in WW II, Korea and Vietnam. Some of them didn't. Some of them still bear the scars from those conflicts. Some of them never heard a shot fired in anger. None I'm aware of are Medal of Honor winners. But they SERVED when called on.

To each and everyone of those veterans, we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

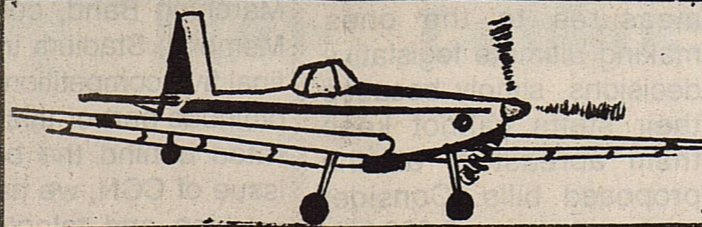


Rig operator is shown sharpening bit on the cable tool rig drilling the second new City water well. Located just outside the City limits west of town, the drilling will probably continue several more days. If the drilling is successful, and after bailing, pumping, casing, comes the state required testing and approval process. It's probably hard to believe, after all this time, but one of these days, we will have two new sources of badly needed water, and this summers critical shortage will be a thing of the past.

**Video Exposes Repair Fraud**

A Video entitled "Home Repair Fraud" will be shown on Tuesday, November 14 in the Heritage Room at the Yoakum County Library. This film is of special interest for our senior citizens, but all citizens can be caught up in this scheme presented by dishonest salesmen coming by house to house. The video is furnished by AARP.

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first half, hard tackling by Coley Burgess and Major Howard forced another Eagle punt, and the clock ran out with the Cowboys driving.

Mr. Fumble re-appeared early in the second half. The Eagles were driving when Parrish hit the QB hard enough to cough up the ball, recovered by Howard. Two plays later, the Cowboys would fumble the ball back to the Eagles.

Both teams traded punches back and forth the remainder of the third period, and it was only when five minutes were left in the final quarter the Cowboys could come alive again.

An Eagle punt placed the ball on the Cowboy 47. A quick pitchout to Traweek, again following the charging block of Clanahan, produced a 53 yard TD run and the final 22-13 score.

Almost incredibly, Luna recovered a muffed Cowboy kickoff, giving Plains another scoring chance. Payne made good diving catch of a Ramirez pass, placing the ball on the 6 yard line, and fumble number four handed the ball back to the Eagles shortly before the clock ran out.

The district contest featured some excellent individual efforts and spectacular plays, on both offense and defense, but the previous well oiled team play of past games seemed a bit rusty. Several times on the sidelines a number of Cowboys were overheard bitterly condemning themselves, not their teammates, which is a healthy sign; They know they can, and will, play better in the future

**GO, COWBOYS !**

(Prepared with assistance from Jacob Lester)

## JV Cowboys 20, O'Donnell 0

The Cowboys met a stubborn flock of Eagles here last Thursday night. The two teams struggled back and forth the entire first quarter, with neither managing to score.

The Cowboys took the second half kickoff and sustained a good drive. Tanner Blount found Adrian Rios, and the screen pass went 44 yards to the 6. Blount crossed the goal line 2 plays later, and hit Victor Cantu for the 2 pointer and an 8-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Cosme Casillas intercepted an Eagle pass, which enabled the Cowboys to move to the 10 on a pass from Blount to Vincent Delgado, followed by another scoring pass from Blount to Cantu and a 14-0 score.

Late in the final period, Casillas again gave the ball to the Cowboys with a fumble recovery deep in Eagle territory, where Kipp



**Big, Bad, Bold, COLD 7th Wranglers at O'Donnell Game Here On Cold Last Thursday Afternoon.**

Blount found the goal line on a 6 yard dash to end the game 20-0.

Coach Jack Baucom credited defenders Cantu, Derek Brunson, Adam Dominguez, Heath Bowlin, Steven Bunch, Mike Bell, Jason Redman, Will St. Romain, both Blounts, Delgado, J.T. Peeples,

Casillas, and Isaac Trevino with great defensive work, producing the shutout victory with no penetrations and very few first downs.

The JV Cowboys face Smyer here Thursday evening, and end their season against the Sudan JV Hornets the following week in Sudan.

## Cross Country Team Wins Regional Seven To Compete In Big State Meet At Georgetown

The Cowboy Cross Country Team, competing against Robertson, 15th, Joe Luna, 15 West Texas Class A 17th, Ralph Ramirez, 19th, schools at Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park last Saturday St. Romain, 26th, and qualified for a return trip to the State Meet this coming weekend. They edged out Tornillo, near El Paso, for first place in the next to last performance of the year.

Coach Everett McAdams said he was "especially proud of this team's performance and work this season. They have come to understand the importance of striving for TEAM results, realizing just one or two individual good finishes do not win TEAM championships. At the big State Meet on the campus at Southwest University's golf course, the seven runners will do battle with other teams and individuals, but their biggest challenge may be the course itself. After a short starting flat stretch, they must conquer what many runners have dubbed "Mount Everest", a long and grueling climb up what is a par four golf hole, and well over 400 yards in length. After that, they face other smaller hills, and must traverse a creek bed, up and down, circle around the course, and once more they must battle their way up the dreaded "Mount Everest" hill.

Individual results from the Regional meet are, Jeremy



**RUN, COWBOYS, RUN !**



First graders from Room 102 celebrated harvest time by decorating pumpkins. Colby Wilmeth smiled with delight at the sight of his "blue ribbon" cat winner in the pumpkin decorating contest. Pictured left to right, back row are Fernando Carrillo, Araceli Mendoza, Callie Howell, Nicole Culwell, and Jose Villegas. Featured sitting, left to right are Lisa Neufeld, Justin Perry, Angelica Mendoza, Colby Wilmeth, Chase Guetersloh, Stetson Sellers, and Desiraye Broome. The children 'bobbed' for apples, played games and were served festive refreshments by room mothers Tammie Sellers, Billie Howell, Carolyn Culwell, Kathy Guetersloh, Martha Broome, and Gay Wilmeth. October 31, 1995, is truly a day these gaily clad first graders will remember!

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## Final Rites for Mrs. Beth Cogburn

Funeral services were held for Beth Cogburn, 47, in the Tahoka Road Church of Christ, Brownfield, with James L. Martin officiating, assisted by Charles Smith, both of the East Hill Church of Christ officiating.

Mrs. Cogburn, born April 18, 1948, the daughter of her parents Steven Dolloff and Peggy Anderson, expired November 6, 1995, in the Medical Center Hospital, Monahans, where she lived following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Brownfield April 18, 1948, attended school in Snyder, Crane, and graduated from Denver City High in 1966. Mrs. Cogburn married Eddie Cogburn in Andrews September 30, 1966. The couple lived in Plains, Denver City, and Jal, New Mexico prior to moving to Monahans in 1980. She was previously employed in the Extension Office, Plains, as Secretary in the her parents, Stelvin and Peggy Dolloff, Denver City, two brothers, Robert Dolloff, Denver City, Marshall Scott Dolloff, Andrews, four sisters, Lavina Brassfield, Brownfield, Viki Lynn McDaniel, Hobbs, and Mary Lee Shores, Maypearl, Tx.

Pallbearers included Wayne Minchew, Hobbs, Will McDaniel, Hobbs, Bruce Shores,

Maypearl, Dr. Gary Albertson, Midland, Kenneth Powell, Plains, and Randy Chance, Pyote.

Burial services were held at Terry County Memorial Cemetery, Brownfield.

Continental Emsco office, and served 9 years as secretary in Dr. Gary Albertson's Family Medical Center before retiring in 1992.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Cogburn, Monahans, three daughters, Rejena Lynn Watson, Monahans, Kristi Eilene Sanders, Odessa, Sheila Kay Swafford, Arlington,

## Republican Primary Deadlines

Harry Richardson, Yoakum County Republican County Chairman announced this week that the filing dates for the 1996 Republican Primary Election will be December 4, 1995 through January 2, 1996. A person wishing to file will need to file the name of the campaign treasurer with the County Clerk's Office, before they file for office. For more information and filing forms, contact me at Richardson Insurance Agency at 1002 Ave. B, Plains or phone 456-8888.

## Attention Addicts Wanted, Needed, Well Paid

If you've been wondering why we have such a serious drug problem, part of the answer is that addiction pays. Literally.

Thanks to the Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI), about \$800 million a year in cash benefits is provided to 250,000 drug addicts and alcoholics classified as 'disabled' and in need of public assistance. With no effective oversight, many of them promptly turn around and spend the money on dope and booze, according to government sources.

Worse, the Social Security Administration spends \$6 million annually to find new beneficiaries. One congressional staffer explained that government bureaucrats actually go to homeless shelters and sign drunks up for benefits.

Overall, SSI is spending \$25 billion a year, and apparently, a lot of what doesn't go to substance abusers goes to immigrants. The number of immigrants on the SSI dole could reach 2 million by the year 2000.

Few dispute the fact that the program is out of control. The issue is whether current attempts by Congress at 'welfare reform' will be able to rein it in. Stay tuned.

\*\* This article reprinted from the November issue The American LEGION magazine.

## Free Stop-Smoking Classes To Be Offered

American Cancer Society and University Medical Center will offer Fresh Start, a free stop-smoking program, Nov. 7, 9, 14, and 16.

The classes will be offered at Mae Simmons Community Center, 23rd and Oak, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and at Rogers Community Center, 3200 Amherst, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The classes at Rogers Community Center will be bilingual.

Anyone attending the entire series will receive a gift at the last session, which will take place during American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

Fresh Start is an educational program that emphasizes techniques that lessen and, in some cases, altogether prevent withdrawal symptoms.

Reservations can be made by calling American Cancer Society at 792-7126.

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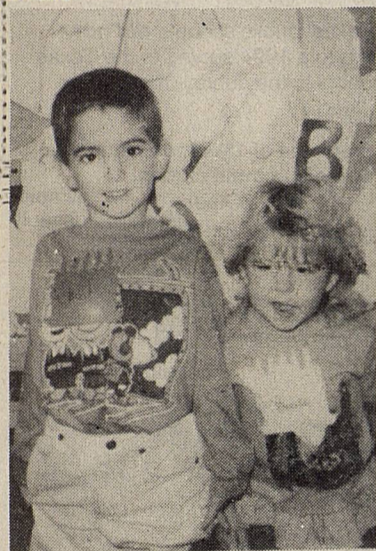
## Warrens Celebrate 55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Warren celebrated their 55th anniversary with a family gathering in the home of Joetta and Ricky Willis of Brownfield.

Attending were: Darcey Pierce, Monte Pierce, Laci Naylor and Amy Naylor, all of Lubbock, Jana Mebin of Las Cruces, N.M., Doug & Michelle Warren with Jordan of Littlefield, TX, Troy Fillingim of New Home, Jim and Lela Warren of Plains, Joe, Joyce and Marte Pierce of Plains and Tyler & Kaci Willis, daughters of Ricky & Joetta Willis.

## Library Film Time

Sixteen preschool youngsters enjoyed Film-time at the Library November 1. They pledged allegiance to the flag, sang songs, played games, heard a book read, and watched two movies. Those attending were; Brett Hawthorne, Kevin John Gass, Taylor Banfield, Lydia Witzel, Morgan Willis, Hunter Welch, Isaac Doyle, Dustin & Blain Altman, Kimber Williams, Troy Parrish, Kelsey Curry, Jasmine Witzel, Holden & Haley Welch, and Brandon Craft



Recent Birthday Kids, Brett Hawthorne, 4, and Rhaela Stall, 3.

## Dumpsters For Prec. 3 Rural Residents

Jim Barron, Commissioner, Precinct 3, recently obtained three trash dumpsters from the City, now placed at the Precinct barn just west of town. The dumpsters are for use by rural residents of that Precinct. Because of strict regulations on trash disposal imposed by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), rural dwellers face trash problems City residents do not have.

Barron said his constituents in the country are welcome to bring their property bagged residential trash and dispose of it in the dumpsters. The City of Plains will periodically empty the containers and haul the trash to the County Landfill.

Use of the dumpsters may prevent a rural resident from facing a fine by TNRCC for improperly disposing of trash.

## Hospice Training Session

Hospice Services, Inc. is a nonprofit organization which provides a special concept of care for the terminally ill in the comfort of their own home with their family and friends. Hospice strives to enhance quality of life by focusing on the patient and family rather than on the illness.

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If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, Hospice Services, Inc. will be holding a volunteer training session on Sat., Nov. 11th. The training session will be held from 9-4 at the Denver City Hospice Office located at 105 Mustang Ave. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please call the volunteer coordinator at (806) 592-2901. Hospice Services, Inc. is eager to provide the additional information you may need to decide on volunteering.



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Steve and Raecene Randall of Denver City are the proud parents of a big boy, William Mark Randall. He was born Oct. 18, 1995 at 4:19 p.m. in the Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

The new addition to the family has a sister, Hallie. His grandparents are Royce and Sue Randall of Plains, TX, Olivia Robertson of Denver City, Tx, and Charlie Robertson of Lubbock, TX.

## Christmas Gifts

The AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY and TSA MOGA CLUB are asking the Community to bring Christmas Gifts for the Big Spring Veterans Hospital. Suitable gifts for the family and friends will be selected by the Veterans. Also paper back and hard back books are needed in their Library. Gifts and Books to be brought to the Plains Library before Nov. 11, 1995.

## Thought for the Week

You are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:5 (NRSV)

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for those who have demonstrated your perfect love to us. Allow us to be, like them, an image of your caring and protective love. Amen.

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# From The Hack



The bride and I took to the pickup and streets on spook night last week, hoping to get some photos of all the little ghosts and goblins swarming up the streets on the north side of town for tricks or treats. Even after spending considerable time every week in our elementary school, I didn't think there were that many kids in our fair hamlet.

Returning home, I remembered an eventful Halloween night way back in the early sixties while living in El Paso.

We were visiting friends, and it seemed every three minutes the door bell would ring, and a herd of urchins would stand there demanding candy. And then we became aware that in nearly every group, there were some mighty large kids, probably teens, maybe even college grads, judging by facial hair on the males, and poorly concealed body parts of the female tricksters.

It is entirely possible my friend and I could have been imbibing just a wee bit. No, it is highly probable.

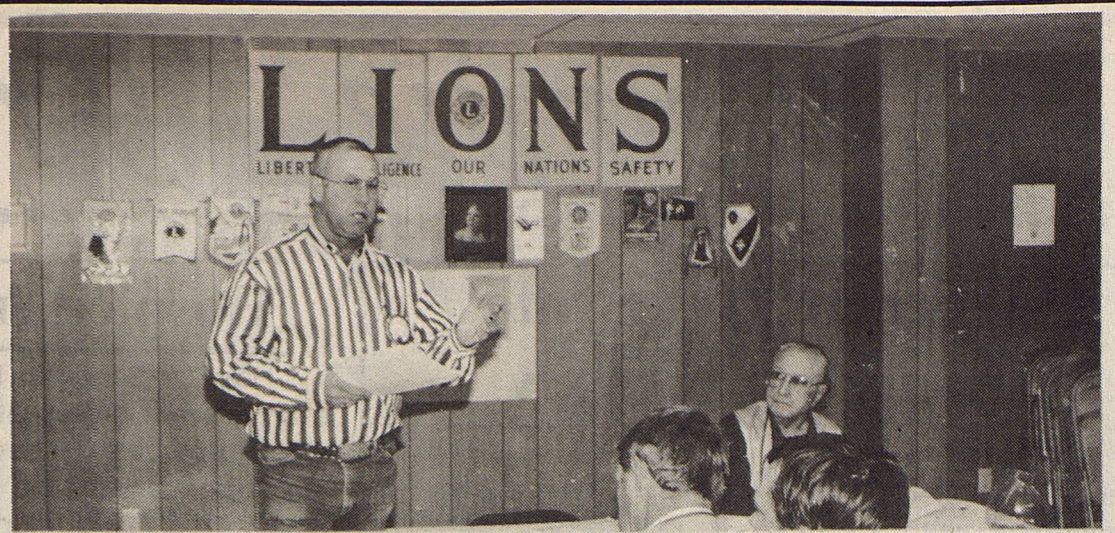
In any event, my buddy groused he was sick and tired of giving candy to people of voting age, and said, "Come on, I got an idea!" We jumped in his car and sped to a nearby convenience store, where he bought two hideous, sickening masks. We raced home, and probably had another wee libation. He jerked the sheets off a bed, gave me one, and wrapped himself in the other, giggling wickedly, said "Get your mask on. Soon as this next bunch of kids leave, we'll turn off the porch lights and sneak out and hide in the hedge there by the front door. When the next bunch comes up, we'll leap out, screaming and yelling, and give them a real treat!"

What a neat idea, I bearily thought. Soon as the porch cleared of kids, we flipped off the lights, slipped out and camouflaged ourselves in the big shrubbery. "Aha", friend whispered, "here come some more now. They gotta be at least twenty years old. OK now,

when they get about five feet away, jump 'em!"

Like a well rehearsed team, we sprang from the bushes, shrieking loud enough to be heard in downtown Carlsbad. Several of the smaller kids shrieked right back, and shot off down the block, scattering excess treats everywhere, but then I noticed the two larger ones simply jumped back a foot or two, and then to my horror, I saw both of them pawing around in their ridiculous costumes, and suddenly I was staring at a pair of knives, pointed straight at US! Almost as if cued, we again shrieked our mightiest, but this time while fighting each other to get inside the door and safety, my brilliant friend yelling, "Knives! Murder! Call The Cops! Knives, Murder! Call the Cops!"

Badly shaken, we reported the encounter to the skeptical womenfolk. A few minutes passed, and the stupid doorbell rang again. Friends wife got up to fetch more goodies and treats, which prompted my buddy to say, very quietly, very seriously, "Hon, I love you, I really do, but if you open that door to any more of those little, big #\*!~\*%\*#\*s, I'm gonna go get my .45 and shoot you right where you stand". Real fun type Halloween.



The Plains Lions Club met last Thursday, November 2, with fifteen members present, including T.J. Miller, David Bunch, Gary Dyer, David Brunson, Jerry Morphis, Milton Bayer, Pete St Romain, Gary Walker, Jack Cobb, Jim Barron, Macky McWhirter, Harry Richardson, Sherm Tingle, and Johnnie Fitzgerald. Visiting guests included Mary Jo St Romain, Debby Rushing, Holly Dyer, and Jay Andrews of Brownfield. The program was presented by State Representative Gary Walker, who gave an explanation of each of the 14 proposed Constitutional Amendments voted on in the election Tuesday.



studies in both bona fide medical studies in Europe and the U.S., to be beneficial in preventing heart disease. According to the ten minute segment of the program, Doctors and scientists have both determined death rates from heart disease dramatically decrease in adults who consume three to five glasses of wine, with meals, on a daily basis. Seems the myriad of chemical substances in wine fight bad cholesterol, and promote growth of the so called good cholesterol. Yes, CBS featured this last Sunday, and it is not a figment of my wishful thinking. It at last supports my support for Saint Paul, who contended in the New Testament, 'A little wine is good for the stomach'.

I just hope the local plains wineries, Caprock, Llano, and Pheasant Ridge, decide to go public with their stock,

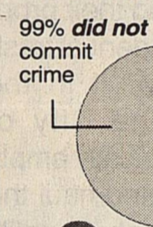
and I will loan the Newsom's local vineyards! a few bucks to expand their

## Keeping an eye on Texas

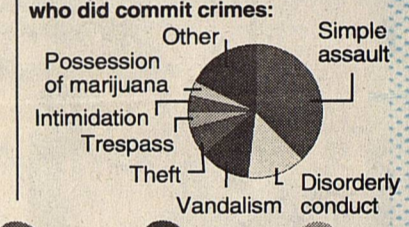
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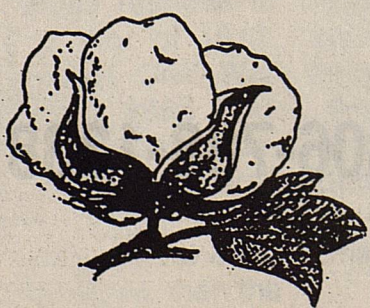
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