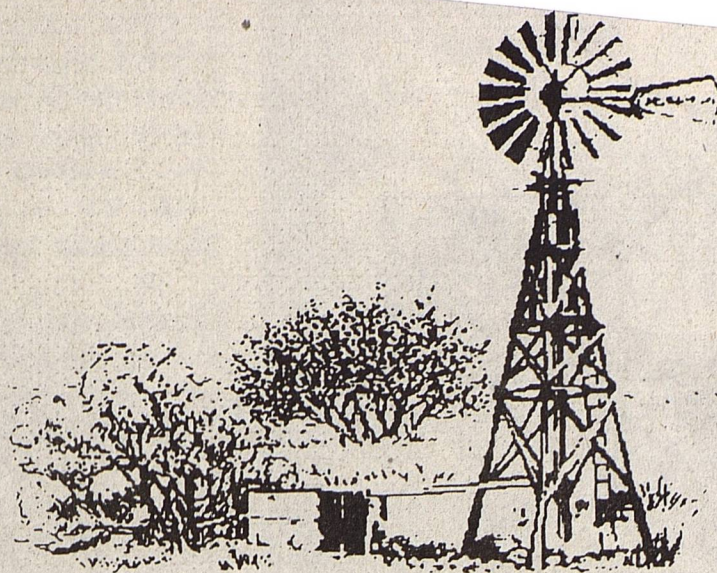


Cowboy Country News

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Halloween hijinks in county courthouse

Strange, bizarre scenes were commonplace in the hallways of Yoakum County Courthouse Friday, October 31, as these photos attest.



The notorious three M & M girls kept things under control on the second floor. Cellophane wrapped colored balloons and M&M candy signs identified District Clerk Vicki Blundell, Stephanie Hernandez and Sandra Roblez. The back of one costume had a sign reading, "Careful, this M&M WILL melt in your hands."



"The heights of high fashion, the depths of depravity" was the theme of the County Clerk staffers, shown puffing strange smelling cigarettes and sipping stronger smelling liquids. Debbie Rushing, wrapped in an old sofa cover, Lola Elam, in rollers and naughty nighty, Judi Addison, in classic Three Stooges trousers and teeth blackened by Garretts snuff, and Karen Bearden, brandishing a cup of 90 proof Decaf and puffing a Mary Jane.



Registered Nurse Goodbody, prepared to sedate anyone totally out of hand, Lady Biker who fell off Harley in front of courthouse, doing SERIOUS damage to her dentures, and Miss Dolly, who also had a couple of SERIOUS problems. Actually, it's Teresa Howard, Freda Bruton and Valincia Criswell.

Cowboys hogtie Smyer Bobcats 42-6

The Cowboys notched their guns for the third win of the long season, completely dominating the Bobcats with a stiff defense and fired up offense. They recorded 398 yards of total offense, 290 of it on the ground, while allowing Smyer a total of 257 yards.

A number of local fans were just reaching their stadium seats when the action started with the Cowboys taking the opening kickoff at their 33. Cowboy linemen opened holes for Richard Diaz over left tackle and then up the middle to record a first down at the 44. Todd Williams then burst over right guard to out race the defense for 56 yards and 6 points and the lead the Cowboys would hold the rest of the contest.

Following the Cowboy kickoff, Armando Ramirez recovered a Bobcat fumble at their 34. Evan Cain passed to Patrick Cotton for 18 yards, and the



PHS Seniors were honored and greeted by their parents prior to the start of the Smyer game, last home contest of the season.

upfront Cowboy linemen began to dominate the Bobcat defense, allowing big gains by Diaz, Williams, a completion to Ramirez, and the final yard for 6 points by Diaz. Cain then

found Zach Broome open for the two point conversion and the Cowboys led 14-0 at the end of the period.

In their first possession of the second quarter, Cain and Will-

iams racked up big gains to the Bobcat three, and Cain circled his right side for the third touchdown, and Cordova's

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This will be the last issue of CCN until November 19. Vacation time. Praise God.

A message from PISD

Title 1 meeting set

Dear Parents and Community, Please make plans to attend our annual Title I meeting. The results of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) for last year will be presented. We will also discuss the special programs offered in our district supported by federal money. This meeting will be held Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 5:45 PM in the Plains Elementary Cafeteria. We hope to see you there.

Por favor planes de marca para asistir nuestro Titulo anual que encontrando. Los resultados del Sistema (AEIS) Academico de Indicador de Excelencia por el ano pasado se presentaran. Discutiremos tambien los programas especiales ofrecieron en nuestro distrito que son sostenidos por dinero federal. Esta reunion sera el Jueves, el 13 de Noviembre de 2003 alas 5:45 PM en las Llanuras Cafeteria Elemental. Esperamos verlo alli. Thank you, The staff and faculty of Plains ISD - 456-7401

Possible cotton ginning breakthrough interests local gin operators

An article in the Editorial section of the *OPINION* page in the Monday, November 3 issue of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* has caught the eye and interest of a number of county and area cotton ginners. The article reports "Early tests have indicated that the Power Roll Gin Stand increases the amount of lint in cotton bales by 5 to 7 percent...."

With the continued risks of raising cotton on the South Plains, the always uncertain marketability of the finished product, any glimmer of possible good news about the commodity will get the attention of producers, ginners, anyone even faintly involved with the fiber plant.

A few phone calls to area gin managers indicated most of them had heard reports of the new ginning process, but none had actually seen the new stands in operation. One ginner stated, "With our very volatile business, even the hint of a possible boost in profitability for our producers, or anyone else involved with cotton is good news. We've had more than our share of bad news the last few years."

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Routine business in Commissioners Court

In the November 3 session of Commissioner Court, a low bid from Mustang Country for the sale of a new 2003 extended cab half ton pickup was accepted. Bid price, with no trade-in, was \$18,432 for the Chevrolet for use in Precinct 1. A bid for the purchase of a 1989 Chevrolet unit from Gaylen Ford from Pct 1 was accepted.

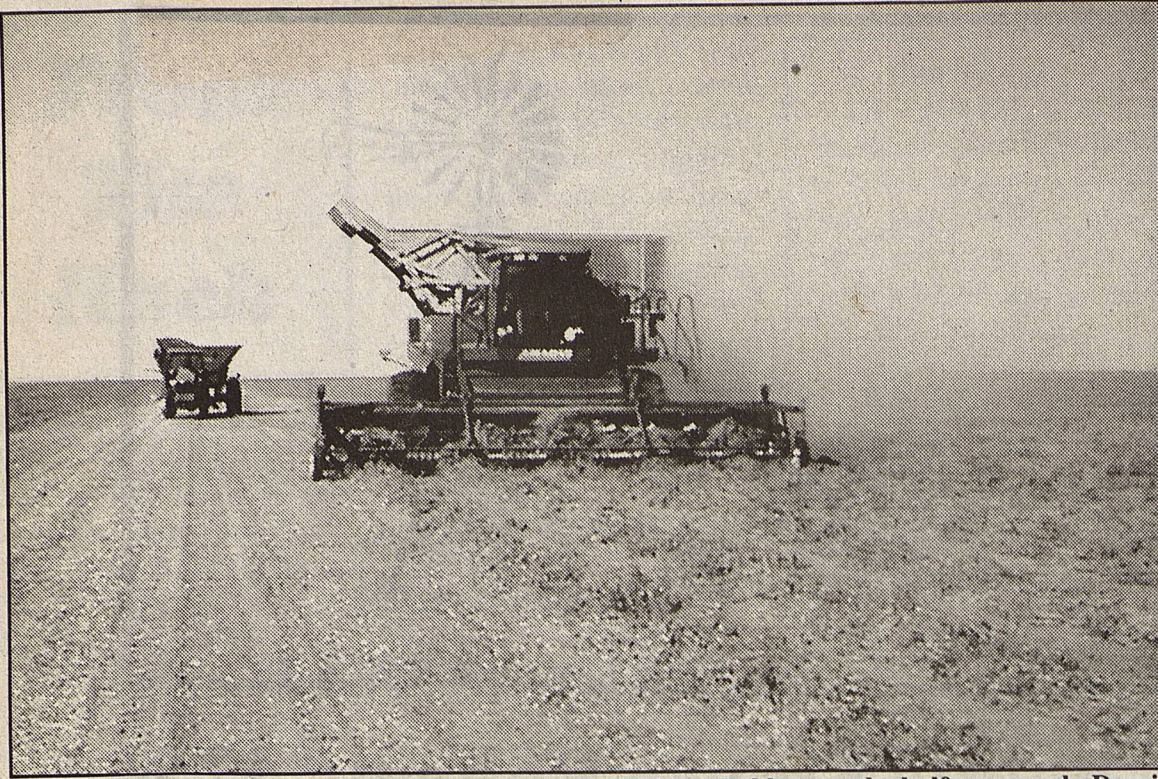
County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor asked the court's permission to table accepting bids on a water treatment system in the new hospital project. A number of bids were received after the expiring deadline.

The recent legislative session adopted the Texas Open Meeting

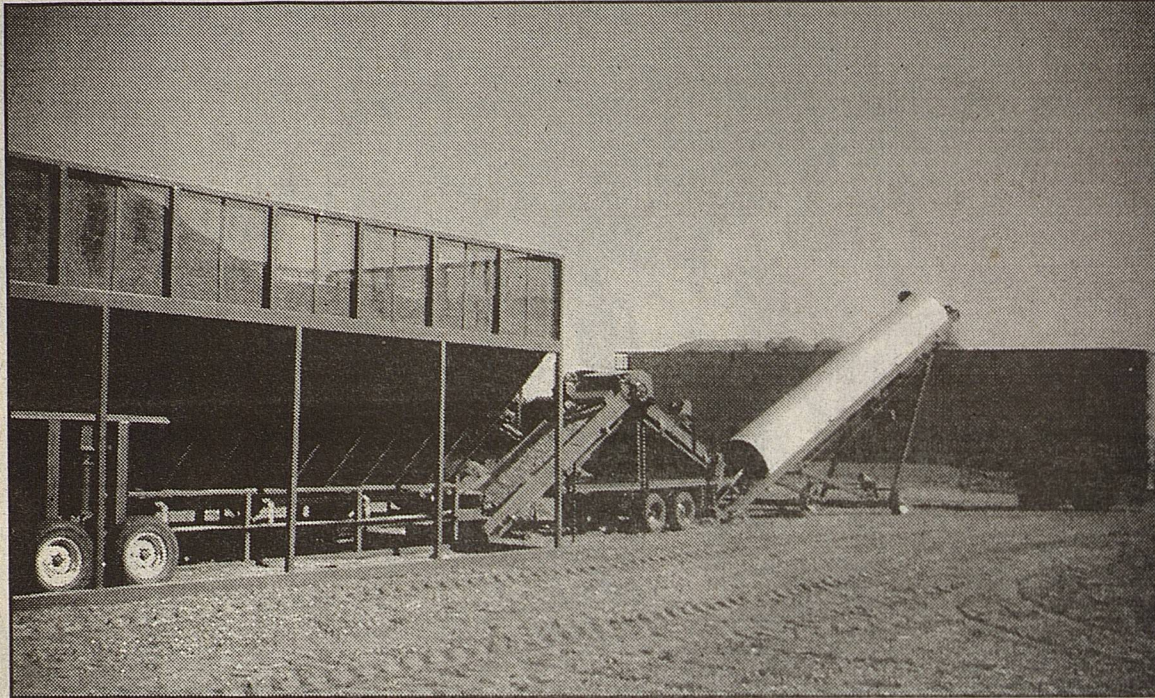
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Not terribly scary, but they sure are cute! More Halloween Eve photos inside.



Combining peanuts West of town. The annual harvest is probably over the half way mark. Despite weather problems earlier in the season, a shortage of adequate water in some areas, some excellent yields have been reported. An official with the De Leon Peanut operation in Denver City told of one producer harvesting over 6,000 pounds of Spanish variety this year, a phenomenal yield.



Valencia peanuts being loaded on a waiting truck trailer rig last week.

L. J. Sanders - Looking For The Truth
Long Term
Yoakum County Cloud Seeding Evaluation

First Year - 2003
 (using rain gages and seeded and non-seeded areas)

Rainfall Inches During Seeding
 Period April - September

	Starting Cumulative	During Period	Ending Cumulative
Area 1			
Seeded Part			
Yoakum Co (26)	0	5.02	5.02
Non-seeded Part			
Cochran Co (30)	0	6.42	6.42
Bailey Co (38)	0	8.96	8.96
Area 2			
Seeded Part			
Terry Co (30)	0	7.65	7.65
Non-seeded Part			
Hockley Co (36)	0	7.25	7.25
Lamb Co (26)	0	10.13	10.13

(26) number of gauges

Data compiled by L.J. Sanders from public information at various water districts serving the above counties.

Too Early For Conclusions

Charles Lloyd Williams Services

Funeral services for Charles Lloyd Williams, 63 years, of Denver City were held Sunday, November 2, 2003 at 3:30 PM in the First Baptist Church, with Tommy Allison of Colorado City, Texas officiating. Burial followed in Denver City Memorial Park.

Mr. Williams passed away Friday, October 31, 2003 at his residence following an illness. He was born at home in Slaton, Texas January 29, 1940 to A.O. and Florence Brandon Williams. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two brothers, Albert O. Williams Jr. and Wayne Harold Williams, both of Denver City; three sisters, Marie Milliken and her husband Raymond of Lubbock, Dora Alderson of Lamesa, and Edith Kidd and her husband Lee of Denver City. Many nieces and nephews, and many others who loved him.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Arlie Carroll Williams and Leonard Dean 'Red' Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be mailed to the YCH Foundation, 412 Mustang Drive, Denver City, Texas 79323.

From Pg. 1, COMMISSIONERS

Act now contained in the State Government Code. A portion of the act addresses rules of procedure, conduct and decorum in meetings of Commissioners Court. Matters including how the agenda process works, making meetings more efficient and business like, and possible emergency measures to follow during security crises are addressed. The court agreed to participate in the new rules of procedure.

The court approved the 3rd quarter investment report delivered by Treasurer Barbara Wright

FROM PG. 1, COTTON GINS

Another gin manager also had an optimistic outlook of the new ginning method. "We've heard of several gin equipment manufacturers in the Lubbock area who have been trying to develop an efficient roller type gin stand. I know virtually nothing about the one described in the Lubbock AJ, but if there's a way to increase lint yields by 5 or 7 percent, I'm certainly ready to take a serious look at it."

The article reports the new equipment is being tested on this year's crop in gins operating in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and California. A couple of local county ginners indicated they will be looking closely at results of the test run.

CAPITOL COMMENT
 U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Veterans Day

"From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity. Americans throughout this great land set aside Veterans Day for special remembrance of the men and women who have served to protect our freedom. The sound of bugles playing taps will pierce the air at countless ceremonies around the country and at our bases overseas in tribute to those who gave their lives in order to safeguard human liberty."

This proclamation, issued by President Reagan in 1981, came 27 years after President Eisenhower signed a bill declaring November 11 as Veterans Day to honor all who have served. That day in November was originally set aside as Armistice Day in 1918, when a truce between the Allies and central Powers ended the fighting in WW I.

This year we continue that legacy of honor, paying tribute to the men and women who have placed their lives in danger to preserve ours. We remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty to protect our freedom. We honor their families, who also sacrifice in service of our country.

In Congress, I serve on the Veterans Affairs Committee and have always worked with my colleagues to ensure we are giving the best resources and care to our veterans. In recent years, we've passed a range of legislation addressing the needs of our veteran community; The Veterans Opportunities Act, which created new life insurance and health care benefits for up to two million eligible spouses and children of veterans; the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act authorizing \$1 billion to aid homeless veterans and prevent veterans from becoming homeless; and the Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act, which authorized more than \$3.1 billion over five years to expand and increase educational, housing, burial and disability benefits.

Earlier this year we introduced legislation to assist Medicare eligible veterans struggling with the costs of prescription medications. And we have continued to pass strong defense appropriations bills, including the \$87 billion supplemental appropriation for Iraq, ensuring our troops are fully equipped to face the enemy.

On the heels of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, this Veterans Day is particularly significant. American and allied soldiers continue to fight and die in defense of our freedoms. Many are face to face with danger at this moment. It is these men and women, past and present, who embody the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our great nation.

As with every war, soldiers now fighting in the deserts of Iraq exemplify the heroism and bravery we have come to expect from our armed forces. But of all the reports we have heard, one story rises above and exemplifies the best of our military.

The rescue of young PFC Jessica Lynch remains one of the most touching stories of this conflict. It was incredible, but not just what happened in the hospital tells this story. Action taken outside the hospital made me realize how special these men and women are.

Our soldiers swarmed the hospital to rescue Jessica Lynch. They were told there were graves of other American soldiers on the grounds. It was in the dead of night. They had no shovels. But these Army Rangers, there with the specific mission of rescuing a young soldier, went outside and started digging up graves with their bare hands.

Their commander described the incident by saying, "They dug with their hands and raced the sun." Because when the sun came up they would be exposed, in great danger. The dug up the graves of every one of those young men and carried their bodies to the helicopter, the same way they carried Jessica Lynch alive. And that is because in the U.S. military, they live by the code, "We never leave one of our own behind."

It is that sacrifice...that fierce loyalty, which makes America the greatest nation on earth. This Veterans Day, Americans pay tribute to those extraordinary men and women who in every war have unfailingly answered the call to duty. We too remember that code and will never leave one of our own behind. Their memories will remain part of the fabric of our nation forever. To our veterans and their families: "THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU."

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Shooting for glory—and \$10 million

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 Michigan
 Oregon
 Florida
 Colorado
 Virginia
 Maryland
 Massachusetts

Teams from other countries
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 Russia
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SOURCE: X Prize Foundation.

Space exploration has taken more than a few hits in the last year. The February Columbia tragedy and the Columbia Accident Investigation Board's highly critical report on the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), left some enthusiasts wondering what the future holds for space exploration. For other supporters, the future is already here. Three decades after the enormous achievement of the Apollo missions, America's commitment to manned space-flight lies with Nasa's expensive and aging space shuttle fleet.

"The cost per pound of lofting payloads into orbit on the shuttle is actually higher than on the 1960's era Saturn rockets," said Robert W. Poole, Jr., director of transportation studies and founder of the Reason Foundation, a public policy think tank.

But in hangars and warehouses around the world, hundreds of enthusiasts have decided not to wait for governments to continue opening the high frontier. They're trying to jump start a private leap into space. And, as always, Texans have joined the ranks of these new pioneers.

They're competing for the X Prize.

The X Prize is a \$10 million award for the first privately funded vehicle to carry a human crew into space and return safely.

Offered since 1996 by the X Prize Foundation of Saint Louis, MO., the prize is a deliberate attempt to recreate the competition, and public excitement, created by the great prizes awarded for aeronautical endeavors in the earlier years of the 20th century. Such prizes drove much early progress in aviation, such as the \$25,000 Orteig Prize that promoted Charles Lindberg's history making transatlantic flight.

The basic X Prize conditions are straightforward: the winner must develop and fly a privately financed and built manned craft, at least 90 percent reusable and capable of carrying at least three people, to a minimum altitude of 62 miles, and then do it again, within two weeks.

Competitors face a time limit if they want the full \$10 million. The X Prize is funded through private donations and backed by an insurance policy that guarantees the amount. The present funding guarantee runs through January 1, 2005, although the foundation continues to solicit funds for the purse.

The X Prize has sparked a lively competition, with 24 teams from seven nations participating as of October 2003.

Three of the X Prize contenders are based in Texas.

Dr. Norman LaFave, chief executive officer of Houston's Lone Star Space Access, exemplifies the can do spirit of the X Prize contenders.

"I see a bright future for commercial space in Texas, but we need a push at the grass roots level to go beyond reliance on NASA for that to happen," he said. LaFave's space technologies company is working to further that goal by developing the Cosmos Mariner, an inexpensive jet/rocket hybrid spaceplane capable of operating from conventional airports. LaFave has a quarter century of aerospace experience with NASA and the military as well as private sector.

Another Houston based team, Advent Launch Services, is made up of NASA retirees who are focusing on reliable, low cost space access of a kind that the space agency, so far, has had little success in delivering. The company's president, Jim Akkerman, is a 36 year NASA veteran.

The Advent X Prize contender will be a 35 foot, single stage winged rocket designed to launch from and land in the Gulf of Mexico; it will give its passengers a three minute period of weightlessness and an extraordinary view.

"The most dramatic benefit from space will be energy," Akkerman said. "NASA did a study in 1980 that documented

the fact that we can beam energy down from space for about two cents a kilowatt hour, with no environmental impact. (The energy companies) should consider it a new energy find, one that takes a little time and money to develop."

A third Texas team, Mesquite based Amadillo Aerospace, is widely considered to be one of the most promising contenders for the X Prize, due not least to the financial support of its leader John Carmack, a legendary computer game developer. Armadillo's entry will be a 24 foot single stage rocket designed to land via parachute, its fall cushioned by a crushable aluminum nosecone.

"In the short term, we're looking to do some full scale moderate altitude testing within the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) 'amateur' classification, which does not require a license," said team member Jim Milburn. "These tests may include a manned flight through 10,000 feet before the end of this year.

All agree with the old NASA joke. Once paperwork weighs as much as the project, in all probability it can.



The Lion King needed a few words from Dad before roaring



Boy, sheer terror when these three pounded your door!

Want to see some terrifying scenes?



These two guys really scared the County Clerk



The adults looked for a Margarita party but ended up tricking



This pair scared no one, got lots of sweets for their sweets

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S Academic Excellence Indicator System Rating

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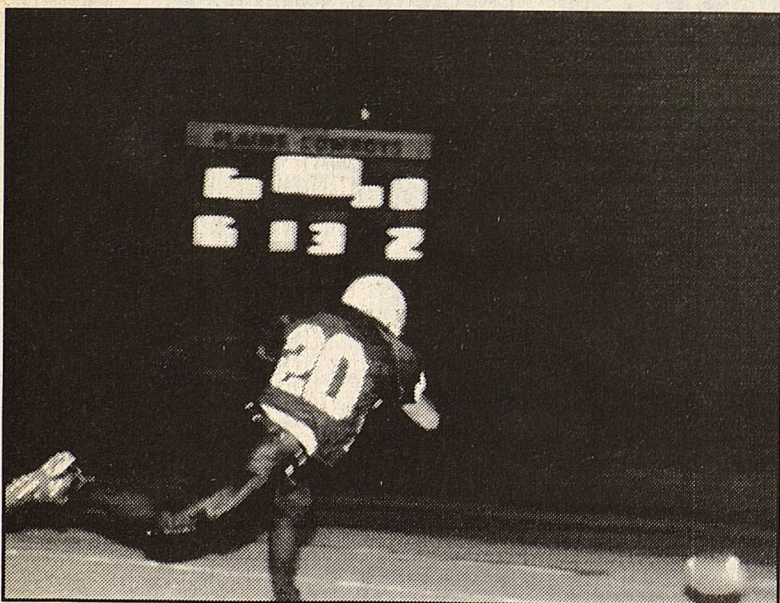
QB Evan Cain had busy night, running, throwing the ball



Three Cowboy defenders maul Smyer running back



Patrick Cotton caught this tall ball for 18 yard gain



Arnold Cordova made good effort on overthrow pass

kick gave Plains the 21-0 lead. Good defensive work from McNabb, Ramirez and Cordova held the Bobcat offense in check, and their punt put the Cowboy offense in gear at their 30. The Cowboy linemen allowed big ground gains from Cain, Michael Crump, Diaz, Williams and Ramirez, and from the 7, Williams went up the middle for 6 points, and Cordova's kick made the scoreboard read 28-0.

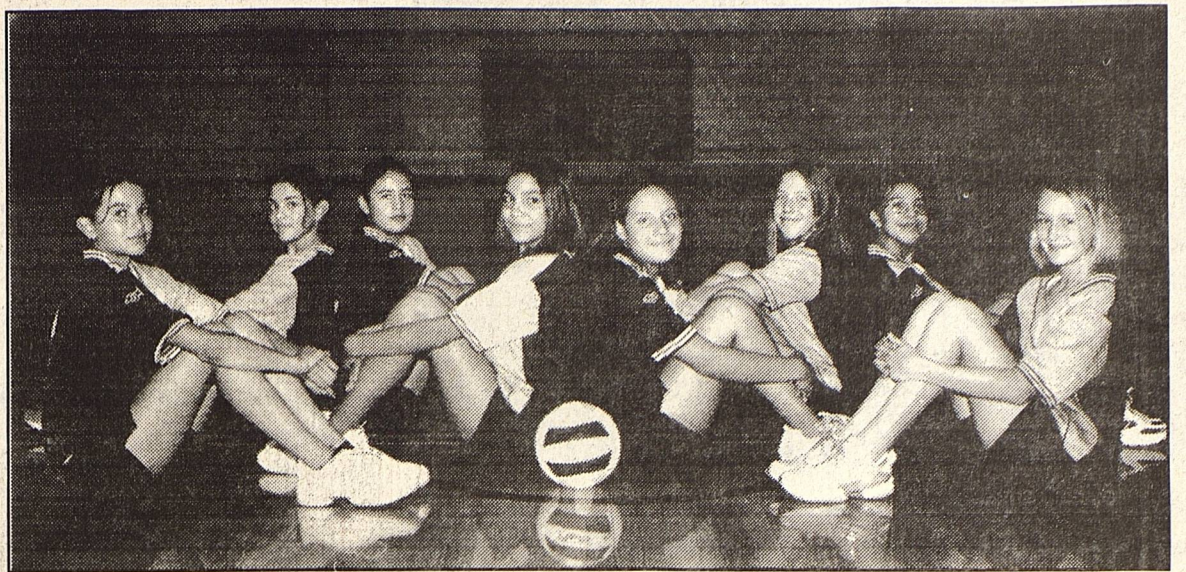
The Cowboy defense held the Bobcats to one first down in their possession, and the offense went back to work at their own 21. Cain went to the air, and quickly hit Broome for gains of 20, 28, 13 yards, then rushed for a gain to the 5, where Diaz puched the ball to the 1 yardline. Cain found Broome open again for the scoring toss, and Cordova's kick moved the Cowboys ahead 35-0.

With 8 minutes on the clock in the third quarter, the Cowboy defenders either blinked or dozed, for the Bobcat full back Garza burst over the middle and raced 76 yards before Diaz chased him to ground at the Cowboy 4, and on the next play, Garza pushed the ball over the goal and a score of 35-6 Cowboys.

The Cowboys were apparently stung. Neufeld returned the kickoff ten yards to the 40, and on the first play from scrimmage Diaz sped around his right end for a 60 yard scoring dash, and following Cordova's fourth extra point, the final 42-6 score.

Game stats included; 20 Cowboy first downs, 12 Smyer. Diaz had 105 rushing yards, Williams 90, Cain 36, Arnold Cordova and Michael Crump 26, Ramirez 9. Cain completed 7 passes for 108 yards, Broome caught 5 for 81 yards. Ramirez

Jr. High girls have good volleyball season



7th Lady Wranglers: Briana Conway, Lydia Whitzel, Yesenia Loya, Reyna Gallegos, Mari Ruiz, Kimber Williams, Crystal Tarango, Heather Parrott. Coached by Angela Jones.



8th Lady Wranglers: Maretta Trent, Maria Andazola, Elizabeth Perez, Amber Friesen, Lauren Davis, Flor Lara, Katie Winn, Lauren Hise, Joani Bell. Coached by Charles Cain.

and Isaac Ramon scored quarterback sacks, Blake O'Quinn, Broome, Ben Hayes, Grady McNabb and Payton Bean had tackles for losses, and Broome had one interception in a night of good efforts.

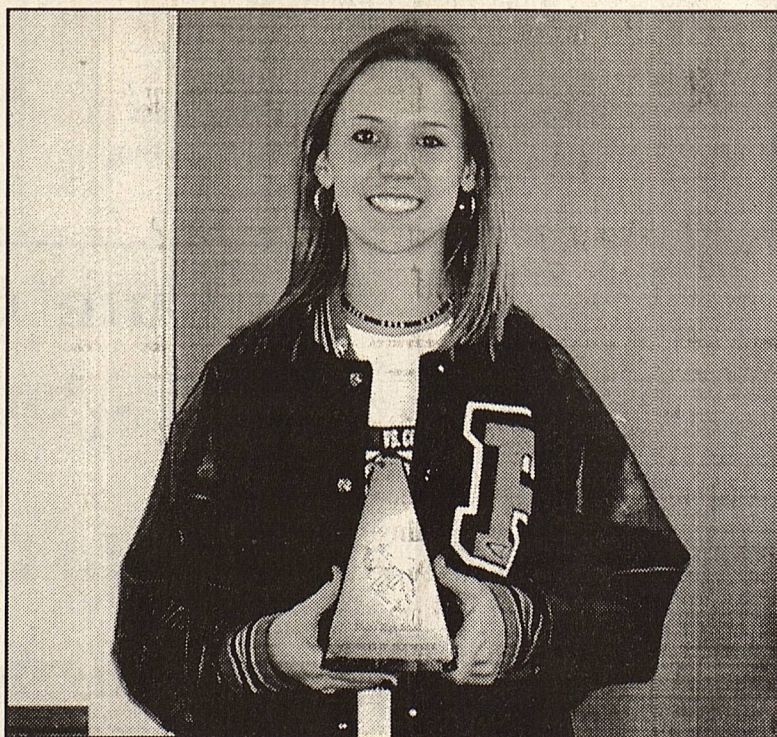
The Cowboys end their season next Friday on the road to meet the highly regarded Morton Indians. They have managed three hard fought victories this season after being shut out last year, and they deserve and can certainly use your presence and vocal support at their finale.

Cowgirl Volleyball Update

In October 28 action, the Cowgirls took on Denver City. They dropped the first game 10-25, came back much stronger but fell 23-25, and lost the finale 11-25.

After clinching the District title with wins over Whiteface, they start Bi-District action this Saturday, November 8, facing McCamey in Andrews at 6:PM. *They need your presence!!* A win will lead to a match with the winner of the Sierra Blanca-Fort Davis game.

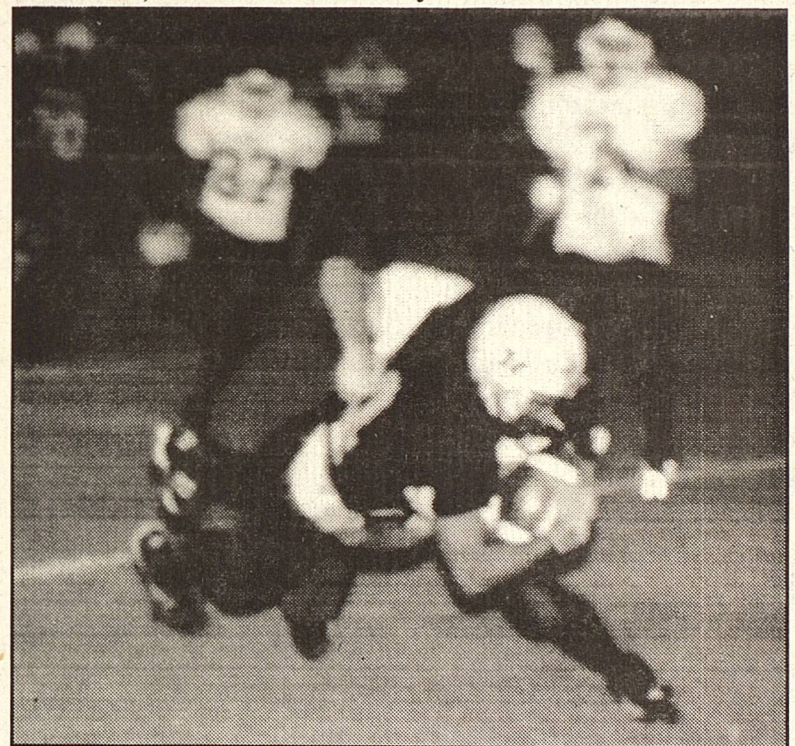
Student Of The Week



PHS Student of the Week is Stacie Alldredge, a senior and the daughter of Pat and Steve Alldredge. She was nominated by Michell Lusk, who quoted verses from the song "Only The Strong Survive":

*Take me up where only angels can fly
If you need a helping hand I won't pass you by
Take me up on a wing and a prayer,
If you need someone you'll know I'll be there,
Only the strong survive, I'm doing what I can
You gotta understand, only the strong survive.*

Stacie is a prime example that Only The Strong Survive. She is mentally tough in and out of the classroom. She gives 110% in all she does, even though things may not always come easily to her."



Armando Ramirez, we THINK, goes down after gain



Jacob Brink did a great job as Ball-Boy for the Cowboys this year. A number of officials told the CCN photographer he was there "to take care of business."

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Senior Citizens Corner

When Hurricane Isabella was approaching Washington DC, both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives took two days off because they couldn't work. At the same time the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment because of the dangers of the approaching storm. They refused. "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled 24 hours, seven days a week, since 1930.

Tuesday was the day for the '42' tournament. It was also the day for more flu shots from one to three o'clock. Several people were on hand for these events.

Pat Altman and her helpers decorated the dining room for the Halloween holiday. We all appreciate Oat's tireless efforts to make each holiday a festive event.

Pam and Reuben Alvarez were luncheon guests on Monday. We enjoyed hearing them reminisce about when they attended school in our building.

Do some days seem long and you would like to find some interesting thing to do? Let me suggest joining friends at the domino tables. The men have their own domino room and several players can be found there everyday after lunch. The ladies also have tables in the dining room where they enjoy the game. Dominoes are popular in this part of the country, whereas card games are played more in the tier of states north of this area where I grew up. Dominoes were used during

ancient times. They originated from dice which were made from bones. They came to be called dominoes from their resemblance to the style of a half mask called domino. Some form of dominoes were found to be played in ancient China in 1120 AD. The Chinese dominoes were divided into two categories, Military and Civilian. The game first appeared in Europe in the 18th century in Italy where they were played in the courts of Venice and Naples. The game arrived in Britain in the 18th century from France (possibly via French prisoners of war) and quickly became popular in inns and taverns. Dominoes are played in almost all countries of the world but the game is most popular in Latin America. And now you know the rest of the story.

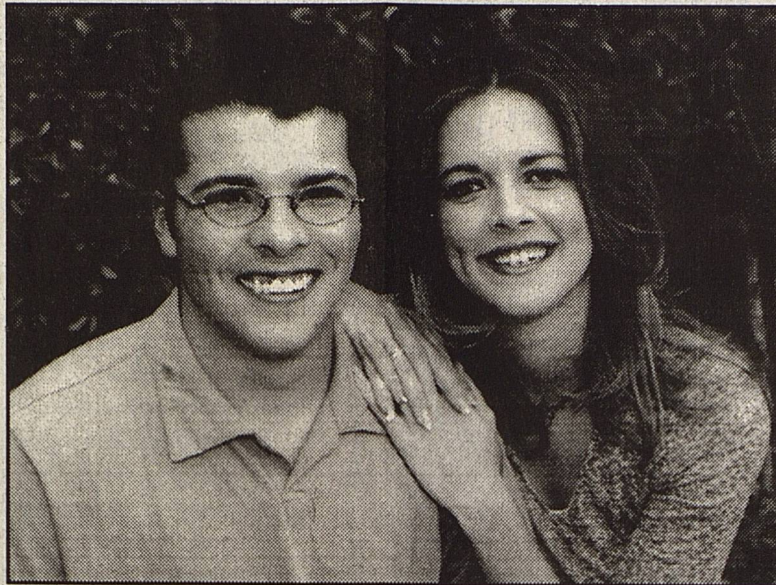
Thought for today: This was written by a Negro fellow in Texas. What a wonderful sense of humor! "When I was born, I was black. When I grew up, I was black. When I go in the sun, I am black. When I am cold, I am black. When I am scared, I am black. When I die, I will still be black.

Now you white folks; when you are born, you are pink. When you grow up, you are white. When you go in the sun, you are red. When you are cold, you are blue. When you are scared, you are yellow. When you are sick, you are green. When you are bruised, you are purple; and when you die, you are gray.

So who are you calling 'colored' folks?"

We plan to take some time visiting family and friends around the central part of the country. I will be back with more news in a couple of weeks. June

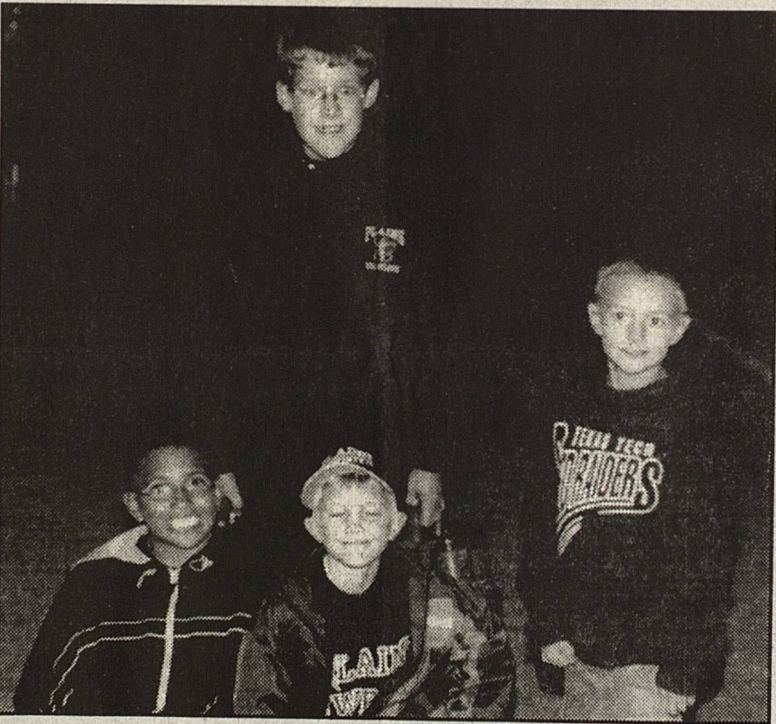
Engagement, wedding plans announced



Richie and Paula Cullins of Plains announce the engagement of their daughter, Lensey, to Brandon Polyniac, son of Claudia Polyniac of Big Spring and the late Daniel Polyniac/ Grandparents of the couple are Bruce Nadine Parr of Childress, Omer and Vidy Cullins of Santa Anna, and Daniel and Connie Polyniac of Clifton, New Jersey.

The couple will marry December 20, 2003, in the Brownfield First Baptist Church Chapel.

The Cowboys "Water Wagon"



The Cowboy football team was well watered during time outs at this seasons games by the crew shown here. They were headed up by Robert Davis, top of photo, assisted by, left to right, Jarek Black, Jaston Brink, and Zach Wilkins. They hustled lots of water, and had no small amount of fun.... especially the three at the bottom of photo!

"United We Stand" Theme For Tsa Mo Ga's Club Year

Tsa Mo Ga members met October 27 with a "Public Affairs Project" meeting.

Ann McGinty presented the club's theme and dedication for the year: "God Bless America" United We Stand in Community Service. McGinty read: "Tsa Mo Ga members must be active to the call of our community needs as the club year proceeds, civically as well as spiritually. Search out the cause and effect of the community weaknesses in the different areas of our country, as well as Plains and surrounding areas. We can be a great force individually, as well as a club group. We are grateful to the deployed military men who face adversity on many different fronts. Take a few moments to think about those who are so far from their homes and loved ones. As fellow Americans, we appreciate and respect the sacrifice they are making for their community and country. Just as important as the men and women protecting our country are their families, those left at home to face their battles every day. Let us never forget 'United We Stand in Service of our Community and Our Armed Forces.'

The club's dedication is: "What makes a great nation? Not its mines, not its rivers, not its machinery, not its money, important as these are. Only people make a nation great, people like you and your family, and forbears, our servicemen and their families defending our country. In short, you and the neighbors are the strength of the nation and hope of the world and to all Americans we dedicate this book, United We Stand."

The program also included a reading of "Which Way, America?"

Carolyn Culwell and Terri Hansen were hostesses for the meeting. Members brought candy for the Student Council Trick or Trunk Halloween project and also turned in gift wrap orders.

The club's November 10 Americanism meeting will feature four high school students who will report on summer trips to Washington, DC, American Legion Boys State and the Johnson Space Center. Members should bring Christmas gifts for patients in the veterans hospital in Big Spring

So, What's New?

Video payphones developed by Italian manufacturer Aethra are coming to the U.S., and Houston based Westerman & Associates will market the phones in Texas. Bob Baker, director of sales and marketing for Westerman, said he sees a broad market for the video payphones, including airports, coffee shops, cyber cafes and college dormitories. Baker said a prepaid video payphone card would cost \$10 to \$15 for 45 to 60 minutes.

And from Scotland; Tiny pills, less than 100th of a hair's width, could be a powerful cancer fighting weapon, said two

University of Texas biomedical engineers. Nicholas Peppas, a UT chemical/biomedical engineering professor, and doctoral student Jay Blanchette shared their findings on the tiny pills, or nanospheres, at the Controlled Release Society's 30th annual meeting in Scotland in July.

They said cancer patients could take the pills at home, which is more convenient than going to the hospital for chemotherapy injections or infusions. The National Institutes for Health provided funding for the research study.

We wish the District winning Cowboy Cross-Country team the best in the Regional meet Saturday, 9:30 AM, at Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park! Go all the way and Win State !!

Monday, November 10, Happy 90th birthday, Alma Been ! May you have 90 more! Gary & Holly

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First United Methodist Church
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Sunday Schedule
Children's Choir - 9:45 am
followed by Sunday School
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

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From The Hack

I assume all of you survived Halloween. It was a non-event at our house; I had to do photographs at the Smyer football game, and the Bride spent most of the evening at one of the daughters, handing out about 87 pounds of sweet stuff to the little beggars. She reported there were again a few beggars she was suspicious about. One she spotted had most of a full blown mustache showing under his skimpy mask, and she said she was almost positive she smelled beer on his breath when he deeply mumbled, "gimme some candy or you maybe get a pretty good trick, huh?" She knows what beer smells like - she had an uncle who drank the stuff. She said one sweet-stuff beggar, obviously a female according to the dress she wore and also obviously about 8 months with child, according to the bulge in her dress, was busily unwrapping candy even before it had hit the bottom of her sack. Guess her condition had given her a severe sweet tooth. One of our Grandsons fully grown.... a college grad.... soon to have his Master's degree..... happily married... went to a Lubbock Halloween party dressed as a COW. Yes, a cow suit and cow horned mask with a copiously full udder dangling off the chest of his cow suit. His own, true feet were covered by, what else, cow hooves. And since no real cow would be without one, he even had a cow tail hanging off his buttocks. I am absolutely positive there had to be alcohol at the party....

no male I'm familiar with could possibly spend several hours dressed in a cow suit while cold sober, clapping about on two hooves, swishing his tail in other folks drinks, having every male at the party, and most of the females come up to him, administering a careful groping while lewdly giggling. "Oh, My, your udder seems to have dried up!"

Two fairly elderly ladies who have been very close friends for many decades were playing cards. While they were enjoying their refreshments and taking a little break from their card game, one of the ladies looked over at the other, and in a rather reserved manner, said, "Now please, don't get irritated with me. You know I love you, and we have been good friends for a long, long time.... but for the life of me and after much study and worry, I just simply cannot think of your name. I am SO sorry, but I can't stand it any longer. Now, please, tell me your name!"

There was a very long period of silence, a pause lasting several minutes, perhaps longer, during which the other lady simply stared and glared at her best friend before finally asking, "How soon do you have to know?"

COUNTY JOB OPENING

The Yoakum County Treasurer's office announces a job opening for the position of an assistant County Treasurer. The position requires a high school diploma or GED, and clerical and computer skills. Applications may be obtained at the County Treasurer's office at the Courthouse in Plains (Telephone 806-456-8794). Completed applications must be returned to the Treasurer's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 17, 2003.

Bid Notice

The City of Plains is receiving sealed bids for the following item. A 1995 GMC pickup, 3/4 ton, with AC, Auto Trans., power steering, power brakes, and AM/FM radio. Bids are due, at Plains City Hall by 4:00 P.M. November 24, 2003.

1990 Toyota truck x-tra cab 4x4, 128,000 miles, \$2000 or best offer. Call 456-5695.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS) COUNTY OF YOAKUM)

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, November 14, 2003, for the purchase of (5) Hemodialysis machines for Yoakum County Hospital Dialysis Center.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 17, 2003.

Bid price will be paid from Hospital Equipment Grant Funds. To receive a bid sheet or for more information, contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 806/592-2121, 412 Mustang Avenue, Denver City, Texas 79323. Sealed bids should be marked "DIALYSIS MACHINES" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456 Cowboy Way and Avenue G., Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in Cowboy Country News October 29 and November 5, 2003.

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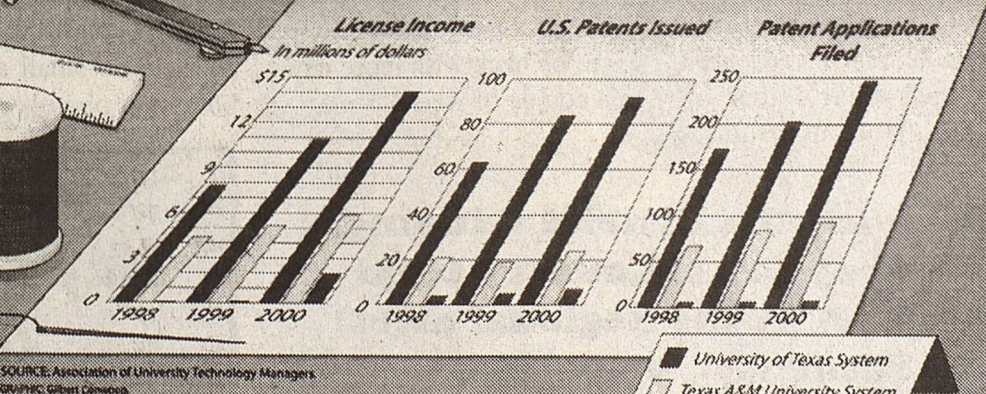
Texas at a Glance

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Universities and health science centers across the nation benefit from their research by obtaining patents and from licensing revenues for innovations. According to a survey by the Association of University Technology Managers, 142 institutions nationwide generated more than 7,500 licenses and 368 start-up companies in fiscal 2000, bringing in more than \$1.07 billion in licensing income.

Texas universities earned more than \$72 million in licensing revenues in fiscal 2000, with the University of Texas System, Texas A&M System and University of Houston earning the most.

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