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Mother Nature not helping crop harvest

Precipitation, so desperately needed across the South Plains cotton belt this spring and throughout the growing season, has not been a very welcome visitor to area producers the past few days.

While rains have not been in record amounts, they were enough to put a screeching halt to harvesting of the fiber crop, as well as peanuts and milo. Apparently the heaviest rainfall occurred in the southern part of the county and adjoining Gaines County, and there are reports of cotton stringing out of bolls in those areas.

An article in last Thursday's Lubbock Avalanche

bales. He said, surprisingly enough, the quality of the fiber this year is very good. He thinks the harvest in his customer area is more than half complete.

Closer to town, Yoakum County CoOp Gin Manager Chris Chambliss thinks his ginning run is getting close to the halfway point. "Last year we produced 35,101 bales, and right now it looks like we'll end up with around 22,000 bales this year." He also reported outstanding grades on the current production.

In the southern part of the county, Jim Brown,



Photo taken in cotton field south of US Highway 82 shows cotton stringing out of bolls following last weeks rains.

Journal, written by Wayne Board, indicated the South Plains cotton crop would produce far less than the '97 crop, a prediction Yoakum County producers have been aware of for several months.

Despite virtually every form of adversity local producers could cope with, there are a few amazing reports of cotton production. One local farmer, who told CCN, "I don't want you quoting me, because most of the other guys will think I am either bragging or lying," stripped an irrigated circle of cotton which produced well over three bales per acre. The plight of the area dry-land cotton producers completely overshadowed the few such success stories.

Most of the counties gins predict their production will be well down from 1997 bale production. Marc Traweck, Gin Manager at Tokio Co Op, estimated he will gin only about one-third the cotton produced last year. His production area is predominantly dry land farming, and he estimates this years run will produce from 10,000 to 12,000 bales, compared to last years 29,294

spokesman for Sun-Cot Gin in the Higginbotham area, thinks they are a bit more than one-third finished with ginning. Last year they produced 34,000 bales of cotton, and he hopes they will hit 30,000 bales this year. He indicated heavy rains in the area last week could affect both grades and production.

Ron Craft, Manager of New-Tex Gin on the stateline, thinks his ginning run is a bit over one-third finished. Last year New-Tex produced some 47,000 bales, and Craft thinks they will peak around 30,000 bales this year. "We're seeing a broad spectrum in yields this year, some as low as 270 pounds per acre, yet some over 1,400 pounds. Overall the grades have been good, but there is quite a bit of fluctuation in the micronaire, and in some cases that is hurting the price."

If a poll were taken of South Texas cotton growers, it is a certainty the 1998 crop year is not one they would like to repeat, no doubt a feeling shared by most of their bankers.

NRCS new 'Team Leader' assigned here

Yoakum and Terry County are now sharing the services of Resource Team Leader Donald Gibbons, who assumed the position on October 26.

Gibbons, 35, is a veteran of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, serving as Conservationist at Silverton, Haskell and Brownfield. His last position was the District Conservationist at Stanton.

Interviewed here Monday, Gibbons said federal budget

restraints caused general 'belt tightening' throughout the NRCS. Recently it appeared the local office would be closed, but the concept of Resource Team Leaders working adjoining counties will enable county producers to continue to receive conservation services and assistance out of the Plains office. Range Land Management Specialist Phillip Carter will also be able to remain in the Plains NRCS office.

Gibbons said his initial plans call for him to spend three days a week in the local office, and two in Brownfield. The following week he would be there three days, and two here. "I think it's very important for local producers to know our services will be accessible for both locations. This move is a real administrative challenge.

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Voter turnout for General Election produces good numbers, few surprises

County voters showed more interest in the general election than the earlier primaries, casting almost 500 more votes according to the County Clerk office. County voters mirrored the statewide trend, choosing Republican candidates in all but two of the contested races on the ballot. The following results do not reflect the total vote here, unavailable at press time.

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Kenney Smith (D) 724
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Melba Crutcher (D) 536
Constable, Pct 2
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Cowgirls win 35th consecutive district volleyball crown!

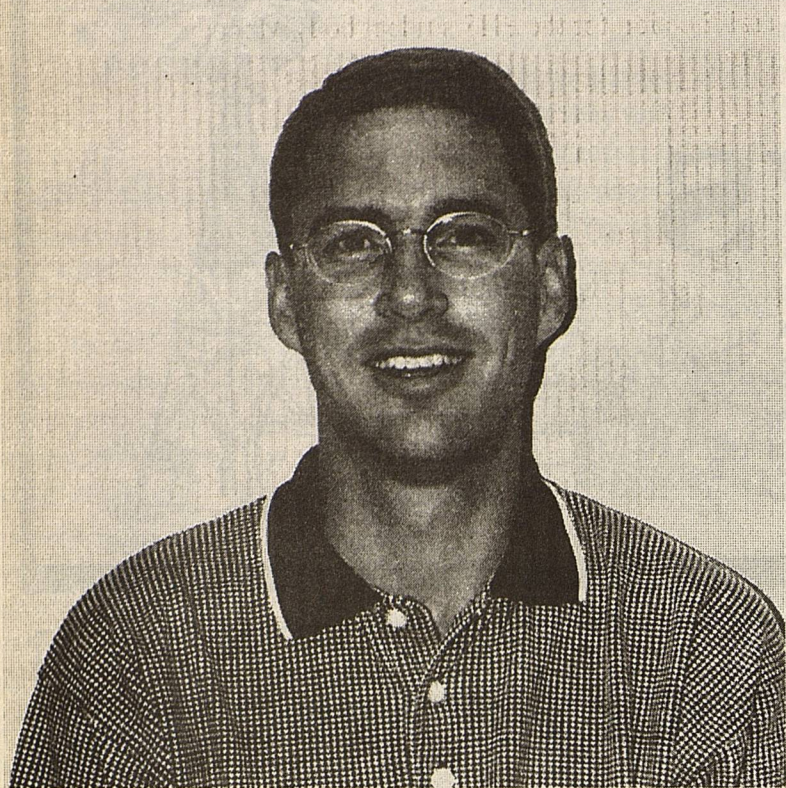


Seated: Kerri Guetersloh, Candace Bowers, Lexi Warren, Elva Ruiz. Standing: Coach Mark Johnson, Jolyne Burgess, Patti Ruiz, Kim Newland, Jessica Flores, Laura Morales, Kayla Redman.

The Cowgirls defeated Tahoka the second time last week to take District honors. In the last matchup, they downed Tahoka 15-8, 13-15 and 15-6. Jessica served for 11 points, Laura had 7, Kayla 3, Patti 8, Candace 2 and Jolyne 12. In other action, the Cowgirls also defeated Sanford Fritch, 15-3 and 15-11. Jolyne had 10 points served, Jessica 6, Laura 3, Kayla 1, Patti 5, and Frances 5.

The Cowgirls will face either Nocona or Milsap in Regional action Saturday, November 7.

McMinn Becomes Licensed Professional Engineer

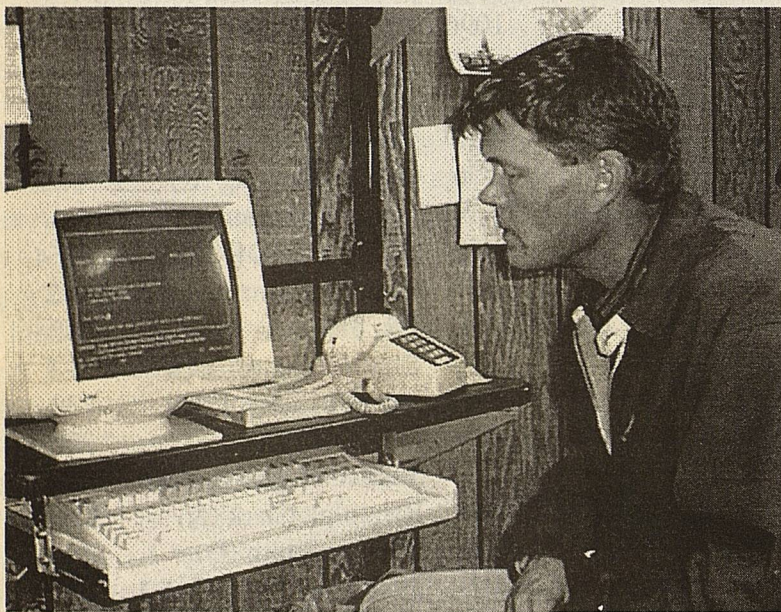


The Texas Board of Professional Engineers has recently certified Shane McMinn as a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas. McMinn, a 1988 Plains High School graduate, obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1992 from Texas Tech University.

In becoming a professional engineer, Shane had to possess an approved engineering degree, complete at least four years of relevant engineering experience, and pass the national Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations.

Shane and his wife Karen, have one son, Brighton. The McMinn's live in Tahoka where Shane is employed as an electrical engineer with Lyntegar Electric Cooperative. Shane is the son of Larry and Paula McMinn of Plains.

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Donald Gibbons

and I want to stress we are committed to providing quality service to both areas."

Gibbons said he has a lifelong association with agriculture, growing up on his grandparents farm and ranch in Eldorado, Oklahoma. He received a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Finance from Tarleton State University at Stephenville in 1985.

Criminal cases heard

In Judge Kelly Moore's District Court October 28, Macario Cesar Mendoz, 34, pled guilty to possession of less than one gram of cocaine. His two year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500 and must pay \$246 court costs, plus \$140 restitution to DPS. He will spend 30 days in jail with credit for four days served. He also forfeited \$1225 in U.S. currency.

He and his wife Sharla have a three year old son, Brice. Sharla is currently the varsity tennis coach at Greenwood High School. She hopes to soon be employed with the Denver City School District as a Junior High coach. Gibbons is currently staying in Brownfield with relatives, and the couple plan to move to Denver City when her employment there is definite.

In County Court October 29, presided over by Judge Brewer, Luciano Garcia, 33, pled guilty to DWI and open container. His 30 day jail sentence was met with 54 days served. He was fined \$500, must pay \$199 court costs and appointed attorney fees of \$200. He was represented by Attorney Paul Mansur. Criminal District Attorney represented the State in both cases.

Mann named President of Seminole National

Richard Watts, President and CEO, the Board of Directors, and the employees of Seminole National Bank are very pleased to announce Mr. Mark C. Mann has been named President of Seminole National Bank, effective November 16, 1998. Mr. Watts will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer. The changes are in recognition of the growth of the bank and our strong commitment to meet the needs of our customers and community.

Mann previously served as Vice President and Senior Lender in the bank from 1987 through 1994. Following twelve years as an agricultural lender in Seminole, Mr. Mann served as President of First Bank & Trust of Clarendon, Texas. Over the years, Mr. Mann established many lending relationships in the area and has expressed his excitement in returning to Seminole and the area.

Mr. Mann's family includes his wife, Briss, and their two children, Hadley and Colby, both born in Seminole.

Mr. Watts will continue general bank oversight and existing relationships with customers in the bank, while he takes an expanded role with the holding company to assist in developing programs which will be implemented in related banks. Seminole National Bank acquired the Denver City Bank Branch in early 1998 while First National Bank of Pecos acquired a branch in Kermit in April 1998 and just completed a branch acquisition in Crane on October 23, 1998. The First National Bank in Alpine was acquired by the group in September, 1998 and has an existing branch in Study Butte-Terlingua. Total assets and loans for the related banking group are approximately \$250,000,000 and \$90,000,000 respectively. Mr. Watts will be an important part of our banks' efforts to meet the needs of our customers in a changing banking environment.

NOTICE

Notice of a public hearing at the regular school board meeting on November 9, 1998 in the board room at 7:30 p.m. for the presentation of the District Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report.



Pair of bands produce really big sound



In an unusual move at Saturdays district game at Seagraves, The Cowboy Marching Band and the Eagles Marching Band joined forces to present the halftime show. The bands each performed three numbers facing the Cowboy fans, then the Eagle stands for an impressive performance.

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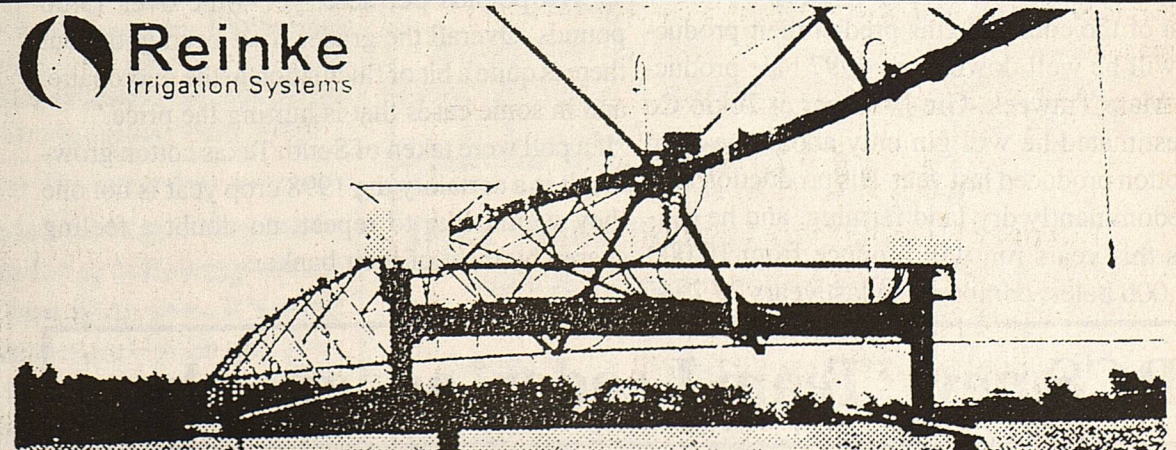
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156	1990 GMC 1/2 ton PK
305	1984 Chevy Caprice Classic
371	1994 Chevy 1/2 ton PK, 4 WD Cab & Chasis
322	1989 Chevy S10 Blazer
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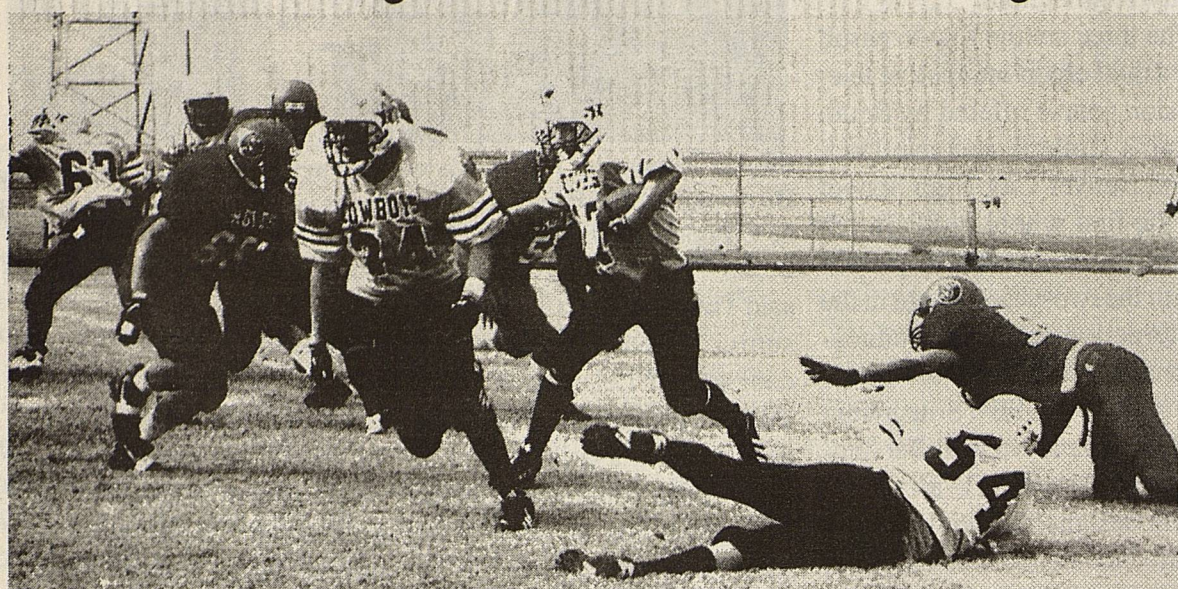
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Seagraves too much for Cowboys, win 33-0 over Friday and Saturday



Tony Lazos, 67, Steven Bunch, 74, and Dustin Brunson, attempt to provide some blocking for quarterback Jared Bell

Last Friday night in Seagraves, the referee trotted up to Coach Larry McMinn following a number of spectacular lightning flashes, followed by long rolls of thunder, and said, "Coach, that lightning seems to be getting closer, you think we should delay this awhile?" At that precise moment, another brilliant lightning flash lit up the skies, bringing a very vocal response from both stands. That prompted Coach McMinn to quickly say "Yeah, let's get out of here."

At that time, the scoreboard read Seagraves 7, Plains 0, with a little over 8 minutes remaining in the first quarter. After about twenty minutes, with the weather deteriorating even more, an announcement was made postponing the game un-

til 1 P.M. the next day. A Cowboy fan, late in the delayed game Saturday, quipped, "We should have forfeited the game last night when they only had us down seven points."

The Cowboys managed to make a number of good defensive stands both Friday night and Saturday afternoon, but could never permanently halt the Eagles strong offensive machine. Conversely, the Cowboys were never able to get their offense in the proper gear, and managed but four first downs and a total of forty yards offense in the contest.

To their credit, the Cowboys were not hampered by mistakes bringing yellow flags flying from the Zebras. They drew only one five yard penalty, com-

pared to nine for 95 yards against the Eagles.

The Cowboys did not lie down and quit, and played hard throughout the contest. Their inability to control the line of scrimmage both offensively and defensively sealed their doom. The Eagle defenders pressured Quarterbacks Kyle Sisson and Jared Bell throughout the game, and played havoc with Cowboy runners Adam Garcia, David Luna and Vincent Delgado.

The Cowboys wind up their long season this Friday night in a finale against Coahoma here. It would be very fitting if the stands at Cowboy field were full of fans to show their support, and recognize the efforts of the Cowboy Seniors.

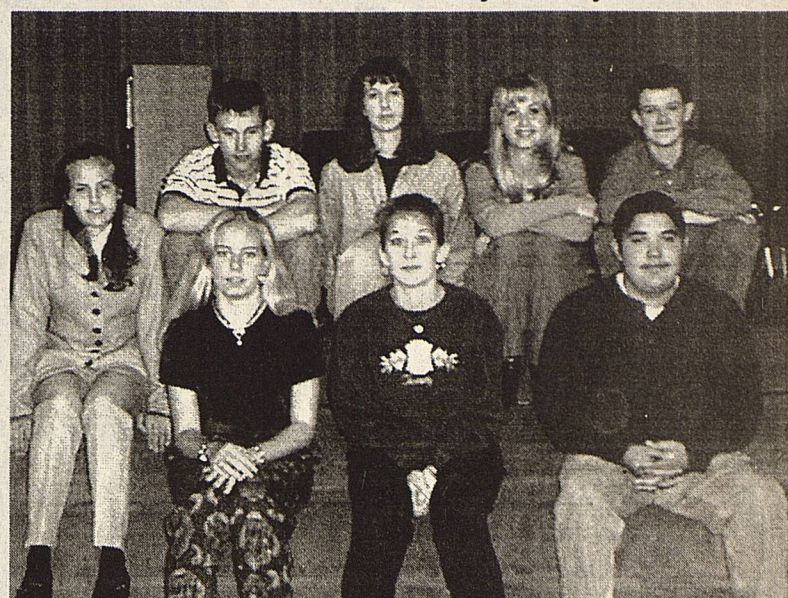
Jr. High Volleyball

The 7th and 8th grade Lady Wranglers ended their season last week against Brownfield. The 7th girls fell 17-15, 4-15, 7-15, and the 8th girls were downed 15-8, 2-15, and 15-6. Coaches said the season was a learning experience; The girls learned to pass, hit, serve and set, but more importantly, learned to work together.

Regional Cross Country Meet at Mae Simmons Park, 19th St. and Martin Luther King, Lubbock. Girls run at 10 AM, boys at 10:30 AM

PHS Students Talk Politics

These students from Coach Brink's zero hour Government class gave a pre-election preview of major statewide races in the General Election for the PHS student body Monday.



Participating were, Front Row, Cassie Dearing, LaCresha Johnson, Isaac Gonzales, Back, Keith Jackson, Kristen Gray, Anne Palmer, Jason Swann.

The Junior High Wranglers had no better luck against Seagraves than the JV and Varsity Cowboys. The 7th Wranglers fell to the young Eagles 14-0, and the 8th boys were burned 38-0.

Freshmen, JV Volleyball

The Freshmen Cowgirls won their district championship game against Tahoka. They had endured a long, tough season, but finished the season with back to back wins. Team members are Arasley Luna, Erica Bell, Cassey Alcorta, Dominga Avila, Allison Butler, Elizabeth Clanahan, Becky Coronel, Wendy Fierro, Julie Gonzales, Ashley Gonzalez, Ragan McGinty and Chelsi Wagnon.

The JV Cowgirls fell short in district action, falling to Tahoka 11-15 and 13-15. Kim Willis served for 4 points, Roxy Fuentes had 1, Michaela Traweck 4, Annaliesa O'Quinn 3, Tanya Vasquez 2, America Hernandez 1, Frances Cordova 2, Staci Tuggle 7. Coach Lusk said she was proud of their improvements, work ethic and discipline. Team members included the above girls, and Amanda Garcia.

PHS Student of the Week



This weeks student of the week is Velvet Canada, a Junior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Canada. She was nominated by Mrs. Steffens, who said, "She is an outstanding student. She sets high goals and standards for herself and works hard to reach them. She never wants to just "get by", she always gives her best and goes that "extra mile" in everything she does. She is very motivated and passes that motivation on to those around her. She is also very helpful to her classmates. Her positive attitude and sweet personality have made her a valuable asset to this school and community.

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Maranda Box, Autumn Deaton, Linsey Cullins, Chelsi Wagnon, Allison Butler.

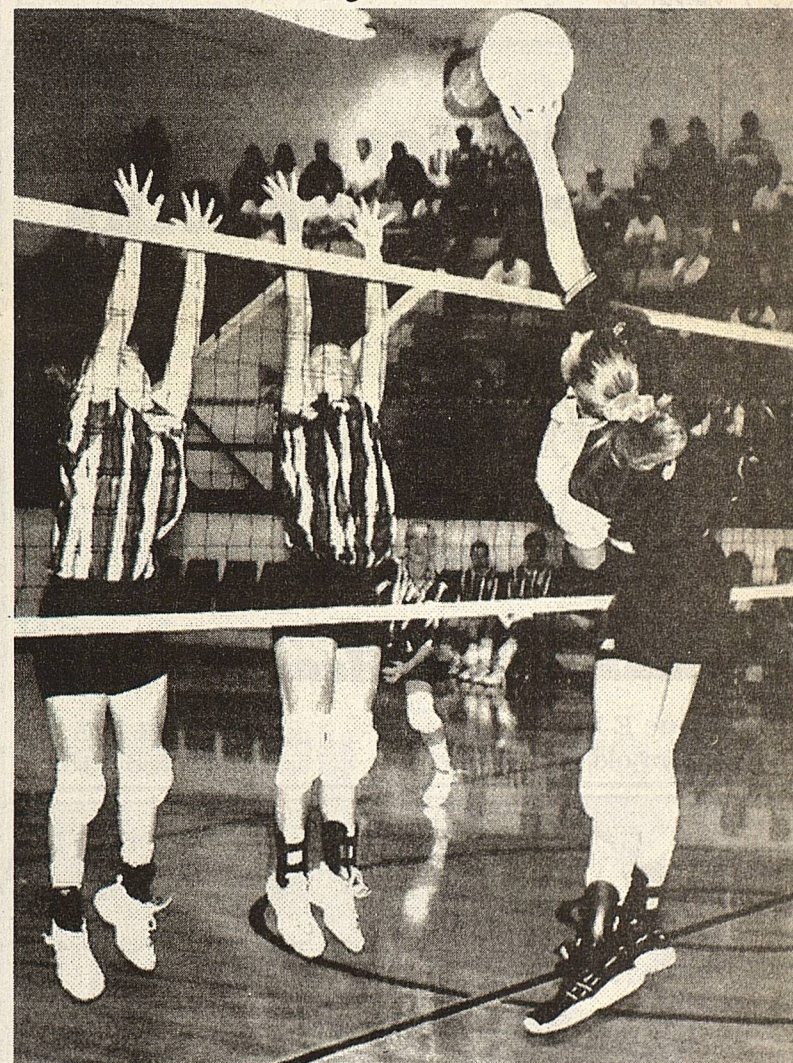
The Cheerleaders didn't have a lot to cheer about in the big loss to Seagraves, But the CCN camera did spot one happy moment.

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Math/Science team wins sweepstakes at Lubbock High Off to another impressive start



Front, Tommie McNabb, Nicole Haynes, Jason Swann, Lesli Rowe. Back, Aaron Cain, Clint Burrus, Kristen Gray, Annaliesa O'Quinn.

The Plains Math and Science team traveled to Lubbock, Saturday, October 30, and competed in the Lubbock High UIL Practice Meet. The Math/Science team won the A-AAA division. The Calculator, Math, and Science teams took first place and the Number Sense team finished third. Individual performances: Freshman: Annaliesa O'Quinn 2nd NS, 2nd Cal, 2nd Math, 3rd Science. Sophomores: Aaron Cain 8th NS, 5th Cal, 4th Math, 7th Science. Nicole Haynes 6th NS, 4th Cal, 5th Math. Lesli Rowe 10th NS, 7th Cal. Juniors: Jason Swann 5th NS, 10th Cal, 8th Math, 4th Science. Kristen Gray 1st NS, 1st Cal, 1st Math, 2nd Science. Seniors: Clint Burrus 4th NS, 4th Cal, 6th Math, 6th Science. Tommie McNabb 7th NS, 2nd Cal, 6th Math, 2nd Science.

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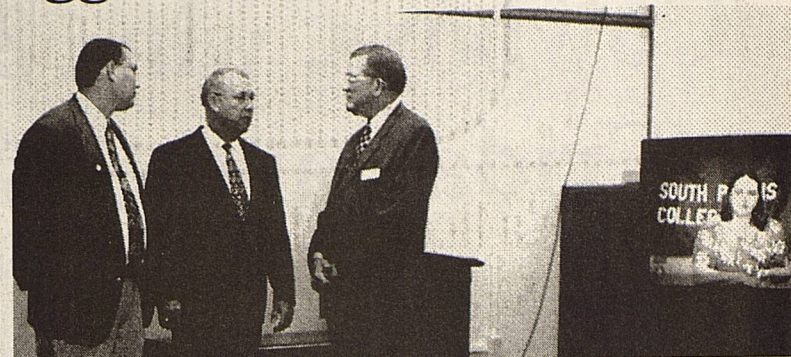
Denver City High Students Plugged Into SPC

They may be enrolled in an unusual long distance English class, but Traci Tucker, Cindy Trice and Jessica Holt are making history this fall at Denver City High School.

The three are the first to enroll in a dual credit interactive television course offered by South Plains College in Levelland. And Denver City High School is the first school in SPC's 15-county service area to partner with the two-year college in the interactive television educational venture. Both are members of SCATE (Southwest Center for Advanced Technological Education), a consortium designed to bring the latest technological innovations in education to partners in the Southwestern United States.

"I think this is going to be one of the best things we have ever done for our college-bound students," said Steve Mills, superintendent of the Denver City Independent School District. He said the goal is to enable the school's juniors and seniors to earn up to 24 hours of college credit through the partnership with SPC by the time they graduate from high school. "It's phenomenal that this type technology is available." Also enrolled in the television course are Jessica Holt 17 year old senior and daughter of James and Sue Holt, and Cindy Trice, 16 year old daughter of Bill and Donita Trice.

"We can see the other kids at



Shown discussing the television instruction program are Jerry Birdsong, DCHS Principal, State Representative Gary Walker, and SPC President Dr. Gary McDaniel

and college students are more than 70 miles away. Installation of a state-of-the-art phone system, computers and television equipment paved the way for the interactive television system at Denver City, Mills noted. "We did some research, looked at South Plains College, use of the SCATE network, the accessibility of college hours for our high school students and joined," he said.

Next, the camera pans to show a roomful of college students in a specially-equipped interactive television classroom on the SPC Levelland campus. Both teacher

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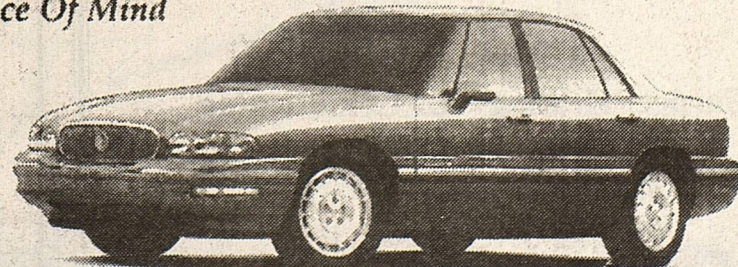


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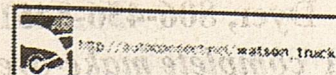
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Lifelines & Styles

Gary Walker addresses Tsa Mo Ga Club

Legislation was the theme of the Tsa Mo Ga meeting October 26, and State Representative Gary Walker addressed some of the issues facing the State Legislature when it convenes in January. Walker will start his third term as Representative of District 80.

Walker told the members and guests he felt the reason he had a Republican opponent in the March Primary was because of his support of House Speaker Pete Laney, a Democrat. "There's more at stake than party politics here. Pete Laney has been an effective voice for West Texas in the House for years, and works hard for agricultural interests which are so vital to this district and all of West Texas. He has helped keep a balance in the house between rural, sparsely populated areas like ours, and heavily populated metro areas, by making important committee appointments from both parties."

He said public school finance will again be a burning issue in the coming legislative session, and there may be some progress in easing the financial burdens

of the "Robin Hood" plan affecting so-called 'wealthy' school districts such as the two in Yoakum County. He added the large state budget surplus will be another hot item for legislators to wrangle over, and said some sort of a pay raise for Texas school teachers may be a possibility.

Tsa Mo Ga President Judy Head encouraged the members to become actively involved in local and state political activities. She recognized County officials Debbie Rushing and Toni Jones for their work in an elected County office, and Bonnie Earnest in her role as a member of the Plains City Council.

The meeting featured Halloween themed decorations and refreshments. The next club meeting will be November 9 with a program on Americanism, with high school students reporting on the American Legion and Auxiliary Boys and Girls State programs. Members were reminded to bring Christmas gifts to the Library by November 15 for distribution to veterans in the VA Hospital at Big Spring.

SPC Ex-Student Association to be Re-Established

South Plains College's recent 40th anniversary celebration and a class reunion have sparked interest in re-establishing its ex-students association. "We have a very successful year-long 40th year anniversary celebration and also hosted a reunion this fall for the class of 1964," said Steve Bryant, director of human resources and development. "Through these events, other former students have expressed an interest in contacting friends and faculty who were part of their lives at SPC. We feel that an ex-students association can help them do that."

He noted the ex-students association will provide members

with information regarding ex-student activities and offer former students an opportunity to support activities and developments currently taking place at SPC.

"We have received a lot of positive feedback from students who attended SPC," said Bryant. "If we can get these former students involved, we can create and organization to serve their needs and support the college."

Former students who want to join the SPC Ex-Students Association can visit the SPC web site at www.spc.cc.tx.us or contact SPC's Development Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2218.

Senior Citizens Corner

The "42" Tournament was the big news this week. Some ladies entered the contest who are not regular attendants. We hope they had fun and will come back. Winner of the games were Helen Phipps and Inez Turner, first place, and Jean Poage and Mola Morehead second place. The men do not contest the ladies anymore, so do not know if they had a contest.

The Defensive Driving Classes is well attended. Maybe no more "fender benders" for the Seniors.

Duncan Ashmore is home from the hospital. Claud Beattie remains in the hospital

but is better.

November and fall weather is here. The big thunder Tuesday night was awesome. The first earth shaking thunder I have heard this year.

Hope everyone had a Happy Spooky Halloween with the kids.

See you next week,

Smitty

To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it. A car won't go without gas...a fire won't burn without wood...so it is with your life. You have to fuel your body with food and your spiritual self with inspiration to keep going.



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



How Should I Clean My Children's Halloween Costumes ?

Costumes can be difficult to clean because they are often made of a variety of fabrics and trims that may not be washable or colorfast.

First, see if the costume has a care label. If it does, follow the instructions. If there is not a care label, proceed with caution. For small soiled areas, just spot-clean, using a solution of hand dishwashing or laundry detergent and water. Test an inconspicuous area.

If the costume is soiled throughout, the safest way to proceed is to test some small areas of the fabrics and trim for colorfastness. If they aren't adversely affected, hand wash the costume. Hand washing is safer than machine washing because there is less agitation to pull apart seams and trims and cause pilling of soft, fuzzy fabrics. Carefully rinse and wring out the costume, using towels to absorb excess moisture.

Hang the costume or lay it flat to dry. Costume fabrics and trims may not be able to withstand the heat of a dryer.

If the costume needs pressing, be careful with the heat setting on the iron. Many costumes are made of thermoplastic, synthetic fabrics that are easily damaged by heat. Again, test in an inconspicuous area before proceeding.

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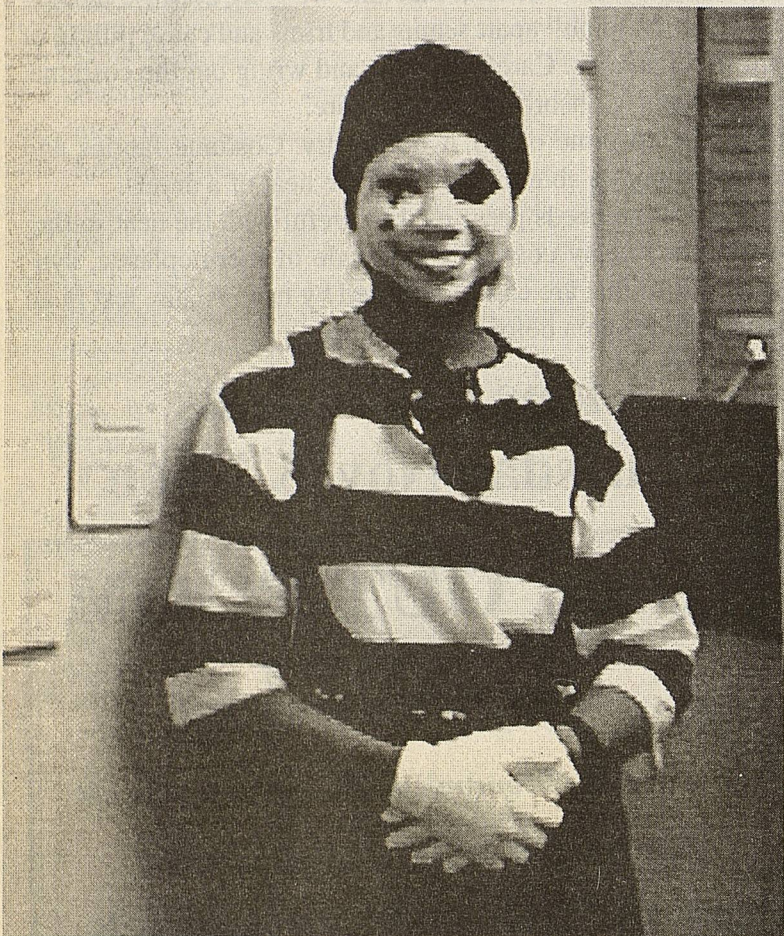
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Strange sights at courthouse Halloween eve



A plump and jolly polka dotted clown strolled the halls (Toni Jones).



A Mime in whiteface in the District Clerks office (Sherry Earnest) ready to entertain visitors



A 'Nifty Fifties' group in the County Clerks office, Debbie Rushing, Sheron Smith, Faye Nelms, Julia Lemley and Karen Bearden

Court OK's ordering computer

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, an order for a new RS-6000 computer was placed with The Software Group, Inc. The purchase had been previously approved and budgeted for 1999. Delivery of the \$45,875 computer will be made after January 1, and will solve all the Year 2000 problems in Courthouse programs. The Treasurer's report was accepted, showing a September ending balance of \$7,689,672. Treasurer Toni Jones also gave an investment report indicating funds invested in Tex-Pool were currently out performing government securities.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ted Welch received approval to trade his offices 1995 Caprice for a Sheriff Department 1995 Caprice. Welch explained the Probation Vehicle had many more miles than the Sheriff's vehicle, and the Probation office could save up to \$3000 in maintenance work. The trade was approved.

Oil Patch not in doldrums everywhere

The decline in oil well drilling activity has not been evenly distributed statewide. In fact, some regions have recorded more drilling this year than last. While it is true that many regions have posted declines, with the largest occurring in the Panhandle and Trans Pecos regions, some regions have noted increased activity.

Through July, the two Texas Railroad Commission districts incorporating counties that stretch from Houston to Brownsville reported an active rig count 36 and 40 percent higher than last year. Another region of North Texas along the Red River reported a July rig count 60 percent greater than in 1997.

"The oil and gas industry plays a major role in the Texas economy. High oil prices and new technological breakthroughs created a period of growth in the industry," says Mark Dotzour, chief economist for the Real Estate Center. "According to Baker Hughes, the number of active rigs increased from 239 in January 1996 to a high of nearly 400 in February 1998.

"Since February, falling oil prices have reduced drilling activity substantially with the active rig count standing at 288 by the middle of July-18 percent fewer than the same time a year earlier."

Paymaster Cottonseed Announces New Replant and Crop Destruct Program for 1999

Lubbock, Texas, Paymaster Cottonseed announced today a significant improvement in their stripper cotton replant and crop destruction program.

Under the new program cotton growers who have to replant Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper varieties will be provided replacement seed at no charge, up to a cost of \$35 per bag. Certain conditions will apply, but the program applies to all Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper cotton varieties.

Farmers who plant Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper varieties, but have to abandon all or part of their planted acres and choose to replant with an alternate crop, will be refunded half of their seed cost, up to a cost of \$17.50 per bag.

"This is a major benefit to cotton growers," said Jim Willeke, president of Paymaster Cottonseed. "They have to fight the weather, insects, weeds and increasing costs to make a crop. We have been listening to their concerns. This is our way of helping them when times are tough."

Steve Verett, executive vice president for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. was enthusiastic about the program. "We strongly support Paymaster's new replant program," said Verett. "We have been working with both Paymaster and

Monsanto to develop options that address the needs of the farmers. This program will really help."

Willeke added that thousands of cotton acreage have to be replanted each year due to weather conditions unique to the high plains.

The general conditions of the replant program are as follows:

- * The original planted acres must have been planted to a Paymaster Roundup Ready variety.

- * Replant seed will only be furnished for replanting the acres originally planted to a Roundup Ready Paymaster cotton variety. The farmer must use the replant seed for planting on the designated acres in the year of the sale.

- * The farmer and authorized dealer selling the seed must jointly complete forms certifying that specific grower information relating to the replanting agreement is correct.

- * Replant seed must be obtained from the dealer making the original sale.

- * Either a Paymaster district sales manager or Monsanto local marketing manager must be notified and approve the replant agreement.

- * Completed replant agreements must be mailed to Paymaster Cottonseed within two

weeks following replanting and must be received by Paymaster not later than July 15, 1999.

- * The Paymaster Roundup Ready varieties included in this program are PM 2145RR, PM 2200RR and PM 2326RR.

Farmers applying for a crop destruct refund must meet the following criteria:

- * The acres abandoned must have originally been planted to a Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper cotton variety.

- * Crop destruct form must be completed and signed by the farmer and the transgenic seed dealer who made the original sale.

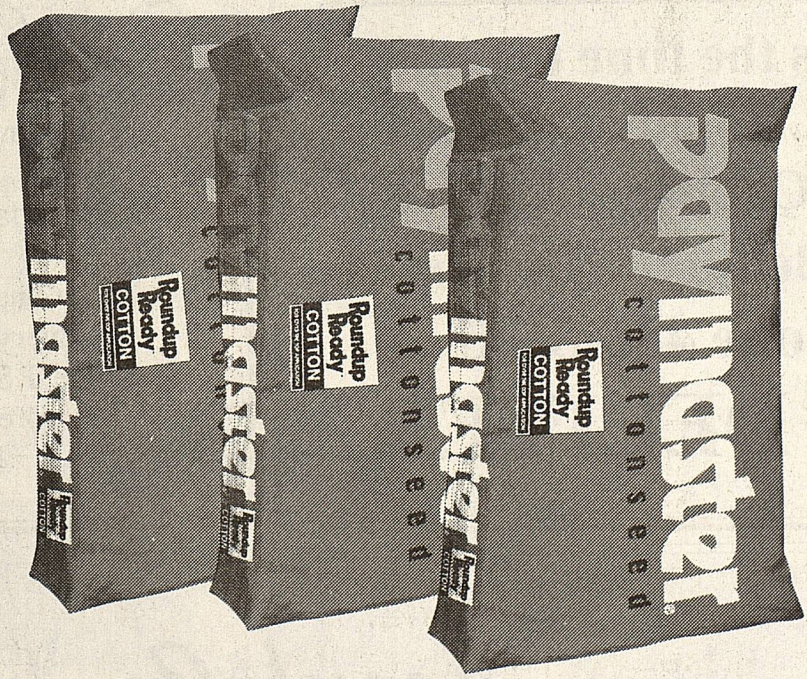
- * All crop destruct acres must be approved by a Paymaster or Monsanto representative prior to destroying the crop.

- * The deadline for crop destruction is July 1, 1999.

- * Documentation verifying the crop has been destroyed and will not be harvested nor replanted to cotton must be presented to Paymaster Cottonseed before a refund check will be issued.

Additional information related to the replant and crop destruct program will be available through Paymaster Cottonseed, Monsanto and the Paymaster dealer network.

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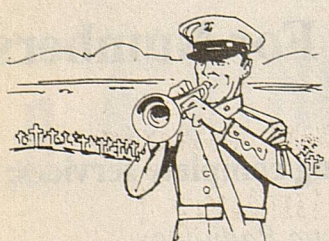
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The Great Pumpkin decorating contest

Elementary first and third graders received free pumpkins for their annual decorating project prior to Halloween, and the halls were full of some very creative art work.



First Grade Mrs. Ramos, Left to Right-Jeffery Barrientes, Katelynn Young, Arthur Ruiz, Brandon Craft, Dustin Allman, Taylor Banfield, Cassie Coronel. Back Row-Kimberlee Garcia, Natalie Haynes, Brett Hawthorne, Matthew Caballero, Claudia Andazola, Abel Casillas, Jonathon Lera, Morgan Willis, Shylo Duran.



First Grade Mrs. Davis, Left to Right-Natalie Butler, Alex Penner, Kristen Davila, Nathan Mc Cravey, Troy Parrish, Abigail Hernandez. Standing-Jacob Loewen, Ignacio Lozano, Miguel Lopez, Ernesto Calderon, Adam Longoria, Victoria Valverde, Martin Hamm, Hector Luna. Back Row Sydney Cueto, Victoria Perez.



Third Grade, Mrs. Young, Left to Right-Juanita Rivera, Ryan Crump, Amber Friesen, Britnie Duran, Katie Winn, Chandra Carpenter, Cody Mayes. Back Row-Chris Loya, John Tyson, Juan Lara, Colby Ortega, Lauren Hise.



Third Grade, Mrs. House, Left to Right-M'Leah Mckinzie, Elias Carrillo, Matthew Jimenez, Mario Sigala, Edna Luna, Joani Bill, Mareta Trent. Back Row-Jacob Rivera, Trent Hawthorne, Alex Perez, Lauren Davis, Zack Ramos, Doug Conway.



Mrs. Morris' First Grade-Seated, Brock Carter, Blake Longoria, Jasmine Mares, Carmen Gomez. Standing Jacob Brink, Abraham Wiebe, Edgar Luna, Justin Gonzales, Maria Martinez, Kenyon Powell.



Third Grade, Mrs. Engle, Left to Right-Jose Flores, Rubi Castillo, L'Shae Arnett, Marissa Melendez, Jacob Garza, Jesus Becerra, Maria Andazola. Back Row-John Wiebe, Larry Caballero, Curtis Arteaga, Serigo Olivas, Margaret Loewen, Flor Lara.

Filmtime

There were nine children in attendance at filmtime on October 28, 1998. They were; Autumn Friesen, Haley Welch, Merrit Crump, Matthew Ramos, Whitney Davis, Johnathan Davis, Clayton Gass, Brittney Roper, Karla Powell. The children sang four songs, played a game, and watched a movie. The children learned about Halloween safety and what they should and shouldn't do when Trick-or-Treating. They also received Halloween candy from the Library.

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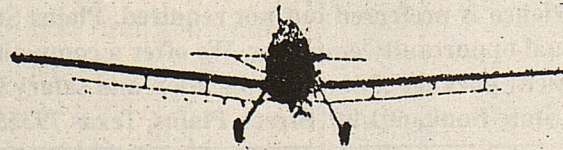
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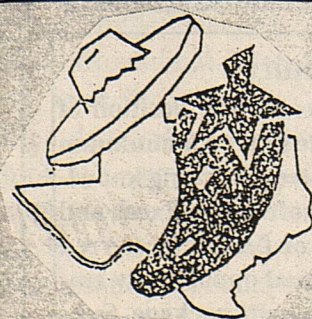
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From The Hack

The longer in the tooth I get, the harder it becomes to really impress me, stir me, thrill me, but last Thursday, watching the Discovery space shuttle blast off I seemed to regain a few past years of emotion. I felt again the excitement of witnessing brave men and women strapping themselves in a huge, fire breathing launch craft hurling them into outer space. One of them was 77 years old, and to me, this was the stunner.

Well over 30 years had elapsed since John Glenn rode the primitive Mercury space craft into orbit and history in the sixties. Now at 77, he is going on a multi-day mission testing his and his companion Astronauts every physical and mental capability.

OK. Wonderful. I sincerely wish all of them well, and a heartfelt "Godspeed". May we all joyously welcome them safely back home.

Now for the important stuff. That humongous, expensive, roaring Roman candle apparatus which propelled Discovery into space and orbit produced over 7 million pounds of thrust. Let me assure you, it would have needed well over 9 million pounds of PULL to even bring me to the craft. The Good Book reported Samson slew all sorts of folks with the jaw bone of an Ass; I would have slaughtered Samson with a TOOTHPICK should he have tried to force me aboard that flaming thing.

Prior to the successful launch, we all heard Senator Glenn bubble over with rabid enthusiasm about how lucky, how fortunate he was, to be sent into space some thirty years after his first venture.

My last few words, had I been drafted to ride the roaring thing, would have contained sincere bits such as, "I am not guilty of

anything, and should not be subjected to this cruel and unusual punishment." If that didn't work, I would assume my most sincere, pious pose and thunder, "Forgive them Father, they know not what they do."

As a last ditch effort to resist being blasted into outer space, I would scream, "Try to put that plastic suit and helmet on me and I will prosecute you to the full extent of the law and my .45 pistol!" I'm not a total coward, but I'm not totally stupid, either.

If you think all the hubbub about the recent campaign between candidates Dusty Dowgar and David Gutierrez for the office of Sheriff in Lubbock County was a bit ludicrous, consider this item reported in *County News*, a publication of the National Association of Counties; "Fearing a close call in the November election, a county sheriff candidate is trying to block as many as 100 prostitutes from voting in the election based on residency requirements, *USA Today* recently reported. The candidate contends the prostitutes at two legal brothels in Storey County list those brothels as their legal residence, although they actually live outside the county. "The prostitutes no more live in the rooms they rent for their business than a hairdresser lives at the station he or she rents in a beauty salon," he said in his complaint filed with the Secretary of State's office."

Makes as much sense to me as Dowgar claiming at first he knew nothing of the missing rifle here, or Gutierrez at first claiming he couldn't recall ever bouncing a few personal checks about the city.

Signs of the times:

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On a Front Door: "Everyone on the premises is a vegetarian except the dog."

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On a Scientist's door: "Gone Fission."

On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

In a Podiatrist's window: "Time wounds all heels."

On a Butcher's window: "Please to meat you."

At a Used Car Lot: "Second hand cars in first crash condition."

On a fence: "Salesmen welcome. Dog food is expensive."

In a Dry Cleaner's Emporium: "Drop your pants here."

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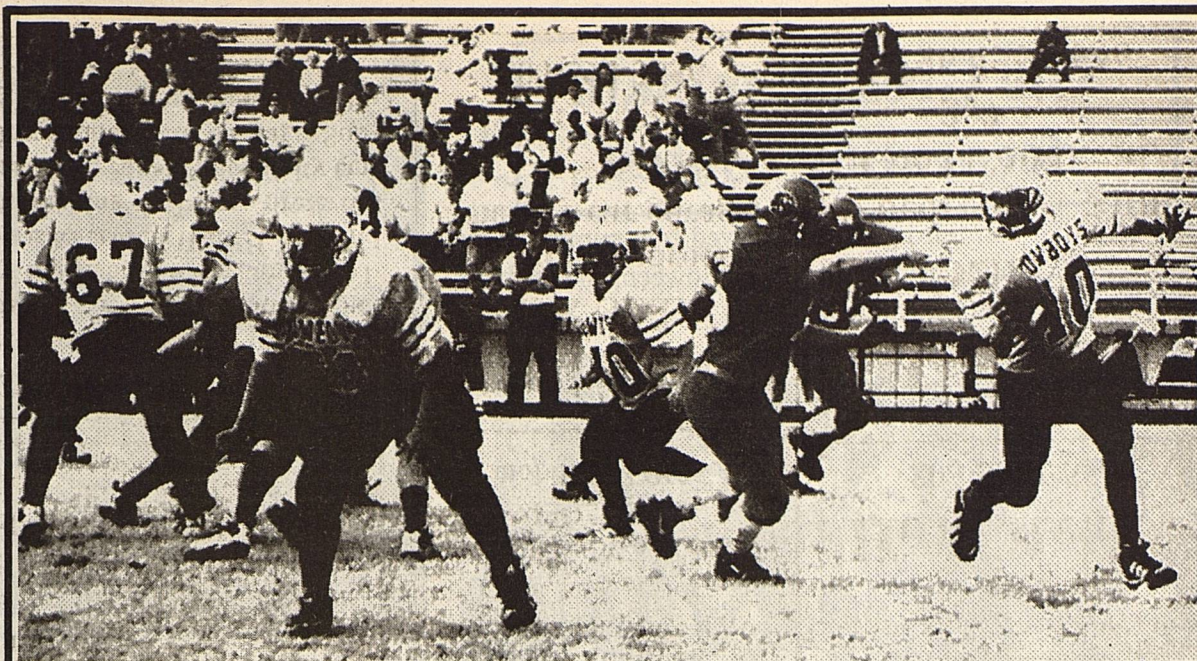
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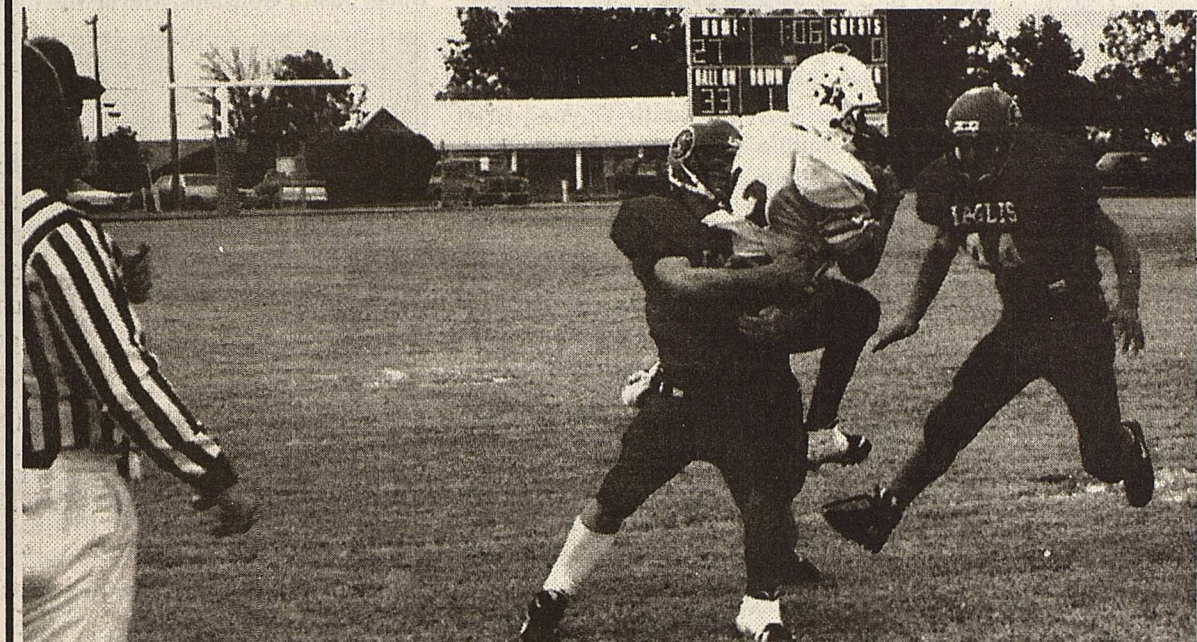
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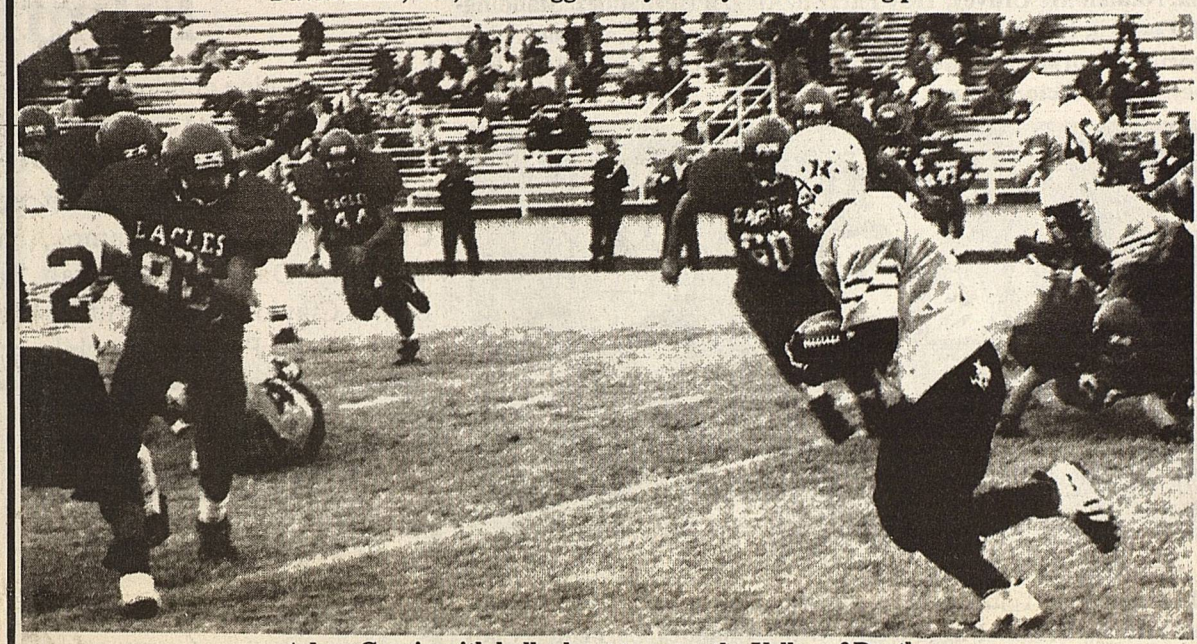
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