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Batterer's Intervention Program Reviewed

Fourteen individuals and officials attended a workshop last week to review the Yoakum County Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP), organized last summer. Sheryl Cates, Executive Director, Women's Protective Services, Lubbock, outlined the history of the BIP program and the role it is playing in combating the growing number of domestic violence cases being heard in both County and District Courts.

Cates then introduced Clay Grizzle, manager of the Yoakum County BIP. He reported there are 14 individuals enrolled in the group, all charged with some form of assault with family violence or bodily injury.

Four of the individuals have been in the program from 17 to 18 weeks. Answering questions from the floor, Grizzle reported it is common for an offender enrolled in the 26 weeks of group sessions to feel strong resentment about having to take part in the BIP program. He said, "Many of the offenders tell us they shouldn't have to attend the classes, with excuses running from, "I only hit her because she brought it on", or "I didn't hit her that hard, it was just the way she fell when I did."

He explained the program does not attempt to analyze why an offender

commits a physical assault, even if the victim decides to drop charges later. Others attending the meeting were Warren New, Attorney, County Judge Dallas Brewer, Sheriff Jim Rice, Investigator Dean Smith, Sheryl Russell, Joe Hester, Chief, Denver City Police, Don Corzine, Captain, Sheriff's Department, Kathy Clark, Elfida Winkler, Criminal District Attorney's Office, and Serena Elmore, officer at the criminal detention facility, Brownfield.

Criminal District Richard Clark questioned Grizzle on several topics. Grizzle said it appeared the BIP program is more effective for offenders charged with domestic violence who are referred to the program as one of the conditions of a probated Court sentence. They realize violating terms of the probation, including failure to attend the BIP sessions, can place them back behind bars again.

One of those interested in the county program was District Judge Kelly G. Moore, who reported Terry County is seriously considering organizing a similar BIP program in Terry County.

Law enforcement officials attending the meeting reported the County Sheriff's Department and the Denver City Police Department are furnishing cameras for their on duty officers, to photograph injuries of domestic violence victims when they are investigating an assault claim, and the photograph can be used as evidence

County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, November 20. Among the agenda items discussed and acted on were acceptance of the County Treasurer report presented by Treasurer Toni Jones.

The Court approved two petitions of Texas Alltel, Inc., for the right to lay and maintain communication cables under and across certain county roads. All County bills and part time salaries were approved for payment.

The Court tabled action on bids for the purchase of a

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'95 Milo Harvest Underway

The 1995 grain harvest, probably one of the latest starting in many years, is at last under way. Late planting, drought, and an unusually late freeze date delayed the harvest of milo in the County.

Huge combines are now thrashing the grain, trucks are dumping at local elevators, and other trucks are being loaded for maize delivery to feedlots and other end users.

Because of so many acres of abandoned cotton production acres due to dry weather or hail storms earlier, there are thousands of 'Ghost Acres' of milo this year, planted by producers not taking part in any government grain program. It is virtually impossible to obtain an accurate count of milo acres in production this year. The best 'guesstimate' is somewhere around 30-35,000

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Cowboys Stung By Sudan Hornets 44-36

Second Half Comeback Dooms Locals, To Face Wink Here Thanksgiving Day

Desperately wanting a win against arch rival Sudan, The Cowboys got off to an apparent fast start Friday night, taking the opening kickoff and moving effectively downfield with a series of runs by Eric Luna, and a 12 yard reception by Chris Payne of a Ralph Ramirez pass. The drive abruptly ended with a fumble on the Sudan 28 yard line.

The Hornets quickly showed their offensive fire power, and with a series of runs and passes moved to the Cowboy 4, where their good runner Roger Huey pounded in for the first score.

Another Cowboy following the kickoff again handed the Hornets the ball, but Eric Ramos got it back with an interception and returned it to the Sudan 40. Two plays later, Chris Payne made a good catch of a Ramirez pass and hustled it across the goal line. Josh Traweck got behind a big block by Chase Clanahan and scored the two point conversion for an 8-7 lead.

The Cowboy defense stymied the next Hornet attack with big stops by Coley Burgess, Wayne Willett and Clanahan, but Plains could not move the ball after receiving Sudan's punt. Their kick to the Hornets 47 gave Huey another scoring opportunity,



Joe Luna, Kirk Parrish aim for Huey

and on the first play from scrimmage he dashed 53 yards for the TD, then carried the 2 pointer in for a 15-8 Sudan lead.

With the ball once more, Ramirez found Joe Luna open for a 69 yard touchdown pass, but the two point try failed for a 14-15 tally.

The ensuing Sudan drive was halted when Kirk Parrish tipped a Sudan pass into the hand of Joe Luna, who returned it to the 39, and Ramirez quickly hit wide open Payne for a 61 yard bomb, giving the Cowboys a 20-15 lead.

The score and lead fired up the Cowboy defense, and good efforts from Eric Luna, Clanahan and Major

Howard stopped the Hornet ground attack. A desperate throw to a Hornet receiver was foiled when Ramirez, after several juggling attempts, grabbed the ball and returned it to the 41.

With good blocking clearing the way, Traweck and Eric Luna made good runs, and Ramirez hit Marte Pierce and Joe Luna for completions, and from the 3 yard line, Ramirez rammed the QB sneak over for the end of the first half score, 28-15.

Opening the second half, the now mad Hornets ground attack steadily pushed the Cowboys back until big plays by Ramos,

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Morgans' Honored At Sudan Game

Byron and Carol Morgan are pictured receiving the State Marching Band Championship trophy from Superintendent Pete Simmons at half time of last Friday nights game versus Sudan. Byron was also presented with an impressive custom designed ring honoring him for leading the PHS band to its second State Championship. School Board members and school administrators gave each band member a large gold medal during the ceremony.



A swarm of Hornets surround Eric Luna

P.I.S.D Trustees Meeting

The PISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, Nov. 13.

The Board discussed and acted on the following agenda items;

Approved payment of all monthly bills; Approved the district fiscal accounts audit report for the 1994-95 school year; Approved a resolution recognizing the 1995-96 Plains ISD Marching Band for their efforts in winning the recent state

marching contest; Approved the 'Gifted and Talented plan as presented.

Also, approved seeking bids for a new Vocational Ag, and authorizing the district to accept a bid providing the difference between the new vehicle and the trade-in is \$15,000 or less; Approved the district joining the Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition; Approved making the security code

available to teachers wishing to have access to their classrooms after hours on a trial basis, with administrators setting the guidelines.

A financial report was given by Eric Banfield, and administrative reports were given by Principals Steven O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins and Joel Haragan, and

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Counselor Arlon Alexander.

Others present for the meeting included members Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer and Randy Tuggle.

Also presents were Pete Simmons, Superintendent, Randel Terry, Sandefur & Swindle accounting firm.

Others present included Mario Avila, Byron and Karol Morgan, Tess St Romain, Jeremy Dearing, Ralph Ramirez, Jason Robertson, Hector Gallegos, Evertt McAdams, Cynthia Blair, Neal Newsom, Cindy Conway, Cyndra Box, Joe Pierce and Shane McKinzie.

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acres are devoted to the feed grain.

Anderson Grain, with storage elevators here, NewTex and Tokio, and Sellers Ag Supply are all receiving grain at this time, and virtually all producers are well pleased with the current price being offered, \$5.55 on the board per hundred as of Friday.

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new pickup truck to be used by Yoakum County Hospital. Line item transfers from the General Fund to various departments were approved.

A bid from West Texas Equipment for the purchase of a new Caterpillar 140 G Motor grader was accepted. Price of the unit, after trade-in of a 1990 Caterpillar grader, was \$36,750.

County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice Of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 84 Traffic cases filed
- 1 Public intoxication case filed
- 1 Emergency protective order filed
- Bonds Set:
- Public intoxication \$230 fine
- Driving while intoxicated, 1st offense \$1,000 bond
- Criminal Nonsupport Capias \$1,000 cash bond
- Engaging in organized Criminal activity \$15,000 bond
- Possession of marijuana \$5,000 bond
- Assault causing bodily injury \$3,000 bond
- Driving while intoxicated, 3rd offense \$2,500 bond
- Public intoxication \$465 bond
- Assault Family Violence \$3,500 bond
- Driving While Intoxicated \$1,000 bond
- Motion to revoke probation \$2,500 bond

Johnson Grass Evils

A campaign to alert Texans to the dangers of planting Johnson grass is underway. East Texas farmers report spread of the grass is already out of hand. Carload shipments of the grass seed keep coming into the state. Farm journals and agricultural experts repeatedly warn about planting Johnson grass, but farmers and ranchers think it drouth resistant and makes good hay.

The Texas News, Sept. 1883

Honor Society News

Last Wednesday, Nov. 13th, the National Honor Society met. The members are Valerie Blair, Jeremy Dearing, Kirk Parrish, Johnny Don Davis, Brad Seaton, Josh Traweek, Steve Vasquez, Chase Clanahan, Mary Morales, Yancey House, Jacob Lester, Tessa St. Romain, Sonia Avila, Lyndi Rowe, Robin Squyres, Kyley Bearden, Stephen Bitolas, and Allen Ward.

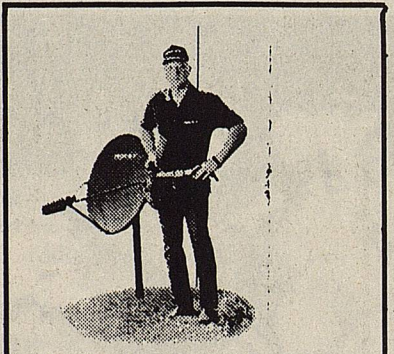
The agenda was to elect new officers and to discuss the upcoming induction of new members.

The officers are: President-Jeremy Dearing, Vice-President-Valerie Blair, Secretary-Kyley Bearden, and Reporter-Mary Morales.

The induction of new members is tentatively set for December 13th. In order to be selected, a student must maintain the scholarship criteria of an 8.00 or 88.0 average apart from having leadership, character, and service qualities. A person then must receive a unanimous vote from a five member faculty council appointed by the principal. The officers will meet again November 30 to discuss the induction in further details.

Livestock Show Entries Due!!

County Extension Agent-Ag, Tadd Knight, would like to remind all Yoakum County 4-H members that are planning to participate in any major livestock show (El Paso, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo) to contact the county Extension office as soon as possible. The major show deadline has been moved back to **December 1, 1995** this year. Exhibitors are urged to have entries in well before this deadline to allow time for preparation of county summary sheets that must be completed by the advisor.



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Plains 4-H News

The regular meeting of the Plains 4-H Club was held November 14 with 33 members and adult leaders present. Jeremy Humphrey led the 4-H prayer, Fabian Garza led the pledge to the U.S. Flag, and Jeremy Horn read the minutes of the previous meeting. President Josh Traweek called for all cheese sale sheets to be turned in for ordering. Members were reminded that swine-tagging deadline is Dec. 1. Entries for major stock shows must be in the county office by November 27. Members were asked to begin consideration of a Livestock Show Queen candidate. The candidate must be at least 14 years old. Tadd Knight, CA, announced a swine clinic for Nov. 21 at 6:00 at the Community Building.

Jeffery Lollar, Nancy Koncaba, Blake Parrish and jasmine Mares won door prizes. The program was a movie provided by the American Legion Auxiliary on the history of the United States Flag. There have been 27 different flag designs in the U.S. through the years.

Recreation was "Hazardous Hosiery" - try putting on pantyhose blindfolded and with oven mitts on your hands. We did have a winning team, however!

The next meeting will be a Christmas tour of the Ranch Heritage Center in Lubbock and pizza at Cici's Pizza, Dec. 8. A countywide Christmas party will be December 15 at the Joe Navarez farm in Denver City. All enrolled in 4-H and their families are invited to attend.

Ragan McGinty, Reporter

Sanders Recognized By County SWCD

L.J. Sanders, Jr. was honored with a retirement dinner at the 50 Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock on Saturday, November 11, 1995. He was presented with an engraved clock/plaque from the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District; a certificate and watch from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and a Proclamation from State Representative Gary Walker. The Proclamation outlined the following events of L.J.'s tenure while he was on the Board of the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District.

8 Years Director and 4 years Chairman Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District.

1985 Farm Bill (Food Security Act) was signed into law.

Conservation Plans were written for all HEL land in Yoakum County (295,954 acres).

76,740 HEL acres are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Soil and Water Conservation Practices were approved and installed on 105 farms using ACP cost share assistance and on 1 farm using the LTA cost share assistance.

Soil and Water Conservation Practices were approved and installed on four ranches (17,173 acres of native range and 996 acres of wildlife land) and one farm (633) acres using GPCP cost share money.

1989 Creation and 3-1/2 years Director of Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District.

1990 State/Area Good-year Conservation Grand Award Winner.

1990 Farm Bill (Food,



Agriculture, and Trade Act) was signed into law extending the conservation compliance provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill.

1992 Creation and 2 years Chairman of the West-Texas Resource, Conservation & Development Area.

Yoakum SWCD initiated the Yoakum County Wind Erosion Test Site project to validate the revised wind erosion equation (RWEQ).

The Texas Legislature approved Senate Bill 503 approving the appropriation of funds to be used by SWCD's to cost share conservation practices to improve the quality of the states waters.

Key player in the SWCD's involvement in the process to reinvent/restructure USDA and NRCS.

Yoakum SWCD began to sponsor the annual farm tour to highlight conservation efforts and producer's ac-

complishments.

Yoakum SWCD began sponsoring the Conservation Jamboree to assist with the education of the county's youth with respect to good water/land stewardship.

Yoakum SWCD began co-sponsorship of an annual conservation tillage workshop with the Terry Ag. Institute.

Served as an Earth Team Volunteer for eight years contributing numerous donated hours to enhance the conservation efforts of the NRCS and Yoakum SWCD in Yoakum County.

L.J. is married to Virginia Price and they moved to Yoakum County in 1985 when he retired as an engineer for Amoco Production. They have two sons; David and wife Cherie who live in Houston and Dan and wife Shanna who live in Lubbock with two grand children, Shaley and Travis.

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Eric Luna and Willett forced a fourth down Hornet pass, neatly picked off by Joe Luna, who out raced the Hornets 97 yards for a touchdown, and Ramirez 2 point pass to Payne gave the Cowboys a seemingly unsurmountable 36-15 lead.

Receiving the kickoff, the Hornets stunned the crowd and Cowboys with an eight play drive to quickly score again, cutting the margin to 36-23.

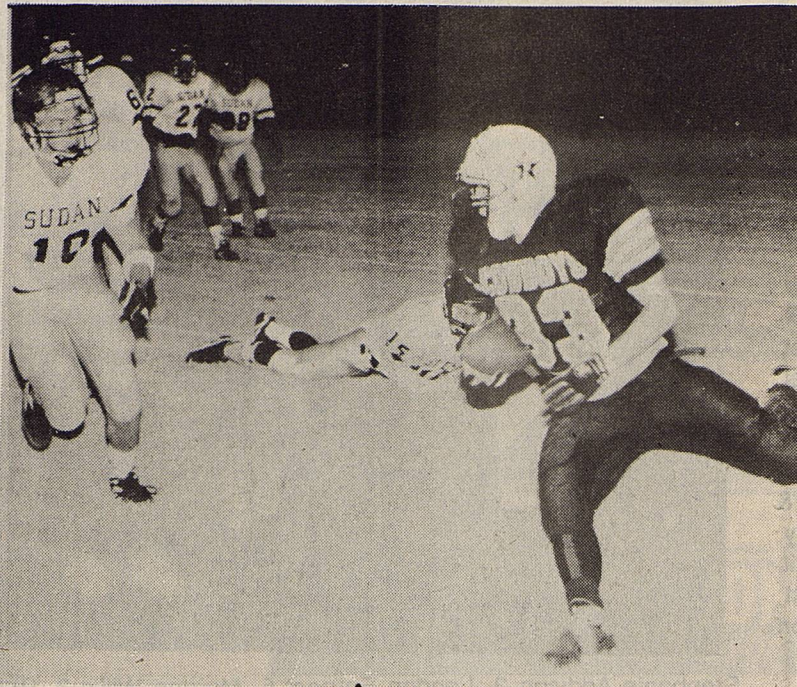
The Cowboy attack suddenly grew cold, very cold. They found an apparently enraged Hornet defense, and could not manage a single first down the remainder of the entire second half.

By the end of the third period, the Hornets would score again, narrowing the score to 36-29.

With just 5:21 left on the clock in the final period, Sudan would recapture the lead, 37-36, with a series of runs.

The Cowboys would have one more shot for a comeback, but on the second play from scrimmage, under a huge Hornet rush, a Ramirez pass was picked off. Sudan forced the ball downfield, where from the three their quarterback sneaked in for the final tally and a 44-36 victory which clinched the district title.

Still in the playoffs, the Cowboys will face the Wink Wildcats here Thanksgiving day at 2PM. Under the exact same scenario last year, the Cowboys, after



Good pass from Ramirez, good reception by Chris Payne



Marte Pierce Pays Price For Good Catch

falling to state runnerup Sudan, met and were defeated by Wink at Denver City.

The Wildcats have been rated high in the statewide rankings all season. The Cowboys must put the

Sudan loss behind them, and put on a new game face for the Wildcats Thursday.

GO, Cowboys!

Beat Wink

Cowgirl Basketball Season Opens

The Plains Cowgirls got off to a fast start, winning their season opener Nov. 14 against the Jal Pantheretts 59-41. The Cowgirls only shot 39% from the floor, but played good defense, averaging 65.9% defense rebounds, and scored 15 points off turnovers. Kyle Bearden led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Sandi Warren, Robin Squyres and Stephanie Allsup, 10 each, Tessa St. Romain, Kassie Lowe and Kayla Redman, 4 each, Sylvia Tarango and

Shyloh Winn, 2 each. Also seeing action were Bridget Bernal, Stephanie Aguilar and Lindsey Six.

The Cowgirls next faced the Lazbuddie Lady Horns, and came away with a 43-33 victory. The girls scored 68% of their free throws, but could only shoot 22% from the floor. For the second consecutive time Cowgirls off the bench accounted for 18 points. Bearden again led the scoring with 13, followed by Winn-12, Redman-8, St. Romain-6, and Lowe-4.

Student of the Week

"This week's student of the week has a smile that can light up the world. This student is thoughtful, compassionate, punctual, honest, and loyal. This student can achieve anything as long as she sets her mind to it. She also has a great amount of courage to play a sport she has not played since Little Dribblers. She is a great role model for all students at PHS. This week's student of the week is

LaCresha Johnson," said Miss Arnold, who made the nomination.

LaCresha is a Freshman and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Zane Johnson.



their second victory over Sudan this season. The final score Plains 40, Sudan 22. The 7th grade finished the season with a record of 7-1.

The 7th grade did an outstanding job this year and it was a pleasure working with them. I would like to thank them for their time, effort and dedications to their successful season. Thanks again and Great Job!
Coach Davis

8th Wranglers Downed By Sudan 6-0

The 8th Graders may have played their best game of the year against Sudan last week. The offense moved the ball, but had a touchdown called back that could have made a huge difference in the game. Kyle Sisson had a very good game at Quarterback and the offensive line of Jeremy Humphry, Rustin Knight, Jeremy Morphris, Chris Willis, Alex Tarango, and Patrick McGinty played well. On defense Colt Winn, Fermin Luna, Josh Bell and Kyle Sisson all played very well. The Wranglers ended the season with a 4-3-1 record. Coach McAdams was very proud of the team's outstanding efforts and work all year long.



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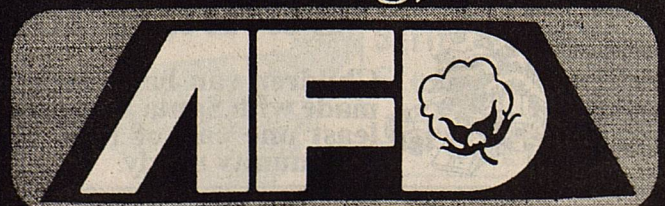
Director Byron Morgan made good his pledge to the PHS Band at the Pep Rally before the Sudan game. He had promised the band he would have his hair 'scalped' if the Band won the State Contest. They did, and he did. Karen Willis did the honors.

Wrangler Football Wrap-up

7th Wranglers 40, Sudan 22

The Plains 7th grade Wranglers traveled to Sudan for their last game of the season. Joel Gallegos, Kelsey Blundell and Brett Squyres all scored a Touchdown and Dustin Six added a 2 point conversion. Adam Garcia Scored 3 Touchdowns and a 2 point conversion, giving the 7th grade

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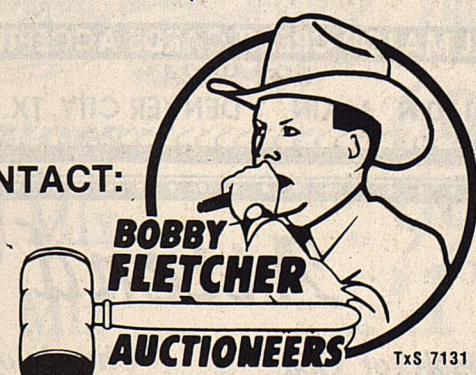
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Tsa Mo Ga Club Enjoys Program "Americanism"

The Tsa Mo Ga Club met Monday night, November 13, in the Heritage Room at the Yoakum County Library. The program consisted of a video compiled by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas entitled "Old Glory on Parade", giving the history of the American flag beginning with the Betsy Ross Flag of 1777, to the Fifty Star Flag of 1959. A discussion of the importance of patriotism to our flag and the issue of American flag burning was held.

Hostesses Sarah Jane Shelton and Zareta Winn decorated the table and room in the red, white and blue theme, using cloth with flags to cover the table and other areas of the room.

President Sit Jones called the meeting to order and Secretary Sarah Jane Shelton asked for roll call and gave minutes of the last meeting. Nineteen members were in attendance. Business of the evening was discussed and members were reminded of the meeting December 11th at the Methodist Church with Jack Harmon, pianist, special guest for the evening. Members were reminded to bring canned goods to the City park Christmas Program on November 29 at 5:45 PM.



"Light Up A Life Tree" At Library

Hospice Services, Inc., a non-profit organization, has been providing specialized care for terminally ill patients and their families in Plains.

The Eunice volunteer auxiliary for Hospice Services has arranged for a Light-Up-A-Life tree to be located at the Yoakum County Library. Anyone may purchase a dove to be placed on the tree in honor or in memory of someone special in their life. The tree will remain at the Library throughout the holiday season.

The tree lighting ceremony will be held Friday, December 1, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yoakum County Library.

During the ceremony, Hospice staff and volunteers will place a dove on the tree in memory/honor of all past and present Hospice Patients from this community. Family members and friends

Film Time

Five birthdays were celebrated at the Library Film Time on November 15. Landon Earnest 5, Dakota Earnest 2, Morgan Willis 3, Stephanie Addison 3, and Jacob Brink 4.

Those attending were: Kimber Williams, Troy Parrish Taylor Banfield, Lydia Whitzel, Morgan Willis, Hannah Crump, Landon Earnest, Katelynn Young, Christopher Addison, Kevin John Gass, Brett Hawthorne, Rhaela & Rhaemi Stall, Kelsey Curry, Jasmine Whitzel, Brandon Craft, Merrit Crump, Dakota Earnest, Jacob Brink, Stephanie Addison Isaac Doyle.



Stephanie Addison 3, Landon Earnest 5, Morgan Willis 3, Dakota Earnest 2, Jacob Brink 4.

are invited to pin their loved one's dove on the tree.

The Tax Deductible donations honor or remember someone special in your life, and will be used to purchase equipment, supplies and medications for Hospice patients.

Hospice Services, Inc. provides the medical, emotional and spiritual needs to anyone facing a terminal illness. Hospice provides services without charge to patients and their families.

The volunteer auxiliaries from each of the service area communities in Lea, eddy, Gaines and Yoakum Counties will sponsor a tree this year.

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Senior Citizens Corner

Nov. 15 was a big day for us. Every nook and cranny was full of activity. The dining room was full of happy eaters, the bake and jewelry sale in the hall with lots of goodies to offer, the pool tournament in full swing, and domino people busy as usual.

There were too many visitors to name, so we'll just say we are glad you came, and hope to see you here again soon.

Thanks to all for the extra effort. The dining room was nicely decorated. The prize for the "pumpkin weight guess" was given, and believe it or not, I won the prize. A wild, lucky guess!

So now we are ready for the real Thanksgiving with the kids.

Christine Stewart and Victor Miller are in the Hos-

pital in Lubbock. We wish both a speedy recovery.

Visitors are always welcome.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Smitty



Happy Thanksgiving

To All

from

Cowboy Country News

Holly, Gary, Diane

1st Lady Lion

(Or Is It Lioness?)

The Plains Lions Club accepted its first female member recently when Debbie Rushing joined the former all male organization.

The National and International Lions Clubs have in recent years actively pursued female members. Local Lion President Rick Doyle reported he is happy and proud to have Debbie in the local club, and hopes her membership will encourage other ladies to join.

Debbie and her husband have three sons, Dan, a senior at Southwest University, Georgetown, Phillip Jay, a sophomore at South Plains College, Levelland, and Doug, a sophomore in P.H.S.



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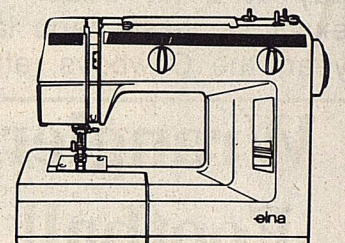
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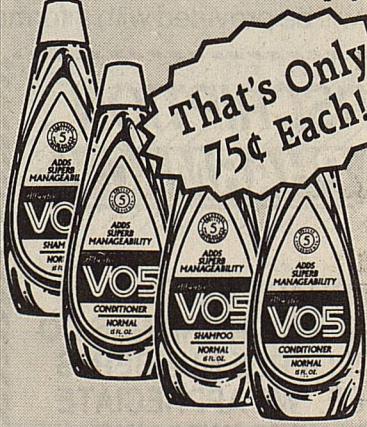


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From The Hack



CURSES! OH DRAT! I completely forgot last Wednesday was National "CLEAN OUT YOUR REFRIGERATOR DAY".

I am appalled the bride and I missed this Holiday happening, to rid our 'fridge' of unwanted, gross items we have ignored over the past three or four months. Aware we had missed the big day, we nevertheless decided to inventory ours anyway. We fearlessly jerked the door open on our ice box, almost gagged, and began seriously examining items which had been paying no rent for way too long.

There was a Saran wrapped dish faintly resembling left over spaghetti and meat sauce, which now resembled dry wheat straw and red clay. A quick whiff by the bride produced a shriek, and 'Chunk it, quick, or I'm gonna barf!'

We next discovered the mortal remains of what we think was once some sort of exotic chocolate pudding type desert. I suggested we call National Geographic, have them photo it for use as a visual model of how the earth looks when cracked open by volcanic action, then dries up and erodes. I was voted down.

Very tentatively, holding the dish as far from her nostrils as possible, the bride next carefully peeled off the foil from a mystery pack. She immediately thrust it towards me, and screamed, "SEE, I TOLD YOU SO! You never, ever, intended to eat my new dish of cauliflower and tulip bulbs last Easter! You just

don't like anything in the new recipe section of SOUTHERN LIVING!"

Before the cleansing process was complete, I SWEAR we eliminated, shredded, scrapped, or actually SHOT things in our refrigerator which have been condemned by time, the Lord, and EPA. Stray dogs and cats would have run for cover before trying any of our castouts.

I am thrilled the Bride and I now have a common bonding time. I'm really looking forward to next November 15 for a repeat "National Refrigerator Cleaning Day". It brings us together... sort of.

Wayne Sisson brought the following article by last week, clipped from the *Brownwood Bulletin*. We're not sure who the original author is, as the *Bulletin* reported it had run in several other paper's columns. Nevertheless, it is still appropriate for any town, any newspaper.

How to ruin a town: Never attend meetings. Just sit around and criticize the way 'They' are doing things.

Vote against any kind of tax levy, whether the purpose is good or not. 'They' just want your money.

Make fun of the fire and police departments. They're just out for the glory and money.

Don't ever go to school band concerts, ball games, benefit programs or exhibits. Sit 'entranced' before the idiot box all your spare time.

Knock the City Council and County Commissioners. They serve just to get perks and

kickbacks. Stay out of church. Maybe go on Easter and Christmas, just to prove to yourself the preacher doesn't know what he's talking about, and everyone there is a hypocrite. Buy everything you can from discount catalogs or out of town. These firms are the first to come through with donations and services for the community.

Don't support the local newspaper. Out of town papers are much better and contribute far more to the community.

Spread any story or rumor that is defamatory or uncomplimentary about the town. Never say anything nice about anyone. All kids are delinquents, all business men are crooks.

Above all, always be cynical and opinionated about anything good for the town. Your motto should be, "If it's good, it can't happen here."

From time to time, suffering from delusions or whatever, I half way wish we did a daily paper. That way, I could have told you in advance of the visit last weekend by our East Texas sister-in-law and her irregularity plagued husband.

They graced our home long enough to reacquaint us with millet and prunes for breakfast, and his insistence on dinner so early the afternoon cartoons are still on. New England time.

I did manage to lure Zig to the golf course one afternoon. I had promised him I would arrange a match with some of our more 'gentlemanly type' players. What a gullible, dumb character he is!

Our group was finally comprised of Bob Blundell, Eddy Taylor, me, Zig, Buddy Hanna, and Bill Bovell, the most noted bunch of thieves, excluding Bro-in-law and myself, ever assembled on the local course.

One of the local sharks asked Zig what his handicap was. The number had barely escaped his lips when all of them chorused, "I'll play you!"

Needless to say, the feeding frenzied sharks tried their best to strip Zig (and me) of cash and credit cards. To my amazement, when we finally settled up, brother-in-law only lost \$3.

What I lost is none of your business.

For Kid's Sake To Start Here

For Kid's Sake is a Program which has been developed out of a concern for the innocent victims of divorce--children. The project has been primarily driven by the 219th Judicial District Court of Collin County in Texas and the Plano, Texas Bar Association. A grant from the Texas Bar Foundation played significant role in the development of the Program and in making the program available to other interested counties in Texas.

Practical Parent Education was asked to develop the program materials and seminar format because of its extensive background in developing state and national parent education programs, its experience in professional training, and its works with over 35,000 families in the Plano, Texas area. In addition, the Program offers a variety of on-going support services, parent education, and resources at little or no cost to area families.

All of the agencies and individuals involved in this project share a common concern about the research indications on the effects of divorce on children, the number of couples returning to court with unresolved issues regarding children, and the high cost of litigation for both individuals and the courts.

Research indicates that divorce can create serious, long lasting emotional scars for children. It also shows that the manner in which parents handle the divorce will generally dictate the severity of the effects it can have on their children. This seminar and the accompanying materials provide an opportunity to reach out to parents in the early stages of the divorce process before destructive patterns are in place and to help them focus on the needs of their children.

The seminar itself is an educational model. It is not designed to focus on personal or legal issues, or to be a therapeutic substitute. Participants in the seminar will be provided with informa-

tion on community resources and on-going services should they wish additional assistance.

Goals for the program include; *To help parents become aware of the damaging effects divorce can have on children.

*To help parents focus on the needs of their children during the divorce process.

*To provide parents with an awareness of how to ease the trauma of divorce on minor children.

*To help parents develop the skill necessary in order to avoid placing children in the middle of their own conflict issues.

*To increase parental involvement of non-custodial parents.

*To make parents aware of community resources available to them.

*To reduce court dockets by minimizing contested proceedings.

*To improve compliance with court orders.

*To increase the rate of consistency in child support payments.

*To reduce the time spent by courts and attorneys on conflict issues.

The local "For Kid's Sake" program will be coordinated by Kathy Clark, Director of the Denver City I.S.D. 'Even Start' program for children, and Clay Grizzle, director of the County MHMR Service. Start up date for the program is January, 1996.

No County or City funds will be used in the program.

Texas Recycling Fact Sheet

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* Up to 80% of the municipal garbage generated in Texas can be recycled, including more than 6 million tons of paper and 700,000 tons of glass.

* 46 percent of all municipal solid waste in Texas comes from the household. 54 percent is from the commercial sector.

* Composition of the Texas Municipal Solid Waste Stream (by weight): Paper-41%, Yard Trimmings-15%, Food Waste-10%, Other-11%, Plastic-8%, Metals-7%, Glass-5%, Textiles/apparel-3%, corrugated cardboard-12%, newspaper-7%.

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Conventions Big Business, Big Bucks

(Austin) "Texas cities host about 10,000 conventions a year, bringing a \$3 billion economic boost to the Texas economy," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Convention organizers don't choose Texas by throwing darts at a map. Texas cities compete aggressively with one another and with cities across the U.S. to attract their share of the \$75 billion per year convention business," Sharp said.

The November issue of *Fiscal Notes*, a publication of the Comptroller's Research Division, examines the big business of conventions. According to *Fiscal Notes*, attending conventions accounts for almost half of all business travel. Of the top 20 convention sites in 1993, Dallas was number three and Houston was number 12, competing against other cities like New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco, Las Vegas and Miami.

"Dallas drew 3.4 million convention delegates last year. It is one of the most popular meeting sites in the nation.

"Meanwhile, Houston holds the Texas title for attracting the largest conventions," Sharp said.

Conventioners spend an enormous amount of money. They stay in hotels, eat in restaurants and visit local night spots and tourist attractions. The Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau says the average delegate in 1993 stayed in Houston for 3.5 days and spent \$638. Delegates at national and international conventions spent more than twice as much as delegates attending state or local conventions.

In addition to dollars spent at local businesses, convention goers pay taxes to the local community and to the state. The hotel/motel occupancy tax is the primary source of funding for convention centers and promotional activities. About 300 Texas cities and 13 counties levy the "bed tax". Cities may charge up to seven percent of the cost of a hotel room. In combination with the county tax, the maximum local hotel/motel tax is nine percent.

The state levies a hotel/motel tax of six percent, earning \$146 million in revenue in 1994. Other tax revenues generated by the convention business include the state alcoholic beverage tax, motor vehicle rental tax and sales tax.

"Texas is successful at luring conventions because of the state's lively reputation, its pleasant climate during the peak autumn convention months and its diversity. If one Texas city cannot meet the needs of a particular group, another city probably can," Sharp said.

Each major Texas city has advantages in the competition for conventions. Houston and Dallas both have huge convention centers, but both lack a convention center hotel. San Antonio has become

a major competitor by promoting its Mexican Heritage, its theme parks and the Riverwalk. To attract more conventions, San Antonio plans to renovate and expand its convention center. El Paso markets its heritage and proximity to Mexico, but officials there admit the city is rather isolated and can be costly to reach.

Austin has one of the newer convention centers in the state and the advantage of being the state capitol, but a shortage of hotel rooms has forced many larger conventions to look elsewhere for a site.

Despite some of these physical and geographical drawbacks, Texas continues to be a major player in the quest for convention and tourist dollars.



DRAWING DELEGATES

Dallas' top conventions

1994	Number of delegates (in millions)	Economic impact (in millions)
Mary Kay Cosmetics (12 days)	32,000	\$50.5
Texas Restaurant Assoc. (2 days)	30,000	8.6
American Heart Assoc. (3 days)	28,000	86.0
Largest ever: National Assoc. of Home Builders, 1975	58,000	\$50.5

San Antonio's top conventions

1994	Number of delegates (in millions)	Economic impact (in millions)
Armstrong McCall (4 days)	20,000	16.4
Church of God (7 days)	20,000	10.6
Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York (4 days)	13,000	\$30.3
Largest ever: Southern Baptist Convention, 1988	37,000	

Fort Worth's top conventions

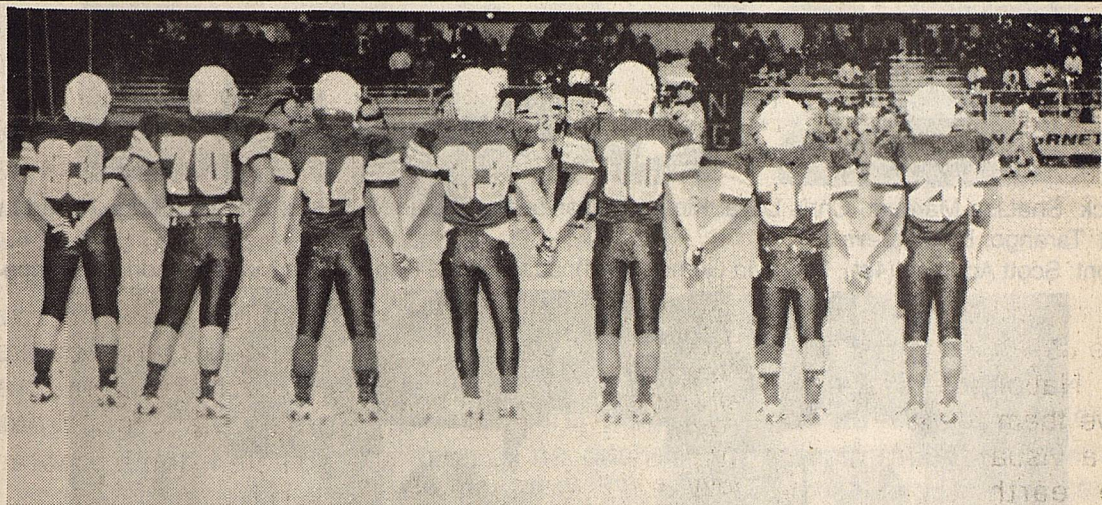
1994	Number of delegates (in millions)	Economic impact (in millions)
Texas Democratic Party (3 days)	9,000	\$4.6
Watchtower Bible & Tract Society (6 days)	9,000	4.6
Republican Party of Texas (5 days)	6,000	3.1
Largest ever: African Methodist Episcopal Churches, 1988	25,500	\$12.7

Austin's top conventions

1994	Number of delegates	Economic impact (in millions)
Texas Medical Assoc. (3 days)	5,000	\$0.8
U.S. Junior Volleyball (3 days)	5,000	1.1
Gulf Coast Assoc. of Geological Societies (3 days)	5,000	1.1
Largest ever: Armstrong McCall, 1995	15,500	\$3.3

Hey, Big Spender!

The key to success in the convention business is attracting large organizations whose members are willing to spend money. Typically, delegates at national or international conventions spend more than twice as much as delegates attending state or local conventions. This 1994 profile shows the variety of groups drawn to Texas sites to hold annual meetings.



Cowboy seniors Brad Seaton, Chewy Villareal, Josh Traweck, Chris Payne, Jason Robertson, Lee David Hernandez and Eric Ramos watch fellow seniors Ralph Ramirez, Chase Clanahan and Kirk Parrish meet on field with officials before Sudan game.

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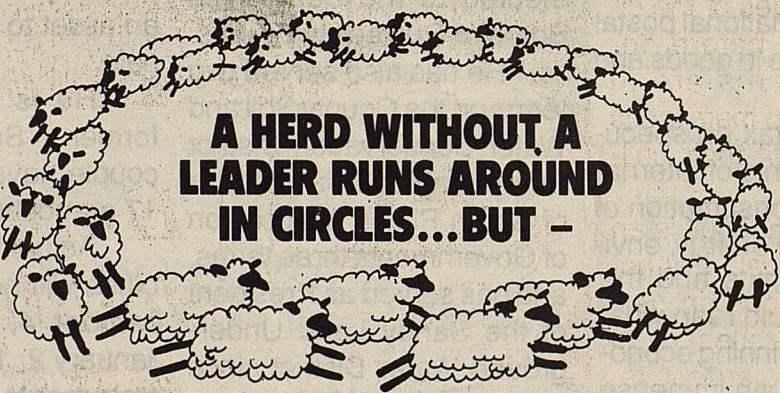
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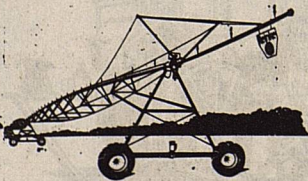
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Kindergarten, First Grade Projects

The First Graders participated in a Family Decorating Contest. They were to be creative with anything around the house - seeds, fabrics, paint, feathers, etc. An outsider judged the turkeys. In Mrs. Ramos' room 1st Place went to Alice Curtis, 2nd went to Jose Luis Gallegos, and 3rd went to Landon Craft. In Mrs. Davis' room 1st Place went to Scott Addison, 2nd went to Mikayla Gomez, and 3rd Place went to Jose Flores.

Students in Mrs. Simmons Kindergarten made tortilla teepees. The group has been studying the Indians and Pilgrims in observance of the Thanksgiving season.



Back: Trent Hawthorne, Lauren Hise, Larry Caballero, Lauren Davis, Joni Bell, Amber Friesen
Front: Zachary Ramos, Ernesto Mendoza, Ruby Castillo, Katie Winn, Jacob Garza



Back: ShaLisa Marcum, Chris Loya, Kimberly Gonzalez, Fabian Valverde, Crystal Garay, Aileen Luna, C.J. Tarango, Erika Loewen
Front: Scott Addison (1st), Makayla Gomez (2nd), Jose Flores (3rd) Regina Morales, Adriana Ponce



Back: Kimberly Jackson, Jose Luis Gallegos (2nd), Krislena Unger, Landon Craft (3rd), Justin Vasquez
Front: Alice Curtis (1st), Cruselba Luna, Rudy Gonzales, Dennis Penner, Challie Johnson

The UN - Time To Reconsider?

The costly celebration and hoopla over the recent 50th Anniversary of the United Nations organization in New York attracted the attention of National and World media numbering in the thousands. Political leaders from around the globe extolled the virtues and triumphs of the UN since its charter in 1945 in San Francisco.

While the UN has had some golden moments, it has had dark periods also, and current indications seem to point towards a UN goal of a 'New World Order', an order in which the organization will be the master whip cracker.

The UN is constantly demanding the U.S. sign and ratify more international treaties. For example, the "UN convention on the Rights of the Child would allow a UN bureaucracy to supervise the relationship between parents and children, under the excuse of protecting the child. Signed this year by the Clinton Administration and strongly lobbied by the tax exempt Children's Defense Fund, formerly chaired by Hillary Clinton, the treaty is a broadside attack on the rights of all Americans.

"The current Republican Congress is not likely to continue financing UN foreign bureaucrats in the life style to which they've been accustomed. The UN is now pushing hard for a global tax that would produce billions, even trillions of dollars without Congressional action.

"The global tax idea was launched at the UN World Summit for Social Development in March. The taxes would affect aviation traffic, fuel and freight, ocean freight and cruises, communication frequencies, communication satellites, international postal items, and trade in goods and services.

"A global tax on speculative movements of international funds, consumption of non-renewable energy, environmental permits and the arms trade would reap what a Nobel prize winning economist estimated an immense return, over \$1.5 trillion annually.

nually. "Another global tax is hidden in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, a UN treaty Clinton is pushing the Senate to ratify, a tax which would collect fees and royalties imposed on American mining firms.

"The Ford foundation financed a report, 'The UN in its 2nd half-century, advocating the UN have the right to draw funds from the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund, again by passing Congress in accessing U.S. taxpayers' money."

The quotations in this article are from 'The PS Report', a publication of the Eagle Forum, Alton, Illinois. The U.S. was instrumental in creating the United Nations organization. Will the organization become a Frankenstein creature gone amok?

The Thanksgiving Day Hand

A Thanksgiving Day editorial in the newspaper told of a school teacher who asked her class of first graders to draw a picture of something they were thankful for. She thought of how little these children from poor neighborhoods actually had to be thankful for. But she knew that most of them would draw pictures of turkeys or tables with food. The teacher was taken aback with the picture Douglas handed in . . . a simple childish drawn hand.

But whose hand? The class was captivated by the abstract image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." Finally when the others were at work, the teacher bent over Douglas's desk and asked whose hand it was. "It's your hand, Teacher," he mumbled.

She recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby forlorn child by the hand. She often did that with the children. But it meant so much to Douglas. Perhaps this was everyone's Thanksgiving, not for the material things given to us but for the chance, in whatever small way, to give to others.

Turnbough To Enter Commissioner Contest

David Turnbough has taken the first step towards tossing his hat in the political ring by filing the name of his campaign treasurer last week, and announcing his intentions to run for Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Turnbough has farmed in Precinct 22 years, retiring this year. Prior to moving to Yoakum County, he lived in Seagraves and farmed in Terry County. He was elected to the Seagraves Board of Trustees two terms.

He has also served two terms on the County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, has been a Director of South Plains Association of Governments three terms, and has served as President of the Sandy Land Underground Water District since its inception in 1989.

He is a member of the Denver City Church of Christ and serves there as an Elder, and belongs to the Denver City Chamber of Commerce.

Turnbough feels his many years dealing with people, and his experience serving organizations operating under a monetary budget serves as a qualifying factor to handle the Commissioner position. "With our current tax base down, and likely to be further reduced, I feel financial issues are of paramount importance to the Commissioners Court, and my background dealing with public funds and trusts will be an asset to the County," he said.

He is married to the former Vi Sumners, and the couple have 7 children and 17 grandchildren.

Actual filing for political office will not start until December 4, and will close January 2, 1996. No official statements have been issued, but there is much conversation about the possibility of Commissioners John Avara, Precinct 1, and Bob Thurston, Precinct 2, not running for reelection.

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