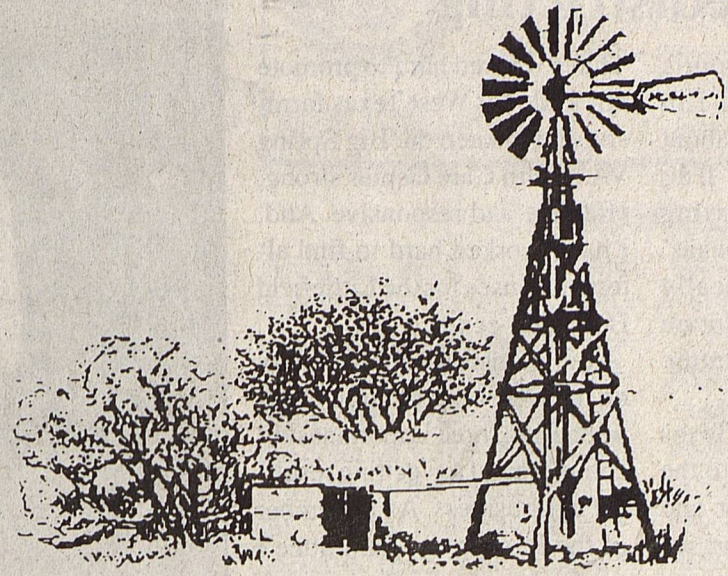


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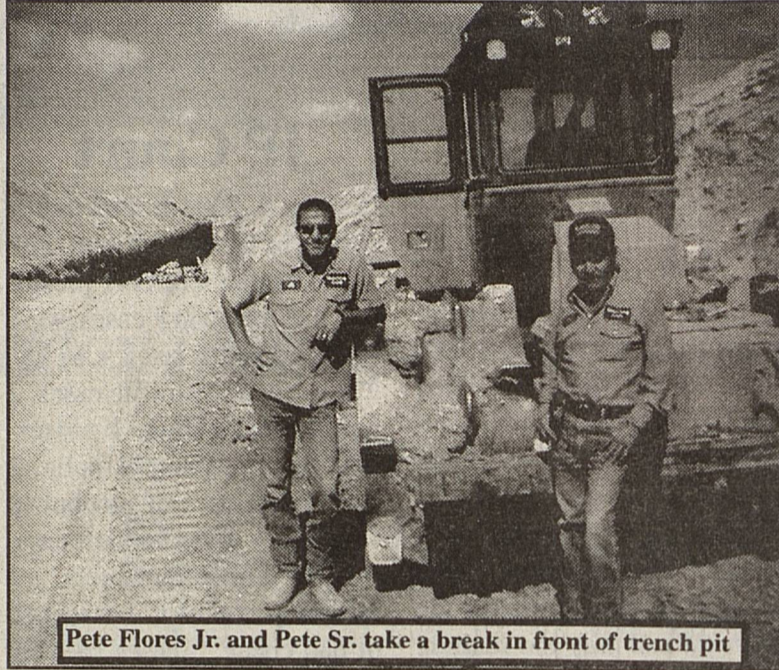


Landfill has 10th anniversary

If you were a resident of Terry or Lubbock County, you would be paying over \$40 per ton for personal, home waste disposed of in a licensed and approved landfill disposal site. Statistics show the national average for waste generated by one person is some 5 pounds per day, or almost one ton per year. These numbers indicate a family of four would pay almost \$160 per year to have their trash disposed of in those two counties facility. The same size household, in Yoakum County, would pay almost \$20 for the same disposal service, or \$5 per ton, the fee Yoakum County Landfill charges county residents to dump trash in the landfill, which turned ten years old on October 10, 2003.

The sprawling landfill, located approximately midway between Plains and Denver City, the only two communities allowed to use the facility, receives an average 7,000 tons of waste each year.

Gary Walker, Independent Contractor for Sandy Land Underground Water District, was instrumental in the planning and



Pete Flores Jr. and Pete Sr. take a break in front of trench pit

state licensing of the county facility. The extensive dirt work creating the landfill was performed by the four county precincts personnel and equipment under supervision of the water district. Adding to the efficiency of the landfill operation is licensing permitting the dumping of construction and demolition materials. The C & D license allows landfill personnel to dig long, wide and deep ditches to receive tons of roof shingles, broken glass and other materials following severe storms in

the county, and does not take up space in the primary landfill.

David Bruton is manager of the landfill. Pete Flores Sr. has been employed at the site since its opening, and is now assisted by his son, Pete Flores Jr. John Dale Curtis is in the office weighing trucks. Garbage trucks from Plains and Denver City make daily trips to the landfill. The facility is open to county residents daily from 8 AM until 5 PM, and on Saturdays 8 AM until 12 noon.

Texas Ranger Hanna: 'Getting My Feet Wet'

By Steve Nash
Brownwood Bulletin

His predecessor has just completed his first month of retirement after a long law enforcement career, and Sgt. Nick Hanna has just completed his first month as a new Texas Ranger.

Hanna, an eight-year veteran of the Department of Public Safety, began his first assignment as a Ranger on September 1, the day Sgt. Bobby Grubbs retired. While the two men may be on opposite ends of their careers, they have some things in common.

Hanna, just as Grubbs did, wears the small round badge that signifies he is one of the Rangers' 118 commissioned officers. His sidearm is strapped to his waist, just as Grubbs' was.

And, like Grubbs, Hanna said becoming a Ranger had been a long standing goal.

"(I thought) if I apply myself, why not?" Hanna said in his office at the Public Safety building. "If you just don't give up, you can accomplish anything."

Hanna is assigned to three counties - Brown, Runnels and Coleman. He said he has spent his first month "getting my feet wet" getting to know other law

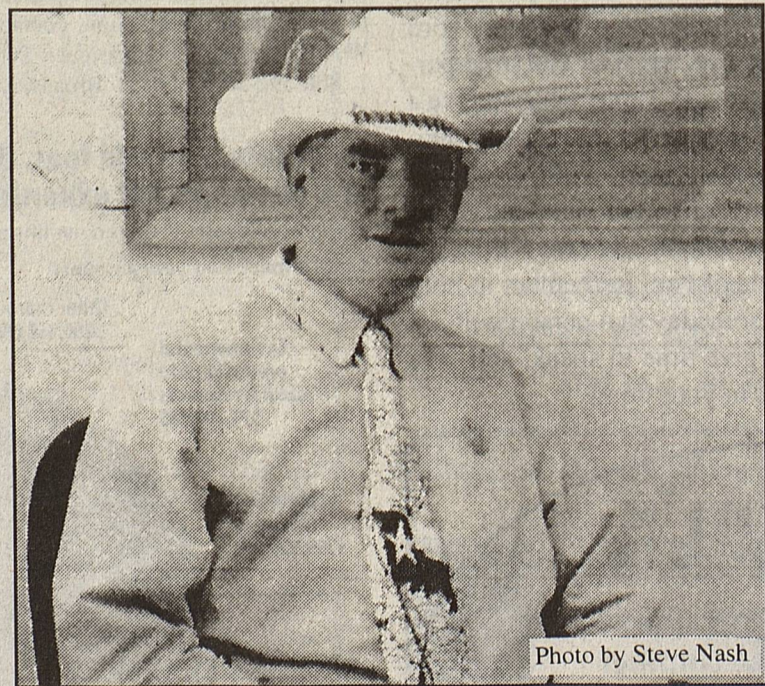


Photo by Steve Nash

enforcement officers in the area.

"I'm glad to be here. Everybody's been just so nice," he said.

Hanna grew up in Plains, and worked as a Big Spring police officer. He had long admired the DPS.

"My goal was to be a trooper when I was growing up, and drive that black-and-white," he said.

After graduating from the the trooper academy in 1995, Hanna was stationed in Eastland, San Angelo, Garland and again in San Angelo before becoming a Ranger.

According to the Texas Rang-

ers' web site, Rangers' duties consist primarily of "making criminal and special investigations; apprehending wanted felons; suppressing major disturbances; the protection of life and property; and rendering assistance to local law enforcement officials in suppressing crime and violence."

The Rangers are organized into six companies throughout the state, according to the web site.

CCN appreciates Mr. Nash allowing us to reprint his article. Nick is the son of Lee and the late Buddy Hanna, and his sister Jan is also a Plains resident.

Cowboys fall to O'Donnell 20-7 in District opening game

An old, familiar cliché in Plains, "There's no good way to get to O'Donnell from here" is accurate, and the trip home is even more painful when the Cowboys drop the seasons district opener to the Eagles.

The Cowboys won the coin toss and took the opening kick and started from their 15. The Eagle defense stopped rushes by Evan Cain, Michael Crump and Richard Diaz, and T.J. Cordova's punt was downed on the Cowboy 49. They ran up two quick first downs, but a fumble gave the ball to the Cowboys at their 23, where the Cowboys started an impressive drive. Linemen effectively blocked Eagle defenders, allowing big gains on the ground by Todd Williams, Cain and Diaz, racking up three first downs and moving the ball to



Cowboy line blocks for Richard Diaz

the Eagle 25. A costly fumble gave the ball back to the Eagles, who went through the air and on the ground for four first downs, and early in the second quarter, ran the last 18 yards for the Eagles first score. The point

after put them up 7-0.

Following the Eagle kickoff, the Cowboys started from their 38. The up front Cowboy linemen opened holes for Cain,

Tests on rural water supply show good quality

Tests on some 100 county water wells, primarily sources of water for rural residents household use, indicate the quality of this water is standing up well and clearly meets safety standards established by the U.S. Public Health Service. The tests are conducted periodically by staff of Sandy Land Underground Water District.

CCN was furnished detailed color graphs denoting levels of a number of substances found in the test wells, compared to those found in the same wells in the 1993 survey. Numbers indicate milligrams per liter of water tested, and standards set by the U.S. Health Service (USPHS). 1993 - Chloride 191; 2003 - 190; USPHS Max 300 mg/l

1993 - Fluoride 3.3; 2003 - 3.25; USPHS Max 4.0 mg/l

1993 - Nitrate 2.96; 2003 - 1.55; USPHS Max 10 mg/l

1993 - Iron 0.09; 2003 - 0.019; USPHS Max .03 mg/l

The following conditions were also determined in the test, although not required by the Public Health Service; 1993 - Hardness 581 mg/l 2003 - 577 mg/l

1993 - Specific hardness 972 mg/l; - 2003 - 1167 mg/l

1993 - Dissolved solids; 1993 666 mg/l; 2003 - 800 mg/l

1993 - Alkalinity; 211 mg/l; 2003 - 225 mg/l

Denim And Diamonds New Year's Eve Ball Plans Underway

Plans for the First Annual Denim and Diamonds New Year's Eve Ball to be held on December 31, 2003 are being finalized. The primary purpose of this event is to help raise money for the YCH Foundation.

This elegant western-style gala will be held at the K&T Ranch (formerly the Sue Stevens Ranch) and will include a lavish dinner, silent and live auction, and dancing. Tickets are \$100.00 per ticket, and one ticket admits one couple or one single person into the ball.

Tickets for this event are currently on sale and can be purchased by contacting one of the following Gala Committee Members: Sharon Boyd-592-2939, Edith Kidd-592-2269, Beverly Mills-592-2121, Linda Moore-592-8829, Wilma Powell-456-2288, Louise Swanson-592-2069, or Judy Thompson-592-2580 or 592-64444.

All the money required to put on an event like this comes from donations from businesses and individuals in Denver City, Plains, and the surrounding towns. A spokesperson for the event said, "We want to make the First Annual Denim and Diamonds New Year's Eve Ball an extraordinary fun evening, and at the same time reach out to make a difference in Yoakum County. We are hoping it is a huge success and will be the start of an annual event everyone looks forward to. We are so excited about the amount of contributions being made and the auction items being donated. Auc-

tion items include a diamond necklace, side of beef, paintings, shopping spree, bar globe, catered dinner for 20, patio hearth firepot, tanning sessions, pedicure, restaurant gift certificates, and a special item "The Royal Treatment. There will be something for everyone. This ball will definitely be the place to be on New Year's Eve. There is still plenty of time to make a monetary contribution or an auction item donation."

The YCH Foundation's primary purpose is to raise funds through donations, memorials, fundraising activities, and grants. These funds help offset the amount of county tax revenues needed to purchase equipment, make capital improvements, and develop programs for the Yoakum County Hospital. Although, the YCH Foundation will contribute improvements to the Yoakum County Hospital, it is not a Yoakum County Hospital or Yoakum County organization. The YCH Foundation will assist the county by purchasing some of the equipment for Yoakum County Hospital's new Dialysis Center, Physical Wellness Center, and the remodeling of the Emergency Room and Delivery Rooms. When these projects are completed, the YCH Foundation will continue to help Yoakum County Hospital achieve the highest standards in patient care and community service. The YCH Foundation Board consists two Plains residents, two Denver City residents, one hospital board member, and the hospital administrator.

Neugebauer Responds To Redistricting

Until Austin and the courts have finished their job, I'm hesitant to say too much about redistricting. However, I do think the process is proving once again to show West Texas' importance, both politically and economically to the future of our state. We have the future in front of us.

I have a vision for West Texas and I have a personal tie to the Big Country. My mother and step father live there, and we have family that work and ranch the land in between. So, I'm excited. I plan to stay in Congress and I have a job to do. I didn't ask for redistricting, but we got it and we came out winners.

I am a glass half full person. I'm optimistic about what the future holds, about the dynamic common interests that tie every part of West Texas and the Big Country. The most important thing for me to be doing right now is get to work, and to continue delivering results for our communities.

I have worked hard to promote fair trade for West Texas farmers, and to keep the Big Spring VA Health Care Center strong, effective and responsive. And, I have worked hard to find alternative uses for the Littlefield Detention center.

As a member of the majority on the House Agriculture Committee and three important subcommittees, I am getting results for agribusiness. As a member of the Resources Committee I am working for final passage of a meaningful national energy policy bill and to protect Texas scarce water resources. This is important to the West Texas economy and it's important to agriculture and energy.

I won't be outworked. I have a voting record to support my hard work for the people of West Texas. I have a proven, conservative track record of working for West Texas and will continue to do so with an open door and West Texas hard work, energy, optimism and common sense.

Senate Clears Legislation To Ease R&R Costs For Armed Forces

Would provide transportation costs to troops home on leave

The United States Senate unanimously approved legislation to reimburse the cost of airfare for travel by members of the armed services on leave from fighting the war on terror. U.S. Senator John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, applauded the Senate action, calling it "an important step for the welfare of our troops." The bipartisan legislation was passed as an amendment to S. 1689, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan Reconstruction bill.

"While our troops are provided with transportation back to major airports in the U.S. when home on leave, they are often stuck footing the bill from those cities to their own cities and towns," Cornyn said. "This bill is one small way of thanking the brave men and women who sacrifice every day to keep America safe and free."

Troops who have served in

Iraq for more than one year are entitled to 15 days of paid leave in the U.S. However, current law only provides for the Pentagon to transport these personnel to Dallas-Fort Worth, Baltimore, Atlanta or Los Angeles. Military personnel must pay all transportation costs to and from those cities to their final destinations.

"While one in ten members of our armed services calls Texas home, they don't all live near a major airport," Cornyn said. "This legislation will make it easier for all of our troops to get home."

Cornyn joined eight Senate colleagues in early July for an Armed Services Committee trip to Iraq and the surrounding region. The delegation met with U.S. and Iraq officials involved in the reconstruction effort. While there, Cornyn visited with Texas troops and received briefings from coalition forces and humanitarian organizations.

Criminal case in District Court

One criminal case was heard in District Court October 6. Judge Kelly G. Moore was presiding officer, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Nicolas Dean Jeffrey pled true to violation of probation from

a prior cause of marijuana delivery. He must pay delinquent fine of \$68, \$159 supervision fees, \$40 restitution, attend and complete the batterer's treatment program at his expense. Two causes of assault causes bodily injury were adjudicated.



From George Carlin, Post 9-11

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgement, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember, to say, "I Love You" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

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Soil and Water Conservation Districts To Meet At El Paso

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts will host the 63rd Annual Meeting on October 20-22, 2003, at El Paso, Texas. The meeting will be held at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center.

The meeting will bring together District Directors from around the state representing the 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in Texas. The locally elected officials will be meeting with other state elected officials and state and federal agencies to discuss various issues dealing with soil and water conservation on privately owned farm and ranches

in Texas. Approximately 800 persons are expected to attend.

Dub Crumley, Chairman, TSSWCB, will open the first General Session on Tuesday, October 21. SWCDs are local units of state government. Each district is composed of five locally elected District Directors who oversee the conservation programs within a given district. The SWCDs work with other agencies and organizations to deliver technical assistance and other program assistance on a voluntary basis to landowners and operators. The main partner to SWCDs is the NRCS.

Don Burgess, Chairman of the Yoakum SWCD, will attend representing the Local District.

JP Court

October 9, 2003-In Precinct 1, Justice of the Peace Court with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding the following cases were filed and bonds set:

Cases filed: 65 traffic cases, 2 public intoxication, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 open containers of alcohol in vehicles, 1 juvenile theft case, 2 class A misdemeanors, 13 disorderly conduct, 1 issuance of bad check, 5 cases filed by sanitarian, 1 minor in possession of alcohol.

Bonds set: False report to police officer-\$500, theft Potter County-\$1500, failure to identify fugitive from justice-\$1500, unlawful consumption of alcohol-\$500, parole violation-Texas Youth Commission-held until transported, 3 charges-manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance-\$5000, burglary of a habitation-\$3000,

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Friday, October 31, 2003, for the sale of (1) Used 1989 single cab Chevrolet Pickup for Pct. 1. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 3, 2003. To inspect trade-in or for more information, contact Woody Lindsey, Commissioner, Pct. 1, 806-592-3601, 139 E. Broadway,

Denver City, Texas, 79323. Sealed bids should be marked "USED PICKUP" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Ave. G, Plains, TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published in the Cowboy Country News October 15 & 22, 2003.

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The State Of Texas) County Of Yoakum)

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, October 31, 2003, for the purchase of a water treatment system, bicarb system, and primary acid system with a cleared 510(K) from the FDA for hemodialysis for the Yoakum County Hospital. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 3, 2003.

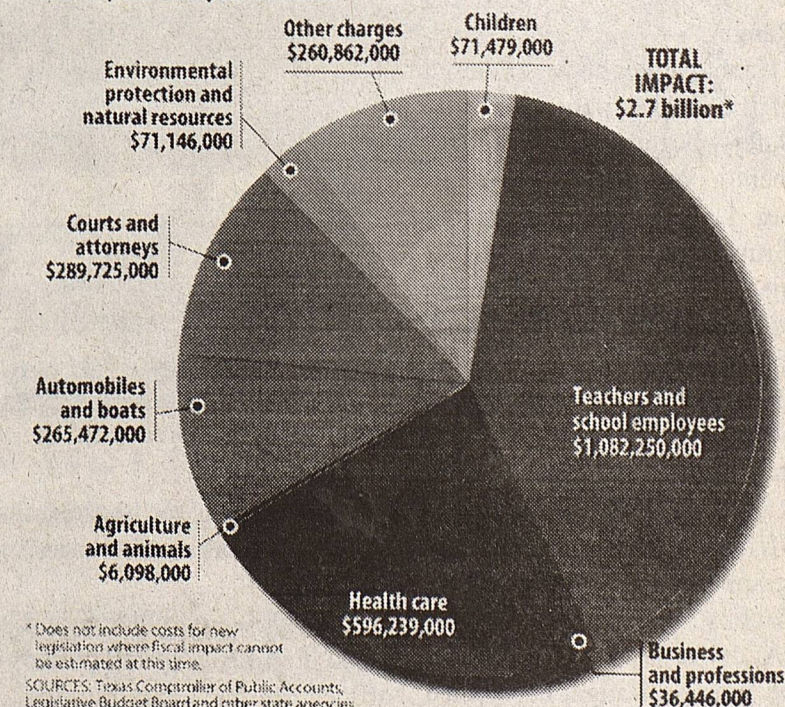
For a bid sheet and more information, please contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 412 Mustang Ave., Denver City, Texas 79323 or call 806/592-2121.

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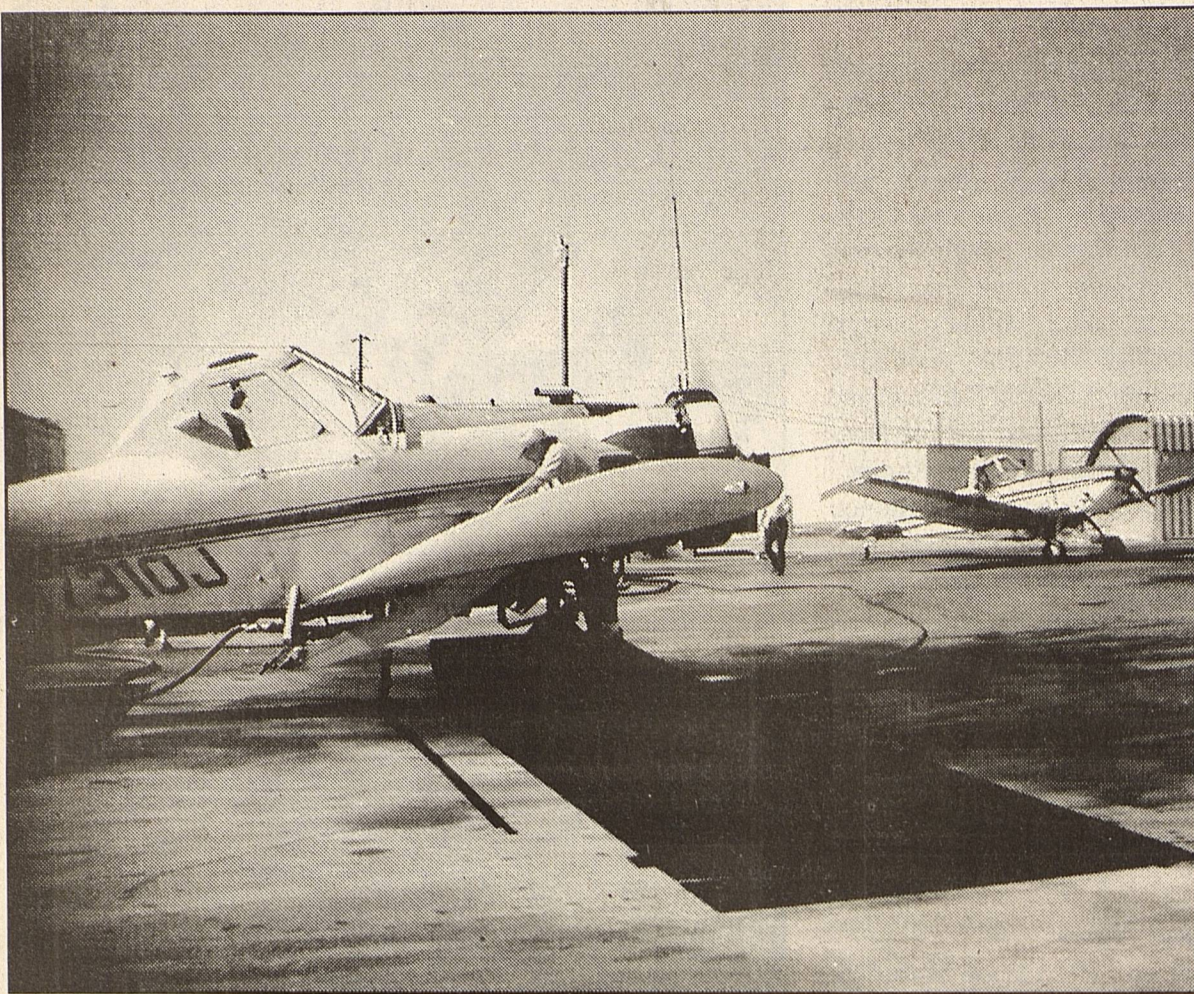
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Pesky boll weevils making last stand?



Aerial applicator aircraft have been busy operating from Spray Plains Inc.'s facility here recently - when fog and drizzle permitted, at least. Three aircraft were flying last Monday, spraying a malathion solution on cotton boll weevils being found in portions of Gaines County.

Darrel Dusek, manager of the Western High Plains Zone of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation reported, "Our field personnel have not found a boll weevil in Yoakum County this year. We are finding them in portions of Gaines County, and some in the Pecos Valley portion of southern New Mexico, however."

Dusek thinks weevils could be migrating here from infested areas, or coming in on infested cotton harvesting equipment from the Rio Grande Valley. He told CCN last week trappers found 37 weevils in Gaines County, compared to over 900 the same week last year. Spraying will continue until a killing freeze occurs, or all hostable cotton material is gone.

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Celebrating Fall

With our great climate year round, most Texans are never exposed to a traditional fall season, crisp, cool weather accompanied by a brilliant change in the color of leaves, are usually relegated to the northern half of the country and never experienced in Texas where the seasons are hot, hotter and hottest. So, if we can't rely on a dramatic shift in climate to signal the arrival of fall, how do we know it's here?

This year I participated in the opening ceremonies for the State Fair of Texas, a quintessential fall event. The State Fair began in 1886 and has grown from a humble celebration to a dazzling display of Texas ingenuity, excitement, and entertainment. Concerts, parades and a midway with the tallest Ferris wheel in North America are some of the most well known activities of the Fair, but the 'big' attractions are just a few incentives to take your family. There is a petting zoo, a dog show, and auto show, a livestock auction and a wine tasting pavilion among the many highlights of the 24 day event. State Fair cuisine, although not the healthiest of diets, consists of some of our most beloved treats, sending any adult back to sweet childhood memories. Corn dogs, funnel cakes, cotton candy and turkey legs..the list goes on and on.

But one State Fair event that decisively marks the arrival of fall is the famed Red River Shootout, the annual football contest between the University of Oklahoma and my alma mater, The University of Texas. The two teams have faced off in Dallas each October since 1929, rather than in Austin or Norman, their respective home bases. Each time, they've battled it out at the Cotton Bowl with the State Fair of Texas just outside the stadium. For that one weekend each fall, zealous football fans descend on Dallas to renew the famed Texas-OU rivalry. In Texas, it's not the turning leaves or the frost on the grass, it's football season that

really signals fall is in full swing.

College football in Texas is legendary. Hundreds of thousands of fans get in their trucks each weekend throughout the fall to travel across the state and around the country to watch their teams play. They know every player and every statistic. The games conjure up favorite memories and for a few hours every weekend, people escape the stress of everyday life.

But, if college football in Texas is legendary, high school football is the stuff of epics. High school athletes dream of the opportunity to play for their favorite college team and score the winning touchdown, in overtime. Books like Friday Night Lights that chronicled the football powerhouse of Odessa's Permian High School, and blockbuster movies like Varsity Blues, the tale of a fictional small Texas town that revolves around its' high school football stars, give the rest of the country a glimpse of just how important football can be for Texans.

Every Friday night across the state small towns and big cities alike light up the sky around their football field to root their teams on to victory. It's family fun, it's entertainment and it's the best of Texas wrapped up in a pigskin.

In Texas, our passions run deep. Whether they be football, fairs or four wheel trucks, we throw our heart and soul into everything we do. Texans are a vibrant people with a legendary past and our beginnings as an independent Republic still color our actions today.

This year, take the time to visit the State Fair, or one of the county fairs near you, go on a hay ride, carve a pumpkin, decorate your table with Texas grown fruit, flowers, and vegetables, or catch a football game with your family. But whatever you do, enjoy our heritage and take time to celebrate fall.



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Cowboys vs Eagles Action Scenes



Brief moment of Cowboy joy - Ref signals TD to tie game 7 - 7



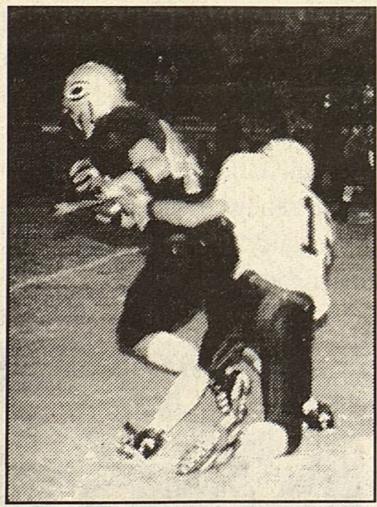
Richard Diaz stiff arms pursuing Eagle



Surrounded by Eagles, Evan Cain looks for open receiver



Cain holds for T.J. Cordova's field goal attempt



Zach Broome latches onto Eagle runner

From Page One, "COWBOYS"

Diaz, Crump and Williams to drive the ball to the Eagle one, where Cain sneaked it into the end zone, and Cordova's kick tied the game 7 - 7.

With less than two minutes left in the half, the Eagles went to the air, and on Hunter's fourth throw, he found his receiver open for the score, and at half-time, the Eagles led 14-7.

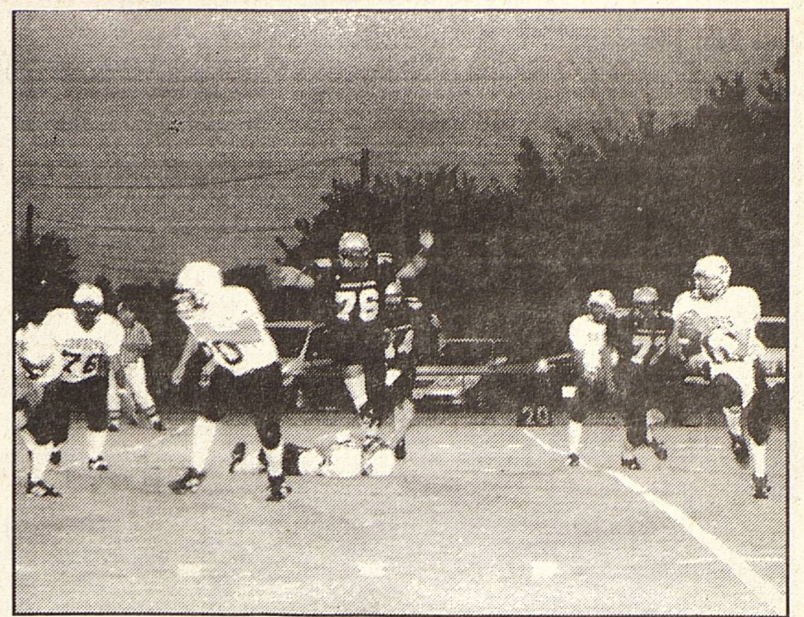
Early in the third period, The Cowboy line opened a gaping hole over the middle for Diaz to scamper 43 yards to the Eagle 30, but the threat collapsed at the 27.

The Eagles efficiently ground down the field, racking up four first downs and covering 73 yards for their third and final score. Neither team could sustain any offensive momentum in the final quarter, to give the

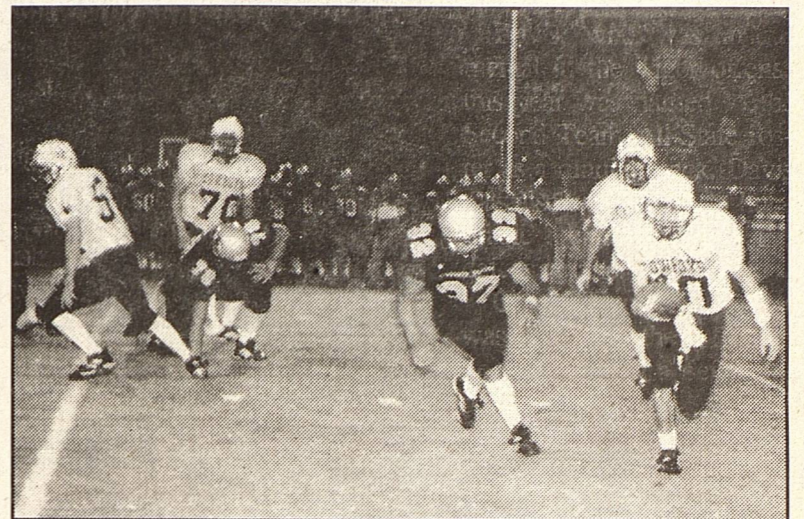
Eagles the 20-7 win.

The Cowboys managed 220 yards total offense to the Eagles 350. Diaz gained 86 yards in 12 carries, Cain 44 in 13, Williams 43 in 11, Crump 13 in 4. Zach Broome caught the only two pass completions, Williams had a fumble recovery, Grady McNabb, Armando Ramirez, Nolan Newsom and Ryan Martinez led the tackling, with Martinez, Ramirez, McNabb and Isaac Ramon having tackles for losses.

The Cowboys meet Whiteface in the second district game here Friday evening at 7:30. Both teams in the long running rivalry have struggled this season, and the Cowboys could use your support at the game!



Ryan Martinez, Cody Flores try to block for Cain



Angry Eagle flies after fleeing Cain

JV Volleyball News

The younger Cowgirls fell to Lamesa October 11, 20-15 and 24-14. Coach Thaggard said, "The JV Cowgirls played well at times Saturday but had trouble keeping the momentum going in our direction. We start District play this week, we are ready to play, and ready to win."

****Sorry, no varsity report available.**

Student of the Week

PHS student of the week is Skylar Keesee, a sophomore and the daughter of Greg and Latonna Keesee. Skylar was nominated by Treasure Thaggard, who said, "Most people think opportunities are just chance happenings coming along for no particular reason. This is not so! Opportunities are created when a person works hard, studies hard, and has a clear vision of where she wants to go. She always has a smile on her face. Also, I've noticed she is always part of the solution instead of being part of the problem. She is active in Volley-

ball, Basketball, FFA, and is a member of the Church of Christ."



Band flag bearers Callie Howell, Nicole Loya, Jeannie Longoria and Elizabeth Perez in the spotlight

PHS Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

'A' Honor Roll

9th Grade

Landon Craft
Jose Gallegos
Erika Loewen
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Adriana Ponce
Colby Wilmeth

10th Grade

Allison Friesen
Skylar Keesee
B.J. Lester
Ramiro Martinez
Adam McCravery
Abel Ramos

11th Grade

Evan Cain
Mayra Flores
Breck Hamm
Brandon Hise
Brant Huerta
Kerry Sisson

12th Grade

Stacie Alldredge
Brandon Davis
Mike Lopez

Grady McNabb

Helena Neufeld
Nolan Newsom
April Wilmeth

'A-B Honor Roll

9th Grade

Nicole Culwell
Clarissa Zorrilla
Mario Ruvalcaba

10th Grade

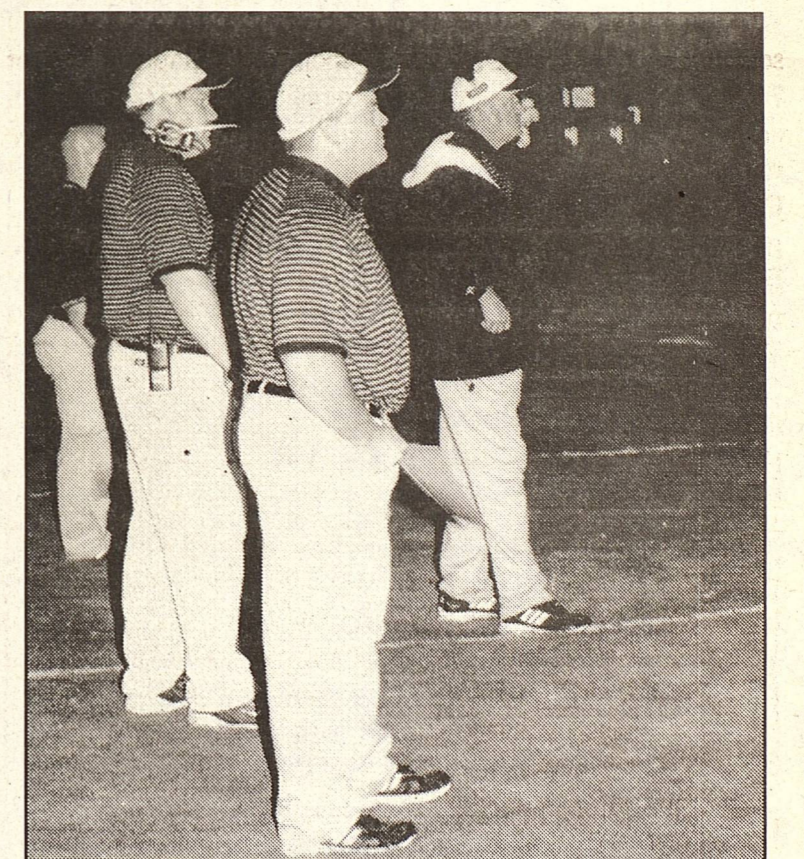
David Alldredge
Michael Crump
Reagan Haynes
Blake O'Quinn
Blake Parrish

11th Grade

Payton Bean
Patrick Cotton
Cody Flores

12th Grade

Jeannie Longoria
Cendy Lopez
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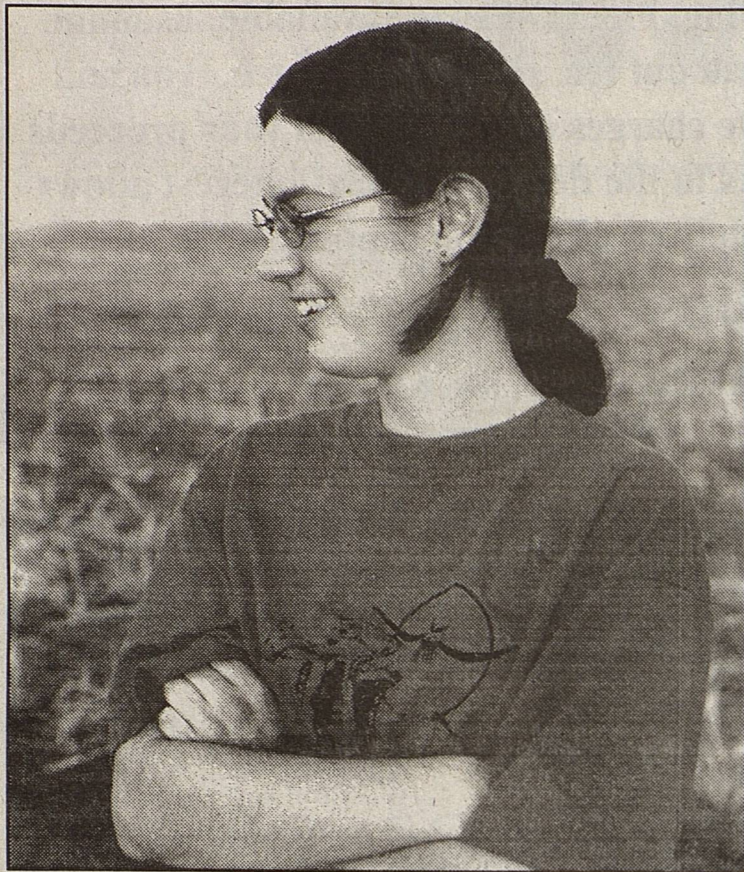
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Lifelines & Styles

To Be Inducted In Nursing Honor Society



On November 16 in the Allen Theatre on the Texas Tech Campus, Tommie McNabb, along with 65 of her fellow School of Nursing students at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, will be inducted in the IOTA MU Society of Nursing. Founded in 1922 at the Indiana University School for Nurses, the society provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. More than 120,000 active members make Sigma Theta Tau the second largest nursing organization in the world. Tommie is the daughter of Darryl and Pat McNabb.

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met Tuesday, October 7. President Jeanette Head called the meeting to order, minutes were read by Thelma Cheatham, and Betty Estep gave the treasurer's report. Election of officers was tabled until the November meeting. The time and place for the Christmas party was set. The door prize furnished by Linda Harris was won by Vickie Bayer.

Shelia Stephens introduced

Jeanie Jones of Lubbock, who demonstrated shaping different pieces of pottery using a potter's wheel. Following the demonstration, refreshments were served by hostesses Tommy Brown and Shelia Stephens.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, at 7:00 pm. Juan Rodriguez of Lubbock will demonstrate spray paint art. We invite anyone who is interested to join us either as a visitor or as a new member.

When your mind is set only on yourself, you lose your objectivity. Direct your focus towards helping others. When you do so, you will find all the fulfillment you need.

Bridal Shower honoring

Robin Squyres

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Senior Citizens Corner

Ed Kostelich has just returned from a great, month long vacation in the Colorado Rockies! The RV park at Fun Valley, Colorado, was his base of action. He tells of rendezvousing with old friends and exploring deserted silver and gold mining camps in the area. He says the trout were so abundant they didn't keep anything under thirteen inches long! He brought enough home for a fish fry, but most of them were shared with other campers. He continues to say that it rained and hailed continuously for one whole day; that it is winter time in that area now; and the RV park is closed until the spring thaw. He describes a trip to a town called Center one night for wonderful Mexican food and he ended by saying that the snow covered mountains were beautiful as he made his way back to West Texas.

It's good to see Ann and Bruce Greer back among us. They say that Denver City will be 'home' until it is springtime. Gene and Margie Moore were dinner guests one day and it is good to see Virginia Baker back again.

There were three birthday people at the Monday celebration and four couples who had spent a combines total of 220 years of married bliss. Congratulations to all.

I grew up with six brothers so this is a voice of experience speaking. It seems there was a Sunday School teacher who was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandments to 'Honor thy father and thy mother' she asked, "Is there a commandment that

teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Have you visited the 'Nostalgia Table?' Wanda Black has preserved photos of our Center family since we first began to gather in this facility and is sharing them for your enjoyment. There are several photo albums filled with memories. There is also a history of the Center called "Autumn Lovesong" that June put together for us. It includes a personal page for nearly everyone who was a part of the Center family in 1993 when it was published. She also did another history in 2000 entitled "Footprints in the Sands of Time." You will find one of those on the "Nostalgia Table", also. All of these are property of the Senior Center and are displayed for you to browse through and enjoy.

Shirley and Cookie Blancet, pool playing friends from Lovington, stopped by at lunch-time one day this week and stayed to play dominoes and pool with us.

Please take note of the shining, new, commercial freezer sitting in the dining room this week. SPAG has made this available for us. They have also provided us with a new food processor. These items were badly needed and we appreciate SPAG's help in obtaining them.

Thought for today: "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."



What about?...

The other day, Beth and I got to do something we haven't done in years. That was to go and judge a solo singing contest by 5th graders.

Of course, you know Beth and I have been Worship Leaders in a church in the Dallas area for several years. Beth plays piano beautifully, mostly by ear. Jr. Martinez, the music teacher called us and explained about an upcoming Veteran's Day concert that he was having the kids try out for the solo singing parts. We were to judge according to tone, tempo, and performance along with another teacher, Mrs. Beam.

So, we went. Let me tell you, American Idol has nothing on these kids! They came up, sang their hearts out and everyone did a wonderful job.

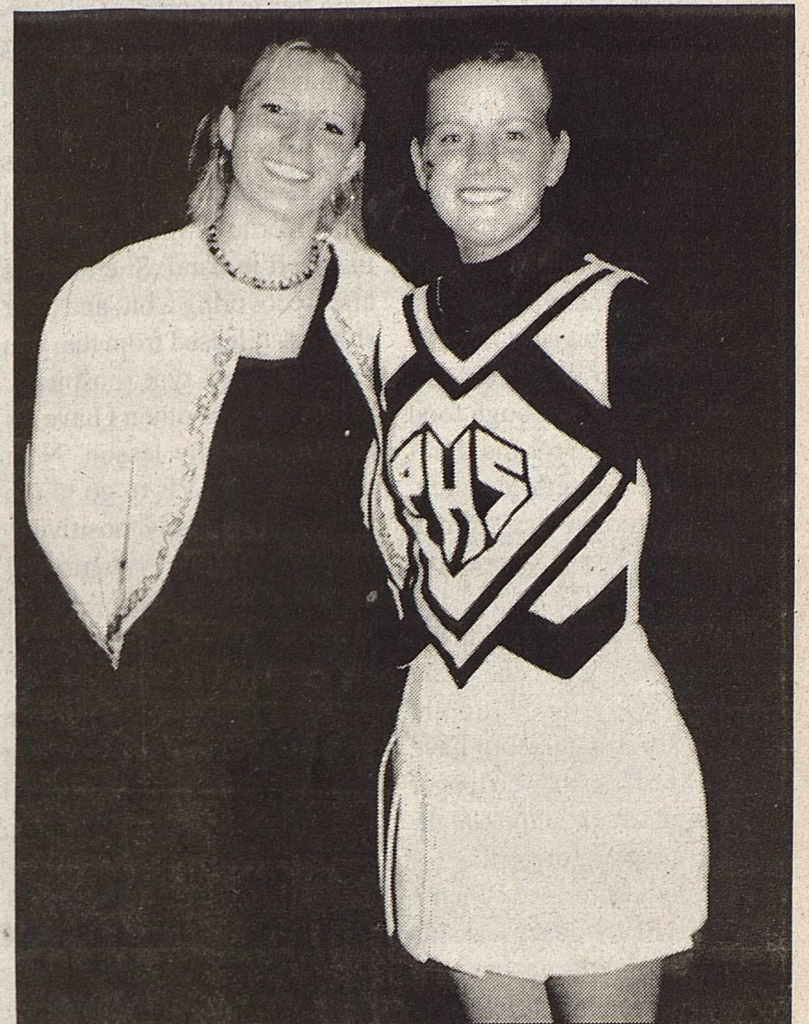
Of course Mr. Martinez said we could NOT be like Simon on American Idol, since they were only 5th graders, we had to be nicer than that guy is... (I always liked that line, "So tell me, did your parents 'really have to pay' for someone to teach you to

sing like this? I love it!) So we quietly thanked each one and told them what a good job they did...and they really did.

Those trying out included Thomas Perez, Brittany Herbert, Tarra Robinson, Candace Hall, Lindi Rodgers, Bayley Falkenfury, Christina Grenados, Vabessa Conejo, Celina Rodriguez, Minnie Torres, Crystal Berral and Aldo Gallegos.

Other trying out were Jamie Low, Jessica Ruiz, Lourdes Galvan, Brendi Gorman, Meira Ramos, Kaleb Galvan, Matthew Sellers, Samej Cole, and Christina Percella. Each one entered nervously and sang their version of "God Bless The USA". When I was in the 5th grade I would have never been caught dead singing for people...much less singing for a contest! That would not have happened!

So, you want to know who won? Well, you'll just have to go to the Elementary School on November 11th, and see. If Mr. Martinez won't tell, then we won't either.
Until Next Time...
Mark A. Jones



To persuade our photographer at the O'Donnell game to take their picture, PHS students Ashley Hunter and La Shonda Diamond told her they were extremely photogenic

How To Stay Young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. An idle mind is the devil's workshop. And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever, Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but not to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. If you don't send this to at least 8 people...who cares?

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From The Hack

In the Sunday, Oct. 12 issue of the Lubbock AJ, humor columnist Dave Barry again stole my attention and heart.

He detailed plights of home owners with pets, forced to leave their beloved pets home while their surrogate parents attend business conventions or vacations, or shady affairs.

For those pet owners not callous enough to kick their animals outside with enough food and water to last for the duration of the owners absence, there are alternatives; "Rent a Pet Sitter" is one alternative my elder sister Dana has discovered for her two well known prize winning cats, the male Cassius Clay and female Annika Sorenstam. Both have been "Fixed", so they no longer fight over which is the toughest sport, boxing or golf.

They both hate me. When I enter THEIR house, Cassius immediately approaches me, hissing, then attempts to do the same thing on my leg, spelled with a "P". The fuzz ball Anika just slinks by, wagging her tail seductively, waiting until I lean over to stroke the wench, when she sinks her fangs in my groin.

All this heart warming nostalgia brings about another recollection. Dana once left in the care of a rent a pet sitter her two cats, a weasel, three laboratory mice, an aquarium full of guppies, two guinea pigs (the female in heat) and a stray boar coon which had been found in her barbecue cooker and now was a steady member of her menagerie. She assured her weekend trip to Possum K. was for business purposes, and her mini-zoo would be absolutely no trouble what so ever.

When she returned from the lake, she found a note from the sitter advising her of a pending law suit, and detailing quite vividly how Cassius and Anika

had devoured the entire fish aquarium, the lab mice had eaten their way out of the lab and devoured the guinea pigs bedding, the pigs then so ticked off they somehow managed to free the boar coon from the cooker, which immediately attempted to have intimate relations with a stray shaggy dog innocently sticking its nose in the door. The dog was later admitted to the pet center's Psychiatric Ward. The weasel was found several days later, by then a large greasy spot on the sidewalk, the victim of the neighbors two skate boarding teens.

My favorite baby sister took all this well in hand. She told me after recovering a bit, and after she was released from the, you know, funny type hospital, "You know, br other, I have really learned my lesson. Next time I just HAVE to go to the lake, I am honestly, positively going to take every damn one of those pets with me! As soon as I get them replaced.

There's a new study out about women and how they feel about the size of their derriere, and the results are very interesting. 85 percent of women think their derriere is too big..... 10 percent of the women think their derriere is too small..... the other 5 percent say they don't care - they love him, and would have married the ass anyway.

The following stuff is from a New Mexican, so that should be warning enough:

Things I have learned about Texas:
Armadillos sleep in the middle of the road with all four feet in the air.

There are 10,000 types of spiders, and a few no one has ever seen before.

There are valid reasons some people put razor wire around their houses.

A tractor is NOT an all terrain vehicle.... they DO get stuck. Cold beer is just one word.

Fix-in-to is one single word. Backwards and forwards means I know everything about you.

"Jeet?" is actually a phrase meaning, "did you eat?"

Stores don't have bags, they have sacks.

You carry jumper cables for your very own car or truck.

You think anyone from north of Dallas has a strange accent.

You know the four seasons - almost summer, summer, still

summer and Christmas.

Anything below 75 degrees is good chili weather.

I actually read this headline in a recent issue of the Albuquerque newspaper; "New Mexico leads the nation in childbirths by un-wed mothers", and I was going to write something semi-sarcastic, semi-humorous about the statement. But then I thought, "What? You are going to make snide remarks about a neighboring state, after the past few months of utterly sickening and assinine behavior in the Texas legislature?" I think not.

Our elected officials, Democrats and Republicans both, really took giant strides in calling the nation's attention to their dedicated service to their constituents, their resolve to continue the past few years atmosphere of bi-partisanship and mutual cooperation for the good of all Texans. BARF! No, DOUBLE BARF! I am only partially pleased the actions of our elected choices in Austin were not quite so bizarre as what went on in the California Recall Insanity. Don't you find it comforting our media has now decided former Governor Grey Doofus... er, Davis, may have a future promising career as a comedian? It is certainly not surprising to me.... I've always thosought he was a bit hilarious.

To our New Mexico friends, see, we let you off the hook. Too many of you live too close to poke fun at, even when deserved.

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