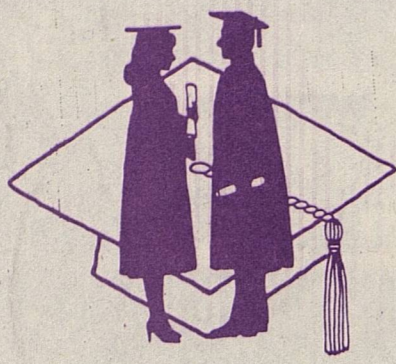


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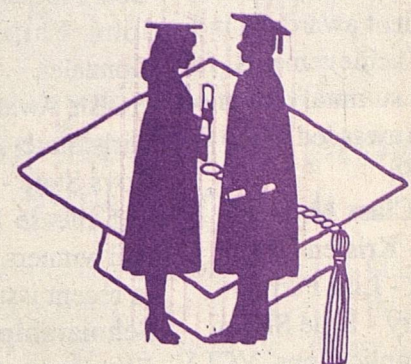
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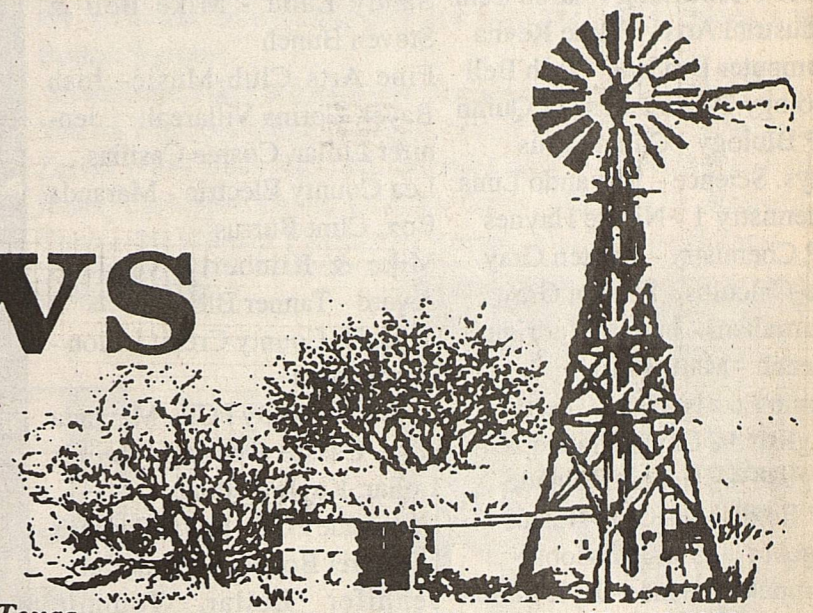
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# Our 1999 PHS Graduation and Awards Issue



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## PHS Ex makes the big time at Tech Shyloh Winn named to Red Raider Cheerleader team

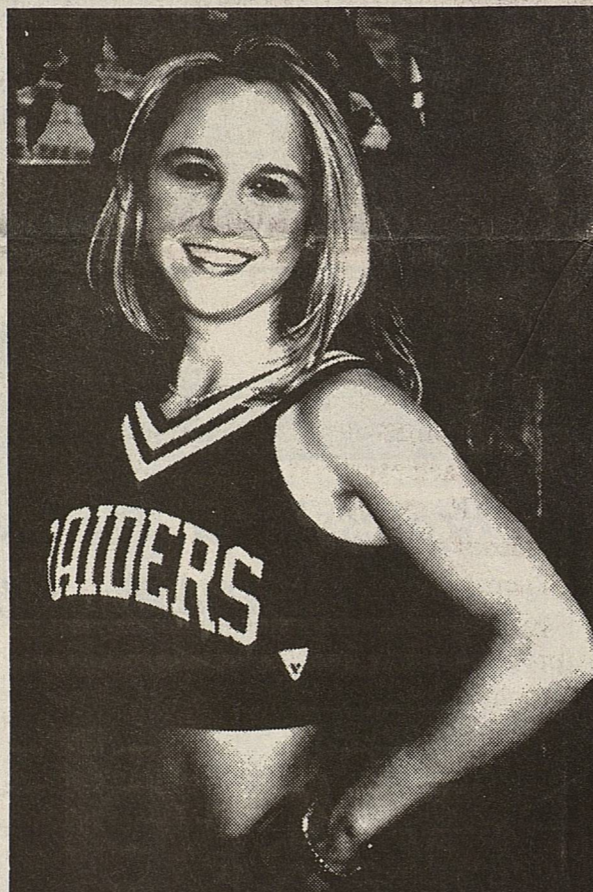
When tryouts for a coveted spot on the Texas Tech Cheerleader Squad were held April 17, a total of 49 Tech students lined up for a grueling six hour qualifying session. When the tryouts ended, 12 girls and 12 boys were picked to boost Red Raider foot ball and basketball teams next year, and appear at many other school functions.

One of the new members was Shyloh Winn, a 1998 graduate of PHS. Shyloh, 19, is the daughter of Lynn and Tony Winn, and the granddaughter of Melba and Johnnie Fitzgerald, and Zareta and Bill Winn, all of Plains.

In a telephone interview last week, Shyloh told CCN the tryouts, judged by NCAA officials from other states, "Were really intense, and the competition was stiff. I was really nervous before it started, but when it was my turn to perform, I guess I settled down enough to do OK."

She said the aspiring group were required to perform one of the athletic stunts the Tech squads use at events, or perform a tumbling routine. "I chose the tumbling, because I had pretty extensive experience in that," Shyloh said. While in high school here, she competed in gymnastic meets around the country, as well as France, Germany and Australia. In 1997, she won the national tumbling title in the Jr. Elite Division at the competition in Orlando, Florida. She said the cheerleaders work all Red Raider home football and basketball games, and make some road trips to out-of-town Big 12 Conference games. In July, the squad will participate in a cheerleading camp in San Marcos, and will rub shoulders with some of the elite squads from top colleges and universities around the country.

Shyloh spent this academic year at South Plains College, and will take some summer courses at Tech before the Fall semester begins. She is undecided at this time about plans for a major, and said because of the very busy schedule of the cheerleader squad, she would probably take no more than 12 to 14 hours of courses.



Asked if she was surprised at winning a spot on the team, she laughed and said, "Yes, I guess I was a bit surprised, and I can't begin to describe for you how thrilled I was. I have wanted to be a cheerleader since I was three years old. I was on the high school squad at Plains, and that was great, of course, but to qualify for a spot on the Tech team is super!"

The initial tryout in April was graded, and Shyloh placed among the top three girls, and will receive a Tech scholarship, but she was unsure of the amount. She explained making the team does not mean she is guaranteed a spot leading future Tech athletic events. "Your term on the squad runs from April to April, and in April, 2000, I will have to tryout again to earn a spot."

To our knowledge, no other PHS Ex, male or female, has qualified for this coveted honor.

## Court hears financial report on county hospital

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Ed Rodgers and Business Manager Clay Taylor delivered a quarterly financial report on hospital activities thru the end of March, 1999.

The extensive report indicated medicaid patients utilization reached 44%, the high mark since 1997. Medicare payments accounted for over 37% of hospital revenues, with the county's

share of revenue at 7% of the total year to date amount of \$1.6 million.

Rodgers reported an audit by Medicare revealed a claim for underpayment of some \$60,000 dating back to 1996. He stated the hospital had filed a protest of the audit.

The report showed the Plains Clinic, from May 1998 through April 1999, had a total of 2,987 visits, 278 of those gratis visits. During October, 1998, patient

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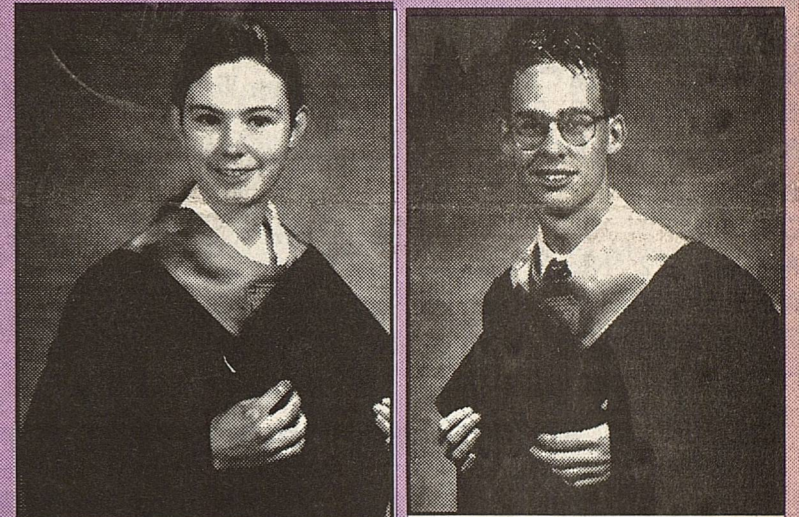
## The Class of '99 - A group of talented achievers

The steps leading to the stage of the Plains School auditorium glittered with gold and silver last Thursday evening, heralding the awarding of honors and scholarships for students prior to the final graduation ceremonies May 21.

The glittering gold and silver was in the form of plaques and trophies earned over the school year for achievements ranging from UIL events, class room academics, and sports.

There was another form of 'gold' present in the two hour program, dozens of financial scholarships awarded to the outstanding Senior Class by well wishers, colleges and universities, businesses, civic and fraternal organizations. Representatives from all these groups called the student recipients on stage for the presentations, and it was apparent the honorariums were appreciated.

Perhaps the greatest 'finders of gold' during the evening were the Senior Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Tommie



McNabb and Clint Burrus. The two top achievers - Tommie McNabb, Valedictorian, with a grade average of 97.92, edged out Salutatorian Clint Burrus, with an average of 97.05. Tommie will attend prestigious Johns Hopkins University, and hopes to become a cardiac surgeon. She received a one year scholarship from the school in the amount of \$19,000. Clint will attend Southwestern University in Georgetown, with the assistance of a \$80,000 four year scholarship. His present plans call for the pursuit of a double major in Biology and English

At one time or another, Clint would lead Tommie, then vice-versa. The quality of their work is well illustrated by their grade average; Only .87 percent of one point separated their final averages. It's remarkable."

## Texas EMS Week Is May 16 - 22

You suddenly feel a horrible crushing pain in your chest. Your child falls down the front steps, hits his head on concrete and lies unconscious. Your neighbor bangs at your door to scream her toddler has just swallowed rat poison. Dialing 9-1-1, you wonder - who will be there to help you in this emergency situation? Plains has a team of trained professionals who treat illnesses or injuries and transport the patient to a hospital emergency department.

Plains EMS and the Texas Department of Health remind you and your family that emergency response teams provide a lifesaving link between ill or injured individuals and medical care. "Emergency medical response across Texas is provided every day by dedicated, trained professionals, working in ambulances stocked with lifesaving equipment," said Gene Weatherall, chief of TDH's Bureau of Emergency Management. Ambulances staffed with at least two trained and certified medics respond to medical assistance calls and at least one medic provides care to the patient during transport. Some ambulances are as well equipped as hospital intensive care units. And 9-1-1 phone calls can now be made in every county in Texas. The Plains EMS is currently staffed by four certified Emergency Medical Technicians; Joe Humphrey, Marc Traweek, Charlie Diamond and Freda Humphery. The department has two ambulances, the newest fully equipped with state of the art equipment to handle any medical needs.

"Nearly 50,000 trained and certified emergency personnel are part of Texas EMS," Weatherall said. "They respond to people in need and give the best emergency medical aid possible. These highly trained medics are an integral part of our system of care for victims of sudden and serious illness and injury. In Texas, this system begins with an informed public able to recognize a medical emergency and make the call for help and includes a network of trauma centers that provide highly specialized care for the most seriously ill or injured."



## Honors night at PHS recognizes, rewards many

Following is a complete summary of student awards in individual class achievements, followed by a summary of most scholarships awarded to the Seniors of 1999;

### Individual Class Awards:

Economics - Kristen Gray  
 Government - Lisa Parrish  
 World History - Kyle Sisson  
 Computer Applications, VCI 1, Laura Morales; VCI 2, Wendy Hernandez; Office Systems, Stephanie Vasquez.  
 Woods - Vincent Delgado  
 Cisco Networking - Aaron Cain  
 Industrial Arts - Felipe Reyna  
 Computer Drafting - Josh Bell  
 Biology 1 - Annaliesa O'Quinn  
 AP Biology - Clint Burrus  
 Phys. Science - Servando Luna  
 Chemistry 1 - Nicole Haynes  
 AP Chemistry - Kristen Gray  
 Pre-Calculus - Kristen Gray  
 Journalism - Juanita Rodriguez  
 Speech - Matt Willis  
 Home Ec - Natasha Guerra  
 English 3 - Davis Granados  
 English 4 - Norma Delgado  
 AP English 4 - Clint Burrus  
 Algebra 1 - Louis Escobar  
 Computer Science - Kyle Sisson  
 Geometry - Annaliesa O'Quinn  
 Physics - Kristen Gray  
 Calculus - Clint Burrus  
 Algebra 2 - Nicole Haynes  
 Accounting - Velvet Canada  
 Accounting 2 - Tandi Jones  
 AP English 3 - Jason Swann  
 Health - Nicole Haynes  
 US History - Annaliesa O'Quinn  
 World Geography - Josh Bayer  
 Spanish 1 - Angie Longoria  
 Spanish 2 - Cosme Casillas  
 Spanish 3 - Jason Ruiz  
 English 1 - Patrick Brintle  
 AP English 1 - Annaliesa O'Quinn  
 AP English 2 - Nicole Haynes  
 Agriculture - Star Chapter Farmer, Tanner Blount. Swine Production, Jeremy Humphrey.

Goat Production, Dustin Sellers.  
 John Philip Sousa - Isaac Gonzales  
 HOBY Award - Joel Gallegos  
 Girls State - Krystle Blundell  
 Boys State - Josh Bell  
 \*\*\* Please Note - UIL events and winners have been featured in recent issues of CCN  
**Scholarship Awards:**  
 Elizabeth Clark - Tommie McNabb  
 Ed Clark - Cosme Casillas  
 Cowboy Country News - Tandi Jones  
 Sandy Land - Mike Bell & Steven Bunch  
 Fine Arts Club-Music- Josh Bayer, Corina Villareal, Jennifer Lollar, Cosme Casillas  
 Lea County Electric - Maranda Box, Clint Burrus  
 Mike & Kimberly Newland Award - Tanner Blount  
 Yoakum County Credit Union - Tandi Jones  
 Yoakum County FCE - Maranda Box, Cassie Dearing, Jennifer Lollar, Kayla Redman  
 State Line FCE - Kayla Redman  
 Margaret Box 4-H Memorial - Jennifer Lollar, Tommie McNabb, Krystal Sellers  
 ACU - Maranda Box  
 Classic Cable - Clint Burrus  
 National Honor Society Quiz Bowl - Clint Burrus, Tommie McNabb, Maranda Box  
 Bob & Irene Jones - Maranda Box, Cosme Casillas  
 4-H Watermelon - Tommie McNabb  
 Anderson Produce, Earnest & McWhirter Families -Dustin Brunson  
 Yoakum County CO-OP Gin- Jennifer Lollar  
 Tsa Mo Ga - Sit Jones - Tommie McNabb  
 SPC Vaedictorian - Tommie McNabb  
 SPC Salutatorian - Clint Burrus.



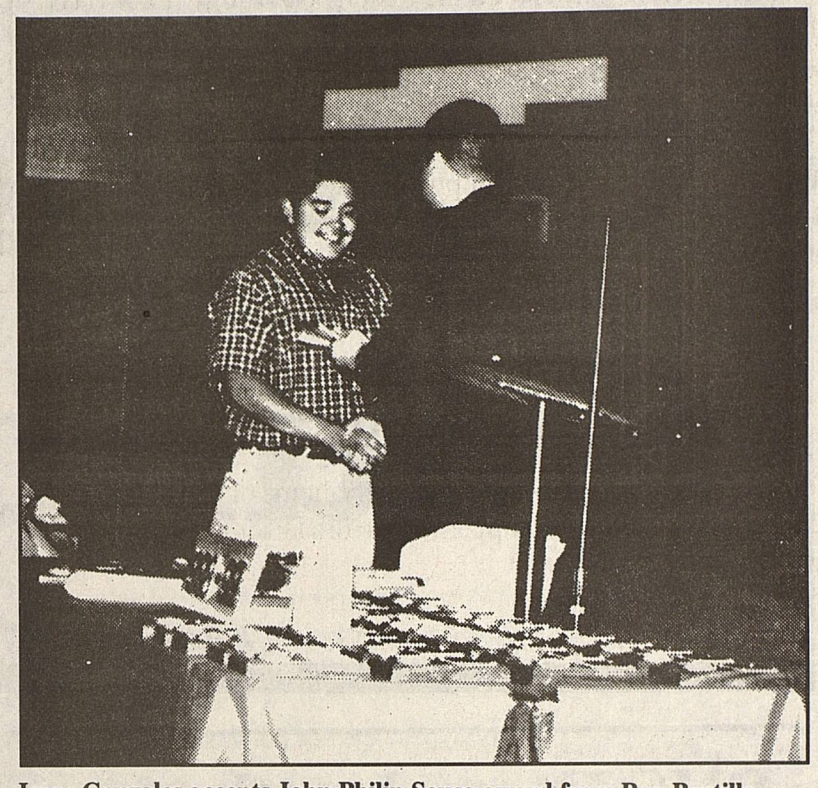
Ms. Dorsett presents English award to David Granados



Tanner Blount, L. receives first Mike & Kimberly Newland scholarship



Brad Friesen gives Geometry award to Annaliesa O'Quinn

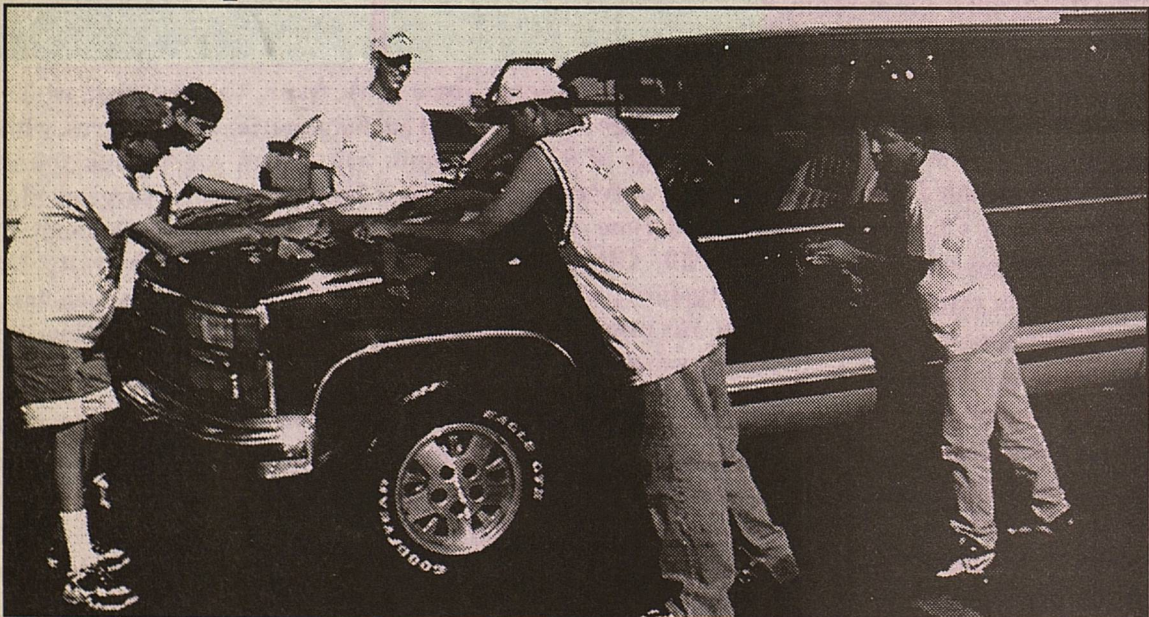


Isaac Gonzales accepts John Philip Sousa award from Ray Portillo

### Jason Redman Receives Scholarship

Jason Redman, son of Jeff and Pam Redman of Plains, received word last week he had been named the recipient of a scholarship at South Plains College from the Davidson Family Scholarship in Law Enforcement Technology. The scholarship is for \$250 per semester in the field of study. Redman is a 1998 graduate of Plains High School.

### Explorer members labor for uniforms



Pictured clockwise from right, Luis Delgado, Jesus Mendias, Jeremy Diamond, Noel Castillo and Steven Bunch, hard at work Saturday morning washing vehicles on Lowe's parking area. Deputy James Melendez was on hand, and said the boys were trying to earn money to purchase uniforms to wear during their participation in the Sheriff Departments Explorer Troop activities. He also said "Donations will be very cheerfully accepted."

## Yoakum County Plains Clinic

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**Monday - Friday**

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**Shirley Watson, R.N.,**

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**Practitioner**

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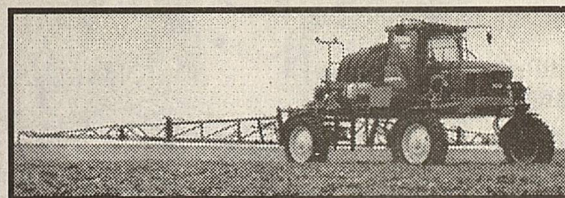
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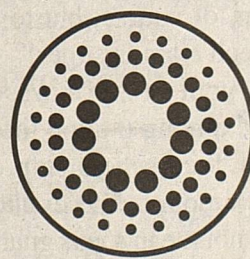
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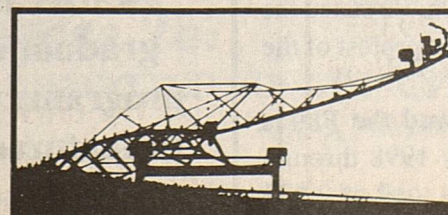
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## Senior Citizens Corner

One new visitor this week. Martha Jean Sneed came by a couple of days, visiting relatives and greeting old friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Teresa Lile on the loss of her sister, and to George Hubbard whose sisters' funeral was Friday.

Ireta Davis is in Lubbock hospital and has had heart surgery. The best part is, she is doing real well.

The ladies dominoe Tournament turned into a '42' set-to. Gladys Thomason and Inez Turner won the Free Lunch.

Wanda Sweitzer has started the lessons on Bridge. First class she had 4 beginners-sort of like pre-school or Kindergarten kids.

Aren't telephones wonderful? I have just touched base with Maxine. All is well with her and Mildred. Also Johnnie and Gaston Hodges. It was Gastons birthday.

Remember the exercise equipment and long hall for walking. Some mornings this week have made everyone wish to do exercise out of the cold.

See You Next Week,  
Smitty

## Fine Arts Club Meets

Plains Fine Arts Club met May 6th in the home of Sonya Young. Co-hostess for the salad supper was Debra Hise. They provided meat salads, dessert and refreshments. Members attending brought salads. They were: Sue Banfield, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Kathy Haynes, Debra Hise, Paula McMinn, Janie Ramos and Sonya Young.

This was the last meeting on the 1998-1999 Club year. Following roll call, the reading of minutes and a short meeting by outgoing president, Sandra Ellison, Carolyn Culwell presided in the installation of new officers for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. They are President, Paula McMinn, Vice President, Sue Banfield, Secretary-Reporter, Dolores Davis, Treasurer, Janie Ramos, Parliamentarian, Sonya Young, Pianist-Librarian, Melba Crutcher and Music Director, Sandra Ellison.

Sandra was presented a gift of appreciation and Carolyn was the recipient of the hostess gift.

The Club will have a booth at the Watermelon Round Up on Labor Day Saturday.

## First of 2 CCN Baby Girls!

Introducing Lexis Ashton Sorensen. Born April 30, 1999 in Odessa, Texas, at 5:56 p.m., to Paul and B.J. Sorensen. She weighed in at 5 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Proud Grandparents are Dolores Knotts of Plains, and Kenneth Knotts of Hobbs. Great grandparents are Holly and Gary Dyer, and John Holly all of Plains. Her aunt is Deneice Watkins of Sanoma, Ca. Her great Aunt is Debbie Rushing of Plains.



## Brand New Baby Boy!



Ronny and Jalyn Wall of Amarillo proudly announce the arrival of Zane Daniel Wall. On Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 12:30 p.m. Zane weighed in at 6 lb 6 oz and is 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Dan and Linda Wall of Plains, Kenneth Dan and Glenda Vestal and James and Judy Williams of O'Donnell. Great grandparents: N.R. and Thelma Jones of Hereford, Leroy and Lou Bond of Hobbs, N.M. and Mozelle Vestal of O'Donnell.

## Summer Workshops Scheduled

Looking for ways to keep your out-of-school youngsters busy at something constructive this long summer. Tanya Patton, Coordinator of Yoakum County Connections' Summer Youth Program, recently announced a schedule of summer workshops on fourteen different art forms, ranging all the way from quilting, T-shirt art and photography. Patton said, "There is a workshop program for virtually any age group, and it's a great way to keep your youngsters busy at something useful and instructive. The workshops will start the first week of June and run through the month, and courses will be available in both Denver City and Plains. A complete schedule of events and registration forms are available at both libraries. A brief description of the workshops may be found on page 8.

## Wedding Shower Announcement

*Kipp Blount & Heather Fields*

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## Thank You!

It is with deepest gratitude we give thanks to the people of Plains for the many acts of kindness, prayers, food and caring during the loss of our beloved husband and father, Milton. Words cannot convey how very much it meant to all of us.

God's blessings on all of you.  
*Jimmie Bayer, Pam & Bill Burnett, Sandy & Herman Kreller,  
Keith & Lynne Bayer, Scott & Linda Bayer, Laine Bayer &  
Billy Beecher.*

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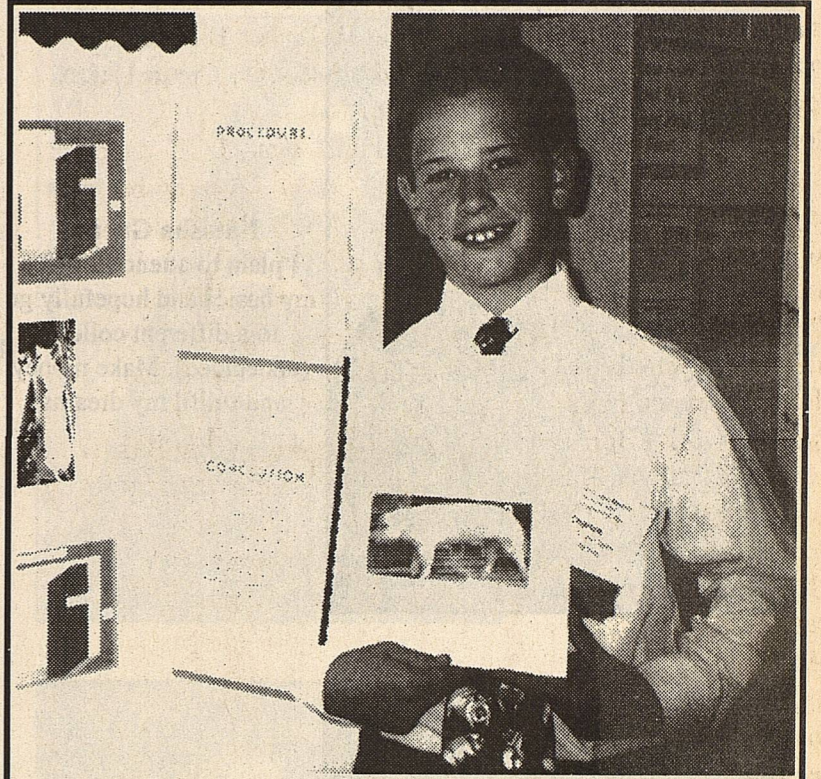
## "Color Me Healthy," program at TSA MO GA

The May 10th TSA MO GA meeting started in Stanford Park with members in a brisk walk, part of the program theme, "Color Me Healthy". The club later moved to the Library for a dinner of 'Veggies', hopefully a 21 day diet, according to Billie Blundell, Women's Health Program Coordinator.

Those plans went astray later, with a banana split dessert served by Connie McWhirter and Bonnie Earnest.

Wilma Powell furnished one of her hand painted platters for the Sit Jones Scholarship Auction, and the lucky bidder was Bonnie Earnest.

Sixteen members attending the fun evening were Mattie Field, Valeria Winn, Renetta O'Quinn, Wilma Powell, Billie Blundell, Zareta Winn, Betty Rushing, Bobbie Gayle, Ann McGinty, Toni Jones, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Mary Jo St. Romain, Connie McWhirter, Elouise St. Romain and Bonnie Earnest.



Chance Van Dyke, son of Brent and Kim Van Dyke, of Hobbs, N.M., and grandson of Bo and Sheila Stephens, pictured with his science project in Socorro, N.M.

He advanced from the Hobbs Science Fair to Portales where he won a savings bond and the opportunity to advance to Socorro Science Fair. There he competed with three hundred and fifty entries, won his division, and placed third overall, winning the Farm Bureau Agriculture Award.

Chance is a sixth grader at Mills Elementary in Hobbs, N. M.

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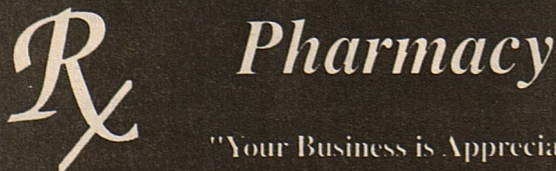
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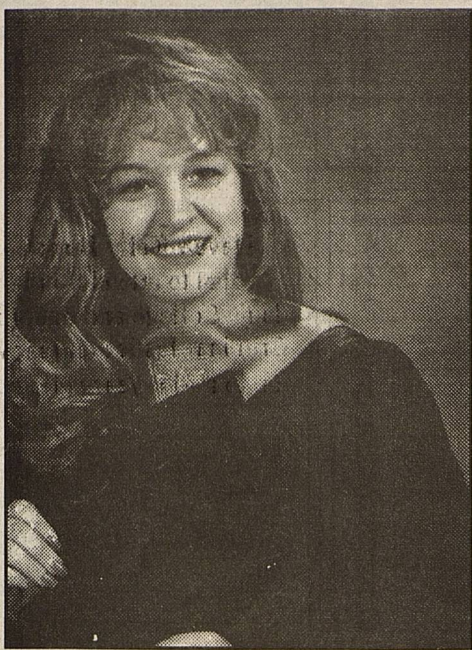
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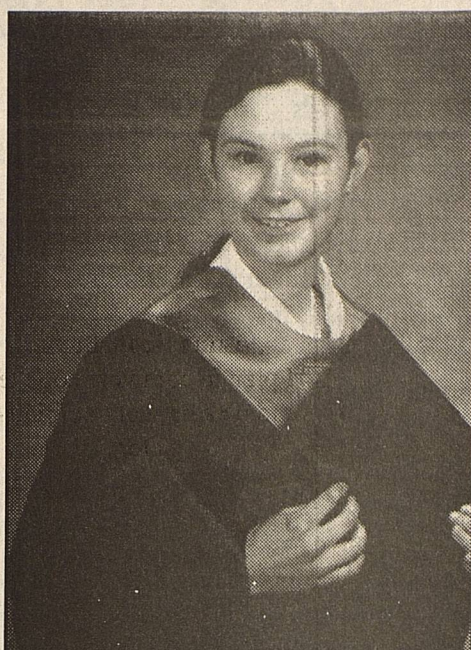
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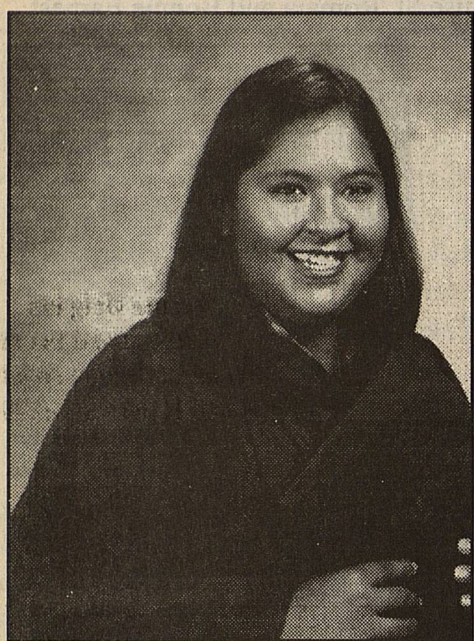
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I plan to attend either UTEP or South Plains College and major in Computer Programming.



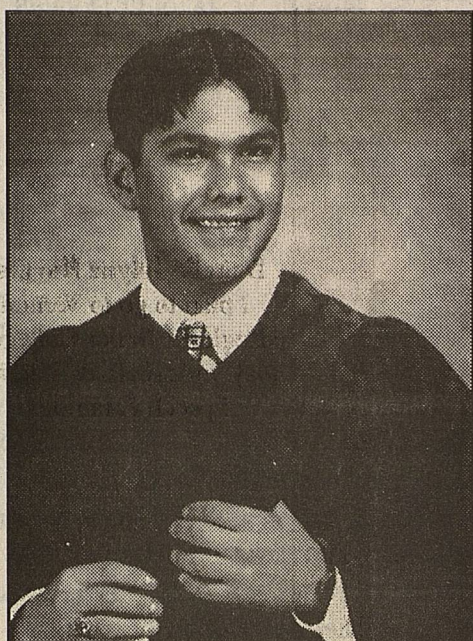
**Tandi Michelle Jones**  
I plan to attend Texas A&M and major in Accounting.



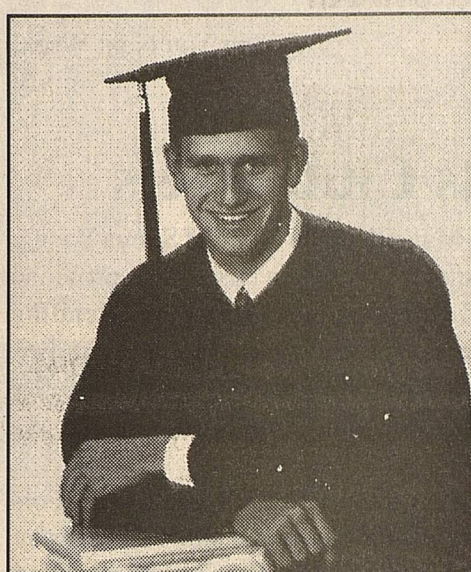
**Tommie Patrice McNabb**  
I hope to attend Johns Hopkins Medical School and become a Cardiac Surgeon.



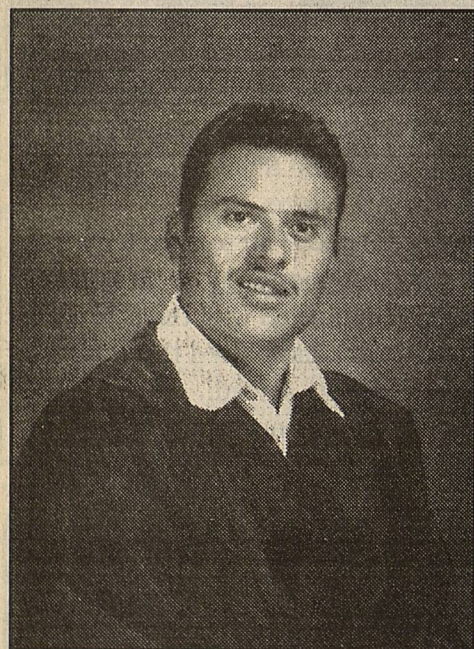
**Natasha Guerra**  
I plan to attend SPC for my basics and hopefully go to a different college (undecided). Make money and fulfill my dreams.



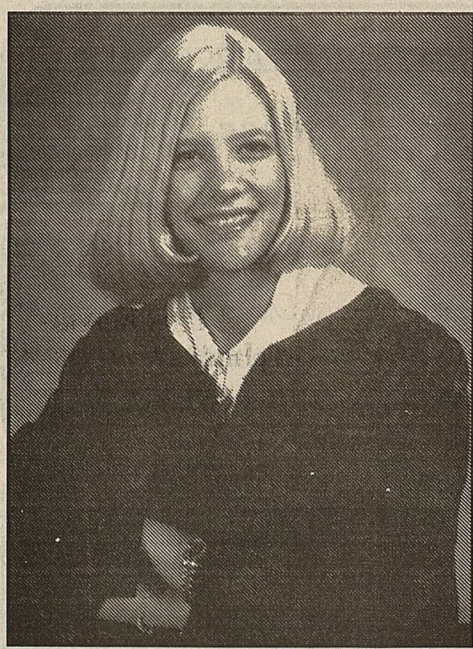
**Juan Antonio Lazos Jr.**  
I plan to go to South Plains College, then transfer to a University and major in Computer Science.



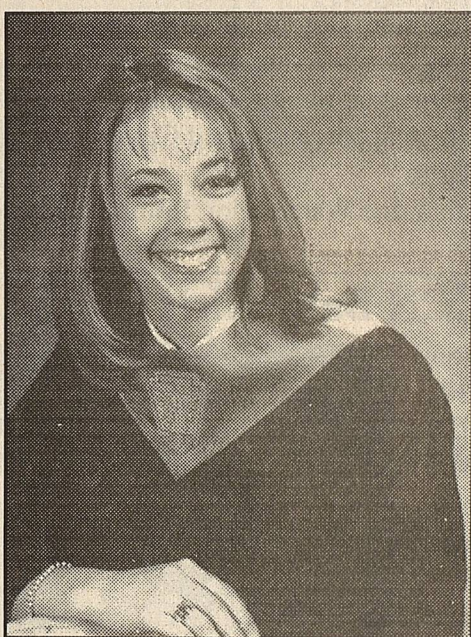
**Lewis Ross Nixon**  
I plan to be successful!



**Jesus Hernandez 111**  
I plan to go to a Mechanic School.



**Jennifer Dyanne Lollar**  
I plan to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and major in Marketing,; minor in Religious Education.



**Lisa Lynn Parrish**  
I plan to attend and graduate from Texas A&M University and major in Marketing.



**Sonia Ann Hernandez**  
I plan to go to South Plains College and become a registered nurse.



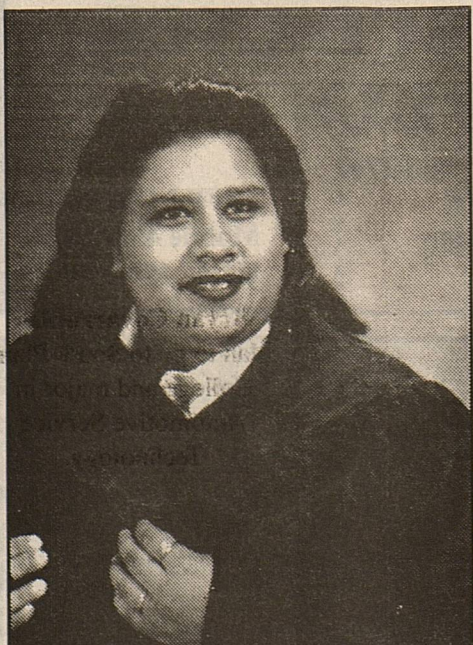
**Krystal Michelle Madison**  
I plan on going to South Plains College and majoring in Elementary Education. I also plan on working while in college.



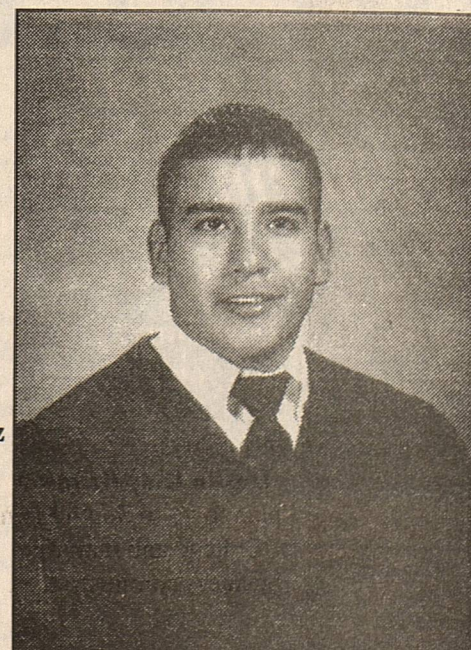
**Kayla Brianne Redman**  
I plan to attend Cisco Jr. College and play V-Ball for 2 years then go to Midwestern State University to play v-ball and have fun.



**LaCresha Johnson**  
I plan to attend Hardin-Simmons University & major in Elementary Education.



**Melissa Lashae Martinez**  
I plan to move to North Carolina and get a job.

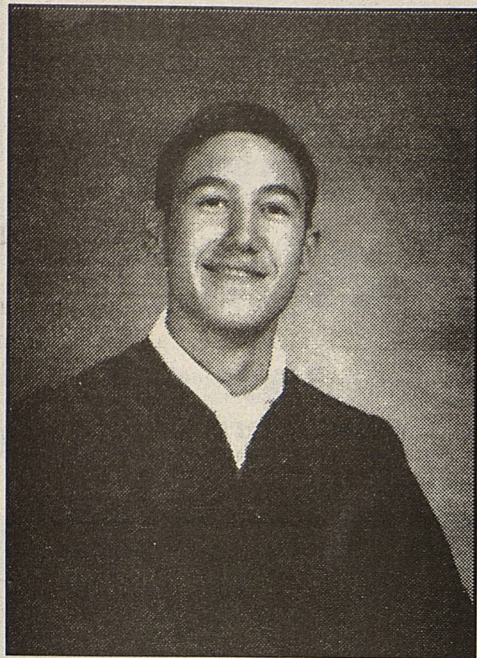


**Adrian Dan Rios**  
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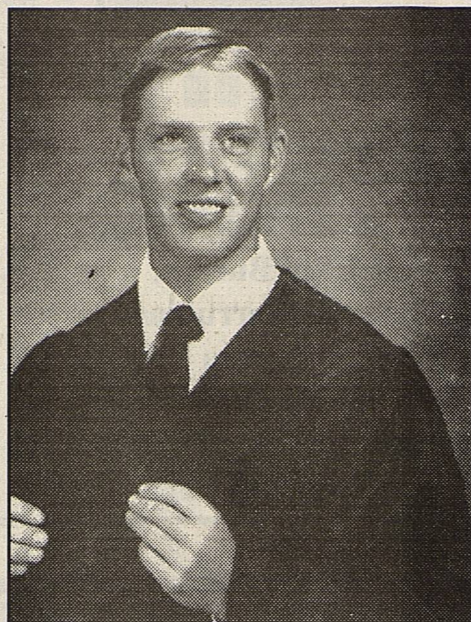


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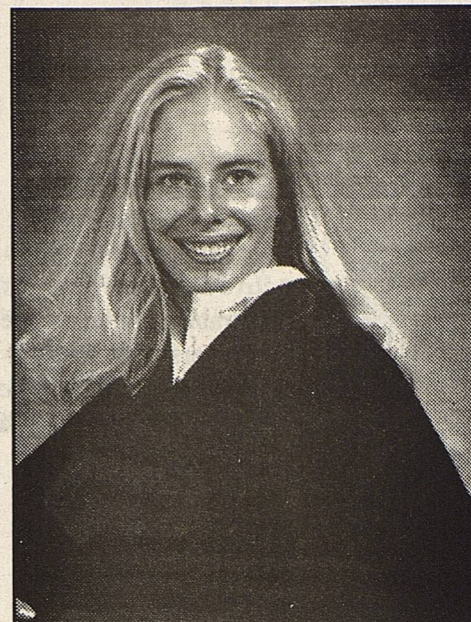
## The Class and Their Future Plans



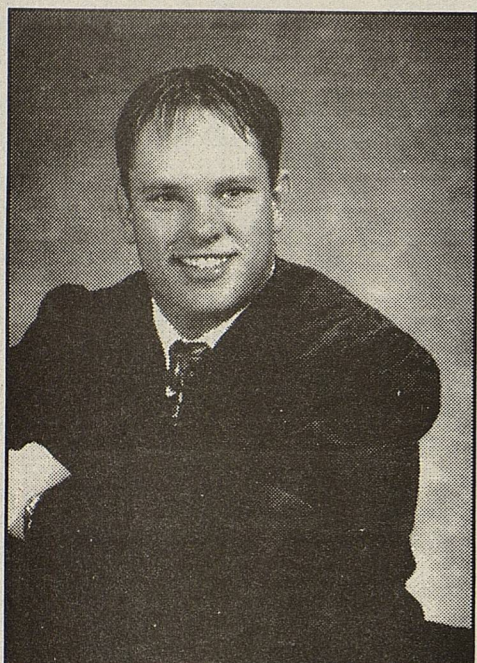
**Joshua Scott Bayer**  
I plan to complete college and be a network administrator.



**Steven Kelly Bunch**  
I plan to attend South Plains College and major in Criminal Justice and move on to a four year college.



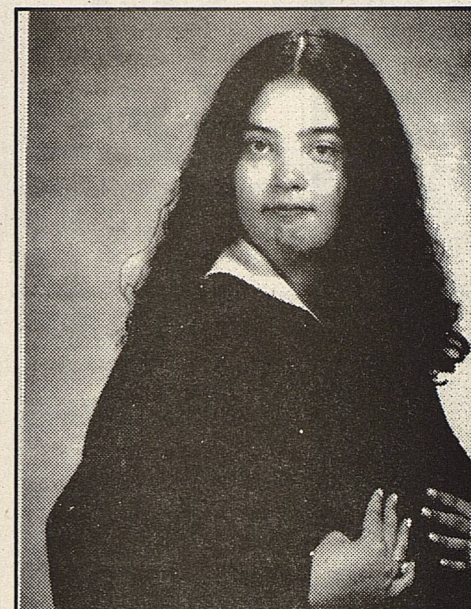
**Cassandra Davon Dearing**  
I plan to attend Texas A&M University to receive my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.



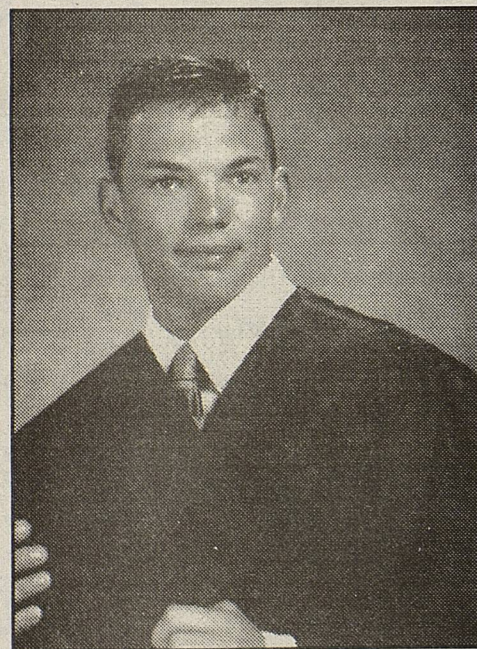
**Michael Alan Bell**  
I plan to go to college and hopefully find a career I like.



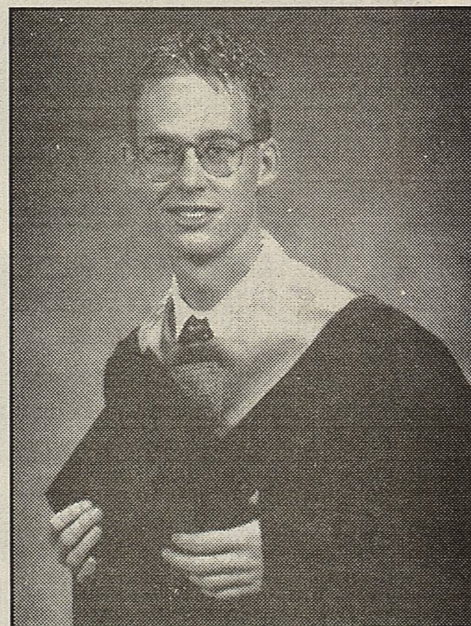
**Donelle Jolyne Burgess**  
I plan to go to Vernon Regional Junior College, play volleyball, & major in Speech Pathology.



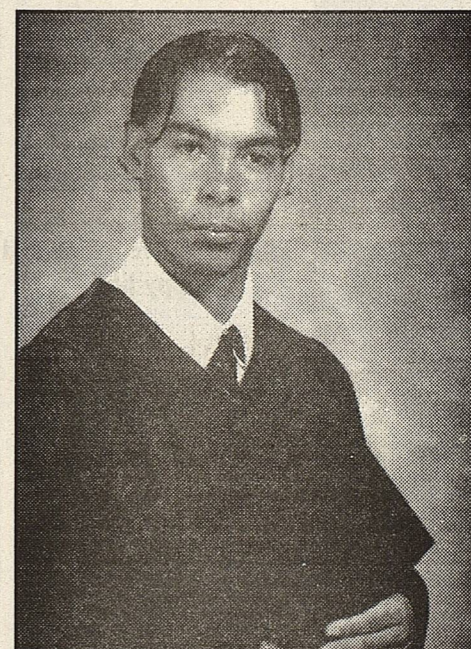
**Norma Delgado**  
I plan to attend South Plains College, then later attend Hardin Simmons.



**Tanner Kace Blount**  
I plan to attend West Texas A&M.



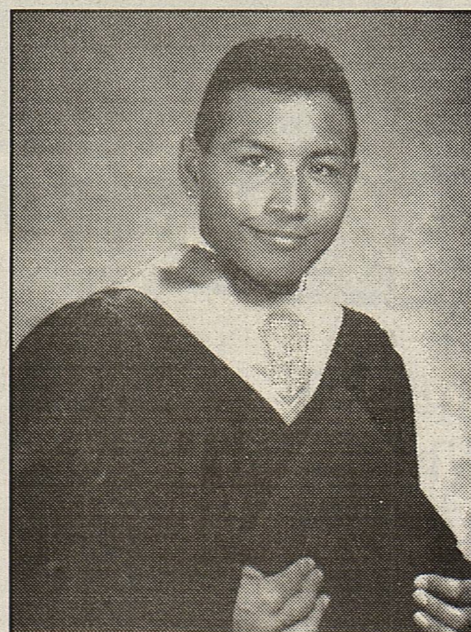
**Clint Burrus**  
I plan to attend Southwestern University.



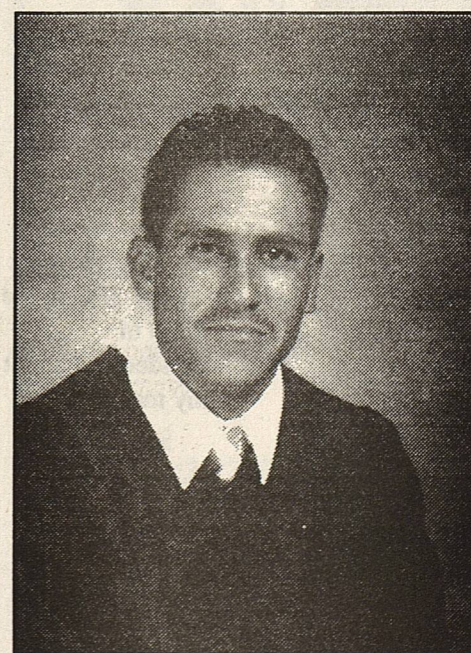
**Vincent Delgado**  
I plan to go to college; finish my time in the service; have a successful job.



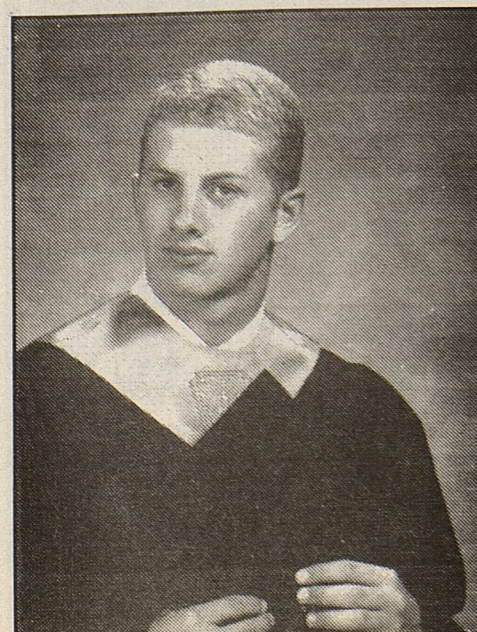
**Maranda Leigh Box**  
I plan to attend Abilene Christian University and major in psychology. Obtain a Master's in marriage and Family Therapy.



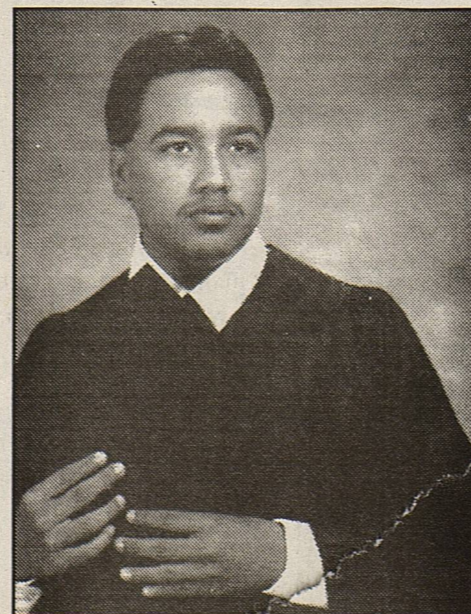
**Cosme Casillas Jr.**  
I plan to attend Hardin-Simmons and major in Graphic Design.



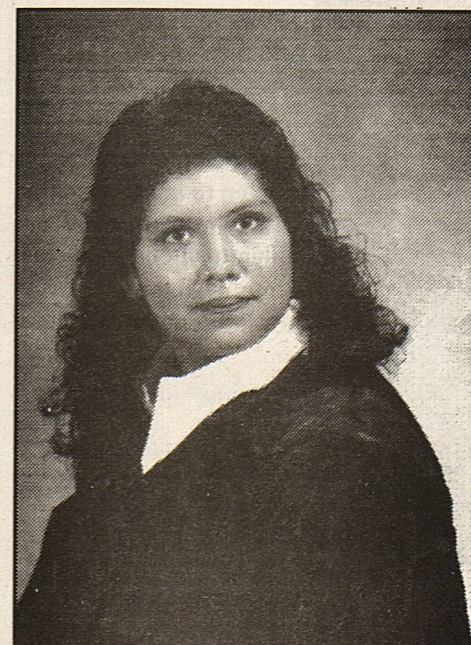
**Jesus Gandara**  
I plan to get married and have two children.



**Dustin Clay Brunson**  
I plan to go to South Plains College and major in business administration.



**Bryan Covarrubias**  
I plan to go to South Plains College and major in Automotive Service Technology.



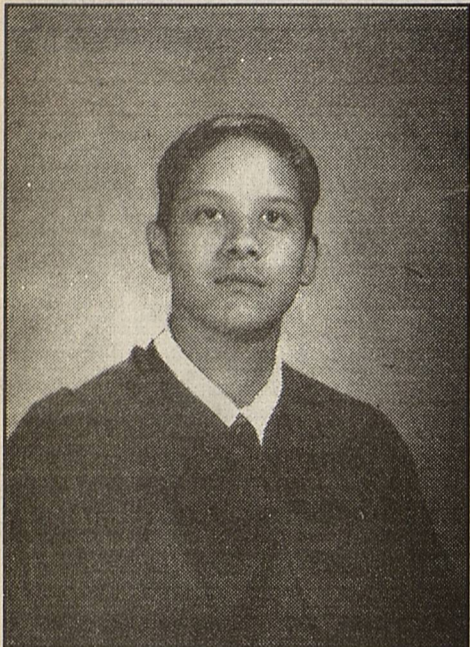
**Renee Kay Garcia**  
I plan to become a Massage Therapist.



## MORE '99 SENIORS



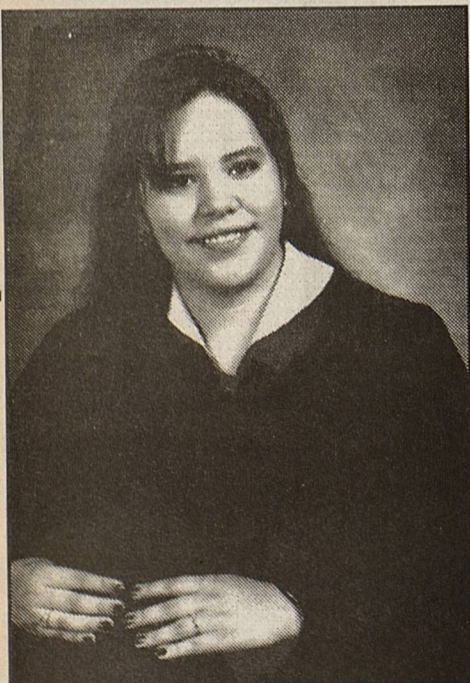
**Juanita Rodriguez**  
I plan to continue serving in the Military and go into Active Duty in a few years. After training I plan to attend the University of Texas in El Paso and later transfer to major in Veterinary Medicine.



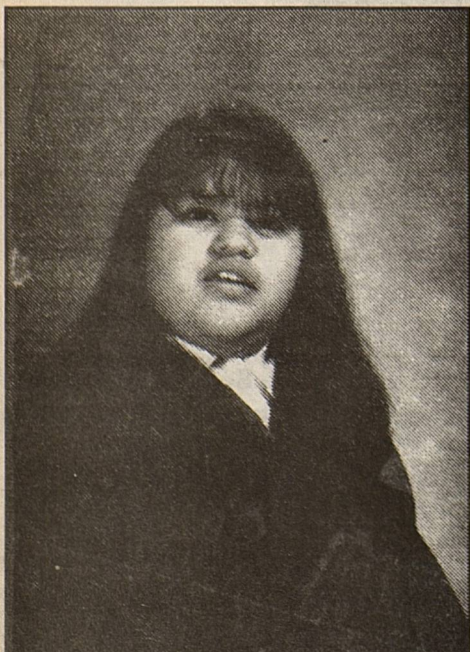
**Isaac Trevino**  
I plan to support and provide for my family.



**Ofelia Ramos Trevino**  
I plan to attend South Plains College; major in Education; live a long and happy life.



**Stephanie Kay Vasquez**  
I plan to attend SPC in the fall of '99. I am undecided about my major.



**Corina Villarreal**  
I plan to attend South Plains College in Levelland and major is unknown.

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Sonia Ann Hernandez, LaCresha Johnson, Tandi Michelle Jones, Juan Antonio Lazos Jr., Jennifer Dyanne Lollar, Krystal Michelle Madison, Melissa Lashae Martinez, Tommie Patrice McNabb, Lewis Ross Nixon, Lisa Lynn Parrish, Kayla Brianne Redman, Adrian Dan Rios, Juanita Rodriguez, Isaac Trevino, Ofelia Ramos Trevino, Stephanie Kay Vasquez, Corina Villarreal

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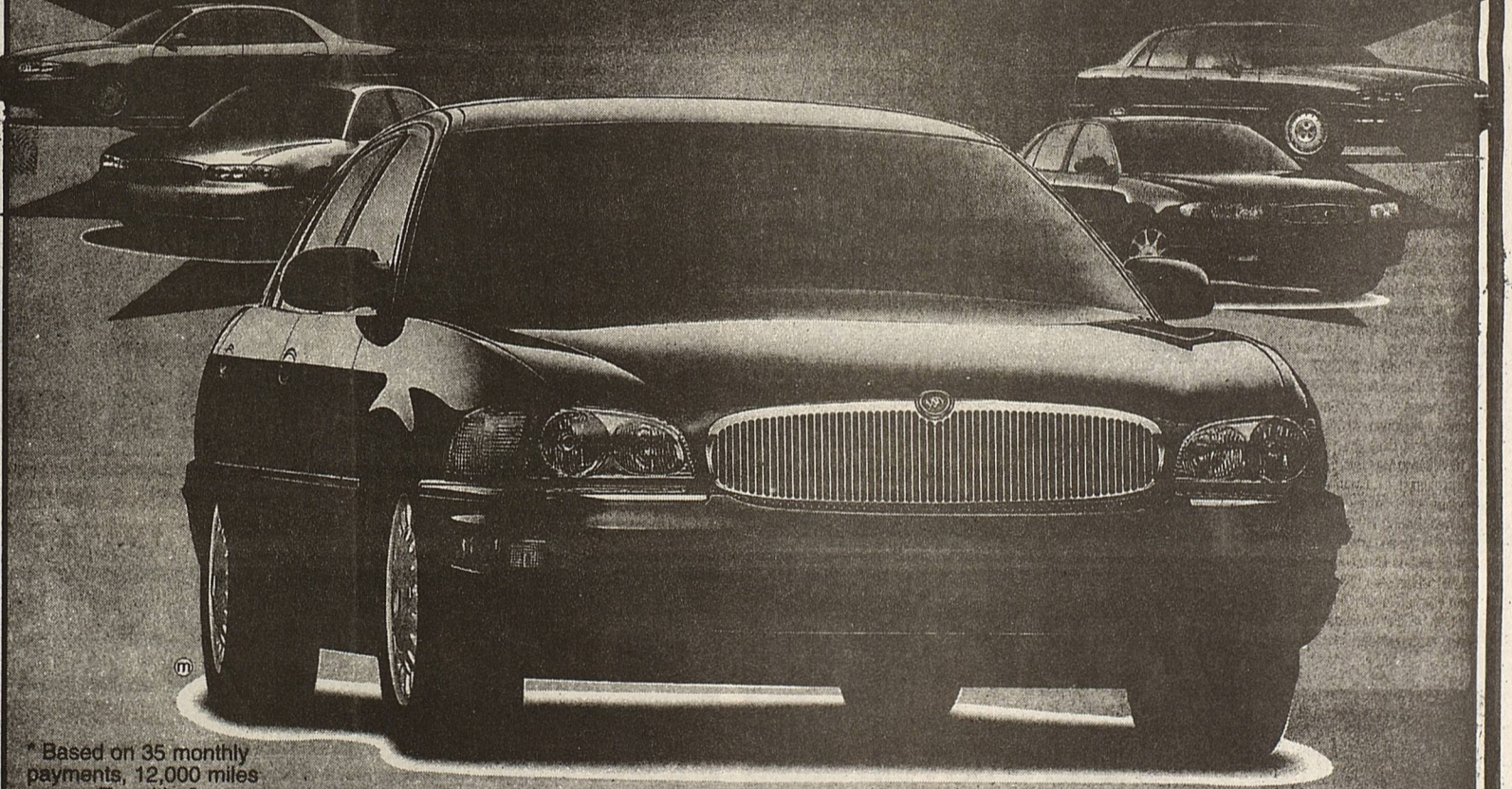
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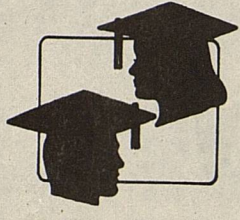
**Well Done,  
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**We hope your graduation  
is just the first step up  
the ladder of success.  
GOOD LUCK!**




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**Great  
Job!**

**We salute  
the PHS  
Class of 1999!**



*All the PHS Exes  
join me in wishing the  
1999 PHS Seniors well!  
Debbie Rushing, Yoakum County  
Clerk*

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All Employees**

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Well!  
We Wish You  
The Very Best!**

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and All Employees**

**You Made It!  
A Job Well  
Done!  
Good Luck!**

*Fitzgerald Charolais  
Johnnie & Melba  
Fitzgerald*

**Congratulations  
PHS Seniors  
1999!**



**We Wish You  
All the Best!**

**The City Of Plains  
From the Council and  
Employees**

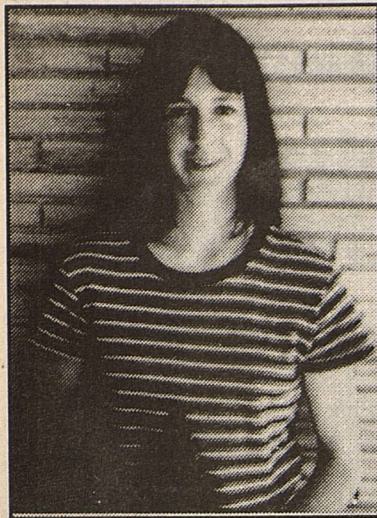
**Congratulations  
Seniors 1999!**

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## PHS Student Of The Week



This years final student of the week is Kristen Gray, a Junior, and the daughter of John and Diane Gray. She was nominated by Mrs Lusk who said, "She is a star at Plains High, she is a star in my eyes and those around her, when she gives her best performance or her worst. She is a tremendous student academically and athletically. She can reach for any star she desires in life.

**PHS SPORTS BANQUET**  
in Next Issue of **CCN**

## Junior High District Tennis Results

**7th Grade Boys Singles**  
1st Place - Trent May  
**7th Grade Boys Doubles**  
1st Place - Armando Ramirez & Larry Escobar  
2nd Place - Larry Escobar & Grady McNabb  
**7th Grade Girls Singles**  
1st Place - Sara Martinez  
2nd Place - Cindy Lopez  
**7th Grade Girls Doubles**  
1st place - Helen Neufeld &

April Wilmeth  
**8th Grade Girls Singles**  
1st Place - Jessica Knight  
2nd Place - Kim Martinez  
**8th Grade Girls Doubles**  
1st Place - Liz Wilmeth & Mandi Rogers  
2nd Place - Jill Gray & MacKinzie Winn  
**8th Grade Boys Doubles**  
2nd Place - Miguel Coronado & Angel Ruiz

## Summer Arts Workshops

**ENROLL NOW - CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED!**  
Spaces are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.  
Pre-registration ends May 28. Enrollment is assured unless otherwise notified. May leave enrollment forms at Plains or Denver City Libraries.

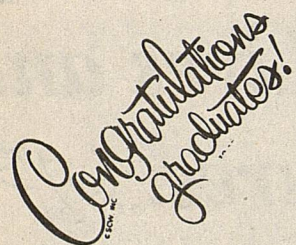
June 1-Clay Play (Plains)- 9-12 (DC) 1-4, Gardening (Plains) 10-11  
June 2-Clay Play (Plains)- 9-12 (DC) 1-4, Camp Pride (Plains) 10-11:30, (DC) 1-2:30  
June 3-Clay Play (Plains)- 9-12 (DC) 1-4  
June 4-Clay Play (Plains) 9-12 (DC) 1-4, Snack Attack (Plains) 10-12 (DC) 1-3  
June 5-Photography (Plains) 10-2  
June 7-Plains Mural (Plains) 11-5  
June 8-Plains Mural (Plains) 11-5, Cartoon Art (Plains) 1-3  
June 9-Plains Mural (Plains) 11-5, Camp Pride (Plains) 10-11:30 (DC) 1-2:30  
June 10-Plains Mural (Plains) 11-5, Balloon Art (DC) 3-5  
June 11-Plains Mural (Plains) 11-5, Balloon Art (DC) 3-5  
June 14-Cake Decorating (Plains) 10-11:30

June 15-Photography (Adult Class) Plains 6-8 p.m.  
June 16-Camp Pride (Plains) 10-11:30 (DC) 1-2:30  
June 17-Photography (Adult Class) Plains 6-8 p.m.  
June 18-Jazzing w/ T-Shirts & Caps (Plains) 1-3  
June 19-Jazzing w/ T-Shirts & Caps (DC) 10-12  
June 21-DC Mural (DC) 11-5  
June 22-DC Mural (DC) 11-5, Cartoon Art (DC) 1-3  
June 23-DC Mural (DC) 11-5, Camp Pride (Plains) 10-11:30, (DC) 1-2:30  
June 24-DC Mural (DC) 11-5  
June 25-DC Mural (DC) 11-5, Accent Rooms (Plains) 1-3  
June 26-Photography (Plains) 10-2, Accent Rooms (DC) 10-12  
June 28-29-30- Basic Drawing (Plains) 9-12, Quilting (Plains) 1-5

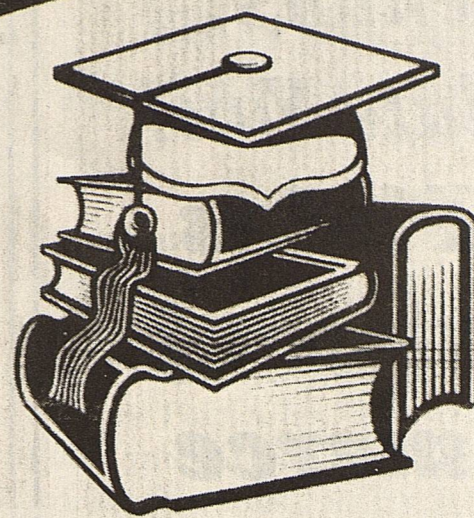
## PHS GRADUATES;

As you are now ending a chapter in your life, You are also beginning a new one. May you strive to accomplish your every endeavor.

Best Wishes,  
Vicki Blundell



# YOU MADE THE GRADE!



**May this big step  
In your education  
lead you to a  
bright and very  
rewarding future**

# SUNDOWN

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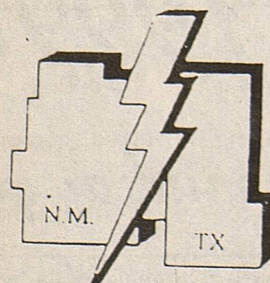
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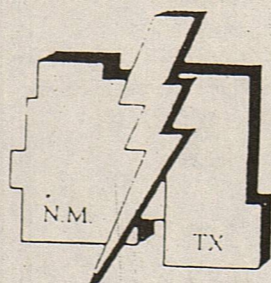
<b>Sundown:</b> 5th & Slaughter Sundown, Tx. 79372 (806) 229-2111	<b>Levelland:</b> 1102 Austin Levelland, Tx. 79336 (806) 894-7799	<b>Brownfield:</b> 101 S. First St. Brownfield, Tx. 79316 (806) 637-7712	<b>Denver City:</b> 202 W. Broadway Denver City, Tx. 79323 (806) 592-9292
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May This Serve As The  
Beginning For Many  
New Journeys and Rewards*

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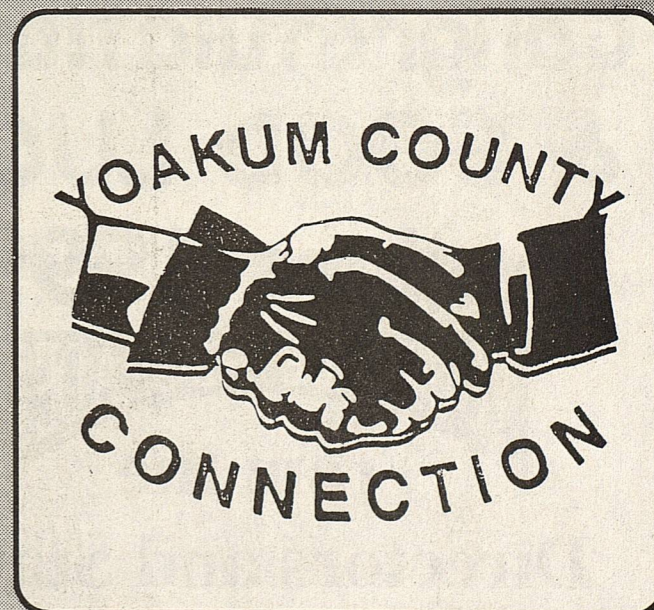


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## Congratulations, Class of 1999

We have enjoyed following your great success in in Academics, Sports and extracurricular activities.  
*Way To Go,  
Cowgirls &  
Cowboys!*

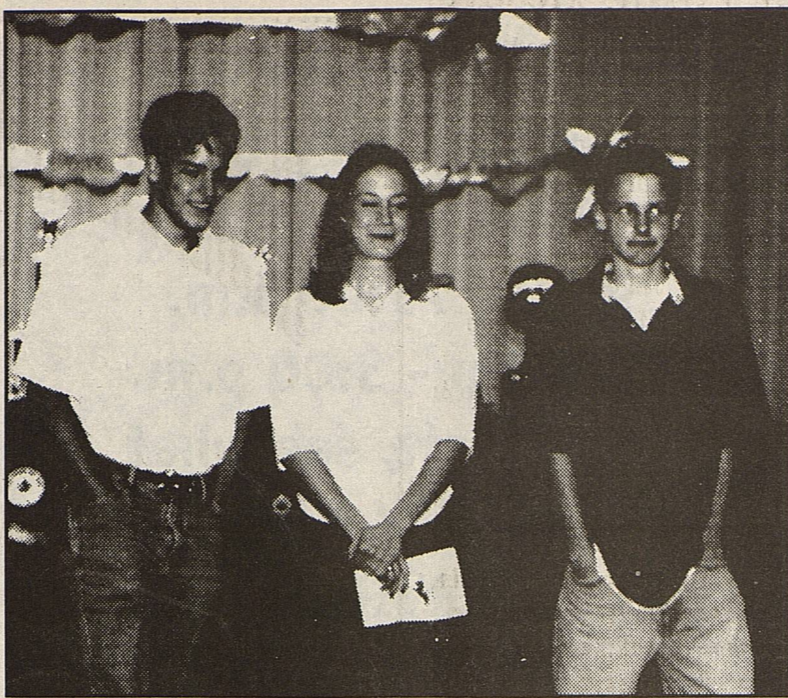


Gary & Holly Dyer - Cowboy Country News

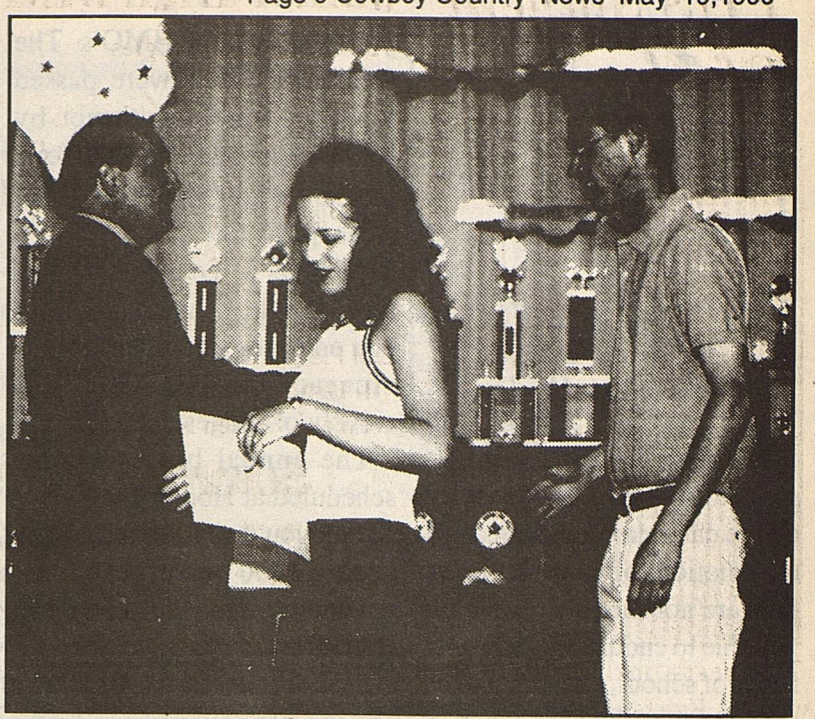




Robert Canon presents Woods award to Vincent Delgado



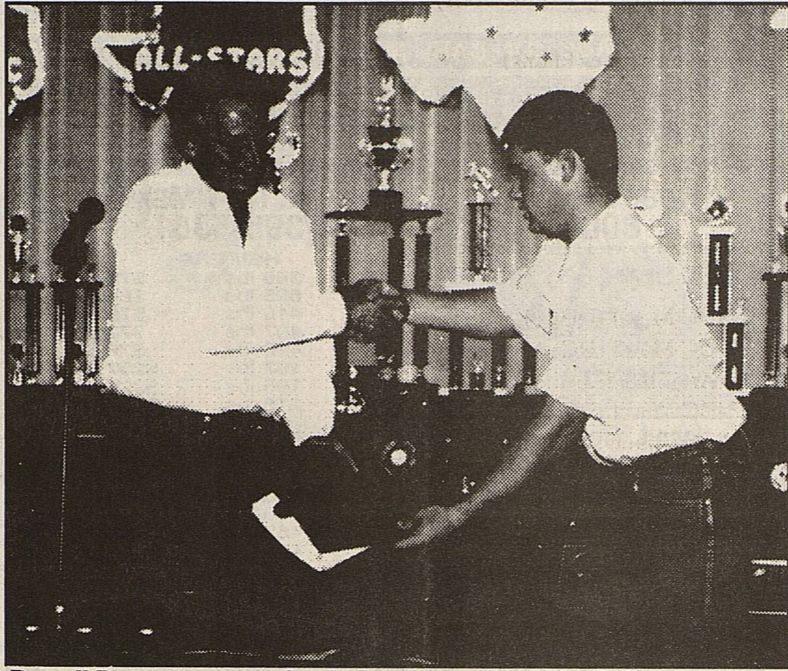
Taylor Gray, Lisa Parrish & Jarod Newland won current events awards



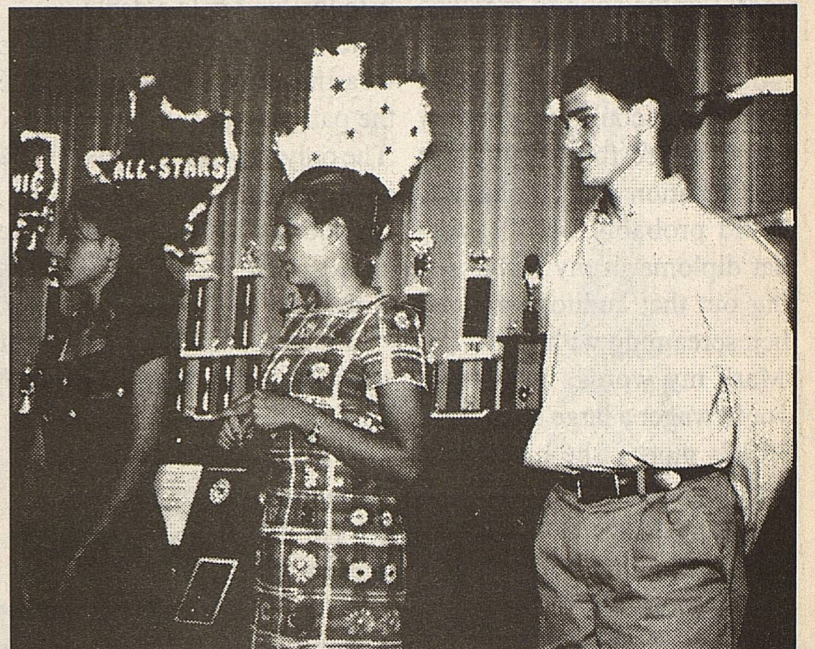
Maranda Box, Clint Burrus accept Lea County Electric award



Josh Bayer, L. Jennifer Lollar accept Fine Arts Award



Darrell Barron presents Sandy Land Award to Mike Bell



Wendy Hernandez, Velvet Canada & Kyle Sisson, computer awards



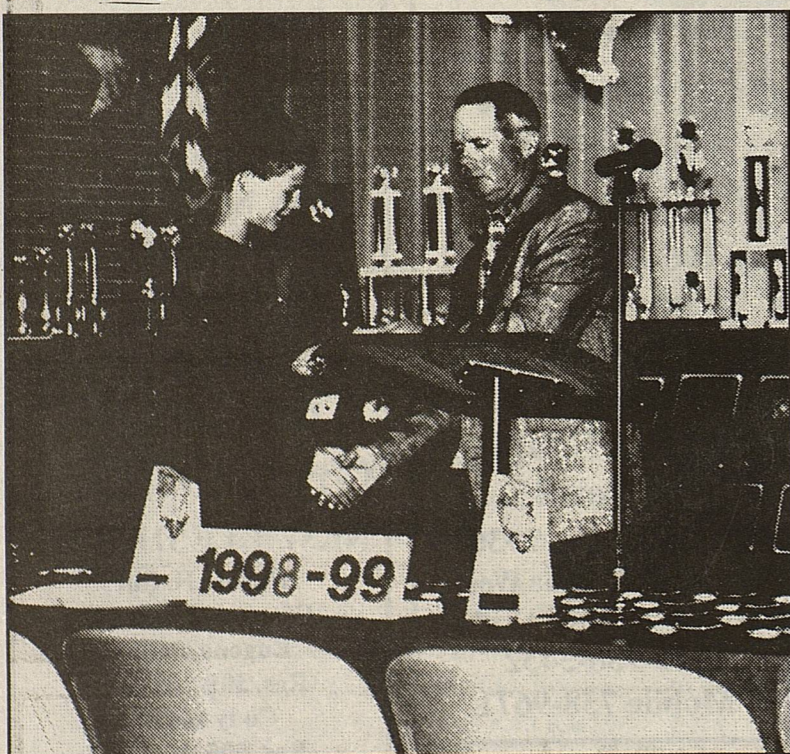
Robt. Canon presents Cisco Networking award to Aaron Cain



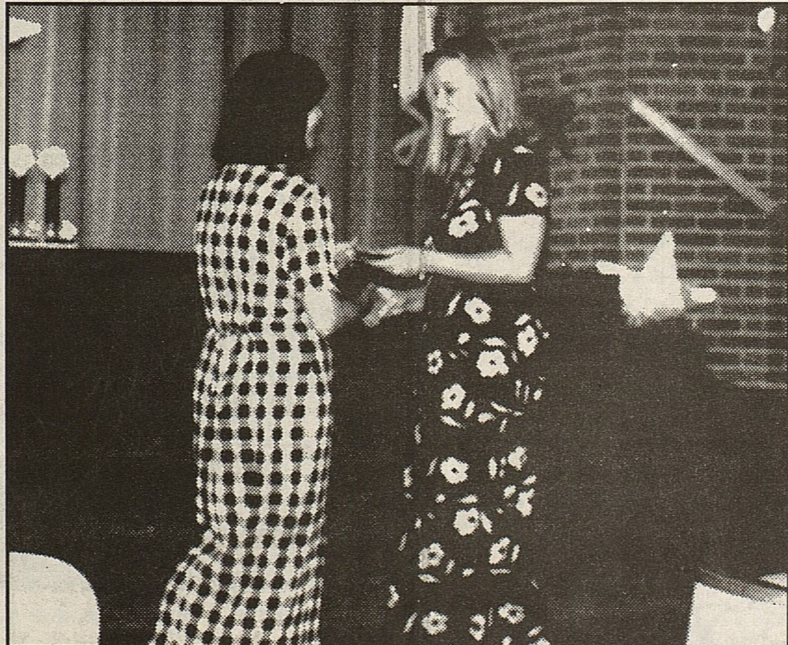
Lesli Rowe, Clint Burrus & Lisa San Fillippo won journalism awards



Maranda Box, Cassie Dearing & Lisa Parrish with literary awards



Dustin Sellers receives goat production award from Joe Pierce



Tandi Jones accepts accounting award from Amy McFatridge

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Classic Cable is proud to announce the list of scholarship recipients for the 1998-1999 school year. The scholarships are awarded to qualified students, in the Classic Cable service area, who demonstrate both academic and extracurricular leadership skills. Over 700 applications were submitted for consideration and of those submitted 90 scholarships will be awarded in our eight state service area. Applications have been evaluated by a committee in three categories: (1) completeness in accordance with scholarship criteria; (2) distinctive academic and extracurricular achievement; and (3) demonstration of leadership at school and in the community. Over twenty five thousand dollars will be awarded this spring to students who have met these high criteria. In your area Classic Cable congratulates Clint Burrus from Plains, Texas the recipient of a 1999 Classic Cable scholarship. Classic views the scholarship program as the cornerstone of their ever growing commitment to enhance the quality of life in the communities they serve. The program is considered a major success and Classic is extremely pleased to help so many deserving young people pursue their educational dreams.

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# From The Hack

As I peck this out, there are some thirty hours of school left on the calendar. I know exactly the emotions of all the students; they are not sure it's physically possible to endure another thirty hours of school, even if it means getting a certificate of advancement. For the soon to graduate seniors, the last few days are agonizing. If at this precise moment one could ask what any senior looked forward to most on graduation night, the answer would probably be, "Having that diploma in my hand, getting out that auditorium door, then screaming with joy!!"

Mark my words, however; I would wager a large sum of the Bride's money she hides from me, more than one Seniors eyes mysteriously overflow when all the hugging and backslapping gets underway. I have admittedly mixed emotions about the end of school. In theory, with no sports, UIL or extra curricular activities to cover during the dog days of summer, grinding out this weekly should be easier. Unfortunately, that theory is invalid. Lack of school activities makes life just that much tougher when you're trying to fill six or eight pages of newsprint.

We congratulate all the '99 Seniors for a job well done.

There's been lots of controversy the last few years about

pros and cons of HMO's. The following tidbits were passed on to us on the internet by former Plainsite D.R. Lackey ; Indicators You May Have Joined a cheap HMO: Directions to your Doctor's office include "Take a left when you enter the trailer park." Tongue depressors taste suspiciously of fudgesicle.

The annual breast exam is scheduled at Hooters. When you visit the Proctologist, he greets you wearing a shirt with the name 'Gus', and advertising Roto-Rooter.

Under Preventive Care Coverage in your policy, the only item listed is 'an apple a day. The trousers your Physician is wearing look suspiciously like the pair you gave to Goodwill. The only expense covered 100% is embalming.

In you last HMO, your Prozac didn't come in different colors with little 'm's' printed on them. "Patient responsible for 200% of out-of-network charges is NOT a typo.

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Want Ads We Didn't Do;  
 ' Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it!'  
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## District Criminal Case

In 121st District Court, May 11, 1999, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Richard Clark representing the State. Edgar Ubaldo Barriga, 22, pled guilty to a lesser offense of Criminal Attempt of Forgery; and was sentenced to 180 days

## EMS Open House !

Thursday, May 20th  
 Plains City Hall  
 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
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WF	500 lbs	\$79.00
Bk	535 lbs	\$73.00
2 RWF	462 lbs	\$80.00
BMF	465 lbs	\$81.00
BMF	475 lbs	\$83.50
2 Bk	570 lbs	\$78.00
8 WF	383 lbs	\$85.00

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Hol	1610 lbs	\$39.50
Hol	1225 lbs	\$39.00
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Bk	1005 lbs	\$38.25

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Char X	1205 lbs	\$53/hd
Char X	1190 lbs	\$53/hd

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BF Lamb 90 lbs	\$111/cwt
BF Lamb 115 lbs	\$99/wt
BF Lamb 85 lbs	\$112/cwt

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in jail and pay court cost of \$236.25. He was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

# Walker, Texas Rep

By State Representative Gary Walker, Dist. 80

## House Deadlines

Deadlines are beginning to be felt on the House floor. May 10 was the last day to hear a House Bill in committee for it to have a conceivable chance of passage. May 13 was the last day to hear a House bill on the floor of the House, and May 21 will be the last day to hear a local House bill on the floor. A local bill is one that only affects a small area, and does not have statewide implications. May 22 is the last day that a House committee can hear and pass a Senate Bill for it to have a chance of final passage.

Appropriations and education spending bills had been delayed because the comptroller had not yet released the final revenue estimates. Those estimates were released late Thursday, however, and we now know that we will have \$807 million more to spend than previously estimated. I know that those of you in my district who are state employees and teachers are anxious, but until we know how much money was available, we could not release final legislation. You should now see spending bills start to move more quickly through the process.

SB1128, the teacher retirement benefits bill, arrived on the House floor Thursday and passed with very little comment. We all want to do our best for teachers, and it's great to have the money to do it. I was proud to be a co-author of HB2701, the companion to SB1128. The bill provides the final phase of the CP1 catch-up and provides for a 2.2 multiplier for all retired teachers. Thanks to all of you who contacted me about the bill.

Many of you have contacted my office about SB138, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The bill does not prohibit the exercise of religion by prisoners, as many have claimed. However, an amendment is expected to be attached to the bill to clear up the confusion. At this writing, the bill has yet to be for floor debate in the House. Legislation to clean up the boll weevil act passed the House on Thursday. I was pleased to be the House sponsor for the Senator Duncan's SB631.

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