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## WALKER NAMED CITIZEN OF YEAR AT CHAMBER BANQUET

The tenth Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held Thursday evening, March 30, in the school cafeteria. Crowd attendance was good, but hampered somewhat by several other simultaneous events, including a Junior High Track Meet, and several Little Dribbler ball games.

The meeting got off to a stirring start with Emily Blair, 6th grade student and daughter of Royce and Cynthia Blair, singing the Pledge of Allegiance. The young lady performed so well the guest speaker later recognized her, and asked for another round of applause. The National Anthem was played by a trumpet section of the Cowboy High School Marching Band, composed of Matt Morgan, Margie Gonzales, Eric Estrada, Tony Lazos, Mike Guerra, Celia Moreno, Adam Dominguez, and Director Byron Morgan. Only minutes before, three of the boys had competed in the track meet.

Guest speaker for the event was Jimmy Ross, former County Judge of Motley County, now engaged in farming and ranching in Motley and Briscoe Counties. His humor filled address kept the crowd entertained, and he then lauded our community Chamber of



DAVID BRUNSON, GARY WALKER, JIMMY ROSS

Commerce and citizens for their efforts in keeping the town a viable, active place to live and work.

He described his native Flomot, a town once supporting two hotels, a good number of businesses, restaurants, school, and several churches. Today, the school is closed, only two churches served by visiting ministers are active, most of the businesses are gone, and the population is less than 200 hundred.

He challenged the Chamber and citizens of Plains to work even more closely together to ensure the stability of our local economy, and to make a community wide effort to see that

Plains remains a good place to work, live, and raise families.

Many local citizens and business firms donated prizes given as door prizes, including Doug's Specialties, Tokio's Clyde and Ila Trout, Bev's Nursery, Plains State Bank, Stacie Earnest, Marjorie's, Pay 'n Save, Frankie and Gary Walker, Renaissance, Melissa Garcia, Rebecca Lowrey, and Richardson Insurance.

Chamber President David Brunson introduced recently elected Gary Walker as the recipient of the annual Citizen of the Year Award. Walker was late

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## HEAVY TRUCKS IN SENATE PASSING LANE

A bill to get counties more funds to offset the cost of heavy trucks traveling on county roads was passed by the Texas Senate Thursday, March 16.

SB 438 by Senator Frank Madla of San Antonio requires permit applicants to designate counties in which overweight vehicles will operate and allots additional funds to those counties. Additional fees range from \$125 for 1 to 20 counties to \$2,000 for 101 or more counties. These funds are in addition to the current \$75 fee.

As part of SB 438, an amendment by Sen. Bill Ratliff prohibits overweight vehicles from crossing bridges if the truck's weight exceeds the posted capacity of the bridge. This amendment was based on the argument that through repetition, the excessive weight of a heavy truck will eventually wear away at bridge and road supports.

"It's like taking a thin piece of metal and trying to

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## IT'S WAR ON THE WEEVIL

Almost one hundred county landlords attended a meeting March 30, addressing the threatening spread of the cotton boll weevil on the Texas High Plains, the nations largest cotton producing area.

The meeting was sponsored by the Lubbock based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., with participation from the Texas Agriculture extension Service.

The main focus of the meeting was to inform growers of the serious northward movement of the long dreaded insect, and to explain the proposed Referendum to raise funds to combat and eradicate the weevil.

Dr. Jim Leser, Extension Entomologist with the Tech Agriculture Experiment Station at Lubbock, painted a grim picture of how the weevil could bring economic disaster for both growers and the entire twenty county area being considered for the proposed control and eradication program. He explained if the weevil expansion goes unchecked, the area could be facing the loss of at least \$5 billion at the end of one years impacted production.

The boll weevil made its first known earliest appearance in 1892 at Brownsville, Texas. By the year 1920, it had spread across the continent through out the cotton belt, to the eastern seaboard, knocking out millions of acres of cotton production. The devastation caused a shift in production areas, further north and westward, leading to the present huge cotton producing area here on the Plains.

Several events have led to the resurgence of the boll weevil and its march northward. The chief culprit is the unusually mild winters in the area the past four years, with the present year even warmer. Severe cold winters kill the weevils, halting their spread. The cold winter of 1989-90 resulted in a meager 1.6% survival rate of the insects, while the much warmer 1993-94 survival rate was up to 30.6%. The even milder current year is certain to raise the survival rate.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has played another large role in the survival and spread of the weevil. The grass provides excellent habitat for the successful over wintering of the cotton pest.

Dr. Leser said, "The weevil is the bane of agricultural entomologists. It has no Natural enemies, and to the regret of our producers it thrives only on cotton squares and bolls".

The Community Building meeting is only one of dozens being held in a twenty county area, encouraging support for the proposed eradication program. Cotton producers and Landowners receiving income from cotton production are being asked to pass a Referendum, authorized by the Texas Department of Agriculture, which will call for assessments from each producer to establish a first year 'War Chest' of \$14 million to initiate an Enhanced Diapause Program for 1995.

These funds will be used in various efforts of the

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## FARM BILL HEARING IN LUBBOCK APRIL 25

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas) today announced that the House Agriculture Committee will convene a special field hearing on the 1995 Farm Bill in Lubbock at 9:00 a.m. at Texas Tech University's Ex-Students Center on Tuesday, April 25. Lubbock is only one of three sites nationally where the full committee has selected producers from the region to testify in the months prior to the drafting of the 1995 Farm Bill. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-Kansas) will conduct the field hearing hosted by Combest, the committee's fourth - ranking member. Combest approaches the hearing with the familiarity of being one of nine of the current 49 member House Agriculture Committee to have had a hand in writing the 5 - year legislative plans for U.S. agriculture.

"We are bringing this hearing to our part of the country to hear from the people who work to make American agriculture a success and to see that

government's role is as a resource, not a burden," said Combest. "We are bringing Washington back home to the people so that producers will be able to get off their tractors to testify and then return to their fields and pastures satisfied that they have made good, constructive comments about what works and what can work better in the next Farm Bill. We will see that everyone's ideas are considered in writing a workable farm bill under extreme pressures of the federal budget."

The site of the Lubbock hearing is on the southwest corner of the campus of Texas Tech University, one street north of 19th Street, off of University Avenue. Parking is available adjacent to the Ex-Students Center. Anyone with questions or wishing to testify or submit written statements on any aspect of the farm bill should contact Congressman Combest through Jimmy Clark in Lubbock at 806 - 763-1611 or Russell Laird in Washington, D.C. at 202 - 225-4005.

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## PLAINS COWBOY BAND TO MARCH IN AUSTIN

The Cowboy Band has brought Plains ISD and the City of Plains another great honor. The band has been chosen to be one of twelve marching bands to march in a parade up Congress Avenue to the Capitol. The parade is the climax of week long activities celebrating the rededicating of the restoration of the state Capitol building and grounds. The bands were chosen by virtue of finishing either 1st or 2nd in the most recent state marching contests in each UIL classification. The Cowboy band finished 2nd in 1993, and first in 1991.

The events of the week are fashioned after the week long celebration of the original capitol in May of 1888.

Band members will entertain the many thousands of visitors and dignitaries present for the historic event. Band members will also have the once in a lifetime experience in Texas history. The timing is also

special in that the legislature is in session, and they will join our own Representative Gary Walker in the festivities. Walker has arranged a VIP tour of the newly remodeled and enlarged Capitol complex. The band will be photoed with Walker on the Capitol steps.

If the House happens to be in session on the Friday the band is in Austin, they will have the opportunity to watch the Legislature in action from the gallery, and perhaps be introduced from the House floor.

In addition to their part in the parade, band members will also get to observe some of the other events, including the actual rededication of the Capitol by the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, and many other figures in Texas history, including many past Governors and officials.

The band will leave on Thursday afternoon, April

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## County Court Amends Hospital Budget

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, April 3, County Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. In attendance were Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston, Jim Barron and Macky McWhirter. Also attending were Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, Toni Jones, Treasurer, and Ruby Bruton, Clerk.

Also attending were Joe Hester, Denver City Chief of Police, Johnny Jones, Veterans Service Officer, Tommy Burrus, and Ed Rodgers, County Hospital Administrator.

Agenda items considered and approved included certain line item transfers

from the general fund to various departments.

Chief Joe Hester presented the first draft of a county map showing all roads to be used for address purposes by agencies responding to emergency 911 calls. When the final draft of the map is approved, enough maps will be printed to supply all law enforcement personnel, emergency units, County officials and employees.

County bills and part time salaries were approved for payment. Tommy Burrus requested and re-

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program, including monitoring infestation areas, installing Pheromone traps for accurate census counts of weevils in gridded zones, and in the fall, spraying of infested acres with a Malathion solution when the weevils have hatched. Hopefully, costs for 1996 & 1997 will be lower, and the fourth year will see an all out total eradication effort.

The High Plains Eradication program assessment rate is much lower than other zones to the south. Local assessment rates are \$1.25 per acre of cotton planted, and .0075 cents per pound of established yield. If the referendum as expected passes in the April 3 to April 15 election, producers must pay the assessment at their Consolidated Farm Services office at the time they certify their crop. Results of the election will be announced May 1.

Addressing the issue of weevils over wintering in CRP pastures, District Conservationist Mario Avila, TNRCC, cautioned landowners of all the liabilities they face when burning or contracting the burning of their CRP land. He urged caution because of many situations the owner faces, such as damage to adjoining property, oil field equipment, loss of animals, and even smoke hampering a motorists vision on nearby roads and highways.

Gary Six, Acting Director, CFRS, asked producers who have not received a Referendum ballot by now to immediately notify his office.

Ricky Bearden, Director of Plains Cotton Growers, delivered a slide presentation and talk on the vital necessity of starting the war on the boll weevil now, or facing disastrous financial consequences later, and urged the producers to vote YES on the Referendum ballot.

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arriving at the meeting, having just flown in from a speaking engagement in Lamesa

Brunson gave a brief resume of Walkers career. He is a graduate of West Texas State University, a former US Navy pilot, an ex rancher, former manager of the water district at White Deer, church Deacon, member and past President of the Lions Club, Chamber member, and currently serves as Manager of the new and modern County Landfill, and helped organize Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, and is responsible for it's success in meeting the water needs of the counties ag producers.

Last year Walker scored a huge victory over his opponent in the race for Representative of State District 80. He currently is retained by Sandy Land in a consulting capacity.

In accepting the award, he minimized his achievements and successes, and told the crowd there were many in the crowd who had done as much for their neighbors and community as he, adding, "Im no different from many of you folks. It just takes someone willing to do, and to serve".

A sketch of the proposed entrance greeting highway sign the Chamber has been working on was shown, and Brunson reminded the crowd some \$1700 was still needed for the project. Anyone wishing to contribute to the sign project may contact any Chamber member.

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20, and return to Plains Sunday, April 23. The parade is to begin at 10AM on Saturday, April 22. Congratulations to Mr. Morgan and the Cowboy band, and good luck as you represent our great school, and all of West Texas in this historic and prestigious event

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**Church Organized At Mina**

Mina: Residents of this community are proud to announce the organization of a Methodist Church to serve this area.

Since the by-laws of the Methodist church require ten members to start a new church, and only nine mem-

bers of this faith live here, a slave, Celia Kraft, came into the group to make up the necessary quota.

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break it. It might not break at first. But if you bend it back and forth 30 or 40 times it will snap," Ratliff said. In a study by TxDOT, officials found that road wear caused by one overweight truck weighing 80,000 pounds equals about 9,600 cars driving over the same roadway.

In conjunction with Ratliff's amendment, a separate measure passed requiring an entity to provide trucks whose weight exceeds established bridge capacity with the "shortest available alternative route."

Following a debate, a floor amendment to SB 438 bill by Sen. Carlos Truan was defeated. It would have limited the number of permits issued in the states for some overweight trucks. Truan said SB 438 does not effectively address the amount of money it costs to repair the road and bridge damage caused by trucks.

"The intent (of the amendment) is to protect county and farm to market roads not built to withstand 80,000 pounds. It would limit how much overweight trucks are allowed to travel on these roads," Truan said.

"I don't want to destroy the (trucking) industry, but I don't want the industry to destroy the infrastructure of the roads," Truan said.

Sen. Frank Madla, who sponsored SB 438, said Truan's amendment would "gut" the intent of the legislation, and would make Texas the only state with that kind of standard for permits.

SB 438 was sent to the House.

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ceived approval for subdividing a tract of land out of section 479, Blk D, JHG Survey, along Hwy 214 south of Plains. The Court approved a Texas Alltel, Inc., petition to lay and construct communication cables in the City of Plains town section.

In a lengthy presentation by Hospital Administrator Rodgers, the Court considered the Hospital Board's request for two emergency amendments to the 1995 budget. The disproportionate share budget was raised from \$514,000 to \$527,000, primarily for additional salaries for newly arrived Doctor Cotton's clinic staff.

The Rural Health Clinic Budget was actually reduced, from \$453,000 to \$368,000, as a result of the delay in the startup date of the Clinic. Rodgers advised the Court the Hospital Board is considering the future operating of two Rural Health Clinics in the County, operated by the three practicing Physicians, and two Physicians Assistants. Numerous questions were raised, with Commissioner McWhirter commenting, "I'm going to be real frank with you, it will have to be proved to me we need the services of three Doctors and two Clinics in the county. This needs to be carefully thought out, and without disproportionate share of the financing, I don't think the County can afford it." After more discussion, the Court took no additional action.

Rodgers next requested approval for purchasing a new Ultra Sound unit, used in obstetric practice, gall stone diagnosis, artery work,

and cardiac regions. The proposed unit chosen by the Board of Physicians costs \$117,000. The present budget has \$100,000 approved for hospital equipment. Rodgers proposed using this, and seeking the installment financing of the balance. After some discussion, the Court approved the request, and instructed Rodgers to find financing offering the lowest interest rate.

**County JP Court**

The following is a summary of cases heard, and actions taken the past two weeks in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct 1, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

42 Traffic cases filed  
1 Small Claims case filed

**Jury Trial:**

Guilty plea on Fail to Maintain financial responsibility  
Guilty verdict on Unsafe Left Turn  
Not guilty verdict on

allow child 4-14 to ride unsecured by Safety Belt

**Bonds Set:**  
Driving While Intoxicated, 1st offense \$1,000 bond  
Reckless Driving \$200 bond  
Speeding \$200 bond  
Criminal non-support \$2,000 bond  
Probation Violation-original charge/DWI no bond set  
Driving While Intoxicated \$5,000 bond  
Driving While License Suspended \$500 bond



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Players: Benny Loewen, Rodney Guetersloh, Bradley Palmer, James Wright, Justin Chambliss, Richard Diaz

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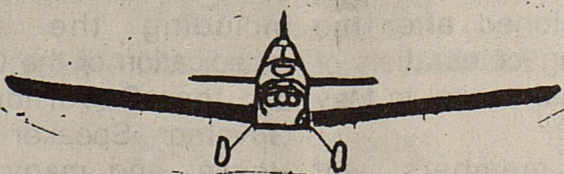
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**P.I.S.D. Track Meet Results**

**TRIANGLE MEET VS. WELLMAN AND MEADOW**

**Girls Results:**

<b>Triple Jump:</b>		
Patty Ruiz	27'11	3rd
Wendy Hernandez	25'9	5th
Anne Palmer	25'2	6th
<b>Long Jump</b>		
Patty Ruiz	137-1/2	1st
Velvet Canada	127	4th
<b>Shot Put</b>		
Kayla Redman	29'6	1st
Marcey House	26'10-1/2	2nd
<b>1st 1st 2nd</b>		
<b>400 Relay</b>	<b>800 Relay</b>	<b>1600 Relay</b>
Velvet Canada	Velvet Canada	Patty Ruiz
Anne Palmer	Lisa Parrish	Krystle Blundell
Kristen Gray	Krystle Blundell	Wendy Hernandez
Patty Ruiz	Patty Ruiz	Lisa Parrish
<b>2400</b>		
1 Wendy Hernandez 10:18	1 Lisa Parrish 2:43	
	3 Krystle Blundell 2:47	

**1600**  
Cassie Dearing 7:05

<b>100 Hurdles</b>		
Kristen Gray	20.55	1st
Kelli Osborn	21.2	
Shay Allsup	22.03	4th

<b>100 Meter Dash</b>		
Anne Palmer	15.42	1st
Shay Allsup	15.93	2nd
Kelli Osborn	15.93	1st

<b>400 Meter Dash</b>		
Jennifer Lollar	74.7	2nd
Candace Bowers	78.57	3rd
Autumn Deaton	87.2	4th

<b>300 Hurdles</b>		
Patty Ruiz	56.0	2nd
Kristen Gray	59.6	3rd
Jolyne Burgess	61.4	4th
Kelli Osborn	67.18	6th

<b>200</b>		
Velvet Canada	30.99	2nd
Shay Allsup	32.98	1st

<b>Boys Results:</b>		
<b>Pole Vault</b>		
Mike Bell 8'6"		2nd
<b>High Jump</b>		
Fermin Luna 5'		1st
<b>Long Jump</b>		
Fermin Luna 17'5"		1st
Jeremy Morphis		6th
Vincent Galgado 17'1/2"		2nd

<b>Discus</b>		
Steven Bunch 125'10"		1st
Tony Lazos 82'3"		4th
<b>Shot Put</b>		
Steven Bunch 36'10"		1st
Mike Bell 34'9"		3rd
Tony Lazos 31'8"		5th

<b>400 Relay</b>		
Jesus Gandara, Fermin Luna, Vincent Delgado, Matt Morgan		1st
<b>1600 Relay</b>		
Jesus Gandara, Vincent Delgado, Matt Morgan, Fermin Luna		1st
<b>2400 Run</b>		
Johann Valdez 8:52		1st
Mike guerra 9:21		3rd
Paul Lopez 9:58		6th

<b>1600 Run</b>		
Mike Guerra 5:58		1st
Paul Lopez 6:20		5th
<b>800 Run</b>		
Fermin Luna 2:21		1st
Chris Willis 3:05		3rd
<b>400</b>		
Jesus Gandara 59.2		1st
Matt Morgan 25.8		2nd
Justin Bennett 30.8		2nd
Jeremy Morphis 31.6		3rd
Vincent Delgado 12.9		2nd
Colt Winn 14.2		2nd
Steven Bunch 14.1		1st

<b>100</b>		
Vincent Delgado 12.9		2nd
Colt Winn 14.2		2nd
Steven Bunch 14.1		1st

<b>SEAGRAVES MEET</b>		
<b>Cowboy JV</b>		
<b>100 Dash</b>		
Eric Estrada 12.1		3rd
Eric Estrada 25.4		2nd
Kipp Blount 55.5		2nd
Doug Rushing 59.2		5th
Jacob Lister 2:18		2nd
<b>800 Run</b>		
Hector Gallegos		
Will St. Romain		
Jacob Lester 5:20		1st
Gilbert Ortiz 5:22.1		2nd
Hector Gallegos 5:22.2		3rd
<b>3200 Run</b>		
Gilbert Ortiz		
Kipp Blount 9'6"		2nd
<b>Shot Put</b>		
Derek Brunson 36'		3rd
Derek Brunson 100'11"		5th
Kipp Blount 5'		1st

<b>Plains Team 2nd in Meet</b>		
<b>Varsity Boys:</b>		
<b>Pole Vault</b>		
Lee Roy Vasquez 13'		1st
Steven Bitolas 11'6"		4th
<b>Shot Put</b>		
Coley Burgess 41'4"		5th
Coley Burgess 118'		5th
<b>Discus</b>		
44.5		1st
<b>400 Relay</b>		
Shannon Ward, Wayne Willett, Josh Traweek, Kirk Parrish		1st
<b>1600 Relay</b>		
3:35.0		2nd
Josh Traweek, Jeremy Dearing, Ken McAdams, Shannon Ward		
<b>800 Run</b>		
Jeremy Dearing 2:05.2		1st
Josh Traweek 52.9		1st
<b>400 Dash</b>		
Kirk Parrish		3rd
<b>100 Dash</b>		
Kirk Parrish 17.3		5th
<b>110 Hurdles</b>		
Ralph Ramirez 4:56.2		2nd
Jamie Caballero 5:04.9		5th
<b>1600 Run</b>		
Ralph Ramirez 10:51		2nd
Jamie Caballero 11.15		3rd
<b>3200 Run</b>		
Seminole 141		1st
Plains 110		2nd

<b>Team Totals</b>		
Seminole 141		1st
Plains 110		2nd

**A REMINDER School will be DISMISSED**

**early April 13, and there will be no school April 14 in observance of Easter**



Plains Kindergarten had special lunch guests at the school cafeteria recently. The Letter M had been studied, and each child invited their Moms and grand Moms. Tables were decorated with their drawings.

**PLAINS HIGH U.I.L. DISTRICT MEET**

The U.I.L. team participated in District Competition last week. The following is a summary of the results, with these students advancing to the Regional Competition noted;

Brad McMinn	1st	number sense
(regional qualifier)	1st	calculator applications
	1st	team computer science
	2nd	math
Jenifer Earnest	1st	team current events
(regional qualifier)	5th	headline writing
Ken McAdams	1st	team current events
(regional qualifier)	3rd	overall science
Mary Ann Gonzales	5th	accounting
Veronica Mancha	6th	accounting
Jeremy Dearing	1st	team computer science
(regional qualifier)		
Chase Clanahan	1st	team current events
(regional qualifier)		
Valerie Blair	1st	team computer science
(regional qualifier)		
Stephen Bitolas	6th	informative speaking
Lyndi Rowe	4th	poetry
Ronie Ponce	5th	news writing
	6th	feature writing
Shawn Cullins	2nd	number sense
(regional qualifier)	4th	math
Shawna Box	3rd	number sense
(regional qualifier)	5th	calculator applications
		team calculator
Heath Bowlin	3rd	calculator applications
(regional qualifier)		
Vicki Bayer	4th	spelling
Sandi Warren	4th	ready writing

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## WHEN DID THEY BURY OLD COMMON SENSE ?

AN EDITORIAL

Something is very wrong here. It appears our law-makers have created some Frankenstein type monsters in their zeal to provide us with 'protection and assistance' via the evergrowing ranks of official bureaucracy, and its legions of bureaucrats.

Consider these cases of infinite wisdom at work for our protection and better lives. A brick manufacturer was required to include with each shipment of bricks OSHA forms, describing for receiving workers what a brick is - "A granular solid, essentially odorless, in a wide variety of colors, with an approximate specific gravity of 2.6". Incidentally, OSHA issued almost 20,000 citations to firms failing to fill out their forms correctly last year.

Federal statutes and rules now total some 100 million words. The Federal register, recording new and proposed regulations, has increased in size from 15,000 pages in the JFK era, to over 68,000 in the second year of Clinton's administration.

Another interesting example of the 'Think Tank' wisdom being displayed in Washington; A very questionable move is being pondered by the Congress to allow under privileged, low income, minority children to enroll in any private school of their choice. The private schools tuition and other fees would, naturally, be paid with taxpayer funds, money from the allotted budgets of PUBLIC schools. If this seems fair, perhaps we should try to find out who is in charge of fair.

US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison recently discussed

the Supplement Security Income (SSI), administered by the Social Security Administration. This work of art program considers substance abuse as a disability. Drug addicts and alcoholics receive Government (Read, 'me and you') monthly funds, supposedly for food, shelter and treatment. In reality, the money goes for more drugs and alcohol. We are actually paying for their continued addictions. In 1988, only 13,000 of these individuals were in the program, a figure which has since risen by over 700%, with over 100,000 addicts on SSI, receiving some \$382 million in benefits. In a positive vein, Senator Hutchison has recently introduced a bill which would halt payments of these funds to addicts, and divert them to research and treatment programs.

In the latest issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, Peter La Barbera, executive director of Accuracy in Academia (AIA) a group monitoring campus activities, predicts there may soon be college requirements to take homosexuality related courses. He says gay education activists are mobilizing now, hoping to introduce the curricula just as women's studies courses were several decades ago. Participants at a recent Iowa conference of gay academic leaders urged "gay-affirming programs" in most scholastic curricula, all the way down to the elementary level, according to the AIA.

I must have slept thru the death of common sense. I regret, for one time, not being able to attend the funeral services

## Long Hours Ahead For Legislature

From State Representative Gary Walker, AUSTIN--In this week's Committee on Natural Resources, I was appointed to four subcommittees and a chairman of one. The purpose of these committees is to study the best possible way to manage, store and conserve water in our aquifers. These policies will go a long way in helping Texans manage Texans. This means quite a bit not only to the farmers and ranchers of West Texas, but to all Texans.

The House Committee on Agriculture and livestock passed and discussed several bills that will help to stop the rabies epidemic. We stiffened the laws governing the transportation of pets; gave Veterinarians the right to quarantine animals that they believe are suspects of rabies; and also strengthened the authority of animal control officers, when faced with despondent owners of unvaccinated animals. I urge you to be responsible pet owners. Let's stop the spread of the horrible rabies epidemic plaguing our friends in South Texas.

Representative Bob Turner (D), introduced House bill 722, which helps all producers of perishable food products. House bill 722 prohibits false disparagement against perishable food products. Friends, this legislation will help our producers to never again face the Alar apple scare or the false linkage of salmonella to cantaloupe that cost cantaloupe producers more than \$12 million dollars in revenue.

Outside of the ag arena, we have tackled such hard hitting issues as the budget. This was no easy task. My colleagues and I dissected and scrutinized the 400 page document. We amended, rewrote,

### An Embarrassing Gift

San Felipe De Austin: The Texas government, which normally has great difficulty in obtaining any money at all, has also suffered the embarrassment of having too much money. A friend in the United States recently sent the government a United States note for \$1,000. Not equipped to deal with notes of this size, the treasurer had to send it to New Orleans to be exchanged for smaller bills. The Texas News, January 15, 1836

rerouted, and finally redesigned the bill so that HB 1 fits the needs of Texas and Texans.

The past week has been tough, but we face tougher challenges as we prepare to face the welfare reform bill, which was defeated this week on a procedural technicality. We must keep in mind that we don't mind lending a helping hand to our brothers in a time of need, but we are not prepared to give him a habitual handout.

I have greatly appreciated your calls and letters. It is through this type of communication that my staff and I can continue to serve the needs of District 80. Continue to keep those lines of communication open. Until next week friends, God bless.

Gary Walker  
For more information contact Warren E. Mayberry at (512) 463-0678.



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The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of a regular election to be held on May 6, 1995, for the purpose of electing two Trustees (District 2 and at-large 7) for full three year terms. Absentee voting by personal appearance will begin on April 17, 1995, and continue through May 2, 1995, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official State holiday. Absentee voting in person will be conducted at Plains ISD Administration office, 1000 10th Street, Plains, Texas. Application for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Gail Holley, Plains ISD, PO Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355. The polling place for all precincts will be the lobby of the Plains School Auditorium from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on the day of the election.

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Funeral services for Mack M. Wilmeth, longtime resident of Yoakum and Terry Counties, will be held Thursday, April 6 at 2:00 pm, in the First United Methodist Church, Plains, with Pastor Rick Doyle officiating.

Mr. Wilmeth passed away in Methodist Hospital April 3 following a lengthy illness. He was 67.

He was born in Terry County September 15, 1927, and attended public schools in Tokio and Brownfield. He moved to Ralls to farm in 1948, returning to the Tokio Community in 1955. He married the former Gena Jeter in Sweetwater May 21, 1955. He retired and moved to Brownfield in 1984. He was a Board member of the Brownfield XYZ Club of Brownfield.

He is survived by his wife; Two sons, Jet of Tokio, and Ty of Plains; Three brothers, Woody, Lubbock, Thorn, Ralls, and J.B., Huntsville; Two sisters, Valley Sue, Lubbock, and Juanelle Daldal, Oroville, California; A grandson, Colby, and three grand-daughters, Becky, April and Elizabeth.

Pallbearers are Matt, Randall and Bryan Wilmeth, Jerry Cowart, and Jim and James Newkirk.

Memorials may be made to XYZ Club, 101 S. D. Brownfield, Tx 79316. Interment will be at Terry County Memorial, Brownfield.

## Notice of Utility Construction

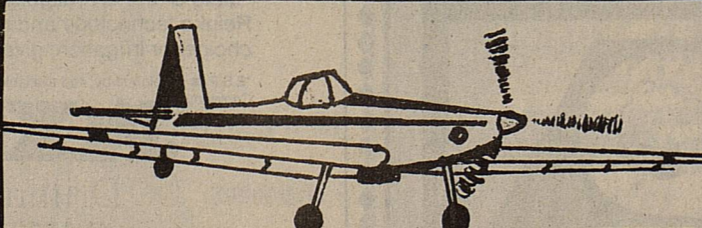
Texas ALLTEL, Inc., will be constructing facilities in portions of Yoakum and Cochran counties beginning approximately April 24, 1995. A pre-construction conference will be held April 18, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. at Johnny's Cafe in Plains.

In an effort to minimize damage to foreign facilities and coordinate efforts, we invite any governmental agencies and other utilities to attend this meeting.

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## TSA MO GA PRESENTS CLUB HISTORY

The Tsa Mo Ga Club met March 27, 1995 in the Clubhouse. Barbara Brown, Program Coordinator, presented Charter members, Wilma Powell and Mary Jo St. Romain, and Fifty-Six year member, Sit Jones. These club members reminisced on the years of Tsa Mo Ga Club History. Mary Jo spoke on the General Federation of Women's Clubs Organizational meeting held in New York City, March 18-20, 1889. Mrs. William B. Brown, New Jersey, became the first President of the largest organization of women volunteers in the world. They chose for their motto, "Unity in Diversity".

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs organizational meeting was held in Waco, May 13 & 14, 1897. Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco was chosen as President. Texas is planning its Centennial Celebration of the organization in Waco, 1997.

Wilma spoke about a group of women interested in federation, meeting in the ranch home of her and Mary Jo's Mother, Mrs. M.W. Luna, in 1935. Mrs. J.W. (Olga) Hayhurst was elected President, and suggested the name, Tsa Mo Ga Club, an Indian name meaning "The Chieftain" or "The Highest". The twenty-five charter members voted unanimously on the name in Sept. of 1935.

The Maid and Matrons Club of Brownfield was present to assist and to sponsor the new organization.

Sit Jones stated, "From the beginning, the Tsa Mo Ga Clubwomen's main objective was to organize some kind of library service for the residents of Yoakum County. We are proud to have had an important part in our Libraries in the County." In 1953, Tsa Mo Ga purchased the First Christian Church, moved and remodeled it into a beautiful Clubhouse. Another building that club members point to with much pride is the Tsa Mo Ga Memorial Museum, now a Texas Historical Landmark. Affectionately called the "Bonus Shack", Tsa Mo Ga Club members are active in the Plains Community, District, Texas State and General Federation Volunteer Programs and Projects.

Sarah Jane Shelton reported on the Caprock District Convention held in Lubbock March 25, 1995. Seven Club members attended. Tsa Mo

Ga Club was awarded 1995 First Place Awards, 6-second place awards, and received a second place award for their Club Year Book, competing with 17 clubs. Wilma Powell took first place overall in China Painting, Gwen Carter received 5 first place awards for her Hand work. Valerie Winn Crocheted an Afghan for the Country Store.

Sit Jones, President, welcomed three new club members, Renetta O'Quinn, Mary Wilmeth, and Debbie Rushing. Club members were reminded that the Caprock District President would attend the April 10th meeting and present our Federation program "Leadership through Federation-Accepting the Challenge".

Hostesses for the evening were Edna Chambliss, Ann Chadwick and Toni Jones. Delicious Strawberry Short Cake, Tea and Coffee were served from a spring motif table, laden with a pink umbrella and fresh spring Azalea flowers.

## NEW LADY IN TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMinn are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby girl, Jessica Korryn McMinn. She was born March 22, 1995, at 5:09 p.m., weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz., and was 17 1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Paula McMinn, of Plains, and Maternal grandparents are Robert and Debbie Kemp, of Abernathy.

## PHS 1995-96 Cheerleaders

The following girls will represent Plains High at all the sporting events next year. They are the winners of a recent competition to select the cheerleaders: Kelly McGinty, Sonia Avila, Kristi Guetersloh, Shawna Box, Shyloh Winn, and Maranda Box

organize a corps of rangers. Consisting of three companies of fifty-six men each, the corps will have the responsibility of guarding the frontier against Indian attacks. Subject to orders from the commander-in-chief of the army, the Rangers will receive \$1.25 a day for their services. They will be required to furnish their own food, clothing, horses, ammunition, and other supplies. The Texas News, December 15, 1835

## BRIDAL SHOWER ANNOUNCED

Chad Guetersloh and bride-elect, Buffie Anderson, will be honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, April 9, 1995. The celebration will take place in the home of Wilma Powell, 805 Second Street, Plains, Texas, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Gift selections for the couple are available and on display at the following locations: Dillard's in Lubbock; Nelson's Pharmacy in Brownfield; Renaissance Flower and Gift, Bayer Lumber, and The Plains Depot in Plains. Chosen colors are apricot, burgundy and hunter's green.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary #585 will meet April 13, 1995, 12:00 noon in the home of Mary Jo St. Romain, 808 First Street. Members are to bring a covered dish. Mary Jo will furnish meat and drink.

American Legion Auxiliary 19th District Spring Convention will be April 22-23, 1995, in Brownfield, Texas at the American Legion Post #269, 800 Seagraves Road.

They say watching too much TV can dull a child's mind. I wouldn't limit it to just children.

## PHS Student of the Week

Plains High School Student of the Week is Heather McDonnell. She is a Junior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jackie McDonnell. Heather was nominated by Mr. Davis.

This week's "student of the week" will be surprised. I have taught this student for four years and have always admired her work habits and intelligence. But these four years have not always been a bed of roses as we have had some major disagreements during those years.

In Biology II, I try to instill self discipline in my students and allow them to show some incentive. We have several directed study segments and I encourage the students to dig a little. This year has been a little more difficult to get those students to work on their own. Each student has a bulletin board to do, not just cut out pictures, but a research paper complete with bibliography and a diagram of an approved subject and creative work. Heather showed college type work on the Structure of the Eye bulletin board.



Heather McDonnell

## TSA MO GA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

TSA MO GA CLUB "Leadership Through Federation" program will be April 10, 1995, 7:00 p.m. to be held in the TSA MO GA Clubhouse. Mrs. Ray (Lucille) Barbour, TFWC Caprock District President of Tullia, Texas will be special guest speaker.

The purpose of GFWC's Leadership program is to strengthen the existing leadership skills of the membership. Mrs. Barbour's topic for the evening will be "Leadership through Federation - Accepting the Challenge."

All TSA MO GA Members are encouraged to attend the meeting, meet and hear Mrs. Barbour.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

## LIBRARY FILMTIME

Twenty Four pre-school youngsters attended Filmtime Wednesday, March 29th. They read the book, "Farmer in the Dell", saw the movie, "Molar Island Adventure", sang songs and played games.

Mrs. Christie Brink talked about going to the dentist and brought small tubes of toothpaste, donated by Dr. Cochran of Denver City, for each child to take home.

Children Attending were; Jonathan Penner, Ryan Crump, Cody Friesen, Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise, Heather Penner, Alex Penner, Rhaela Stall, Rhaemi Stall, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Sherman Gressett, Zachary Ramon, Landon Earnest, Dakota Earnest, Katie Winn, Jacob Brink, Meagan McElory, Brandon Craft, Morgan Willis, Holden Welch, Halley Welch, Lauren Davis, Troy Don Parrish.

Film time is provided for children under school age at 10 a.m. Wednesday's. Please be sure to pick the children up by 11 a.m.

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Date: April 12, 1995  
Time: 7:00 P.M.

## HEALTH FAIR ANNOUNCED

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# FROM THE HACK



Against my better judgement I let my son-in-law by marriage, not by choice, talk me into playing golf with him recently. He paired us up with another duo he referred to as pigeons ready for plucking, insisting we play them for a few pesos.

Knowing his very low character, I'm sure he will dispute this, but I played superbly for 17 holes. In fact, I carried him in the contest so long I felt like an abused pack mule. With some astonishingly fine shot making and a series of long and difficult putts Ben Crenshaw would have been proud of, and hard pressed to sink, my skill placed us well ahead of the other pair going into the final hole. Naturally they pressed the bet I don't know how many times, in a desperate bid to win or at least break even.

Yes, you guessed it, disaster settled in my golf bag. A series of horrible events occurred, none of them my fault, of course, and I finally got on the

#1@~^%\*! par 5 last green in 7, and managed to four putt. I had a legitimate excuse for this when I later discovered my putter head had worked loose, but no one would listen to me.

In a rage, my 'kin by marriage only' verbally chastised me to the point I considered a lawsuit for mental cruelty. This from a guy I had magnificently carried the entire long day.

Once again, I vow to be more prudent in my choice of playing partners. I may limit my golf gambling to games against my ten year old grandson.

Here's something to really lose sleep over; I wonder why classical opera isn't more popular among mainstream America? After all, its basic ingredients are illicit love, violence, and raw sex. How come the boob tube programs offering these same recipes are

so wildy popular? At least with opera, you can hear some great music while watching the same antics, and the kiddos couldn't understand the smutty language.

Saw in The Wall Street Journal where the Windsor Canadian Supreme Whiskey Company sponsored a \$2500 "America's Funniest Excuse for Being Late to Work" contest, and one Mr. Lane of Maui, Hawaii, won the event, hands down-or maybe, britches down. Seems all his clean clothes were at his office, so he left for work on his motorcycle wrapped only in a towel. Someway the towel got jammed in the machines gears, and he jogged the rest of the way wearing only his helmet. Sounds like something a whiskey company would dream up.



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B&P Cattle Co	Lubbock	4 corr str	558	49.00"
Keith Smith	Alpine	3 mxd str	606	68.75"
Jose Reyes	Clint	2 hol str	580	54.00"
Frank Shaw	Seminole	4 mxd	260	84.50"
DBL T, Inc	Lubbock	2 Wf str	292	87.00"
S&W Cattle Co	Midland	2 blk str	797	62.50"
<b>Heifers:</b>				
Abe Dyke	Denver City	Rd Wf	950	58.50"
John Howard	Andrews	Wht	950	58.50"
Mike O'Connor	Portales	4 mxd	313	75.50"
Max Vasquez	Carlsbad	char	335	77.00"
<b>Bred Cows-Pairs</b>				
Sean Daughtery	Portales	blk whf pr		630.00 pr
Janis Davis	Lovington	blk pr		620.00"
Asa Jones	Ft Stockton	2 char pr		640.00"
Mike O'Connor	Portales	2 blk pr		565.00"
Tracy Travis	Littlefield	blk wf cow		530.00hd
Sterling Price	Tatum	3 blk wf pr		600.00 pr
Peter Teichroeb	Seminole	blk pr		615"
Terry Tatum	Big Springs	red cow		540.00hd
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Jesus Iglesias	Lovington	Brn B		77.50"
Jerry Lindt	Denver City	Wht W		72.50"
Moe Martin	Midland	2 Tan B		60.00"
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