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COUNTY COURT SESSION

The following is a summary of cases held in County Court Wednesday, May 8, presided over by County Judge Dallas Brewer. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

In case number 7510, Bradley Jay Mills, 19, charged with possession of Marijuana, 2oz. or less, plead guilty to the offense. He was sentenced to 12 months in the Yoakum County jail, probated 12 months, and fined \$500.00. He was also ordered to pay \$165.00 in court costs, and \$40.00 monthly community supervision fees.

In case number 7526, Chadwick Duane Hicks, 20, charged with possession of Marijuana, 2-4oz., was allowed to plead to lesser offense of possession, Class B, 2oz. or less. He was sentenced to 6 months in the County jail, probated, and was fined \$500.00. He was ordered to pay \$165.00 in court costs, and a supervision fee of \$40.00 per month.

In case number 7532, Bryan Lee Sossaman, aka Bryan Lee Speights, 25, charged with reckless conduct, was defended by Defense Attorney Bill Wischkaemper. He plead guilty, was fined \$500.00,

and sentenced to 12 months in the County jail, probated 12 months. He was ordered to pay \$202.00 in court costs, and \$40.00 per month in supervision fees.

In case number 7491, Christopher Spurgeon, 18, charged with assault, plead guilty and was fined \$200.00, sentenced to 12 months in the County jail, and ordered to pay \$1063.42 in restitution in monthly installments of \$115.00. He was also ordered to pay \$195.00 in court costs, and \$40.00 per month supervision fees. He was also ordered to continue After Care with Behavioral Health Care Systems during probation, and furnish CSCD with reports from After Care, and waive confidentiality for CSCD to contact After Care counselor.

In case number 7421, Aaron A. Gomez, 21, charged with DWI, was represented by Defense Attorney James Caton. He plead guilty, sentenced to 24 months in County jail, probated, and was fined \$600.00. He was ordered to serve 72 continuous hours in the County jail, and lost his drivers license for 180 days. He was also ordered to pay \$235.00

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the administration building. Board Members present were; Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, Jerry Parrish, Gary Six. Also present were; Pete Simmons, Superintendent, Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Steven O'Quinn, High School Principal, Ronnie Watkins, Middle School Principal - arrived at 10:30 p.m., Joel Haragan, Elementary School Principal, Arlon Alexander, Counselor.

ACTION ITEMS:

The meeting was called to order by board president, Jerry Parrish. The following motions were made and unanimously approved. Ms. Anna Gonzalez moved and Mr. Tim Addison seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 13, 1995, and the called meeting of Feb. 28, 1995, be approved. Mr. Gary Six moved and Stanley Ashburn seconded that the monthly bills be paid as presented. Mr. Tim Addison moved and Mr. Stanley Ashburn seconded

that Bonnie Earnest be appointed election judge for the May 6th trustee election, and that Diana Flores and Cindra Box be appointed as alternates. Mr. Stanley Ashburn moved and Ms. Anna Gonzalez seconded the adoption of all titles of textbooks up for adoption. Mr. Tim Addison moved and Mr. Brad Palmer seconded that the school calendar be accepted as presented except for the Christmas holiday, the preparation day, and staff development day involved during this break. Mr. Stanley Ashburn moved and Mr. Danny Bell seconded that the board participate in the election of the Education Service Center directors. Mr. Tim Addison moved and Mr. Danny Bell seconded that

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County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday morning, March 13. Commissioner Jim Barron presided, in County Judge Dallas Brewer's absence. Commissioner Macky McWhirter was also absent. Present were: Commissioners John Avara and Bob Thurston. Also attending were Ruby Bruton, County Clerk, Kay McClure, Auditors office, and Teresa Howard, Treasurers office.

Several representatives of a number of insurance companies were present for action on their company bids.

The Court awarded Continental Life Insurance with a contract for county personnel life, longevity life and dependent life coverage for a three year period beginning April 1, 1995. The monthly premium bid was \$2,874.80.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark requested the Court to approve his offices' use of some \$1,100 in funds received from the Texas Association of Counties. The money will be used to reimburse his office for ongoing criminal investigation expense. The request was approved.

The Court approved the release of various securities pledged by Plains State Bank totaling \$4,703,384 to be transferred to County Tax Clearing.

All county bills were approved for payment. Rose Kirkland, Claudia Thompson & Pam Redman were reappointed to the Child Welfare Board.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON FCIC

Gary Six, Acting County Executive Director, of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, told the paper today the Agency does not have near enough producers certified to insurance requirements for the 1995 crop year. Six stated "The final date to provide proof of insurance or buy insurance is March 15, 1995. This deadline has not been extended. Anyone not buying the minimum insurance, or more will not be able to participate in any program, or be eligible for any program benefits, for the 1995 crop year."

Six also stated that earlier

reports in some newspapers led producers to believe that the deadline had been extended, but this is not the case. He voiced concern that several producers who have purchased the CAT Insurance have not canceled their Multiple Peril Crop Insurance. It is illegal to "double insure" a crop. Six feels that some producers, mainly land owners, do not realize they have double coverage. All producers with Land Lords are urged to contact their Landowners immediately about this mandatory matter.

Boll Weevil Referendum

Information on the High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Referendum will be provided on Thursday March 30 at the Plains Community Center.

"We're conducting this educational meeting along with 29 other High Plains and adjacent Rolling Plains counties in the proposed eradication zone," said Tadd Knight, County Extension agent. "This 2-hour boll weevil meeting will be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and will begin at 9:00 a.m.," he said.

It has been accredited by the Texas Department of Agriculture for two continuing education units (CEUs) toward recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators.

Dr. James Leser, Extension Entomologist, will present information on the present boll weevil situation and the proposed referendum so that cotton

producers can make an informed decision when they have the opportunity to vote in April. A representative from Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) will follow with a presentation which will further emphasize the critical nature of the present boll weevil situation and provide details about the proposed referendum and program operation.

The Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Suppression Program has operated for 31 years and has successfully kept the boll weevil from becoming an established economic pest in the High Plains area, the biggest cotton patch in the world. "Area producers have enjoyed a competitive edge compared to other regions of the cotton belt where insect control often means spraying up to 15 times a season," said Dr.

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Shannon Going Down Under

PHS Senior Shannon Ward, son of Randy and Mary Ward, has been selected to participate in the seventh annual "Down Under Football Bowl" in Australia this summer. He will join other Texas high school players selected by Jim Clements and his coaching staff. Clements, former Texas Longhorn player, is head coach at Spring High School.

The athletes will play two games in Australia against local teams. Shannon and his teammates will visit several cities, and attend special assemblies at Australian schools.

The Texas team will meet and interact with their Aussie counterparts. They will be serving as ambassadors of their schools, towns, counties, State and Nation, as well as representing their athletic skills and abilities.

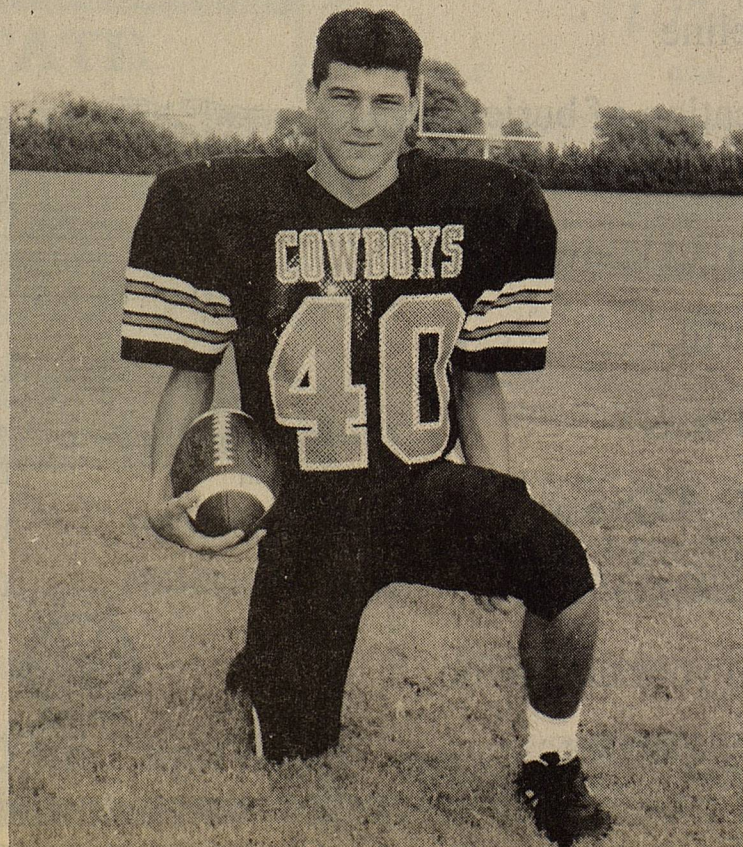
Ward played wide receiver and defensive back for the Cowboys, and won All District honors three years. He is a National

Honor Society member, and currently has a 96.4 grade point average.

The Texas contingent will have a busy schedule while in Australia. The long flight home will be broken up with several days of leisure time in Hawaii.

The team members must

furnish funds for their trip. Shannon needs local sponsors to help him raise a substantial amount of money for the trip. If you would like to help a very deserving young man take the trip of his lifetime, contributions may be made at Plains State Bank.



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Policy FOD (Local) be changed to allow the superintendent to expel students with the board to be an avenue of appeal for the student. No action was needed on Policies EEJA (Legal), EEJA (Local), EEJB, EEJB (Local), EEJD, or EEJD (Local). Mr. Brad Palmer moved and Mr. Gary Six seconded that the TASB Policy be rescinded and updated in accordance with TASB Policy Update 48. Mr. Stanley Ashburn moved and Mr. Tim Addison seconded that the bid from Bridges-Hemphill on a Bluebird bus and the bid from Lawrence Hall on a 1995 suburban be accepted. Action on a drug /weapons policy was tabled. Mr. Gary Six moved and Mr. Tim Addison seconded that amendments to Function 81 and Fund 321 be accepted as presented. Administrative reports were given by Eric Banfield, Steven O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins, Joel Haragan Alexander, and Pete Simmons. The board entered into executive session. The board reconvened in regular session. Mr. Tim Addison moved and Mr. Danny Bell seconded that contracts be extended to all campus professional personnel as recommended by the respective principals and recommended to accept Charles Cain's request as teacher only. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by board president, Mr. Jerry Parrish.

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court costs, and \$40.00 monthly supervision fees.

In case number 7525, Lecadio Limon Sanchez, 33, charged with assault, was fined \$100, ordered to pay \$165 Court Costs, and ordered to attend Family Violence Counseling as directed by Community Supervision Officer.

In Case number 7492, Adolf Vasquez, 20, charged with indecent exposure, was represented by defense Attorney Thomas R. Wilkins, Jr. He pled guilty and was fined \$200, ordered to pay Court Costs of \$165, \$200 appointed Attorney fees, and \$40 per month Community Supervision fee. The Judge imposed a midnight curfew, and recommended referring the defendant to MHMR or other facility for counseling and evaluation.

In case 7432, John Randell Haley, 25, charged with theft over \$200 and less than \$750, was represented by Thomas Wilkins, Jr. He was fined \$300, ordered to pay \$325 restitution, \$200 appointed Attorney fees, Court Costs of \$165, and \$40 per month supervision fees.

In case 7523, Jeffrey Wade Campbell, 39, charged with possession of marijuana, 2 oz. or less, was fined and paid \$750 and \$165 Court Costs.

LETTER TO EDITOR

I am writing because I feel it is necessary and long overdue Mr. Joe Pierce, Ag teacher at PHS, and his FFA students, be commended for their hard work at the San Antonio & Houston Livestock shows. Joe is a wonderful teacher, and his students are respectful and quick to do what is asked of them. We feel this speaks volumes, and reflects well on the school and parents.

Agriculture has always been, and hopefully will continue to be an important part of our childrens education. Its many benefits give the students character building skills, but most importantly, it bonds the relationship of teachers, students and parents.

FFA projects require time, effort and work. They can require anywhere from 6 months to a year of a students and parents time. During this time, the student will continue to participate in school activities, U.I.L., athletics, one act play, etc., and work hard to maintain their grades. The kids can't do everything, but they are keenly aware of the important role their teachers, families and friends play in helping

them out from time to time. This is an important life skill, one that continues to benefit them.

Morris and I, and many, many others are very grateful to Joe Pierce and PHS for having such a tremendous program. We want to thank Joe for everything he has done for our three sons. We appreciate you, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
Sincerely,
Debbie and Morris Rushing.

March Sales Tax Rebates

"Texas employment has risen by over 331,000 jobs in the last year, to stand at 7.9 million jobs, for another new all-time high," State Comptroller John Sharp said today as he delivered a total of \$122.6 million in March sales tax rebates to 1,073 Texas cities and 111 counties.

"This added employment translates into increased consumer confidence, which has resulted in an 11.8 percent increase in sales tax rebates, as compared to March 1994," Sharp said.

Local city sales tax rebates for March are \$110.9 million, 12.2 percent above the payments one year ago

of \$98.8 million. The rebates of \$11.7 million to Texas counties reflect a 9 percent increase over the \$10.7 million payments of March 1994.

The city of Houston received the largest municipal sales tax rebate of \$15.7 million in March, up 8.5 percent from the city's \$14.4 million in March 1994.

"The Houston metro area added 48,600 jobs in the last year, with the largest gains coming in the trade sector with 13,500 new jobs," Sharp said.

The \$9.7 million payment to the city of Dallas for March was the second largest, 8.1 percent above the \$9 million for the same period last year.

"Dallas employment rose by 4.3 percent, adding 64,100 jobs since this time last year," Sharp said.

The Austin sales tax rebate for March totals \$5.6 million, 19.6 percent above the city's March 1994 payment of \$4.7 million.

"Austin has regained its status as the fastest growing major metro area in Texas, with employment growing a whopping 6.8 percent in the last year," Sharp said, "for the highest year-over-year employment growth in Austin since summer 1993.

An interesting feature in the March sales tax summary of all Texas counties and cities is the current position of Yoakum County and our two communities.

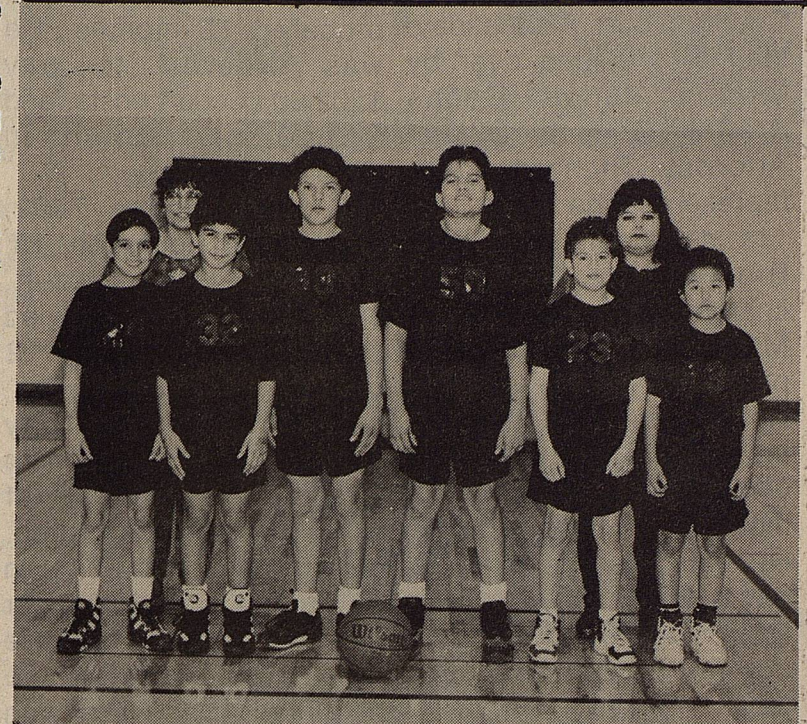
Plains sales and use tax collections during March of this year increased from \$1685 in 1994 to \$1931, an increase of 14.5 percent. In contrast, Denver City's tax fell from \$17,338 in 1994 to \$7,055 this year, a startling decline of 59.4 percent. The 36 page report indicated only 6 other communities with a greater percentage drop in tax collections.

Command Herbicide Training

The Yoakum County Extension Service will be holding a training for producers wishing to use the herbicide, COMMAND, on March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Plains Community Center. The Environmental Protection Agency requires anyone applying COMMAND Herb-

icide to attend this training in order to purchase the chemical. Two CEU credits will be offered for attending this training. FMC Chemical will be sponsoring the noon meal. References to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the Cooperative Extension Service is implied. For more information call 456-2263.

Little Dribbler Fans
Throughout this issue you will find pictures of Major League Team and Coaches. Space limits will not allow us to group all of them together.



Team: BAD BOYS
Coaches: Gloria Covarrubias and Mary Ellen Rodriguez
Players: Joseph Rodriguez, Moises Gonzales, Edilberto Gallegos, Marcus Hernandez, Greg Gonzales, Jose Ramirez

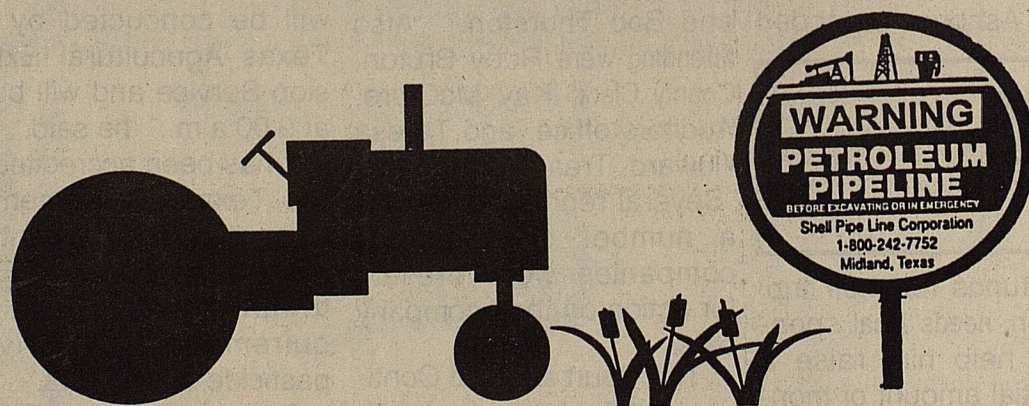


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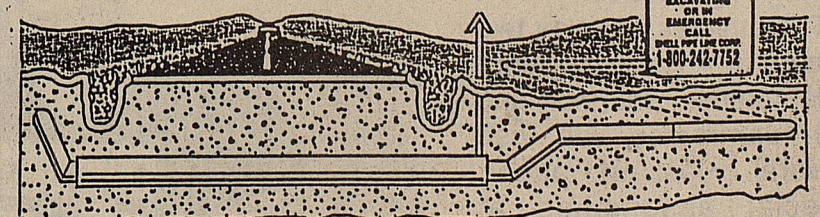


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PHS STUDENTS TOUR BIG APPLE

A group of 13 PHS Juniors and Seniors will be enjoying a special Spring Break this week, with an educational and fun tour of "The Big Apple". The students, escorted by English Instructor Malissa Rogers, and traveling with the students from Brownfield High, left Lubbock early Monday morning, flying to DFW, then to Chicago, and on to New York City. In New York, they were joined by other students from high schools in Colorado and Kentucky.

The students will see and tour many historic sights, including the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Wall Street and Chinatown. They will also visit Little Italy, Soho, Greenwich Village, Central Park, and Tuesday evening attended a performance of the Broadway Play "Grease", and after the production, enjoyed a visit with one of

the actors. On Wednesday, the students made a walking tour of 5th Avenue, visiting Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trump Tower, Warner Bros. Gift Shop, FAO Schwartz, and then visited the Radio City Music Hall.

Prior to departing for home Thursday, the students would tour the World Trade Center and the United Nations headquarters. Each student paid for their trip, and the Tokio Co-op Gin contributed funds for one student. The tired group are due back in Lubbock Thursday evening at 10:41 P.M. Making the trip were Juniors: Kelly McGinty, Amanda Koncaba, Heather McDonnell, Chase Clanahan, Johnny Davis, Chis Payne, Brad Seaton. Seniors: Amber Bryan, Misty Willett, Selena Humphrey, Bellen Coronado, Stacy Jones, Jennifer Earnest.

Junior High Wranglers Place 2nd at Whiteface

Both the 7th and 8th grade Wranglers and Lady Wranglers finished in strong second places at their first track meet of the season at Whiteface last week. The girls were edged by Whiteface, and the boys fell to Morton in the last event of the meet.

Lady Wranglers compiled the following results; Lisa Parrish 1st, 800 m. run; Kayla Redman 2nd, shot put and 2nd, discus; Krystle Blundell 2nd, 800 M; Anne Palmer 2nd, 100 M; Jennifer Lollar 2nd, 400 M; Marcey House 3rd, shot, and 6th discus; Cassie Dearing 3rd, 2400 M; Wendy Hernandez 3rd, 1600 M; Patty Ruiz 4th, Long Jump and 5th, triple jump; Wendy Hernandez 5th, 800 M; In the 400 M Relay, Velvet Canada, Kristen Gray, Anne Palmer and Patty Ruiz came in 5th and in the 1600 M Relay, the team of Jolyne Burgess, Krystle Blundell, Kelli

Osborn and Lisa Parrish finished 2nd.

In the Wrangler events, Jesus Gandara, Fermin Luna, Mike Bell and Vincent Delgado won the 400 M Relay; Fermin Luna 1st, 800 M; Johnan Valdez 6th; In the 2400 M, Valdez 1st, Mike Guerra 5th; Discus, Steven Bunch, 1st, Tony Lazos 4th; Long jump, Luna 2nd; Delgado 5th; Pole Vault, Mike Bell 3rd; 400 M, Gandara 3rd; Delgado 5th; 1600 M, Guerra 5th; The 1600 M Relay team of Gandara, Valdez, Delgado and Luna were nipped at the wire by Morton.



Jr. High Girls Named to Round Ball Squad

Jolyne Burgess and Kayla Redman, 8th grade Junior High students, have been selected to play on the 'Lubbock Lightning', a girls Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball team in Basketball Congress International competition this spring and summer.

The 'Lightning' team is made up of six girls from Lubbock, two from New Deal, and Burgess and Redman. They are coached by Johnny Cubty and Gordon Williamson.

The team will compete in its first tournament March 17-19 in Clovis with 64 boys and girls teams here, and his wife Debbie entered. There are a total of eight tournaments scheduled, with competition ending at the AAV event in Amarillo June 1-3 for National Regional honors and the National title will be decided in a B.C.I. tournament in Lubbock June 14-18.

Jolyne is the daughter of Don and Pam Burgess, and Kayla is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Redman.



FORMER RESIDENT TO ENTER AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Gordon Harris, former County Ag Extension Agent here, and his wife Debbie are proud to announce their son, Ryan, has signed a letter of commitment to enter the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado on a football scholarship.

Ryan, 6'1", 205 lbs., is a senior at Victoria High School, where he played middle linebacker on the state semi-finalist team in 1993, and regional finalist on the 1994 team. Past honors include first team All District 30-5A, first team all area, first team South Texas.

Ryan is a member of the National Honor Society, has a 96.8 GPA, and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He was a blue chip prospect in Dave Campbells' 'Texas Football' magazine, and chose the Air Force Academy because, "I understand the value and prestige of a degree from the Academy, and accept the challenge as the best opportunity for my future."



Team: PISTONS
Coach: Chris Blundell
Players: Kelsey Blundell, Aaron Cain, Brett Squyres, Sterling Deaton, Skyler Johnson, Chris Gscheidle



At a recent tumbling meet in Hobbs, Kelly Bowers and Mackenzie Winn were among those in the winners circle. Kelly won 1st place in tumbling, and 1st in trampoline competition. Mackenzie won 1st in tumbling, and 4th in trampoline. Kelly is the son of Donna and Tim Bowers, and Mackenzie is the daughter of Becky and Chris Winn.

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James Leser, Extension Entomologist at Lubbock.

"Many of these pesticide applications can be directly attributed to the presence of boll weevils."

The PCG program uses a fall diapause control program, applying malathion within its operational boundaries that, with the help of cold winter weather, reduce the number of boll weevils able to successfully survive as overwintering adults until a new cotton crop is up and squaring in the early summer. Malathion is a proven and safe insecticide which has been used by the diapause program for 31 years. It was also used for the California Medfly program and is widely used for mosquito control in towns across this area. The program control zone, roughly along the edge of the Caprock escarpment, creates a buffer to the east and south of the High Plains acreage, separating weevil infested areas of the Rolling Plains and the uninfested areas of the High Plains.

Leser explains that the boll weevil has recently outflanked the PCG control program and has moved into previously uninfested areas at an alarming pace the last two years. Infestations are widespread as far north as Lubbock, Lynn, Dawson, Terry, Gaines, and Yoakum counties. He notes that scattered infestations have been detected in Hale, Crosby, Floyd, Briscoe, Hockley, and Lamb counties. Leser warns that if left unchecked, the boll weevil could easily cost area producers over \$160 million in yield losses, fiber quality reductions and increased insecticide costs. "The worst case scenario is that the weevil could put us out of the cotton business."

The boll weevil has taken advantage of four consecutive mild winters, resulting in unprecedented numbers of weevils surviving to infest cotton in the early summer, Leser explains. The 1994-1995 winter appears to be the mildest one of them all. Cotton producers in the southern High Plains area can expect an expensive battle with this pest this year, says Leser.

Mild winters, coupled with greatly expanded overwintering sites in the form of grasses in the conservation Reserve Program (CRP), have significantly altered the boll weevil's chances of overwintering on the High Plains. In the past, CRP grasses were not considered as very good insulators from cold temperatures associated with "normal" winters. However, recent mild temperatures are proving that CRP grasses can provide excellent overwintering habitat during mild winters.

"The bottom line is that the PCG control program was never designed to prevent the westward spread of the boll weevil without some help from winter

weather," notes Leser. "Without this assistance, the program is woefully underfunded to address the latest threat."

According to PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Wayne Huffaker, PCG is ready to expand the current program to stop the boll weevil from infesting more acreage and to push the weevil out of High Plains cotton acreage altogether. Under the authority of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, PCG is proposing an enhanced suppression program that will increase the current program's operational area and pave the way for full eradication of the boll weevil beginning in the spring of 1998. The enhanced suppression program would continue with a fall diapause treatments for 1995, 1996, and 1997.

The key to implementation of the Enhanced Suppression Program will be a positive vote on the two referenda listed on the ballot to be mailed to eligible voters in the proposed 30-county eradication zone on April 3. The choice is in the hands of cotton producers. PCG firmly believes that the future of High Plains cotton is dependent upon the passing of these referenda. Producers are encouraged to attend this or other boll weevil eradication referendum meetings.

Lucas Gusher At Spindletop

Beaumont: Captain A. F. Lucas today found oil at Spindletop, just east of this town, in such quantities as to defy the imagination.

The well literally blew in about 10:30 this morning. First, mud and water erupted from the well with such force that the crown block of the derrick was blown off. Then came gas, then a few moments of quiet. Then, with a roar like cannon, heavy mud shot out of the well, then gas, then oil in huge spurts. Within minutes the black stream was gushing high into the sky, literally raining oil for hundreds of feet around the well.

Lucas, who was in town when the well came in, soon came dashing to the scene as fast as his horse and buggy could carry him. He found the well gushing oil over the countryside at the almost unbelievable rate of approximately 75,000 barrels of oil a day-a figure which seems even more fantastic when one considers that the daily production of 287 wells in the Corsicana area in 1898 was only 2,300 barrels!

Within a few hours, spectators arrived in buggies, wagons, hacks, or on foot to stand and watch the awesome sight. Meanwhile, the oil continued to flow, filling every pond and gulley in the vicinity with the greasy black fluid. Lucas and his crew have already begun their efforts

Martha Guetersloh Final Rites

Funeral services for Martha Guetersloh, 82, of Plains will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 1995 in the First United Methodist Church of Plains with Rev. Rick Doyle officiating. Burial will follow in the Plains cemetery. Mrs. Guetersloh died Mon., March 13, 1995 at her residence in Plains.

She was born October 2, 1912 in Roby, Texas and lived in Roby, Lubbock, Wilson, Texas and Wisconsin during her youth. She married William C. Guetersloh May 3, 1934 in Wilson, Texas. They lived in Posey prior to moving to Pep, where they farmed until Mr. Guetersloh retired in 1969, then they moved to Plains.

Mrs. Guetersloh was active with the Senior Citizens of the community and served as President of the Plains Dirt Gardeners Club from 1987 until 1989, having received many flower awards. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Levelland.

She will be remembered as a loving Christian Mother and Wife, who loved life, loved to dance and befriend others. She was preceded in death by her



husband, a son; Wayne Guetersloh, a sister; Pauline Guetersloh, a step-brother; Alvin Shambeck, and her parents; Louis and Mary Shambeck.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law; Billy and Marietta Guetersloh of Plains, one daughter and son-in-law; Lois and Bob Marez of Dallas, one sister; Mary Sanders of Lubbock, a step-mother; Elsie Shambeck of Lubbock, two step-sisters; Leona Scheihagan and Elnor Welch, both of Lubbock, three step-brothers; Clarence Shambeck of Olakton, Virginia, Louis Shambeck of Graham, Texas and Willie Shambeck of Lubbock, six grandchildren; Billy Don Guetersloh, Robby Dale Guetersloh and wife Cathy, Melissa Galvan and husband Arthur, Susan

Martinez and husband Chip, Judy Marez and Kirk Marez, eight great-grandchildren; Danielle Guetersloh, Billy Don Guetersloh, Jr., Rodney Guetersloh, Chase Guetersloh, Matthew McKinzie, M'Leah McKinzie, Jarod Galvan and Chelsea Galvan, Dale Guetersloh, Kirk Marez, Arthur Galvan, Jim Sims and Delbert Sanders.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

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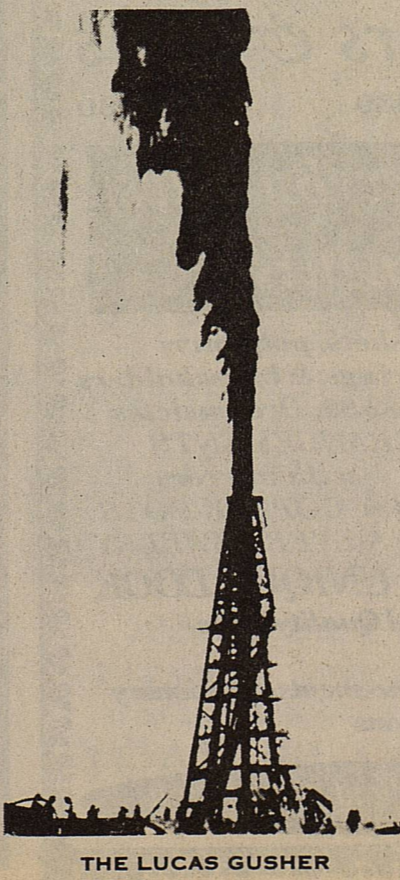
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to close up the well, and to provide storage for the oil. A guard has also been organized to keep spectators away from the well and prevent a possible disastrous fire.

The Texas News,
April 15, 1901



THE LUCAS GUSHER

Field Reopened Wild Flow Ends

Tyler: The East Texas oil field was reopened on Sept. 5, and 225 barrels per day was set as the allowable for each well. The allowable has since been reduced to 185 barrels per well.

The proration orders have not been well received by some operators, and there are rumors that a good deal of oil is being produced in violation of the orders. Oil produced in this fashion is called hot oil.

The Texas News,
Oct. 10, 1931

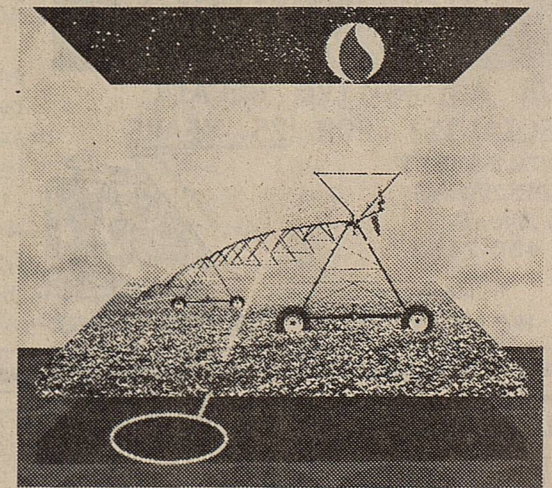
Per Capita Income

Dallas: Latest figures released by the Department of Commerce show \$401 as the per capita income in Texas in 1939. Texas and the nation have gone a long way toward recovery, but they have not yet returned to 1929 standards. Per capita income in Texas in 1929 was \$462.

The Texas News,
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Pour over meat balls and cover with foil. Bake at 350 for 45 min. uncover and bake 15 min. longer. Make fairly small meatballs.

Rushing Visits Family

Dan Rushing, visiting his parents Debbie and Morris and other family members, returned to classes at Southwestern University in Georgetown Tuesday afternoon. He is classified as a Senior, but because of a recent major change, won't graduate until May of 1996. He will receive a BA in Business Finance.

He transferred to Southwestern from New Mexico Junior College. He has been a member of Southwestern's Buccaneer basketball the last two years, playing point guard. At the recent basketball banquet he was honored as the teams Most Valuable Player of 1995.

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May I go now ? Don't you think the time is right ? May I say good-bye to pain-filled days and endless lonely nights ? I've lived my life and done my best, an example tried to be, so can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free ? I didn't want to go at first. I fought with all my might ! But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light. I want to go ! I really do ! It's difficult to stay. But I will try as best I can to live just one more day...To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears. I know you're sad and are afraid because I see your tears. I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know that my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go. Thank you for loving me. You know I loved you too. That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you. So hold me now, just one more time, and let me hear you say, because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

Anonymous

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Thanks to all who have honored Mom with memorials to Plains State Bank and Hospice.

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Maternal grandparents are Angel & Elva Ruiz of Plains. Great grandmother is Natalia Cobos of Mexico.

Paternal grandparents are Lee & Diane Brown of Plains and Mickey & Maria Thompson of Borden, Ind. Great grandfather is Johnnie Thompson of New Mexico.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 15:
Zanna Traweek, Clydell Hale
March 16:
Sandra Ellison, David Villarreal
March 17:
Chris Humphrey, Jalyn Wall, Leland & Sandra Ellison (A)
March 18:
Casson Curtis, Don Hinkle, Teresa Stroup, Terry Wade & Dana Davis (A)
March 19:
Michaela Traweek, Wayne House, Ronny Wall
March 21:
Amanda Koncaba

Terry Twirlers



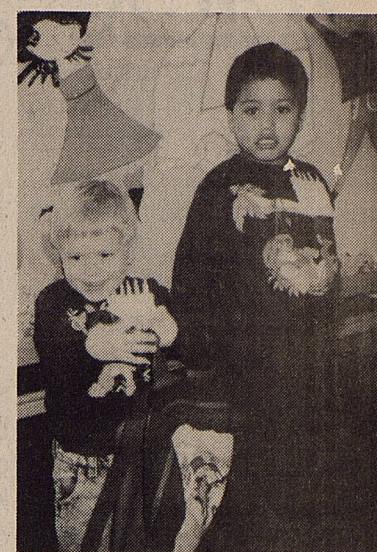
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LIBRARY FILM TIME

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Other children attending were; Ryan Crump, Jonathan Renner, Jacob Brink, Marcos Rivera, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyl, Brandon Craft, Marissa Melendez, Sammy Melendez, Lauren Davis, Amber Friesen, Cody Friesen, Lauren Hise, Wyatt Dearing, Lee Dearing, Landon Earnest, Dakota Earnest, Katie Winn, Christopher Addison, Stephanie Addison, Troy Don Parrish.



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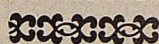
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Will Congress Force Texas To Shoulder Unfair Share of Budget-Cutting Burden?

BY John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Everyone wants to go to Heaven, but no one wants to die. That old adage is taking on new meaning as Congress considers cutting a variety of federally funded programs and replacing them with block grants that could have a significant effect on the Texas budget.

I strongly support block grants and have called for them since 1991. They would be a useful tool for cutting federal spending and balancing the budget while giving Texas the flexibility to administer our own programs without having to go hat-in-hand to anonymous bureaucrats in Washington for permission.

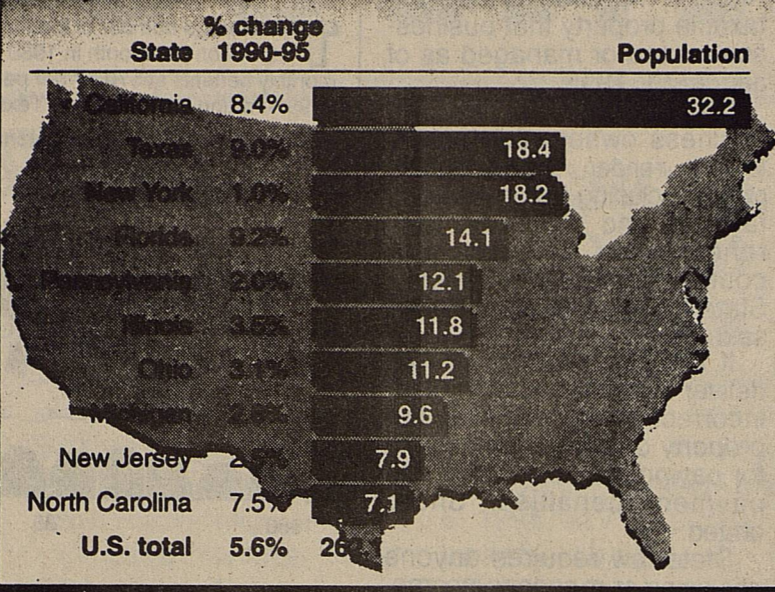
But Congress is proposing an inequitable block grant formula that threatens to turn Texas into one of the single biggest losers in the nation. Like the BTU Tax and the Windfall Profits Tax before it, the funding scheme coming out of Washington represents another instance of Texas being penalized to the benefit of other states. Only Congress could come up with such a scheme.

This inequity is the result of Congress' current state-by-state block grant formula proposal, which would divide block grant funds for public assistance according to each state's current share of national welfare spending. Grants to Texas would not keep pace with our growing population, nor would grants to low-growth states decrease as their populations shrink.

My preliminary analysis shows, for example, that

States of growth

Largest states ranked by total population in millions, 1995, and percent change, 1990-95



Texas would be the biggest loser in the country with the nutrition block grant proposals. However, California would actually gain funding. Block grant proposals for Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) would hit Texas harder than any other state, losing us \$4.3 billion over five years. Michigan, at an average AFDC payment of \$457 per month, and Wisconsin, at \$517 per month, each pay their recipients two-and-a-half times as much as Texas, where the average monthly check is \$184.

Yet, those and other high benefit states will receive more money under Congress' current plan, not less money—even though they have declining populations and higher per capita incomes. Apparently, their governors are enjoying great success with their nearly full time and always

high-profile lobbying in the halls of Congress. But that success comes at the expense of Texas.

Will Congress force Texas to shoulder an unfair share of the budget-cutting burden? They will certainly try. Already, Texas stands to lose more than \$1 billion in federal funds during the next two-year budget period.

That figure is conservative, and Texas could lose much, much more. If Congress funds Medicaid using the same block grant formulas they propose for other public assistance programs, we could lose between \$10 billion and \$14 billion in federal Medicaid funds between 1996 and 2002.

Such losses will inevitably be passed along to local hospitals, nursing homes, doctors, nurses and ultimately, local Texas taxpayers. And they will place Texas at a serious dis-

advantage with other states.

There is a better way for Congress to lower costs. A national cap block grant formula would increase flexibility for the states and treat Texas fairly. Under this formula, the total block grant would be pro-rated to each state according to its share of the population eligible for public assistance. This formula would distribute a larger share of the block grant to Texas as our population grows, while ensuring that states losing population receive less of the total because they have fewer people to serve.

Congress should understand that any switch to block grant funding must treat all states fairly if we expect to bring about meaningful welfare reform. The bottom line of current funding formulas is that states with the most costly welfare benefits and lowest population growth will be rewarded at the expense of Texas.

Everyone wants to go to Heaven, but no one wants to die. In the case of the block grants currently under consideration in Congress, that old adage applies to almost every other state than Texas. I believe that those of us in the Lone Star State are ready and willing to shoulder our fair share of federal budget cuts, but we shouldn't allow our own taxpayers to be discriminated against and punished so that taxpayers in less frugal states won't have to suffer.

Skin Cancers Are Common On The Face

Skin cancers are usually easy to find—they are right on your face. The areas that catch the most sun—the lips, cheeks, and nose—are the areas most likely to develop a cancer.

These cancers are called basal cell cancers and are slow growing. They grow so slowly that a person often ignores them assuming that they are only a chronic irritation, but any skin ulcer that lasts more than a few weeks should be checked by your doctor.

It is wise to remove these cancers early. Though they do not normally spread like other cancers, they can damage other tissues in the nose, ears, or around the eyes which will result in scarring and poorer cosmetic results.

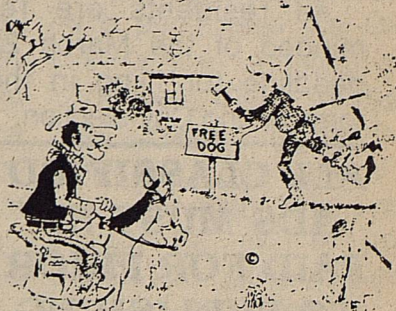
There are a few different ways to remove these cancers. Most often they are simply cut out and the skin sewn together. This will leave a small scar. A scar

can sometimes be avoided by using a more complex micro surgical technique and cautery.

For skin changes that are precancerous, treatment is quite successful with medicines that destroy the abnormal cells. This can be done by freezing the skin with liquid nitrogen or with an anti-cancer lotion.

You can reduce the sun's damage to the skin and risk of skin cancers by protecting the skin with sunscreens, broad-brimmed hats and avoiding the outdoors during the peak hours of ultraviolet exposure—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Faced with a very brief agenda, the council reviewed and approved all city bills, and heard the Supervisors report from Robert Loya. The council will likely receive a progress report on the city water well and storage tank project in time for the March 27 meeting.

All residents are reminded of the March 22 deadline for filing in the forthcoming City election.

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APRIL 14 Deadline For Filing Property Tax Renditions

In accordance with state law, Texas businesses must render their property with county appraisal districts by April 14. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 1995.

"While state law required business owners and operators to render, any property owner, including home-owners, farmers and ranchers, may render their property with county appraisal districts," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties, Sharp added.

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 to render with the local appraisal district. An exception is a business that receives the freeport exemption for managing cotton stored in a warehouse.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Sharp said. "Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Sharp also announced that property owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills.

The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Railroad Commission an extension to May 1 to file the reports and may extend the

deadline another 15 days if the owners request it in writing and show good cause.

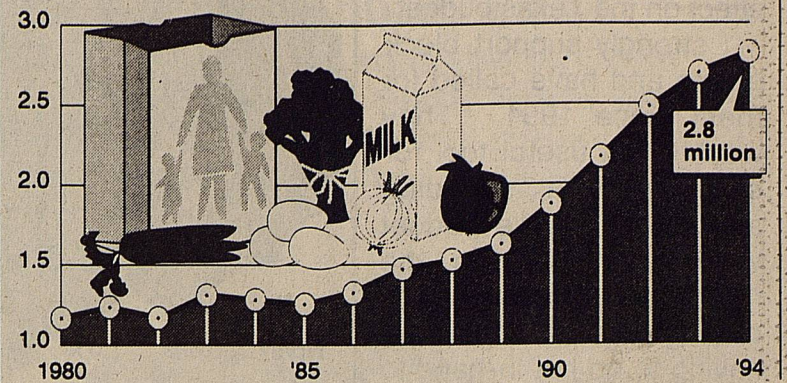
On the renditions, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By stating their opinion, property owners make sure that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the appraisal district's value is too high.

Keeping an eye on Texas

2.8 million Texans receive food stamps

The average number of food stamp recipients in Texas increased from 1.2 million per month in 1980 to 2.8 million per month in 1994. With monthly benefits at \$70.57 per person, benefits totaled an average of \$199.1 million each month in Texas in 1994.

Number of food stamp recipients in Texas, in millions



Team: SPEED
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