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WALKER PLACED ON SELECT COMMITTEE

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has announced the appointment of Representative Gary Walker, R-Plains, to serve on the House Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. Speaker Laney created the committee by proclamation. The seven member committee will study and report to the full House on the impact of national military and defense policies in Texas. It will also look at issues affecting Texas veterans that may be addressed by state law.

"The State of Texas has a long and proud history of concern for its military veterans and their families," Speaker Laney said. "It is appropriate that the Legislature devote special attention to matters affecting those who have sacrificed so much for their country."

Speaker Laney said he believes Representative Walker will serve the House well on this special committee. "Walker is a devoted veteran. I believe he will make a thorough and complete study of the issues that are important to us all," Laney said.

EPA BACKS DOWN TO SORGHUM GROUP

Grain sorghum growers who need granular carbofuran to control sorghum insect pests are elated over the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to permit states to apply for registration of the product. EPA has agreed to allow states with a specific sorghum insect pest problem to apply for a registration under FIFRA Section 24(c).

Producers in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas have used the product for many years to effectively control several insect pests that can seriously damage sorghum. However, EPA pesticide officials had wanted to ban its use on sorghum. Without granular carbofuran, growers were facing severe crop losses from insect pests such as the chinch bug.

National Grain Sorghum Producers, the membership association for sorghum growers has fought to retain the use of the product. Key legislators from sorghum-producing areas joined NGSP and the nation's sorghum growers in the battle with EPA over the use of granular carbofuran on sorghum. During a recent meeting in Senator Bob Kerrey's office, convened at the request of NGSP, legislators and EPA officials hammered out the agreement to allow the Section 24(c) requests.

"We commend the EPA for making the right decision," said Gary Bright, NGSP president. "We're glad that common sense prevailed, allowing us to use a product that has proven to be so effective in preventing devastating crop losses. We are cautiously optimistic that EPA grant the state registrations so that farmers will have the product to use on this year's crop."

Bright said that EPA decided to ban granular carbofuran based solely on its toxicity to individual birds rather than on its possible effect on bird populations as a whole. Several environmental groups threatened to sue EPA if they did not remove the product from the market. The NGSP board of directors unanimously voted to file their own lawsuit against EPA.

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WEAPON VIOLATION REPORTED AT PLAINS SCHOOL

A recent incident involving the violation of the weapons policy of Plains ISD has been reported. During the week of Feb. 21, 1995, it was reported to Plains administrators that a student had been in possession of a handgun at school the previous week. It was also reported that the student and another student were involved in an attempt to use the handgun against a student at school.

Subsequent and immediate investigation by school authorities indicated that indeed there had been a violation of school policy concerning weapons on campus. The students were suspended pending a hearing and law enforcement authorities were called to assist. School policies and new

federal legislation call for a "zero tolerance" policy to be carried out in such situations.

Upon the completion of the school's investigation, the two juvenile students were given a hearing before the school board. One student was expelled for the remainder of the spring semester. The other student was expelled from Plains schools for a period of 12 calendar months. Both expulsions represented the harshest punishment available to the school. Criminal felony complaints were filed by school officials in both cases.

Superintendent Pete Simmons released the following statement:

The board and administration of Plains ISD would like to make it

very clear that violations of our "Safe Schools" policies will result in immediate and harsh punishment to the fullest extent of our policies and also that we will pursue action in criminal court. We will not tolerate students who endanger themselves and others with irresponsible and dangerous actions. I would like to commend the students and teachers who reported the incidents to the administration. I would like to especially commend the quick, fair, and efficient investigation and action by our school administrators. The board would like to reinforce our commitment to a safe and secure environment for all our students and staff. We will continue to take positive and immediate steps to try to ensure that safety.

COUNTY EXHIBITORS DO WELL AT HOUSTON

The seasons Livestock Show competition for county exhibitors ended last week at the huge Houston Livestock Exhibition. Exhibitors from Plains and Denver City made a strong showing at the week long event. 4,258 Show pigs were

initially screened, or sifted, at Brenham prior to the big show, and only 15% of them would qualify for Houston. A very impressive 40% of the Plains FFA show pigs would make the

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** AN EDITORIAL **

In last week's edition, we featured an article dealing with problems involving the juvenile justice system being addressed in Austin. The main thrust of that article was the Texas Youth Commission facilities bulging at the seams with juvenile offenders, often resulting in individual counties having no place to legally place convicted youths.

The phenomenon of a rapidly growing juvenile crime rate across the land is serious for all of us. There is probably not a community in the nation which is not experiencing criminal activity, some of it deadly serious, in its juvenile populations.

An excellent case in point is the page one feature of the two youths in our school system with a handgun on campus. Only a few years back, a common thought expressed by parents was, "I'm just thankful our kids are growing up in an area where we don't have to worry about illegal drugs." If you still feel that way, you need to talk to any law enforcement official.

According to the Texas Youth Commission, the following are provisions common to several juvenile justice bills now being considered by the Legislature:

- *Make punishment a legitimate purpose of the juvenile justice system along with rehabilitation, emphasizing accountability and responsibility of both parent and child.
- *Require more certain and consistent handling of all offenders, particularly felony offenders. Increase use of deferred adjudication and other diversion programs for others, all aimed at eliminating the common "counsel and release" practice.
- *Provide for a central repository of juvenile records in the Department of Public Safety, including fingerprints, photos, referral (arrest) and disposition information. Limit access for law enforcement purposes only. Provide for the deletion of the information under certain conditions.
- *Increase access to juvenile court records, law enforcement records, including TYC records. (By law enforcement and school officials, referral agencies, prosecutors, victims, military recruiters, media, etc.)
- *Broaden law enforcement authority to take fingerprints and photographs of juvenile without court approval.
- *Provide that once a juvenile has been certified for trial as an adult, he need not be re-certified when accused of subsequent offenses.
- *Ease restrictions on pre-trial detention of juveniles to ensure that protection of public safety is paramount.
- *Expand juvenile court jurisdiction over youth who have been expelled from school.
- *Increase financial responsibility of parents and guardians for court costs, costs of treatment, etc.
- *Expand the membership of local juvenile boards to include law enforcement officials, school officials, treatment professionals, prosecutors, etc.
- *Make juvenile court rules and procedures correspond more closely with those used in criminal courts, including appeal procedures.

Perhaps if the legislature adpots some of these measures it will be a step towards coming to grips with a serious problem. We should not think, however, we can legislate away all the ills of our juvenile society. Discipline, respect, honesty, work ethics, plain old common decency, should still be stressed at that first and most important rung of the ladder our children must climb..... AT HOME.

WELFARE REFORM BILL FILED IN TEXAS HOUSE

State Comptroller John Sharp applauded a sweeping welfare reform bill filed by state lawmakers Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) and Mark Stiles (D-Beaumont) in the Texas House of representatives. The legislation is based on Sharp's ground breaking report, *A Partnership For Independence*.

"It's fitting that on Texas Independence Day, we have a bill that will help Texans free themselves from the cycle of dependency," Sharp said. "Representatives Hilderbran and Stiles have fashioned a plan that will enjoy broad bipartisan support because it places Texas on the leading edge of welfare reform--and lays out clearly how to pay for it."

Hilderbran, chairman of the House Human Services Committee, and Stiles, chairman of the House Calendars Committee, are joint sponsors of the bill. State Senator Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo), chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Committee, filed the Senate's version of Sharp's proposals last week.

"This bill is comprehensive, creative and uncompromising," Hilderbran said. "It streamlines the bureau-

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COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Mon., Mar. 6, County Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. In attendance were Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston, Jim Barron, and Macky McWhirter. Also attending were Toni Jones, Treasurer, Sheila Stephens, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector, Ruby Bruton, County Clerk, and Hazel Lowrey, County Auditor.

The following Court actions were taken;

Opened and reviewed ten proposals for salary, life, longevity life, and dependent life insurance coverage for a three year period beginning April 1, 1995 and ending March 30, 1998. Hazel Lowrey was asked to prepare spread sheets of the proposals to offer the Court a more comprehensible opportunity to examine the comparable coverage and premiums. Action on the proposals will be announced March 13.

The court accepted the County Tax Assessor-Collectors report of monthly tax receipts of \$24,070.52.

A petition from Texas Alltel, Inc. was approved for the right to lay, construct and operate communication cable under certain County roads in Precinct 3.

A resolution was passed supporting House Bill 175 and Senate Bill 411 amending the "Whistleblower Act". The bills would limit the dollar

amount the state is liable for in "Whistleblower" settlements.

A resolution opposing passage of HB 1091 was approved, a bill which would create another state agency which would oversee Workman's Insurance Pool rates currently used by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). Judge Brewer is currently a member of the Pool Committee of T.A.C.

J.P. COURT MEETS

The following is a summary of cases heard and actions taken on Mar. 3, 1995 in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct 2, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding;

52 DPS Traffic cases filed.

Presided over 3 Teen Court Cases, 2 Juvenile Warnings administered.

Bonds set:
Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.

Driving while intoxicated subsequent \$5,000 bond

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle \$2,500 bond

Aggravated Kidnapping \$15,000 bond

Aggravated Sexual Assault \$15,000 bond

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Resisting Arrest \$1,000 bond

Assault on a Peace Officer \$1,500 bond

Assault-Family Violence \$2,000 bond

Possession Marijuana under 2 oz. \$2,000 bond

CONT'D FROM PAGE 1, 'STOCK SHOW' trip, where they captured many honors. The following is a recap of the local swine exhibitors results: Kelton Mason, 1st, Crossbred; Staci Tuggle, 2nd, Duroc; Kyley Bearden, 4th, spotted Poland; Marcey House, 7th, Chester; Kirk Parrish, 8th, Chester; Marte Pierce, 12th, Poland; Lisa Parrish, 15th, Duroc; Ashlei Mason, 19th, Cross.

Plains FFA Steers: Marcey House, 4th, Maine-Anjou; Yancey House, 13th, Cross.

Yoakum County 4-H Steers: Kelton Mason, 5th, Chianina; Ashlei Mason, 6th, Maine-Anjou.

Lambs: Bryce Sellers, 19th, medium wool lamb
Denver City FFA Lambs: Jerry Lindt, 5th, Medium wool lamb.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors and dozens of volunteer workers responsible for an excellent show season.

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Bright said that securing the agreement for EPA to allow state registrations of granular carbofuran was an enormous team effort. "Winning this battle was a team effort," he said. "We are especially grateful to the state departments of agriculture and the extension service personnel who provided the information we needed to prove our case. They really supported us on this issue."

"Our legislators were instrumental in persuading EPA officials to allow state registrations for granular carbofuran. This would never have happened without their help."

Texas legislators assisting NGSP included Phil Gramm, Kay Hutchinson, E. (Kika) de la Garza, Charles Stenholm, Chet Edwards, Greg Laughlin and Larry Combest.

WALKER IN NEW ROLE AT SANDY LAND

In emergency session called by the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District board of directors, on March 1, 1995, the District entered into contract with Mr. Walker as an Independent Contractor for his services as a Consultant to provide the District advice for the proper and efficient management of Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District.

Mr. Walker had previously resigned as manager and had reimbursed the District for monies aid as salary,

medical, retirement and other benefits provided by the District since January 10th, 1995, the day of his swearing in as State Representative, District 80.

While in contract with the District, Mr. Walker will be remunerated for his services as an Independent Contractor only and will be responsible for his own medical and health care as well as any retirement contributions he wishes to make to plans of his own choosing.

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cracy and holds people accountable for the temporary assistance we provide." Hilderbran said that he is convinced that the legislation, HB 1863, has an excellent chance of passing.

Stiles agreed. "The combination of time limits, improving job training and child care programs, reducing fraud and providing needy Texans the help they need gives us a balanced package of reforms," Stiles said.

Other proposals originally contained in Sharp's report and included in HB 1863 would eliminate rules and regulations that discourage marriage for low-income couples; strengthen child support enforcement efforts to help families free themselves from public assistance; and establish a "Work First" program to move AFDC recipients into paying jobs.

In addition, the report recommends granting communities more local control over job training and work force development programs; increasing public awareness of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit for working families; providing one-time emergency cash

payments to qualified recipients to reduce ongoing dependence on AFDC; and transferring Texans with disabilities who now receive AFDC to federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) programs, both of which pay considerably more than AFDC and provide job programs and other support services unavailable to AFDC recipients.

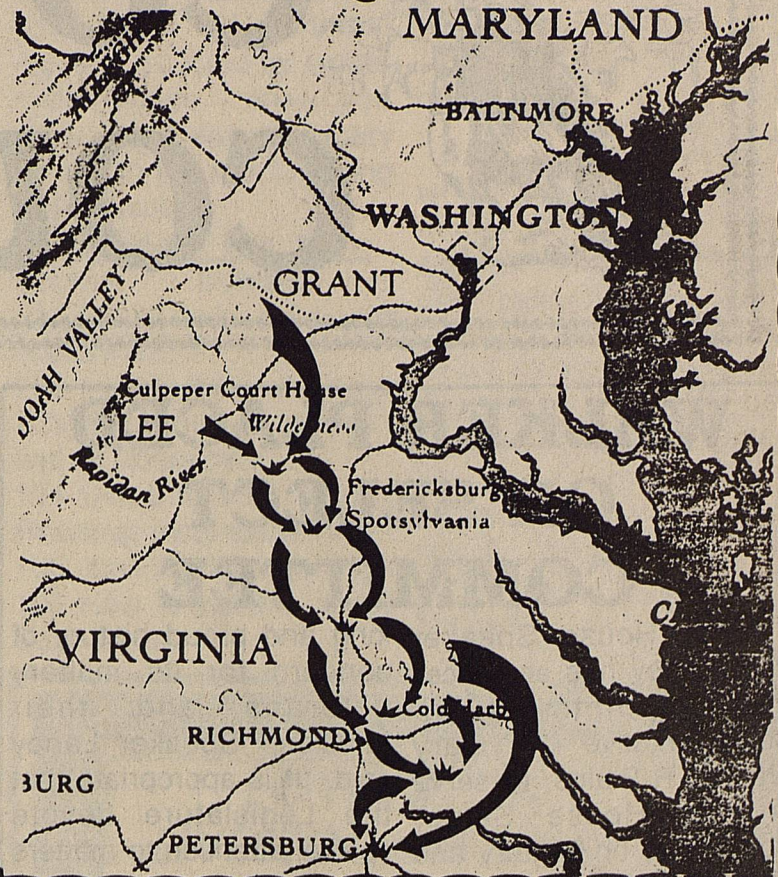
"In the end, true welfare reform must address the rules that everyone--recipients and the state--is expected to live by," Sharp said. "If enacted, the Hilderbran-Stiles bill will require welfare recipients to live by the same rules everyone else does, to make smart decisions about their daily lives,

CIVIL WAR'S BLOODIEST SIX WEEKS

This May 5 will mark the 131st anniversary of the start of the bloodiest six weeks of the Civil War. U.S. Grant, commanding the Union Grand Army of the Potomac, repeatedly attacked General Lee's Army of Virginia, hoping to flank the rebels and move on to Richmond. The non stop series of battles began in northern Virginia at Chancellorsville, with savage assaults and counter attacks at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Cold Harbor, and ended in a long and bitter siege at Petersburg, some 200 miles from the first battle. Grant suffered some 17,000 casualties in two days fighting in the Wilderness. 12,000 Men fell at Spotsylvania. At Cold Harbor, almost 7,000 union troops went down in a fatal charge, in just 8 minutes.

In the 30 days since the first battle in the Wilderness, Grants army would suffer 50,000 casualties, half as many as it lost in the three previous years of war. Lee's losses were much lighter, but ill affordable.

In later years, Grant would admit the incessant fighting included many actions he realized were mistakes - but of course, inevitably, he would take Lee's sword at Appomatox.



CITY WATER PROJECT START-UP CHAMBER MEETING

Well drilling equipment is being rigged up and drilling should start this week on the new City water well on the R. B. Jones Estate land west of town. Holloman Construction Co. of Odessa successfully bid on the drilling and laying of transition water lines, and sub-contracted the drilling to Bill DeBose Drilling Co. The drilling should be completed by March 17.

Preliminary dirt work should start this week on the site for the new 350,000 gallon water storage tank which the new well will service. The tank construction bid was awarded to Rhodes Construction of Lubbock, and was sub-contracted by D & R Tank Builders of Albuquerque.

Weather permitting, the entire project should be completed well before the July 1 deadline, assuring the community an adequate supply of water for the heavy demand summer months.

The Plains Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, March 7, at Johnnies' Restaurant. Attending the meeting were David Brunson, Mary Jo St. Romain, Harry Richardson, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, Gary and Johnnie Fitzgerald, Travis Jones and Jerry Morphus.

Final plans for the Chamber annual banquet were discussed. The event will be held at 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 30 in the school cafeteria. The Chamber will furnish ham for the meal, and those attending should bring a covered dish of their choice as the price of admission.

Local business firms will be contacted and asked to help with door prizes for multiple drawings. Jimmy Ross of Quitaque will be the guest speaker.

Nomination forms for Citizen of the Year are being prepared and will be available later at local merchants and in Cowboy Country News. The Chamber urges all citizens to attend this annual event.



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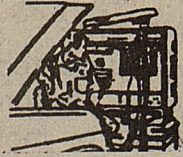
and all the school administrators.

The sale of sausage is now underway and orders may be placed at 456-7445, or by calling Pierce's home number, 456-4231.

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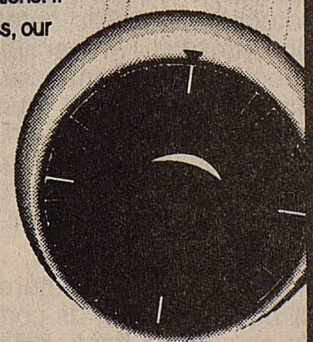
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COWBOYS DOWN VALLEY 83-69 IN PLAYOFFS

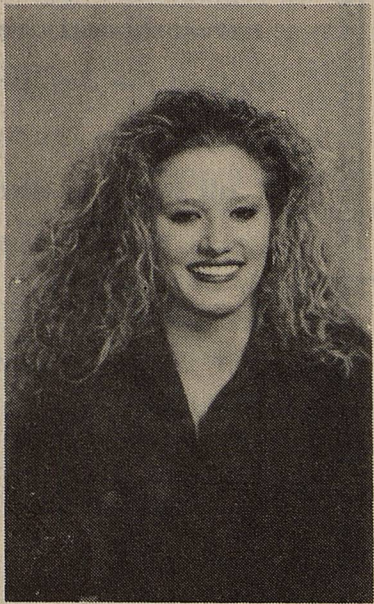
The Cowboy roundballers took another big step on their post season play off road Tuesday, Feb. 28, beating the Valley Patriots by 14 big points at Idalou. Now 29-3 for the season, the Cowboys next play Klondike in the Regional tournament starting March 3 in Levelland.

Brad McMinn had another big night, with 16 rebounds and 32 points under the basket from his post position. Shannon Ward played good defense, and was credited with five stolen balls, and scored 8 points. Ladd Winn had 10 assists and 11 points, and made 2 three point shots. Chase Clanahan had a productive night, scoring his season high of 27 points, and Kirk Parrish contributed 5 points in the important win.

STACEY JONES NAMED ALL-STATE

Cowgirl Volleyball Coach Charles Cain was recently notified of the selection of Stacy Jones, PHS Senior, to the All-State Volleyball Team by the Texas Girls Coaches, Austin.

Stacey is the daughter of Gary and Toni Jones. Following graduation this year, Stacey plans to attend Angelo State University this coming fall.



STACEY JONES

ACTIVITY COWBOY HOPES FOR STATE TRIP DASHED

The Cowboy basketball team entered the regional playoff tournament in Levelland March with high hopes of surviving the tourney, and reaching the state playoffs in Austin the following week.

They soundly thrashed their first opponent, conquering Klendike 91-52. The Cowboys started fast, and outscored the Cougars in the remaining 3 quarters. Ladd Winn was credited with 8 assists and 7 rebounds, and tied Chase Clanahan for top scoring with 20 points each. Clanahan had 10 rebounds, and a pair of assists. Brad McMinn was top rebounder with 15, and had 15 offensive points.

The Cowboys would call on their bench for support, and the substitutes would produce a very creditable 20 points. Other Cowboy scorers were Kirk Parrish 9, Stephen Bitolas and Shawn Ward 7 each, Johnny Davis 6, Victor Bernal 4, Chris Payne 2, and Ken McAdams 1.

The following morning, the Cowboys took on the highly respected Nazareth Swifts, a team with three starters returning from last years state playoffs.

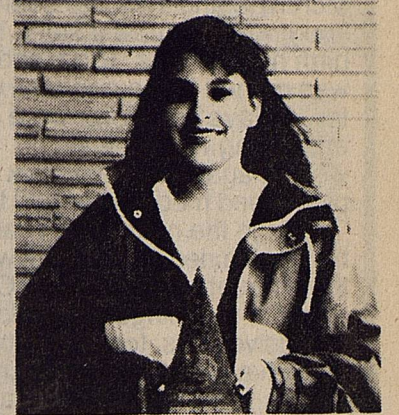
The Cowboys had their hands full from the start of the game. An extremely cold shooting average of 44% successful field goal attempt gave the Cowboys a slim 26-23 at halftime. The second half resulted in a slight improvement in F.G. production, but the Cowboys shot themselves in the foot from the free throw line, making only 5 of 15 bonus shots, and the regular time game was whistled over with the Cowboys and Swifts dead locked 50-50.

In exciting overtime action, it appeared the Cowboys had pulled the game out of the fire, leading by a meager point, with just 7 seconds on the clock. To the stunned team and fans bitter disappointment, Swift player managed to hustle the ball down court and sink the final basket and give Nazareth a 59-58 victory. Clanahan would produce 20 points followed by Ward 16, McMinn 12, Parrish 6, and Bernal 4.

The Cowboys and Coaches should not hang their heads over the tough defeat, for their fine 30-4 season record can be matched by only a handful of teams around the state.

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PISD STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Plains High School Student of the Week is Veronica Mancha. She is a Senior at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Mendoza. Veronica was nominated by Mrs. Pettigrew.

"Shortly after the faculty meeting Friday, Mr. O'Quinn informed me my candidate was voted Student of the Week. I took the opportunity to talk to some of her teachers and without exception all had positive remarks among them; 'Sees a job through', 'Pleasant attitude no matter what assignment is given her', 'Dependable'.

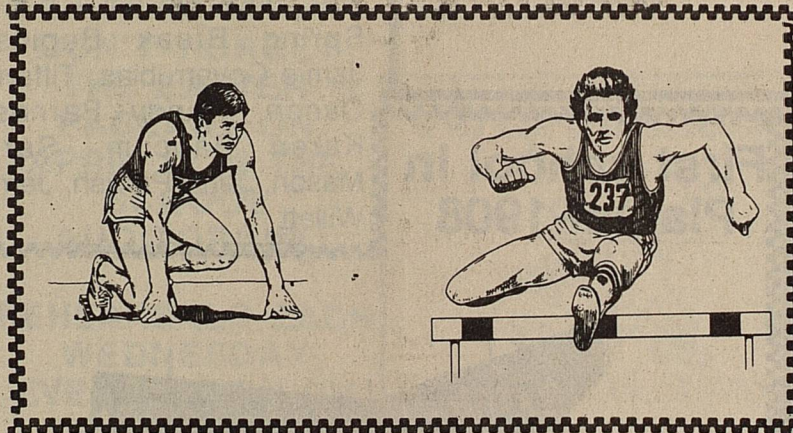
If I had to describe this young lady in one word it would be STICKTOITIVE-NESS!!! which means this I really appreciate.

perseverance and that is a characteristic of this student. She shows self-discipline in her school work and her church work. She has participated in band all four years of High School, UIL Accounting and serves as co-editor of the year book staff this year.

She is a very active member of her church where she teaches 3rd graders and is active in the youth group. She has been a dependable active member of Teen Court for the past three years and this I really appreciate.

P.I.S.D. TRACK SCHEDULE

March 4, Sat.	O'Donnell	Boys & Girls
March 10, Fri.	Whiteface	Boys & Girls
March 17-18	Springlake Earth	Boys
March 25, Sat.	Cowboy Relays	Boys & Girls
March 31, Fri.	Seagraves	Boys & Girls
April 8, Sat.	Denver City	Boys & Girls
April 13, Thurs.	District-Sudan	Boys & Girls
April 22, Sat.	Regional	Levelland
	Qualifier's Meet	
April 28-29	Regional Meet	S.P.C.
	Levelland	
May 5,	State Qualifier Meet	Abilene
May 12	State Meet U.T.	Austin
JUNIOR HIGH		
March 3	O'Donnell	(Friday)
March 9	Whiteface	(Thursday)
March 13-17	Spring Break	
March 24	O'Donnell	(Friday)
April 7	Plains	(Friday)
April 11	Whiteface	(Tuesday)
April 18	District	(Tuesday)
	Zone at Plains	



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This letter goes out to all the people who have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. I hope all the children in your life are happy, healthy and thriving. Unfortunately this is not the case for us. I have a darling 10 year old, blue eyed boy who makes my world revolve, but sadly he has many health problems. Many of you know my son. His name is Matthew McKinzie and if you've been around him you know that he is a lovable little boy. Many of you know Matthew's story, but for those who don't, Matthew was born 10 years ago. At birth he was 6lbs. 13oz. and 19 inches long. He was not breathing when he was born and was rushed to the neonatal care unit at University Medical Center. Matt was in the hospital for 10 days before we were able to bring our darling baby home. We thought now that everything would be alright. Wrong again! Matthew cried a lot, wouldn't eat and did not gain weight, again we were back to the hospital, again doctors changed Matt's formula, and prescribed medicine to add to his formula. After six months Matthew still was not doing well. Through the next three years I stood by and watched medical personnel poke and prod my baby. He cried, I cried. But we could do nothing to make him well. Doctors finally told me that they thought Matthew had Cerebral Palsy, that he would never turn over, walk, talk or do many of the things that children do. I was devastated. My baby was "not normal". They ran extensive tests, took more blood. Then I was told that the doctors were mistaken. Matt did not have Cerebral Palsy but he possibly had Cystic Fibrosis. They ran more tests and the results were negative. It wasn't Cystic Fibrosis. I anxiously watched day by day, week after week but my baby wasn't growing. The frustration and despair was driving me crazy. Endlessly, I slept beside him during the many illnesses and during his numerous hospital stays. I desperately wanted someone to make my baby well. Seven long and despair filled years later seemingly the doctors ran out of tests, of options and answers, so then we were sent to Dallas to the Children Medical Center. More tests were ran on Matt, but we went home with some hope. A few days later I received a call from the doctor, "I know what your son has", he said. "It is called Shwachmans Syndrome". My immediate reaction was relief. I immediately asked, "What is that? I've never heard of it but most of all, how do we fix it?" His reply made my heart sink, "We can't. We can treat Matt with medication to help him maintain his weight and antibiotics to help his immune system, but at this time there is no cure and little information on Shwachmans." I felt as if someone had cut off my right arm. My heart sank and my whole life hit bottom. I totally despaired, no-one could fix Matt's problem. And no-one seemed to want to.

Matt and I would be out and about and people would say, "He is so cute. How old is he?" People were astounded that this tiny child could be 7 years old. I explained that he suffered Shwachmans Syndrome. "What is that? I've never heard of it", was always the reply. Do you know how demeaning it is to try to explain the "not so normal" things about my son to satisfy the curiosity of the ones who were so rude and ignorant to keep prying. I looked everywhere for information about this rare disorder but could find very little information. Even Matt's local doctors looked at me as if I was a delusional space alien who had dreamed up a new syndrome.

Until recently I accepted and lived with our situation. Then during my research on Shwachmans I came across the name of a doctor in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Peter Durine. He is an international expert on Shwachmans. Once again I felt hope. Dr. Durie told me he had about 25 patients with this syndrome and that he was doing extensive research to help children like Matt. He told me that this rare disorder is possibly genetic. He also told me things I did not want to hear. Shwachmans children have blood, kidney, liver, bone, and immune system problems, plus many other deficiencies. Dr. Durie put me in touch with a lady named Joan Mowery, who lives in Vernon, CT. Joan has started a support group for parents of Shwachmans children, she has a daughter, now 32 years old, who is the oldest person, with Shwachmans that I have identified with. Joan has endured many of the same, desperation, frustration, and hopelessness that I have known. She has located other Shwachman families who pool their experiences and knowledge. It is so nice to know that the feelings of frustration, anger and resentment, are not abnormal. All of the families in the support group shared the same feelings and experiences. Joan is in contact with families from Ontario, Canada, Connecticut, New York and many other states and countries.

There are so many others out there like Matt. The problem is that no-one knows very much about Shwachmans and very few are even aware of this very rare disease. But even if one child is sick he or she deserves all the attention and support they need.

I am writing this letter to partially explain this terrible medical problem. I am going to be as active as I can in the Shwachman Syndrome Support Group, which is in its early stages of organization. This is not a plea for financial assistance for Matt's care and treatment. I know the people of Plains are wonderfully generous, and if you feel you would like to take part in helping the Support Group in its start up and much needed work, please contact me.

Cathy Guetersloh, Representative of Shwachman Syndrome Support
Box 693
Plains, Tx. 79355
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BRUNCH AND INFO FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Expectant parents are invited to attend Grand Beginnings, an early pregnancy brunch, Saturday (March 11) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McInturff Conference Center in University Medical Center. The brunch will be sponsored by UMC's Baby Grand maternity program.

There is no charge for the brunch or program. Reservations are being taken at 743-1234.

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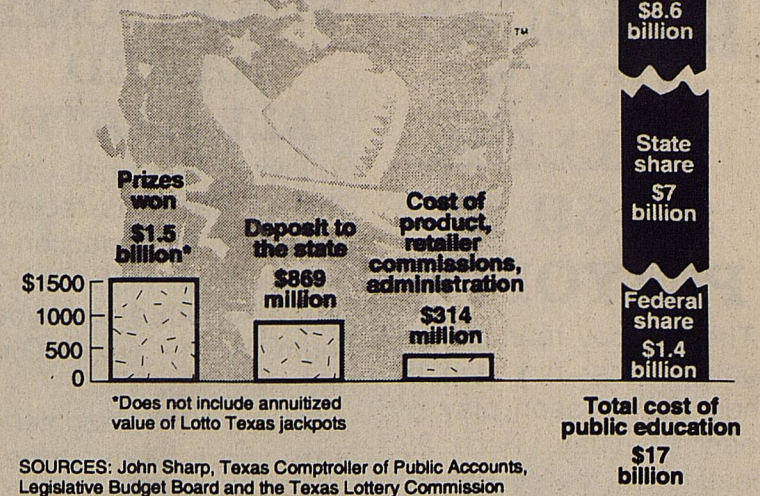
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- March 8** - Jim Jackson, Helen Worsham, Jet Wilmeth
- March 9** - Jimmie Blount, Phyllis House, Irma Jimenez, Sandi Warren
- March 10** - Early School Release; Preston & Sidney Murphey (A)
- March 11** - Michelle Lowe, Lethel Jones, Clarence & Cyndy Koncaba (A)
- March 12** - Mark & Leann Lewis (A)
- March 13** - Fire Dept. 7:30, TSA Mo Ga 7 p.m., Spring Break Begins; Jamie Covarrubias, Tiffany Canon, Randy Barnes, Karen Baucom, Sara Mason, Jerry Parrish, Jerry Willett

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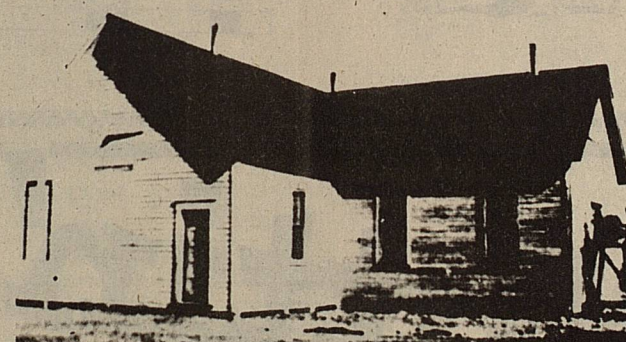
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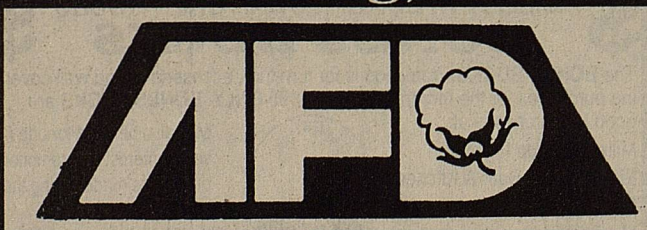
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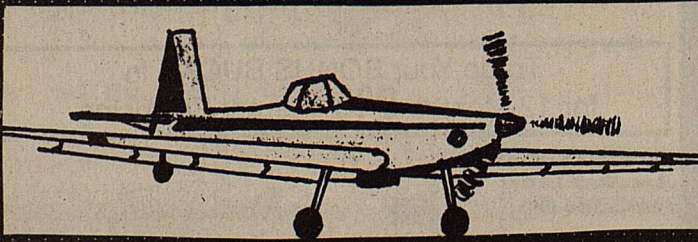


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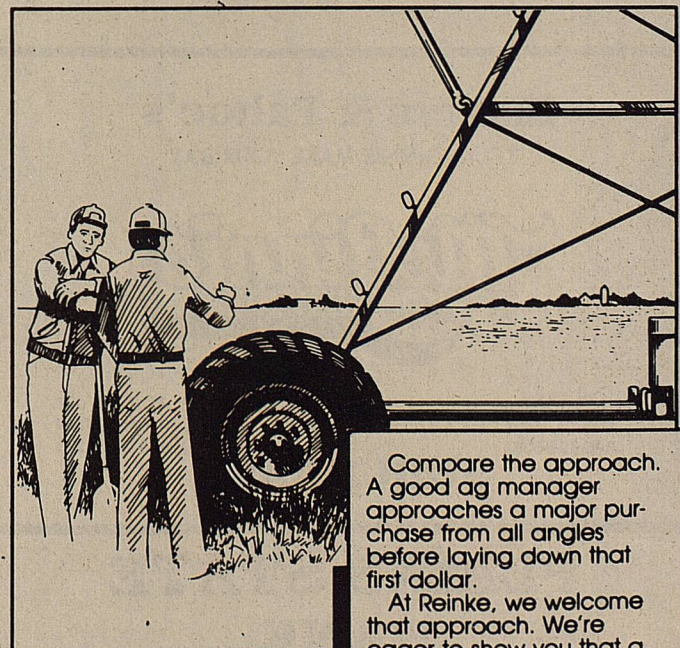
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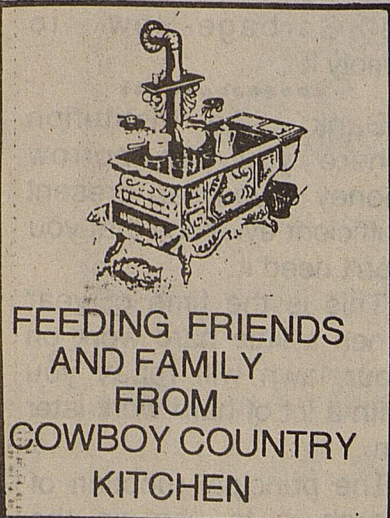
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SCHEDULE:

- #1- WED, Mar 8-sign up and introduction in old Courthouse Clubroom.
- #2- WED, Mar 15- House plant care, light needs, watering, fertilizing
- #3- WED, Mar 29- Cut flower nutrient needs, watering & fertilizing.
- #4- WED, Apr 5- Arranging silks, permanents, drieds, glue gun tips.
- #5- Wed, Apr 12- Field trip or wrap-up.

Adults interested in helping with refreshments or construction activities are invited to participate.

For more information, call Linda Powell; Home, 456-3171, Shop 456-3939.

The local Cancer Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday each month in the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 5:30 PM. Meetings are open to anyone in the area.

TSA MO GA CLUB MEETING

The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club held its monthly meeting February 27. Hostesses for the event were Helen Hunter and Lattrell McDonnell

The theme for the evening was 'International Affairs'. Program coordinator for the meeting was Billie Blundell, who spoke on the recent trip to Greece she and her husband took. She told members the crime rate in Greece is the lowest of any major nation. She said this can be attributed to religious beliefs in which a person causing death in a crime, and death in punishment for crime will be sentenced to Hades. She said because of a lack of productive land the bulk of the nation's income is from tourism.

Betty Rushing spoke on some of the issues involving third world countries, citing statistics showing over 100 million children are used in forced labor around the world.

Mary Jo St. Romain delivered the Federation Council Report. Some seventeen members were in attendance for the meeting.

DON'T FORGET THE EASTER PAGEANT ON APRIL 12 IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

REHEARSALS EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 8 PM IN THE FIRST BAPTIST'S FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WTLS VISITS LOCAL LIBRARY

Nancy Hill, West Texas Library System Corordinator, and Ruth Kinnersley, Assistant Corordinator, were recent visitors in the local County Library. The West Texas Library System assists area libraries in many ways. One program very beneficial to all small town libraries is the Inter-Library Lending system, where books are shared by various libraries. The federal budgeted program provides books and materials for students at all academic levels, as well as general public readers.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:3

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FINE ARTS CLUB MEETS

The Plains Fine Arts Club met in the Clubroom on March 2. Hostesses were Melba Crutcher and Beth Ann Cain. A delicious meal was enjoyed by 9 members and 7 guests. The decorations were in green for St. Patrick's Day.

The program featured Lyndi Rowe singing, "Nothing Can Separate Us" and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow". Tessa St. Romain presented 3 piano selections, "The Ballad", "Schubert's Serenade" and "Fur Elise". Emily Blair played "Sonatina" and "Night Song" followed by Valarie Blair playing "Main Theme Title". Accompanied by her mother, Cynthia, Emily sang "Tomorrow" and was joined by sister, Valarie, to sing "Raindrops on Roses". The sisters then sang "Eidelweiss" and to the same melody, sang with their mother the song

"Prairie Sunflower" with original words by Cynthia.

Other guests were Eloise St. Romain and Minnie Blair. The nine members were Mrs. Sue Banfield, Beth Ann Cain, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Sandra Ellison, Paula McMinn, Lois Miller, Martha Palmer and Frankie Walker.

Carolyn Culwell, presided for Christy Brink. A report was given on the recent baked potato sale. The date of the Sacred Music Program was set for April 30, 1995, at the First Baptist Church. Nomination and approval was made for new member, Sharon Willis.

Christy Brink is to appoint a Scholarship Committee for the Music Award. Sandra Ellison was the hostess gift recipient.

The next meeting will be April 6, at 7:00 PM in the Clubroom with hostesses, Martha Palmer, Carolyn Culwell and Christy Brink.

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The following poem was furnished to us by Mrs. Louise Cobb. It was written February 23 by Mrs. Lola Youngblood, a resident of Canterbury Villa in Denver City. Mrs. Youngblood recently celebrated her 91st birthday. She is the mother of Vivian Rice, wife of Sheriff Jim Rice.

"LIFE"

OUR LIFE IS LIKE A RIVER RUNNING OUT TO SEA, SOME PLACES WIDE AND PLEASANT AND SOME NARROW AS CAN BE.
SOMETIMES SERENE AND STILL AND SOMETIMES STORMY, BUT EVER-EVER ONWARD THRU THE VALLEY AND OVER THE HILL.
WHEN OUR LIFE IS STORMY AND OUR TROUBLES NO END, BUT WE MUST KEEP ON ROWING UNTIL WE ROUND THE BEND, FOR HE WHO MAKES ALL OUR RIVERS AND LAND ON EITHER SIDE WILL GUIDE US THRU THE RAPIDS AT EVENING TIDE.
OUR LIFE IS IN HIS HANDS, AND HE WILL KEEP US IN HIS HANDS SAFE TO THE END.
WE HAVE THE DIVINE EMBER IN OUR HEART, AND WE MUST KEEP IT ALIVE.
THEN WE MUST FIND THAT WE ARE ON THE PATH THAT LEADS US TO GOD.
THAT IS THE PATH I AM ON NOW.

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SCHOOL BULLETIN

(Mar. 20-25, 1995)

TUESDAY: UIL One Act Play Competition, South Zone, Plains Golf-Post Invitational-Girls

THURSDAY: Varsity Cheerleader Tryouts-10:05 a.m., Golf-Post Invitational-Boys

FRIDAY: District UIL One Act Play Competition - Smyer

SATURDAY: Track, Cowboys Relays, Girls and Boys

MENU

MONDAY

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Lunch: chicken filet sandwich, French fries w/ catsup, lettuce leaf, sliced pickles, vanilla pudding, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: donuts, toast, apple juice, milk

Lunch: chicken fried steak w/gravy, potato pearls, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, chilled sliced peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, orange juice, milk

Lunch: charbroiled burgers w/bun, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, chips, mixed fruit, coconut cookies, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: waffles w/syrup, fruit punch, milk

Lunch: Mexican lasagna, tossed salad w/dressing, pineapple tidbits & marshmallows, hot rolls, milk

FRIDAY

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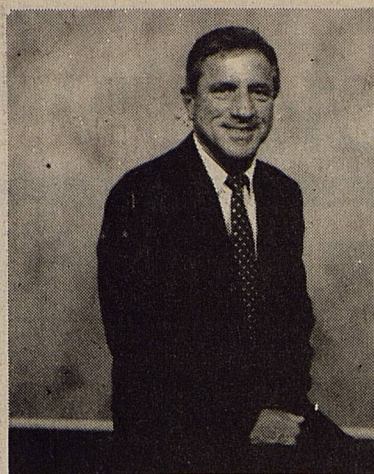
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FROM THE HACK



The article about the two recent bass tournaments on Lake Ivie brought to mind several amusing events I witnessed or heard about in years past, only a few of them repeatable in this family type publication.

While in Georgetown I fished with a bass club there. One of the members told the following saga.

The guy was fishing with a buddy he referred to as 'Pig Breath Parsons', an appropriate name, he said.

The exact details were a bit fuzzy, but somehow, Pig Breath succeeded in burying a fish hook in his plump posterior. The narrator said he was begged into acting as a medic, and had to whittle away on the guys jeans and un-mentionables so they could pull them down to reveal the offending hook.

He said tears were already streaming down Pig Breaths face, bent over, posterior pointed skyward, anticipating the whittling on him to remove the hook. All this time, the boat drifted down the shore line.

Suddenly, they heard female screams and giggles, and to their horror, looked up, and saw a dozen or so young hysterically laughing girls. He said Pig Breath dove to the floor of the boat, and he frantically sped off across the lake.

He swore the next day there was an article in the Austin paper headed, "UNIDENTIFIED FISHERMAN MOONS SCOUT BROWNIE TROOP".

Four people take part in getting this paper out each week. Three of them are of the female gender. That's 75% of the work force, for you Table of Wisdom regulars troubled by higher mathematics. Now you know why it was necessary for me to get the following in this issue:

Seminars For Men:

Course	Subject
101 You too can do housework	
102 How to Fill an Ice Tray	
103 Parenting-it doesn't end at Conception	
104 Understand Your Financial Incompetence	
105 You-The Weaker Sex	
106 How to put the Toilet Seat Down	

- 107 Real Men Ask for Directions
- 108 Reasons to Give Flowers
- 109 How to Stay Awake After Sex
- 110 Garbage-How to Empty It

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