

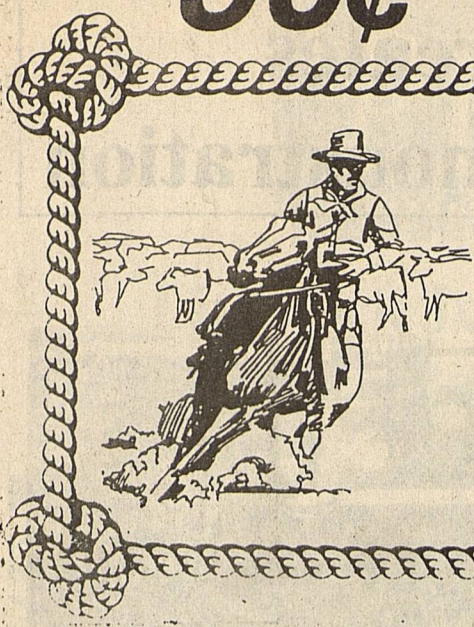
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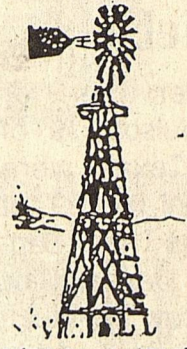
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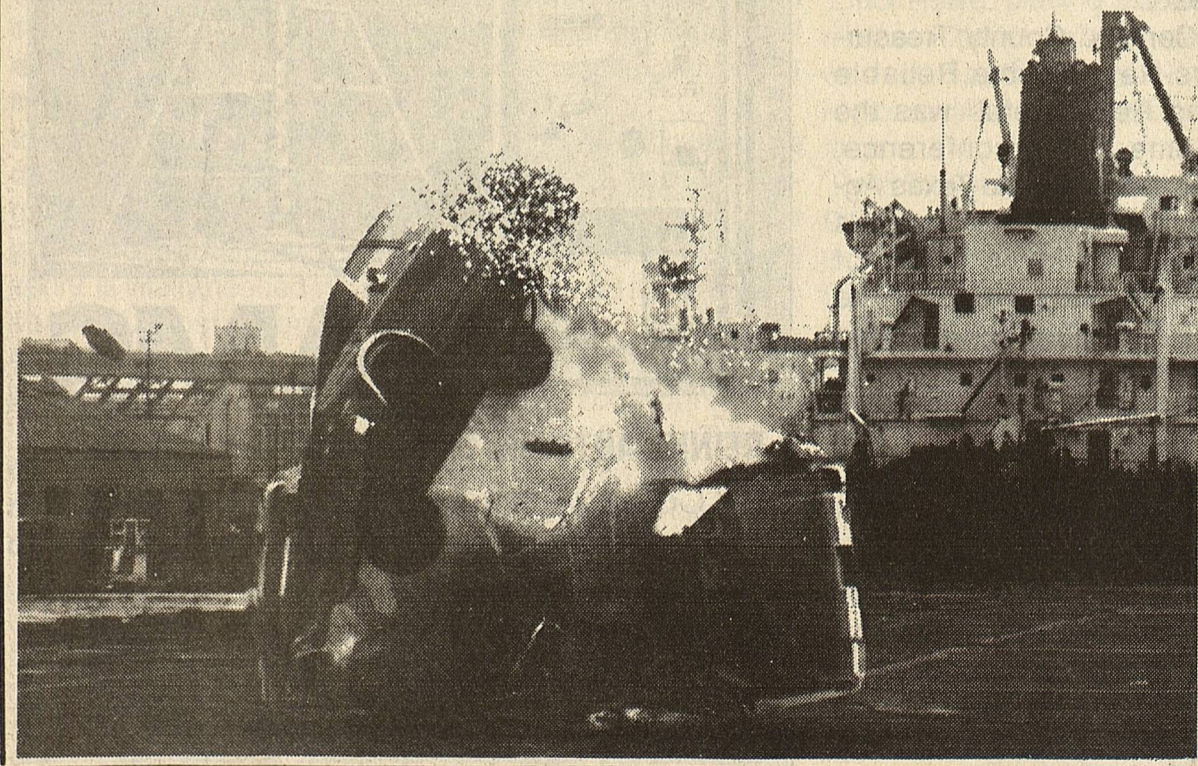
Crazy way to make a living



Local resident David Sanders does not choose to make a living in a common nine to five mode. He prefers, instead, to jump, dive, fall or be thrown off very high structures, have his clothing set afire, be blown into the air by explosive charges, or crash speeding cars together, all in front of movie or television filming cameras.

The professional stuntman completed filming a movie produced by a Bombay, India production company in March, with many of the action scenes shot in Houston. He was the stunt coordinator for the film.

In the top photo, he is shown hurtling off the roof of an eight story building, to safely land on an airbag in the street. He said the car crash pictured below was shot at the Houston ship channel, and portrayed a 'Police car' attempting to block fleeing 'Bad Guys' in another vehicle. They chose to ram the police vehicle. Both cars were rigged to have their gas tanks explode into flames during the crash and roll over, and he said the scene worked to perfection.



PISD pre-k and kindergarten registration scheduled

Plains Independent School District will hold Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten pre-registration from 8:30 am until 12 pm on Monday, May 5, Tuesday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 7. Parents

should report to Plains Elementary and bring documents listed below. Children do not have to be present. Pre-K students must be four years old on or before September 1, 1997. The child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of income are required. The school must have 15 qualifying students to offer this program. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1, 1997. Their

immunization record, birth certificate and social security card are required at pre-registration.

If you know of a child in the community who may qualify for either Pre-K or Kindergarten, please pass this on to the parents. It is very important the school knows how many children will be in the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes for the 1997-98 school year.

'Watermelon Round Up' Plans taking shape

Committees are busy making plans for the second Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up, to be held August 30.

Photo slides were recently sent to *Country Woman* magazine, promoting the day long event. A new T-shirt design is being created by Austin artist Larry Knippe, and Round Up caps will be available this year.

Pat Altman, chair of the watermelon growing contest committee, plans several categories for entrants. Elementary grade students will be offered free seed for planting. Last year 600 bags of seed were furnished for the contest. Seeds should be started indoors this month, and transplanted outside around May 10. Contest categories this year are ages 11 and under, 12 to 18, over-all winner, and age 65 and up. Last year winners divided \$1000 in prizes.

Arts and Crafts and food booth information will be mailed later. A 12' X 12' space rents for \$25 plus electricity. New Tex Gin has donated a metal cotton trailer bed to be used for an entertainment stage at the Round Up.

Jeannette Head is planning a float featuring "Willie Watermelon" to be used in both the Denver City and Plains Rodeo parades. David Tedford will be chairman of the Chili and Brisket Cook Off, to be held again in Stanford Park.

Elva Lozano reports more ethnic groups plan to participate in the Round Up this year. A "Crafts From Mexico" booth will be featured, and Mexican folk dancers are expected to perform, and Mennonite women will offer a food booth this year.

There is a possibility the well known "Dixie Chicks", a female musical trio, will perform in the musical celebration after the day's Round Up activities.

Toni Jones will again oversee the free watermelon booth. Last year Round Up visitors consumed over 2,000 pounds of the area's famed melons.

Karen Williams reports a number of watermelon theme games will be offered, including seed spitting, melon carving and rolling.

The next Watermelon Round Up Committee meeting is set for May 27, and interested volunteers are urged to attend.

Lions briefed on electric deregulation ongoing efforts

Michael Dreyspring, General Manager of Lea County Electric Cooperative, told Plains Lions at last Thursday's meeting deregulation of the electric utility industry will in all probability come to pass. The worrisome question facing Lea County Electric officials, and most other utility boards and executives, is when, and will the deregulation drive leave a level playing field for both large and small companys.

Dreyspring used a video presentation to outline current questions and problems the industry faces, as both the Federal government and state legislatures the many sided issues.

It appears the U.S. House is close to considering legislation for electric deregulation. In the April 6 issue of the Dallas Morning News, the issue is examined at length. "The issue of utility deregulation played a role in 1996 political contributions, with Electric utilities contrib-

uting \$6.65 million, and Electric users spent \$2.62." The article also contained a graphic listing the 10 House members receiving the largest utility political action committees (PAC's) included three Texans, Republicans Joe Barton, Tom DeLay and Kevin Brady. Mr DeLay and Mr. Brady both represent districts near Houston and its huge petrochemical industry, a big electric power consumer. Dreyspring told the Lions, "If deregulation passes on Capitol Hill, it's a given additional pressure will be applied to the state legislators to pass similar laws on deregulation".

He said current deregulation proposals, in theory designed to lower private consumers electricity rates, would most likely benefit the huge industrial users the most.

He said the Texas Legislature HB 4, the property tax relief and school finance bill

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First 4-H 'Play Day' held

The year's first 4-H Club Play Day was held in the rodeo arena last Friday, and drew a large turnout of young horse enthusiasts from both Denver City and Plains, taking part in a variety of horseback activities. The schedule for the season of Play Days will be published in a future issue of CCN



How do you tie a goat? Very carefully, and with lots of advice and encouragement from old dad, as this young buckaroo demonstrated in the parking lot prior to the 4-H Play Days. More photos inside.

Services Held for Claudia Bell Nelson

Funeral services for Claudia Bell Nelson, 79, of Denver City, Texas, were held Friday, April 18, 1997 at 2:00 p.m., at the Trinity Baptist Church in Denver City, Texas. The Rev. Jim Auld, officiated. Interment was in Seagraves Cemetery under direction of Connally Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nelson passed away April 15, 1997, in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born February 3, 1918 in McAlester, Oklahoma. She married Clyde B. Nelson on August 29, 1960, in Denver City, Texas. They had lived in Texas for 65 years, moving to Denver City from Brownfield in 1959. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by two sons: Jerry Garner—Denver City; Carroll Garner—Levelland. Two daughters: Bobbie Butler—Ft. Worth; Lanelle Ely—Gautier, MS. Three sisters: Cordia Willis—Plains; Ruby Willis—Brownfield; Blanch Phillips—Los Angeles, CA. She had eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband who died on Sept. 25, 1996.

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currently being debated in Austin, has proposals which would affect electric utilities, and ultimately, their customers. "The proposed added tax on lignite coal used by many generating plants, including Southwestern Public Service, the company we buy our wholesale power from, will add to our costs, and many current tax exemptions are slated to be cut in the bill. The proposed additional business franchise taxes will also add to the cost of doing business for all power suppliers". He said the recent legislative session in Santa Fe came to a close before deregulation could become an issue for New Mexico's Senators and Representatives, but that state has an annual session, and it is sure to surface next year.

Golf Club to get new Superintendent

Precinct One Commissioner Woody Lindsey announced last week the Yoakum County Golf Club will have a new Course Superintendent on May 1.

Kenneth W. Dierschke, Jr. was hired to manage all maintenance and physical operations at the 18 hole course.

Dierschke was employed as Golf Course Superintendent at the Snyder Country Club prior to his decision to come here. He had been there since 1992. He also served as a course maintenance intern at Western Texas College in Snyder, and spent two years in course maintenance work at San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club.

He holds an Associate Degree in Golf Course/Landscape Technology from Western Texas College.

He is a Board member of the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association, and also belongs to the Course Superintendents Association of America, and the Texas Turfgrass Association.

JP Court Cases

The following is a summary of cases acted on in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

45 Cases filed, two felony cases, 1 issuance of bad check.

Bonds and fines set; Two cases of parole violation, held, no bond.

Evading arrest, \$1000 bond. Resisting arrest, \$1500 bond. Aggravated assault on public servant, \$7500 bond.

Three cases of public intoxication, \$465 bond.

Three cases of minor in possession, \$265 bond.

Disorderly conduct, \$465 bond.

Speeding, DPS warrant, \$200 bond.

Issuance of bad check, \$700 bond.

Public intoxication, \$237 fine.

Failure to appear, \$6000 bond.

Indecency with a child, \$15,000 cash bond.

Three cases issuance of bad check, \$120 fine each.

DWI, \$1500 bond plus conditions.

theft, \$3000 bond.

Fugitive from Justice, held until transported.

Linked Deposit Program aids water conservation

(Austin)—John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, has thanked Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry for supporting his June 1996 recommendation that the state's *Linked Deposit Program* be expanded for Texas farmers and ranchers to improve the efficiency of their crop irrigation and water conservation systems.

"During the devastating drought of 1996, I recommended that the *Linked Deposit Program*—an agricultural loan program that promotes agricultural diversification—be expanded to help farmers install or upgrade water conservation systems. Commissioner Perry has now endorsed that proposal during testimony before the Senate Natural Resources Committee," Sharp said.

Sharp first recommended broader marketing of the linked Deposit Program in June 1996 in his special economic report entitled *Texas and the 1996 Drought*. The report included a package of recommendations to help farmers, ranchers, and small rural communities dealing with the long-term effects of a drought. The report also identified potential funding resources for cash-strapped agricultural production, value-added processing and marketing.

The linked Deposit Program, which was created in the mid-1980's, is administered by the Texas Agriculture, and presently has limited funds available for water conservation programs. Most of the loans are made for innovative or diversified agricultural production, value-added processing and marketing.

"I sincerely appreciate Commissioner Perry's support for expanded use of the *Linked Deposit Program*," Sharp said. "I look forward to working with him to insure final approval of this important legislation to Texas farmers and ranchers."

The pending legislation would double, from \$5 million to \$10 million, the *Linked Deposit Program's* total funding authority, with the additional revenue earmarked for water conservation and improved irrigation systems.

Joint effort creates windbreak tree demonstration



Personnel from a number of agencies completed the planting of 120 two foot tall trees in a demonstration plot just east of town on land owned by local ag producer Dan Wall. 25 Honeylocust and 95 Eastern Redcedar trees were donated for the project by the Texas Forest Service.

Other agencies taking part in the two day planting effort included the Yoakum Soil and

Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Wes-Tex RC&D, and Netafim Irrigation, Inc.

Wall prepared the planting plot by running a single chisel plow about 15 inches deep in a line for planting the trees. Netafim Irrigation's Jerry Funk laid out the drip irrigation system for their watering. A black plasticized cloth donated by NRCS was laid over the rows to serve as a weed barrier and to conserve moisture in the soil. The planting holes were bored with a n auger with a water nozzle injecting water into the hole, then the trees were planted individually by all the sponsors personnel.

The hardwood Honeylocust trees had plastic tubes installed around them to prevent damage from rabbits and other animals, and to serve as miniature greenhouses.

The two varieties of trees are relatively fast growing, and were recommended for our environment by NRCS' biologists.

The demonstration plot will be a stop on this year's Farm Tour. NRCS hopes the project will lead to additional trees sales and planting of windbreaks throughout the county. The two varieties of trees are available for about \$3 each, through the Texas Forest Service on a scheduled basis, or from Harris Nursery year round.

Those taking part in the demonstration project included Olivia Robertson, District Clerk for the Conservation District, Philip Carter, Range Management Specialist, and Charles Coffman, Biologist, NRCS, Karie Preston, Wes-Tex RC&D Coordinator, Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service, and Jerry Funk, Netafim Irrigation.

County Treasurer in seminar at Texas A&M

Country Treasurer Toni Jones was among 200 county treasurers attending the 25th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar in College Station April 14 to 17.

Jones is the current President of the County Treasurers Association of Texas (CTAT), and presided at the conference. She was elected to the office in September, 1996.

"Certified County Treasurers-Responsible, Reliable and Resourceful" was the theme of the conference, sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service's V.G. Young Institute of County Government, the CTAT and Texas Association of Counties.

The county officials were updated on issues affecting their duties such as public funds collateral act, open record act, and the Federal Reserve and Monetary Policy. Other topics included investment strategies and proposed revisions public funds investment act. Treasurers are required to complete 20 hours continuing education every two years.

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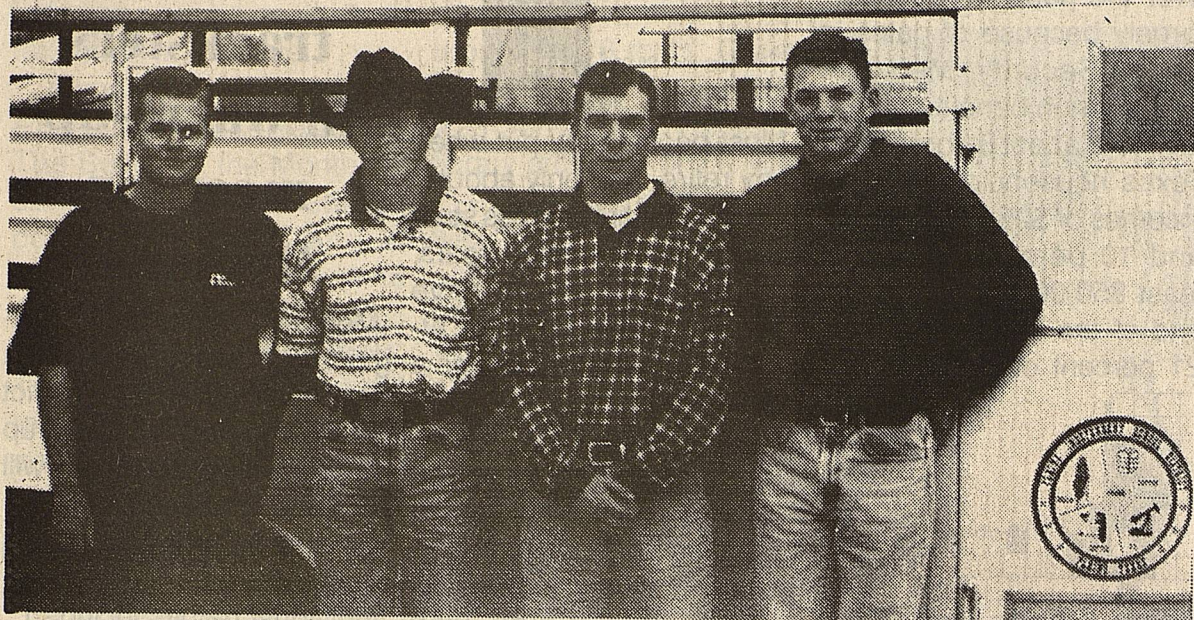
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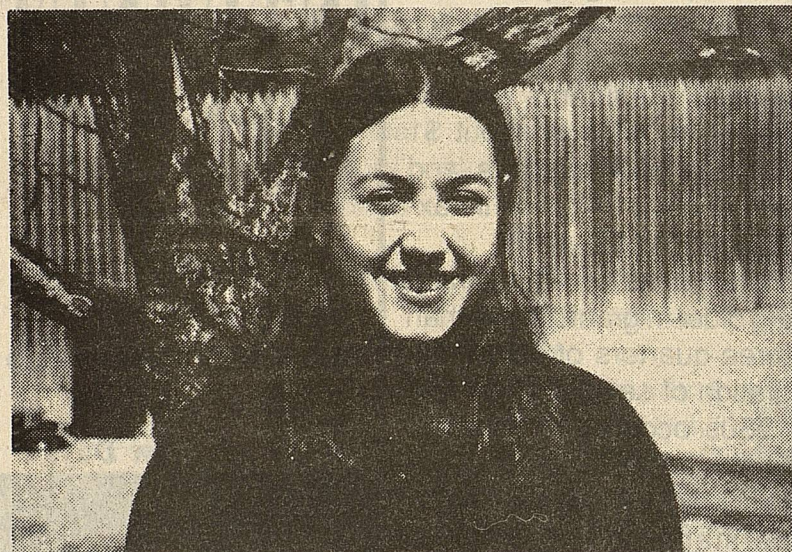
Livestock Judging Team advances to State Meet



L-R, Kelton Mason, Kipp Blount, Marte Pierce, Tanner Blount

The Plains FFA livestock judging team participated in the Texas Tech University judging contest for areas 1 and 2. Some ninety one teams competed in the judging of cattle, sheep and hogs. Team members Marte Pierce, Kipp and Tanner Blount and Kelton Mason battled the cold temperature and wind while placing, grading, picking Keep/Cull classes, and answering questions concerning the animals they judged. The team placed 6th in their area, qualifying them to compete at the State judging contest at Texas A & M University on April 26. Kelton Mason was second high individual of the contest with 332 students competing. Marte was 36th and Tanner 86th. The team is studying hard and looking forward to the upcoming State judging. Joe Pierce is the FFA Coordinator.

Vicki Bayer picked as "Blue Bonnet State" candidate



The local American Legion Women's Auxiliary recently chose Vicki Bayer as their choice to represent them at the annual Girls State Session to be held June 17 - 27 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. The honor, limited to High School Junior girls, is designed to impress on the girls a well informed, intelligent and participating citizenry is vitally needed to preserve our institutions and democratic form of government. The girls organize their "own city, county and state governments, and introduce and debate bills in the legislature.

They learn government by "doing government". Vicki is the daughter of Keith and Lynn Bayer. She is a UIL participant, a Cowboy Band member, a former Student of the Week, and an active FHA member. Over 565 girls will attend this year's Girls State Conference. They will be visiting the State Capitol and have the opportunity to meet many state officials. The Legion Auxiliary was assisted in sponsoring Vicki by the Tsa Mo Ga Club, to further responsible citizenship in community youth.

One-Act Play selected as alternate at Regional

The PHS One Act Play cast and crew accomplished something no previous school performers had been able to achieve, taking their production of "Riders to the Sea" to the tough regional competition in Abilene last Friday.

They narrowly missed advancing to the State finals in Austin when productions from Ozona High and West Texas-Stinnett edged them into the alternate spot.

Lindi Rowe, playing the old mother in the plays lead role, was voted best actress in the regional meet for her performance.

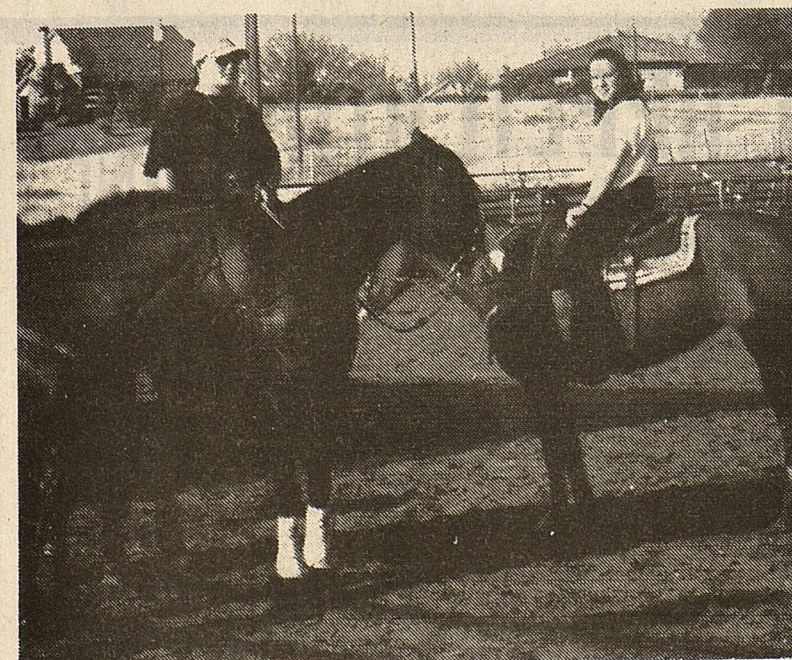
Both Shawna Box and Clint Burrus were named to the Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

Congratulations to cast, crew, and Director Gary Davis.

School Menu

April 28 - May 3

Monday: Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Grape Juice, Milk
Lunch: Barbecue beef on bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Spiced Apples, Milk
Tuesday: Breakfast: Donuts, Toast, Apple Juice, Milk
Lunch: Beef Fingers w/ Gravy, Ranch Style Beans, Hot Rolls, Potatoes au gratin, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/diced ham, Toast, Orange Juice, Milk
Lunch: All American cheeseburger, Chips, Mixed Fruit, Oatmeal raisin cookies, Milk
Thursday: Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Raisins, Fruit punch, Milk
Lunch: nacho, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, crackers, fruit cobbler, Milk
Friday: Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Orange/pineapple Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pork Patties w/Gravy, Green Beans, Creamed potatoes, Hot rolls, Jello, Milk



PHS Sophomore Marcey House, left, and Freshman Staci Tuggle shown warming up their mounts in last week's 4-H Club Play Days meet.

PHS UIL team members advance to State meet

Five members of the High School UIL Team qualified for the prestigious State meet after the Regional qualifying meet at Abilene this past weekend. The Calculator Team finished in first place against tough competition. Individual calculator results were Kristen Gray 1st, Heath Bowlin tied for 2nd, and Tommie McNabb was 6th.

In Accounting, Sandi Warren advances to State for her 2nd place finish.

Clint Burrus scored two first place wins, in Headline Writing and News Writing.

Others in the Regional meet were Kyle Sisson, 4th in Computer Applications, and Shawn Cullins, 6th in Number Sense.

Jump Rope for Heart

Elementary 3rd and 4th graders recently participated in the American Heart Assn. "Jump Rope For Heart" program. The youngsters collected donations for the length of time they jumped.

Top 3rd grade fund raiser was Skylar Kessee, with \$125, and 4th grader Breck Hamm collected \$145. Both received gold medals for their efforts.

American Heart Assn. Board Member Judy Sisson organized the contest, and Coach Michael Davis supervised the Jump Rope sessions. Davis received a wall clock and brief case for his help.

Student of the Week

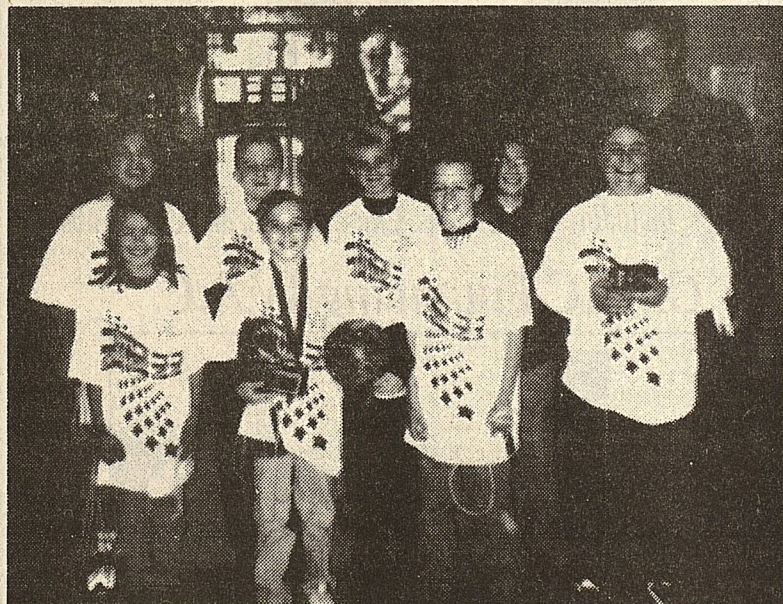


PHS Student of the Week is Maranda Box, a Sophomore and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Box. She was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "Maranda is bouncy, bubbly, full of life, full of questions, exhibiting her vitality and love of life. That vitality crosses over into her academic life. She placed 3rd, 4th and 6th in her UIL events, advancing to regionals. She generates discussions, and poses situations during literature study in AP English, and is a joy to have in class".

(We are featuring two Students of the Week because of last week's school holiday) Cosme Casillas, a Sophomore, is the other Student of the Week. He was nominated by Mr. Williams, who said, "There is an old saying, 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog'". All year this has been a great motto for this young man. I've had the pleasure of watching and interacting with him in his athletic endeavors and he exemplifies in practice and in school the true 'work ethic' it takes to be successful. I know we all sometimes get spoiled and expect things to be given to us, but the most satisfying things in life are earned. I know from both the athletic and academic stand point Cosme has earned his respect and rewards.



Third Grade-Front, L-R; Josey Cordova, B.J. Lester, Priscilla Mares. Middle Row; Skyler Keese, Adam McCravey, Casson Curtis, T.J. Cordova, Andrew Duran, Abel Ramos, Back Row; Leo Johnson, Nicole Loya, Todd Williams, Blake O'Quinn, Blake Parrish, Coach Davis.



Fourth Grade-Front Row L-R; Jamie Covarubias, Breck Hamm, Evan Cain, Brant Huerta. Back Row; Iela Coronado, Brandon Hise, Kerry Sisson, Marlie Diaz, Coach Davis.

Third Grade Celebrates Twins



Members of Mrs. House' 3rd grade class gave Perla Acosta (front center with cake) a surprise party last Friday celebrating the arrival of Perla's twin sisters on April 9. The twin girls parents are Manuel and Rosa Acosta. The class was almost as excited about the new twins as Perla was.

Good Luck at Regional & State

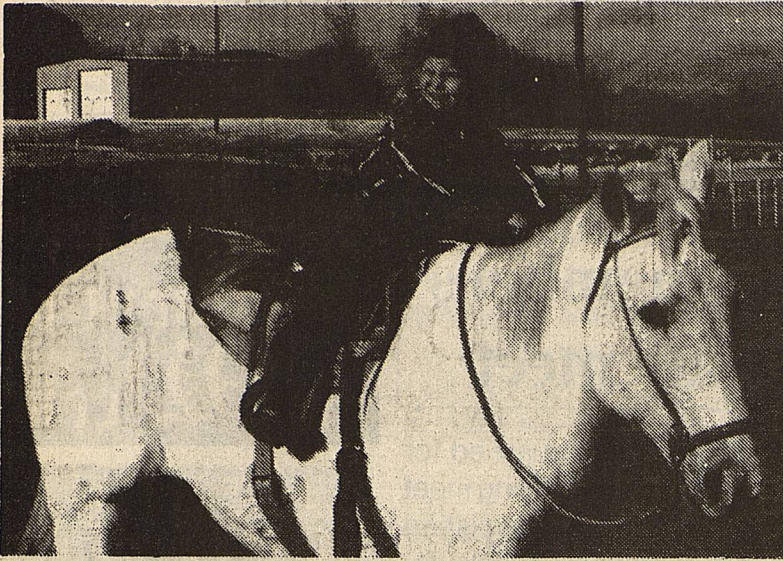
UIL-Kristen Gray, Heath Bowlin, Tommie McNabb, Sandi Warren, Clint Burrus.

Tennis- Dolly Morales, Robin Squyres, Dolly Gonzales, Velvet Canada, Sandi Warren.

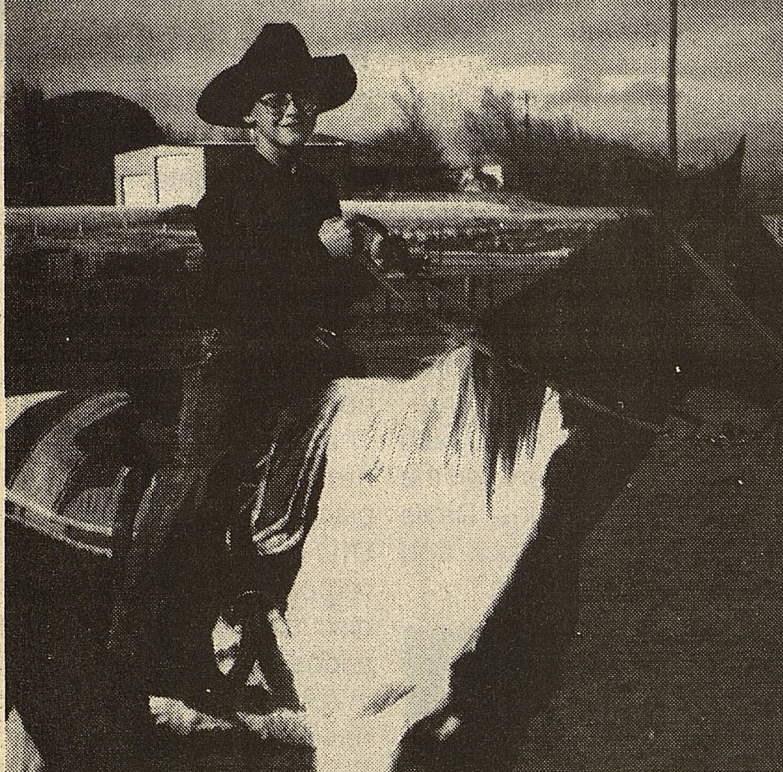
Track- Kristen Gray, Kayla Redman, Coley Burgess, Jesus Hernandez.

Livestock Judging- Kelton Mason, Kipp Blount, Marte Pierce, Tanner Blount

4-H Club Play Day scenes



This tiny cowgirl was having considerable trouble with her white horse last Friday at the Play Day. Her mother, standing outside the arena, saw the photographer was having problems getting the shot arranged, and she called to the tyke, "Bring your horse over here so he can take your picture". The little cowgirl quite calmly said, "He won't come over there".



This young master of his paint horse wasn't a bit shy when he approached the photographer. He asked, "Don't you want to take my picture?", and how could he be refused? He seemed highly pleased when he was told it might be in the newspaper.

"Gray Gold"; Retirees being courted by many states, including Texas

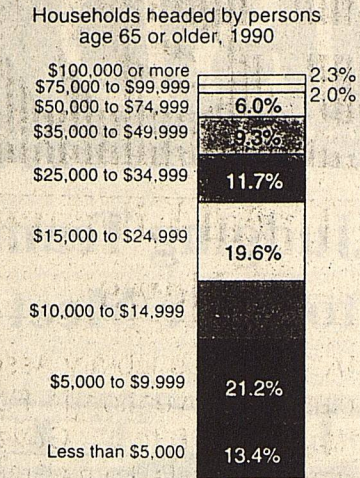
The "graying" of the U.S. population creates substantial opportunities for businesses that target their products and services at older consumers. As an established 'Sun Belt' retirement destination, Texas should continue to attract thousands of retirees because of its relatively low cost of living, low taxes and natural amenities. Some other states, however have shown faster growth in retiree migration in recent years.

Not only are Americans living longer on average, but the economic status of senior Americans has improved over the past two decades, largely because of gains in Social Security, Medicare and pension benefits.

In 1990, about 31 percent of Texas households reported incomes of \$25,000 or more, and 10 percent earned at least \$50,000. On the other end of the spectrum, about 21 percent of Texas' senior

1995, with a 91% gain in dollars.

Income of Texas' retirees



Most people stay put when they retire, and only about 5 percent of retirees cross state lines to live. In recent years, though, more states have recognized the value of attracting affluent retirees as a 'growth industry'.

In 1993, Texas A&M University researchers reported that each retiree household added one new job to the regional economy; adding 25 retiree households was roughly equal to adding \$1 million in industrial output. Each new household added \$40,000 in regional sales, \$22,000 in income, and \$3,600 in taxes.

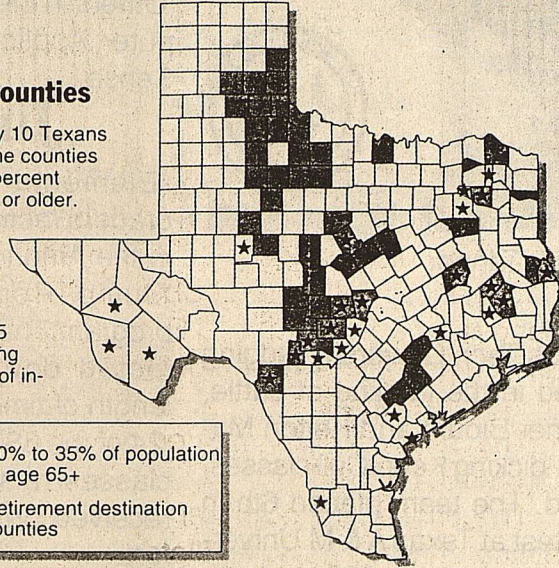
Del Webb Corp., a leading developer of retirement communities, has opened Sun City Georgetown, its first such project in Texas. Planning to build 9,500 homes over 22 years, the company expects to create 700 to 1,300 on site construction jobs. Spending by the new residents could create another 1000 jobs in area businesses. Residents are expected to bring in about \$1 billion in bank deposits, and add about \$1.4 billion in taxable property value.

Texas ranks fourth in attracting older migrants. More than three-quarters of Texas migration of seniors in the late 1980s occurred in Hidalgo, Bexar and Cameron counties. Many "snowbirds" settle permanently in the Rio Grande Valley, and the San Antonio area is home to

Texas' senior counties

In 1994, one of every 10 Texans was 65 or older. In the counties shaded, at least 20 percent of residents were 65 or older.

In the counties marked with a star, the number of residents age 60 or older increased by 15 percent or more during 1980-1990 because of immigration.



■ 20% to 35% of population is age 65+
★ Retirement destination counties

In 1900, only one in 25 Americans was 65 or older. Today, that ratio stands at only one in eight; by 2030, it will climb to one in five. Texas' population is younger than that of the U.S. but reflects the same trend. About one in 10 Texans today is 65 or older; by 2030, one in six will

households, primarily those in which the householder lived alone, had incomes below the poverty level.

For most states, the economic impact of retirement related income is greater than that of the entire manufacturing sector. Retirees' income, however, is more important in cushioning an area's economic decline than in stimulating growth. States like Texas that have enjoyed recent strong economic growth depend relatively less on retirement income.

According to Social Security data, Texas ranks 46th in per-capita Social Security retirement and survivors payments in 1994 (\$855 per capita), but ranked 14th in the growth of these payments from 1985 to

many military retirees. The impact of an aging populace will continue to affect all states for a number of years.

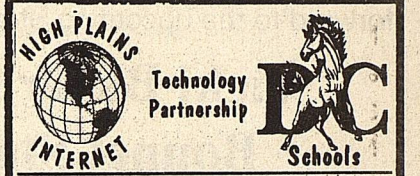
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PHS tracksters in warm-up meet for Regional

Members of the PHS Cowgirl and Cowboy track team who qualified at the District level competed in a warm-up meet last weekend. They will compete in Abilene Next Friday and Saturday in the big regional meet.

Individual results included; 300 Hurdles- Kristen Gray 2nd, 47.5 (.3 seconds off school record set by Amy Crutcher). Shot Put- Coley Burgess, 4th, 47' 2".

Girls Shot Put- Kayla Redman 3rd, 35' 6". \$00 M Dash- Jesus Hernandez 3rd, 52.2.



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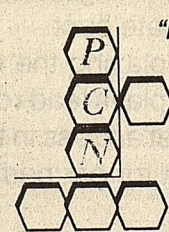


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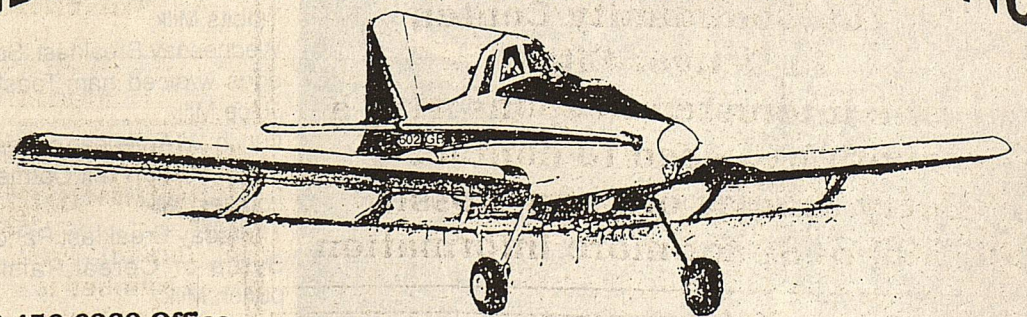
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Senior Citizen Corner

The "dreaded day" is past. Lets hope everyone got their tax return in on time.

Monday of this week was a big day for our celebrations. The Senior of the Month received lots of well earned congratulations. She is Vennie Shook, and everyone remembers many nice things she has done for the Center. The one thing that impressed me the most, was her talented hands and the carving she created. Also several had Birthdays. It was a good day!

The quilts are at Sundown Bank. Drop by and buy a ticket or two.

Wednesday's pool tournament was well attended. Jean Page came away with two trophies.

Visiting Fay Bishop were Elsie Grooves and Agnus Carpenter.

Events for 4-21 through 4-25:

Mon. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. Lovington Hearing Aid at 9:30-10:30 a.m. Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m. Pool/ Game at 6:30 p.m. Tatum Pool Tournament at 1:00 p.m. Fri. Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m.

The new exercise machine is getting a good workout. Come join in and get in shape for summer.

Lunch everyday at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

See you next week, Smitty

Notice to parents of 1997-98 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students; Pre-Registration dates are set for Monday, May 5, Tuesday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 7

Local Library News

At the Texas Library Association Convention in Fort Worth April 8 to 11, Governor Bush's wife, Laura Bush, was honored as the public library promoter of the year. The theme of the convention was "Helping All Texans How To Read". Her 1996 program, Texas Reading Festival, was recognized as the most outstanding library project of the year. Other features of the convention included utilizing the internet in libraries, library automation programs, and how to keep children's story telling sessions animated and lively. County Librarians Latrell McDonnell and Opal Roberts attended the meeting.

Currently on display in the local library are two quilts made by the Senior Citizens of the County. They are to be raffled to raise funds for the Senior Citizens building in Denver City. Raffle tickets are only \$2, and all donations will go to a good cause. Tickets are available at the library.

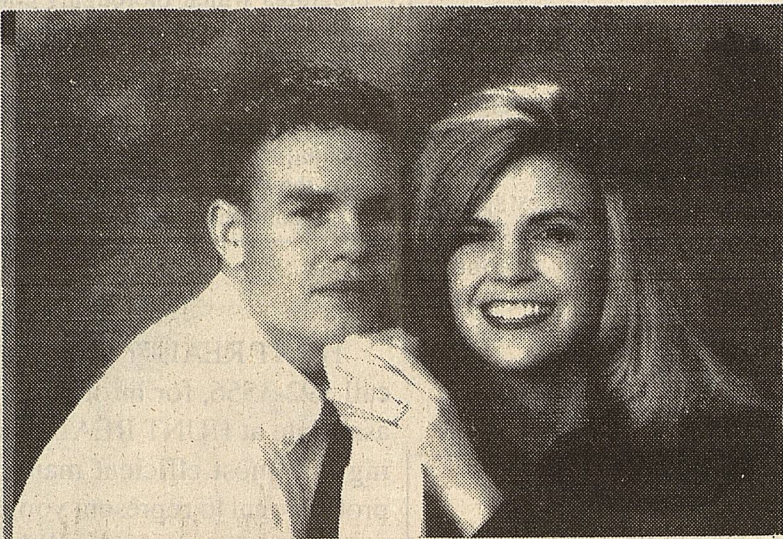
Library Filmtime

Twenty-one preschool youngsters attended Library Filmtime this week on April 16, 1997. They sang three songs, played three games, watched one movie, and read one book.

Those attending were: Kevin John Gass, Hunter Welch, Kristie Lopez, Stephanie Addison, Kelsey Curry, Troy Parrish, Charity Hainer, Jacob Brink, Merrit Crump, Rhaela Stall, Kristen Knight, Isaac Doyle, Haley Welch, Lexus Jimenez, Brittney Roper, Sean Curry, Lariah Johnson, Jonathan Davis, Adam Nixon, Hannah Crump, and Rhaemi Stall.



Engagement, wedding plans announced



Brian and Sharon Ashburn of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Brianna, to Shane Guy Robinson, son of Ronald Robinson of Irvine, California, and Sandy Lewis of Ft. Worth. J.B. and Wanda Ashburn of Plains and Ed and Alice Lehnert of Denver City are grandparents of the bride-elect.

The couple will be married on June 28 at First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect, a former student in Plains Elementary School, graduated from Slaton High School. The future Bridegroom is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio. Both the Bride-elect and future Bridegroom are candidates for graduation from Texas Tech in May.

Reminder Little League Parents Meeting Wednesday, April 30, 8 p.m., at the Library!

County Roundup

The Yoakum County 4-H Roundup will be held at the Denver City Community Building on April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

New Books at the Library

The Ranch by Danielle Steel
Evening Class by Maeve Binchy
Second Heaven by Judith Guest
Sole Survivor by Dean Koontz
The Partner by John Grisham
The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks
3001: The Final Odyssey by Arthur Clarke
Hornet's Nest by Patricia Cornwell
Airframe by Michael Crichton
Small Town Girl by LaVyrle Spencer
Silent Witness by Richard Patterson
Total Control by David Baldacci
Petals on the Wind by V.C. Andrews
Loves Encore by Sandra Brown
Spring Collection by Judith Krantz
Cat Who Said Cheese by Lilian Braun
Cloudy in the West by Elmer Kelton
How the Irish Saved Civilization by Thomas Cahill

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By: *Faithy Adair*



Hypertension

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Classification of Blood Pressure:

Category	Systolic	Diastolic
Normal	<130	<85
High Normal	130-139	85-89
Hypertension.*		
Stage 1 (mild)	140-159	90-99
Stage 2 (moderate)	160-179	100-109
Stage 3 (severe)	180-209	110-119
Stage 4	>210	>120

*For adults aged 18 years or older

Hypertension must be controlled because the pressure of the blood wears out parts of the inner lining of arteries and veins, contributing to the development of heart disease. There are a variety of treatments for hypertension, but the most important are maintaining optimal weight, exercising, and reducing salt and alcohol intake.

Thought For The Week

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort where-with we ourselves are comforted of God.

II Corinthians 1:3,4

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Yoakum County Hospital is having a HEALTH FAIR, May 3rd, at the Community Center, in Denver City.

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BOB'S SUPER MARKET

BOB'S SUPER MARKET located at 905 W. Avenue D in Lovington, phone 396-6363, can save you money on food and give you quality food products in exchange. They have a choice selection of government inspected and graded meat assuring you of high quality eating at a low cost. Fresh coffee and popular brand canned goods are featured here, giving you a variety of dishes for any meal. Fresh shipments of fruit insure you of a delicious salad or desert. They specialize in a wide selection of fresh fruits, vegetables, as well as frozen foods, delightful the year around. You can shop at BOB'S SUPER MARKET where fresh quality foods are coupled with cheerful service to make your grocery shopping a pleasure, not a chore. Become a regular customer and count your savings! We recommend them.

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DENVER CITY MUSEUM

DENVER CITY MUSEUM is located at 505 N. Avenue C. in Denver City, phone 592-2897. In giving commendable mention to the Businesses and Museums of our area, we feel we would not have fully accomplished our purpose if we did not include DENVER CITY MUSEUM. This is a beautiful Museum that has been constantly adding to their treasures for the pleasure of their patrons. They have made every effort to assure their quests of complete satisfaction during their visit. They invite the people of this and surrounding area to spend their leisure time here. Bring the children. They will enjoy every minute of it. You will find this Museum of interest featuring historical items from the area. We, in this Town and Country Review, highly recommend DENVER CITY MUSEUM to all our readers. Special group tours are available.

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BOWLARAMA LANES "Glow-in-the-dark Bowling"

Sports minded persons who live in this area can readily discover why bowling is called the "Family Sport" when they visit the well kept completely remodeled facilities at BOWLARAMA LANES in Hobbs, New Mexico, located at 3000 Marland Drive, phone 393-6121. This is the only place in the entire area with the exclusive glow-in-the-dark bowling using black lights. League's are forming year around so call to reserve any number of lanes if you want to get a group together and enjoy one of the most inexpensive and exhilarating sports. Their snack bar provides a restful break and conversational ease between games. The utmost in bowling balls, shoes and special equipment are available and a "come as you are" policy is maintained by the experienced management. We recommend BOWLARAMA LANES as a place where you can enjoy the friendly atmosphere and relaxing entertainment. Try them soon, you'll be glad you did!

LA ESPECIAL BAKERY

What's better in the morning than a cup of coffee and some fresh donuts? The only thing we can think of is donuts from LA ESPECIAL BAKERY located at 111 N. Main in Denver City, phone 592-2226. LA ESPECIAL BAKERY features every variety of raised and cake donuts imaginable. There are rolls, turnovers and many other coffee break delights. These famous donuts come with every type of filling and glaze and they are delicious! Starting in the early hours of the morning, their famous donuts are made according to special recipes, using only the finest ingredients. Clean conditions are strictly adhered to, so that you are guaranteed the utmost in purity and goodness. Stop in this morning and pick up some donuts for the people at work. They also make delicious Mexican bread as well as breakfast and lunch burrito's. We highly recommend LA ESPECIAL BAKERY to all of our readers and suggest you visit them often. Open 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

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TOSCANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

There is good reason for TOSCANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT being so popular in this area. The food served here has real "pulling power", and draws lovers of fine food for many miles around. TOSCANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT is located at 814 E Broadway in Denver City, phone 592-2524. Your orders will receive prompt attention and everything served to you will be of the best quality. Try them for real service and good food, and we are sure you will tell your friends about them. The management is proud of this establishment and has good reason to be. They have left nothing undone to make this eating place one of the best and we suggest that you get up a party for a good meal just a short drive from home and visit TOSCANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT. We recommend them.

CHARLIE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Noted for the quality of food and some of the best service anywhere, CHARLIE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT has won an enviable reputation as one of the area's favorite eating places! CHARLIE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT is conveniently located at 127 W. Broadway, in Denver City, phone 592-9481. Their menu features a variety of fine items to choose from. The whole family will like dining in the pleasant atmosphere and clean surroundings this place has to offer. The writers of this Review urge you to make CHARLIE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT a part of your day... You won't find better food anywhere. We recommend CHARLIE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT to all of our readers and know you'll enjoy stopping in soon.

CARRIE'S CERAMIC CHAOS

ARTISTIC WORK APPEALS TO MOST PEOPLE some time in their lifetime. Developing the finer instincts and cultivating use of one's hands is a real achievement. Creative work in ceramics can result in beautiful gift items such as lamps, figurines, trays, dishes, wall plaques and many others. At CARRIE'S CERAMIC CHAOS in Hobbs, New Mexico, located at 203 W. Dunnam, phone 393-5239, you will find complete instruction in ceramic work as well as supplies such as greenware, stains, glazes, brushes, paints and all ceramic accessories. We know that CARRIE'S CERAMIC CHAOS merits the support and appreciation of the entire area. Be sure to visit them soon!

FAYE'S DRESS SHOP

Distinctive creations await the women of the area at FAYE'S DRESS SHOP located at 313 Main in Seagraves, phone 546-2011. This is one shop where fashion never takes a back seat! They feature outstanding designs and they'll show you some of the absolute latest in glamorous apparel. Quality is the prime concern at FAYE'S DRESS SHOP. They've been serving the needs of the area's women and their dedication to supply you with nothing but the finest is your assurance that every item purchased here will give you the kind of service that you're looking for! The writers of this Review urge all of our readers to stop here and look over the latest creations offered by FAYE'S DRESS SHOP. We recommend them.

Mule Deer season will open in five area counties



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is often accused of developing regulations without considering public input... not this time, however. On April 17 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission listened to public opinion and as a result, voted to drop 3 of the 8 counties listed in the original proposal for a 5 day mule deer season in the Western South Plains. Public opposition to the 5 day season in Andrews, Gaines and Cochran counties resulted in these counties being eliminated from the new regulation which takes effect during the 1997-98 hunting season. The 5 counties which will have a 5 day season in November 1997 are Bailey, Hockley, Lamb, Terry and Yoakum.

The season will open Saturday, November 22, 1997, and close Wednesday, November 26. The bag limit is one buck mule deer. The shortened

season was proposed instead of the full-length season because mule deer habitat and numbers are relatively limited in the Western South Plains. In all other West Texas counties where mule deer hunting is legal, the season lasts 16 days.

Because a mule deer season will new to the region, TP&W Biologists will conduct a number of seminars in these counties during the late summer and fall on mule deer management, harvest management of the deer, advantages and disadvantages of lease hunting, and collection of harvest records. The collection and analysis of harvest records (age, weight, antler measurements) will be extremely valuable in monitoring trends in this mule deer population over time, but will require the cooperation of landowners as well as hunters. There are some impressive animals in this mule deer

herd, and with proper harvest and habitat management and cooperation between landowners and hunters, the deer herd population will continue to produce some quality deer every year. If you are interested in managing your land for mule deer and other wildlife, free technical assistance is available through the Private Lands Enhancement Program of TP&WD.

Contact Calvin Richardson, Wildlife Biologist, in Lubbock at 806-761-4971, or Gene Miller (technical Guidance Biologist, in Canyon at 806-655-3782. By Calvin Richardson.

Cotton planting moves west

Ft. Worth- Cotton men say 44,000 bales of cotton came into the city for shipping this year, making the city important as something other than a cattle shipping point.

Not a bale of cotton was raised west of Ft. Worth before 1850. By 1860, the cotton frontier had been pushed westward some one hundred miles. THE TEXAS NEWS, Dec., 1878

DALE'S VENTURE FOODS & THRIFTWAY FOODS

There are quite a few grocery stores in this area, but what makes one stand out above all the others? It's the extra friendly service and fair prices at DALE'S VENTURE FOODS located at 120 N Brady, phone 592-2228 and THRIFTWAY FOODS located at 401 W. 4th phone 592-5431, in Denver City. This is headquarters for people who want to keep their food bill at the lowest possible figure and still eat quality foods. No matter what you may need, tender meats, canned goods, dairy products, fresh produce, or kitchen utensils, they have it here. Due to their large volume of business and intelligent buying practices, they are able to provide you with large selections of groceries, vegetables and USDA inspected meats at lower prices. We highly recommend DALE'S VENTURE FOODS & THRIFTWAY FOODS. Be sure to stop in soon.

PAW-PAW PATCH

Take your pet to the PAW-PAW PATCH located at 700 E. Broadway in Hobbs, New Mexico, phone 397-4206, and it will receive the specialized attention that only PAW-PAW PATCH can give. To be confident in the clipping and grooming of your pet you must be confident in your grooming specialist. When you take your pet to PAW-PAW PATCH you may feel sure that it will receive a thorough and exact bathing, clipping, trimming, and manicuring by experienced personnel. The prices here are very reasonable; the services are the best. They have experience in this area and are well versed in every phase of grooming. We of this Review issue wish to compliment the management of PAW-PAW PATCH upon the high standards of their services rendered to the many pet owners throughout this area and we suggest that you phone them for an appointment when in need of quality service.

LIBERTY DRUG

For all your pharmaceutical needs, be they prescriptions, over the counter items or medication information, see your registered pharmacist at LIBERTY DRUG located at 403 N. Mustang Avenue (across from Yoakum County Hospital) in Denver City, phone 592-2765. Service is the most important factor in the success of a local pharmacy. In this case, the principle of service has been applied by maintaining all the essential departments satisfying the most exacting consumer's requirement. They offer prompt prescription service, over-the-counter medications, diabetic and health care supplies, vitamins and herbs, as well as health and beauty aids. They carry a fine selection of gifts and have a greeting card department. The second feature of service is displayed by their competent personnel. They can be depended upon for prompt and reliable prescription service. If you are new in the area don't hesitate to call these professionals. Knowledge, prompt service and the best in pharmaceutical needs are the reasons people in this area make LIBERTY DRUG their full service pharmacy. Free blood pressure exams are available everyday.

RANGER ELECTRIC, INC.

For power, lighting and electrical heating work - in your home or business, contact one of the area's leading electrical contractors, RANGER ELECTRIC, INC. and have the job done right! RANGER ELECTRIC, INC. is located one (1) block East of Highway 214, in Denver City, phone 592-8625, they specialize in new construction, wiring, re-wiring of older homes, repairs on all types of electrical installations, electric heating and most any other job which requires an electrician and they are experienced in all phases of electrical requirements and local building ordinances. This qualified firm employs only licensed electricians. They have won the respect of prominent home builders for their careful, precise workmanship. We recommend RANGER ELECTRIC, INC. to all of our readers.

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HARMON HARDWARE & SUPPLY located at 307 N. Main, in Denver City, phone 592-2472, is where you will find merchandise of every description. Their line of hardware supplies is complete at all times and they can be depended upon to give you quality merchandise. See HARMON HARDWARE & SUPPLY the next time you need hardware supplies and let them quote their reasonable prices to you. They feature hardware of all types. Contact this store for all those "hard to get" items which the average home owner is always needing. If you have not visited them lately, stop and let the courteous and accommodating employees help you with your hardware needs. In the Town and Country Review we take pleasure in referring all our readers to HARMON HARDWARE & SUPPLY.

YOAKUM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Golf is one of America's favorite participant sports, with men and women in all age groups playing more and more everyday. In this area, better golfers prefer the smooth greens and beautiful fairways of YOAKUM COUNTY GOLF COURSE, located 9 miles South of Plains on Highway 214, phone 592-2947. This is truly a "golfers course" and it's specifically designed to be both challenging and fun! Tee-off with your friends and discover just how great a game of golf can be. You'll find that your score will improve when you play on a course that is well cared for...like this one...and you'll enjoy your game a lot more at this beautifully landscaped facility. In this Town and Country Review we are more than pleased to recommend YOAKUM COUNTY GOLF COURSE to all our readers and suggest you visit them soon and often.

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From The Hack



The very successful run of the High School's presentation of their Region achieving One-Act drama, "Riders to the Sea", reminded me of my one and only experience on the stage, my Junior year in High School. Now try to imagine this;

I was cast as a young hypnotist, able to sway young girls into my purely business interests. After all, it was 1949, and parents, school boards nor daddys' would put up with anything even faintly hinting of messing around.

Before our monumental, almost Hollywood quality production, I was having makeup applied to my face by one of my classmates, a girl whose name is easy to forget. She swabbed my jowls with some sort of goo, and making sure no one was watching or listening, she whispered in my ear, "With this stuff, you look just like a young Lash LaRue", with more passion than I cared to hear.

I blurted, "Who is Lash La Rue?", and she appeared crestfallen when she said, "Oh, you know, he's the movie cowboy in the serials every Saturday afternoon, the guy who carries a long bullwhip and beats the #*^@ out of the bad guys with it. I just love him!"

Yes, then I remembered, the character I usually went for rootbeer whenever he was introduced.

My group didn't have a puny One Act Play... we had the real thing, a humdinger three act job, which as I recall, had most of the audience either retching horribly, or going for popcorn between the first and second act.

I remember the crowd was much slimmer at the start of the second act, when I, the sinister hypnotist, was supposed to sway this glass ball on a chain before some girl I was trying to persuade to do some dumb thing, when suddenly she screamed, "Yaaaggggh, oh, ouch,

aaggh, you dumb clod, you broke my dam tooth with the stupid glass ball. I HATE you".

We did not advance to state, and I did not achieve best actor honors.

I opened a birthday card the other day from someone who is either clairvoyant, or has been peeping in my bedroom windows. The card had a message on the front, "Hey, big fella! I bet I know what you'll be wanting after the cake and ice cream are gone!". Beide the message stood this lovely, lovely female type creature, scantily clad in a swim suit. When the card is opened, the appropriate message reads, "A Nap,

Seeing the doves flying about, prepping for the mating season, reminds me their hunting season is not all that far off. I remember my good old Uncle Andy telling me one time, when I was about 12 or so, "Boy, let me tell you about sportsmen, some of my favorite people, but you need to be careful around them. If a man tells you he can shoot eight doves with just ten shells everytime he hunts them, or if a deer hunter tells you he's killed lots of deer at 300 yards, running, or a guy swears he catches lots of 9 and 10 pound bass everytime he goes fishing, my advice to you is, don't take a check on 'em. If they lie to you, they'll steal from you, too". Pretty good advice, to date. I have known a few honest sportsmen in my time, perhaps one in 137. Since golfers are considered sportsmen also, let's make that one in 213.

My brother in law in deep East Texas is a good example. Not of honesty, of course. We were playing a par three hole in Lufkin once, and I saw him, from a distance strike at the ball in

the tall, grass rough at least seven times. When he finally plopped it on the green and two putted, I asked his score. "Four", he said. Whoa, Halt. Desist, I screamed. "I saw you swing that club seven times IN THE ROUGH!"

Noncommittally he nodded, "Sure you did, I was attempting to kill a large water moccasin which would probably have bitten and killed you next time we played here. Instead of being grateful for my interests in you, you are suggesting I may cheat. I deeply resent the implication, but if it will help soothe your savage beast soul, I will take a five on the score card".

ALLTEL preps for year 2000 computer woes

SUGARLAND, TX - Although the year 2000 may seem far enough away that preparations for the new millennium can wait, ALLTEL is encouraging its customers to act now to avoid potential 'computer-generated' headaches down the road.

Anyone who uses computers or computer-aided equipment for any purpose - either at home or at work - is at risk of encountering what has recently been referred to as a 'Millennium Crisis' or 'Year 2000 Problem.'

"The problem dates back to the early years of the computer industry," said Bob Brown, president for ALLTEL's Texas operations. "For efficiency reasons, it was decided to shorten a computer's date representation by designating a year using only two digits - for example, '97' instead of '1997.'"

This programming 'shortcut' has the potential of introducing a wide range of problems, including date arithmetic errors, inventory tracking errors, financial statement errors, and leap year determination errors.

According to Brown, now is the time to start reviewing both the hardware and software currently being used to ensure that it is 'Year 2000' compatible. This can be done by directly contacting the manufacturers of the equipment and programs you are using.

Additionally, many ALLTEL-provided communications systems use computers and computer-aided equipment to function. For this reason, ALLTEL has established a task force to address potential concerns that

Brown also reminds customers of the importance of looking at their own personal equipment and taking the necessary steps to ward off any potential problems that may occur when the year 2000 arrives.

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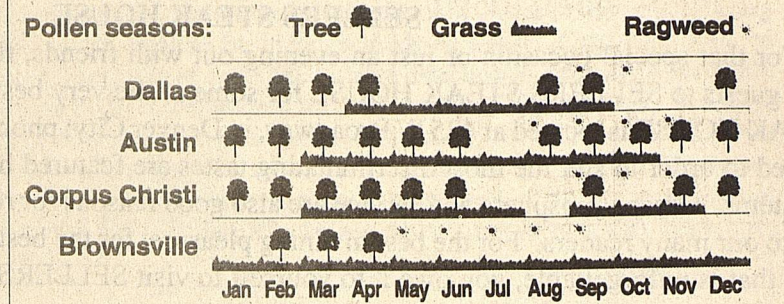
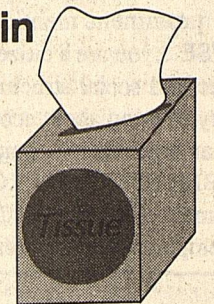
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Ah-choo! Allergies breeze in

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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, and Central Texas Asthma Center.

PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS federal law prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing practices in the United States; and

WHEREAS the principle of Fair Housing, in addition to being national law and national policy, is a fundamental human concept and the right of all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS the twenty-ninth anniversary of our national fair housing law, during the month of April, 1997, provides an opportunity for us to promote the goal of equal housing opportunity for all with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW THEREFOR WE the elected governing body, hereby proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Plains and urge all citizens of the city to become aware of and support the City of Plains.

ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 14th day of April, 1997 by the city council, elected governing body of the

City of Plains.
T.J. Miller
Mayor

NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 1997 for the selection of the Yoakum County depository; for a period of four (4) years ending sixty days from the time fixed by law for the next selections of a depository. Bids will be reviewed with award to be made in Commissioners Court on Monday, May 12, 1997. Yoakum County reserves the right to select more than one depository. The bids are to comply with all the requirements of State of Texas Statutes concerning money deposited in the several "county funds", together with such trust funds under the jurisdiction of the County and District Clerks as required under Article 2558a.

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$62,323.00 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder that if the bid should be accepted, the successful bidder will enter into a bond or pledge of collateral and upon the failure of the bidder that will be selected to comply with the guarantee, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages. The check(s) will be immediately returned upon the depository having been selected.

Bid must be submitted on a Bid Worksheet which, together with specifications, may be obtained from either County Treasurer Toni Jones, P.O. Box 492, Plains, Texas 79355(806-456-8794); or County Auditor Hazel Lowrey, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806-456-2422).

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-BANK DEPOSITORY" and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355.

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