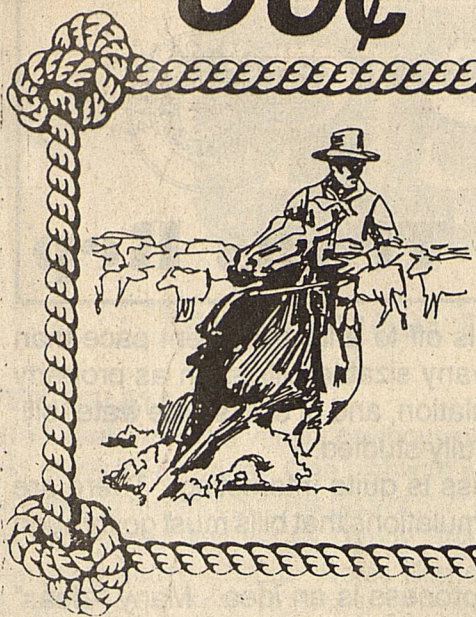


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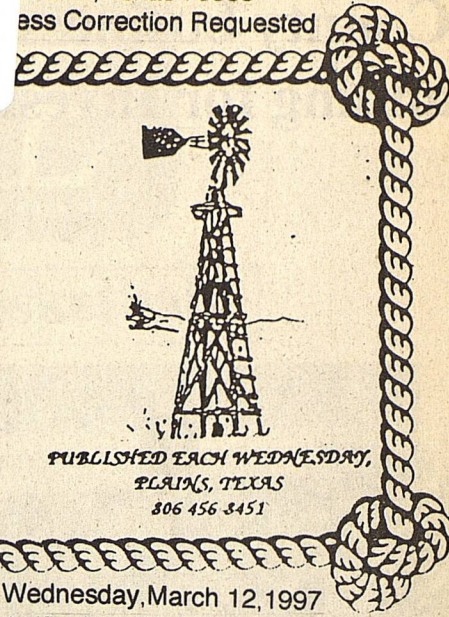
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LOAN PACKETS AVAILABLE

Sandy Land UWCD still has funds available from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for loan to farmers for the purchase of water CONSERVATION irrigation equipment.

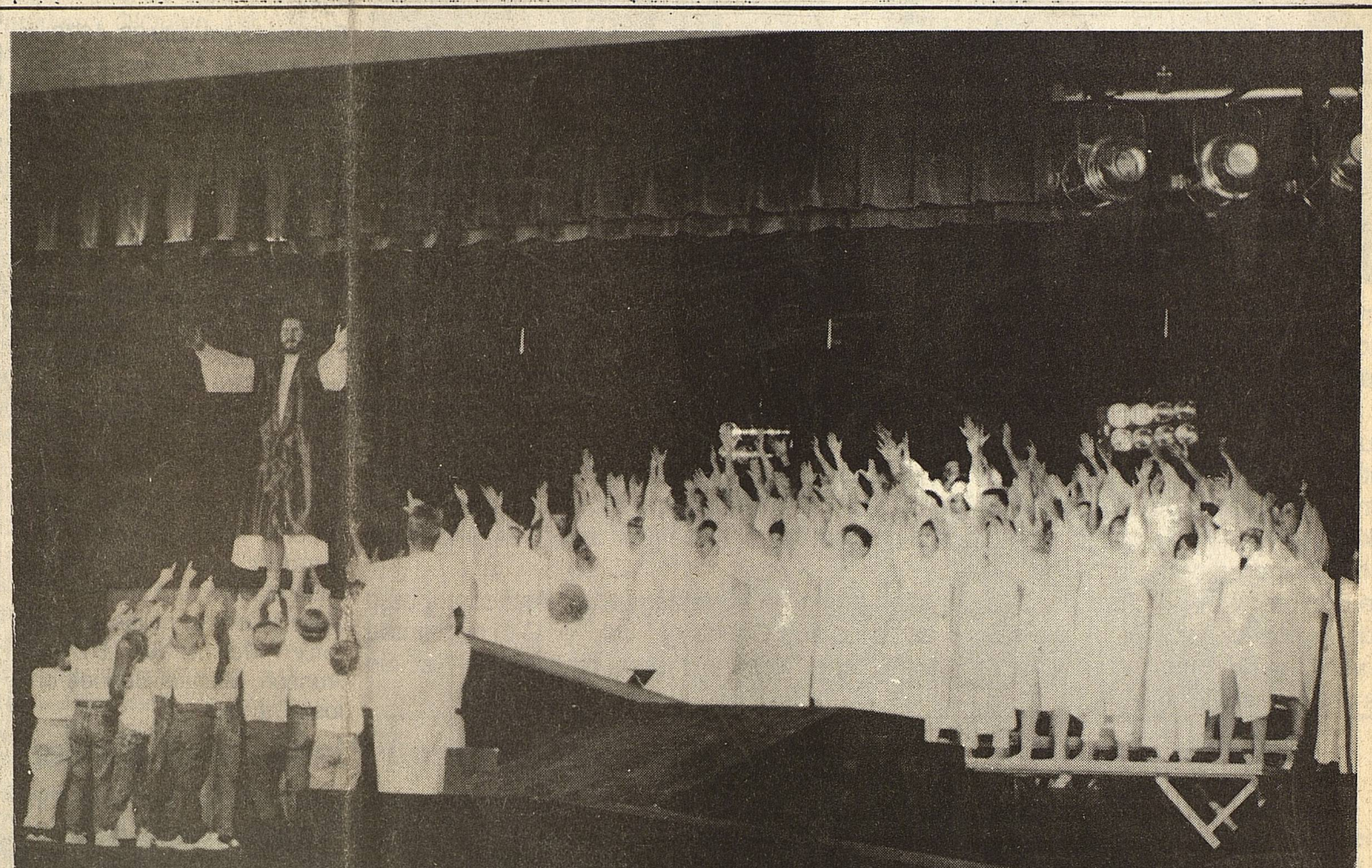
A total of \$900,000 has been approved for the District to loan. To date the District has approved 24 loans totaling \$630,000. This leaves \$270,000 still available to area farmers and producers. Interest rates have been set at 4.67%. Equipment purchased with this money can be new or used. New equipment requires 20% down and seven (7) years payout. Used equipment and sprinkler packages require 25% down and five (5) years payout.

The board will meet Friday, March 14, 1997, at which time any additional loans submitted will be reviewed for funding at that time.

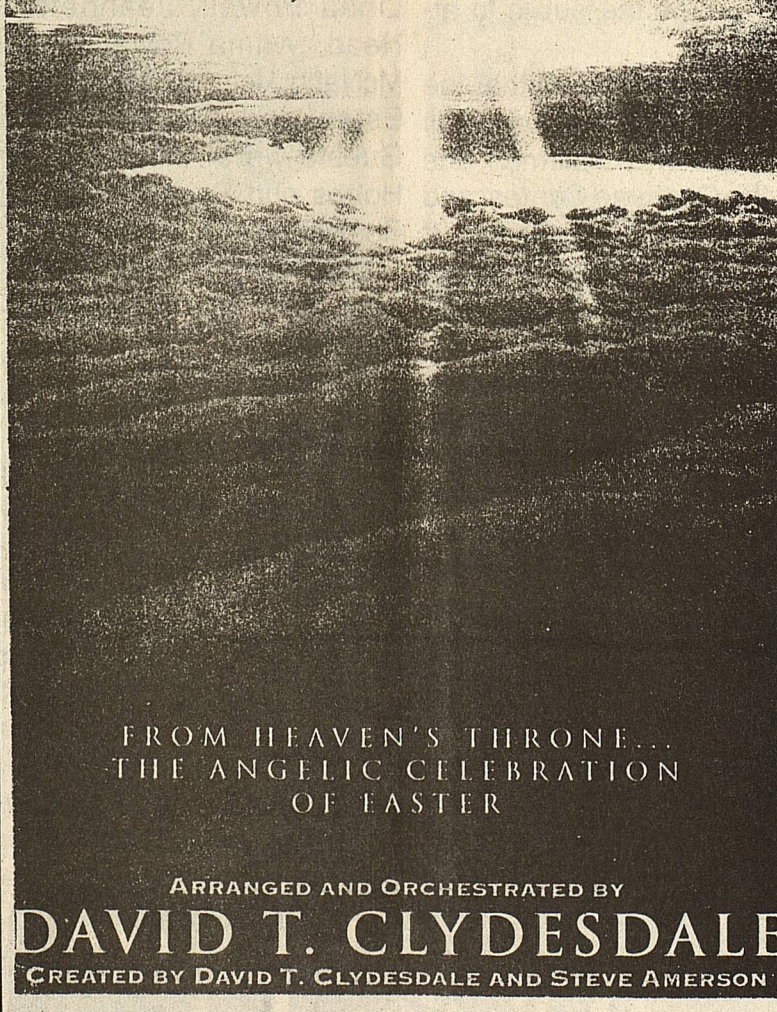
Since the inception of the Agricultural Loan Program, the District has loaned over \$4,100,000 to area producers. Water savings from these new efficient systems are just a part of the overall efforts the Directors of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District are involved in to accomplish their long term goals of water conservation in Yoakum County.

Loan Packets and Guidelines are available at the District office. Applicants must be in compliance with all District rules before any application will be considered. This includes registering all wells and irrigation systems plus properly covering all abandoned wells.

If you have any interest or questions concerning the Loan Program, call or come by the District office. Someone will be glad to help you.



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Encore performance of musical Easter Pageant another great success

Here's a sure fire recipe for a successful community wide event; Take some four dozen musically talented men and women, add another couple of dozen folks with a flair for acting, throw in seventeen youngsters who are not afraid of being on stage, find a hard working and dedicated leader to direct their talents and energies, furnish them a stirring musical drama, enlist another dozen or so behind the scenes workers, then work them long and hard at practice, practice, practice. What you get is a remarkably memorable hour long musical celebration of the coming Easter Season.

'Let All Heaven Rejoice' was presented last Wednesday evening by the Plains Community Choir under Direction of Patrick Hamilton, and the large audience in the auditorium indicated with their hands the presentation was a truly big hit.

The production presented the drama and passion of the Easter story, portraying the temptation of Christ, his earthly ministry, betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection. Some of the comments heard as the audience departed the auditorium included "That was so moving. I think I used half a box of Kleenex", and "It just amazes me that a town as small as Plains can stage such an excellent, professional production!"

A hearty well done to Patrick Hamilton, Brother Bill Wright and the First Baptist Church for their sponsorship, each and every choir member and soloist, the Disciples, the Jerusalem townspeople, the 'Don't Be Afraid Brigade', and all the behind the scenes volunteers for a great peace of work and a truly stirring performance, perhaps an even better production than the first offering of "Let All Heaven Rejoice" first performed here in 1995.

Licensed Therapist having impact at Yoakum County Hospital

A visit to the rehab therapy room at Yoakum County Hospital will reveal an almost bewildering array of state of the art, high tech physical therapy equipment. Larry Rossi, the Licensed Therapist whose professional services are contracted to the county hospital, said in an interview last week the rehabilitation equipment is the equal of any found in many larger hospitals.

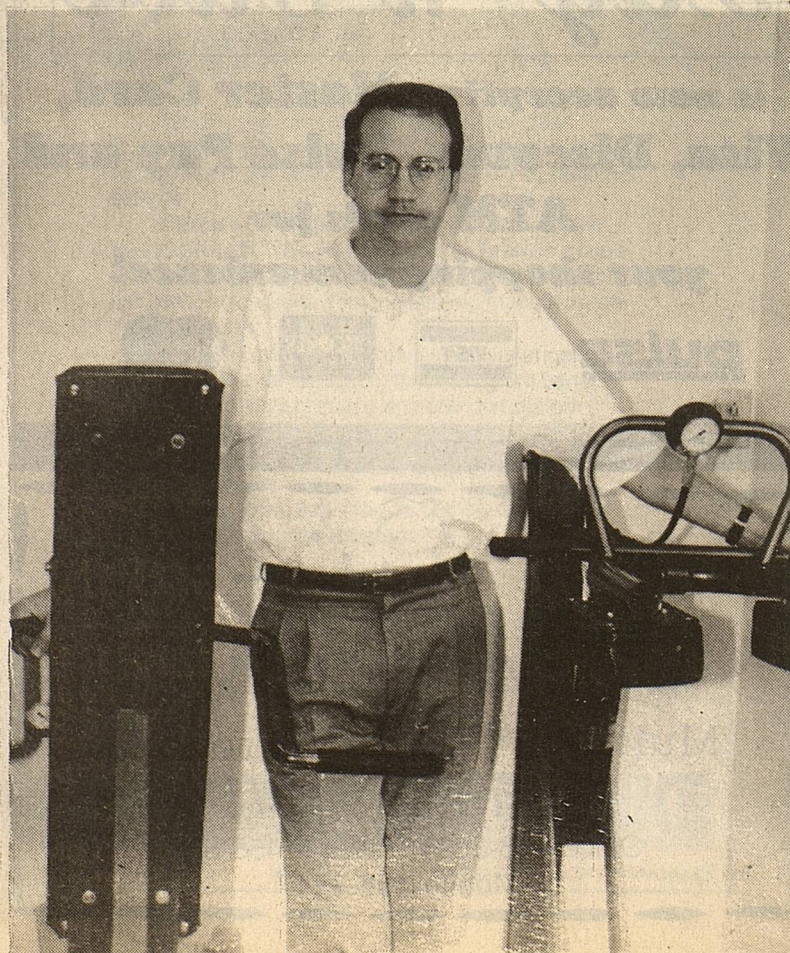
Rossi and his wife Carissa, another licensed therapist are the owners of Community Therapy Systems, headquartered in Seminole, where the couple live with their one year old son Lane. They have two more li-

icensed therapists and a licensed assistant on the staff of the firm. They contract their services to other area hospitals and nursing homes.

Rossi obtained an MBA degree from West Texas State in the 1980's, and graduated from Texas Tech in 1994 with his Physical Therapy degree. He has some 12 years experience in the medical field including a stint in hospital administration.

In addition to all the impressive equipment in the exercise room, the hospital offers hydro therapy in it's whirlpool facility. Rossi said negotia-

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Criminal cases heard in County, District Court

Two criminal cases were heard in County Court last week, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state. Eliseo Perez Jr., 18, pled

true to the state's motion to modify conditions of community supervision and agreed order on community supervision modification. He must pay a \$250 fine on or before April 5, instead of performing 80 hours of community service.

Barbara Allen Foster, 34, pled guilty to a first DWI offense. She received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months, and was fined \$300 and must pay \$227 Court costs. She must serve 72 hours in jail.

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Sick of junk mail, junk phone calls? Here's a remedy

If you've resolved to unclutter your life, Attorney General Tom Udall has a suggestion; stop the flow of junk mail and junk phone calls into your home.

To get off mailing lists, send your name and address as they appear on catalogs and junk mail to the Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assn., PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY, 11735-9008. Eliminating your name from mailing lists may take up to 30 days.

Stop phone solicitations by writing to the Telephone Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assn., Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014. Include your name, address and telephone number, with the area code.

"Junk mail is a waste of natural resources, and junk phone calls are a waste of our time", Udall said. "Consumers can protect themselves from these nuisances with the simple weapons of a short letter and a 32-cent stamp."

County businesses, agencies collaborate in funding for Investigator's salary and vehicle



Pictured above, left to right are Sheriff Department Captain Dean Smith, Denver City Police Chief Jack Miller, County Judge Dallas Brewer, Plains Mayor T. J. Miller, and background, Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark, Norine Bernal and Hershel Roach, Pool Inc. Representatives, Shell-Western Representative Ron Miller, and Sheriff Jim Rice. The group was on hand at Pool's corporate headquarters last Friday to commemorate a joint venture allowing the County to hire Investigator Rick Dickson as an Investigator in the Criminal District Attorney's office. The group are surrounding the Ford Explorer vehicle Dickson will use in his duties, working with all local law enforcement agencies, and utilizing his illicit drug detecting dogs.

The Explorer was purchased with a donation from Shell-Western, Pool, Inc. contributed funds for Investigator Dickson's salary, and Mustang Country of Denver City re-painted the vehicle and furnished new tires for it. Mustang Country Representative Ron Hatfield was unavailable for the photo.

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tions are underway between the hospital and Denver City ISD for an arrangement allowing therapy patients to have access to the schools large swimming pool for therapy treatment.

Rossi said the number of therapy patients varies from day to day. "The most I have seen since I came here is eighteen. We hope we can average about 10 to 15 patients daily." He said most therapy patients are referred to him by Doctors in larger towns hospitals where most surgical procedures are performed. "Virtually all joint replacement surgeries, including hips and knees and extremities, and back surgeries are performed in Lubbock or other larger cities. We also treat patients recovering from strokes, fractures and sprains."

Rossi makes the drive to work daily from Seminole. He thinks one reason the therapy center is proving a valuable asset for the hospital is the

fact he is available daily for one on one sessions with his patients, rather than a different visiting therapy assistant. "Having these facilities here for the people of Plains and Denver City to use in rehabilitation is a real convenience, and it's not necessary to make a 75 or 90 mile drive for weekly therapy sessions". Prior to starting Community Therapy Systems in Seminole, Rossi practiced physical therapy at Methodist Rehabilitation in Lubbock, Hendrick Rehabilitation in Abilene, and Abilene Regional Hospital.

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with credit for 7 hours served. In District Court on March 6, Steven David Alarid, 22, pled true to the state's motion to revoke Community Supervision from a prior possession of marijuana offense. He was sentenced to five years in the State Prison system, the sentence to run concurrent with a cause in Randall County District Court. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Art Association Plans Fund Raiser

The Yoakum County Art Association met in the clubroom of the Old Courthouse on March 4, with 11 members and 3 guests present. The club discussed several projects to raise funds. It was decided to have an all-member GARAGE SALE on April 12 at the Art Association Building located on Ave. G in Plains from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or later if necessary. The club would like to urge the public to attend.

Linda announced that the Watermelon Roundup is still in need of two Chairmen, one for the Costume Contest and one for the Style Show. If anyone is interested, please contact Linda Powell at 456-3171.

The nominating committee for the officers for 1997-1998 was appointed, with Helen Hunter, Chairman, and Jimmie Bayer and Eileen Fillipp as committee members.

The Summer Youth Program is now inviting those who would like to teach in any phase of the arts to please volunteer.

Following the business meeting, the club enjoyed a

Services for Eric Lyn Baker

Eric Lyn Baker, 18, of Denver City passed away Saturday afternoon, March 8, 1997, at the Yoakum County Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church, Denver City, with Dr. Bob Webb officiating and Brother John Curry assisting. Interment will follow at the Denver City Memorial Park under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Eric was born July 23, 1978, in Albuquerque. He was a Senior at Denver City High School, and worked part-time at the County Courthouse. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He participated in the High School athletic program and in UIL accounting.

Survivors include his parents, Gerald and Kathy of Denver City; A sister, Julie Dawn Baker, Denver City, a grandmother, Bertha O'Neil of Watsonville, California, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers include Joshua Bullock, Allan Bennett, Eric Lambert, Kevin McAdams, Chris Manion and Johnny Don Davis. Honorary pallbearers are Tony McKinney, DDerek Brunson, Michael Bennett and Josh Gayle.

demonstration by Billie Horn Hunter on pastel portraits, using Susie Sloop as a live model. Mrs. Hunter resides in Roswell, N.M., is married with three children. She has studied under Ted Roberson and Vicki Clark and has won many awards both in New Mexico and Nevada.

Those attending the meeting were: Pat Altman, Marguerite Barron, Mary Dale Forbus, Vickie Delgado, Linda Powell, Jeannette Head, Wilma Powell, Pat McNabb, Helen Hunter, Betty Estep and Eileen Fillipp. Guests were Ann Lane of Hobbs and Susie Sloop of Roswell, N.M.

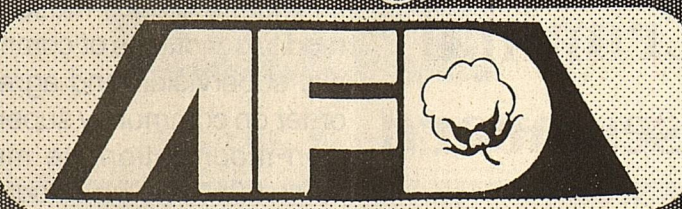
Hostesses for the evening were Mary Dale Forbus and Pat McNabb.

Eileen Fillipp, Secretary

Miss Texas to speak at PHS

Michelle Martinez, the reigning Miss Texas, will speak at a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention program at the school auditorium on Thursday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. The public is welcome.

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Walker, Texas Rep

Friends, this session is off to a little different pace than last session. With so many sizable bills such as property tax relief, electric deregulation, and of course the water bill, legislation is being carefully studied.

The Legislative process is quite interesting. There are many processes and formulations that bills must go through before they become law.

The first step of this process is an idea. Many "ideas" come into my office with the intent of becoming law. At this point, my staff and I research the issue and get community input before we go to the next step, drafting.

Once my office has substantive cause to support an idea, we hand it off to the Legislative Council to have them draft the idea into a bill.

After the bill has been filed, a request for a hearing must occur. This request is addressed to the chairman of the committee in which the bill is to be heard. The chairman has the opportunity to review the bill and decide if the bill will make good public policy. This is one of the greatest checks and balances that Texas government has to offer.

Once my office receives a hearing date, we go about the business of securing witnesses and supporting testimony. Witnesses are vital to getting a bill referred from committee to the House floor.

In committee hearing, members of the committee have an opportunity to ask questions and delve into the merits of the bill. This process can be very beneficial. Many times the result is an amendment or substitute which can enhance the chances of the bill passing.

Once a bill is passed out of committee, it is referred to House Calendars. Calendars is the body that sets the business schedule of the House. The 11 members of Calendars have the tough assignment of deciding which bills will make it to the floor and on which day.

With more than 2,000 bills filed to be heard in only 140 days, it stands to reason that not all bills will make it to the floor. There are many instances where it takes two or three sessions before a bill is passed.

If you are successful in having a bill pass the House, you are only halfway home. The bill starts the committee and floor process all over again, but this time with the 31 members of the Senate.

In both houses, Senate and House, the bill must be read three different "legislative days" before final passage. Legislative days are different from calendar days. The House may have several legislative days in one calendar day. I know this sounds a bit odd, but it helps when time is ticking and there are still important measures left pending.

Once a bill finally passes in the Senate, it has one more obstacle to hurdle, the Governor's office. According to the Texas Constitution, the Governor has absolute veto power. However, if the Governor takes no action, that is neither vetoes or signs the bill, the measures goes into law 90 days after the end of the Legislative session.

Well, this may be more than you ever wanted to know about how a bill becomes a law.

I hope this insight gives you some ideas of what the legislative process is really about. I feel it is important for the constituency to know exactly what the processes are in the Capitol City.

Until next time, good luck and God Bless.

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Track meet recap

WINK RELAYS

PHS Cowboys; The varsity cowboys placed third in a 14 team field at Wink last Friday. One highlight was Coley Burgess' performance in the shot put. His toss of 5' 7" set a new school record. The old record was set by Danny Bell in 1976. Other performances included; Discus- Coley Burgess 1st. 3200 Run- Will St. Romain 3rd. 1600 Run- Will St. Romain 2nd. 800 Run- Joe Luna 3rd, Chris Willett 4th. 400 Dash- Jesus Hernandez 1st. 400 Relay- Joe Luna, Wayne Willett, Fermin Luna, Jesus Hernandez 4th. 1600 Relay- Joe Luna, Chris Willett, Fermin Luna, Jesus Hernandez 4th.

JV Cowboys; 3200 Run- Josh Bayer 1st. 1600 Run- Felipe Reyna 1st, Josh Bayer 2nd. 800 Run- Felipe Reyna 2nd. Shot Put- Josh Bell 5th.

PHS Cowgirls; Shot Put- Kayla Redman 1st, Marcey House 2nd.

Discus- Kayla Redman 2nd. 300 M. Hurdles- Kristen Gray 2nd. 400 M. Dash- Lisa Parrish 4th. 100 Hurdles- Kristen Gray 4th. 3200 Run- Tanya Hernandez 5th. 400 Relay- Kristen Gray, Krystle Blundell, Lisa Parrish, Anne Palmer 5th.

JUNIOR HIGH MEET-Denver City

Lady Wranglers; Long Jump- Kari Guetersloh 1st. Triple Jump- Kari Guetersloh 1st. 400 Relay- Nancy Koncaba, Lexi Warren, Kimbe Jones, Kari Guetersloh 2nd. 200 M. Dash- Kari Guetersloh 2nd. Discus- Arasley Luna 3rd. Shot Put- Kimbe Jones 4th. 100 Dash- Michaela Traweek 5th. 800 Relay- Josie Ramos, Julie Gonzales, Kimbe Jones, Lexi Warren 5th. 300 M. Hurdles- Frances Cordova 5th.

8th Wranglers; The 8th grade boys took third place in the D.C. meet last week. 2400 Run- Kelsey Blundell 1st, Louis Hernandez 4th, Greg Gonzales 5th. 400 Relay- Joseph Rodriguez, Adam Garcia, Jared Bell, Moises Gonzales 3rd. 800 Run- Israel Moreno 1st, Joel Gallegos 2nd. 100 Dash- Joseph Rodrigue 2nd. 400 Dash- Noises Gonzales 4th, Jared Bell 5th. 200 Dash- Adam Garcia 3rd. 1600 Run- Kelsey Blundell 1st. 1600 Relay- Joseph Rodriguez, Joel Gallegos, Moises Gonzales, Adam Garcia 1st. Shot Put- Armando Luna 5th. Discus- Armando Luna 3rd. Long Jump- Joseph Rodriguez 2nd, Adam Garcia 6th.

7th Boys; Only two boys competed in this division. Nathan Hays took 1st in the 110 Hurdles and 3rd in the 300 Hurdles, and Jeffrey Lollar finished 4th in the 400 Dash. Coach Brink thought the times and distances were extremely good, and he appreciated the individual and team performances.

Brownfield Tennis Meet

Varsity;

Velvet Canada won the championship in Girls Singles. Robin Squyres and Sandi Warren teamed to win the championship in Girls Doubles. and Dolly Gonzales and Mary Morales finished second. Yancey House won second polace in Boys Singles. Shawn Cullins and Jamie Caballero finished second in Boys Doubles, and Clint Burrus and Dustin Brunson came in third place.

Jr. High Science/Math meet results

NUMBER SENSE; Individual results- Amanda Garcia 4th, Annaliesa O'Quinn 1st, Jill Gray 2nd.

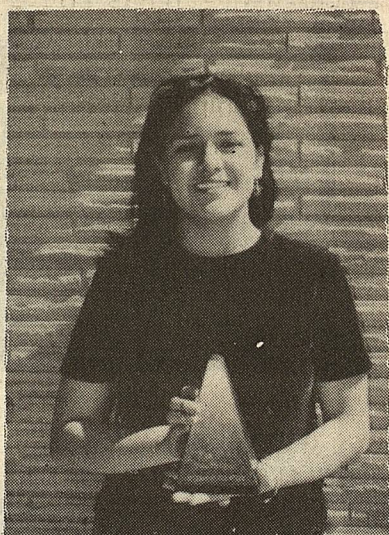
CALCULATOR; Amanda Garcia 8th, Taylor Gray 9th, Annaliesa O'Quinn 2nd, Elizabeth Clanahan 10th, Jill Gray 1st, Liz Wilmeth 2nd, Kimberly Martinez 3rd.

MATH; Aaron Cain 8th, Taylor Gray 9th, 4th Annalies O'Quinn 4th, Jill Gray 1st, Liz Wilmeth 4th, Kimberly Martinez 7th.

SCIENCE; (The Science team won the overall team title over second place Shallowater. Team members were Aaron Cain, Dustin Six, Skyler Johnson, Kelsey Blundell, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Becky Wilmeth, Nathan Hays and Ky May.)

Aaron Cain 2nd, Dustin Six 4th, Skyler Johnson 5th, Kelsey Blundell 7th, Becky Wilmeth 4th, Annaliesa O'Quinn 7th, Nathan Hays 8th, Jill Gray 1st, Kimberly Martinez 2nd, Liz Wilmeth 3rd.

Student of the Week



Yvonne Gonzales, a Junior at PHS and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Adalberto Gonzales, is the Student of the Week. She was nominated by Mrs. Canada, who said "Yvonne is a quiet person who is intent on doing her best in any job she is asked to do. Her first priority is to do the assignment and do it well. In computers, she does her work and then is willing to help others. She participates in UIL journalism, and is a member of the Cowboy Yearbook staff.

Cowboys earn All-District Basketball Honors

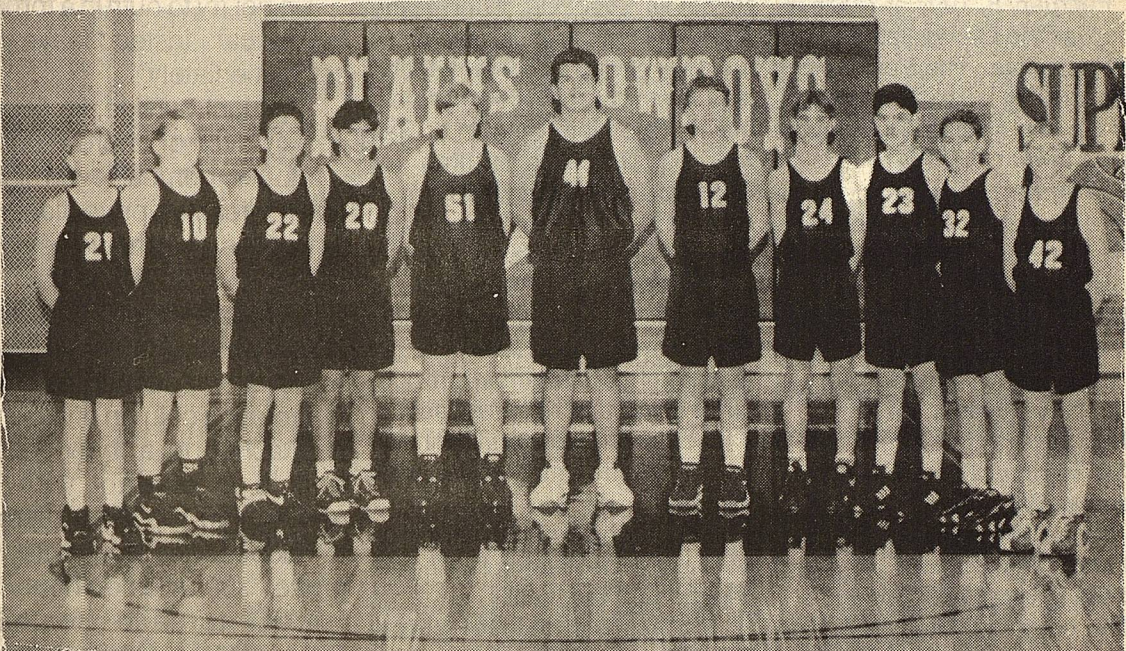
Coach David Williams announced Monday four Cowboys have been named to the 5-2A All District Basketball Team. They are Tanner Blount, PHS Sophomore, and Jason Redman, Junior. Earning Honorable Mention honors were Joe Luna and Jamie Caballero.

Jr. High Track Meet, Seagraves, Thurs, Mar. 13, 3:45 p.m.

1996-97 Jr. High Basketball



7TH LADY WRANGLERS; L-R- Becky Coronel, Nancy Koncaba, Elizabeth Clanahan, Chelsi Wagon, Julie Gonzales, Ashley Gonzales, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Arasley Luna.



7TH WRANGLERS; L-R Tanner Hamm, Chris McGinty, Moises Gonzales, Joseph Rodriguez, Patrick Brintle, Sergio Sandoval, Jared Bell, Jeffrey Lollar, Noel Castillo, Ky May, Jeremy Diamond




8TH LADY WRANGLERS- FRONT, L-R- Mgr. Roxy Fuentes, Kim Willis, Michaela Traweek, Lensey Cullins, Kari Guetersloh, Tanya Vasquez, Frances Cordova, Lesli Rowe, Angelica Hernandez, Lexi Warren, Kimbe Jones, Amanda Garcia, Mgr. Dawn Garland. Back- Coaches Haragan & Lusk

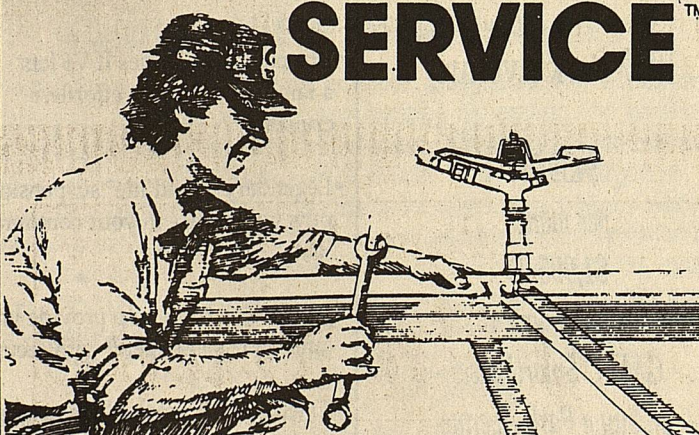


8THWRANGLERS- L-R- Kelsey Blundell, Matt Willis, Armando Luna, Chris Gscheidle, Joel Gallegos, Brett Squyres, Adam Garcia, Dustin Six, Sterling Deaton.

The annual COWGIRL & COWBOY RELAYS will be held at Cowboy stadium Friday afternoon, March 14. Preliminary track and field events will start at 2:30 p.m., and continue until about 5:00 p.m. Following time for a meal, finals in all running events will start at 6:45 p.m. Come out and support these hard working guys and gals!



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Wedding Announced



Miss Laci Suzann Naylor of El Paso and Gregory Earl Box of Ira, were united in marriage on Saturday, February 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camino Grand Ball Room in El Paso, Texas. The Rev. John F. McClean of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jana and Robert Melvin of Mesquite, New Mexico and Ronald Naylor of El Paso. Grandparents of the bride are Jerry and James Warren of Plains, Patricia Purcell of El Paso and James Naylor of Belen, New Mexico.

The groom is the son of Billy and Jackie Box of Ira and the late Kay Chandler Box. Grandmothers of the groom are Mildred Chandler and Mary Box, both of Crane and Roberta Hanson of Pharr.

The bride, escorted by her father, chose an elegant gown of ivory bridal satin by the designer Bonny. The beautiful gown featured a Queen Anne neckline of ivory schiffli lace and pearls. A touch of clear sequins created a soft and elegant look. The long, sheer sleeves were uniquely decorated by lace appliques, pearls and sequins. The back was an elaborate mixture of illusion and lace with pearl buttons flowing from top to bottom. The full bow at the waistline led into a wonderfully detailed cathedral train enhanced by a multitude of schiffli lace appliques also adorned with sequins and pearls. A satin headband encrusted with seed pearls and clear sequins held a waist length veil and white tulle. The veil covered her face until her father lifted it to present her to the groom.

She carried a bouquet of fresh ivory tulips, lilies and roses accented with a touch of greenery wrapped with ivory ribbon. The bride carried lace handkerchiefs belonging to her maternal grandmother and the groom's biological mother to symbolize "Something Old" and "Something Blue." The wedding ring set worn by the groom's maternal grandmother was worn by the bride symbolizing "Something Borrowed."

The groom wore a black Pierre Cardin tuxedo, a pleated white tuxedo shirt and white embossed vest.

His boutonniere was a rose accented with greenery.

The maid of honor was Amy J. Naylor of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Natalie J. Naylor of Havre de Grace, Maryland, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lisa Denman of San Marcos, Lucinda Pullen of Roundrock and Darcy Fillingim of New Home. They were gowned in burgundy sheaths featuring a high pleated neckline on the bodice and an open V to the waist in back. They wore pearl earrings, a gift from the bride and carried arm bouquets of tulips, lilies and roses with a touch of greenery and satin ribbon, complimenting the bride's bouquet.

A reception dinner and dance was held immediately following the ceremony at the hotel.

The bride is a graduate of Texas A & M University and Texas Tech University. The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed with Champion Technologies as a sales engineer. After a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple will reside in Smithville, outside of Austin.

An Engagement Party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Warren of Plains, grandparents of the bride. A Basket Shower honoring the bride and groom was held in the home of Jim and Lela Warren of Plains, aunt and uncle of the bride. A Bridal Shower for the couple was given in Ira, hometown of the groom. A Lingerie shower was hosted by friends in Dallas. A Bridesmaid Luncheon was held in the Camino Real Hotel in El Paso and hosted by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. James Warren, of Plains.

Indians still a menace

San Antonio; A report just made public here reveals that during 1849 Indian raids in Texas caused the death of 171 persons and the wounding of 7 others. Indians also captured 25 people. Though Texas has belonged to the United States almost five years, life on the frontier continues to be dangerous. *The Texas News, Dec. 1850.*

Dangerous weather season on hand

With the onset of Spring, the potential for violent weather in the form of damaging thunderstorm winds and hail, tornadoes, lightning and flash flooding increases across our state. Yoakum County Sheriffs Department Captain Dean Smith who acts as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the County reminds all Yoakum Countians that they must know what to do when severe weather approaches.

Should a tornado warning be issued or if threatening weather develops in our area, follow these tornado safety rules:

In homes or small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior room on the lowest floor.

Stay away from windows. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car. Instead leave your car immediately.

If caught outside, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression.

Mobile homes, even if tied down offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

Tornadoes are on the most violent weather events in Texas. A tornado is defined as a rapidly rotating column of air which is attached to a thunderstorm and is in contact with the ground. In the most extreme tornadoes wind speed may approach 300 miles an hour.

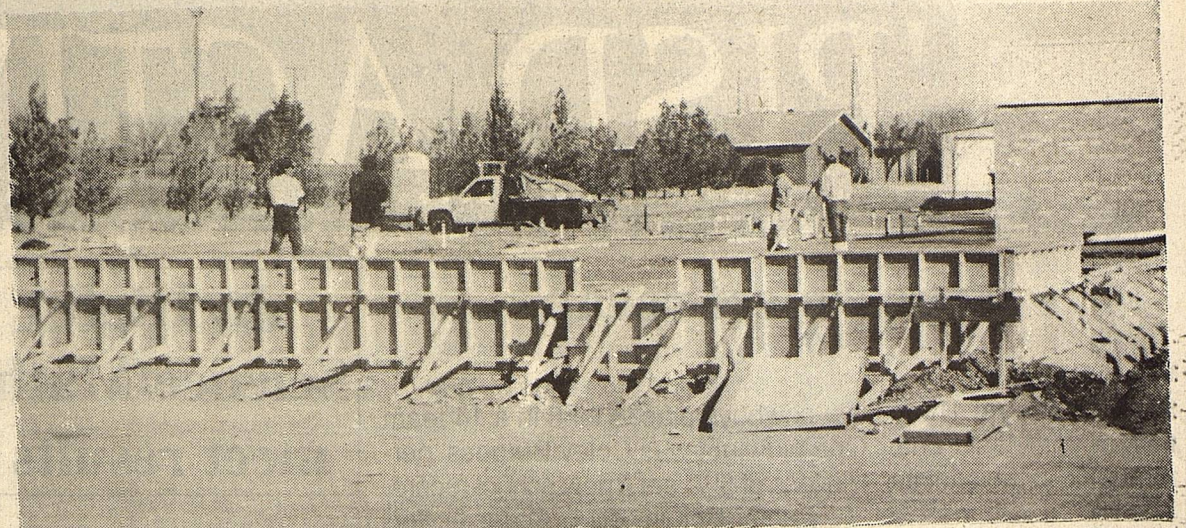
Peak tornado months in Texas are from April to June, but they may occur any time of the year. Tornadoes may last anywhere from a few seconds to more than an hour with families of tornadoes lasting several hours. They tend to move from the southwest to the northeast at an average speed of 30 miles an hour. However tornadoes can remain nearly stationary or move at speeds as high as 70 miles an hour.

Wind near thunderstorms can be dangerous with gusts of severe thunderstorms surging over 60 mph and causing property damage.

Damaging outflow winds from thunderstorms called downbursts can produce winds in excess of 100 mph. The damage associated with the downburst can mimic that of a tornado and many people that are hit by downburst winds swear they were hit by a tornado. Downbursts are classified in to two types, a larger macroburst and a smaller and usually more intense microburst.

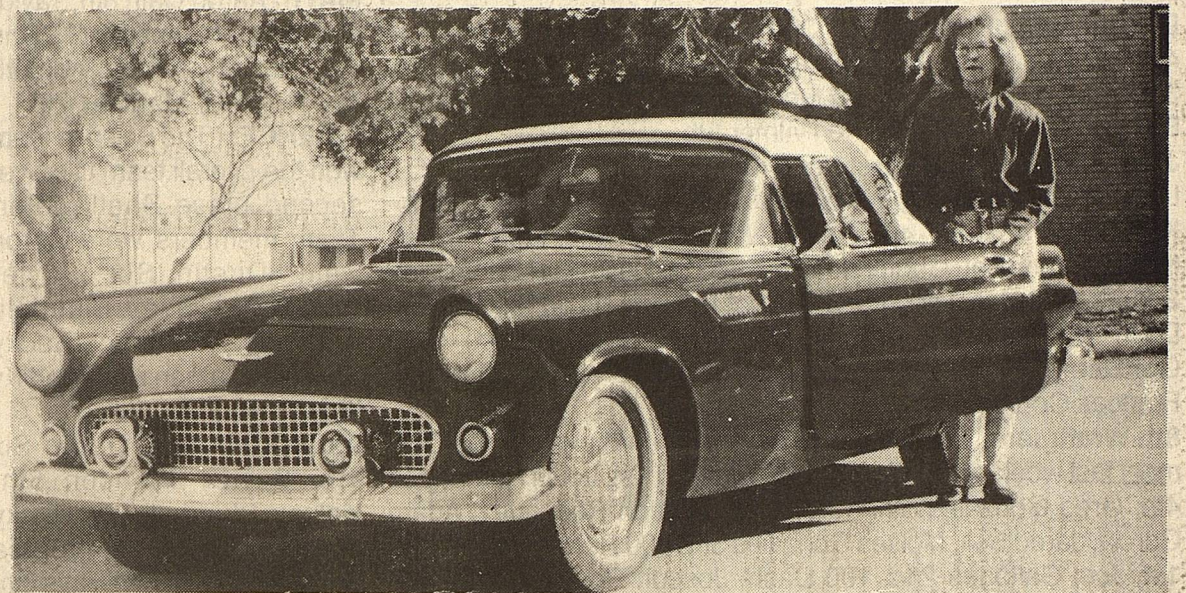
Safety precaution during high winds are much the same rules we follow for tornadoes. Seek shelter in a well-built structure

Large addition going up at First Baptist



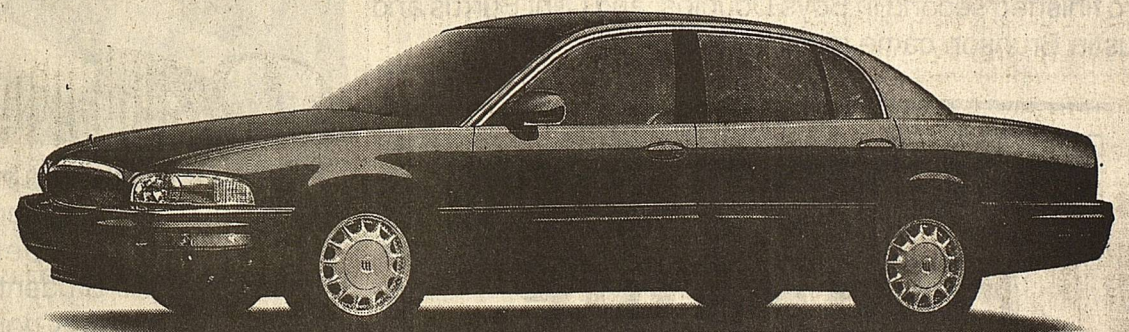
Workers shown above were busy pouring concrete for the new foundation slab of a large expansion project at the First Baptist Church here. When completed around November 1 of this year, the 15,000 square foot addition will contain new Sunday School rooms, and will greatly enlarge the present Fellowship Hall. A complete renovation project of the existing church is also taking place, expected to be complete about mid 1998.

"I've always loved the original Thunderbird... now I own one!"



Sheila Stephens is shown with her mint condition 1956 Ford Thunderbird which she and her husband Bo recently purchased from an individual in Tahoka. Sheila confessed she had a love affair with the classic T-Birds from the time she first saw one. When the couple looked at the fancy little car, she thought "This is crazy, thinking about spending this kind of money for a 41 year old car". Nevertheless, they ended up driving it home. Sheila added, "The guy we bought it from said it would continue to appreciate in value every year, so maybe it's not completely crazy".

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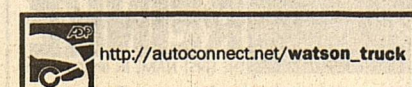
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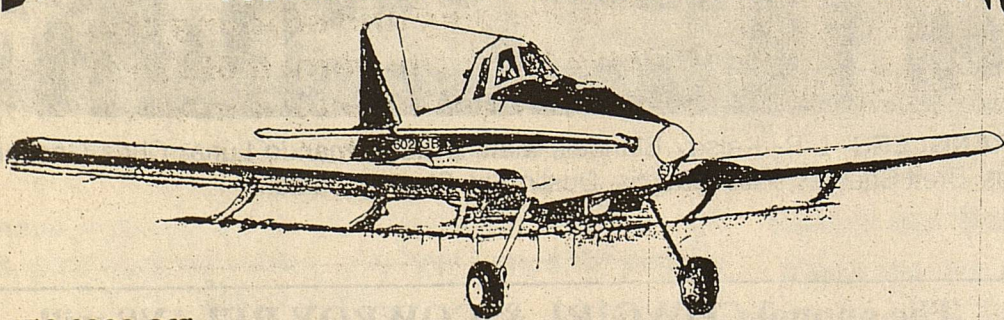
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Femme Friends



Tsa Mo Ga honors Nelda Laney

Tsa Mo Ga Club President Wilma Powell will present Nelda Laney with a "Women of Achievement" award in a meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the Caprock District Convention in Lubbock March 27.

Nelda Laney is the wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center. She has been active in the renovation and furnishing of the Speaker's office in the Capitol, and public spaces of the House of Representatives. She also serves on the Inaugural Endowment Fund Committee and Historical Art

Enrichment Program to enhance the Capitol. Her 1996 creation of collectible Texas Christmas ornaments will generate funds for the Capitol preservation. Plains residents were pleased to purchase the first creation, an ornament from State rep Gary Walker and wife Frankie.

Nelda Laney will also be honored in Waco April 30 at the Texas federation of Women's Clubs 100th anniversary celebration, and at the GFWC convention June 12 at Phoenix, Arizona.

Senior Citizen Corner

The only big news around the Center is nice, warm sunshine. Its so good for old bones.

Visitors this past few days were Rita and Ralph Peller, Aurora Dominguez, Lorraine Klamm, the other grandma in the Hannaman family, also Sara and Grady Marrad. We welcome visitors.

Our sympathy to the family of Raba Baker. She was special to so many people, and a special neighbor to me for many years.

Activities for March 10 through 14.

Monday- Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. Birthday, Anniversary and Sr. of the Month at 11:30 a.m. and Pool/Game at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday- Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m.

Friday- Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. Tatum Pool Tournament at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to a Pot Luck Supper March 17. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening with friends and Saint Patrick.

See you next week, Smitty

There were 10 members and 6 guests present. The 6 guests were: Mr. Byron Morgan, band director and his students: Matt Morgan, Eric Estrada, Chris Gscheidle, Isaac Gonzalez and Cosme Casillas.

Members enjoying the music provided were: Mrs. Sue Banfield, Beth Ann Cain, Melba Crutcher, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Lois Miller, Martha Palmer and Annette Cleveland.

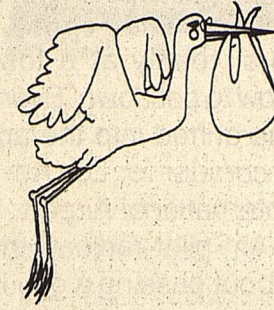
After the entertainment, the hostesses served a delicious meal with some, super rolls and strawberry shortcake to top it off!

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Fitzgerald. After roll call and the reading of the minutes, a committee was appointed to select nominees for scholarships. There wasn't a

Treasurer's report. There was discussion pertaining to the Sacred Heart Music Program which will be April 13, 1997 at the First Baptist Church. Local churches have been contacted about their participation in the program. There will be refreshments served after the program. The hostess gift was drawn by Sue Banfield.

The next meeting will be April 3, 1997, at 7 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Carolyn Culwell and Dolores Davis.

Sandra Ellison
Recording Secretary



New Young Beauty In Town!



Riley Kay Earnest joined her proud parents, Keith and Stacie Earnest, on February 20, 1997. Upon arrival, she weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Eddie and Bonnie Earnest of Plains, and C.E. and Jennie Carmichael of Sweetwater. Welcoming great grandparents are F.L. Earnest, Brownfield, Nadine Clanahan, Fort Worth, Clark and Jo Hitt, Crowell, and Claude and June Carmichael, Brownwood. Her great-grandmother is Bonnie Chastain of Brownwood.

It's a Boy!



Chris and Andrea Payne of Wellman are the proud parents of Grant David Payne, born 2:04 P.M. on February 18, 1997.

The youngman weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 19 5/8 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Jean Payne of Plains, Sharlann Smotherman of Brownfield, and Gary Sweat of Rowlett, Texas. Great grandparents are Dick and Bobby Paybe, Plains, Doris Beck, Plains, Ronnie and Dona Graham, Brownfield, and Patsy and Howard Sweat of Odessa.

Fine Arts Club Meet

Plains Fine Art Club met at 7 p.m. on March 6, 1997, in the Club Room with co-hostesses Beth Ann Cain and Melba Crutcher.

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Friday: Track—Plains, High School
Saturday: UIL Math/Science Meet—San Angelo
Spring Break 17-21

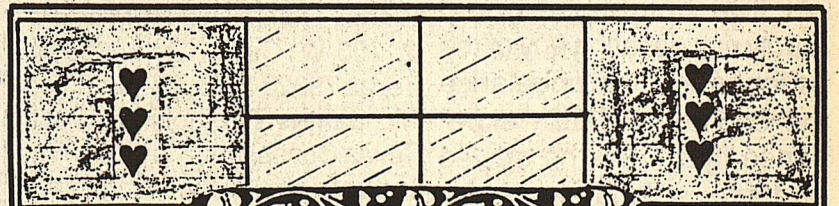
Library Filmtime

Nineteen children attended Filmtime this week on March 5, 1997. They sang three songs, played two games, watched a movie, and read two books.

Those attending included: Kevin John Gass, Rhaela Stall, Kelsey Curry, Autumn Friesen, Brett Hawthorne, Hunter Welch, Courtney Byram, Jacob Brin, Kody Ellison, Ashley Sellers, Isaac Doyle, Rhaemi Stall, Sean Curry, Cody Friesen, Dakota Earnest, Haley Welch, Sabrina Byram, Ariel Torres, and Adam Nixon.



Thank You!
Thank you for all the love and support shown to us during dad's time in the hospital, and since his death. The cards, flowers, food, visits, and most of all, prayers, are appreciated so much.
Charles, Beth Ann, Aaron & Evan Cain



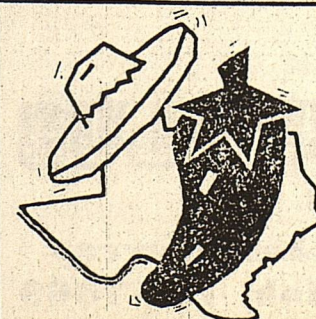
Welcome To The Lavender Patch

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By: Kathy Adair



Getting rid of sugar calories

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From The Hack



Ed's. Note: We're stealing this article from The Levelland & Hockley County News Press, courtesy of Editor Stephen Henry. In his March 9 issue he credits the story to friends who reported it to him, picked up from the computer internet.

"This gentleman is among the relatively few who have actually turned dreams into reality. A truck driver, but his lifelong dream was to fly. When he graduated from high school, he joined the Air Force in hopes of becoming a pilot. Unfortunately, poor eyesight disqualified him. When he finally left the service, he had to be satisfied watching others fly fighter jets over his backyard. As he sat there in his lawn chair, he dreamed about the magic of flying.

One day, he had an idea. He went to the Army-Navy store, bought several tanks of helium and 45 weather balloons. These were not your brightly colored party balloons; these were heavy duty spheres four feet across when fully inflated.

Back in his yard, the inventive guy used straps to attach the balloons to his lawn chair. He anchored the chair to the bumper of his Jeep and inflated the balloons with helium. Then he packed a few sandwiches and drinks and a loaded BB gun. He figured he could pop a few balloons when it was time to return to earth.

Preparations complete, he sat in his chair and cut the anchoring cord. His plan was to float lazily into the sky then eventually back to terra firma. Things didn't quite work out that way. When he cut the cord, he didn't float lazily up; he shot up as if fired from a cannon!

Nor did he go up a couple of hundred feet. He climbed, climbed until he finally levelled off at some 11,000 feet! At that height, he could hardly risk deflating any of the balloons lest he unbalance the load and REALLY experience flying. So, he stayed up there, drifting around for

15 hours, totally at a loss about how to get down. Eventually, he drifted into the approach corridor for Los Angeles International Airport.

A Pan Am pilot radioed the tower about passing a guy in a lawn chair with a rifle in his lap. You can imagine the conversation between the pilot and the control tower!

Los Angeles International is right on the ocean, and at nightfall, the winds on the coast begin to change. So, as dusk fell, our adventurer was drifting out to sea. At that point, the Navy dispatched a helicopter to rescue him, but the rescue team had a hard time getting to him because the drafts from the propellers would keep pushing his home-made contraption farther and farther away.

Eventually, they were able to hover above him and drop a rescue line, with which they gradually hauled him up to safety.

As soon as he hit the ground, he was arrested. But as he was led away in handcuffs, a television reporter called out, "Sir, why'd you do it?"

He stopped, eyed the re-

porter and crowd and said nonchalantly, "Well, a man can't just sit around!"

Court seeks new bids on D.C. pool building

In a special called meeting on Friday afternoon, March 7, the County Commissioners Court voted to re-advertise for new construction bids on a new bath house at the pool in Denver City's Stuffy Moorehead Park. In a prior meeting of the Court, the sole bid in the amount of \$110,000 for the job was rejected.

Commissioner J.R. Slentz, Pct. 2, told the Court the bid notice would be written allowing contractors to bid on specific segments of the project.

In the regular meeting Monday, March 10, the Court approved a report showing \$26,268.31 tax collections during February, and authorized payment of all county bills and hospital bills totaling \$233,484.

The Court went into Executive Session following the agenda item session.

Texas ranks third in states with the most Veterans, 1.6 million in 1995.

* Notice * For Bids

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 24, 1997, for the construction of a pool building at Stuffy Moorehead Park in Denver City. Yoakum County requests separate bids for each component of the building (Example: foundation, plumbing, roof, etc.) and/or bids for construction of entire building.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, March 24, 1997.

Bid price will be paid from 1997 budgeted funds.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact Mr. J. R. Slentz, Commissioner Precinct 2, 700 W. Cedar, Denver City, Texas 79323 (806-592-3287) or Mr. James Thompkins, West Texas Consultants, Inc., 501 W. Industrial, Midland, Texas 79701 (915-685-3800).

Sealed bids should be marked "BID - POOL BUILDING" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/ Cowboy Way @ Ave. G, Plains, Texas 79355. No FAX copies will be accepted.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Cause No. 1300 IN RE: Estate of Margaret Box, Deceased

In The County Court
of Yoakum County

Notice to creditors of the estate of Margaret Box, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Margaret Box, Deceased, were granted to Tommy Guy Box on February 24, 1997, by the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same to Tommy Guy Box within the time prescribed by law. The address for these purposes is;

Estate of Margaret Box,
Deceased
J.T. Kelly,
Attorney at Law
3823 84th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79423

By Tommy Guy Box,
Independent Executor of the
Estate of
Margaret Box, Deceased

Bobbie beats hubby again, sets new lake record at Ivie



Bobbie Gayle is shown above with her humongous 12.75 pound largemouth bass caught March 4 at Lake O.H. Ivie, to set a new lake record. She and husband Butch were fishing in the Elm Creek area of the lake, and not having much luck on their normally favored bait, Carolina rigged Power Worms. On a whim, they tied on a couple of newly purchased spinner baits and started slow rolling them in water 20 to 30 feet deep. Butch hung a fine 10.11 bass, and just minutes later Bobbie tied into the almost 13 pound monster. They also managed to land 7.8 and 9.5 pound lunkers in the brief but memorable time span. All the large bass were returned to the lake, hopefully to spawn this season.

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* Public Notice *

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Pursuant to the terms of the Entry for Density, this application may be granted by the Commissioners if no protest to this application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of leases of record of adjacent tracts. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for this application. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact Chuck Sledge - Production Engineer for Collins & Ware, Inc. at (915) 687-3435. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6748.

If you wish to request a hearing on this application, you must notify the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division, Permitting Services Section, PO Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, in writing of your intent to appear in protest. This intent to appear in protest must be received in the Railroad Commission's Austin Office by April 1, 1997. If no protest is received within such time, the requested application may be granted by the Commissioners.

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