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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS IN

Following the close of the School Trustee, City Council and Sandy Land Board elections Saturday afternoon, the pollsters quickly furnished final counts in the races.

In the Plains Independent School District election for two trustees, incumbent President Jerry Parrish, District 2, was replaced by challenger Randy Tuggle. He garnered 54 votes in the sparsely populated district to Parrish's 25.

In the At Large District 7 race, incumbent Gary Six also went down to defeat to Dwayne Canada. He drew 274 votes to Six's 164.

The three incumbent City Council members seeking to keep their jobs were returned to office, facing no opposition. Shane McKenzie received 127 votes, followed by Owen Schneider, 116, and Bonnie Earnest, 110.

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District race for three expiring Director spots found all three of the incumbents retaining their board spots. Darrell Barron polled 436 votes, David Turnbough had 403, and Don Parrish received 332. They were followed by challengers Jim Risley, 323, and Lee Kidd, 219.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court was held Monday, May 8, Judge Dallas Brewer officiating. All four Precinct Commissioners were present, as well as Wanda Smith, Tax Assessor-Collector, Toni Jones, Treasurer, Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, and Ruby Bruton, Clerk.

Also attending were Sheryl Cates, Women's Protective Service, Lubbock, Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark, and Attorney Kelly Moore, Brownfield.

The court approved a bid from Mustang Country for the purchase of a 1995 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup for Precinct 4 with a price of \$14,946. A bid from Ronnie Cowart in the amount of \$2,500.02 was accepted for a 1985 Chevrolet pickup, the new truck will replace.

The Court accepted a report from Assessor-Collector Smith showing monthly tax receipts of \$20,104.81. A motion was made by Prec. 4 Commissioner Macky McWhirter to advertise for sale and appraise an approximate 10 acre strip of land in section 331, with payment to the county in caliche and/or water in lieu of cash. The move was approved.

The Court heard a brief report from Sheryl Cates and Richard Clark on progress of the recently formed Domestic Violence Task Force which will work with Women's Protective Services and MHMR to combat the growing trend of family violence. The Court approved a request from Clark and Cates for \$1,650 toward the program cost, \$1,000 of the amount to be placed in the September program budget, \$650 to defray curriculum training costs.

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LIONS CLUB MEETS

The monthly Plains Lions Club met Thursday, May 4. The program, arranged by Pete St Romain, was a presentation of health care services in the home provided by Generations Home Care. Rudy Calsoncin, Home Health Aide, introduced the speaker, Debbie Archer, RN and Director of Nurses for the organization.

Archer, with 20 years nursing experience, said the company now has staff in Seminole, Denver City, Andrews and Seagraves.

Upon your physicians orders, Generations can provide either Registered or Licensed Vocational Nurses for a host of medical assistance practices. Home Health Aides are also available for personal care, from bathing, meal preparation, shopping, even light housekeeping.

They also offer the services of a licensed Speech Pathologist for communication disorders, and a specially trained social worker is available to provide emotional and social support.

Archer said the company handles patients in all age groups, but the bulk of their services are provided thru Medicare benefits. The company handles all medical claims for the patient.

Club President David Brunson outlined the Chamber of Commerce plans for the large metal greeting sign to be placed just east of town. The impressive sign will cost about \$2000. The club voted to issue a challenge to the communities other civic organizations, merchants and individuals; For each dollar received

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SHELL BUY-OUT PLAN INTRIGUING, QUESTION FILLED

A pair of recently held meetings in Denver City of County, City and School officials, concerned citizens and business people to consider the purchase of local Shell Oil Company assets by the County has raised hosts of questions, but few concrete answers as yet.

At the recent Friday meeting, Attorneys' Jerry Corbin and Tom Wilkins tried to outline reasons for the proposed acquisition of Shell. They include tax problems the move could alleviate, and benefits to the two school districts and the local oil and gas business interests. The two urged those at the meeting to work together to help develop a business plan of action to initiate the precedent setting and controversial proposal.

It was pointed out one of the first objectives must be the approach of top Shell management to determine if the company would consider selling the local assets, and if so, what the asking price would be.

Those two basic questions must be answered before Commissioners Court could seek voter approval of offering a revenue bond issue.

Corbin and Wilkinson pointed to the necessity of a thorough, in-depth feasibility study, which

would have to be presented to and favorably considered by large bond investors in the Wall Street sector.

It appeared no one has clear cut figures on what such a study would cost. A myriad of subjects would have to be covered, including cost analysis, oil and gas reserves and longevity estimates of producing fields, liability and environmental issues, reservoir engineering data, accounting practices, physical assets of the company, joint ownership and operating agreements, the extent of the Shell assets to be purchased, and the role Gaines County would have with the company assets in that county.

A questioner was told funds for the feasibility study are available in the Denver City Economic Development Board coffers, somewhere between \$100-200 thousand. Following the meeting, several people questioned whether this amount of money would even begin to cover costs of such an extensive study, considering the number of accountants, attorneys, engineers and other specialists required for their data.

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FINAL DAYS OF SCHOOL WINDING DOWN

The final day of school for the Elementary, Junior High and High School students of the PISD is Friday, 19th, with an early dismissal at 1:15PM, the event always eagerly looked forward to by the students.

Events preceding the last day include the annual Sports Banquet in the cafeteria at 7:00PM Monday, May 15, A picnic for first graders Tuesday in Stanford Park at 10:00AM, a picnic for second graders in Yoakum County Park, and a pizza lunch for Junior High students Wednesday.

On Thursday, third graders will picnic in the county park, and a Junior High Awards Assembly will be held in the auditorium at 1:00PM

The final, long awaited big day for high school Seniors will be Friday, with graduation ceremonies in the auditorium at 8:00 PM.

Awarding the Seniors their diplomas will cap the end of another successful

school year, and for the graduates, the finale of 12 years of work and learning experience.

We want to congratulate each Senior who steps up to receive their diploma. This important milestone in your lives will be one you will always remember, one you will be proud of the rest of your days.

During the past nine months, we have made dozens of trips to Plains High, visiting with teachers, administrators, staff, and you, the Senior class of 1995. We know you have put forth much effort in your academic, sports and special events, and you have made the school and community proud of your accomplishments.

Our sincere congratulations, and we wish nothing but the best for each of you in the years to come. Good Luck!

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FARMING: A Different Kind Of Business

While farm programs have changed substantially over the years, their primary objectives have remained constant. For the past 60 years, they have sought to provide price and income protection to farmers, conserve soil and water resources, and assure consumers an abundance of food and fiber at reasonable prices.

The means of achieving these goals have always been subject to debate. Yet since the Depression Era, for the most part, there's been a broad consensus that public support of agriculture is both desirable and necessary to bring a measure of stability to the inherently uncertain business of farming.

Several factors make farming different from other businesses.

A large number of farms produce the same commodities, and each farm accounts for a very small part of total production. Individual farmers, therefore, have little influence on either the price received for their crops, or on the prices paid for their production inputs. It's often said farming is the only business that buys retail and sells wholesale.

Modern production practices require farmers to maintain a substantial capital investment in land and equipment, and the bulk of agriculture's capital equipment has limited use and value outside the Ag sector. Agriculture is therefore extremely sensitive to changes in the overall economy, such as interest rates and inflation.

While capital investment in American farms is relatively high, the return on that investment is normally

lower than investments in non farm businesses. Also, the average non-farm business does not risk losing a significant chunk of its annual income to hail storms, lack of rain water, early freezes, or some other uncontrollable event. Weather makes agricultural production variable, causing wide swings in farm prices and income. Farmers can't just shut down or start up production in response to fluctuating demand or prices. Additionally, technological advances have resulted in rising production capacity, and declining per-unit profit levels at the farm level.

As agriculture has grown more dependent on export sales of farm commodities, producers face new challenges, and new opportunities from the more open trading arena created by the GATT and NAFTA agreements.

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SATURDAY BIKE a THON RIDERS DO MANY LAPS



kneeling; Trey Cleveland, Blake O'Quinn
standing; Elizabeth Wilmeth, Allison Friesen, Megan Allsup, Mandi Rogers, Annaliesia O'Quinn

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The two attorneys explained the difficulties facing this initial organizational effort, having no precedent type purchase to study and learn from, no role model to examine. They told those attending the contractors and petroleum experts would have to furnish the know how and expertise to the voting public if the proposal gets off the ground.

This intriguing purchase proposal has been prompted by several factors; County tax revenues have declined approximately 65% during the last three years, the two school districts were forced to transfer \$23 million tax dollars to other districts because of the 'Robin Hood' law, and employment and business fortunes are sharply down in the petroleum based Denver City economy.

The main thrust of the infant purchase proposal would remove Shell from the tax rolls, replace their tax contributions with revenue from production of the local assets, and remove the school districts from the ravages of 'Robin Hood' dollar transfers.

It's apparent no one has all the answers to the proposed purchase, and it is equally apparent efforts will continue to explore the possibilities of the unique proposed plan.

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Because of its unique characteristics, agriculture receives special treatment from governments the world over. A recent World Bank survey showed of some 80 nations, only one, New Zealand, did not intervene in its commodity markets either to protect farmers from low prices, or consumers from high prices. The passage of GATT will help level the playing field for efficient farmers around the world, but US farmers still face intense competition from foreign producers who continue to receive sizable subsidies from their governments.

In effect, US producers not only have to compete against foreign producers for new markets, but against foreign governments as well. In this context, the farm safety net, or Farm Program, remains just as important, if not more so, than ever before.

Note: portions of this article furnished by USDA Commissioner Dan Glickman's office.



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**LODGE HONORS 25 & 50
 YEAR MEMBERS**

Members of Plains Lodge #1261 AF&AM met Friday, May 5, to present five twenty-five year pins and one fifty year pin. Over forty people attended, including members, friends and family members.

A meal of ham, beans, a variety of salads, and desserts, rolls and drink was served to those present.

After the meal, Ty Earl Powell, Master of Plains Lodge introduced District Deputy Grand Master, Mike Kent of Brownfield, who made the presentation of year pins and certificates to members Bobby Joe Barton of Midland; Rufus L. Brian, Plains; T. Alton Elmore, Brownfield; Ty Earl Powell, Plains; and Donald Bo Stephens, Plains. Each recipient was escorted by Senior Deacon, Tommy Barron of Seminole. Attending wives pinned the lapel pins on their husbands.

District Deputy Grand Master, Mike Kent made



25 year honorees Bobby Barton, Rufus Brian, Ty Earl Powell, T. Alton Elmore, & Donald 'Bo' Stephens

the presentation of a fifty year pin and certificate to Jesse Hale of Boswell, Oklahoma. Jesse was attended by his wife, Viva and a brother, A.J. Hale and his wife from Lamesa, Texas.

After the ceremonies, visiting and reminiscing were enjoyed by those present, with lots of laughter and conversation. Some

wrinkled brows were in evidence as attempts were made to identify faces of some of those present in pictures of ground breaking ceremonies in the fifties, for the present Lodge building.

Guest present were from Brownfield, Midland, Denver City, and Seminole, Texas as well as from Lovington, New Mexico and Boxwell, Oklahoma.

**FOOD SAFETY
 STRATEGIES
 FOR THE
 BACKYARD
 CHEF**

There's something about spring and summer seasons that brings out the backyard chef in even those who don't normally like to cook. "But cooking out requires extra precaution to prevent food borne illness," said Joan Chandler, Yoakum County Extension Agent-FCS.

*Select high quality fresh meat, poultry or seafood products for the best results in outdoor grilling.

*Keep meat products at a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less until right before grilling. Thaw frozen meat products in the refrigerator--not at room temperature. At room temperatures, the outer layers of meat may reach a temperature that promotes bacterial growth before the inner layers are thawed.

*Keep marinating foods in the refrigerator. Do not use leftover marinade as a sauce on cooked meat. Marinade may contain bacteria from raw meat that could contaminate cooked meat.

*Always wash your hands before and after working with raw meat or poultry. Handle raw foods and cooked foods separately.

*Wash work surfaces and cutting boards thoroughly with hot, soapy water before and after preparing meat for grilling. To sanitize, clean with a solution of 1-1/2 to 2 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water. Use a different cutting board for meats than for raw fruits and vegetables.

*After you place the meat on the grill, wash utensils and platters with hot, soapy water before using them again to serve the meat. Cooking kills bacteria, but cooked foods can be recontaminated with unwashed utensils.

*Keep serving time after cooking to a maximum of two hours and refrigerate all leftovers immediately at 40

degrees Fahrenheit or below. *Chicken, pork, turkey and ground meat products should be cooked until the juice runs clear or the temperature reaches 170 degrees.

*Eating raw or rare meat is not recommended especially for persons who have chronic illnesses, are recovering from surgery or have compromised immune systems. Cook meat thoroughly to kill bacteria.

Cookouts are popular family and social activities. Keep them safe by following common sense rules of cleanliness, food safety and healthful cooking.

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from those sources, the Lions Club will match the donation, until the project is fully funded.

Attending were members Brunson, Jerry Morphus, Harry Richardson, T.J. Miller, St. Romain, Gary Dyer, Sherm Tingle, Johnnie Fitzgerald and Rick Doyle.

Guests were Clarence Rogers, Lubbock, David Turnbough, Denver City, Calsoncin, Archer, and RN Shannan Henson, also with Generations.

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***** **P.I.S.D. ACTIVITY PAGE** *****

BAND EARNS STATE CHAMP AWARD AT AUSTIN MEET

The PHS Wind Ensemble section of the band competed in the UIL Contest May 6, and scored an impressive perfect judges score of three 1's.

A special selection process chose only four class 1-A Regional contest winners to the elite state finals. The Band played first in the 1-A contest, and swept the field with their perfect score, an accomplishment which eclipsed performances of many bands from larger 2,3 and 4-A schools.

Director Morgan said he was elated by the winning effort. "They've worked very hard all year getting ready for this event, and I am really proud of how they peaked out in Austin. I don't know how they

could have performed any better," he stated. Morgan said after the contest, Richard Floyd, director of Musical Activities, UIL, and Jerry Junkin, Wind Ensemble Director, University of Texas, both had words of high praise for the PHS band, citing the impressive number of members, 72, and the quality of their three selection performance.

In addition to bringing home trophies and honor to the school and community, the Band enjoyed a Saturday trip to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio after their winning contest.

Our hearty congratulations once more to these hard working and dedicated young musicians!

INDUSTRIAL TECH STUDENTS WIN STATE!

PHS Industrial Technology students carried samples of their crafts to the big State Meet in Austin last weekend, and brought home a host of honors, awards, including the coveted High Point Team, Class 1-A Award, and first place Quality Score, Class 1-A.

The community should make the trip to the High School foyer and see the excellent display of the projects the 'Tech' students so successfully showed in Austin. Their work is outstanding, and features everything from a hand tooled saddle to artfully carved and painted figurines and human type heads.

Instructor Robert Canon said he was delighted with the contest results, and was extremely proud of the students. Following are individual results and honors: William Chavez, Best in State; Robert Knight, two - 1st places; David Bitolas, 2nd; Edward Escobar 1st; Becky St. Romain, Best in State, 1st & 3rd; Heath Johnson, two Best in State, 1st & 3rd; Barney Tovar, Best in State and 2nd; Hector Gallegos, two Best in State; Jamey Garland, two Best in State; Arthur Hernandez, four Best in State and One 1st; Lee David Hernandez, Six Best in State and two 1st.

RIDE FOR ST. JUDE'S CANCER RESEARCH

Ten young cyclists pedaled around Stanford Park Saturday morning, lap after lap, racking up a total of 177 miles in a fund raising event for cancer research at Memphis' St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital.

Mary Wilmeth, the ride coordinator, said the youngsters efforts raised over \$800 in contributions from local businesses and individuals, who pledged money for each lap completed. She cited Pay-n-Save Grocery for providing drinks for the riders, and thanked Malisa Rogers and Ty Wilmeth for their assistance in staging the event.

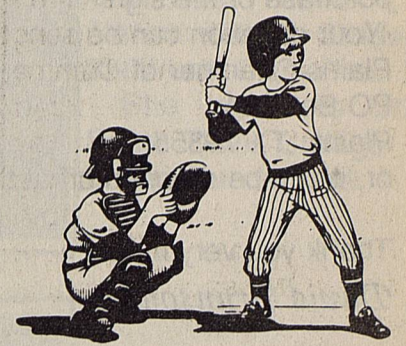
Naomi Mathews, Hospice, Hobbs, and Frances and Bob Wallace, Hospice, Lovington, were present for the contest, and the organization contributed to the pledge money fund. They brought young Jorge Nava from Lovington to take part in the Bike-A-Thon.

Contestants and laps finished were: First-Blake O'Quinn 26.5; Second-Megan Allsup 25 and Annaliesa O'Quinn 25; Third-Mandi Rogers 24; Fourth Liz Wilmeth, 18; Fifth- Trey Clelland 14.5; Sixth- James Wright 12 and Jorge Nava (Lovington) 12; Seventh Brandon Martinez 10 and Allison Friesen 10.

PISD STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the Week is Valerie Blair. Valerie is a Junior at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Royce Blair.

She has a very cheerful disposition. Very rarely will you ever see her in a bad mood. This carries into her class work. She works hard at everything she does. When there is a job to be done in Student Council, she does not hesitate in volunteering her time. She is on several committees and has been an excellent class president.



1995 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

MAJOR LEAGUE		MINOR LEAGUE	T-Ball
1 - Yankees		4-Braves	8- Bad News Bears
2 - Cowboys		5-Marlins	9- Rockies
3 - Rangers		6-Sharks	10 Rangers
		7-White Sox	
May 8	1-3 (6:00 p.m.)		
May 11	2-3 (6:00 p.m.)		
May 12	2-1 (6:00 p.m.)		
May 15	3-2 (7:45 p.m.)	4-5 (6:15 p.m.)	8-9 (5:15 p.m.)
May 16	1-2 (7:45 p.m.)	6-7 (6:15 p.m.)	8-10 (5:15 p.m.)
May 18	3-1 (7:45 p.m.)		9-10 (6:30)
May 22	2-1 (7:45 p.m.)	4-7 (6:15 p.m.)	10-9 (5:15 p.m.)
May 23	3-2 (7:45 p.m.)	5-6 (6:15 p.m.)	9-8 (5:15 p.m.)
May 25	1-3 (7:45 p.m.)		
May 26		7-6 (7:00 p.m.)	
		5-4 (8:30 p.m.)	
May 29	3-1 (7:45 p.m.)	7-5 (6:15 p.m.)	8-10 (5:15 p.m.)
May 30	2-1 (7:45 p.m.)	4-6 (6:15 p.m.)	9-10 (5:15 p.m.)
June 1	2-3 (7:45 p.m.)		8-9 (6:30 p.m.)
June 2		4-5 (7:00 p.m.)	
		6-7 (8:30 p.m.)	
June 5	3-2 (7:45 p.m.)	5-6 (6:15 p.m.)	9-8 (5:15 p.m.)
June 6	1-3 (7:45 p.m.)	7-4 (6:15 p.m.)	10-8 (5:15 p.m.)
June 8	1-2 (7:45 p.m.)		10-9 (6:30 p.m.)
June 9		6-4 (7:00 p.m.)	
		7-5 (8:30 p.m.)	
June 12	1-2 (7:45 p.m.)	7-4 (6:15 p.m.)	9-10 (5:15 p.m.)
June 13	3-1 (7:45 p.m.)	6-5 (6:15 p.m.)	8-9 (5:15 p.m.)
June 15	2-3 (7:45 p.m.)		10-8 (6:30 p.m.)

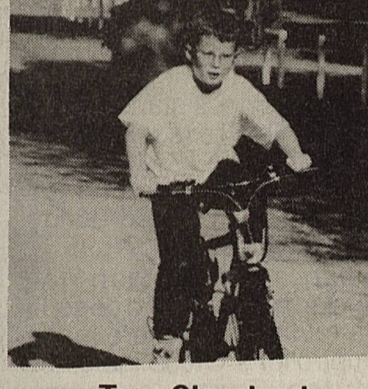
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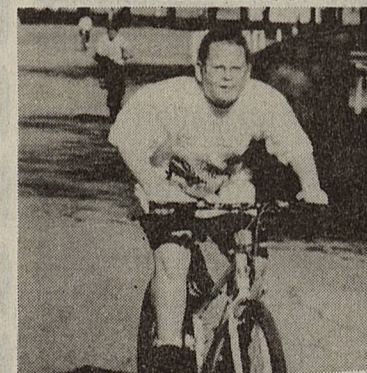
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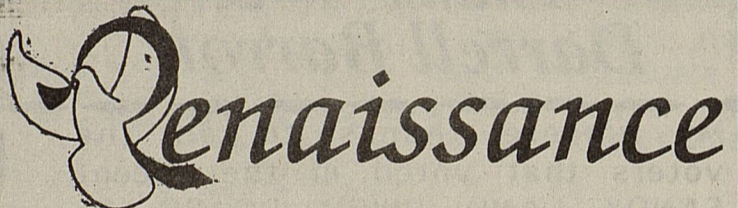
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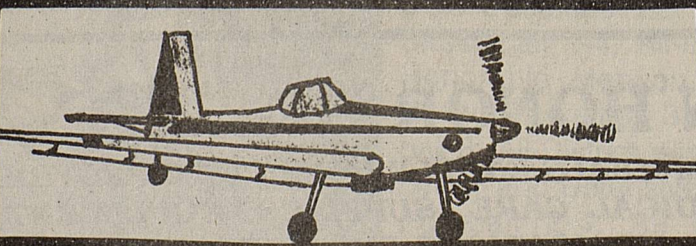
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Plains Chamber of Commerce has proposed purchasing a **WELCOME TO PLAINS** sign to be erected east of Plains. This will be a metal sign built by Westcraft Metal Arts of Tatum, N.M., and will be approximately 16 feet wide.

The project will be funded with donations and contributions from various sources. The sign will cost approximately \$2000.

The PLAINS LIONS CLUB hereby issues a challenge to all civic clubs, businesses and individuals of the community to raise the necessary funds to purchase this sign by June 15, 1995.

In issuing this challenge, the PLAINS LIONS CLUB has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar (up to one-half the cost of the sign) all donations and contributions to the Plains Chamber of Commerce toward the purchase of the sign.

Your donation can be sent to :
Plains Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 364
Plains, TX 79355,
or, it can be dropped off at the City Hall in Plains

Thank you very much,
David Brunson,



Pres., Plains Lions Club

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM TO START IN JUNE

Sheryl Cates, Executive Director, Women's Protective Services, Lubbock, appeared before Commissioners Court Monday, May 8, to relate the current status of the County Domestic Violence Task Force, recently formed to reduce physical and mental abuse in the home.

Cates said the program is moving rapidly, and expects it to be operational in June. Representatives of criminal justice, social services, law enforcement, human services are pooling resources and talents to combat the seriously increasing number of domestic violence cases reported locally, state and nationwide. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark also addressed the court, and stated, "Each week, from 20 to 40% of the cases I see involve some sort of violence or abuse in the home. The most frequent victims of this abuse are children or the elderly."

Cates and Clark told the Court the program they are creating will be funded shortly by Grant money, to be received as a result of Serena Elmore's recently submitted grant proposal.

The program would be a strong educational effort to stop offenders from committing violent abuse, Clark said. "Once the program is operational, when I am presented with an abuse case, I will have the same

opportunity to prosecute a batterer, but if I feel circumstances warrant, I can recommend a special 26 week course to the offender, with possible probation, and prosecute if the course is refused. If an abuser fails to finish the course, I can and will revoke probation. We must show these people they can either change their ways, or pay a severe penalty," he added.

Abused victims will also attend a special four hour educational course. Both type courses will be conducted by MHMR Director Clay Grizzle.

The Commissioners noted in their remarks to Cates and Clark that any reduction of abuse and violence convictions through educational programs such as this will result in a significant reduction of spending tax dollars on trials and/or jail terms.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The South Plains Foundation Auto Diesel Scholarship has been awarded to Jason Thomas Wilson. This scholarship is given to a deserving student who has worked hard and earned it.

Jason is finishing his sophomore year at South Plains College. His field of study is automotive technology. His graduation is set for May.

He is married to DeAnn and has one daughter, Danyalla Brooke. He is the son of Darlene Wilson and grandson of Billie McDonnell and the late Tommie McDonnell.

TEXAS' ECONOMIC GROWTH BOOMING

BY: John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts

Sometimes, as the old country and western song has it, you don't miss your water till it's gone. Those words could be applied to today's booming Texas economy--and the reluctance of many Texans to believe that the times are really as good as they seem.

Back in January, I delivered my official revenue estimate to legislators, setting the limit of how much they could spend during the next two-year budget cycle. Even though I was frugal, I predicted a robust growth of more than \$4.5 billion over the current budget, due specifically to state lawmakers' approval of my many cost-cutting proposals and, in a general sense, to a variety of positive economic factors on the national scene.

The truth is, both today's economy and tomorrow's outlook are in better shape than they've been in over a decade.

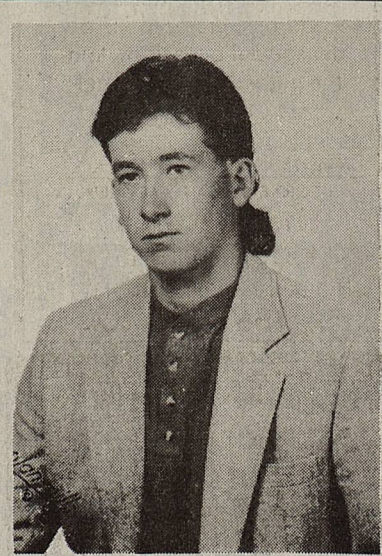
Yet, a surprising number of Texans are unwilling to acknowledge that we're living in boom times. Despite abundant evidence everywhere of healthy, strong and sustainable growth, some of those who survived the mid-1980s bust don't want to see.

It's hard to blame them. The decline was steep and very painful. Moreover, the very word "boom" has acquired lurid connotations for a lot of folks who, through experience, have come to believe that the frightening word "bust" will inevitably follow.

But it doesn't have to. Last year, Texas added more new jobs than any other state--a quarter of a million. When it comes to employment and population, we moved into second place--behind California and, for the first time, ahead of New York--among the fifty states. Even the recent devaluation of the Mexican peso will have little long-term effect on the Texas economy, although retail sales have suffered a significant short-term loss.

New business starts are on the rise. The Texas economy created nearly 175,000 new enterprises last year, and the trend has accelerated during the first few months of 1995.

Just as important, the financial monitoring we perform on a routine basis here in the Comptroller's Office indicates that the Texas economy should out pace the national economy by as much as a full percentage point in each of the next few years. In fact, the potential for future prosperity could make the boom times of the past look like a barn dance.



DISTRICT COURT CASES

On Monday, May 8, Brandon Chad Spurgeon, 18, in 121st District Court plead guilty in cause #1678 to the charge of Burglary of a Building.

He was sentenced to ten years in the TDC, with placement in the Special Alternative Incarceration Program (S.A.I.P.), for a period of not less than 75 days, nor more than 90 days. He was also fined \$1,000.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state, and Spurgeon was represented by Attorney Kelly Moore of Brownfield.

Causes #1679 & 7392 were adjudicated.

MAY 5, 1995 JUDGE CRUTCHER PRECINCT ONE

- 74 Traffic Cases filed.
- 1 Juvenile Warning Administered
- 1 Felony Case filed
- Bonds Set:
- Motion to revoke Probation- held until hearing
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- Driving While Intoxicated- 1st offense- \$1,000 bond set
- Aggravated Sexual Assault- \$35,000 bond.
- Driving While Intoxicated- 2nd offense- \$1,500
- Failure to Appear- \$300 bond
- Allow Child (4-14) to ride no secured by Safety Belt- \$200 bond
- Failed to Maintain Financial Responsibility- \$650 bond
- Aggravated Assault- Grand Jury Indictment-\$5,000 bond
- Resisting Arrest- \$2,500 bond plus 24 hrs further detention
- Family Violence- \$3,500 bond plus 24 hrs further detention
- Public Intoxication- \$230 fine
- Public Intoxication- \$230 fine
- No Safety Belt- \$210 bond
- Failure to Appear- \$330 bond
- Driving While Intoxicated- 1st offense- \$1,000 bond
- Driving While Intoxicated- 1st offense- \$1,000 bond
- Assault Causing Bodily Injury- \$2,000 bond
- Assault Causing Bodily Injury- \$2,000 bond
- Assault Causing Bodily Injury- \$3,000 bond.
- Driving While Intoxicated- 1st offense- \$1,000 bond.

FROM GARY WALKER, State Representative, District 80

This first week of May, I look at the many impassioned, valiant and emotionally charged issues before us. And what I see is partisanship put aside to focus on the big picture; the state of Texas and her citizens.

As I celebrated my 49th birthday Thursday, we started a debate on SB 1, the reformation of the Education Code. This task is not an easy assignment. Education is a subject that is important to every member of the House. As you know it is not easy to come to a unanimous decision on such a broad issue with so many being affected. But, assure you, I have worked with area educators, and we will pass an education code that is good not just for District 80, but good for the state of Texas. The fate of education is definitely the fate of our future.

Let me repeat, I am a representative. A representative for you, not me or other special interest groups but for the people in district 80. Without your input there is no representation. I urge you to keep these required fair and

equitable settlements. I believe people who suffer negligent harm should be compensated, but the compensation should be fair and just. Speaking of fair and just, SB 60, the Concealed Weapons bill, was sent to a conference committee after passing the House Tuesday. The purpose of this committee is to review the changes made on the House floor to SB 60. In this review process we will make sure the referendum and other amendments made to this bill are what Texans want. I implore you to call or write my office voicing your concerns on this issue. It is your feedback which promotes success for District 80. I am confident the joint Committee will do it's best to keep safety of Texans in mind as it reviews this 100 page document.

These required fair and

THANKS, VOTERS!

I greatly appreciate the confidence expressed by your vote in the SANDY LAND BOARD of DIRECTORS election.

I will continue to do my best to continue to serve each of you and protect our vital water resources.

Thank You, Darrell Barron

My sincere thanks to all the voters that voted in the recent SANDY LAND UWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION and especially those that supported me in my bid for re-election. I will continue to serve ALL the residents and tax payers of the District. Your vote of confidence and trust is appreciated and will be accepted as my challenge to serve to the best of my ability.

David Turnbough

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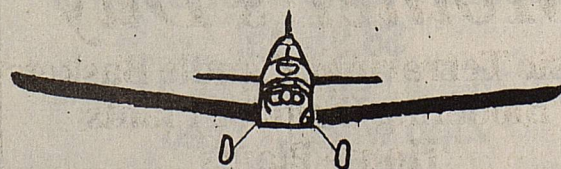
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ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING PLANS ANNOUNCED



Mrs. Dolores Davis announces the engagement of her daughter, Raynee, of Portland, to Kyle Andrews, of Corpus Christi, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dean Andrews of Mexia. Raynee is also the daughter of the late Wayne Lee Davis.

Raynee, a graduate of Plains High School, Hardin-Simmons University, and Baylor University, is employed by Humana Health Care Plans in Corpus Christi. Kyle, a graduate of Plains High School and Angelo State University, is employed by Gregory-Portland Independent School District.

The couple will marry on Saturday, July 22, in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Corpus Christi.

Congratulations, Mandy!

Mandy Malouf of Lubbock, daughter of Tony & Kathy Malouf of Levelland, graduates from Texas Tech May 13, 1995. During her Texas Tech school years, Mandy was a member of the Tech Track team where she excelled in long distance races. During her Jr. year she set a new school record in the 5,000 meter race. Mandy was an All Southwest Conference performer and Southwest Conference Academic Honor Team Member her Jr. and Sr. year.

She maintained a 4.0 grade pt. average all four years at Texas Tech. She

will enroll this fall in the Texas Tech Medical School and plans to become a Doctor.

Our congratulations to our Special Friend! David, Sarah, Chad, Buffie, and Dain Guetersloh.



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Davis Twins

Our family has just increased. We doubled our expected joy! We had a beautiful baby daughter Together with a handsome boy.

We doubled a big decision On what would be their names. And finally we chose for them Whitney Claire and Johnathan Wayne.

On April 26, 1995 At St. Mary's came one and two Whitney arrived at 1:59, And Johnathan at 2:02 a.m.

She is beautiful like her mom And like his dad, he'll be strong. She was 14 inches head to toe. And he was 15-3/4 inches long.

Mom and both babies Are really doing fine. She was 2 pounds 9-1/2 ounces, And he was two pounds nine.

Now our lively household Totals up to three. We guess that's what they mean by Buy one, get one free!

Wayne and Cindy, proud parents Lauren Alyssa, Big Sister Wilson & Barbara Neely, grandparents of Lampasas Dolores Davis, grandmother of Plains Aubrey Neely, great-grandfather of Leander

LIBRARY FILM TIME

Twenty-Seven preschool youngsters enjoyed Film Time Wednesday, May 3. They saw movies, sang and read a book. Attending were; Sherman Gressett, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Stephanie & Chris Addison, Katie Winn, Jaaron & Joani Bell, Brooke & Brett Kenny, Curtis Artega, Marissa Melendez, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Meagan McElroy, Jacob Brink, Cody Mayes, Ryan Crump, Troy Don Parrish, Lauren, Holden, Hunter & Haley Welch, Sammy Melendez, Morgan Willis, and Christopher Gonzalez.

The last Film Time will be May 17, when the end of the year party will be held.

BRIDAL SHOWER ANNOUNCED

TONI LOWREY,
BRIDE ELECT OF
STEVE SELPH
 Home of Mrs. Dan Wall,
 108 Ave. G
 Saturday, May 20,
 2:30 - 4:00 PM
 Gift Selections at Renaissance, Plains Depot- Dillard, Lbk., & Nelson's, Brownfield

YOAKUM COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Art Association monthly meeting was held May 2. A nominating committee submitted names of proposed officers for the 1995-96 year, and they were accepted by the club, and will be installed June 4.

Club President Inetta Teaff introduced water colorist Jo Beth William, Lubbock, who demonstrated her skill in using the medium. Teaff reported Linda Powell's efforts had cleared the way for the club to apply for grant money from the Texas Arts Alliances. The funds will be used for travel and education expense to improve the local association.

Hostesses for the event were Marguerite Barron and Ann Hartman. Betty Estep was chosen Artist of the Month.

Eighteen members attended, along with visitor Madge Lofton, water colorist from Brownfield.

BRIDAL SHOWER ANNOUNCED

KRISTI OSBORN & JASON COLEMAN
 (Daughter of Steve & Joy Osborn)
Sunday, May 21
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OSBORN - COLEMAN ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT



Steve & Joy Osborn of the bride are R.J. & Ruth Plains announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristi Osborn, to Jason Coleman son of Jake & Polly Coleman of Meadow. The couple will be married July 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Wolfforth. Grandparents of

Rowden of Wellman, Norman & Dorothy Caswell of Meadow and Kenneth & Mildred Osborn of Lovington. Grandfather of the groom is Luther Coleman of Big Spring.

*We apologize to all for omitting the parents of the future groom last week.

JINGER HANCOCK IN FASHION SHOW

Jinger Hancock recently competed in the South Plains 4-H Fashion Show held in Lubbock at the South Plains Mall. She participated in the Buying Category in Formal Wear. Selecting the outfit to model involved comparison shopping. Jinger modeled a black crepe floorlength gown. It featured a sequin trimmed V-yoke open back, straight



skirt and rounded neck. Participants modeled their selections in a fashion show held in the mall area. Area senior 4-H members from 20 counties participated.

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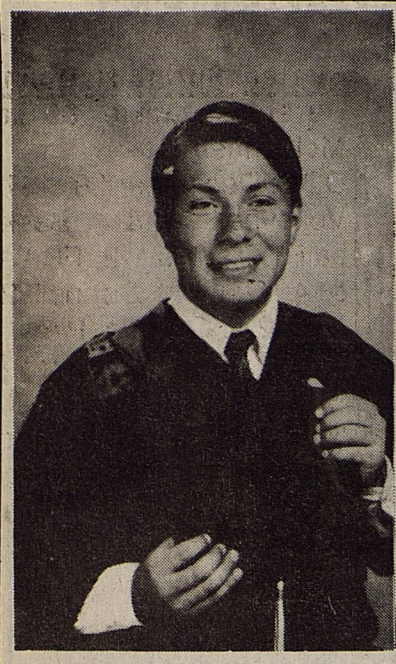
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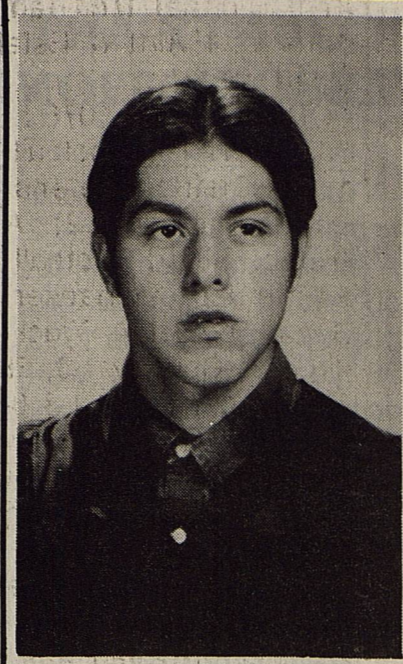
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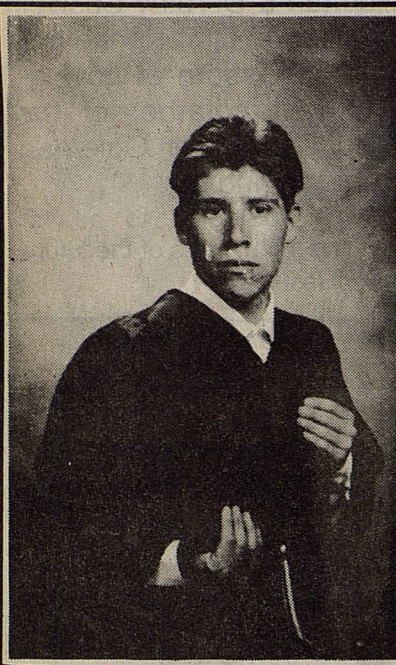
Victor Lynn Bernal
 Parents: Linda Bernal
 DOB: November 14, 1976
 Basketball 1-4; Academic All-District Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4; All-District Quarterback Football 2-4; All-District Kicker Football 2-4; Academic All-District Football 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Tennis District Champs 2; Tennis Award 2; All-District Tennis 1-4; Golf 1-2; Academic All-District Golf 1-2; Student Council 2 & 4; Student Council Vice Pres. 4; NHS 2-4; Band 1; KPLN 4; Cutest Smile 4; Mascot 1.
 He plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Business.



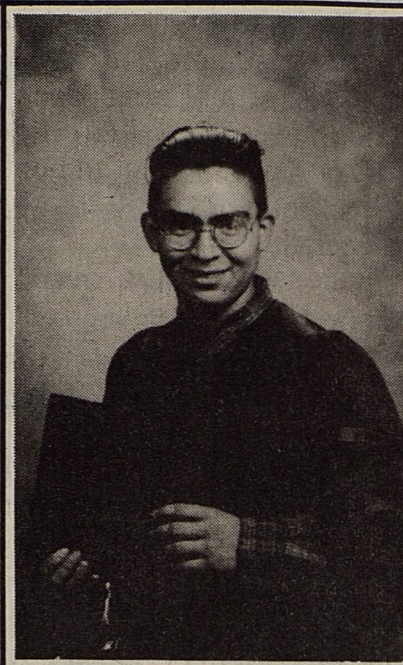
David Alexander Bitolas
 Parents: Alex & Rosie Bitolas
 DOB: March 27, 1977
 Basketball 1; Football 1-4; All-District Lubbock A-J Player Football; Track 1-3; FFA 4; Student Council 2; Band 1-4; KPLN 4; Ind. Arts 1,3-4.
 He plans to attend college at Odessa Junior College. Also make it big.



Amber Leigh Bryan
 Parents: Lola Bryan
 DOB: May 24, 1977
 Volleyball 1-2,4; Basketball 1-4; Honorable Mention Basketball 4; Golf 2-4; FFA 1; NHS 2-4; Band 1-4; Cheerleader 1-4; KPLN 4; 4-H 1-3; Teen Court 3-4; Class Favorite 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Cutest Girl 1; Cutest Smile 2-4.
 She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Medicine with a minor in Music.



Christopher Lee Caballero
 Parents: Stan & Estalla Caballero
 DOB: May 18, 1975
 Basketball 2; Football 1-4; Track 2-3; Cross Country 2; FFA 3-4.



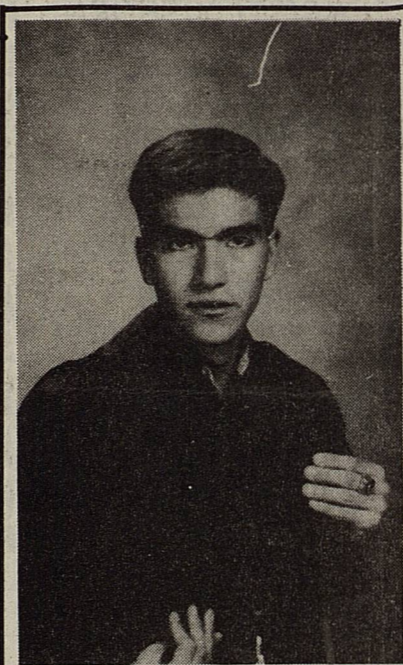
William Chavez
 Parents: Manuel & Connie Chavez
 DOB: March 22, 1977
 FFA 1-4; Band 1-4; Ind. Arts 1-4; Student of the Week 4.
 He plans to attend college at South Plains College to major and minor in Music. Also plans to get married, have kids, and move to Denver, Colorado.



Bellen Coronado
 Parents: Jesse & Hope Coronado
 DOB: April 14, 1977
 FHA 4; NHS 2-4; Band 1-4; KPLN 4; Yearbook Staff 2-3; UIL Cross-X Debate 4; UIL Computer Applications 4.
 She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Nursing (RN) with a minor in Psychology.



Jennifer Lynn Earnest
 Parents: Eddie & Bonnie Earnest
 DOB: April 9, 1977
 Volleyball 1-2; Basketball 2; Tennis 1-4; FFA 1-4; FHA 1-4; FHA 1st Vice Pres. 2; FHA 2nd Vice Pres. 3-4; Student Council 1-4; Student Council Sec. 2; Student Council Historian 4; NHS 2-4; NHS Sec. 3-4; One-Act Play 1-4; One-Act Play All Star Cast 1; UIL Headline Writing Regional Qual. 1-2; UIL Headline Writing 3-4; UIL Prose Interpretation 1-3; UIL Editorial Writing 2 & 4; UIL Current Events 4; UIL Cross Examination Debate 4; UIL Poetry 4; Class Favorite 1 & 3; Dutchess 4; Best dressed 2-4; Teen court 2-4; Class Favorite 3; Class Secretary 4; Quiz Bowl Championship Round 4; KPLN 4; Student of the Week 4.
 She plans to attend college at Baylor University to major in Telecommunications and a minor in Political Science.



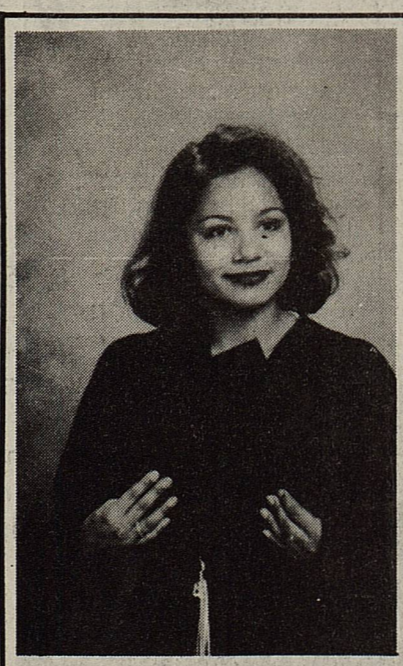
Pete Flores
 Parents: Pete & Eve Flores
 DOB: January 23, 1976
 Basketball 2-4; Football 1-3; FFA 3-4; Band 1-4; KPLN 4; Ind. Arts 1-2.
 He plans to attend college at TSTC to major in Elec. Tech.



Jodi Lynn Proctor (Gayle)
 Parents: C.R. & Bobbie Gayle
 DOB: October 21, 1975
 Volleyball 1; FHA 1-3; KPLN 1-3; Rodeo Queen 2; Cosmetology First at District and State 3-4.
 She plans to attend college at Texas Tech University in five years to major in Pre-Nursing.



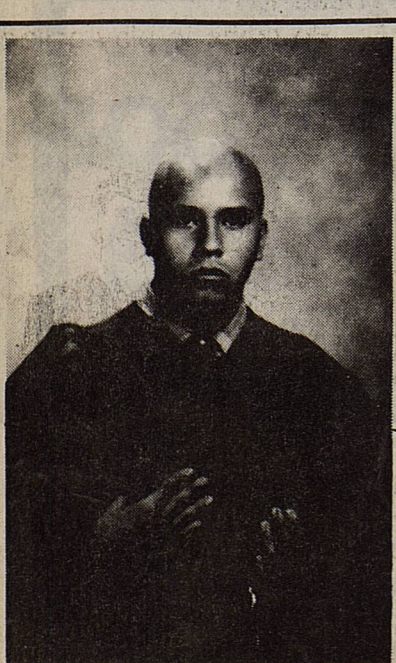
Delilah Gonzales
 Parents: Adalberto & Christina Gonzales
 DOB: June 18, 1977
 Band 1-4; UIL Marching Runner-Up 3; UIL Champs 1; Yearbook Staff 4; UIL 1 & 4; UIL Spelling Third 1; UIL Typing 1; UIL Computer Applications 4; Teen Court 4; Student of the Week 4.
 She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Business.



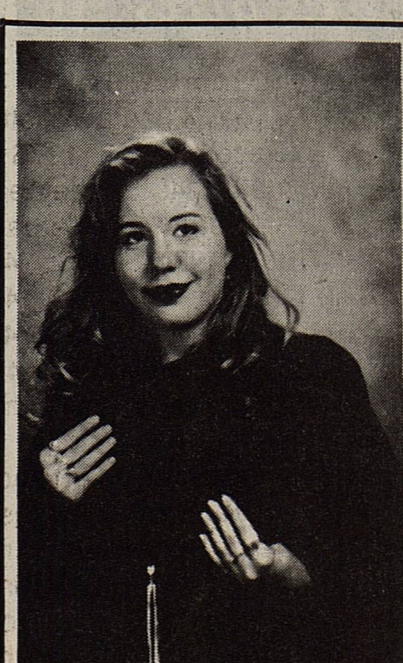
Margie Gonzales
 Parents: Valdemar & Juana Gonzales
 DOB: March 19, 1976
 Volleyball 1-2 & 4; Basketball Manager 2; Track 1-2; Cross Country 1-2; FHA 1-2 & 4; Band 1-4; KPLN 4; Yearbook Staff 2; Most Spirited 1-4; Teen Court 2-4.
 She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Psychology with a minor in Cosmetology.



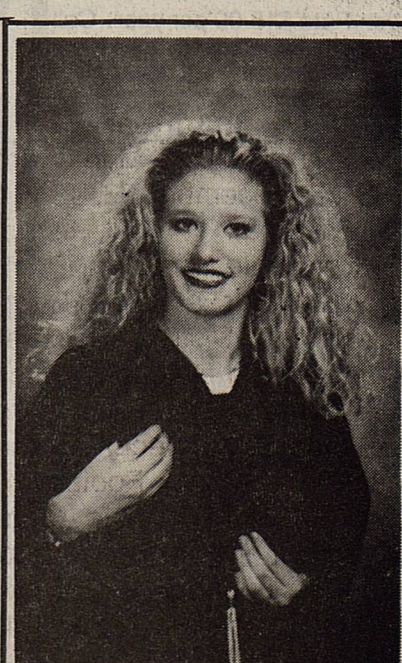
Mary Ann Gonzales
 Parents: Herman & Gloria Gonzales
 DOB: June 1, 1977
 Volleyball 1-3; Track 2-4; Tennis 1-4; Cross Country 4; FHA 1; Student Council 2-4; Band 1-2; KPLN 4; UIL Debate 4; UIL Accounting 4; Student of the Week 4.
 She plans to attend college at Angelo State University to major in Psychology with a minor in Education.



Joey Guerra
 Parents: Alfredo & Josie Guerra
 DOB: May 11, 1977
 Football 1 & 3-4; All-District Football; Tennis 1-4; Cross Country 1; FFA 4; Band 1-4.
 He plans to attend college at Texas Tech to major in Computer Science with a minor in Chemistry.



Selena Gale Humphrey
 Parents: Joe & Freda Humphrey
 DOB: April 20, 1977
 Volleyball 1; Track 3; Tennis 1-2; Golf 3-4; KPLN 4; Ind. Arts 3; Won Third in State for a Soil & Water Conservation Essay 4; First Runner Up Rodeo Queen 4.
 She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Agriculture. She also plans to move to Lubbock with Misty and Amber.



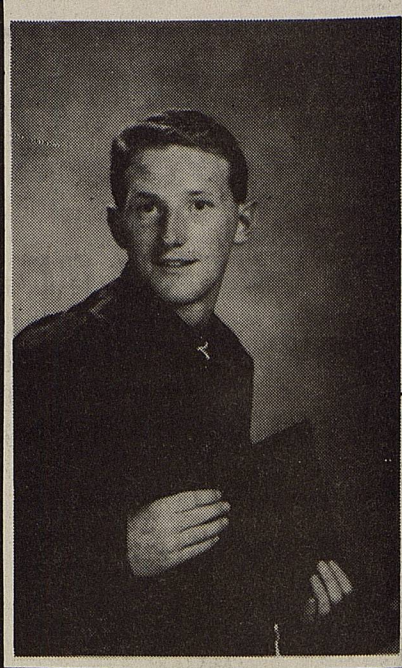
Stacey Ann Jones
 Parents: Gary & Toni Jones
 DOB: April 18, 1977
 Volleyball 1-4; All-Academic Volleyball 2; All-State Volleyball 4; Basketball 1-4; All-Academic Basketball 2; All-District Basketball 4; Track 2-4; All-Academic Track 2; Golf 1; FFA 1-4; FHA 2; NHS 4; One-Act Play 1-4; Band 1; Mascot 1; 4-H 1-2; Most Athletic 4; Sweetheart 1; Student of the Week 4.
 She plans to attend college at Angelo State University to major in Agriculture with a minor in Sports Medicine.

1995 Graduates



Veronica Mancha
 Parents: Jesus and Magdalena Mendoza
 DOB: January 29, 1977
 Band 1-4; UIL State Marching Champions 1; UIL State Marching Runners-Up 3; KPLN 4; Yearbook Staff 2-4; Yearbook Staff Co-Editor 4; UIL 4; UIL Accounting; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Teen Court 2-4; Student of the Week 4.

She plans to attend college at New Mexico Junior College to major in Business with a minor in Office Technology.



Ken Michael McAdams
 Parents: Evertt & Estelle McAdams
 DOB: January 3, 1976
 Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4; All-District Defensive End Football 1-2; All-District Guard Football 3; All-District Linebacker & Guard Football 4; Track 1-4; Cross Country 1-3; FHA 1; Student Council 1 & 3-4; NHS 2-4; One-Act Play 4; Band 1; UIL 1-4; UIL Current Events 2; UIL Science 3; UIL Math, Science, & Current Events 4; Class Favorite 1-3; Most Friendly 2-4; Most Spirited 4; FHA Beau 1; Volleyball Beau 4; Science Third in District 4.

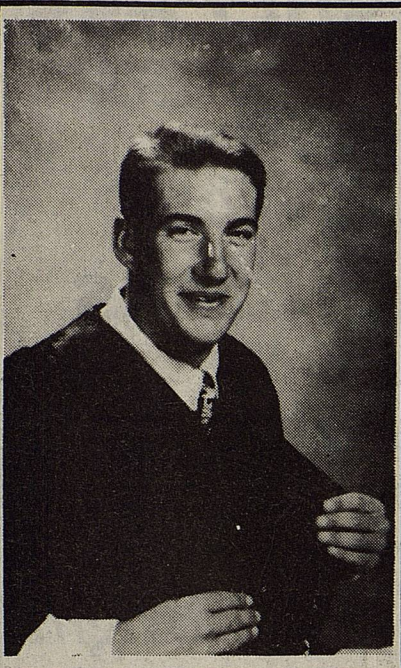
He plans to attend college at Texas Tech to major in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Computer.



Heather Spring McDonnell
 Parents: Jackie & Gale McDonnell

DOB: December 28, 1977
 Volleyball 1-2 & 4; Basketball 1; Tennis 1-2; FHA 1-2 & 4; Student Council 2,4; NHS 2,4. One-Act Play 1,4; Zone, Area, District 'All-Star Cast'; Band 1; UIL Newswriting 2; Student of the Week; Class Pres. 2;

She plans to attend South Plains College. Her major is undecided.



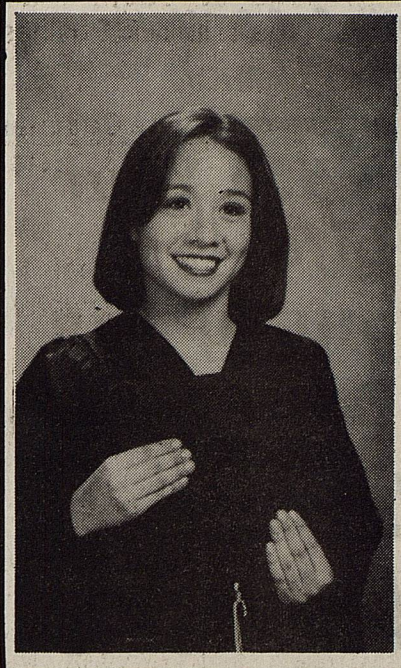
Number Sense Seventh State 1; Number Sense Third Team 1; Number Sense Fifth District 2; Number Sense Fourth District 3; Number Sense Fourth Regional 3; Number Sense Sixth State 3; Member of State Champion Number Sense Team 3; Tenth Calculator 1-4; Calculator Fourth District 2; Math 1-4; Math Sixth District 2; Math Fourth District 3; Science 2 & 4; Headline Writing 3; Computer Science 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; Teen Court 1-2; \$300 TMSCA Top Gun Scholarship.

He plans to attend college at Texas Tech University to major in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Math. He also plans to graduate from college, make lots of money, and get married.



Gilbert Ortiz
 Parents: Maria Ortiz
 DOB: August 23, 1976
 Track 1 & 4; Cross Country 1-3; FFA 2-4; NHS 4; Band 1-4; Ind. Arts 2-3.

He plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Radiology with a minor in Math. Also move to Lubbock.



Malisa D. Ramirez
 Parents: Jose & Amanda Ramirez

DOB: March 5, 1977
 Volleyball 1-2; Track 1; FHA 1 & 4; Student Council 4; Band 1-4; KPLN 3-4; Ind. Arts 4.

She plans to attend college at South Plains College.

Paul Bradley McMinn
 Parents: Larry & Paula McMinn
 DOB: October 1, 1976
 Basketball 1-4; All-District Basketball 2-4; All-Region Third Team 2; All-Regional 4; Football 1-4; All-District Tight End & Defensive End 2-4; All-State Honorable Mention Tight End 2; All-State First Team Tight End 3; All South Plains Tight End 4; Tennis 1-4; Third Place Regional 2-3; Golf 4; NHS 2-4; One-Act Play 4; KPLN 4; UIL 1-4; Number Sense 1-4; Number Sense Sixth District 1; Number Sense Tenth Regional 1;



Sandy Kay Sainz
 Parents: Paz & Helen Sainz
 DOB: June 25, 1977
 Volleyball 1-2; Basketball 1-2; FHA 1-4; FHA Historian 3; FHA President 4; Band 1-3; KPLN 2-4; Yearbook 3; Class Favorite 2.

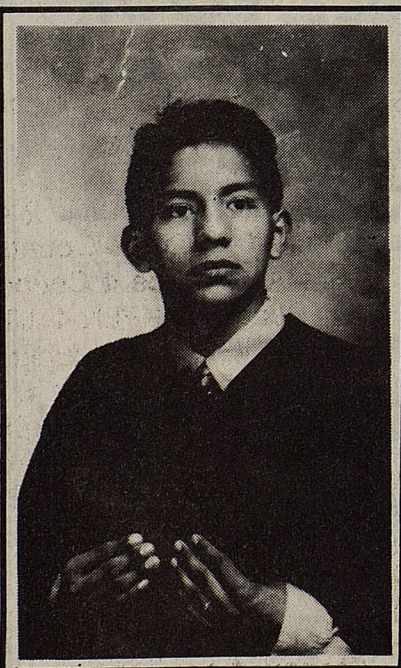
She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Teaching.



Dusty Eileen Valdez
 Parents: Keith & Jennifer Beckham

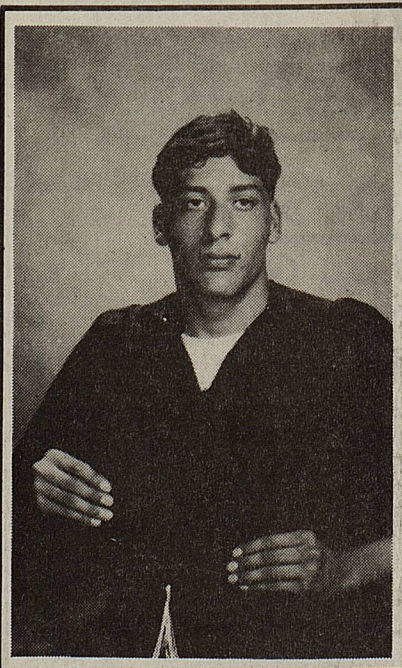
DOB: September 30, 1976
 Volleyball 1-3; Basketball 1-2; Track 2; Tennis 1-3; FFA 1-4; FHA 1-3; NHS 2-4; 4-H 1; UIL 1-4; UIL Prose; UIL Current Events; UIL Headline Writing; UIL Feature Writing; UIL Accounting; FFA Sweetheart 2.

She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Business. She also plans to go to college wherever Joe is stationed.



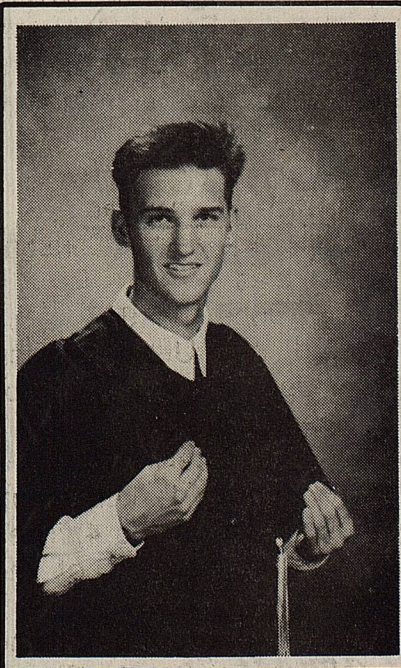
Joe Anthony Valdez
 Parents: Mack & Dolores Reeder
 DOB: May 5, 1976
 Track 1-4; Cross Country 1-4; Cross Country All-State 3; FHA 3; Student Council 4; One-Act Play 3; Band 1; Class Favorite 4; Best Dressed 3-4; FHA Beau 3; Student of the Week 4.

He plans to stay married, raise his son, attend the Marines and then move to Florida.



Lee Roy Vasquez
 Parents: Raymond & Blanch Vasquez
 DOB: December 13, 1975
 Football 1-4; Football All-District; Track 1-4; FFA 1-4; Band 1-4; KPLN 4; Ind. Arts 1-2.

He plans to attend college at any college in Texas to major in Radiology.



Game Basketball 4; Academic All-District Basketball 1-4; Football 1; Tennis 1-4; District Champs Doubles Tennis 2; Tennis Award 2; Academic All-District Tennis 1-4; Golf 1-4; Golf Award 2-3; Academic All-District Golf 1-4; FFA 1-3; FHA 1; Student Council 1 & 3-4; Student Council Vice Pres. 3; Student Council Pres. 4; NHS 2-4; One-Act Play 4; Mascot 2-3; KPLN 4; Mr. PHS 4; Most Handsome 3-4; FHA Beau 1.

He plans to play college basketball.



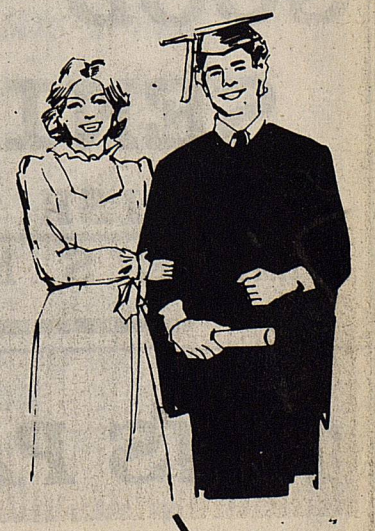
James Shannon Ward
 Parents: Randy & Mary Ward
 DOB: December 22, 1976
 Basketball 1-4; All-District Honorable Mention Point Guard Basketball 3; Football 3; All-District Wide Receiver and Defensive Back Football 2-4; All South Plains Wide Receiver and Defensive Back Football 4; All-State Honorable Mention Defensive Back Football 4; Lubbock A-J Honor Roll Football 4; Track 3-4; Most Athletic 4.



Misty Deann Willett
 Parents: Jerry & Paula Willett
 DOB: December 16, 1976
 Volleyball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; All-District Basketball 4; Track 3; NHS 4; Cheerleader 1-4; KPLN 4; Yearbook 1; UIL Debate 4; Ind. Arts 3; Miss PHS 4; Most Beautiful 3-4; Dutchess 2-3.

She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Psychology with a minor in Drama. She also plans to move to Lubbock with Selena and Amber.

Ladd John Winn
 Parents: Tony & Lynne Winn
 DOB: September 29, 1976
 Basketball 1-4; All-District Basketball 1-4; Basketball Award 2-3; All-State Basketball 3; All-Region Basketball 2-4; Texas Basketball Magazine Fourth Team 3; Texas Basketball Magazine First Team 4; All South Plains Basketball 3-4; Team U.S.A. Australia Basketball 3; Team USA. New Zealand Basketball 4; District MVP Basketball 4; Texas Association High School Coaches All-Star



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Yoakum County Tax Assessor-Collector,
Wanda Smith

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A Salute To The Success of the Seniors.

Sheriff Jim Rice

It is a pleasure to extend good wishes to the Plains Seniors of 1995.

Richard Clark, Yoakum County Criminal District Attorney

Wishing You Good Fortune

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Bonnie Earnest

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Congratulations on your success

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Judge Melba Crutcher

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Yoakum County Auditor

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For A Job Well Done!
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Gary Walker and Family



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Congratulations!

Rhonda McLarty

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Congratulate
The '95 Seniors.
Mae & Jim Barnett

CONGRATULATIONS!

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May Your Future Be
"Bright!"

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Yoakum County
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WORKS, THANKS TO THE
EFFORTS OF TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF,
BUT
ESPECIALLY FROM THE
EFFORTS OF EACH OF YOU,
THE CLASS OF 1995.
OUR SINCERE BEST
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AND HEARTIEST
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FROM THE P.I.S.D.
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JERRY PARRISH, PRESIDENT
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BEST WISHES!

From The Hack



I came within mere inches of total disaster this week. I almost forgot our anniversary date Monday. Now, the bride is normally pretty understanding and forgiving, but not about forgetting such momentous moments of history.

When I managed to jump start my memory bank, I rushed out and bought her a little (but expensive) token of my esteem, which she received with tearful shrieks of joy. In celebration of the occasion, later that day, I suggested we partake of a wee libation, and poured her a man sized slug of her favorite Blackberry wine. A little later, in a moment of nostalgia, she snuggled up to me, and in her sweetest, sexiest voice asked, "Do you remember what happened 24 years ago today?" "Sure", I replied, "I hit a \$15 quinela at the dog races in Juarez... paid \$94 bucks!"

Must have been the wrong answer. She hit me in the ribs rather forcefully, and hissed, "No, stupid, that's not what I meant. We went to the dog races that night. We got married that morning, had that beautiful lunch, all that champagne, then (tee hee hee, giggle giggle) we checked into the Motel in El Paso....."

Like a light bulb flashing to light, it dawned on me what she was talking about. "Oh, yeah, sure, hon, I remember now, that's where we watched that movie with Gregory Peck.... 'To Kill a Mockingbird', wasn't it?"

I guess that wasn't the right answer either. Bride finished the Blackberry wine, sort of miffed like, and spent the rest of the evening watching quilt making on the tube.

Oh well, at least I didn't forget the date.

where I joined Brenda Canada and several mommas snapping shots of the charged up, hyper kids, tossing their caps in the air, screaming, giggling, playing grab whatever, really excited about finishing school.

Brought back memories of my Senior year at Pecos high several eons ago. One of the traditions there was for the graduating Seniors to play hookey at least one day prior to the big event ending school that year. Two of my buddies and I... Let's call them Bill and George... got out of school one Thursday and journeyed to Balmorhea State Park, where we swam in that huge spring fed pool, and goofed off in general.

Having very little cash, and credit cards being unknown then, we camped out that night. Some older guys we knew happened by, and (gasp!) they were partaking of strong spirits, which they generously offered to share. Being worldly Seniors, Bill, George and I manly slugged away on the stuff, the first bottle of which disappeared almost in a flash, to be replaced by yet another.

Well, things are a bit hazy from that moment on, but I vaguely remember one guy in the pool screaming a shark was circling him, someone else telling him it wasn't a shark, it was a

large rattle snake right in his path. I screamed "SNAKE!", and George, who was always a bit nervous, let out a shriek, and leaped straight up in the air, much higher than I've ever seen Michael Jordan go, and when he came down, yelling "Where? Where?", both feet were on the snake, holding its head down, fortunately. When George felt the beast squirming, he looked down, screamed again, and didn't stop running for at least two miles.

George decided he would dive off the high board, but his navigation was off a bit, and he leaped into a huge garbage can, fortunately full. The remainder of the night is still a void in my memory.

I do, however, well remember the horrible next morning. After we three Musketeers enjoyed an hour or so of throwing up, we rolled up the bed rolls, and stumbled towards the car. George was in the lead, and I happened to glance down, to see a

large rattle snake right in his path. I screamed "SNAKE!", and George, who was always a bit nervous, let out a shriek, and leaped straight up in the air, much higher than I've ever seen Michael Jordan go, and when he came down, yelling "Where? Where?", both feet were on the snake, holding its head down, fortunately. When George felt the beast squirming, he looked down, screamed again, and didn't stop running for at least two miles.

Let me tell you graduates.... maybe these drug and alcohol free graduation celebrations aren't such a bad idea after all.

HOSPICE SESSION POSTPONED

The Hospice Volunteer Training Session to be held on Saturday, May 13, 1995 in Seminole, Texas has been canceled. All those interested in attending the next session, please contact Gina Bostick at 1-800-658-6844.

Hospice wants your support, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Sincerely
Dwayne Canada.

COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT

City of Plains
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the above named City of Plains intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to release federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to be used for the following project:

Project Title or Name: Water Treatment Facilities
Contract Number: 703689-Texas Community Development Program.
Purpose or Nature of Project: Construction of new water well; Transmission Line and Acquisition
Location of Project: 16.25 acre tract- Section 446, Block D, John H. Gibson Survey, Yoakum County, Texas
Estimate Cost of Project: \$84,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Plains has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by City of Plains which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. This Environment Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at City Hall between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF FINDING

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Plains will undertake the activities described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 from its Program Year 1993 under grant numbered 703689 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Plains is certifying to TDHCA and Mr. T.J. Miller in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accepting jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Plains may use the Block Grant funds, and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, PO Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78-3941

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objection received later than thirty-three(33) days after this publication will be considered by the TDHCA.

T.J. Miller
T.J. Miller, Mayor
City of Plains
PO box 550
Plains, TX 79355
May 10, 1995