

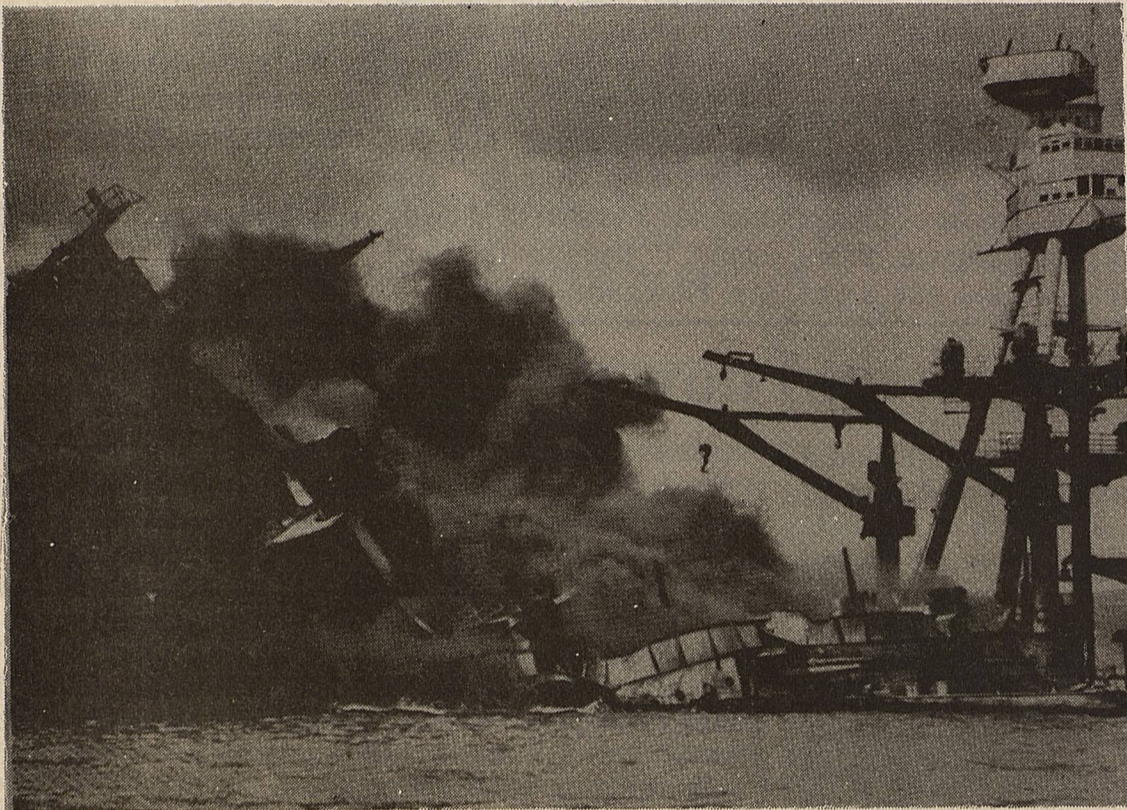
# Cowboy Country News



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## December 7, 1941; Pearl Harbor Day recalled



### U.S. Battleship Arizona burning after huge explosion

This coming Sunday, December 7, 55 years to the day, the Japanese Imperial Navy launched a devastating aerial attack on the huge U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. The following day, an enraged President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in a joint session of Congress, told a radio audience of millions of Americans, "A state of war now exists between the United States of America and the nation of Japan, and the fascist nations of Germany and Italy". We were at war, and it wouldn't be over for 1,346 days, when the Japanese surrendered on August 14, 1945, now known as V-J Day.

The Japanese Naval forces launching the surprise attack on a "A day of Infamy", as President Roosevelt described it, was comprised of 31 warships - six aircraft carriers, two battleships, two heavy and one light cruisers, nine destroyers, three submarines and eight tankers. The carriers held 432 planes; 353 were used in the two wave attack, 39 on air patrol, and 40 held in reserve.

The first raid started just minutes before 8 a.m. that Sunday morning, and lasted until about 10 a.m. Hawaii time. By then, 18 of our Navy ships had been destroyed or severely damaged. Lost ships included battleships U.S.S. Arizona, Oklahoma and Utah,

and destroyers Cassin and Downes. Several ships were sunk or beached but later salvaged.

The Japanese planes also struck other military installations, including Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Field, Ewa Marine Base, the Naval Air Station, Bellow Field and Hickam Field. A total of 188 planes were destroyed; 96 Army, 92 Navy and Marine.

The human toll was equally grim; The Navy lost 2008 men killed, 710 wounded, 109 Marines died, and 69 wounded, and the Army lost 218 killed, 364 wounded. Of the 2,403 killed in the two

Turn to Pg. 2, Pearl Harbor side disposers'. The landfill charges Plains and Denver City municipal trucks \$5 per ton to dispose of waste. The State receives \$1.25 of this amount. The \$3.75 the landfill keeps is used to defray operating expenses of the project. The 1997 budget indicates after all operating expenses and equipment expenses are totalled, the true cost of operating the fill is about \$35 per ton.

He expressed his concern that if either the Plains or Denver City Council approved private hauling and dumping of their trash, it would be a simple matter for the hauler to bring in trash from some other area. "Let's say I have a compactor type hauling truck. I arrange to pick up trash in Terry County from sources I charge \$40 or \$45 per ton, and deliver it to the landfill there. The people

the collection and hauling of trash from the county's two cities. He reported a number of individuals had discussed the possibility with him recently. "My concern with private haulers is we cannot identify where the trash comes from". He explained the original charter for the landfill limited its use to residents of the County, and the small Whiterock Community south of Denver City. There is little immediate danger of collected waste in the county exceeding the 20 ton daily average maximum, but if private haulers start delivering trash to the fill, personnel there will have no way of knowing if the trash came from Yoakum County or any surrounding area.

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## Landfill problems ahead?

Gary Walker, Yoakum County Landfill Supervisor, addressed Commissioner's Court Monday, and outlined circumstances which could spell problems for the waste disposal facility. Walker presented data covering a four year record of daily tonnage dumped at the landfill, 16.6 tons daily. The facility was licensed by the State to handle a maximum of 20 tons of trash daily. If the annual average exceeds 20 tons daily, the landfill will have to install a pit liner at an approximate cost of \$180,000. Additionally, a ground water monitoring system will have to be installed, costing as much or more than the mandatory liner.

Walker told the Court he is concerned about the possibility of individuals or groups wanting to privatize

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## Academic, athletic excellence recognized at PHS

Plains High School released names of students receiving awards as Academic All District honorees in Boys Cross Country running, Football, and Girls Volleyball. The winners of All District Honors in football, selected by District coaches, were also announced.

Achieving Academic All District Honors in Cross Country were Fermin Luna and Will St. Romain. Girl volleyball players honored for their academic achievements included Candace Bowers, LaCresha Johnson, Delia Gonzales, Mary Morales, Lyndi Rowe, Patty Ruiz, Lindsey Six, and Sandi Warren.

Members of the Academic All District football team included Stephen Bitolas, Heath Bowlin, Derek Brunson, Dustin Brunson, Casey Forbus, Abraham Garcia,

Arthur Hernandez, Yancey House, Jacob Lester, Joe Luna, and Will St. Romain.

Recognized as members of the All District football squad, selected by coaches in the district, were Joe Luna, 1st team offense and 1st team defense as split end and defensive back; Dustin Brunson, 1st team defense, linebacker; Coley Burgess, 2nd team offense, 2nd team defense, lineman; Abraham Garcia, 2nd team offense, quarterback; Major Howard, 2nd team defense, end; Wayne Willett, 2nd team defense, linebacker; Marte Pierce, 2nd team defense, secondary, and Steven Bunch, 2nd team kicker.

All of the achievers have worked hard both in the class room and on playing fields for their honors.

### Academic All District Honorees



Academic All-District Honorees, Front, L-R; Sandi Warren, Patty Ruiz, LaCresha Johnson, Lindsey Six, Candace Bowers, Lindy Rowe, Mary Morales, Delia Gonzales, Joe Luna. Back row, Will St. Romain, Jacob Lester, Derek Brunson, Heath Bowlin, Yancey House, Fermin Luna, Casey Forbus, Arthur Hernandez, Stephen Bitolas, Dustin Bitolas. Not shown Abraham Garcia.

### All District Football Honorees



All-District Football Honorees, Front L-R, Wayne Willett, Joe Luna, Marte Pierce. Back row, Coley Burgess, Major Howard, Dustin Brunson, Steven Bunch. Abraham Garcia not pictured.

## County Criminal Court Cases

The Yoakum County Court docket was crowded last week, with ten criminal cases heard by Judge Dallas Brewer.

Jose Ivan Alvarado, 18, pled guilty to interference with public duties. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$150,

must pay \$157 Court costs, and must attend and complete a session with the Lubbock Council on drug and alcohol abuse.

Fernando Villareal Garza, aka Fernando Garcia, 30, pled guilty to a charge of DWI. He received a 180 day jail sentence, was fined \$500 and must pay \$227 Court costs and \$200 in appointed Attorney fees. His driver's license was suspended 180 days. Two other DWI cases involving DWI charges in Yoakum and Terry County were adjudicated.

William H. Braswell Jr., 18, pled true to the State's motion to revoke Community Supervision, invoked in a prior DWI case. His supervision was extended 12 months. He is to attend weekly AA meetings, and will serve 14 days in jail starting November 29. Bill Wishkaemper served as his attorney.

Jesse Ofeda Garza, 28, pled to a motion to revoke Community Supervision resulting

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from a prior DWI offense. He must serve 30 days in jail, with credit for 17 days for time served.

David Laureles pled true to a motion to revoke Community Supervision resulting

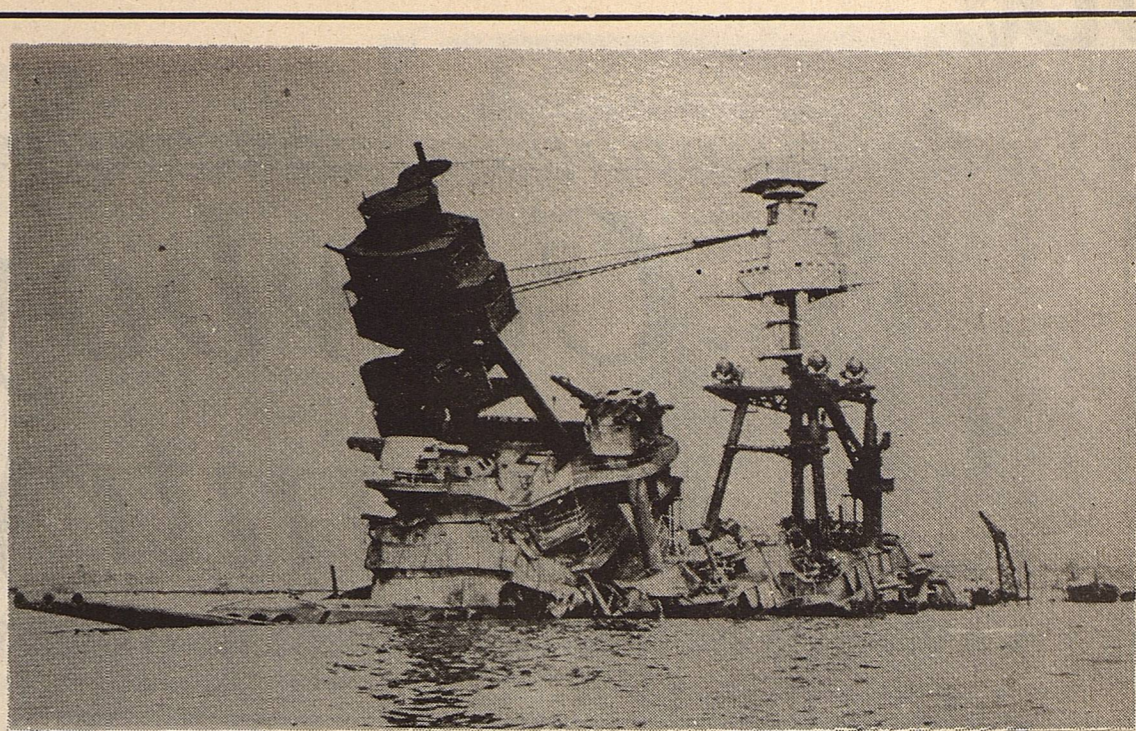
from an assault case. He must serve 30 days in jail and pay Court costs of \$157.

Fernando Olivas, 22, pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He received a 60 day jail term, suspended and probated 12 months, was fined \$250, and will pay \$157 Court costs.

Jimmy Ray Hicks, 46, pled true to Motion to Revoke Community Supervision, for the offense of theft over \$500 but less than \$1500. He received a 180 day jail term with credit for 30 days served.

Johnny Guzman Jr., aka John Guzman, pled guilty to driving while license suspended charges. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$150 and must pay \$157 Court costs. He must also undergo alcohol abuse evaluation, and successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program. He also pled guilty to another driving with license suspended charge. His 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, will pay \$157 Court costs and serve 72 hours in jail, with credit for 13 1/2 served. He must obtain proof of insurance, and pay the DPS \$50 for license reinstatement fee.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State in all cases.



**'After the Japanese attack, the Arizona lies shattered, the tomb for 1102 men.**

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hour period, almost half were lost when the USS Arizona exploded in Pearl Harbor. Japanese losses were light; less than 180 killed, with 29 planes lost, one large submarine and five midget subs. Perhaps the only fortunate event of the day was the Navy's Pacific carrier fleet was at sea, on patrol. One of the prime Japanese objectives in the sneak attack was

the destruction of the dangerous aircraft carriers. Faulty intelligence led the Japanese Commanders to think the carriers were berthed at Pearl Harbor. They would pay dearly for this mistake a few short months later, at the Battle of Midway. Naval intelligence had cracked the Japanese code, and uncovered plans for the Japanese invasion of Midway Island, in easy air range of the Hawaiian Islands. A

smaller US Navy Task Force, with three carriers, surprised the huge Japanese armada, and in a series of furious air actions, destroyed or severely damaged so many Japanese vessels the invasion force retreated to its home waters, marking the first major U.S. victory in the long, bloody war.

**We Need Your Input**

The Plains ISD school board would like to have the input of the community, school personnel, students, and businesses in developing a profile for the professional and personal characteristics of the next superintendent. The board has appointed individuals from these different segments of the community to seek and listen to the suggestions from others throughout Plains for the type of person desired. There will be meetings of these various groups in the next few weeks.

The Board will formally be advertising for the superintendent opening on January 6, 1997. The deadline for accepting applications will be February 14th. The superintendent will be hired at the regular board meeting on April 14th.

Members of the superintendent profiling committee are as follows:

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Arlon Alexander      | Pat McNabb         |
| Steven O'Quinn       | Roni Ponce         |
| Yvette Ramos         | Yancey House       |
| Vernon Hise          | Johnnie Fitzgerald |
| Richie Cullins       | Mary Jo St. Romain |
| Sarah K. Burrus      | John Kitto         |
| Recorder—Gail Holley |                    |

The duty of the profiling committee is to "assist the board in the development of the superintendent profile prior to the application deadline".

Suggested prompts for developing the superintendent profile are the following questions.

1. What are some professional characteristics you would like to see in the new superintendent?
2. What are some personal characteristics you would like to see in the new superintendent?
3. Of the important traits of a superintendent, which would you like attention given to first?
  - > curriculum and instruction
  - > finance
  - > communication
  - > personnel
  - > board relations
4. If you had five minutes to spend with the new superintendent, what would you say to him/her?

The above questions are designed to help all people in the community begin to develop in their minds the type of person needed to lead our school so that the children of Plains will have a good education, become good citizens, and enjoy the learning experience.

**Meeting schedule for Profiling Committee:**

Monday, Nov. 25- Meet with Maintenance Personnel, Cafeteria personnel and Secretaries, 4 p.m., Resource Center; Tuesday, Dec. 3- Meet with Professional Personnel, 4 p.m., Resource Center; Thursday, Dec. 5- Meet with community citizens, 5 p.m., cafeteria. The public is encouraged to attend the community meeting Dec. 5. If unable to be present, feel free to offer suggestions in writing or give them verbally to a profiling committee member.

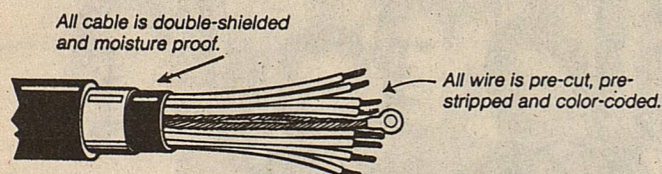
**This is our opinion, and now we need YOURS**

The Official Notice From the PISD to the left should be of major importance to every parent, grand parent, and any other relative, or friend, of students enrolled in our school system. Once again the School Board Trustees are faced with a weighty, vitally important question - Who do we hire to be our next chief administrator, our next Superintendent, of PISD? The Board has an awesome responsibility, and their final decision will be difficult, and only reached after many hours of reviewing dozens of qualified applicants, and soul searching about their choices. We feel the Board needs community support, guidance, advice, and opinions about the choice. The community has endured a series of

events involving school administrators the last few years. It is now time to show our Board Trustees we appreciate their efforts, their time, their work, and particularly the criticism they endure for decisions many of us don't understand. This is your golden opportunity to express to the Board your feelings about what type of chief administrator you want. Read the Notice again, carefully, and then let the Board know your feelings. It will make their job and decision easier, for they will know the community's top priorities in their decision. Don't respond, don't speak up, don't take part in the decision, then don't be the first to criticize!

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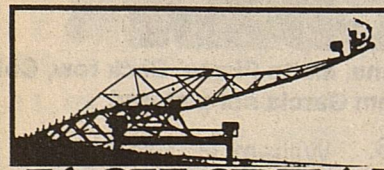
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## Final Rites for Durward Willis



Funeral Services for Durward D. Willis will be held Wednesday, December 4, 1996, at 2 p.m. in the Tahoka Road Church of Christ in Brownfield. He passed away after a sudden illness early December 2 in the Denver City Hospital. Willis was born on July 31, 1931 in Brownfield. He was a life long Texan, and had lived in Plains for 36 years. He is survived by his wife Jackie. The couple were

married in Lovington on April 6, 1956.

Willis was a retired auto mechanic, and served many years as a reserve officer for the Yoakum County Sheriff Department.

Othe survivors include his mother, Cordia Willis of Plains; Three daughters, Karon Annette Willis, Lubbock, Dana Joyce Blackwood and husband Clay of Lubbock, Sandra Elaine Hancock and husband Vernon of San Angelo; two brothers, Wayman Fred, Arlington, and Willard Dwight of Burleson; four grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Terrell Willis in 1984, and a brother, Donald Wayne in 1972.

John McCoy, retired Minister from Lubbock will officiate, and Nephews of Mr. Willis will serve as Pallbearers. Prior to the services, viewing will be held in the Plains Memorial Chapel, and interment will be in the Plains Cemetery.

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at the gate ask if it's from Yoakum County, and I say yes, it is, and they can't prove other wise. I pay the \$5 dumping fee, and I have just pocketed a \$35 to \$40 per ton profit. I am bringing in 'foreign' trash, and if this happens just a few times a week, we will quickly exceed the 20 ton limit, and then the state requirements kick in, and we could easily be looking at a true cost of \$65 to \$90 per ton to run the landfill".

Judge Dallas Brewer strongly stressed "the county has to take all measures to not exceed the 20 ton limit". Commissioner Jim Barron suggested the Court getting legal advice on the problem, and to be prepared to raise dumping fees to any outside haulers. Commissioner Avara proposed the Court meet with both the Plains and Denver City Councils, along with Walker, and fully explain to the city officials the problems private hauling could produce for both City and County governments. Judge Brewer moved to table the issue until such a meeting could be arranged.

In other Court matters, Treasurer Toni Jones delivered the monthly report showing an ending October balance of \$5,443,340.



Judge Brewer signs Gary Walker Day proclamation.

A reception honoring State Representative Gary Walker will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Community building. The public is urged to attend!

## Last Ranger, Indian Fight



The following are excerpts from T.H. Fehrenbach's epic, historical work, "LONE STAR".

The northwest frontier was safe by 1875. West of San Antonio, however, the Apaches still marauded, and the Rangers, in conjunction with General B. H. Grierson, moved southwest into the land of grease-wood, buttes, and sage. During 1876 and 1877, Apache raids did much damage through the Big Bend country; but Rangers, the Army, and the Mexican army from below the border joined forces to pursue the marauding bands. In October, 1880, the last Mesalero war chief, Victorio, was killed below the line by Mexican troops. The sun of the eastern Apaches, like that of their ancient Comanche enemies, had almost set.

The society of Texas had been frayed by a generation of border war, the vast bloodletting of the Civil War, the moral and social erosion of Reconstruction, and now, by the explosion of the cattle kingdom into the vacuums left by the Indians to the west. Suddenly, in 1875, this frontier acquired immense breadth and depth. The

compressed cattlemen burst toward the west. The nature of the cow frontier did not bring immediate settlement, or cohesion, or anything approaching the orderly advance of civilization behind the farm line.

Overnight, the Rangers' mission changed from Indian fighting to a task of policing this turbulent frontier-in-depth. It was a infinitely more difficult job, and also more delicate, because now the enemy was not so clearly defined.

In six years, the Texas Rangers closed the wild frontier. They did not entirely end all aspects of the Old West; no heritage of violence so deeply implanted could be so quickly erased.

Three salient characteristics marked the Ranger force. First, in the border wars it had developed an enormous *esprit*, a genuine mystique. Every young Ranger, usually poorly educated and functionally illiterate, knew the legends of McNelly and Jack Hays. Their numbers were so few that in

most cases, they were always beset by odds almost equal to those faced by McNelly at Las Cuevas. One Ranger sometimes had to cow a cattle camp, or three Rangers an entire town. They lived among a rough society, in which moved thousands of actual killers and thieves. Some Rangers were certainly killers and thieves themselves—but before they took the oath. No force, probably, was ever so little scarred by scandal in its great years. But the Rangers, widely spread, ununiformed, poorly paid, and with small gratitude from the state—lived by audacity as much as gun skill and wits. They mystique, and growing legend, won them through, in situations where men lacking either would have given up or died.

Second, the Rangers were ruthless. Killing was almost casual on this particular frontier; almost every grown man had seen blood shed. The Rang-



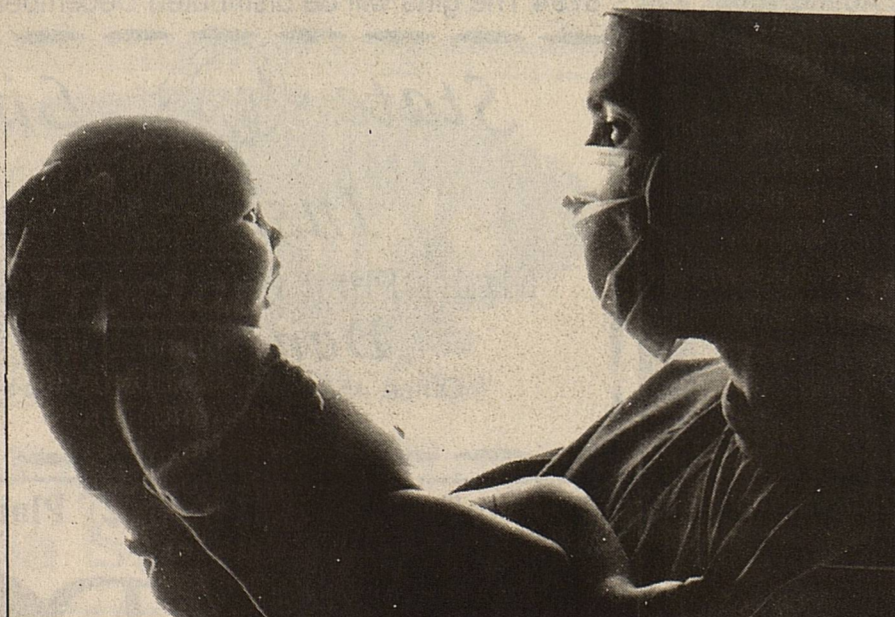
## Proclamation

**Whereas:** Gary L. Walker and his family moved to Plains in 1990 and became very active in support of our town and community \*- Gary L. Walker has provided very professional leadership and direction for the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District since 1990 \*- Gary L. Walker was elected to represent District 80, State of Texas, in the Texas House of Representatives in November, 1994, and was re-elected to the same position in November, 1996 \*- Gary L. Walker has served, at the request of the Speaker of The House of Representatives, on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee \*- Gary L. Walker is dedicated to representing and serving the constituents of District 80, doing everything he can to improve the quality of life for his neighbors, and the people of the State of Texas, **Therefore be it resolved** that in order to show our thanks and appreciation to Gary L. Walker for his dedication and work, we declare December 11, 1996 to be **GARY L. WALKER DAY** in Yoakum County

Dallas Brewer,  
County Judge

Dec. 8, 1659; Mission Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe at El Paso founded  
Dec. 21, 1821; Mary James Long, first Anglo-American born in Texas at Port Lavaca.

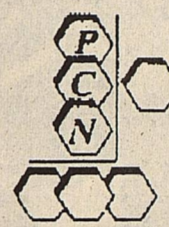
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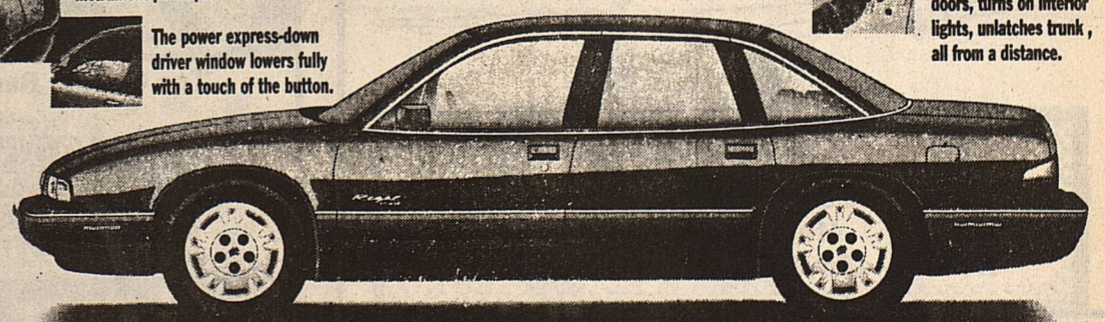
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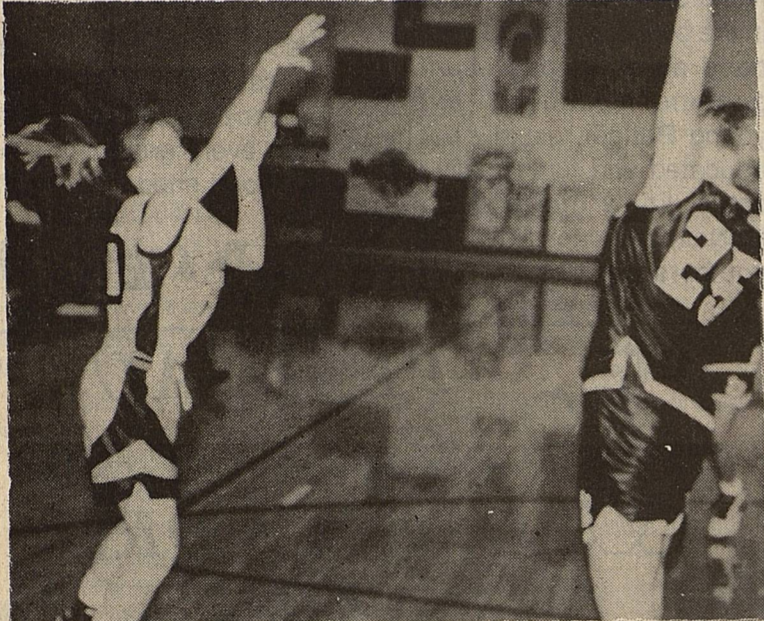
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## Basketball Recap

**PHS Cowgirls;** In last week's action, the Cowgirls easily handled the Wellman Lady Cats, 46-25. Kayla Redman led the scoring with 15 points, followed by Tessa St. Romain 12, Jolyne Burgess 6, Sandi Warren 4, Shyloh Winn 3, and Shawna Box, Kyley Bearden, Kassie Lowe, 2 each. Kayla pulled down 10 rebounds, and Shyloh had 7. The Cowgirls next dropped Amherst Nov. 26, 56-43. Shyloh Winn dropped in 16 points, followed by Tessa St Romain 11, Sandi Warren 10, Kayla Redman 9, Kyley Bearden and Jolyne Burgess 4, and Lindsey Six 2. Redman had 10 rebounds, Bearden.



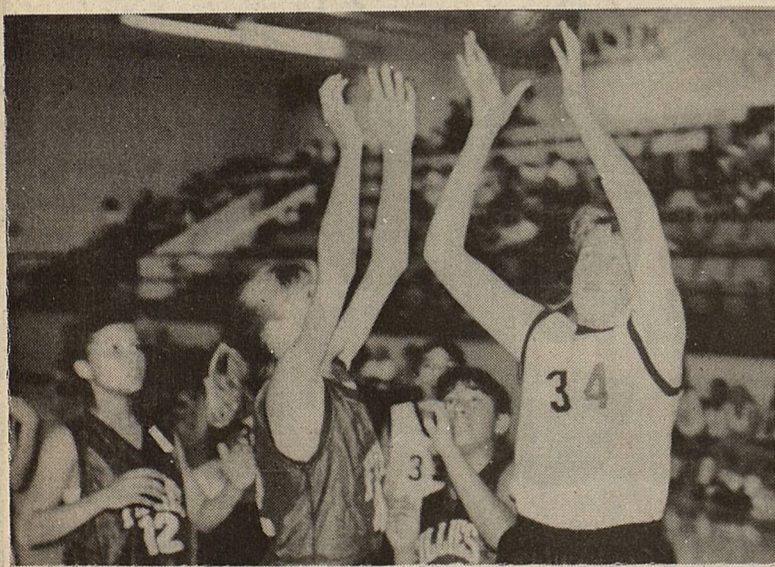
Sandi Warren goes for two points

**JV Cowgirls;** The younger Cowgirl dominated Amherst, 66-21. Candace Bowers poured in 17 points, followed by Patty Ruiz 13, Kristen Gray 11, Krystle Blundell and Tandi Jones 6, Kelli Osborn 5, and Jessica Flores 4.

**Freshmen Cowgirls;** The youngest Cowgirls found rough going against Shallowater, falling 38-19. Candace Bowers collected 8 points, Kelli Osborn had 6, Krystle Blundell and Kristen Gray 2 each, and Rebecca Robertson 1.

**8th Lady Wranglers;** Shallowater also gave the 8th grade girls problems, downing them 54-21. Kimbe Jones collected 6 points, followed by Kim Willis and Lensey Cullins 4 each, Roxy Fuentes 3, and Michaela Traweek and Lexi Warren, 2 each.

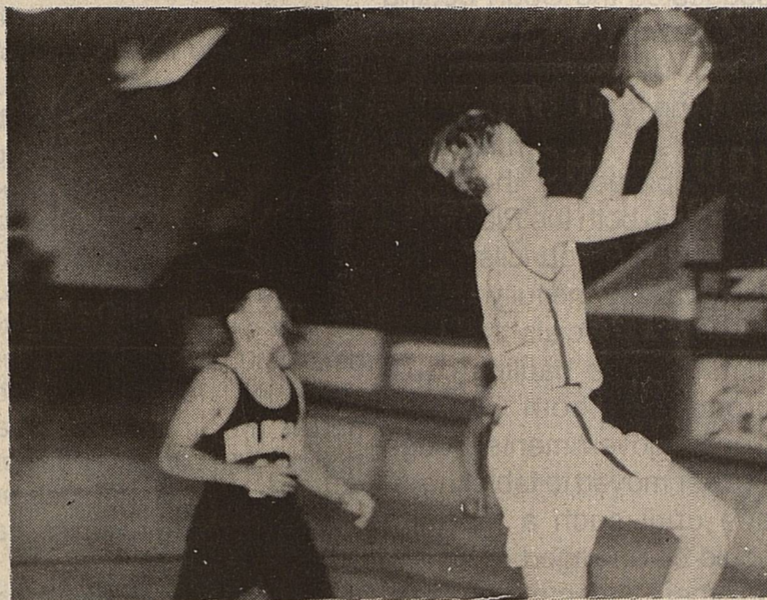
**7th Lady Wranglers;** The 7th girls fared no better against Shallowater, falling 32-14. Annaliesa O'Quinn scored 7 points, Julie Gonzales, Chelsi Wagnon and Elizabeth Clanahan each had 2, and Arasley Luna, 1 point.



Annaliesa O'Quinn battles for ball under the net

**Cowboy Varsity;** The Cowboys had a good outing last week, downing Wellman 79-38, with Tanner Blount scoring 25 points. He was followed by Jamie Caballero with 11, Eric Estrada 9, Adam Dominguez and Joe Luna 8, Travis Bennet 6, Shawn Cullins 5, Stephen Bitolas 4, and Chris Willett 3. Blount had a big game, scoring 10 steals, 9 rebounds and 5 assists. Stephen Bitolas is probably out for the season, re-injuring his knee. Travis Bennett also had 9 rebounds.

**JV Cowboys;** The younger Cowboys had two good outings last week, first dropping Wellman 70-23. Matt Morgan was high point man with 18, followed by David Luna 14, Fermin Luna 12, and Mike Bell 10. They next felled Amherst 59-32 to up their record to 4 and 0. Will St. Romain collected 14 points, Mike Bell had 12, and David Luna 10.

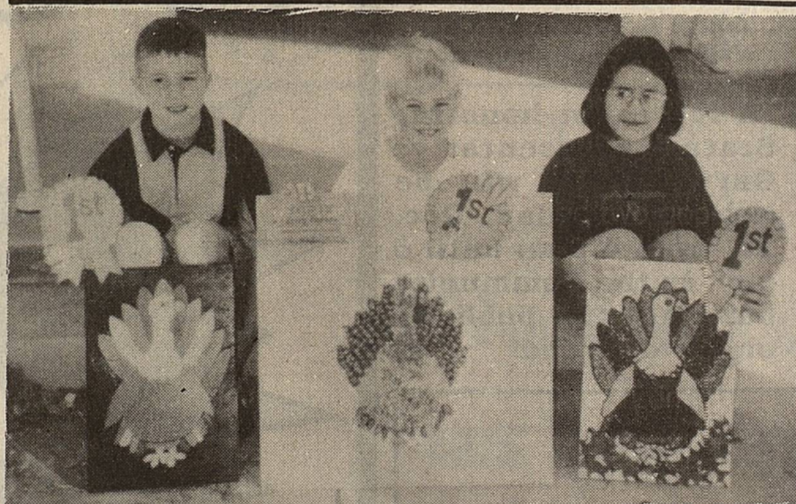


Matt Morgan lays one in for two

**Frosh Cowboys;** The 9th grade Cowboys were dropped by Shallowater 56-27 last week. Colt Winn had 5 points, followed by Patrick McGinty, Alex Luna and Jeremy Morphis 4 each, Josh Bell 3, Kyle Sisson, Keith Jackson and Chris Willis 2, and Salvador Granados 1. Isaac Gonzalez and Justin Bennett also saw action.

**8th Wranglers;** The boys fell to Shallowater 48-29. Brett Squyres collected 14 points, followed by Adam Garcia 6, and Eddy Gallegos 4. Adam was cited for his hustle and defense, and Joel Gallegos for rebounding.

**7th Wranglers;** The younger Wranglers also found Shallowater too tough, falling 38-23. Jared Bell scored 8 points, Sergio Sandoval 6, Tanner Hamm 5, and Joseph Rodriguez 5.



Recent first place winners in the 4th grade Turkey decorating contest at Plains Elementary were, L-R, Brandon Hise, Mrs. Pierce room, Kerry Sisson, Mrs. Mc Adams room, and Marlie Diaz, Mrs. Ramos room

The following schedule charts PHS basketball teams action in the three day Denver City Tournament this weekend;

**Thurs; 11:30-JV boys, Varsity Boys vs. Seagraves. 1:00-JV Girls vs. Seagraves. 4:30-9th Boys vs. D.C. 6:00-Var. Girls vs. Seagraves. 7:30-Var. Boys vs. D.C.**

**Fri; 11:30-JV Boys-Sundown. 3:00- JV Girls-Lovington, Var. Girls - D.C. 4:30-Var. Boys- Lovington. 6:00- JV Boys-D.C.**

**Sat.; 8:30- 9th Boys-?, JV Girls- Lamesa. 10:00-Var. boys-Muleshoe, JV Boys-Brownfield. 3:00- Var. Girls-Seagraves.**

**Go, Cowgirls, Cowboys !!**



## Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Shawna Box, a Junior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy G. Box. She was nominated by Mrs. Davis, who said, "This wonderful student brightens my day. She is self motivated, has a vivacious personality and never complains about class assignments, qualities I admire. Competition is not new to her, as she competes on the UIL Math/Science Team, and spends much of her time cheerleading for the Cowboys and Cowgirls.

## Food, Christmas Toy Donors Needed!

### Christmas Assistance Questionnaire

Name-----  
 Address (include directions if necessary)-----  
 Phone#-----  
 Number of adults in home who are employed-----  
 Employer-Name & phone-----  
 Do the children attend Plains Schools?-----  
 List Children's name, sex & ages below:  
 Name-----age-----sex-----  
 Does your family need; food-----Toys-----  
 Both-----

**\*\* NOTE \*\***

**Deadline to receive questionnaire Dec. 6!!**

The Community's annual Food and Christmas Toy distribution is now underway. The questionnaire below is being distributed around town. If you know of any needy families or children, see that they complete the form, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6. Volunteers are needed to sort and distribute donated food and toys. If you have questions, call Teresa Howard, 456-8794. The gifts will be distributed December 21.

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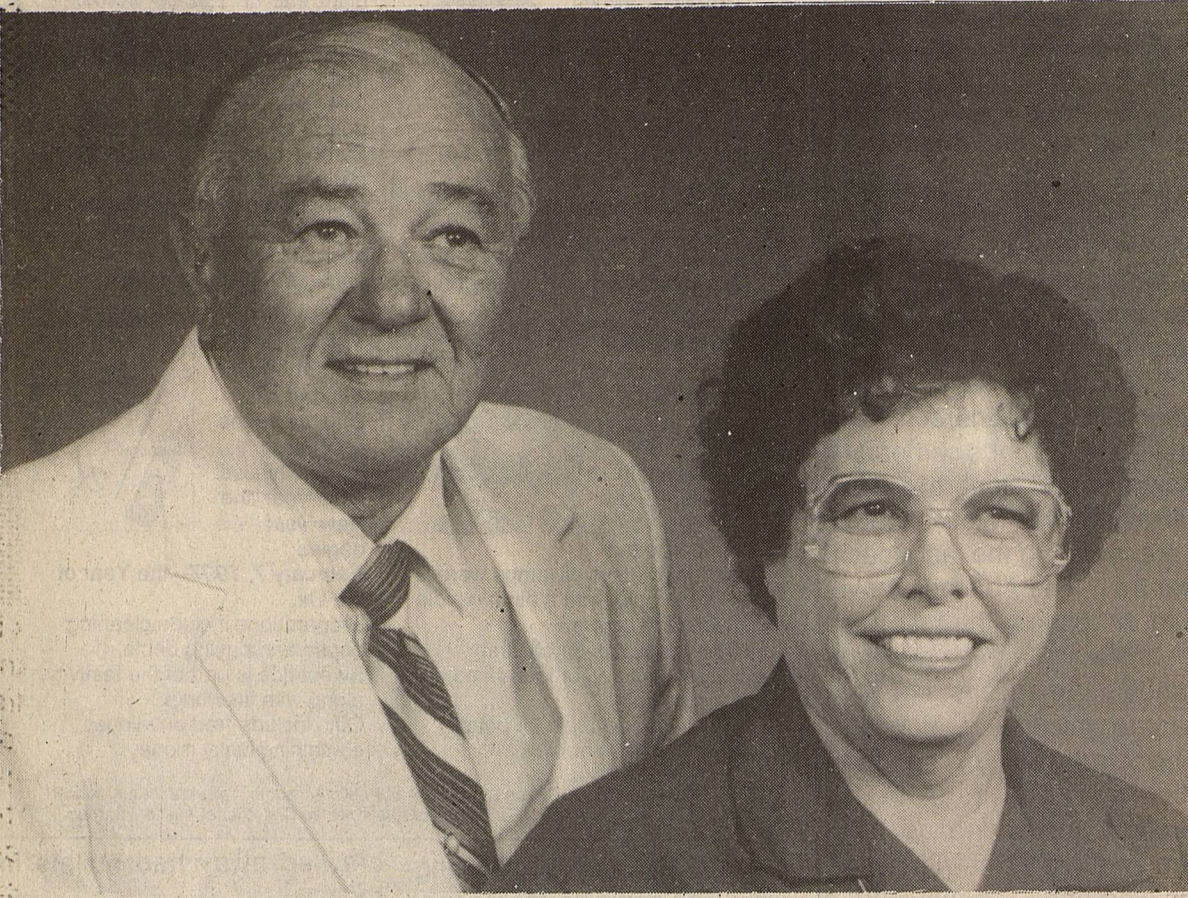
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# Femme Friends



## 50th Anniversary Slated



Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bayer will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 7th at their home. It will be hosted by their children, Pam Burnett of Abilene, Sandy Kreller of Australia, Keith Bayer of Plains, Scott Bayer of Wimberley, Laine Bayer of Abilene. Milton and the former Jimmie Teaff were married at the Close City Baptist Church near Post. They have 7 grandchildren.

### 'Operation Xmas Tree' Plans

Plains Dirt Gardeners met for their regular meeting on the November 20 and voted to sponsor "Operation Christmas Card." Any one wishing to contribute to the program may contact Ita Young at her home, or Box 487, Plains, or any Garden Club Member. Donations will be used only for the benefit of the Plains Cemetery. The club has put markers on all unmarked graves which could be identified. They also paid for the chain link fence on the front of the Cemetery, and the low grow-

ing shrubs in front of the cemetery, and the shrubs at the South gate. They plan to continue improving and beautifying the cemetery.

## Community Happenings

Opening of the Christmas Season will be held at the Pioneer Plaza Park, Dec. 4th 5:45 pm. with the lighting of the Christmas Tree. The Cowboy Band will be playing Christmas Music, Santa Clause will bring candy, and photo of children will be taken for canned food donations. The annual event is sponsored by the Plains Chamber Of Commerce.

Lions Club will meet Thursday, December 5 at noon. Lions Club Building.

First United Methodist Church will have their Christmas Program Sunday Dec. 8 at 6:00pm. There will be a Pot Luck Supper following the program, and the public is invited.

TSA MO GA members will be Celebrating Christmas Dinner December 9, at 7:00 pm. Plains Community Center.

### St. Mary Hospital's "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, December 14, 1996

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—St. Mary Hospital's Kids Club will host the 11th Annual "Breakfast With Santa," Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Hospital's sixth-floor Arnett Room (4000 24th Street).

The morning's activities will feature face painting, Kids Club Mascot Kristen the dinosaur, and, as a special treat, Grady Good Day and the Good Day Gang with music and fun.

Included in the program is storyteller Janie Gray, who will narrate a special Christmas Story and introduce the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves. Children from Girl Scout Troop 289 of Wolforth and Lubbock, will play Santa's elves.

Tickets must be purchased for the event at a cost of \$5 each, which includes breakfast. Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Women and Children's Center at (806) 796-6667.

### Senior Citizens Corner

This is a short week here at the Center, so the news is short also.

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It seems most of our people are staying close to home, a good idea with the cold weather.

Loy Black is home from the hospital. Wanda Black spent several days in the hospital. We wish both a speedy recovery. Louise Green is with her daughter who had surgery in Amarillo. I've missed her at the domino table.

Sis Todd was a guest at the Center on Tuesday, visiting old friends.

Special Thanks to the two men who delivered the lunches to the home, bound on Mon. when Jonnie was ill.

This article was handed me, and asked that I include it in this column, to wit:

"We invite everyone to go by the pool table that the pool players are so proud of. It was purchased through funds from the Monday night pool tournaments and the line dancing classes. There is plenty of room now and all Seniors who are interested in playing or learning to play pool are invited to come join in the fun!"

Next Weeks Coming Events:

**Mon.** Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m. and Pool/Game at 6:30 p.m.

**Tues.** Blood Pressure Check at 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Wed.** Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m.

**Thurs.** Gail Ballor C. Insurance aid at 11:00 a.m.

**Fri.** Line Dancing at 9:30 a.m.

The dates above sound a bit like Christmas is coming on fast. Better get your shopping started. See you next week, Smitty.



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# From The Hack



With the first of the major Holiday's past, I have decided, (a) I am tired of turkey and all exotic turkey leftover recipes, (b) having the entire community virtually shut down for a number of days, making it real difficult to gather enough stuff to fill this rag, and (c) football games, the outcomes of which do not thrill me.

I was bitterly disappointed (but not surprised) when the Aggies played Accordion, and folded up against Texas, dooming Tech's slim chances of getting in the playoff bowl against the Big 12 Champ this weekend. I was totally unsurprised when Nebraska humbled Colorado, earning the right to fry, roast or bake Texas' BEVO in St. Louis this weekend.

I suppose the greatest surprise, or shock, was seeing and hearing the following stat featured during the Cowboy-Redskins game, in which the great Emmit Smith quit scratching his nose and rump long enough to gain 155 yards and score three times. Announcers John Madden and Pat Summerall talked about the graphic shown on the screen which depicted the growing size, or rather, weight, of pro players. The subject must have caught more than my attention, for Friday AM at the fabled Table of Wisdom, the seers and

sages were talking the same subject. In 1979, the NFL sported absolutely no player weighing 300 pounds. Twenty years later, exactly twelve elephant types tipping over 300 were on the rosters. Just seventeen years later, this year, there are 179 brontosaurus type players earning big, big bucks butting heads and bodies in the Pro ranks. This amazes me.

These guys are so huge, when they trot down the entry way to the stadium each weekend, they register on the Richter Scale. I'll bet all of California cringes when they pound out on the field. I am beginning to understand why it is so expensive to support athletic programs in 1A University schools; The feeding of these monsters must up the National debt; Bevo himself wouldn't make enough burgers to feed those Texas linemen one after dinner snack. It's amazing.

Dec. 29, 1845; Texas admitted to Union as 28th state.  
Dec. 24, 1862; Federal troops occupied Galveston.  
Dec. 25, 1863; William Quantrill shot up the city of Sherman in drunken spree.  
Dec. 4, 1867; Fort established at junction of the Concho and North Concho rivers. Called Camp Hatch, then Camp Kelly, finally named Fort Concho in March, 1968; abandoned June 20, 1889.

ers gave due notice, fair warning to the criminal kind, then they struck. They could not, in retrospect, have acted effectively in any other way. They did not worry too much about prisoners in some cases—the nearest jail and court was often a hundred miles away. They were not bullies, unless demanding order was bullying. A favorite cowboy sport was riding off the range and shooting up a west Texas town. Horses were pushed into saloons, lights shot out, mirrors smashed by bullets. If a Ranger was present, he sometimes shot these joyous spirits out of the saddle; there were some who felt that this punishment was a bit severe for the crime.

They rarely called the play, but their orders were to finish it. As officers of the law, they never issued an order twice.

Third, the entire frontier ethos gave the Rangers a great contempt for deviousness, including the deviousness of the Anglo-American law. A bullet cut a straight line. Local politics, and the law itself, hampered Ranger work in cleaning up the country. When McNelly, on one of his last missions, courageously brought in King Fisher and a half-dozen of his men, who had terrorized the entire country from Castroville to Eagle Pass, the courts set them free. Fisher and his men were certifiably guilty of murder, but not convictable under the technicalities of the law. The Rangers had no patience with this; and a great impetus was given an old Mexican practice, the *ley de fuga*. Rangers records indicate a large number of men killed trying to escape, or resisting arrest.

Law could not be far behind.

In bringing it, the records show they killed some scores of men, arrested some hundreds of others, and, as important, drove thousands out of the state.

By 1880, the task of ending the frontier—if not all frontier conditions and a lingering of the frontier mind—was almost over. Charles Goodnight had been ranching in the Palo Duro for four years. One of Captain Arrington's men, writing from Blanco Canyon, said that the Panhandle range was already crowded, with more herds and people coming in. Ironically, one of the last Apache depredations in far West Texas ended in the easy murder of a number of stage travelers because none of the men were armed.

This incident came in 1880, when General Grierson, General Buell, Baylor's company of Rangers, and General Joaquin Terrazas of the Mexican forces were following the last Apache war trail. The Apaches moved with the dark of the moon, but there were hundreds and thousands of Americans and Mexicans to watch their water holes. The American forces drove Victorio south of the Rio Grande, where Terrazas caught him and killed him with sixty of his warriors. The survivors of this band fled back to Texas. They numbered twelve warriors, four women, and four children. They were defiant to the last.

Early in January, 1881, these Indians killed two Americans in Quitman Canyon. Jones wired Baylor to take the bloody trail. The Rangers began a systematic, deadly manhunt; one party lost the Apache trail, another found it. Past Chili Peak to Rattlesnake Springs, and into the Sierra Diablos, well-mounted Rangers gave the band no rest.

At last, in the Diablos, or Devil Mountains, (north of

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

**Christmas**  
December 25  
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and

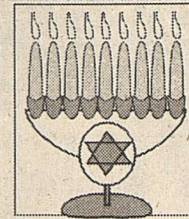


January 6, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi. Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.

**Kwanzaa**  
December 26—January 1  
Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.

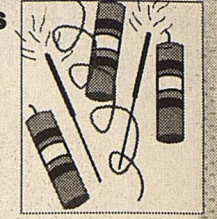


**Hanukkah**  
December 5-13  
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles



symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins. Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.

**New Years**  
January 1 and February 7  
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins



February 7, 1997—the Year of the Ox. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.

present-day Van Horn) Rangers came down on the Apache camp. The Indians were afoot; they had eaten some of their horses, and the rest had been worn out. Baylor and Nevill surrounded the camp in the dark on the morning of January 29, crawling to one hundred yards through the Spanish dagger thickets, waiting for the sun to rise.

With the cold light, nineteen Rangers opened fire. Apaches, unlike Comanches, did not turn at bay and fight; these tried to run, but nothing could save them. When the shooting died away, four warriors, two squaws, and two children were dead; most of them who

crawled away had bullets in them. There were two pools of water in the camp. One was so filled with blood the Rangers could not use it; they made their morning coffee from the other pool.

The last settler had been killed by Indians in Texas. In the chill rare air and stark shadows of the Rockies at this day-break, Texas Rangers had shot down their last Indian. The vast Pecos drainage was secure; this same year the last free range disappeared, and rails had almost reached El Paso.

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