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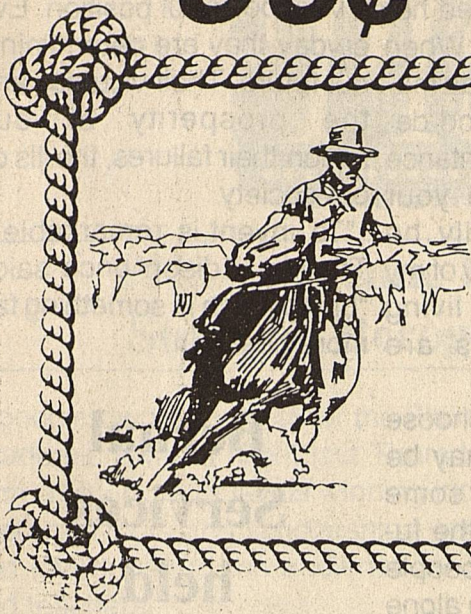
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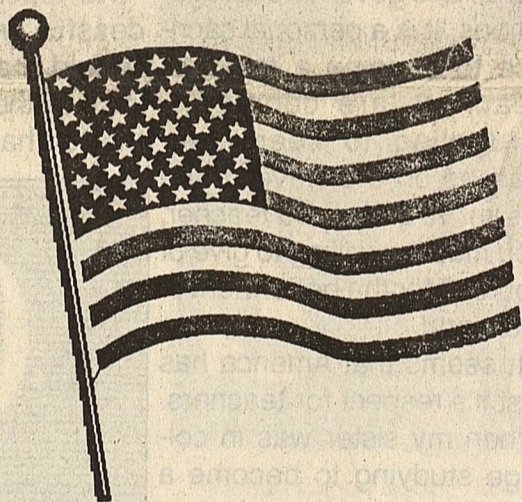
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Our Special Graduation & Academic Achievement Awards Issue

Join us in observing Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

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Bale Contamination Complaints Increase

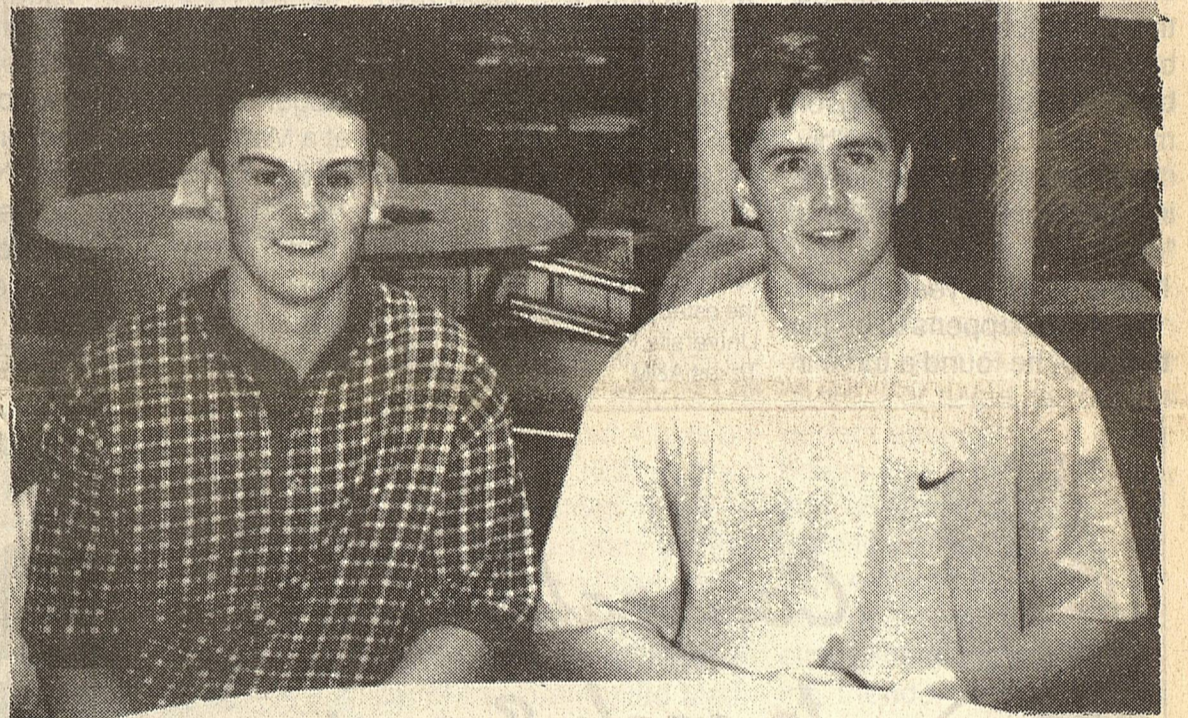
"U.S. COTTON has long been recognized as being among the highest quality cottons in the world," states Dr. William F. Lalor, vice president of Agricultural Research at Cotton Incorporated. "Whether it be our significant advances in length and strength over the last decade, or as a result of the tremendous amount of data available on each bale due to the use of HVI and Cotton Incorporated's Engineer Fiber Selection (EFS) System, both domestic and foreign mills have come to expect consistently high quality U.S. cotton with which they can produce the cotton products that are currently fueling the high level of consumer demand for cotton." However, this reputation has the potential to become tainted as a result of an alarming increase in lint contamination in recent crops. Contamination has increased

so much so that mills are searching for ways to find some other entity in the cotton marketing chain to share in the cost of claims that are being filed against them by their customers. "The problem is that prevention is best done in the fields and at gins," emphasized Lalor. "It is very difficult to prevent the problem in a modern mill opening room." Producers and ginners must, therefore, give serious thought to how they can prevent plastic and non-cotton, fibrous material from contaminating their cotton, because contamination is a very real and increasing problem. Lalor emphasizes, "Think of all the clothing items made from synthetics, and all the plastic wrappers and packaging materials found around fields, machinery sheds and gins, and you will quickly understand the need to have a proactive plan to keep them out of the cotton. Above all,

producers and ginners must remember that tarps and tie-downs are major sources of contaminants." Lalor continues, "We also all use items made from natural fibers that will contaminate cotton—even dyed cotton is a contaminant! Wool hats and gloves that can get into the seed-cotton or lint stream; sisal or jute twine and rope; jute fabrics; and, of course, cotton sweaters and other garments that are removed during the heat of the day and put down where they might get into seed cotton, are also all potential sources of contamination!"

Elementary Awards, 3rd & 4th- Wed. 9 a.m.
Pre-K & K Thurs., 9 a.m.
1st & 2nd grade, 9:45 a.m.
Jr. High Awards Fri., 9:30 a.m.
High School graduation Fri. 8 p.m.
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All events in school auditorium

PHS Top Students Named



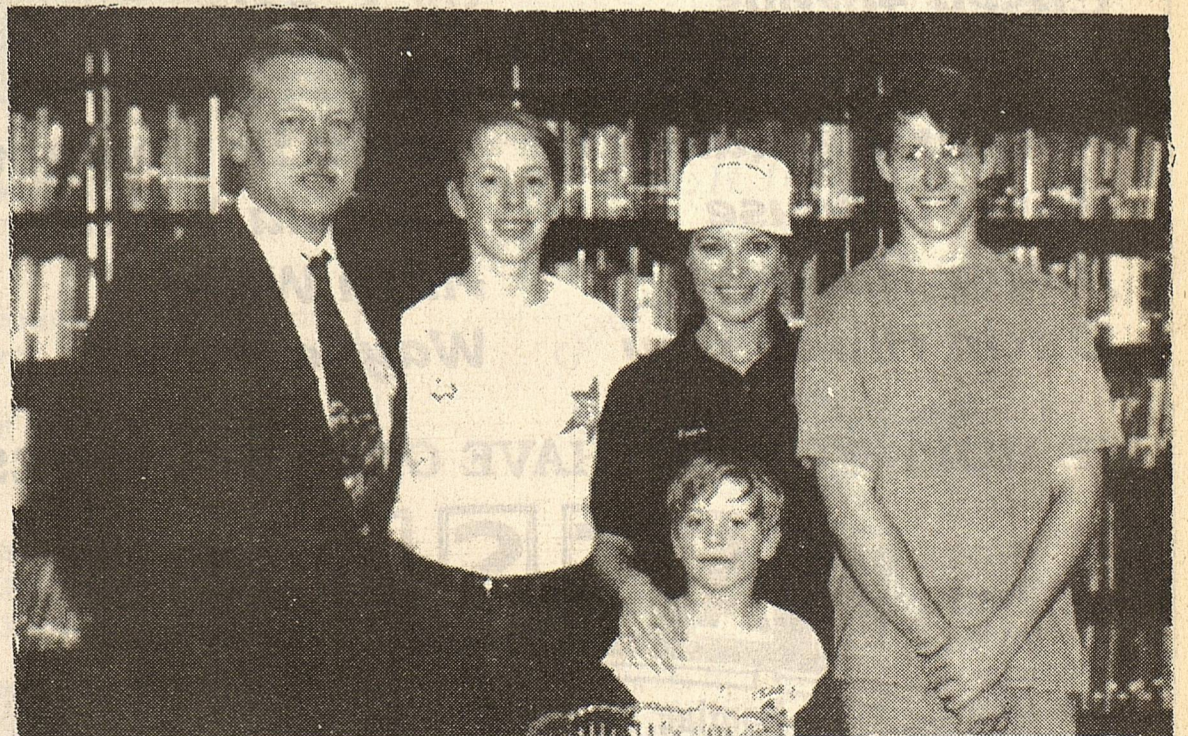
PHS Valedictorian Yancey House and Salutatorian Jacob Lester
The Plains High School graduating class of 1997 is headed up by two young men who are true achievers. Valedictorian Yancey House is the son of Wayne and Phylis House, and has lived in Plains all his life. His maternal grandparents are Dot Wolfe and the late Charles Wolfe of Fort Worth, and paternal grandparents are R.W. House and the late Veona House of Goldwithe.

Yancey maintained a 96.157 grade average, to earn Valedictorian honors, earned a scholarship to Abilene Christian University, where he will be a pre-med student, and plans "to become a surgeon, and have a wife and two kids".

Jacob Lester, the class Salutatorian, is the son of Bruce and Jan Lester, and is also a Plains native. His maternal grandparents are Buddy and Lee Hanna of Plains, and Tenny and Bob Lester of Austin. He achieved the second highest grade point average of 96.0. He too has medical career goals, and will attend Texas Tech University as a pre-med student, and will minor in chemistry.

Both young men were active in PHS sporting events, were members of the National Honor Society and the Student Council, and competed in numerous UIL events.

New Superintendent welcomed here



James Haynes, recently named Superintendent of the Plains Independent School District, spent last Friday here meeting school staff and faculty, and working on plans for the coming school session. He was met by a number of residents at a reception in the Resource Center that afternoon. He is shown here being greeted by John, front, Tyrel, Tami and Lee Tyson,

Is this Joe III, IV, V, VI ?



Last Wednesday, May 14, we received a call from subscriber Morris Lowe, who couldn't conceal a bit of excitement in his voice. He said he was going to tell us a story just a bit hard to believe, but was true. Seems some fifty odd years ago, Morris' mother found a turtle (tortoise) in her backyard. Knowing they helped control insects in her plants, she would occasionally feed the turtle pieces of bread. The beast stayed around the entire summer, and she was surprised when next spring the same turtle, recognized by a strange mark on its back, showed up looking for more insects, and possibly more bread. She kept feeding the turtle, and named it "old Joe".

his backyard, bringing back memories of old Joe. Wondering if the thing would stick around and possibly return, he took red fingernail polish and painted a red cross on its back. He said he spotted the turtle several times that summer. This year, May 14, 1997, marking his 87th birthday, he reported he looked outside, and lo and behold, there creeping across the yard was a turtle. Upon examination, there was the same critter, red nail polish still in evidence on its shell.

Morris said this turtle also enjoys insects and pieces of bread, and wonders, "You don't suppose this guy could be a descendant of old Joe, do you"?

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 May 28, 1923, Santa Rita gusher came in, providing resources for the establishment of the Permanent University Fund to endow UT and Texas A&M.

Successful teachers exemplify the promise of our future

By Clint Burrus

(Editors note: PHS Sophomore Clint Burrus recently won two medals in the UIL Journalism contests in Austin. He was the first place winner in news writing, and placed second in headline writing. CCN asked Clint to submit an article for this issue of the paper. It is reproduced here exactly as submitted. We think it is an excellent piece of work)

When you are acquainted with the Plains Cowboys, success becomes second nature. You would be hard-pressed to find any better public schools in the state of Texas. Amid all the victories; whether they be academic, athletic, or artistic, it becomes increasingly difficult, however, to appreciate each achievement for the great thing which it is. You step inside the doors of PHS and what is the first thing you see? Walls lined with trophy cases holding the tears, sweat, and hard work of students, teachers, coaches, and administrators alike.

I've found that you meet many people when you are involved in extracurricular activities. I was talking to a student from another school at a Math/Science meet and he asked a question that I've heard from countless others. "How", he said "is your school so successful in everything that you do?"

At the time, I couldn't really

give him an answer, but I carried the question back to Plains with me. I would have liked to have said that it's just because we have brilliant, athletic, artistic students. When I got to considering it, though, I couldn't really think of a time when PHS wasn't successful. In 90 years of existence, one would think that we would have had a streak of unsuccessful students.

There's only one explanation for our schools success. The answer is the teachers. Teachers are the heart of our schools. Students come through the doors of school with the groundwork for success. Administrators plan how an education will be built on this foundation, but it's the teachers who actually construct the knowledge that allows students to achieve greatness. It's a plan that when carried out poorly is nothing more than a faulty tower that will collapse with the slightest wind.

We all know that the pay of a teacher isn't that great. The hours are long. The work isn't very glamorous. You must deal with griping parents, unwilling students, and bureaucratic government regulations. It is a personal sacrifice to become a teacher. Teachers are constantly struggling to keep their classes on the wave of the future. To be a good teacher, you must be willing to give of yourself for the betterment of the world.

It seems that America has lost it's respect for teachers. When my sister was in college studying to become a

teacher someone asked her what her major was. She replied that she was majoring in early childhood development, the acquaintance of time, you could really be somebody." I and many of my fellow students are living proof that teachers are "somebody".

Why would anyone choose to be a teacher? It may be hard to fathom, but some people do believe in the future America. Some people do still believe that one alone can make a difference, and that many working together can change the world. Some do believe that not every teenager is interested in what can be done for them. These who are the believers, the optimists, are the teachers.

Teachers go unthanked for the most part. That is why if you are a student, you should thank your teachers every day for all the hard work they have put in not to selfishly help themselves, but to help you. If you are a parent, thank your child's teacher for their support and guidance. If you are merely a member of our community, thank teachers for putting Plains on the map and steering the minds of future, doctors, lawyers, garbagemen, farmers, ranchers, entrepreneurs, ministers, congressmen, stock brokers, flight attendants, presidents, and yes, murderers, rapists, and criminals.

No teacher is 100% successful, which is why we should thank them and rejoice in the success that they do have. Teachers hold

a very powerful position. Everyday they are determining our future. Their victories are the prosperity of our nation; their failures, the ills of our society.

"To invent, is remarkable," Thomas Edison once said, "but to teach is something far more beautiful."

Bernal Services held

Funeral services for Eric Bernal, 33, were held in Templo Bautista Nueva Vision here at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 1997. Reverend Joe Rodriguez officiated, and interment under the direction of Plains Memorial Chapel followed at the Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Bernal was born July 11, 1963 in New Home. He was a resident of Odessa, and was a construction worker there. He died May 16 at the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

He is survived by three sons, Eric Jr., Joseph and Shawn Bernal; His mother, Mary Bernal of Plains; Four brothers, Ignacio of Clovis, Jessie of Abilene, Jimmy of Houston, and Rosendo of Artesia; five sisters, Dora Ward of Crowell, Carol Colard of Ft. Worth, Mary Ward of Plains, and Jovita Trevino, and Josie Saiz, Artesia.

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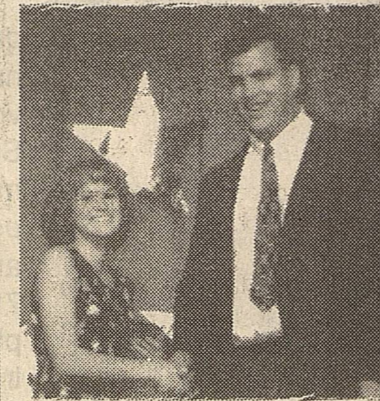
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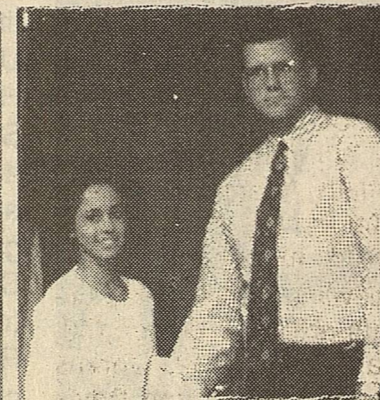
Yvonne Gonzales, Sonia Avila with awards from Don Burgess, Yoakum County Soil & Water Conservation District



Leticia Canon & Brad Friesen



Mrs. Banfield presents awards to Lindi Rowe & Tess St Romain



Wendy Hernandez & Mr Williams

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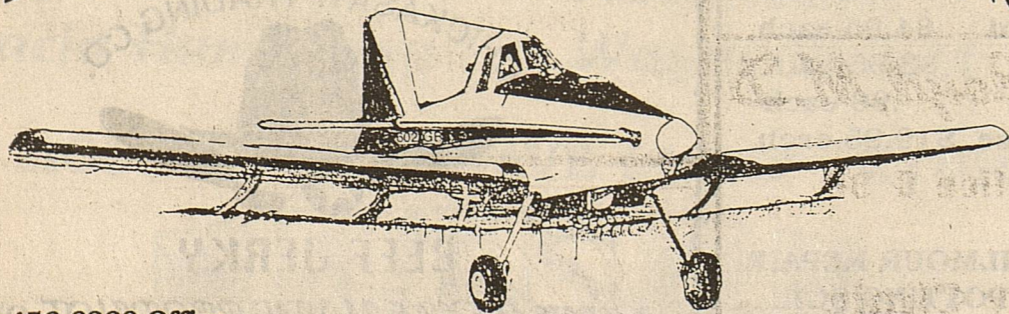
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erty enrolled in the program," he said. All lands entered into this program will be subject to most of the same regulations that apply to state-owned wildlife management areas and will be monitored periodically by state Game Wardens. "There are several advantages to leasing through this program compared to leasing privately," Richardson said. These include: 1) no landowner liability, 2) no hunting lease fee, 3) no obligation to keep hunter records, and 4) improved law enforcement activity. He said, "Every effort will be made by Wildlife Division personnel to tailor a lease agreement to meet the needs and desires of the cooperating landowner." The deadline for sign-up is July 1, 1997.

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact Calvin Richardson at 806/761-4971 or Robert L. West in San Angelo at 915/651-4748.

Court approves promotions, Hospital contract

The County Commissioners Court approved a request of Judge Kenny Smith, Pct. 2 Justice of Peace, to promote Marcella Bell from third Deputy to second Deputy on Monday's court session. He reported Bell was an excellent employee, and was helping him maintain his office under the approved budget. She has worked for Judge Smith 6 months, but has a total of 2 years and 10 months total time as a county employee.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark made a similar request, to promote Alice Bearden as second Deputy in his office, and hire Corina Estrada As third Deputy. The move was prompted by the recent resignation of second Deputy Linda May, who accepted employment with Altura Energy.

Ed Rogers, Administrator of Yoakum County Hospital, introduced Richard Pope, vice president, and Pete Beck, controller for St. Mary's Hospital, and Attorney Bo Brown, also representing St. Mary's. They discussed details of an extended contract between St. Mary's and the county for the operation of the local hospital. The contract, covering the time from January 1, 1997 through December, 1998, had previously approved and recommended by the Hospital's Board of Directors. The St. Mary representatives discussed provisions in the contract budget which had built in loss figures for bad debts and indigent health care.

High Plains Jr. Rodeo Results

Local junior rodeo contestants competed in Canyon May 9, 10 and 11. Following are individual results; Kimberly Jackson had another great rodeo, placing 4th in the 8 & under Poles and Barrels. She also had a 10th place finish in the Goat Tying.

Marcey House finished 6th in the girls 16-19 Poles.

Brett Squyres won a 4th place in the 13-15 Boys Tie Down Calf Roping and a 5th place in the Breakaway roping with a time of 3.113.

Robin Squyres placed 7th and received 4 points in both of her events, 16-19 girls Breakaway & Ribbon roping.

Watermelon Round-up Plans

Yoakum County residents interested in having a booth at the Watermelon Round-up can reserve them at this time. Non-county resident reservation will be taken after June 15th. Rental fee is \$25 and \$35 if electricity is required. 220 hook-ups are not available. Contact Susie Powell at 456-3411 or by mail, Rt 1 Box 60, Plains, Texas 79355 for Arts and Crafts booths. Food booths may be reserved by contacting Carolyn Culwell, at 456-8714 or mail to Box 430, Plains, Texas 79355. Fee is due at time reservation is made. The Watermelon Round-up date is Saturday, August 30.

Employment Opportunity

The City of Plains is accepting applications for a Utility Billing Clerk. This position will be responsible for utility billing and collection as well as other general office duties. Effective oral and written communication ability, and exceptional public service skills required. Computer knowledge and bilingual beneficial. Application form and job description can be obtained at Plains City Hall located at 601 11th street or by calling 806-456-2288. Salary will depend on qualifications and experience. Health insurance and retirement benefits provided. Send application, resume and references to City of Plains, PO Box 550, Plains, Texas 79355. Applications due by May 28, 1997.

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Landowners Earn Extra Income by Providing Public Dove Hunting

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Public Dove Hunting Program is entering its third year. The program is administered by the Wildlife Division and allows the Department to enter into short-term lease agreements with landowners throughout the state for the upcoming dove season (September and October). According to the TPWD Wildlife Biologist in Lubbock, Calvin Richardson, "The leased areas will not be available to all licensed hunters, but only to those hunters who possess an annual public hunting permit sold by the Department." He added, "This often results in fewer hunters on their fields than landowners sometimes anticipate and ultimately can produce some high quality hunting for individuals that possess the annual permit."

Richardson said that ideal tracts of land will range in size from 100 to 300 acres, although larger and smaller tracts have been leased by the Department. He added, "Food sources available in early fall are a primary consideration when evaluating a field for the program. Important dove foods in this area include native and commercial sunflowers, croton (doveweed), ragweed, pigweed, sorghum, and wheat. A water source such as a farm pond or creek can serve as an additional attractant for doves."

The acres that are enrolled in the Public Dove Hunting Program are posted by TPWD personnel prior to the dove hunting season to clearly define hunting boundaries, Richardson explained. "Parking areas will be designated and the local Game Wardens will be notified about the location of each prop-

Congratulations to each member of the PHS Class of 1997. You have shown your determination to succeed, and we wish you the best!

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Vacation Bible School to start

The annual First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School will start Monday, June 2, and run thru Friday, June 6. Hours for the school will be 9 am until noon. Youngsters aged 3 through 11 years are welcome to attend the fun and instructive school. For more information, call Mary Wilmeth, 456-4061.

New Books at the Yoakum County Library

- Weigh Down Diet by Gwen Shamblin
- Bowling Steps to Success by Rob Strickland
- I Was Wrong by Jim Bakker
- Cosby The Life of a Comedy Legend by Ronald Smith
- Bogart by A.M. Sperber
- Artists Way a Spiritual Path by Julia Cameron
- Information Please Almanac '97
- Texas Challenge Population Change by Steve Murdock
- Texas Rangers by R. Rambeck
- Fiction**
- Waiting Time by Eugenia Price
- Illusions by Janet Dailey
- Cloudy in the West by Elmer Kelton
- Best of Enemies by Taylor Smith
- Fat Tuesday by Sandra Brown

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met at the clubroom on Tuesday, May 6th with fourteen members and one guest present. In the absence of President Linda Powell, Vice President Uvonne Morgan called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved and Treasurers report given.

Wadonna Davis gave a report on the scholarship in memory of Louise Goehry. Tessa St. Romain was the recipient, with a special recognition given to runner-up Sonia Avila. The committee reported that it was a hard decision to make because of the excellence of both essays submitted by the girls.

Jimmie Bayer announced that she would be conducting oil painting classed during the summer for the local youth. Classes will begin on June 3 at 8:30 at the art building on Ave. G in Plains. Fee is \$10.00 and age group will be age 8 and up.

John Hopkins, renowned artist from Hobbs, N.M. gave a very interesting demonstration in oils and shared many informative techniques with

the group. Bobby Clark, visitor from Denver City, was welcomed as a new member.

Elfida Winkler was the winner of a drawing for a painting done at the April meeting by Marsha Wilkes and some of the club members.

Those attending the meeting were: Mary Dale Forbus, Wilma Powell, Jeannette Head, Betty Estep, Eileen Fillipp, Sheila Stephens, Bobby Clark, Marlene Gibson, Jimmie Bayer, Inetta Teaff, Marguerite Barron, Susie Powell, Uvonne Morgan, Wadonna Davis, and Elfida Winkler.

Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Sheila Stephens, Mary Dale Forbus and Elfida Winkler.

The next meeting date is June 3. June artist of the month is Betty Estep.

Eileen Fillipp, Secretary

Senior Citizen Corner

Writing this column is kinda like skating on thin ice, twirling a baton, or eating spaghetti with chop sticks, it looks easy until time to begin, then the first words are hard to find, and this is one of those times.

The Quilts were won by Darlene Clevenger and Sharon Willis. Thanks to all who helped make this a worth while endeavor.

Our sympathy to Jean Sparks on the loss of her sister, Eula Weaver. She was buried on Tuesday at DeLeon, Texas.

Our director, Thelma Hicks, was honored at "Senior of the Month."

Naomi Braswell is out of the hospital. Reba McNabb has been out with a health problem. Also her brother, Ivan Pitman, who come from Lovington to play pool, is in Lubbock Hospital.

New faces this week are Lee Wayne Hardin, Bob Barr, Leslea Sharoner, Bob Seamore, and Sharon Bosticks. Our Thanks to Sharon for the song she sang.

Next Weeks Activites:

Line Dancing on Mon. Wed. Fri at 9:30 a. m.

Mon. Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m. Pool/Game at 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Pool Tournament at 10 a.m. Medical Arts B/P Check at 11:00-11:30 a.m.



Springtime Recital held here



A spring recital was held for the piano students of Dana Davis at the First Baptist Church on April 20. Those performing were Ryan Crump, Colby Wilmeth, Lauren Davis, Michael Crump, April Wilmeth, Dennis Penner, Allison Friesen, Tiffany Canon, Elizabeth Clanahan, B.J. Lester, Liz Wilmeth, and Becky Wilmeth. Awards were given to the top five students who scored highest on their achievement skills. These students are: B.J. Lester 133, Ryan Crump 132, Dennis Penner 131, Lauren Davis 128, and a tie with Michael Crump and Allison Friesen both scoring 120 points.

Library Filmtime

At Filmtime May 14, nine mothers got together to supply cookies and punch for a combination Summer Birthday Party for the kids. The children celebrating their summer birthdays were: Kevin John Gass 4, Adam Nixon 4, Isaac Doyle 3, Cody Friesen 5, Rhaemi Stall 3, Jasmine Whitzel 3, Sean Curry 1, Cameron Knight 2, and Jaxon Williams 1. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The other children that attended included: Brittany Roper, Brooke Wilson, Hunter Welch, Rhaela Stall, Kristen Knight, Katelynn Young, Raegan Young, Andrew Conway, Courtney Byram, Sabrina Byram, Jacob Brink, Jaston Brink, Shelby Covarrubias, Carolina Hernandez, Kristie Lopez, Lexus Jimenez, Joseph Williams, Kelsey Curry, Brennan Whitzel, Marina Martinez, Sam Melendez, Autumn Friesen, Charity Hainer.



Back, L-R, Allison Friesen, B.J. Lester, Dennis Penner. Front, Lauren Davis, Ryan Crump. Not pictured is Michael Crump.

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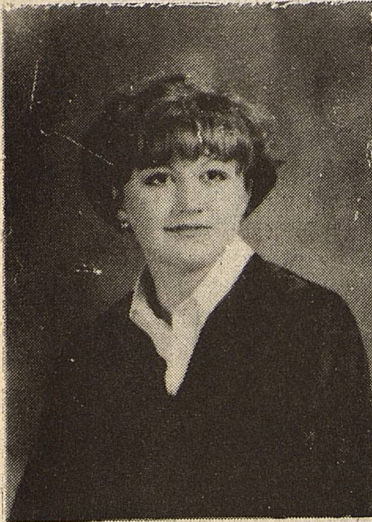
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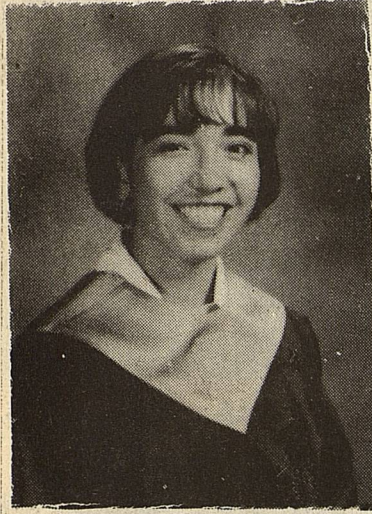
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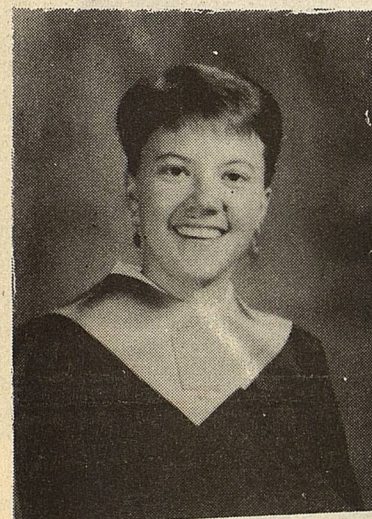
Friends, Neighbors And Relatives



Stephenia Colleen Allsup
 Parents: Steve Allsup & Donna Durham
 DOB: August 12, 1979
 Basketball 1-2; Track 1-2; Golf 3-4; FHA 3. I plan to go to SPC for two years and then transfer to ASU majoring in English.



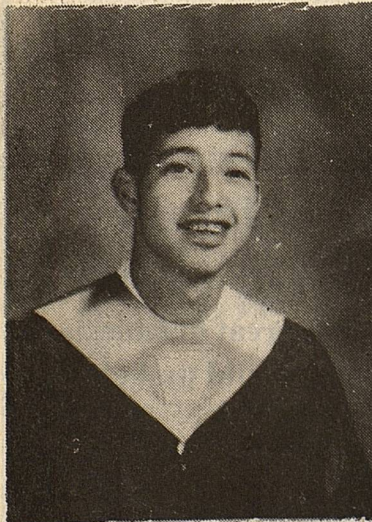
Sonia Avila
 Parents: Mario and Margarita Avila
 DOB: November 5, 1978
 Band 1-4; Cheerleader 1-4; Student Council 3-4; Student Council Vice President 4; Class Secretary 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Most Friendly Girl 1-4; Annual Staff 1-2; Student of the Week 2-4; National Honor Society 2-4; All A Honor Roll 1-4; Band Booster Award 3; Marching Band State Champions 3; Concert Band State Champions 2. As I embark on my future, I plan on attending Texas Tech University.



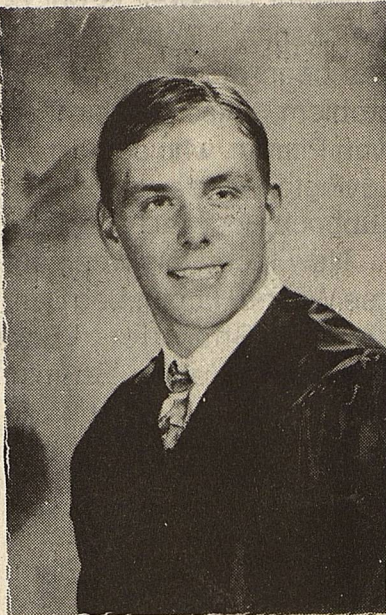
Kiley Jo Bearden
 Parents: Rickey and Karen Bearden
 DOB: January 7, 1979
 Basketball 1-4; All-District 2-3; Honorable Mention 4; Volleyball 1-4; MVP of District 3; Track 2-3; One-Act Play 2-3; FFA 1-4; Secretary 4; FCA 3-4; President 4; attend First Baptist Church in Plains and active in ACTS, Inc. After high school and college I hope to be a coach.



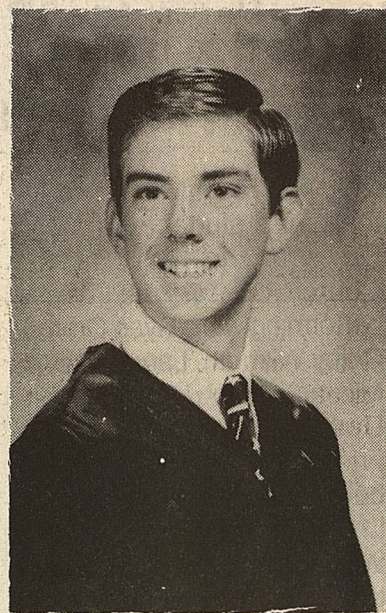
Bridget Calandra Bernal
 Parents: Victor and Linda Bernal
 DOB: January 4, 1979
 Basketball 1-2; Volleyball 1-2; Track 1; Band 1-2; State Champs 2; Class Favorite 2; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; KPHS 4; Annual Staff 3. I plan to attend South Plains College at Levelland and major in Business Administration for a Secretary and graduate in two years. Then from there be employed in a business for a Secretary and get out of this town as quick as possible.



Stephen Alejandro Bitolas
 Parents: Alex and Rosie Bitolas
 DOB: October 27, 1978
 3 years of V. Football; 2 years of V. Basketball; 2 years of V. Track; All-District Football 2; Regional Qualifier Pole Vault 1; Vice President 1-2; President 3; Student Council Member 3; National Honor Society member; Student of the Week 2; Informative Speaker 3 years; Current Events; Band 1-4; State Marching Champion 2; State Ensemble Champions. I plan to attend San Angelo. I probably need to go back to work after graduation.



Coley Burgess
 Parents: Don and Pam Burgess
 DOB: March 30, 1979
 Math and Science U.I.L. 3-4; Football 1-4; All District 3-4; Track 1-4; Regional Qualifier 4; FCA 3-4; FFA 1-4; Golf 2-3; Band 1-2; One-Act Play 4. I plan to attend Texas Tech University or Devry as an Electrical Engineer.



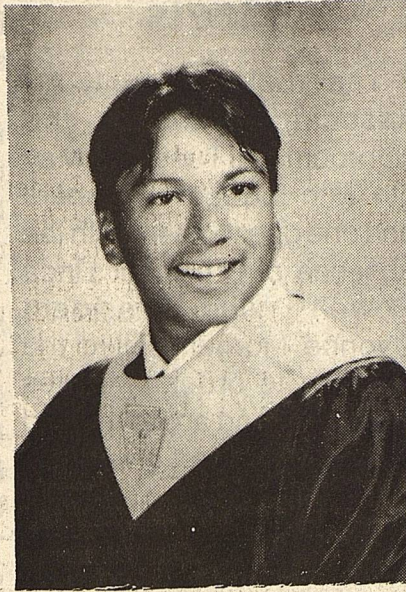
Spencer Don Deaton
 Parents: Joe and Judy Deaton
 DOB: November 28, 1978
 FCA 2-4; Student Council 3 years; Basketball 1; Tennis 2 years; FFA 1-4; Band 1-4 State Marching Champions; Stock Show 2 years; One-Act Play 2 years. I plan to enroll at Abilene Christian University. I have already been accepted. Major in Marine Biology and I plan to work all summer to make extra money for college.



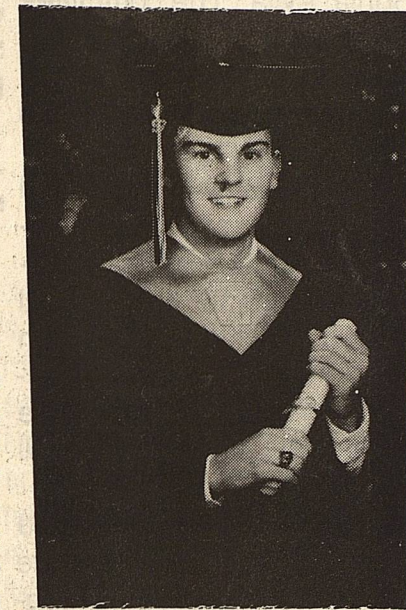
Casey Forbus
 Parents: Randy and Rebecca Forbus
 DOB: August 29, 1978
 Basketball 1-2; Football 1-4; NHS; FCA. I plan to attend South Plains College.



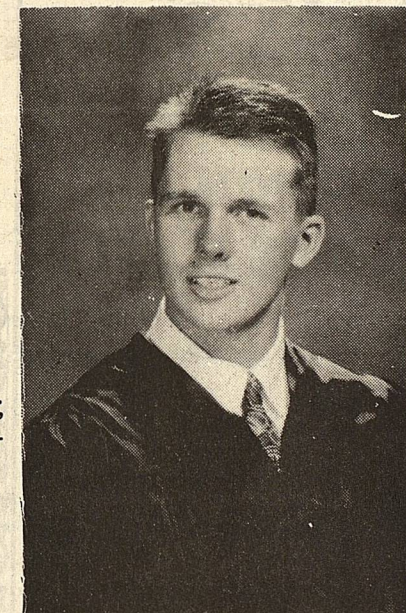
Kristi Dionne Guetersloh
 Parents: Kay Swann and Kevin Guetersloh
 DOB: May 16, 1979
 Volleyball 1-3; Basketball 1; Track 1-4; Cheerleading 1,3-4; Student Council 1-4; FHA 1; Homecoming Duchess 1,3; Homecoming Queen 4; Mrs. PHS 4; Band 1-4; Student Council Secretary 3; Accounting U.I.L. Regional Qualifier 3; State Band Champs 1995-Marching and Concert; State Band Runner-up 1993-Marching; Class Favorite 1, 3. I plan to go to Angelo State University to major in Accounting starting in the fall.



Arthur Hernandez
 Parents: Terry Cordova (stepfather) and Helen Cordova David Hernandez (father)
 DOB: May 12, 1979
 NHS; Football 1,3-4; Band 1-3; Marching Band State Champions 3; FFA. I plan to attend college to become an auto mechanic.



Yancey House
 Parents: Wayne and Phyllis House
 DOB: September 17, 1978
 Number Sense 2-4; 1st team district 3; 2nd individual 3; 1st team region 3; 2nd team state 3; Calculator 2-4; Science 2-4; Math 2-4; Computer Science 4; 1st team district 4; 3rd individual 4; Accounting 4; Football 1,4; Basketball 1-3; Tennis 1-4; Academic All District Football 4; NHS 2-4; NHS Vice-President 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; Student of the Week 4; Teen Court 2-4; FFA 2-4; Jr. Class Vice-President; Senior Class President; Student Council 3-4; Quiz Bowl 2-4; Valedictorian; FCA 3-4; Tsa Mo Ga Short Story Contest Winner. I plan to go to Abilene Christian University and major in Pre-Med and become a surgeon, and have a wife and two kids.



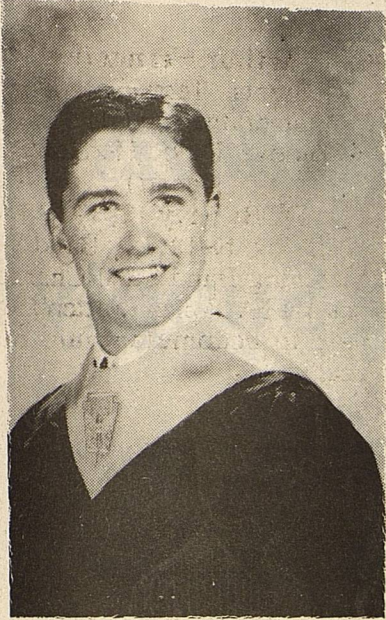
Major Allen Howard
 Parents: Major and Angel Howard
 DOB: April 20, 1978
 FHA 2; FFA 3; Annual Staff 1; Football 4; Basketball 1; Track 3; FCA 1; U.I.L. Speech 1; Stock Show 2; Livestock Judging 1; All-District Defensive End 1. I plan to go to South Plains College for two years and then go to Texas Tech and major in Wildlife Management.



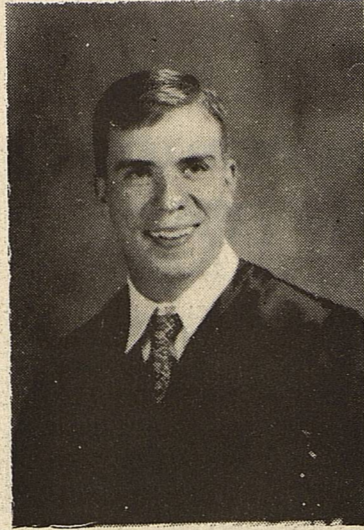
Dacia Humphrey
 Parents: Joe and Freda Humphrey
 DOB: August 13, 1979
 FHA 2-3; Annual Staff 3; Golf 3-4. I plan to attend South Plains College and major in the Medical Field and someday become a Pediatrician.



Salute The Senior Class Of 1997!



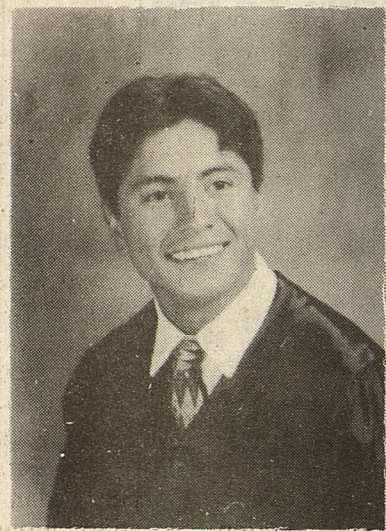
John Jacob Lester
 Parents: Bruce and Jan Lester
 DOB: November 2, 1978
 J.V. Football 1; V. Football 2-4; Basketball 1-2; Student Council 1-4; NHS 2-4; NHS President 4; FFA 1-4; Cross Country 1-2; State Champion Cross Country Team 1; Silver Medalist Cross Country Team 2; Student of the Week Award; Track 1-3; U.I.L. Science 2-4; Salutatorian; Class Favorite 3. I plan to attend Texas Tech University. My major will be Pre-Med and my minor will be Chemistry.



Marte Don Pierce
 Parents: Joe and Joyce Pierce
 DOB: November 9, 1978
 Football 1-4; Track 1-3; Basketball 1-2; FCA 1-4; FFA 1-4; FFA Vice-President 1; FFA President 2-4; OAP 1-3; Jr. Class Treasurer; Sr. Vice-President; Boys State Rep. 3; Livestock Judging 1-4; Livestock Judging State Qualifier 4. I plan to attend Tarleton State University and major in Agriculture Economics.



Tessa St. Romain
 Parents: Joe and Eloise St. Romain
 DOB: December 16, 1978
 Volleyball 1-3; Basketball 1-4; All District 3; Tennis 1-2; Track 3; Golf 2-4; Outstanding Girls Golf 3; Persuasive Speaking 3; Computer Applications 4; One-Act Play 3; Honorable Mention 3; Student Council 3; Band 1-4; Drum Major 2-4; Outstanding Drum Major; Ensemble 1,2,4; All Region Band 2,4; Girls State Rep.; NHS 2-4. I plan to attend Texas Tech University. Major in Nursing and get my RN and BSN degrees. I plan on finding a job in Lubbock and live with my sister and my niece.



Joe Luna
 Parent: Jose Luis Luna
 DOB: November 21, 1977
 Student of the Week; All-District Receiver; Most Outstanding; Defensive Back; All State Defensive Back; Most Outstanding Football; Most Outstanding Cross Country; All South Plains Receiver 4; Class 1A State 1st Team; 1st Team District Kick-returner; punt returner; State Runner-up Cross Country Team; All-District Honorable Mention Basketball; Plains High School Most Athletic 3; All State Preseason Pick Receiver. I plan to attend South Texas Community College in Edingburg to major in Computer Maintenance.



Luz Veronica Ponce
 Parents: Isidro and Nancy Ponce
 DOB: May 19, 1979
 Student Council 3-4; Report 3; President 4; Yearbook Staff 2,4; Editor 4; Student of the Week 2-4; NHS 3-4; Reporter 4; Jr. Class Secretary; Most Spirited 3-4; Class Favorite 4; One-Act Play 3-4; U.I.L. Journalism 2-3; Debate 2,4; Persuasive Speaking 4; Poetry 4; Current Event and Issues 4; Spanish III Award 3; Industrial Arts Award 3; Active Member of "Primera Iglesia Bautista" in Loop, TX. I have made preparations to attend Angelo State University and major in Accounting. Although I have accomplished many small goals at PHS, I have made long lasting friendships. THANKS!



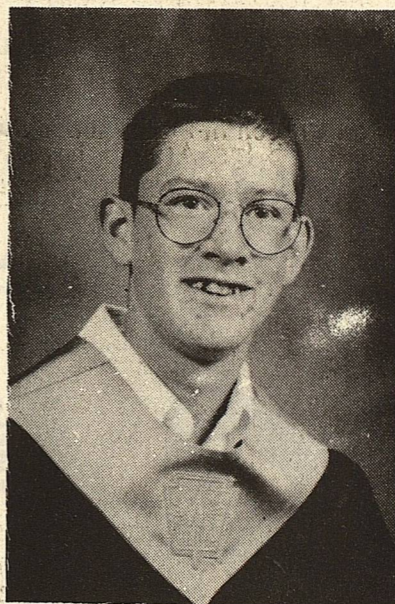
Priscilla Valdez
 Parents: Ramona and Joe Valdez
 DOB: May 9, 1979
 U.I.L. Accounting 4; Annual Staff 4; FHA 2. I am going to a photography school in Midland, Texas about a year after I graduate.



Timothy Mojica
 Parents: Epifanio and Olga Mojica
 DOB: March 4, 1978
 FFA. I plan to attend college to become an auto mechanic.



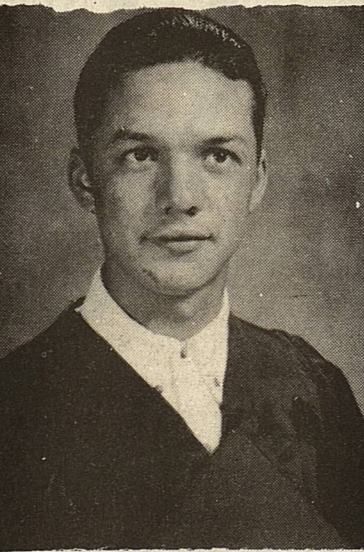
Lyndi Rowe
 Parents: Bill and Pam Rowe
 DOB: April 10, 1979
 FFA 1; NHS 2-4; Student Council 3-4; FCA 3; U.I.L. Poetry and Prose 1-4; District Champ 3; Speech 4; Band 2-3 State Marching Champions 3; State Concert Champions 2; Student of the Week 2-4; Volleyball 1-4; Tennis 1-2. I plan to attend South Plains and then perhaps get a bachelor's degree in Music or Theater at West Texas A&M.



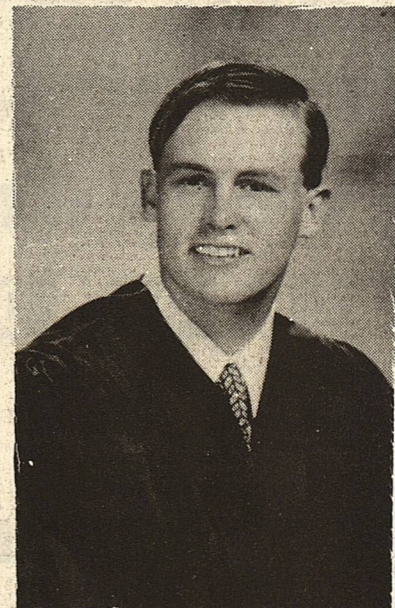
Allen Ward
 Parents: Randy and Mary Ward
 DOB: June 27, 1979
 NHS; Football 1-2; Basketball 1,3; FFA. I plan to attend College of the Southwest and major in Auto Mechanics.



Mary Morales
 Parents: Angel and Maria Morales
 DOB: August 30, 1979
 NHS Reporter 3; NHS 2-4; Volleyball 1,3,4; Basketball 1-3; FHA 1-2; Band 1,2,4; Student of the Week 2,4; U.I.L. Journalism 1,2,3; Ready Writing 3,4; Tennis 1-4; Tennis Regional Qualifier 4; Spelling Regional Qualifier 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; All A Honor Roll 1-4. As I continue to expand my educational horizons, I plan to attend West Texas A&M and one day become an executive if God is willing. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who ever rendered me love and support. LOVE PEACE and HAPPINESS



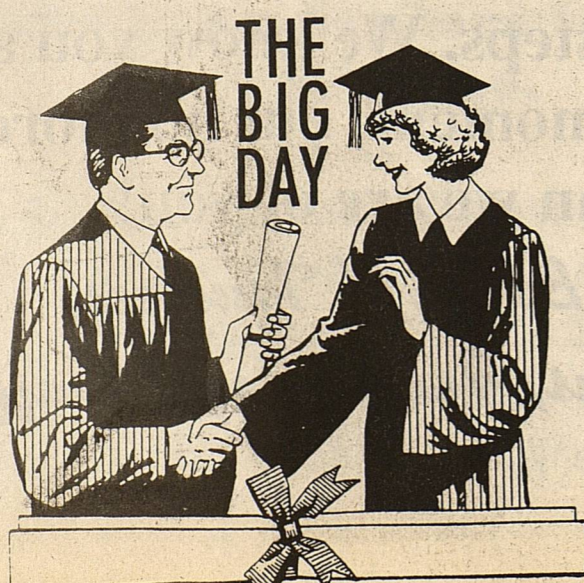
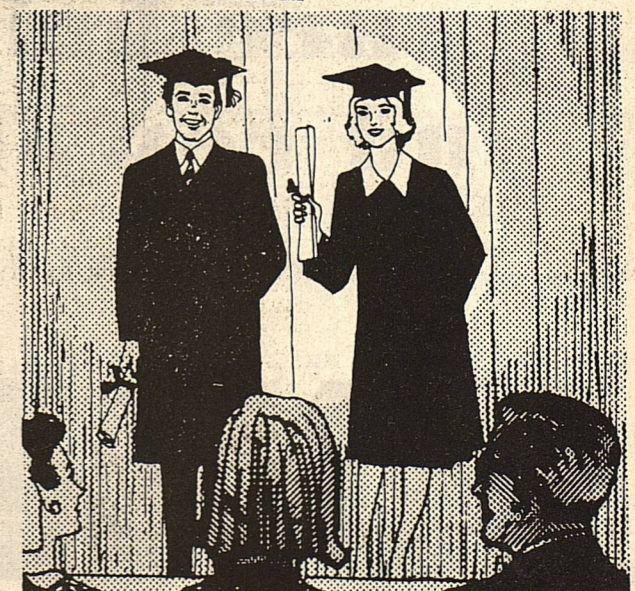
Junior Sigala
 Parents: Isaia and Hidia Sigala
 DOB: June 21, 1978
 Band 1-3. I plan to attend D.I.T. in Denver, Colorado. I plan to become an auto mechanic.



Jerry Wayne Willett
 Parents: Jerry and Paula Willett
 DOB: September 19, 1978
 FCA; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-2; Track 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Golf 1; Student Council 1-4; Student Council Historian 3; Football 2nd Team Linebacker 3-4; Track Regional Qualifiers 2-4 in both relays; Class Favorite 1; Most Friendly 3; Most Handsome 4; Most Friendly 4; Mr. PHS and Class Favorite 4. Going to Denver Institute of Technology and I am undecided on my major.



Robin Diane Squyres
 Parents: Newell and Peggy Squyres
 DOB: October 7, 1978
 National Honor Society 2,3,4; Class Sec. 1; Basketball 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Future Homemakers 1,2,3,4; FFA 2,4. All A's Honor Roll 3,4. High School Rodeo Assn, High Plains Jr. Rodeo Assn; Tri-State Rodeo Assn; 4-H horse program; South Plains Rodeo Club; Member First Baptist Church. I plan to go to Angelo State University and major in business.



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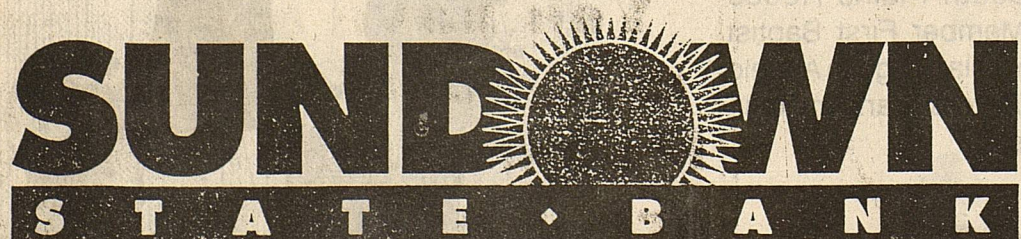
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Debbie Rushing, Yoakum County Clerk



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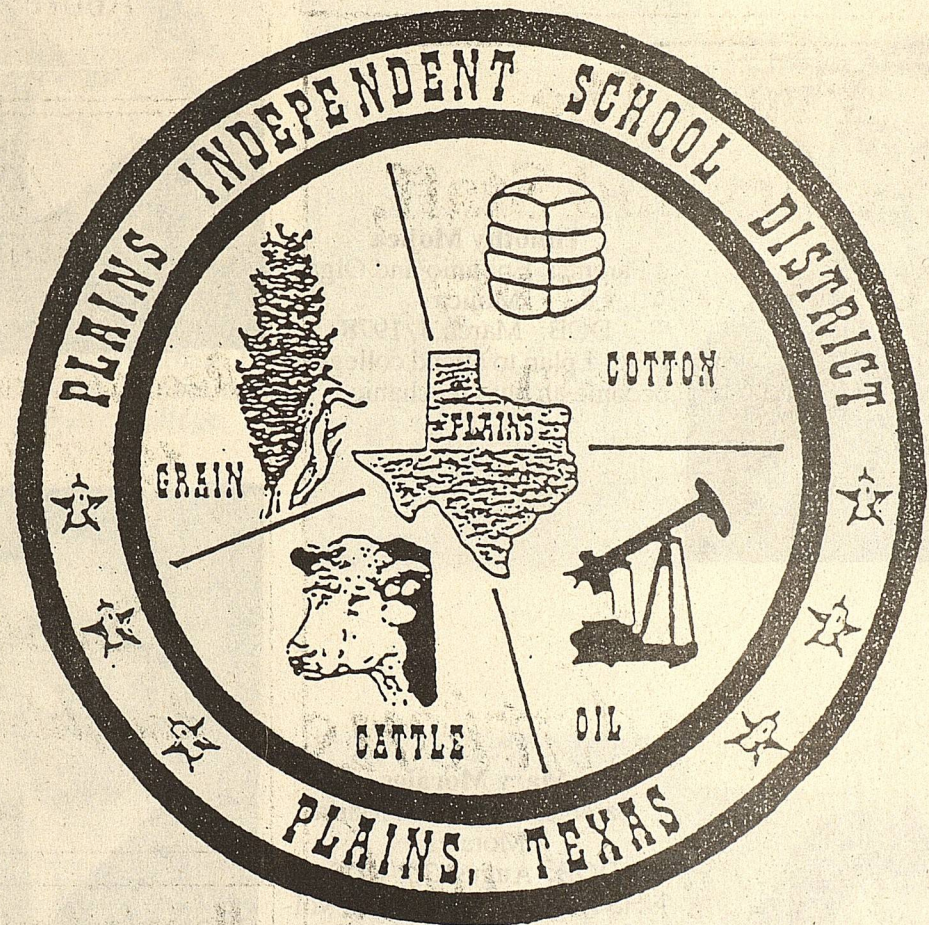


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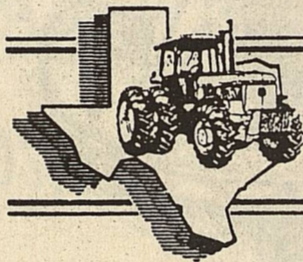
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Macky McWhirter, Pet. 4**

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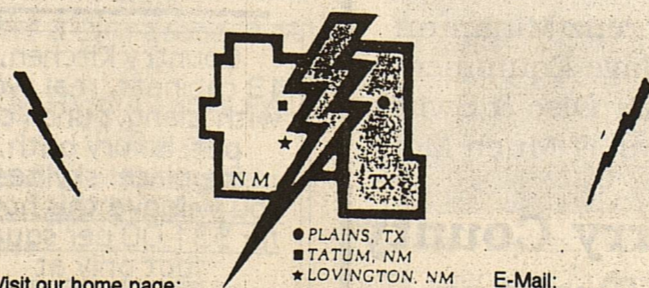
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From The Hack



Gary Walker stays on hold

In a FAX received late Monday, State Representative Gary Walker advised CCN and all of the media in his District 80 he would not have a column this week because of the ongoing and changing legislative session in Austin. "The major issues before us", Walker reported, "deregulation, the boll weevil program, the Water Bill (SB1) and home equity lending and many others, are pending. With the complex nature of the legislative process, these measures may change drastically before you have the opportunity to print the column. Let me assure you my staff and I are staying abreast of these matters and keeping the concerns of District 80 in mind". A recent article by Mary Alice Robbins of the Morris News service revealed the proposed property tax relief and school finance bill is now

bogged down in Conference Committee proceedings between House and Senate members of the committee.

Well over a week ago Representative Walker told CCN in a telephone conversation there was a distinct possibility the tax and school finance bill might become a moot issue if the House and Senate Conference could not reach a satisfactory compromise to the two versions of the bill

May 9, 1916; Pres. Woodrow Wilson ordered militias of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona mobilized on the Mexican border.

**Baby Shower Honoring:
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Colors:
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Tim Addison elected new PISD Board President

In the regular monthly meeting of the PISD Board of Trustees, Tim Addison was elected President of the Board. He was nominated for the office by Dwayne Canada, and received supporting votes from Canada, Anna M. Gonzalez, Randy Tuggle and himself.

Incumbent President Brad Palmer was nominated by Wayne Sisson, and received votes from Sisson, Danny Bell and himself. Sisson also nominated Bell for Vice-President, and he was elected by acclamation. Tuggle nominated Anna

Gonzalez for the Board Secretary position, and she too was elected by acclamation.

In other Board business, recently re-elected members Gonzalez, Addison and Palmer received the oath of office administered by Arlon Alexander. Randy Tuggle was appointed the 1997 TASS Assembly Delegate, and Dwayne Canada was named alternate delegate.

No action was taken on drug detection services. The resignation of Mrs. B.J. Doyle was accepted, and the 1997-98 school calendar was approved.

I thought the All Sports Banquet Monday evening was a pretty cool deal, and don't recall a larger crowd in the school auditorium. One of the Booster Club members reported over 275 people lined up for the catered barbecue dinner.

The pre-meal video produced by teacher Bill May was outstanding, and really held the attention of the PHS athletes and their fans. Bill reported he had no idea of how much time he devoted to the production. I thought the last portion of the film depicting high school athletes giving their time, energy and attention to the really young elementary would-be athletes was really impressive.

All of the coaches introducing the PHS athletes performed well, and I thought I detected a bit of sincere emotion, some of it barely under control, when they introduced their young charges,

many of them finishing their high school careers. And it was good to see the kids themselves get some individual recognition and honor for all the hard work and hours they devote to their athletic events.

A very good evening.

Referring to the article about Morris Lowe and his visiting turtle, my first thought when he called to report the event was, "Morris has either overdosed on reading 'The Hack', or he is under the influence of strong spirits". I quickly realized the latter was highly doubtful, since the octogenarian only recently underwent a serious session under the knife for heart problems.

My apologies for that suspicion, Morris, but I do suggest you consider taking an ounce of salt (maybe a pound or two would work better) when you read this column.

May 12, 1926; Commercial aviation began in Texas with air mail service between Dallas-Chicago

Notice To Bidders

Sealed proposals addressed to the County Judge, Yoakum County, Texas, for the construction of airport improvements at the Yoakum County Airport, Plains, Texas, TxDOT CSJ Number 9605PLAIN will be received at the Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Courthouse, Cowboy Way @ Ave. 'G', Plains, Texas, 79355; until 2:00pm May 28, 1997, then publicly opened and read. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

In general, the work consists of Paving, Drainage, Lighting and Navids Improvements. Bidding documents may be examined at the office of West Texas Consultants, Inc. 501 W. Industrial, Midland, Texas 79701 and the office of TxDOT, Lubbock District Office, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404 and TxDOT, Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower, Fifth Floor, Austin, Texas 78704.

Bidding documents may be obtained at TxDOT, Aviation Division, mailing address; 125 E11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483 or physical address: 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower, Austin, Texas 78701; (512) 416-4516, upon deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the complete bidding documents in good condition within fourteen (14) calendar days following opening of the bids. Minimum wage rates have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the specifications.

All proposals submitted must have a Child Support Statment completed with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% of the business entity submitting the bid. Cashier's check, certified check bank money order, bank draft on

a state or national bank in the amount of five percent (5%) Of the total bid price stated in the proposal, made payable without recourse to the Owner or a bid in the same amount from a reliable corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the Owner, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract, and make bond in accordance with the requirements of the specifications. The Owner reserves the right to retain any check, bank money order or bank draft as liquidated damages in the event the bidder withdraws its bid after the proposals are opened and before official rejection of the bid by the Owner, or, if successful in securing the award of the contract, the successful bidder fails to enter into the contract and fails to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the contract price, executed by a surety company or surety companies authorized to execute surety bonds under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any irregular proposal and the right to waive is in the best interest of the Owner and conforms to State and local laws and ordinances pertaining to the letting of construction contracts. The proposed contract is subject to the Vernon Texas Civil Statutes, Article 601.b concerning the participation of Historically Underutilized Business. HUB goal is set at 12%. A pre-bid conference concerning this project will be held at 2:00pm on May 21, 1997 at Yoakum County Courthouse, Cowboy Way @ Ave 'G', Plains, Texas 79355.

Yoakum County
by: Dallas Brewer
County Judge

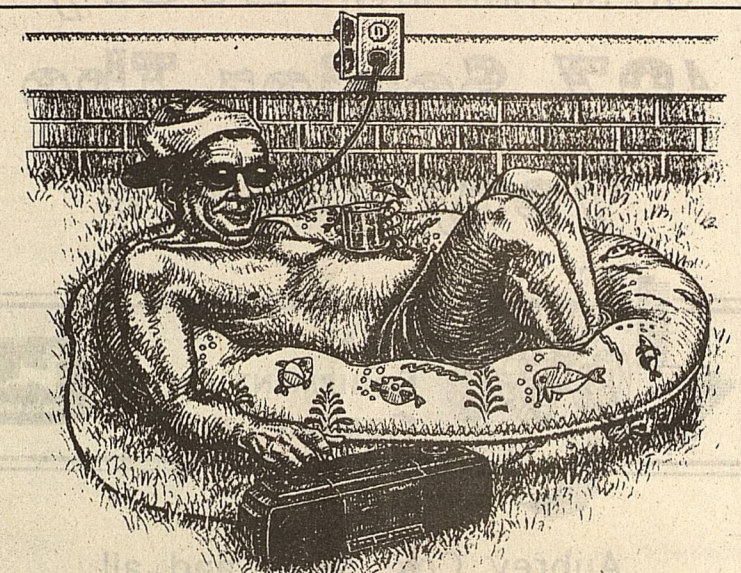
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