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## LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The Plains Lion Club met Thursday, March 16. Members attending were David Brunson, Jess Gass, Sherm Tingle, Pete St. Romain, Gary Dyer and Milton Bayer. Attending as guests were Holly Dyer and David Turnbough.

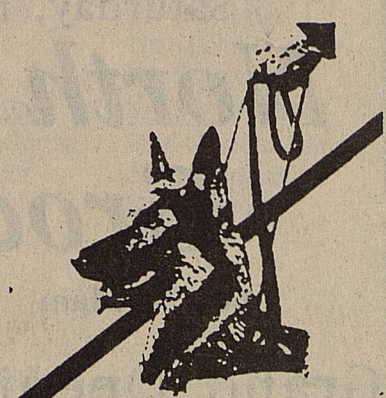
Following the noon meal, President Brunson introduced Chuck Fisher, Lubbock Lion member, who showed a video and spoke about the Lions project 'Leader Dogs For The Blind'.

In 1939, three Lions Club members started the Lead Dog program. Since that time, over 10,000 blind have benefitted from the program, receiving trained dogs who help them function in everyday life.

The Leader Dog organization has its head quarters in Rochester, Minnesota. The facility has a year round population of over 300 lead dogs in training. Some 300 families around the nation, and in Canada, breed and raise dogs which are furnished to the project.

The expensive operation is funded by Lion Clubs around the country, and additional funds are received from different endowment programs.

Fisher said the three most common breeds of dogs used in the training are Black Labradors, Golden Retrievers, and German Shepherds, but dozens of other breeds have successfully completed the



6 to 8 weeks intensive training. Towards the end of the dog training session, visually impaired people are chosen to receive a lead dog. They are required to attend a 25 day training school in Rochester, working and living with their new dog.

Fisher explained many of the blind will have several dogs in the course of a lifetime, because of the much briefer life span of the animals. The relationship between the dog and owner is extremely close, and losing a dog after many years faithful service is an extremely traumatic experience.

The "Leader Dog For The Blind" program is available to some 40,000 people who lose their sight each year. The Rochester facility is staffed by some 80 employees, and the operating budget for 1995 is almost \$5 million. The expensive program can always utilize additional funds. If you would like to contribute to a very worthwhile cause, contact and Lion Club member.

## LOCAL VINEYARD EXPANDS

The areas modest grape production for wine making got a small boost last week, with Laverne and D.C. (Hoss) Newsom planted an additional three acres of Merlot (pronounced Mur - Lowe) grapes at their vineyard north of town.

The grapes were purchased from a grower in California. Utilizing a planter rig Hoss built, 3,000 rootings were planted in precisely straight rows. Two laborers ride on the tractor drawn rig, traveling at its slowest speed. One hand removes the rootings from water filled containers and keeps the other hand supplied with the plants. As the tractor follows a wire marking the rows, a bell rings at each four feet of travel, and the second man inserts the rooting into the furrow, which is then covered with soil by the planter rig. Planting the



three acres took approximately three hours. Laverne stated they would have approximately \$4,000.00 invested in the three acre vineyard addition. Depending upon weather conditions, the first harvest of grapes should occur in

four years. By that time, they will have some \$7,000.00 to \$8000.00 invested in labor, plants, wire, parts, anchors and labor.

The Newsoms, along with their son Neal, will have a total of 22 acres of grapes in production. The bulk of

their production will be Cabernet grapes, which they contract to Caprock Winery in Lubbock.



## County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday morning, March 20, County Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Attending were Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston, Jim Barron, and Macky McWhirter.

Also attending were County Treasurer Toni Jones, County Clerk Ruby Bruton, and

County Auditor Hazel Lowrey.

The only item on the abbreviated agenda was County bills and part-time employees salaries, and both were approved for payment.

Following adjournment, Judge Brewer informally recounted for the Court details of the recent refunding to the County some \$25,000 for natural gas overcharging by the City in portions of 1994 and the current year. The overcharge was the result of a faulty master meter being installed. The meter problem was initially discovered by County Maintenance Foreman John Curry.

Next court meeting is scheduled for Monday, 10:00 a.m., March 27.

## County J P Court

The following is a summary of cases heard, and actions taken the past two weeks in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct 1, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

97 Traffic Cases Filed  
Issuance of Bad Check  
Bonds set:

Delivery of Controlled Substance to wit: Cocaine less than 28 grams/bond forfeiture, \$50,000.00 bond

Criminal Mischief over \$20, Under \$500, \$1000.00 bond

Criminal Mischief over \$500, Under \$1,500.00, \$1,500.00 bond

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## Lone Star Card Reveals Million-Dollar Food Stamp Bust

By John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Criminals will always try to rip off food stamps or other public assistance programs. But with the Lone Star card, it is now much easier to catch them in the act.

Recently, Houston law enforcement officials busted a food stamp ring that had done more than \$1 million in fraudulent business during the past year. Working out of an apartment, the group called themselves a meat market. But authorities found only a few sides of beef hanging in storage when they busted the operation. What they found more of was cold, hard cash-and hundreds of food stamp recipients queued up to sell their benefits.

In one of the biggest

welfare scams in the nation, the criminals bought paper food stamp coupons from recipients and then used them as a second currency.

The key to their demise was the Lone Star card, Texas' innovative new electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system that replaces paper coupons with a plastic ATM-like band card to deliver food stamp and Aid to Families With Dependent Children benefits to qualified Texans.

This high-tech system, first proposed in my 1991 *Breaking the Mold* report, began as a pilot project in a small section of Houston late last year and, after a close performance evaluation,

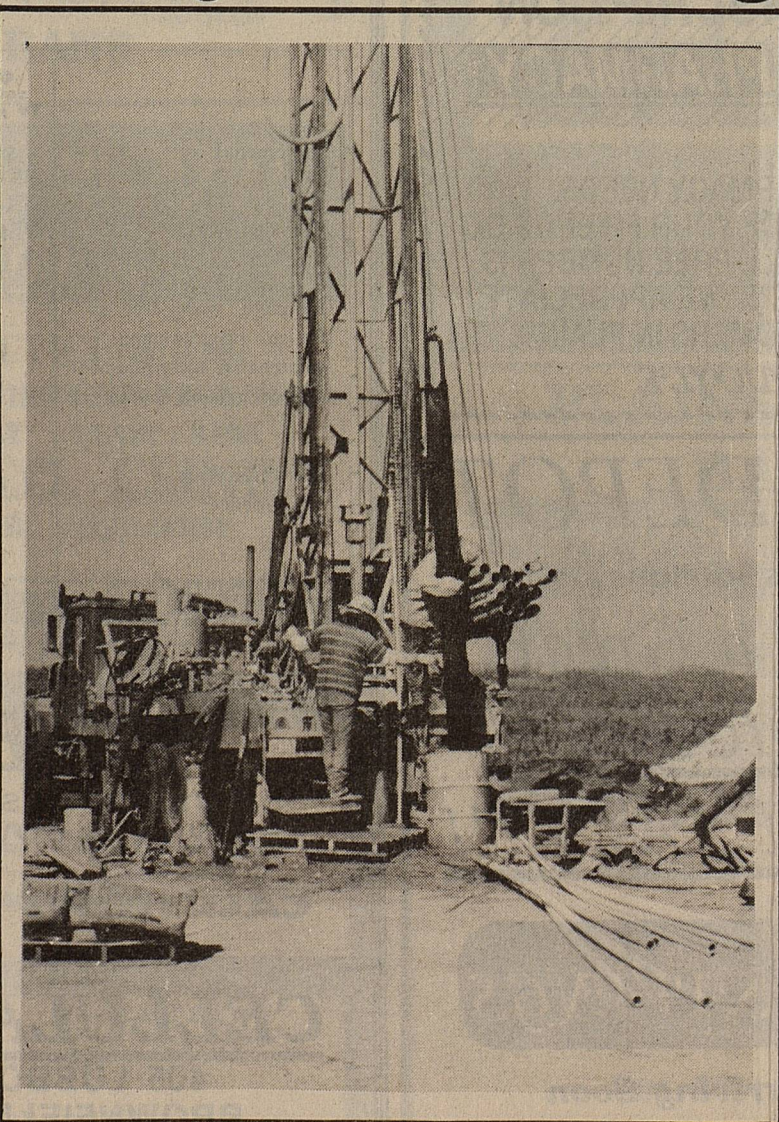
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## City Water Project Hits Snag

Development of the new city water well on R.B. Jones Estate land southwest of town is encountering discouraging problems at press time. Tuesday morning, March 21, City Administrator David Brunson outlined the current status of the project needed to assure the community an adequate supply of water during the peak demand summer months.

"The well was drilled to a depth of 155.5 feet, and gravel packed casing pipe was installed. It appeared we had some 57 feet of standing water. After bailing the well, we began test pumping. Instead of a hoped for 150 gallon per minute supply, we could only produce about 40 gallons per minute," he stated.

A special City Council meeting was called Monday, March 20. A quorum of Mayor T.J. Miller, Council members Kent Welch, Pam



Bailing Out New City Well

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## Dear Editor:

The sworn duty of all Texas District Attorneys is to see that justice is done. To reach that goal, a District Attorney is given the legal authority to investigate possible criminal violations of our law. Those investigations are confidential. They are not ammunition for some type of trial by media to maim or to destroy the reputation of political opponents.

On February 27, 1995, I instructed the opinion committee of the Texas Attorney General to withdraw the request for a legal opinion sought by my predecessor as Criminal District Attorney of Yoakum County concerning the status of Gary Walker as Manager of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District. I did so after investigating the facts and law surrounding the request. I made the decision to withdraw the request for several reasons:

1. In my professional opinion, the legal answer proposed by the committee was not based on clear legal authority. It was vague and inconsistent.

2. The issue of Mr. Walker's status as the District's Manager was moot or dead because he had already resigned. (Cont'd< See> Letter to Editor, Pg. 4)



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tion to determine its success, was expanded across the city on February 1. By this time next year, the *Lone Star* card will have made the old paper food stamp coupons obsolete throughout Texas.

But as the Houston bust proved, Texans are already getting a great value. One million dollars were taken off the black market just weeks into the system's existence. These were taxpayer-funded benefits that previously disappeared into the black hole of the black market.

In fact, investigators gave full credit where credit was due. What broke the case, they said, was the *Lone Star* card, which created an electronic "paper" trail that led to the criminal ring's downfall. The *Lone Star* card also allowed investigators to identify nearly 700 food stamp recipients suspected of selling their benefits for cash.

That's exactly the kind of efficiency we had in mind when we proposed the *Lone Star* card. And that's exactly what taxpayers throughout Texas can expect when the system goes statewide early next year.

The *Lone Star* card is already the largest EBT system in the nation. Administered by the Texas Department of Human Services and Transactive Corporation, the Austin-based operator of the system, it has placed Texas on the cutting edge of welfare reform.

The *Lone Star* card has done something else, too. As the Houston bust shows, it gives law enforcement a tool that can take public benefits out of the hands of swindlers, who were almost completely unaccountable under the old system. Those criminals and dishonest recipients can't figure out a way to rip-off the new system without leaving an electronic trail.

For at least a year, the criminals in Houston and the recipients who sold their benefits went undetected. But it only took a matter of weeks to bring

their operation to an end. We expect the *Lone Star* card to continue to pay big dividends to needy Texans who legitimately qualify for our temporary assistance and to the Texas taxpayers who foot the bills.

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Motion to Revoke Probation-Original charge Possession of Controlled Substance - held until hearing

Theft over \$500.00, under \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00 bond  
Speeding-DPS Warrant-\$220.00 bond

Assault Causing Bodily Injury, \$2,000.00 bond

Driving While Intoxicated \$1,000.00 bond

Driving While License Suspended, \$500.00 bond

Forgery/Grand Jury Indictment, \$2,500.00 bond

## "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon

Memphis, Tn. -- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced plans for the Plains "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on May 6, 1995. Mrs. Mary Wilmett will serve as coordinator of the event and encourages all residents to support this important community effort.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the largest non-profit childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. All findings and information gained at the hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, and other child-killing diseases now have a better chance to live.

This year's Bike-A-Thon poster child, eight-year-old Shauna Richters, represents all of the patients treated at St. Jude Hospital. Shauna was diagnosed with Wilms' tumor, a malignant growth on her left kidney, in December 1990. Shauna is in remission from her cancer and completed her chemotherapy (anti-cancer drugs)

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afternoon in an attempt to clear sand from the hole and increase the flow to the required 150 GPM.

Brunson said, "If we can't flush enough sand out and make an acceptable well, the drilling rig will be moved one mile south to a cite on land already owned by the City, and another well will be drilled."

If reworking the well on the Jones land isn't successful, the rig should be moved and drilling the latter part of this week. An additional 150 GPM water will greatly help local residents, and put the proposed 350,000 gallon storage tank to good use.

Brunson and city staff members heard reports Redman and Shane McKenzie, along with

in June, 1991. She is doing well and returns to St. Jude Hospital every six months for checkups. Shauna celebrated her last chemotherapy treatment with a present she had eagerly looked forward to: a new bike.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to lend their support to the hospital by making a contribution or by becoming a rider. For more information, call Mary Wilmett, 456-4061.

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Dirt Work At New Tank Site

from several participants in the project. Driller Bill Dubose, Consulting engineer Gary McKay, and Bryce Hamell and Brent Cargal, Holloman Construction, offered the Council suggestions and advice.

It was decided to install a high speed bailer in the well sometime Tuesday

## Ladd Winn Named To All-Star Team

PHS Senior Ladd Winn, son of Tony and Lynn Winn, has been honored with his selection to the Texas High School Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Team. Winn is one of only four players selected from our local South Plains school teams.

Winn, a four year Varsity team member, played guard for the Cowboys, and was named to both All District and State teams. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and has served on the Student County three years, and is currently President of the organization.

Ladd said he is hoping to receive a college scholarship offer, which he should with his athletic skills and better than 92 grade point average. He said, "I really don't have any particular preference of schools, I just want to be able to get a college education and play basketball." Our congratulations to a deserving young man.

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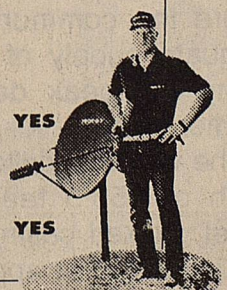
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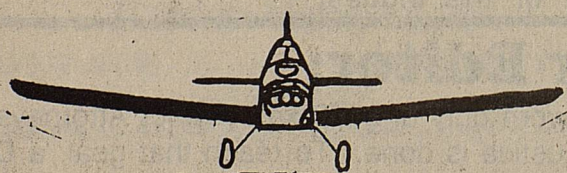
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## Plains High School Math/Science Team Places Fourth at San Antonio

Plains finished 4th out of 19 teams overall March 18 in San Antonio with just two seniors, Ken McAdams and Brad McMinn, two sophomores, Jacob Lester and Yancey House, and three freshmen, Derek Brunson, Shawn Cullins, and Heath Bowlin. They were competing against the best one-A teams in the state.

**Number Sense Team-3rd, Calculator Team-7th  
Mathematics Team-10th, Science Team-5th**

Freshmen:	Sophomores:	Seniors:
Shawn Cullins	Yancey House	Brad McMinn
2nd-Number Sense	3rd-Number Sense	1st-Number Sense
4th-Calculator	14th-Calculator	9th-Calculator
7th-Math	9th-Math	10th-Math
17th-Science	9th-Science	4th-Science
Derek Brunson	Jacob Lester	Ken McAdams
20th-Math	8th-Number Sense	25th-Number Sense
12th-Science	15th-Calculator	22nd-Calculator
	6th-Science	5th-Science
Heath Bowlin	16th-Math	18th-Math
8th-Number Sense		
4th-Calculator		
14th-Math		
3rd-Science		

## U.I.L. PRACTICE MEET

PHS Students placed well at a UIL practice meet in Sundown March 6. Mary Morales placed in three events. She took fourth in ready writing, fifth in news writing, and sixth in editorial writing. Sandi Warren was eighth in ready writing. Lyndi Rowe made the final round of poetry and placed third overall. Yvonne Gonzales placed fifth in feature writing, and Roni Ponce was sixth. Mary Ann Gonzales was fifth in accounting and Bellen Coronado sixth in computer applications. The U.I.L. district meet is scheduled for April 1 at Sudan.

## Cowboy Tracksters Off & Running

The P.H.S. Varsity and Junior Varsity track teams took to the cinder lanes in their first seasonal meet of the year March 17 & 18 at Springlake-Earth, and scored well in the early outing. Following are the Varsity results:

400 Relay - 45.3 - 2nd place Steven Bitolas, Wayne Willett, Josh Traweek, Kirk Parrish  
800 Run - 2nd Jeremy Dearing 2:08.7; 4th Ralph Ramirez 2:11.9  
400 Dash - 2nd Josh Traweek 53.7  
1600 Run - 5th Ralph Ramirez 5:00.1  
1600 Relay - 5th 3:47.2 Steven Bitolas, Kirk Parrish, Josh Traweek, Jeremy Dearing  
100 Dash - 4th Kirk Parrish 11.3

3200 Run - 5th Jason Robertson 11:18.2  
Junior Varsity:  
400 Relay - 2nd - 48.5 Gideon Traweek, Kipp Blount, Marte Pierce, Brad Seaton  
1600 Relay - 5th - 3:51.6 Brad Seaton, Chris Willett, Marte Pierce, Kipp Blount  
100 Dash - 5th - 11.9 Marte Pierce  
800 Run - 5th - 2:22.6 Chris Willett  
300 Hurdles - 4th - 47.7 Brad Seaton  
400 - 5th - 56.5 Kipp Blount  
Shot - 2nd - Coley Burgess 38'9"  
Discus - 1st - Coley Burgess 117'4"  
P.V. - 2nd - Kipp Blount 9'

Plan to attend the annual Cowboy Relays here this weekend, Saturday, March 25!

## PISD Calendar

Thursday: Author- Richard Stack and his dog, Josh-K-6, Jr. High Gym, 9 a.m.  
Lincoln/Douglas Debate - Smyer  
Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: Jr. High Cheerleader Tryouts  
Track, Seagraves - Girls & Boys  
Saturday: Math/Science Contest, Shallowater

**Menu**  
Wednesday:  
Breakfast: biscuit w/sausage, gravy, orange juice,

milk  
Lunch: flame broiled cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, chips, mixed fruit, date cookies, milk  
Thursday:  
Breakfast: pancakes w/syrup, fruit punch, milk  
Lunch: chili/cheese crispy potato cubes, tossed salad w/dressing, crackers, hot spiced peaches, milk  
Friday:  
Breakfast: cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk  
Lunch: steak fingers w/gravy, green peas, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, rosy applesauce, milk

## Notice of Utility Construction

Texas ALLTEL, Inc., will be constructing facilities in portions of Yoakum and Cochran counties beginning approximately April 24, 1995. A pre-construction conference will be held April 18, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. at Johnny's Cafe in Plains. In an effort to minimize damage to foreign facilities and coordinate efforts, we invite any governmental agencies and other utilities to attend this meeting. Please notify Kristy Mackey at the ALLTEL office at (817) 866-3216 if you plan to attend, so that we may provide adequate meeting space.

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## PISD Student Of The Week

Plains High School Student of the week is Heath Bowlin. Heath is a freshman at Plains High School and is the son of Mrs. Pat McGuire.

Heath was nominated by Renetta O'Quinn. "It's every teacher's dream to have a roomful of students who are interested in the subject they teach each day. Every one of the students who have been selected student of the week have possessed particular qualities: conscientious, dependable, responsible.

"Other words to describe this student of the week are stable, consistent, and respectful. This student is not only

interested in class, he makes school work a priority, and has committed himself to be the best he can be by not settling for mediocrity. This student has excelled in UIL math and science events as well as working hard in off-season. I don't see this student doing anything unless it's done to his best ability," said O'Quinn.



Heath Bowlin

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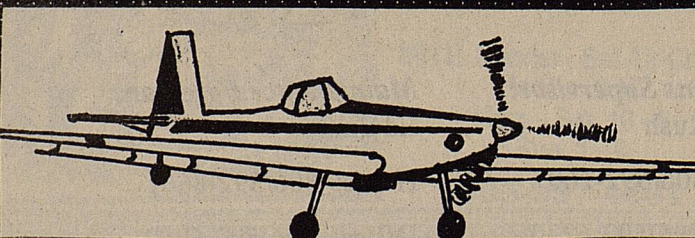
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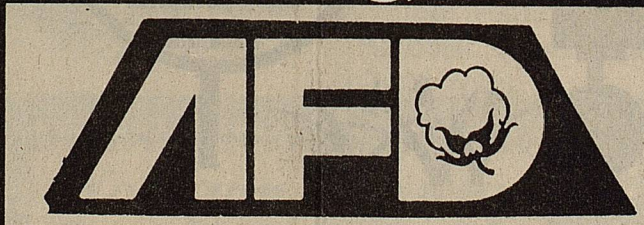
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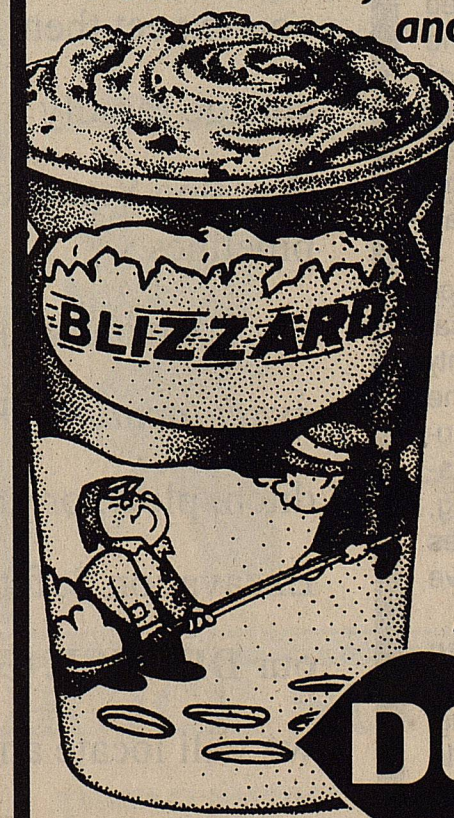
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3. The staff of the Texas Attorney General had already advised the Board, its Attorney and Mr. Walker that the Board could legally hire Mr. Walker as a paid consultant under the Texas Water Code.

It became clear that once we plowed through all the "legalese", this issue was "DOA" and a waste of taxpayer expense.

Yours,  
Richard Clark,  
Criminal District Attorney

## Abolishing State ★★★★★ Treasury ★★★★★ Draws Applause

Texas Treasurer Martha Whitehead and State Comptroller John Sharp have applauded the State Senate's historic vote to eliminate the Treasury and merge the agency with the State Comptroller's office.

"I am very pleased with the Senate's vote," Whitehead said. "The taxpayers of Texas are demanding 'fat free' government. This is a critical first step in reducing excess."

"The ratio of bureaucrat to taxpayer has begun to shrink," Sharp said. "This was a vote for government efficiency at its finest."

"Under the leadership of Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston), the Senate can take pride that it has just cut the cost of state government by \$22 million over the next five years without jeopardizing a single service," Sharp said.

Whitehead announced her plans to eliminate the Treasury and the statewide elected office that directs the agency, shortly after taking office in 1993. It was an idea that Sharp had earlier advocated.

## Commissioners, Judges, In Abilene Meeting

Some 500 plus judges and Commissioners from 119 West Texas Counties descended as Abilene March 15, for the 66th Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference.

Yoakum County attendees were Judge Dallas Brewer, and Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston and Jim Barron.

The three day conference offered a multitude of governmental sessions, and those attending received mandatory hours of continuing education. The conference sessions were monitored and coordinated by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Ag Extension Service, and the Continuing Education Office of Texas A & M.

A sampling of the session courses included Appraisal District Assessments, County Payrolls, Working with the Legislature, Rural Fire Planning, Purchasing Applications, County Budgeting, Risk Management, Rabies in the West, and legislative Updates.

Attorney General Dan Morales was the Keynote Speaker Thursday morning, March 16. A full schedule of activities was available for spouses attending the Conference.

Under legislation approved by the Senate, the four main functions of the Treasury would be assumed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts or be submitted for competitive bid.

"Innovation and technology made the Treasury the most efficient agency in this state," Whitehead said. "Now, progress allows us to cut waste and duplication."

Following Senate passage of SJR 1, consideration of the State Treasury's future now moves to the Texas House of Representatives. The constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote from both houses of the Legislature before it can be placed on a statewide ballot for the voters of Texas to decide.

"Abolishing the Treasurer's Office is good government, not partisan politics," Sharp said. "Under the very capable leadership of Representatives Bill Siebert (R-San Antonio) and Marke Stiles (D-Beaumont), this legislation can now move through the Texas House of Representatives and be submitted to Texas voters."

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## Zero-Tolerance School Policy

Word from the Capitol indicates the State Legislature is considering a get tough 'Zero-Tolerance' policy law in all schools, legally removing students from school who bring weapons to school, assault school personnel on school property, or deal in drugs.

As indicated in the March 8 issue of CCN, detailing a recent weapon on campus incident at PISD, the local school board trustees had earlier adopted a 'Zero-Tolerance' policy regarding students carrying weapons.

Many school districts have already implemented such policies, but the law being pondered would make all policies uniform and mandatory.

One provision of the proposed legislation would be a thorny one for the Legislature-financing. The proposal would require students violating any of the weapons, assault, or drug provisions of the law to be placed in an alternative school, a resource vitally needed in our area, but which are very few and far between. The individual school districts would be required to set up these alternative schools. They would have to be on another, separate campus, or a private alternative school operating for a fee

from the school district. With school districts across the state scrambling for operating tax dollars following the recent "Robin Hood" Supreme Court decision, the 'Zero-Tolerance' law poses many problems for the State legislature, namely, where are the funds for the implementation of the law if it passes.

## New Candidates For Sandy Land Board Positions

Kathy Jones, Administrative Assistant for Sandy Land Underground Water Control District, announced two more candidates have filed for positions on the ballot in the May 6 election.

Denver City residents Jim Risley and Lee Kidd are seeking spots on the board. Risley is a farm producer in the southern part of the county, and Kidd is a businessman with several commercial and petroleum industry interests.

Incumbent board members David Turnbough, Darrel Barron and Don Parrish had previously filed for reelection in the At-Large election.

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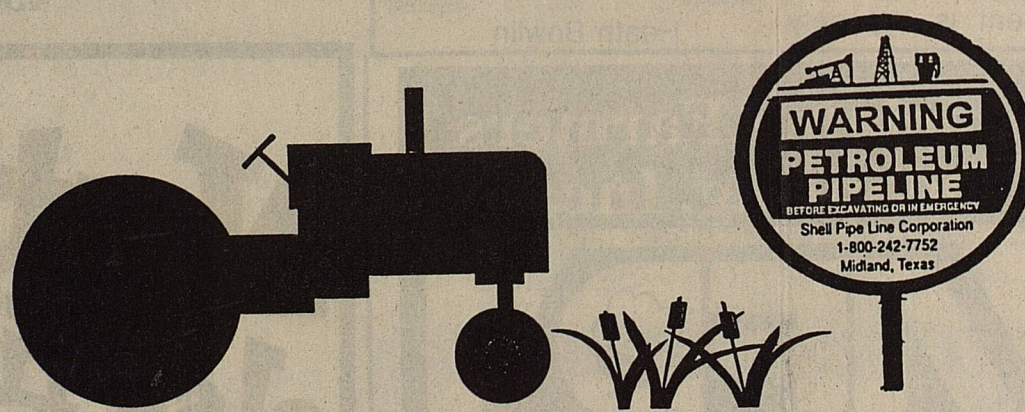
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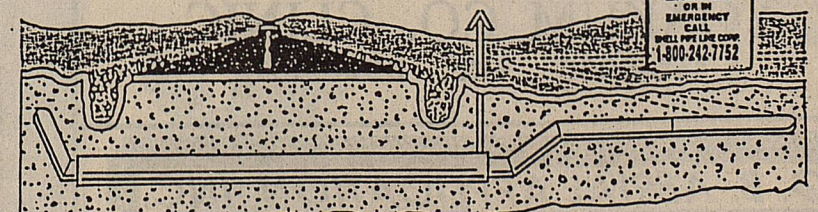
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## Girl Scout Cookie Sale Big Success

The local 1995 Girl Scout Cookie Sale by troops 452, 65 and 74 ended with the girls selling almost 2,000 boxes of cookies. Each troop receives 30 cents per box to fund scout activities. Prizes for the girls followed a marine type theme, and included patches, splash pencils, dolphin necklaces, Science Spectrum tickets, T-shirts, mom and baby stuffed whales, tote bags, book lights, diaries.

In Brownie troop 452, led by Linda Longoria, the scouts selling enough cookies to earn prizes included Jeannie Longoria, 156 boxes, Lupita Quintana 131, Elizabeth Tarango 127, Lela Coronado 100, Tausha Nicole Johnson 75.

In Junior troop 65, Jo Anna Diaz sold 77 boxes. In Cadette troop 74, Jennifer Lollar was top overall producer with 1200 sales. She will receive all of the above awards, plus additional achievement patches, and \$250 cookie credit. Troop 74 still has extra cookies in all flavors for sale. If you missed the sale, or would like more boxes, contact Jennifer or Jerri Lollar, 522-6521.

## 42 Club Meets

The Plains 42 group met Saturday evening, March 18, in the Old Community Room. Twenty people enjoyed a pot luck supper, then played 42 and Skip Bo. Attending were: Jim and Mae Barnett, T.J. and Melba Bearden, Edna Chambliss, O.W. and Jo Harbour, Wilma and Bob McDonnell, Bill and Burve Overton, Carl and Marie Peaden, Sherm Tingle, Awassa Fields, William and Helen Worsham, Ita Young, Rhuey Edwards and Lynda Wright.

The group meets each 1st and 3rd Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

## Barnes Family Fund at PSB

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The hospital is holding the event to celebrate Children and Hospitals Week, March 19-25, an international public awareness campaign focusing on the unique needs of children and families in health care settings. The Children's Hospital at UMC has activities planned for its patients throughout the week.

Each child attending Doctor for a Day will visit a physician-and-nurse team and perform such medical functions as applying bandages, testing vision and listening to the physician's heartbeat. At the same time, children will be able to ask questions and become comfortable in talking with medical experts.

Other features of the event will be an appearance by Sheryl Swoopes, member of the Texas Tech University 1993 championship basketball team; children's crafts and refreshments.

Information is available at 743-2549.

## TSA Mo Ga Meets

Tsa Mo Ga Study Club met Monday, March 13 in the Club House, with 13 members present.

Mrs. Ann McGinty was coordinator of the program, entitled, "Leadership is Attitude". She quoted the General Federation of Women's Clubs President Jeannie Faubion, who wrote, "Good leaders know goals can be accomplished by working with and through others."

Mrs. Mattie Field reviewed "Life of the Party" a book by Pamela Harriman, U.S. Ambassador to France.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Billie Blundell and Mrs. Ann Graham.

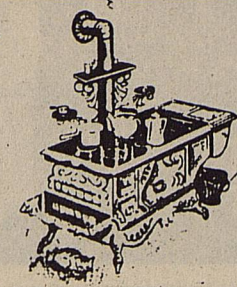
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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 22:  
Diann Ramon, A.J. Martinez  
March 23:  
Charles Diamond, Chase Howell, Joe & Freda Humphrey (A), Tom & Shuckie Willis (A)  
March 24:  
Dianne Brunson, Rhonda Cowart, Kevin Lowrey, Tom Willis, Jerome & Jeannette Head (A), Garland & Mary Lee Swann (A)  
March 27:  
Jaaron Joseph Bell, David Bitolas, Cindra Box, B.J. Lester, Eddie & Bonnie Earnest (A)  
March 28:  
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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;  
Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

*Titus 3:5,6*

Saute meat and onion. Salt and pepper, then add tomatoes, green chilies and mushroom soup. Alternate layers in casserole of meat and cheese and chips, topping with cheese. Bake in 350° oven for about 1 hour. Serves 6.

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## FROM THE HACK

Life gets better and better. I just read this gem of enlightenment; an entrepreneur scientist in California claims to have developed an absolutely hangover free vodka. Astounding. A giant step for mankind. Now a guy can down a tub full of the stuff, and the next morning won't be subjected to the "I told you so" sermon from spouse.

Remember those old Smirnoff Vodka ads in years past, telling us their stuff would "leave you breathless"?

I remember working for a boss in El Paso, at a firm employing about forty souls. One day he sent a memo around to all hands; "If you must have a few drinks at lunch, do not drink Vodka. I had much rather our customers smell liquor on your breath than to think you are just stupid".

Also learned a Canadian "Imaging Lab" is computer altering photographs to remove former lovers and spouses, and inserting new partners in their place. I wonder if funding for this project came from Elizabeth Taylor and Zsa Zsa Gabor?

House Speaker Newt Gingrich is fast becoming a household name; true, sometimes the names are obscene, and you can't use them in most homes, but he is well known. A few years back, the word 'Newt' would have brought



on mental images of an immature salamander. Probably a few die hard Democrats think it's a valid image of the Speaker today. I'll say this for the guy. Portions of his anatomy must be pure brass. I read where he once wrote a \$9,463 overdraft check on the infamous House bank, payable to the IRS. Real guts.

Guess the value of our dollar is shakier than first thought. A son-in-law told me one of his kids hit him up for some weekend mad money, and said, "And Dad, I'd rather have it in Yen or Swiss Francs."

## 1995 TAX TIPS

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## Letter To The Editor

I find it extremely interesting to note in the March 19, Sunday edition of THE DENVER CITY PRESS, the former Yoakum County District Attorney's search for what might be or not be legal or ethical in the November election of Mr. Gary Walker as State Representative for District 80. This writer wonders if she would be near as adamant in her search for legalities or illegalities (whichever the case may be) had Mr. Walker been on the opposite ticket. I think most people this day and time look at the person running for public office in the light of what that person has to offer in the way of service to all of his or her constituents. Mr. Walker brings a wealth of experience and new outlook to the office of State Representative. Especially noted is the advantage of his vast knowledge of water and related problems concerning our area. His contacts in Austin dealing in this area are of irreplaceable value.

Concerning the case in point, it is my understanding that no one really knows in the Attorney General's office whether it is legal or illegal for Mr. Walker to serve in both capacities. As an irrigated

farmer and an avid user and supporter of the Sandy Land Underground Water District, I can think of no better use for my tax money than to have Mr. Gary Walker serving in capacities.

Sincerely yours,  
Macky McWhirter

## BRITT BAILEY IS DEAD

San Felipe De Austin - James Briton Bailey, one of the Texas 'Old Three Hundred', has died at his home at Bailey's Prairie. He was 54 years old. At his own request, he was buried standing up, with a rifle at his side, and a jug of whiskey at his feet, in the family graveyard there.

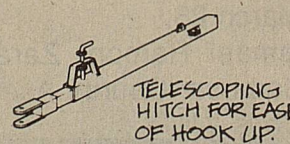
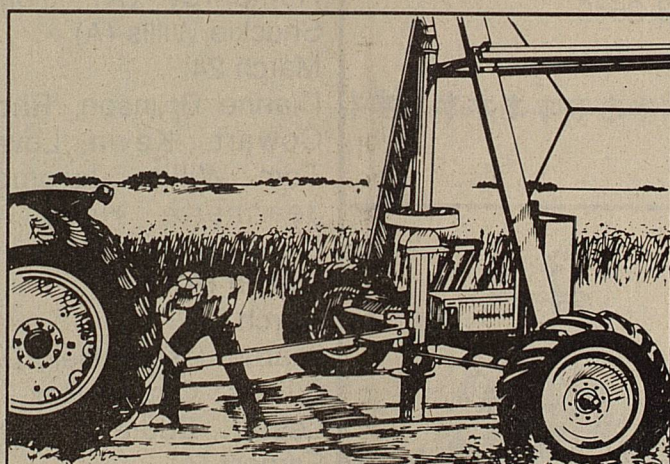
Bailey came to Texas with his family early in 1821. Though he and Stephen F. Austin had some minor disagreements during the early days of the Austin colony, the two later became fast friends. Bailey built the first brick home in the colony and served as captain of the militia. He also took part in the battle of Velasco in 1832.

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Dan Blocker	Hobbs	5 Char str	556	75.75
Mary Foster	Dell City	10 Mxd str	475	81.80
Bonner Ivey	Jal	3 Hol str	335	63.50
Pete Laumbach	Carlsbad	Rd b	705	70.50
Gene Licon	San Elizondo	4 Hol str	323	68.00
L & N Ranch	Hobbs	3 Mxd str	428	83.50
N.J. McIlwain	Seminole	Rd b	420	82.50
K & P Cattle Co	Lubbock	4 Blk str	647	72.85
John Post	Jal	3 Brang str	471	80.80
Sandra Shank	Hope	Rd str	650	72.00
Stringer Ranch	Dell City	3 Rd ctr	350	91.00
Lowell Woodward	Ft. Stockton	2 Blk str	410	85.50
07 Ranch	Plains	9 Wf hfr	718	60.00
2B Farms	Meadow	16 Brang hfr	608	60.00
Diamond & 1/2 Inc	Lovington	4 Mxd hfr	462	66.60
Mary Foster	Dell City	8 Xbred hfr	438	71.50
Ernie Grehmlin	Lovington	4 Mxd hfr	507	67.75
Faye Klein	Hobbs	3 Gert hfr	921	51.00
L & N Ranch	Hobbs	5 Mxd hfr	409	71.85
McWhorter Ranch	Lovington	4 Rd hfr	758	60.00
R & M Cattle Co	Brownfield	10 Brang hfr	690	73.50
Stringer Ranch	Dell City	2 Char hfr	620	67.00
Eddie Rex Burr	Clint	Rd wf pr	pair	675.00
Diamond & 1/2 Inc	Lovington	Xbred c	head	545.00
Mary Foster	Dell City	Rd mf c	head	630.00
Gerald Martin	Monument	Char pr	pair	760.00
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R & M Cattle Co	Brownfield	Blk pr	pair	735.00
Henry Penner	Seminole	Char c	head	590.00
Kelly Reid	Loving	6 Char pr	pair	600.00
Double A Cattle Co	Lamesa	Blk c	1275	45.25
Boyd Bros Dairy	Lovington	Hol c	1490	42.00
Tommy Burris	Plains	Brn c	1140	45.90
Bill Carson	Lovington	Wf c	910	41.25
Coffee Seed Co	Plainview	Blk mf c	765	40.25
Diamond & 1/2 Inc	Lovington	Char c	1130	44.25
Faria Dairy	Lovington	Hol c	1095	43.50
Flying W Cattle Co	Andrews	Xbred c	1040	41.75
Tom Ray Gainer	McDonald	Rd Xbred c	1045	42.25
Goff Dairy	Hobbs	Hol c	1190	42.75
Pablo Gutierrez	Artesia	Hol c	945	40.00
High Lonesome Dairy	Hobbs	Hol c	1265	41.75
Lanes Dairy	El Paso	Hol c	1580	43.75
Gene Licon	San Elizondo	Hol c	1420	42.00
John Post	Jal	Rd mf c	1045	44.50
Rockview Dairy	Hobbs	Hol c	1115	43.25
Ruch Dairy	Hobbs	Hol c	1360	41.75
Dean Smith	Lovington	Brang c	1065	44.75
Southwind Dairy	Hagerman	Hol c	1485	43.75
Tallmon Dairy	Santa Teresa	Hol c	1450	41.75
Juan Villeneuve	Hobbs	Blk c	1040	42.25
Larry Webb	Clint	Xbred c	860	41.25
West-Star Ranch	Hobbs	Hol c	1175	42.75
Williams & Sons	Maljamar	Blk mf c	990	41.00
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6:20am	KPER-95.7 FM	Hobbs
6:35am	KSEL-95.3 FM	Portales
6:45am	KCCC-930 AM	Carlsbad
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