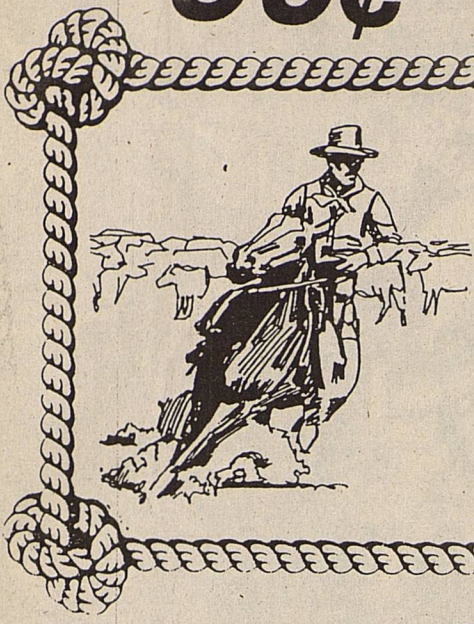


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Two Sworn In Early As New Office Holders

Following the official canvassing of votes in last week's general election, Debbie Rushing and J.R. Slentz were sworn in as the County's two newest elected officials. Both ran in races to fill unexpired term offices.

Slentz, Denver City Democrat, defeated his Republican opponent Mac Bradley, also of Denver City, for Commissioner of Precinct 2. Bob Thurston, the prior 18 year veteran Pct. 2 Commissioner, had earlier decided to retire.

Rushing, Republican candidate for the County Clerk position, defeated Democrat Julia Lemley, the appointed Interim County Clerk, following Ruby Bruton's earlier retirement from the office.

District 80 State Representative Gary Walker performed the swearing in ceremony for Rushing, who earlier served as Walker's local office aide. Judge Dallas Brewer swore Slentz into office. Slentz is the owner of CJR Contractors, a Denver City oil field business.

One other new County Commissioner was elected last Tuesday. Wood Lindsey, Rep., defeated Eddie Coker, Dem., for the Precinct 1 position. Lindsey is an independent businessman in Denver City, and Coker is an instructor in the Denver City School system.

Other incumbent officials handily winning re-election included Gary Walker, State Representative (R), District Judge Kelly G. Moore (R), Sheriff Jim Rice (D), Tax Assessor-Collector Wanda Smith (D), Pct. 3 Commissioner Jim Barron (D), Pct. 1 Constable Jimmie Blount (D), and Pct. 2 Constable Olivia Robertson (D).



Gary Walker Reads oath of office to Debbie Rushing



Judge Dallas Brewer swears in J. R. Slentz

Girls Town Featured At Lions Club

The Plains Lion's Club met Thursday at noon, with a number of special guests attending.

Mike Dreyspring, General Manager of Lea County Electric Cooperative attended, along with Mary Jo St. Romain, Holly Dyer, and Carl McMillan, representing the Cal Fraley Boy's Ranch program, and Dr. Scott Finnell, Superintendent of Girlstown at Whiteface.

Dr. Finnell and Mr. McMillan presented the day's program, in which the local club was awarded an impressive plaque in recog-

nition of their recent \$500 dollar contribution to Girlstown for their annual 'Coat and Shoe Fund Drive'. McMillan showed a slide presentation of how Lions Club and other donors are used by the students enrolled at Girlstown. On the weekend prior to Thanksgiving, the youngsters are taken to the Mall in Lubbock, and with the sponsorship of the J.C. Penney Company, are treated to a shopping spree for \$250 worth of clothing purchases for each student. One requirement is each girl must purchase at least one

winter coat, and a quality pair shoes. The Penney Company offers the girls a very generous discount on the clothing, and Lion's Club members are on hand to help with their shopping, for what amounts to a very nice Holiday wardrobe gift.

Dr. Finnell reported on the current status of Girlstown, and the organization's goals and plans for coming years. There are currently 47 girls at Girlstown, which is licensed for a total of 75 stu-

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Bulldogs Chew On Cowboys 18-14

Friday night's game in Tahoka marked the final appearance on the playing field for the Cowboy Seniors, and a bitter night it was. The Cowboys fell behind 12-0 early, but to their credit, refused to roll over and play dead.

Tough defense by both teams in the first four possessions resulted in two Bulldog and two Cowboy punts, but on their third trip to the well, the Bulldogs managed to cross the goal for a 6-0 lead.

A poor kick off was touched by a Cowboy which gave the Bulldogs the ball again on the Plains 43 yard line, and six plays later they were up 12-0.

The Cowboys found the key to turn their offense engine on following the kickoff. The front line effectively blocked against the 'Dogs, and runs by Joe Luna and a pass completion from Abraham Garcia to Marte Pierce moved the ball 42 yards to the one yard line, where Luna made it across the goal and Steven Bunch's PAT kick put the Cowboys on the board, 12-7.

Good defensive efforts from Wayne Willett, Dustin Brunson, Chris Willett, and Luna stalled the next Bulldog attack, and from their own

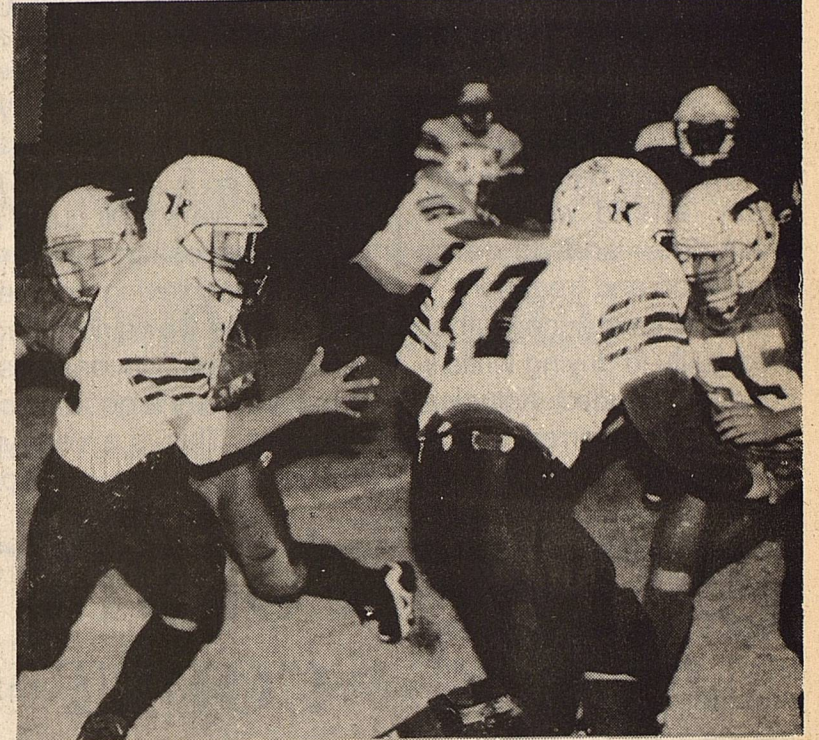
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County Criminal Court

County Criminal Court was a busy site on November 6. Eight criminal cases were heard by Judge Dallas Brewer. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Victor Jesus Herrer, 20, pled guilty to a first DWI charge. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months, and must spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 13 hours. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$227 court costs. He must attend AA weekly, and successfully complete a DWI education program. He must surrender his driver's license for 90 days, and install an ignition interlock on any vehicle he drives within 30 days from his jail release.

Margarito Gonzales Jr., 29, pled true to the State's motion to revoke Community



Abraham Garcia ready to block for Joe Luna



Broken bone in Wayne's Willett's wrist checked by Dean Easter

Supervision stemming from an earlier DWI offense. He was ordered to spend 90 days in jail, with credit for 86 days served.

Oscar Torres Ibarhven, 49,

Election Reveals Strange Trends

The Nov. 5 national election again illustrated the distributing apathy of voters even in a Presidential election year. Yoakum County voting records mirror this trend.

With 4,243 registered voters countywide, 2,491 cast ballots in the election, just a 59% turnout. In recent Presidential election years, Voter turnout was considerably higher; 72% in 1984, 70% in 1988, and 74.5% in 1992. Precinct 1's turnout was highest with 60% of eligible votes cast, while Precinct 3's box 305 only produced 39%.

Yoakum County followed the state wide trend in numbers of votes cast for state and national candidates—

Republicans won every Texas and US contest. County candidate results showed just the opposite opinions—in the contest for Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, two Commissioner spots, and two Constable positions. Democrats took office. Only one Commissioner and the County Clerk positions are now filled by Republicans.

Three 'splinter group' parties, Libertarian, Natural Law and US, Taxpayers did not fare well, receiving a total of 30 votes of 2,491 cast. Only 2,454 people voted for a presidential candidate. Ross Perot proved to be a non factor in the race, drawing only 218 votes, just over 8% of the total.

Cowgirls Win Bi-District !

Playoff action continues against Nocona

must pay Court costs of \$157.

Rodney Wayne Roberts, 40, pled guilty to assault. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$250, and will pay \$157 Court costs. He must successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program.

Gilbert Lee Garcia Sr., 31, also pled guilty to the same assault charge. He received the same sentencing, and in addition must attend weekly AA meetings.

Larry Lee Alvarado, 34, pled guilty to assault. His 60 day jail term was suspended 12 months. He was fined \$150 and must pay \$157 Court costs. He too must complete the Batterer's program, attend weekly AA meetings, and undergo evaluation and treatment.

Jason Lawrence Luther, pled guilty to driving while license suspended. Adjudication of guilt deferred, and he received a 30 day jail sentence probated 180 days.

He was fined \$100 and must pay \$157 Court costs, complete a DWI education program, pay \$100 reinstatement fee to Texas DPS, and the state will not file motion to revoke community supervision at this time.

Efren Diaz, 24, pled guilty to making a false statement to a police officer. He received a 30 day jail term, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500 and charged \$192 in Court costs and must attend weekly AA meetings.



Standing, L-R; Kassie Lowe, Lyndi Rowe, Candace Bowers, Jessica Flores, La Cresha Johnson, Jolyne Burgess, Lindsey Six, Coach Horne. Kneeling, Velvet Canada, Laura Flores, Dolly Gonzales, Mary Morales, Sandi Warren, and Patti Ruiz

The Plains Cowgirls journeyed to Pecos last Thursday evening to compete for Bi-District honors in volleyball play off action. They faced the squad from Anthony, and came out on top 15-9, 13-15, and 15-11. Coach Horne reported the Cowgirls, normally a 'Power Ball' style team, were a bit out of sync because of Anthony's 'Bump The Ball' style of play, but made the necessary adjustments to win the contest. She said their ability to adjust led to the team's achieving another plateau in the long season. At press time, tentative plans called for the Cowgirls to face Nocona at Aspermont Tuesday night in their next playoff action. She said Nocona has a very talented team with several tall girls, and the Cowgirls will have to play a good blocking game at the net to win. She added, "I am very proud of these girls. This is a very young team, with only two seniors, Lindey Rowe and Mary Morales, and this playoff experience will be invaluable for our younger players next year".

WAY TO GO, COWGIRLS!!

COUNTY COURT MEETS

Commissioner's Court met Tuesday, November 12. New Officers of the Court were introduced, J.R. Slentz, newly elected Commissioner of Precinct 2, and Deborah Rushing, newly elected County Clerk. Visiting the session was Comm-

issioner Elect Woody Lindsey, who will be sworn in as the Commissioner of Precinct 1 in January.

Wanda Smith, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of \$438,938 taxes in October. The Court approved advertising for bids for the purchase of a new Suburban for the Extension Agent, Kathy Adair. She reported the 1990 Suburban, which will be trade in, has over 95,00 miles. The purchase price is budgeted for 1997, and the sale will be after the first of the year. They also approved advertising for bids for a Mini Van to be used by the Senior Citizens organization. A 1981 van will be traded in, and the new van will also be purchased in 1997.

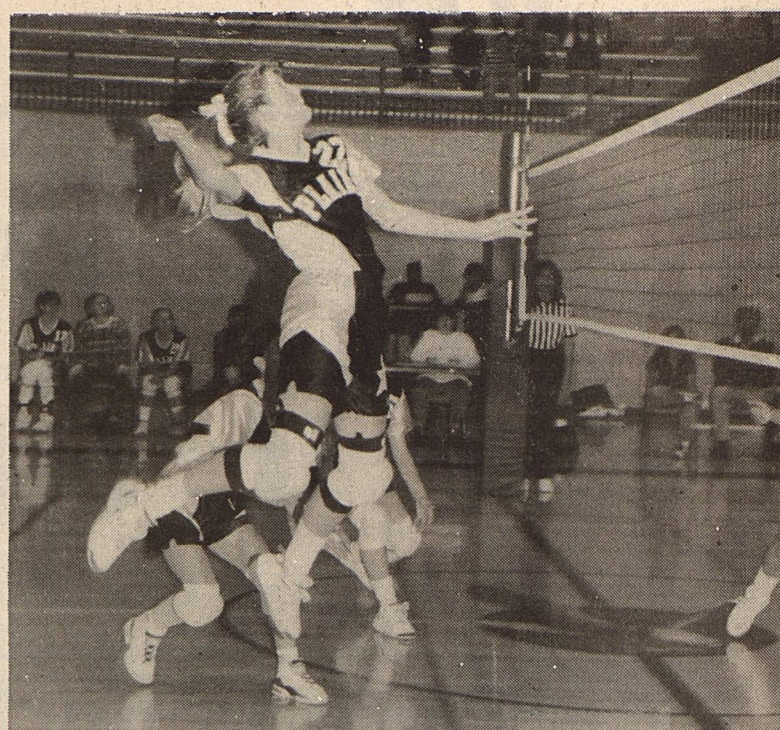
Official bonds were approved for the new Court Officers, a \$30,000 bond for Slentz, and a \$30,000 bond for Rushing.

Classic Cable Launches Nick at Nite's TV Land

Classic Cable today announced the launch of "TV Land" in Plains, Nick at Nite's newest network showcasing reruns of television classics. The new network will be added on Channel 14 prior to year end.

"TV Land", a new 24-hour network of TV favorites inspired by Nick at Nite, will showcase the best television dramas, sitcoms, variety shows and Westerns from the past forty years.

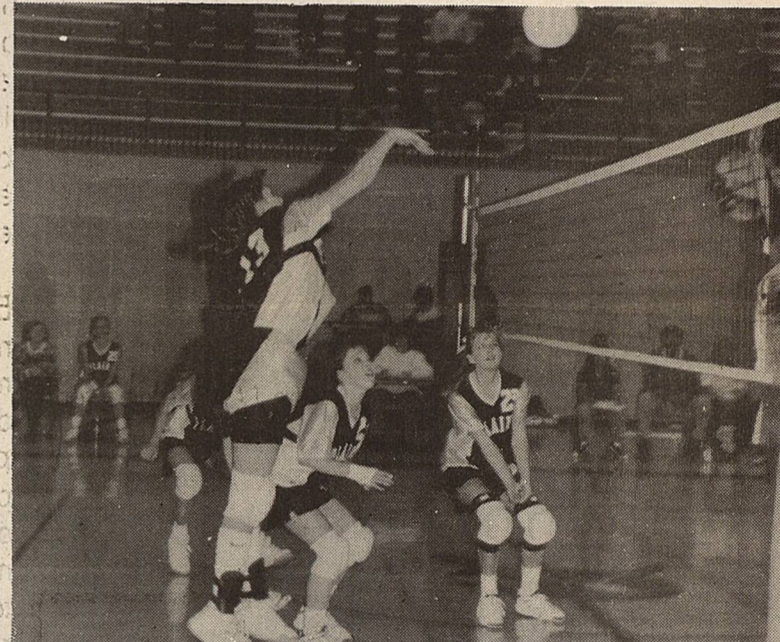
"TV Land" will also feature monthly programming blocks such as "Wonders of TV Land", "TV Calvacade", and "TV Land Goes West"—all filled with the good, the weird, and the wonderful shows from the history of television.



Lindsey Six goes high for a kill



Jolyne Burgess makes great spike

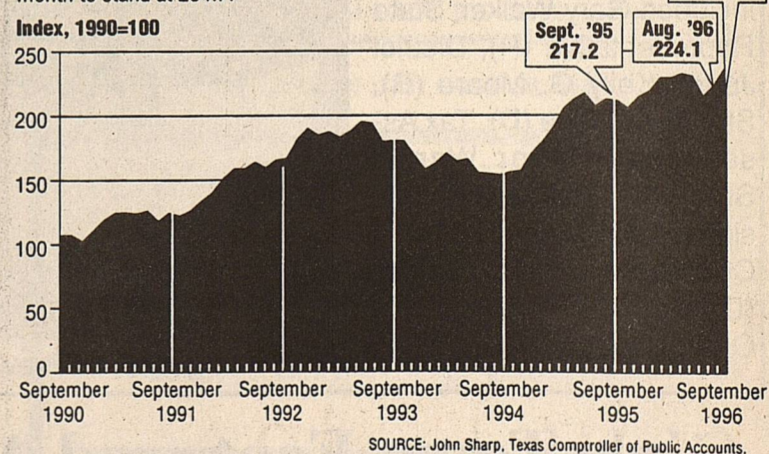


Candace Bowers finalizes a Cowgirl point

Come On, Cowgirls, Beat Nocona !!

Texas Stock Index

The Texas Stock Index (TSI) continued to spike upward in September as the index advanced 4.7 percent after rising 4.0 percent in August. The index, which advanced by 8.7 points in August, grew by an additional 10.6 points this month to stand at 234.7.



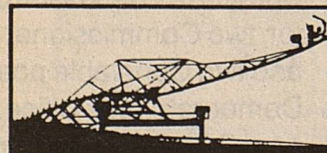
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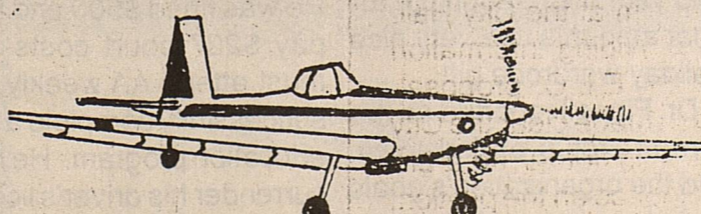
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My sincere thanks,

J.R. Slentz

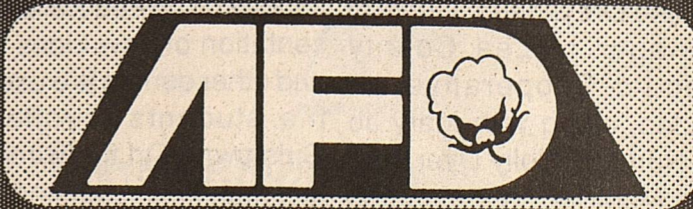
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Walker reports survey results

The following letter from District 80 State Representative Gary Walker was recently sent to all the newspapers in his ten county district:

"In a time when schedules are becoming increasingly hectic, I would like to thank each of you who took time to respond to my Legislative District survey. I am very pleased with the outstanding response rate.

"Your comments, questions and suggestions will and have provided invaluable information to me as I prepare for the 75th Legislative Session beginning in January.

"The following is a breakdown of how your county responded to each question. I hope this information proves as useful to you as it is to me.

"Thank you again for taking the time to help me help West Texas. Your kind words and sentiments of encouragement go a long way in helping me to secure the things that are important to all of us and the great State of Texas

Sincerely,
Gary L. Walker

1. Do you think bicycle helmets should be mandatory?

YES - 66%

NO - 33%

District:

YES - 54.9%

NO - 42.9%

2. If yes, should helmets be mandatory for children, or children and adults?

BOTH - 39.8%

CHILDREN ONLY - 59.23%

District:

YES - 30%

NO - 69%

3. Do you think children should be allowed to ride in the back of pickup trucks?

YES - 17.3%

NO - 80.8%

District:

YES - 22.7%

NO - 75.1%

4. Do you support changes in law to allow home equity loans?

YES - 55.8%

NO - 28.2%

District:

YES - 55.1%

NO - 29.5%

5. Do you support allowing law enforcement agencies to conduct sobriety checkpoints?

YES - 84.6%

NO - 12.8%

District:

YES - 76.5%

NO - 21.1%

6. Do you support lowering the blood alcohol content from .10 to .08?

YES - 58.3%

NO - 38.5%

District:

YES - 59.5%

NO - 38%

7. Do you support a 'zero tolerance' law for youth?

YES - 91.7%

NO - 5.8%

District:

YES - 86.9%

NO - 11.4%

8. Do you think the state should cut back on TAAS testing for elementary grade children?

YES - 52.6%

NO - 40.4%

District:

YES - 55.5%

NO - 40.4%

Petition May Bring Expanded Local Calling for Phone Customers

In 1993, the 73rd State Legislature passed SB632, a law enabling smaller rural communities to petition the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to recommend the service providing telephone company to offer its customers long distance service to neighboring towns without a toll charge.

Such a petition is now being readied. By press time, copies of the petition should be placed in the City Hall office and one in the Court House offices.

The 1993 law allows communities to petition telephone exchanges within 22 airline miles to provide Expanded Local Calling (E.L.C., and up to a maximum of 50 airline miles providing additional criteria is met.

The petition here asks that PUC to recommend to ALLTEL, Inc. they provide E.L.C. to the Brownfield, Wheatley, Lehman and Seagraves exchanges. If ALLTEL agrees to the proposal each local ALLTEL Customer would be accessed a \$3.50 monthly fee on each residential line, and \$7.00 per month on each business line. It would be logical to add Lubbock to the list of petitioned exchanges, but unfortunately, it is 56.4 airline miles between the exchanges here and there.

It appears the proposed E.L.C. service would benefit many phone customers, who make frequent toll charge calls to any of the four proposed sites. If your monthly phone bill for long distance calls exceeds the \$3.50 monthly fee, it makes sense to sign the petition. A primary reason for the laws passage was to enable smaller exchange customers, who must often make long distance calls to doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies neighboring towns, to have the E.L.C. service. This is the local situation, particularly with the Brownfield exchange.

There is a specified time frame for the petition process, and it is not a swift one. The entire process could take up to 160 days for the PUC's and ALLTEL decision.

PUC rules state the petition vote report forwarded to their office, normally within 30 days after being available to the residents. In our case, ALLTEL will be notified of the report results about 30 days later, they can then object to the proposal or agree to the request, and file the E.L.C. implementation date.

City Administrator David is the petition coordinator, and residents with questions about the proposal should contact him at the City Hall. While providing information about the E.L.C. proposal, Brunson made clear the City of Plains is not taking a pro or con stance on the petition, nor is he, as the City Administrator. He agreed to act as coordinator after being approached by a number of residents.

Each local ALLTEL cus-

tomers should make a careful evaluation of their monthly phone bills, and decisions on the petition should be based on one simple question; will E.L.C. to the four towns save or cost me money.

Based on the number of local phone subscribers a PUC formula requires at least 44 ALLTEL customers sign the petition. If the minimum figures is achieved, ALLTEL will then mail ballots to each customer in their exchange, and customers may vote yes or no on the issue. If 70% of the returned ballots favor the E.L.C. request, ALLTEL will then make the decision to agree to or object to the proposal.

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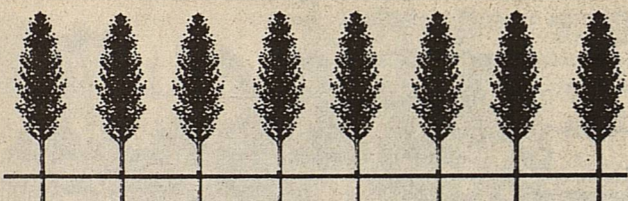
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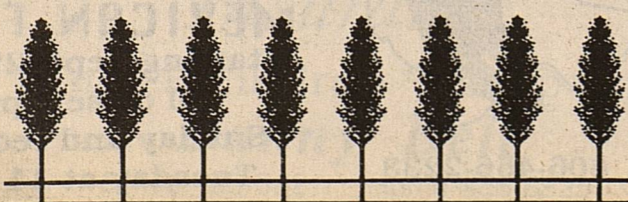
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13, the offense again began to click. Good blocking opened holes four consecutive plays for Luna, but a penalty, followed by a fumble halted the advance.

Once more the Cowboy defense rose to stop the 'Dogs in four plays, but on the first play of the possession, Garcia was sacked and fumbled to end the first half.

Early in the third period the Bulldog offense began to growl, and in 7 plays, ground out 43 yards on the ground for their third TD. Dustin Brunson stopped their 2 point play, for a 18-7 score.

The Cowboy line and lead blocking backs again came alive, allowing Luna to make big gains on the ground. Garcia pulled a crucial QB sneak on a 4th and one play, and completed a pass to Luna, leading to a good drive and the second Cowboy score when Luna raced 9 yards, and Bunch's kick put the 'Boys back in the game 18-14.

The first quarter was a fierce defensive contest by both teams. Plains had one good drive going, but two quarterback sacks gave the ball back to Tahoka.

Good defensive work by Coley Burgess, Casey Forbus, Jason Redman, and Major Howard stopped the Bulldog drive, but the Cowboy's hopes were darkened when with only 1:30 left in the game, they suffered an interception pass, and three plays later the 18-14 loss was history.

Bad breaks and mistakes are always hard to overcome, but the Cowboys again proved they are not quitters in the rough, tough loss.

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Yancey House set to block for Joe Luna



This Cowboy's about to get hit!

Junior High Football

7th Wranglers; The Wranglers continued their winning ways with a convincing 34-6 win over Tahoka last week, and ended their season with a fine 8 and 1 record, and their 5-0 District record gave them the championship!

Joseph Rodriguez had a 32 yard scoring run in the first period, and another 30 yard TD in the second. Nathan Hays had his second interception of the year to give the ball back to the Wranglers. In a bit of razzle dazzle, Jared Bell threw to Rodriguez, who lateraled to Moises Gonzales who went 43 yards for the score. Bell threw to Ky May for the two points and a halftime 20-0 lead.

Bell pitched out to Moises, who passed to Rodriguez for a 51 yard TD, finished the scoring with a 22 yard up the middle and Bell a toss to Robert Luna for another 2 points. Coach credited the defense with an outstanding effort, including stopping 3 fourth down tries, and two interceptions. He said he had a great opportunity working with the team, and they showed a real work ethic. He expressed his thanks to the entire team, Jared Bell, Robert Luna, Joseph Rodriguez, Tanner Hamm, Ky May, Moises Gonzales, Mario Luna, Chris McGinty, Scott Tirelli, Louis Escobar, Pete Longoria, Servando Luna, Patrick Brintle, Sergio Sandoval, Luis Delgado, Jeffrey Lollar & Nathan Hays.

8th Wranglers; The older Wranglers also beat up on Tahoka in their finale, 26-Zip. Adam Garcia scored first on a 10 yard dash, then caught Israel Moreno's pass for two points. Israel then scored from 6 yards out, followed by Joel Gallegos sweep of 15 yards. Adam ended the Wrangler scoring with a 30 yard sweep. Coach said the outstanding offensive players were the entire team seeing action. Stand-outs on defense included Kelsey Blundell, Joel Gallegos, Adam Garcia, Armando Luna, Israel Luna, Gerry Rivas, Skylar Johnson, Taylor Gray, Matt Willis, Jason Garcia, Brett Squyres, Dustin Six, Leo Luna, Sterling Deaton and Jesse Mendias. They finished the year with a 6-3 record, and McAdams said "They can play with anyone because they play as a team and really work hard".



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Math/Science Team 'Three-peats'

For their third consecutive meet, the PHS Math and Science Team brought home the first place 'Sweepstakes' trophy from the Lockney tournament, competing against eleven 1A, 2A and 3A schools. The Number Sense team captured first place, the Calculator team and Math team won 2nd, and the Science and Computer science teams finished 4th. Individual honors included Kristen Gray, 1st in N.S., Math, Science and Calculator; Anne Palmer, 9th math, 6th science; Clint Burrus, 1st Calculator, 2nd N.S and Math, 3rd science; Marcey House, 1st N.S., 8th math, 9th calculator; Maranda Box, 4th calculator, 5th science; Shawn Cullins, 2nd N.S. and calculator, 4th math and science; Shawna Box, 1st calculator, 2nd math, 3rd N.S. and science; Yancey House, 3rd N.S., 6th science (1st in biology), 9th calculator, and Jacob Lester, 9th N.S., 7th calculator. In Computer Science, Burrus was 7th, Lester 10th, and House 20th.

Another fine academic performance.

Special Thank You

Cynthia Blair, music Teacher and director of the recent Fourth Grade program, "Texas, Our Texas", wishes to say "THANK YOU to everyone helping make the program a success. Special thanks to the teachers, Estelle McAdams, Joyce Pierce, Janie Ramos, and substitute Mrs. Davis and Hawthorne, who took charge when I was sick. And special thanks to Karol Morgan for all the decorating material, and to Linda Powell for the decorations from Renaissance, and a HUGE thank you the parents of the fourth graders for having such wonderful kids; they are very special people!"

'Make A Difference Day'

October 26 was "Make a Difference Day" at PHS. Student Council members took time on Saturday to plant a variety of colored pansies in the Texas block at the corner of the old courthouse. Plains Student Council is working very hard to improve not only the school, but the community as well.



(L to R) Spencer Deaton (SR), Vice President Sonia Avila (SR), Secretary Lyndi Rowe (SR), Mary Morales (SR), and President Roni Ponce (SR)

Student of the Week



This week's student of the week is Heath Bowlin, a PHS Junior and the son of Pat McGuire. He was nominated by Mr. Canon, who said, "When the subject material gets challenging, this student takes the challenge personally, and is determined to achieve and excel. Heath he likes to be the center of attention, especially on Friday nights". learning enjoyable for the teachers and classmates.

Half a Hundred!



Junior High celebrated Principal Ronnie Watkins' 50th birthday last week. Both students and faculty dressed in black, with the numeral 50 taped to their backs. CCN tried to get permission to play funeral music all day on the PA system, but Watkins vetoed the plan. Most frequently heard comment on the day was, "Are you sure? I thought he was much older"! Shown with Watkins are students who helped decorate his office, Julie Gonzales, Nancy Koncaba, Chelsi Wagnon, Lensey Cullins, Kari Guetersloh and Erica Bell.

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Jana and Robert Melvin of Mesquite, New Mexico and Ronald Naylor of El Paso, announce the engagement of their daughter Laci Suzann, to Gregory Earl Box, son of Billy and Jackie Box of Ira. Miss Naylor is the granddaughter of James and Jerry Warren and the niece of Jim and Lela Warren and Joe and Joyce Pierce of Plains.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, February 8, 1997 in El Paso.

Miss Naylor graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics and Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a B.A. in Agricultural Business Management.

Mr. Box graduated from

Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a B.S. in Agricultural Education. He is currently employed with Champion Technologies as a sales engineer. The couple will reside outside of Austin in Smithville.

Senior Citizen Corner

If the old saying of "No News is Good News," then the Center is right on track this week. Nice lunch attendance but nothing exciting happening.

Visitors of the week: Buford and Naomi Thornton, Larene Flippin's brother and wife, and Albert and Amonda Harris.

Reba Baker is still in the hospital.

Our Thanksgiving Lunch is coming up on Nov. 20.

The Friendship Quilt Blocks are coming in and a quilt will be in the making. Thanks to all who have made a clock or have one to make.

We miss Jean Sparks and will be happy to get her back from her surgery.

Events Coming Up:
Mon. Birthday/Anniversary/
Senior Citizen of the Month at 11:30 a.m. Pool/Game at 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Pool Tournament at 10:00 a.m.

Thurs. Gail Ballor

Plains Fine Arts Meet

Plains Fine Arts Club met Nov. 7, 1996, at 7 p.m. in the home of Donna Friesen with Debra Hise co-hostess.

After a delicious lasagna meal, the eight members, Mrs. Melba Crutcher, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Donna Friesen, Michelle Hawthorne, Debra Hise, Paula McMinn, and Lois Miller, had a short business meeting. After roll call and the reading the last minutes, Vice President Debra Hise read letters of resignation from Tana May and Linda Simmons. These were accepted with deep regrets. There was a Treasurer's report from Paula McMinn. The potato sale was a success and there are plans for another during basketball season.

These were tentative plans for the Sacred Music Program to be in April 1997.

The hostess gift was won by Melba Crutcher. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on December 5, 1996, Christmas Salad Supper. The hostesses will be Christy Brink and Paula McMinn.

Sandra Ellison,

Recording Secretary

Fri. Cite Council Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch everyday on Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Come on down, something good is always cooking.

My wish is that everyone is happy with their vote—me, I take the 5th Amendment, so don't ask.

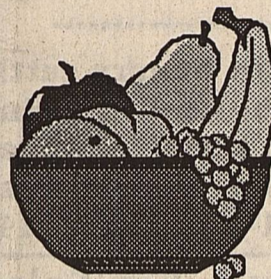
See You Next Week, Smitty

County Swine Validation

Any 4-H member who will be exhibiting swine projects should contact the County Extension Office, 456-2263, immediately. All county and state validations must take place before November 30.

Community Happenings

There will be a planning meeting for those interested in helping with the delivery of Christmas Food Baskets and toys. This has been an annual event since 1990 to help those in our community have a Merry Christmas. Volunteers are being asked to meet at the courthouse coffee room November 15, at 10:00 a.m. People are needed to help make this event a success. Make plans to attend this meeting.



Plains Athletic Booster Club will meet Wed., Nov. 13 at the Sandy Land Office. Please come join!

Thought for the week

Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, that he that is in the world. 1 JOHN 4: 1-4

Youth Center Pool Tournery

The Youth Center will hold a youth's pool tournament November 16 and 17. Grade 7 thru 12 students are eligible. Doubles matches Saturday, 8 to 12pm, Singles Sunday, 2 to 5pm., with trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places. Reminder - \$5 annual dues were due Sept. 1. Please pay your dues NOW.

The second annual Cili Fest on Election Day at the First United Methodist Church was another big success. More than 160 guests enjoyed the home cooked chili, and the ladies bake sale, according to Pastor Rick Doyle.

He also reminded readers there are two more weeks of study of the World's Religions series. For times and dates contact him at the Church.

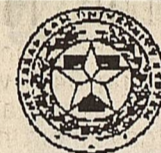
The annual community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year at First Baptist Church, Sunday evening at 6 on November 24. All are invited to attend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

County JP Court Cases

The following is a summary of cases heard and acted on in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed; 46 traffic cases, one issuance of bad check, 1 felony, 3 examining trials conducted.

Bonds Set;

Failure to appear on assault charge-\$2000 bond; Theft, \$500; No valid inspection certificate \$43 fine; Failure to maintain financial responsibility, \$285 fine; Fleeing Police Officer, \$500 bond; Failure to maintain financial responsibility, \$500 bond; No safety belt, \$98 fine; No Liability insurance, \$320 fine; DWI, \$1000 bond; Failure to appear, \$168 fine; No safety sticker, 478 fine; Expired Driver's license \$107 fine; DPS warrant, speeding, \$240 bond; DPS warrant, failure to appear, \$230 bond; DPS warrant, no insurance, \$630 bond; DWI, \$1000 bond; assault with deadly weapon, \$100,000 bond; Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing; motion to revoke probation, held until transported; Minor in possession, \$135 fine; Assault causing injury/motion of surety, \$2500 bond.



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



Credit Card Competition

Credit cards are easy to come by, but be alert to changes your credit card provider may be making. You must read the fine print on the papers that come with your statement each month. Some companies are changing their fees or reducing the grace period for payments. One card company is even penalizing its patrons who do not carry a balance. It isn't making much money off them, so they are charging an annual fee to cardholders who pay off their bills in full. The competition among credit card companies plays to your advantage when you encounter these situations. If your terms change, shop around for a better deal. Keep only one or two major bank credit cards rather than one from each store or gas company. Simplicity can keep you from getting caught up in the credit card crunch.

Filmtime

Sixteen youngsters attended Filmtime this week of Nov. 6, 1996. They sang 4 songs, read 1 book, played 2 games and watched 1 movie. They also highlighted the number 7 this week. The kids attending this week were Kevin John Gass, Aron Cox, Hunter Welch, Katelynn Young, Rhaela Stall, Kristen Knight, Andrew Conway, Chloe Carpenter, Isaac Doyle, Chase Ortega, Haley Welch, Raegan Young, Rhaemi Stall, Cameron Knight, Chelsea Sellers, and Sam Melendez.

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From The Hack



Once again, I exercised poor judgement this last weekend. A generous cousin sent me four tickets to the Tech-Texas game, and I rounded up the pig farmer son-in-law, grandson Doug and his buddy Steven Bunch to go see the extravaganza in Lubbock. That was the major mistake.

Determined to be there in plenty of time for the kickoff, scheduled for 6 p.m., we left at 1:30 p.m., confident we could make the 72 mile trip in four and a half hours, even in Morris' rattling Ford diesel pickup.

We ate, did a few 'Honey-Do' chores, and son in law said we should be at the stadium a little before 5 p.m. to find a nearby parking space. What an optimist. When we finally found a spot the monster truck fit in, in a ditch dangerously close to the railroad tracks, I had to get my binoculars out to spot Jones Stadium. I estimated we were at least 6.8 miles from the playing field, while the others pooh-poohed this, claiming no way could it be over 2.9 miles.

By time we panted and puffed our way just to 'Raider Alley', the soles of my boots

were worn out, Morris was moaning about his legs, and even the younguns were't too happy. It looked like another half mile to our gate to me, but I was assured it was only 500 yards.

We half crawled into the stadium to find the men's facility. It was now only 5:12 p.m., and I swear the waiting line was longer than any Super K or Walmart check-out. I asked the guy in front of me how long he'd been in the line, and he muttered, "I don't know, but I have to shave again when I come out".

Next was the seating ordeal. We had to carefully step on about a dozen folks feet while threading our way to our seats. Gasping in pain, we flopped down, and I began to peer about. Jones Stadium was a sea of Red and Black, honoring the Raiders, but it seemed we were surrounded by fans wearing burnt orange colors, spouting weird hats with horns sticking out, all screaming 'Texas Fight', 'Go Bevo', and chanting graffiti like refrains about the Tech Raiders.

It was a bit uncomfortable, especially when we realized

all those orange clad idiots in front of us had no intentions of sitting down - for the entire game. Yes, true, we STOOD, like the retarded Aggies, the ENTIRE game.

Hoping to get a bit of relief for my feet and back, I struggled up the ramp just before the half, to get in line again for the necessary room. Honestly, I have waited longer for my IRS refund check than I did to glimpse that bit of porcelain. I actually saw and heard grown men crying, moaning as they stood, agonizing.

Mercifully, someone voted we depart right after the third period of agony started. When we all stumbled to the pickup, looking like survivors of an ill fated Foreign Legion massacre, even young Doug was perturbed; "I can't believe you guys brought me to this... I could be at home, chasing girls, or playing video games!"

Me too, Doug. And worst of all, Tech lost.

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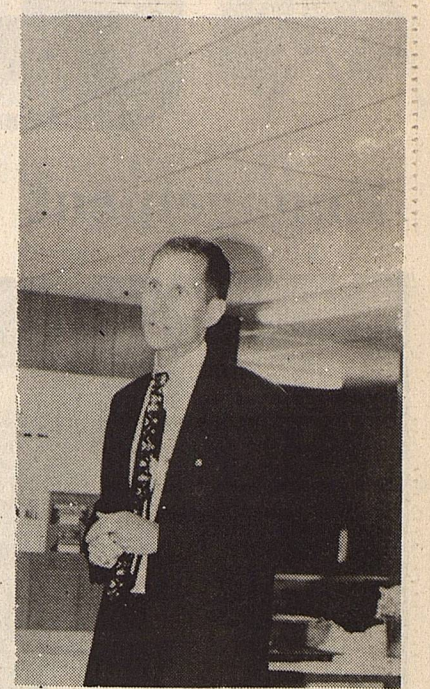
From page 1, 'GIRLS TOWN' dents. The girls are housed in five 'cottages', and two adult couples share the cottages. The bulk of the enrollment at Girlstown is made up of High School girls. Who attend school in Whiteface, but some girls are in Jr. High and Elementary levels.

Finnell reported long range goals and planning for the facility will soon result in Girlstown becoming one of the premier such institutions in the nation. He reported on one interesting program now in operation at the institution called 'The Independent Living Program'. It is for Senior Class girls, who for the most part have grown up in the

small, isolated area, and is designed to make them ready for 'real life' in larger urban areas when they graduate. One requirement of the program results in girls learning how to find and keep a job, how to find housing, how to buy a car, where to go for health care, how to set up a suitable living environment on their own. While in this program, the senior girls live together, and learn how to prepare their own meals, keep their wardrobes up, and how to prepare for each days normal problems.

He said the lack of a real family background for the majority of girls makes it vitally important for the Girlstown staff to succeed in

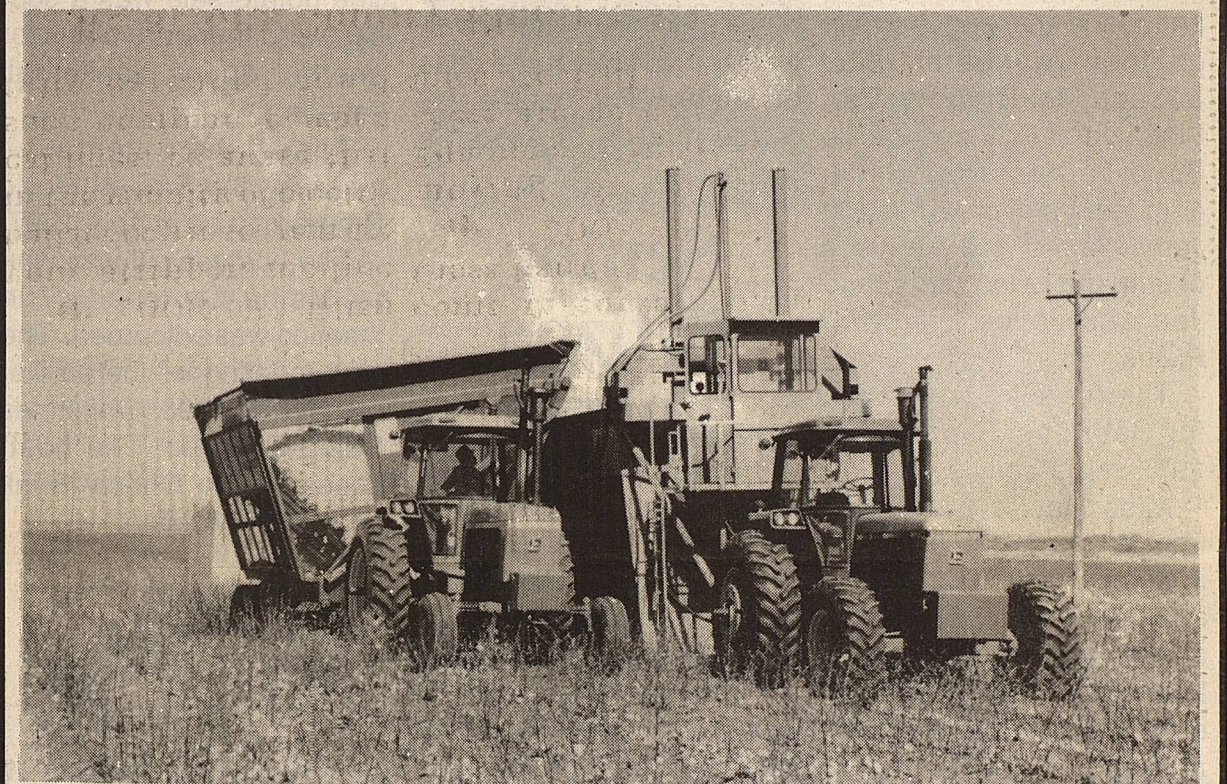
playing the role of temporary teachers and family members for the girls entering the mainstream of life.



Dr. Finnell

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