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Plains Ninth Annual Chamber Banquet honors Plains' Citizen of the Year, Linda Powell

The Ninth Annual Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held on Thursday, March 3 at the Plains School Cafeteria. The program began with Emily Blair singing the Pledge of Allegiance and trumpeters, Byron and Matt Morgan, Eric Estrada, Steve Bitolas and Tony Lazos playing the National Anthem.

Master of Ceremonies was David Brunson, president of Plains Chamber of Commerce. Jim Barron gave the invocation and Gary Walker made the introductions. Recognitions and remarks were also by Brunson. Benediction was given by Gary Walker. More than 100 citizens and guests attended.

Highlight of the evening was the declaration of Plains Citizen of the Year. This year's honoree was Mrs. Ty Earl (Linda) Powell. Along with the recognition she received a plaque and a letter from U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, presented to her by Jennifer B. Crabtree, West Texas Regional Director.

Linda was recognized for her involvement in civic organizations, church and community activities, various elected boards, and her unselfish commitment to serving the needy citizens of the area.

Linda has served as a teacher in the Denver City School system for 10 years, is a County 4-H adult leader, a member of Plains School Board and a member of SWCD Board of Directors. She has served in many capacities for numerous years at First United Methodist Church. She was also a volunteer literacy instructor, teaching several adults how to read. Linda also operates "Renaissance Flowers and Gifts" offering the community a shop filled with a wide variety of gifts and flowers for all occasions.

She and her husband, Ty Earl Powell, have a son, Lebert and a daughter, Jo Lena. Special guests for the evening meal and presentation, was Linda's mother and daddy, Lloyd and Maxine Grau of Grady, NM.

Following the potluck dinner, Master of Ceremonies, Gary Walker introduced guest speaker, Tom Harkey of Claude, who shared a motivating, inspirational message to those attending.

Mr. Harkey, born and raised in Crystal City is a resident of Claude.

Earning a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University, he also has a Master's from WTSU in Canyon.

Harkey has a total of 30 years in the field of education, serving school districts as a classroom teacher, principal and superintendent.

Active in church and civic organizations, he was a 4-H Adult Leader, and also supported Boy Scouts of America and Lions Club.

He and his wife, Joyce, are the parents of a son, Gary Don, who is an Agricultural instructor at Vernon Junior College, and a daughter, Joyce Lynn, who teaches elementary at Claude ISD. They have three grandchildren, Mindi, Matthew and Logan.

Other activity during the banquet included recognizing the 1993 Class 1A State Champion Cowboy Cross Country Team. Individual team members were David Corrales, Joe Valdez, Orlando Ortiz, Ralph Ramirez, Jeremy Dearing, Lenny Morrow, Jacob Lester and Edward Escobar.

Also recognized as State Champion in the 800 Meters was Michael Sainz.

A special award was presented to Evertt McAdams for his efforts and leadership in coaching the State Champion track teams.

Jason Wilson was also given an award and applauded for his solo accomplishments in band.

Throughout the evening, drawings for more than 30 door prizes donated by various businesses and individuals were held. Those donating door prizes were Uncles, Yoakum County Federal Credit Union, Renaissance Flowers and Gifts, Jim and JoAnn Barron, Pat Bowlin, Doug's Specialties, images by bonnie, Gary Walker, Marjorie's Coiffures, Richard Clark, Peggy's Klassy Kurl, Plains State Bank, Eddie Earnest and Macky McWhirter Watermelon Growers, Bayer's Lumber and Hardware, Texas ALLTEL, Linda Lowrey, Pay-N-Save, Richardson Insurance and Johnnie's Restaurant.

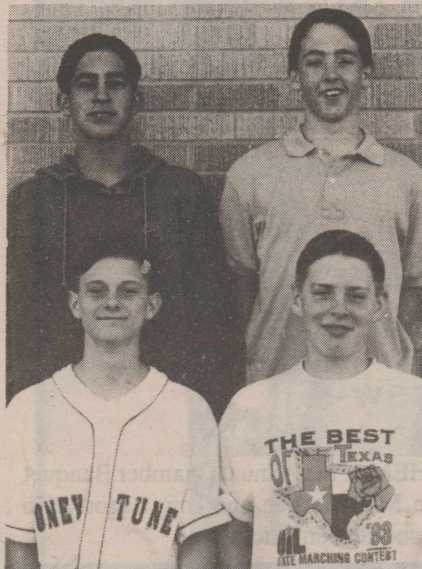
The Plains Chamber would like to remind citizens and friends of the Chamber that meetings are held each first Tuesday of the month at Johnnie's Res-

taurant. Meeting at 7 a.m. for breakfast, dues are \$5.00 each month for businesses and \$1.00 monthly for individuals.

The Chamber would also like to publicly thank the Plains Fine Arts Club for providing table decorations for the banquet and to Sandy Land UWCD for furnishing the programs; and to a host of others who contributed in any way to the success of this year's banquet.



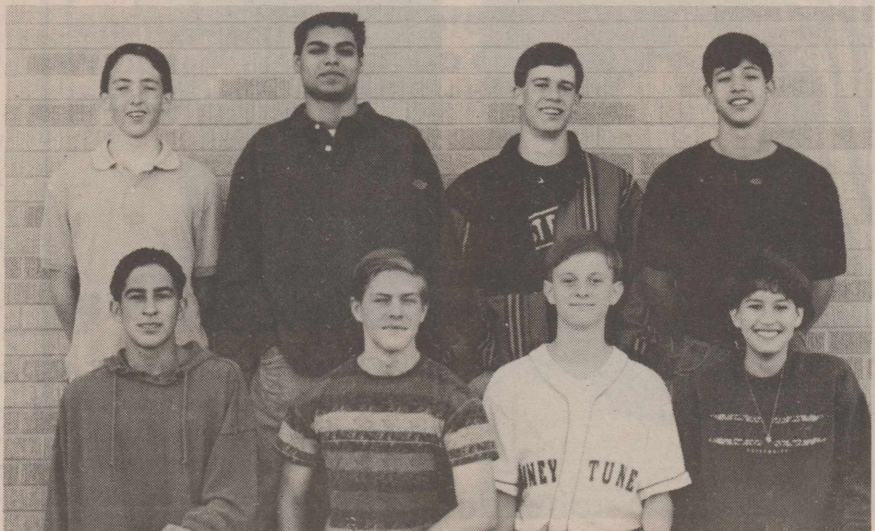
LINDA POWELL ACCEPTS HONOR PLAQUE FROM JENNIFER B. CRABTREE, West Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. She also presented Plains' newest Citizen of the Year with a letter of recognition from Sen. Gramm.



ALL REGION BAND MEMBERS - front row, ltr, Matt Morgan, Jr. High Band, chosen as first chair trumpet; Steve Bunch, Jr. High Band, chosen as first chair tuba; Eric Estrada, Jr. High Band, chosen fourth chair trumpet; and Jason Robertson, High School Band, was selected 12th chair trombone.



CLASS I SOLO, FIRST DIVISION - Jeremy Dearing earned a first division rating for his saxophone solo and also qualified for State.



CLASS I BRASS ENSEMBLE, FIRST DIVISION - All members qualified for State Competition, front row, left to right, Eric Estrada, Brad Seaton, Matt Morgan and Tessa St. Romain; back row, Jason Robertson, Jerry Dominguez, Josh Traweck and Steven Bitolas.



WARM WELCOME IS GIVEN TOM HARKEY, who was featured speaker during the Ninth Annual Plains Chamber Banquet - Left to right, Gary Walker and wife, Frankie Walker; Tom Harkey and Plains Chamber of Commerce president David Brunson.



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF PLAINS FOR 1993 is shown here with members of her family. Pictured left to right, are husband, Ty Earl Powell; Linda Powell, honoree; and her mother and daddy Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grau of Grady, NM.



TRUMPETERS PLAY NATIONAL ANTHEM at the Annual Chamber Banquet March 3 - left to right, Byron Morgan and son, Matt Morgan, and Tony Lazos. Also playing but not pictured were Eric Estrada and Steven Bitolas.



1993 CLASS 1-A STATE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM presented plaque. Left to right, Joe Valdez, Jacob Lester, Orlando Ortiz, David Corrales, Lenny Morrow, Ralph Ramirez, Jeremy Dearing; and kneeling, Coach Evertt McAdams.



EMILY BLAIR sang the Pledge of Allegiance for the Chamber guests at the Ninth Annual Banquet, March 3.



COACH EVERTT McADAMS AND MICHAEL SAINZ were both recognized for their participation in the State Track Meet. Sainz placed first in State in the 800 meter run at the 1993 UIL State Track Meet. McAdams Cross Country Team was also a first place team. Michael is the son of Helen and Paz Sainz.

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South Plains area cowboy rides the bull in '8 Seconds'

Kelly Slover, a 1981 graduate of Olton High School, is a stunt double for Luke Perry in the movie "8 Seconds" which opened recently.

Slover, grandson of Elsie Petty, former resident of Olton, attended schools in Olton for three years and was graduated from OHS. He also attended schools in Alpine, Valentine and LaVerna.

Now an agriculture teacher at Smithson Valley High School, Slover was born and reared in Alpine and was recipient of a rodeo scholarship to Sul Ross State University. He has participated in almost every major professional rodeo in the United States, including Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming. He was one of the top 50 bull riders in the world at one time. When he dropped out of the rodeo circuit, he was fast approaching the top five in money won.

The movie "8 Seconds" documents the life of Lane Frost, champion rodeo cowboy, a friend of Slover.

Slover said that most cowboys land on their hands when they fall or jump off of a bull following their ride. "Not old Lane. He always landed on his head."

Frost was killed in what Slover called a "freak accident."

"When Lane was trying to crawl away after that ride, the bull came up behind him and struck him in the back. The blow did not tear his shirt or break the skin, but it had such force that it broke one of Lane's main arteries and he bled to death. He was dead before they could get him out of the arena," Slover said.

"Lane was a super nice guy and never had an unkind word to say about anyone. It was a tremendous loss for rodeo and humanity."

Slover, as a bullrider, has been in front of the camera on occasions other than for "8 Seconds". He has been profiled by NBC shows "Dateline" and "Entertainment Tonight". In the "Dateline" segment, he said he had a camera strapped to his shoulder to give the audience a feel for the ride.

"They didn't do this in '8 Seconds' but the film is pretty authentic," he said.

"Cody Lambert and Tuff Hedeman were two consultants on the film and they are knowledgeable rodeo professionals. I attended college with these two guys and, believe me, they know their stuff. Lane's wife was also around to advise, so you can see that the filmmakers were trying to be as close to the truth as possible."

Co-starring in the film are Stephen Baldwin as Hedeman, one of Frost's best friends, and "Northern Exposure" star Cynthia Geary as Frost's wife. Slover has mixed feelings about Perry, star of the Fox network hit show, "90210."

"I really admired his work and his desire to learn. On the other hand, he was a bit cocky and a little arrogant at times. Tuff and Cody pretty well kept him in line as far as the rodeo part was concerned," he said.

"Luke Perry stated in two major magazine articles that he did all of his own stunts in the movie. This is simply not true, and it sort of makes me angry when I read something like that - knowing that some of my colleagues and myself were the ones up on that bull making Luke Perry look good."

"I will say that Perry did do his own ride in the last scene. The bottom line is that when I see the movie, I will know who is sitting on the bull."

Slover won several medals and top honors during his rodeo years and talked about how he feels when sitting atop an animal that has nothing more in mind than to see that his rider is thrown off.

"It's kinda like the football player who has just been a part of a big game...the rush and the adrenalin...the challenge of the moment."

"You know, as many times as I've ridden bulls, you still couldn't pay me to jump out of an airplane or bungee jump."

Slover said that he is - for the most part - through with rodeoing.

"I have slowed down since taking this teaching position, but it is in my blood and someday I hope to do maybe one more ride. An injury in Mesquite made me see that rodeo is a hard row to hoe."

SCHOOL EVENTS

TUESDAY - Zone Act Play - Smyer.

THURSDAY - Track - O'Donnell - Jr. High Girls and Boys; Anderson Grain Annual Meeting - Cafeteria - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY - Cowboy and Cowgirl Relays - Plains - 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY - District UIL Meet - O'Donnell

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cinnamon toast, hot oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls, toast, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Fruit bar, toast, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles w/ syrup, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cold cereal, orange/pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Corn dogs w/ mustard, French fries w/catsup, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY - Beef and bean burritos w/taco sauce, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, pineapple tidbits w/marshmallows, crackers and milk.

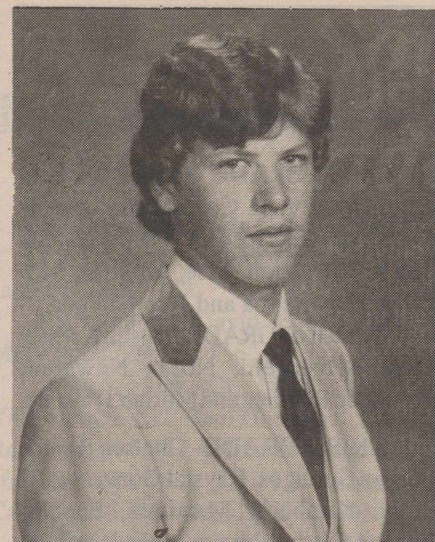
WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, Chee-tos, mixed fruit, oatmeal cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Beef and vegetable stew, pinto beans, Kosher pickles, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY - Fried chicken w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, green beans, peaches and milk.

"With that in mind, I got my agriculture education degree from Texas Tech and here I am," he said.

(Editor's Note: This information was taken from a San Antonio paper. Checking back to his senior biographical profile in the Olton paper, his plans were to attend Sul Ross State University with a major in Animal Health Technology and minor in Horse Science. He also stated that he "may seek a career in rodeo." His hobby was also listed as "rodeo". Riding the Rodeo Circuit, Slover participated in many area rodeos before and during his career as a bull rider.)



KELLY SLOVER

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SEVENTH GRADE A - Maranda Box, Dustin Brunson, Clint Burrus, Marcey House, Tandi Jones, Tommie McNabb and Lisa Parrish.

SEVENTH GRADE A-1B - Steven Bunch, Cassie Dearing, LaCresha Johnson, Tony Lazos and Matt Morgan.

EIGHTH GRADE A - Vicki Bayer, Heath Bowlin, Shawna Box, Shawn Cullins, Yvonne Gonzales, Kassie Lowe, Lindsey Six, Gideon Traweek, Sandi Warren and Dolly Gonzales.

EIGHTH GRADE A-1B - none listed.

NINTH GRADE A - Sonia Avila, Kiley Bearden, Stephen Bitolas, Yancey House, Jacob Lester, Kristy McClure, Mary Morales and Tessa St. Romain.

NINTH GRADE A-1B - none listed.

TENTH GRADE A - Kiri Ancinec, Valerie Blair, Jeremy Dearing and Heather McDonnell.

TENTH GRADE A-1B - Kirk Parrish.

ELEVENTH GRADE A - Victor Bernal, Ken McAdams, Brad McMinn, Shannon Ward and Ladd Winn.

ELEVENTH GRADE A-1B - Dusty Beckham, Jennifer Earnest, Joey Guerra and Joe Valdez.

TWELFTH GRADE A - Shea Baucom, Tracy Bearden, Heather Bowlin, Jennifer Cowart, Rhonda Cowart, Amy Crutcher, Jennifer Day, Gabriel Flores, Emma Gonzales, Tammy Lowrey, Lenny Morrow, Orlando Ortiz, Jay Rushing, Shandy Willett and Brian Wilson.

TWELFTH GRADE A-1B - Tony Bonnette, Roseo Canales, David Corrales, Scotty Rains and Ace Williams.

Math/Science teams do well in Jr. High

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Plains Junior High Math/Science Team placed third overall at the Idalou Meet against seven other schools with a score of 2551. The Seminole team placed first with a score of 2630. Shawn Cullins, Heath Bowlin, Shawna Box, Abraham Garcia, Cassie Dearing and Maranda Box participated in the event.

The number sense and math teams were first and the calculator team was third. In the eighth grade division the following individuals placed:

Shawn Cullins - first in number sense, first in calculator, and first in math.

Shawna Box - fifth in calculator, seventh in number sense, and sixth in math.

Heath Bowlin - Fourth in number sense, seventh in calculator and sixth in math.

In the seventh grade division Maranda Box was fifth in number sense, fifth in calculator, and seventh in math.

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Plains ISD offers explanation of change in voting districts

As a follow-up to last week's article concerning the upcoming school board election on May 7, facts about how the new voting districts came about may be of interest to the voters of Plains ISD.

On April 16, 1993, Plains ISD was named as defendant in a Federal Lawsuit by Lulac (League of United Latin American Citizens, Statewide) stating that the at-large scheme of electing trustees that had been used in the district for many years was unlawful and unconstitutional. The suit ordered that the election scheme include single member districts for the election of board members.

After Plains ISD received the notification of the lawsuit, the school board retained a lawyer from a firm in Lubbock who had experience in cases of this type. The attorney met with the board for the first time in April, 1993, to suggest the most feasible answers to the lawsuit.

Lulac asked the district to provide the election results by voting precinct

for the past 20 years; the name, address, voting precinct address, voting precinct and race/ethnic breakdown of the school trustees for the past 20 years; the name, address, voting precinct and race/ethnic breakdown of all candidates who have sought election by running for the Plains ISD board for the past 20 years; and a list of Plains ISD board members who have been appointed in the past 20 years to fill unexpired terms.

It was necessary for the district to hire a demographer who redistricted Plains ISD during June, 1993, and presented the districts to the board based on the distribution and vital statistics of the population of the Plains school district.

Lulac Statewide and Plains ISD agreed on a compromise settlement Aug. 20, 1993, which resulted in the formation of five single member trustee districts and two at-large districts. The compromise settlement was filed in Federal Court in Lubbock, and U.S. District Judge Samuel Cummings gave the final order of approval on Feb. 15, 1994.



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PHS Math/Science teams win again

Competing against ten other schools, the Plains High School Math/Science Team won the sweepstakes trophy at Idalou on Saturday, Feb. 19, with a score of 2291. Shallowater placed second with a score of 2141. Plains participants were Lenny Morrow, Tammy Lowrey, Shea Baucom, Tracy Bearden, Brad McMinn, Valerie Blair, Ken McAdams, Johnny Don Davis and Jeremy Dearing.

The number sense, calculator and math teams were first and the science team was fourth.

Placing in the senior division were:

Lenny Morrow - first in number sense, first in calculator, first in math, and third in science.

Tammy Lowrey - second in calculator and eighth in math.

Tracy Bearden - third in number sense, fourth in calculator, fourth in math, and fourth in science.

Those participating in the junior division were:

Brad McMinn - first in number sense, third in calculator, first in math, and sixth in science.

Ken McAdams - Seventh in number sense, fourth in calculator, third in math, and third in science.

The sophomore division results were:

Valerie Blair - seventh in number sense and eighth in calculator.

Johnny Don Davis - third in science.

Kirk Parrish - seventh in calculator.

Phil Gramm urges Americans to honor Nation's providers

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm is urging all Americans to join in the celebration of National Agriculture Day on Sunday, March 20, and to pay tribute to the men and women who provide the nation with its bountiful supply of food and fiber.

"As we all know, a vibrant American agricultural industry is vital to ensuring an equally dynamic U.S. economy. It is important to note that agriculture provides jobs for 21 million Americans, and pumps \$1 trillion into the U.S. economy," Gramm said.

"American farmers produce hundreds of different crops and dozens of breeds of livestock on a countryside that ranges from lush pasture lands to deserts, huge plains to high mountains, and vast rural areas to suburbia. Our farm families spring from different ethnic backgrounds, work successfully in every imaginable kind of farming structure, and have a unique combination of entrepreneurial genius and managerial skill," the senator said.

"I applaud those men and women who are committed to the continued growth of American agriculture as we enter the 21st century," Gramm said.

"American Agriculture - Growing Better Everyday" is the theme for the 1994 celebration. The focus of Ag Day will be on new and industrial uses of

Results of the Tuesday, March 8 election for Voting Precincts 303 and 404 in the Republican Primary are as follows:

U.S. Sen. - Kay Bailey Hutchison, 24; James Currey, 1.

U.S. Rep. - Larry Combest, 22.
Gov. - George Bush, 23; Ray Hollis, 1.

Lt. Gov. - H.J. Lezar, 16.
Atty. Gen. - Pat Lykos, 3; Don Wittig, 9; John Marshall, 8; Tony Garza, 1.

Compt. of P.A. - Teresa Doggett, 17.

State Treas. - David Hartman 12; Mike Wolfe, 4.

Com. Gen Land Of. - Marta Greytok, 18.

Ag. Comm. - Rick Perry, 22.
RR Comm. - Charles Matthews, 13.

RR Comm. - Carole Rylander 16.

Justice, Supreme Ct. Pl 1 - George Busch, 12; Oliver Kitsman, 8; Pl 2, Charles Ben Howell, 8; Nathan Hecht, 14; Pl 3 Priscilla Owen, 15.

Judge, Ct. Crim Appl, Pl 1 - Steve Mansfield, 15; John Cossum, 3; Pl 2 - Sam Bayless, 9; Sharon Keller 5; Cathy Herasinchuk, 3.

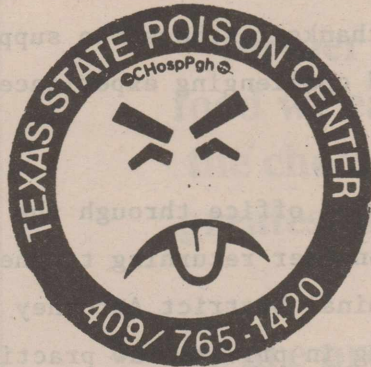
State Bd. Ed. - Monte Hasie, 19.

State Sen. - Teel Bivens, 20.

State Rep. - Gary Walker, 24.

agricultural products. In choosing this theme and focus, the Ag Council hopes to make the public more aware of the technological and environmental advances by the agriculture industry.

In 1973, the American National CattleWomen and the National Agri-Marketing Association planned the first National Ag Day. The Ag Council assumed the role of national coordinator in 1975.



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Plains 1993 election results told for Precincts 303, 404

Chief Just, 7th Ct. Appl. Pl2 - Brian Quinn, 18.

Co. Comm. Pr. 4 - Macky McWhirter, 11.

Co. Chm. - H.A. Richardson, 24; Candi Seaton, 1.

Pr. Chm. 303 - David Brunson, 2.
Fifteen voted "yes" on the referendum which asked "Should the citizens of Texas be allowed to vote on the following question: 'The Department of Public Safety should be authorized to adopt rules for licensing and training qualified citizens to carry handguns for self protection.'" Eight voted "no."

Results in the Democratic Primary for the two precincts are as follows:

U.S. Sen. - Michael Andrews 50, Jim Mattox, 199; Evelyn Lantz, 23; Richard Fisher, 70.

Gov. - Gary Espinosa, 188; Ann Richards, 152.

Lt. Gov. - Bob Bullock, 292.

Atty. Gen. - Dan Morales, 306.

Comt. P.A. - John Sharp, 275.

State Treas. - Martha Whitehead, 190; Grady Yarborough, 144.

Comm. Gen. Land Of - Garry Cauro, 283.

Ag Comm. - Marvin Gregory, 345.
RR Comm. - Robert Earley, 156;

James Nugent, 183.
RR Comm. - David Young 186;

Mary Scott Nabors, 156.

Justice, Sup. Ct., Pl 1 - Bill Yarborough, 152; Raul Gonzalez, 131; Rene Haas, 86; Pl 2 - Mike Westergren, 165; Alice Parrott, 152; Pl 3 - Jimmy Carroll, 216; Margaret Nirabal, 101.

Judge, Ct. Crim Appl - Mike McCormick, 210; Charles Baird, 114.
Pl 1 - Charles Campbell, 266; Pl 2 - Norman Lanford, 79; Frances Northcutt, 40; Gene Kelly, 76; Bennie Ray, 25; Betty Marshall, 87.

State Rep. - Kevin Jackson, 258.

Justice Ct. Crim. Appl. Pl 1 - John Boyd, 260; Pl 2 - Bryan Poff Jr., 247.

Crim. Dist. Atty. - Richard Clark, 225; Linda Lowrey, 197.

Cty. Judge - Dallas Brewer, 361.

Dist. Clerk - Mae Barnett, 337.

Cty. Clerk - Ruby Bruton, 347.

Cty. Treas. - Toni Jones, 339.

J.P. Prec. 1 - Melba Crutcher, 352.
Cty. Chm. - Ty Earl Powell, 339.
Prec. Chm. 303 - Deryl Hobbs, 180.
Prec. Chm. 404 - Dana Hamm, 153.

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Behind the Headlines

By Phillip C. Clark

For more than a decade, apocalyptic forecasts of "global warming" topped the environmentalist agenda. Now, in the wake of one of our coldest winters on record, will we be hearing new warnings of "global cooling?"

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Enormous efforts have been made by "Greenpeace," "The Union of Concerned Scientists," "Earth First," and other such groups to convince the public that civilization ultimately is doomed to destruction from the so-called "Greenhouse effect," in which carbon dioxide and other industrial pollutants trap heat in the atmosphere. This, it is claimed, will cause the polar ice-caps to melt and flood the coastal regions and turn much of the rest of the Earth into arid desert. However, in recent months, a growing number of knowledgeable scientists have refuted the "global warming" theory, pointing out that there is no real evidence of any such catastrophic trend, natural or man-made. Indeed, reports Time magazine, some in the scientific community now believe that the Earth actually is beginning to enter a new glacial period, or ice age.

The generally accepted scenario used to go like this: Since the last ice age ended about 10,000 years ago, the next one might not come for another 10,000 years - or at the most, we could now be experiencing its first beginnings. Climatologists once thought that ice ages happened gradually, over a period of hundreds or thousands of years. During this period the Earth's average temperature drops by about 15 degrees, leading to long winters and shorter summers. At the poles, snow piles up faster than it can melt, and miles-thick ice sheets begin their inexorable creep towards the equators. Then, after another 10,000 years or so, the glaciers retreat and stay put for yet another 10,000 or so years before going on the march once again.

Over the last few years, however, some scientists have uncovered new evidence that challenges the standard "global cooling" model. Samples from the depth of the Atlantic sea floor, and from Greenland's glaciers, have given researchers the opportunity to study ancient mud and ice samples from the last several ice ages. And what they found is startling: An "ice age" actually may grind into motion in only a decade or two.

One factor that might lead to the onslaught of an ice age is the so-called "Milankovitch Cycle." This theory argues that ice ages are triggered by fluctuations in the Earth's orbit around the sun. Thus, as the Earth travels around the sun on its yearly course, it "wobbles" slightly, and even strays farther from the sun than normal, thereby triggering an ice age. Past geological research supports this basic theory. The next one, so the theory goes, is due within the next 1,000 years, or so.

But don't let that put you at ease, argue researchers Wallace Broecker and

George Denton. There's yet another factor in the ice age cycle that could cause change with little or no warning. This involves a cyclical ocean current that the researchers liken to a vast conveyor belt. Normally, this current of unusually salty, dense water runs from the tropics, underneath the Gulf Stream, and on up to the North Atlantic. There, the salty current wells up from the depths and releases its tropic heat in the North Atlantic air, then sinks to the bottom to return to the tropics to start the cycle once again. This warm water influx helps keep the polar ice at bay. However, if disrupted, as has happened in past millennia, the ice goes on the move.

Penn State's Richard Alley, an expert on Greenland ice cores, says nobody knows for sure what other factors might help trigger climate shifts. "It scares us," says Alley. "We know there are times when the climate is very delicately poised. We know that for the past 8,000 to 10,000 years it hasn't flipped over. But we really don't understand it well enough to say whether it's really stable, or whether we are on thin ice." So to speak - or in fact.

Meanwhile, since mankind can't do anything about it, we might just as well laugh along with the "scientific" theory of comedian Mark Russell who suggested that the rings of Saturn are "composed entirely of lost airline luggage." Or accept Yogi Berra's notion of what goes around, comes around - to wit, it's "de ja vu all over again."

Library News & Notes

Yoakum County Library has received for the library many best sellers and several books for memorials. One of the books library personnel is happy

to have on West Texas is entitled "Dug-out to Deco" by Elizabeth Skidmore Sasser. It includes buildings in West Texas from 1880 to 1930. Great interest book is "Elmer Kelton Country".

Other new books are: "Ann-Margaret My Story", "Pack Up Your Gloomies in a Great Big Box" by Johnson; "Long Time Coming" by S. Brown; "Family Blessings" by Spencer; "Washington D.C." John Rosemonds; Six Point Plan for Raising Happy Children"

"Maggy's Child" by Robards; "Sacred Clowns" by Hillerman; "Star Flight" by Whitney; "Mr. Murder" by Koontz; "Accident" by D. Steel; "Book of Virtues" by Bennett; "All I Have to Offer You is Me" by C. Pride; "Wings of the Morning", by Wick, "Love Can Build a

Bridge", by Judd; "Type 1 and Type 2 Allergy Relief Program" by S. Levin, M.D., "And If You Play Golf, You're My Friend", by Harvey Penick; "Further Along the Road Less Traveled" by

Peck, M.D., "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff", by Mantell, Ph. D.; "A Marriage Made in Heaven or Too Tired for an Affair", by Bombeck, "The New Complete Great Pyrenees" by Strang.

The National Safety Council has published a book and videos on the

latest standards and guidelines in CPR and First Aid. These may be checked out by individuals or organizations.

These are just a few of the new books for patrons' reading enjoyment. New books on cassette and new videos are received each month. Patrons are encouraged to library. Our taxes are used for these wonderful benefits.

Card of Thanks

I want to "thank" everyone who made my "Surprise" birthday party beautiful. Thank you for the nice gifts given to me. Thanks to my dear family for the surprise and coming so far to make it a special day and coming to see me.

May God bless all of you.
Wilma McDonnell

Words are inadequate to express our sincere thanks to the people of our community for all they have done for us during the past few weeks. We are overwhelmed by your outpouring of love and by your generous spirit. We will never forget Mike. His loss is hard to bear, but he will live in our hearts forever. Your prayers and love continue to sustain us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for us.

Sincerely,
The family of Michael James Hinkle
Don and Pat Hinkle
Russ and Cindy Hinkle
Randy Hinkle

TO THE VOTERS OF YOAKUM COUNTY:

I congratulate Richard Clark on his successful campaign to become Criminal District Attorney effective January 1, 1995. The staff and I will cooperate fully to assure a smooth transition in the best interest of public safety.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who supported me. It has been an interesting and challenging experience to serve as your prosecutor.

I will continue my term of office through the remainder of 1994, at which time I will consider returning to the private practice of law. Since the Criminal District Attorney of Yoakum County is prohibited from engaging in private law practice, perhaps some of you will be needing a new attorney!

Pol. ad. pd. for by Linda S. Lowrey, Box 669, Plains, Tx.

DEAR EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed in our loss to Sudan in the Boys 1A Regional Tournament in Levelland. I, like so many of us, wanted so bad to win the Tournament and go on to the State Tournament in Austin. With this deep disappointment, I can only imagine how the Cowboys and their coaches must feel.

Sudan won because of that third quarter, they had the better team on Saturday morning, but we have the finest young men every day. I can say that because I have had all these young men in my Science classes. (Some as many as four years.) I hope you and I express to each one of these young men the excitement and community involvement

and oneness they have given us this year. We also need to be grateful to these young men for the standard they have set for future Cowboy teams.

I will really miss seeing our seniors, Brian Wilson, Lenny Morrow, Stoney Garland, Shea Baucom and Jay Rushing next year, but they have given our younger players a lesson in winning and that helps our whole program. Thank you seniors, for your contribution to the great 28-4 season. The other Cowboys I am looking forward to seeing in action next year are juniors Ladd Winn, Shannon Ward, Brad McMinn, Sinky Bernal, Ken McAdams and Pete Flores.

Our sophomores joined the Cowboys after finishing the JV season and helped in practice as well as some playing time. They are Kirk Parrish, Chris Payne, Ralph Ramirez, Chase Clanahan and J.D. Davis. I expect they learned lesson number one in playoffs and the art of winning from the juniors and seniors and their coaches.

So when we run into any of these fine young men or their coaches ~ head coach Jack Baucom; assistant coaches Edwin Brink and Michael Davis, please let us say a thank you, give a thumbs up or a pat on the back for a job well done. Congratulations Cowboys for a fine season and...wait until next year.

Thank you,
Terry Davis, PHS Science Teacher

FILMTIME

Filmtime participants watched "Bremen Town Musicians" and the video "Green Eggs and Ham". "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was read to them and they sang "Old MacDonald" and "Mary had a Little Lamb". They were each given a picture of Dr. Seus' characters to color.

Those attending were Stetson Sellers, Douglas Conway, Brianna Conway, Ryan Crump, Scott Addison, Christopher Addison, Cody Mayes, Lauren Davis, Cody Friesen, Stephanie Addison, Matt Jimenez, B.D. Guetersloh, Landon and Dakota Earnest, Lauren Hise, Amber Friesen, Kevin John Gass, Holden and Hunter Welch, Jacob Brink, Chris Loya, Kristi Haley, and Wyatt and Lee Dearing.

Jess Gass' grandmother dies

Services for Inez Barker, 77, of Fort Worth were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 in Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Rusty Canoy of Grace Community Church officiating. Mrs. Barker was the grandmother of Jess Gass.

Burial was in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park Cemetery in Woodrow.

Mrs. Barker died Sunday, Feb. 20, 1994 in Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Other survivors include a son, Cecil of Fort Worth; two daughters, Nadene Smith of Little Rock, Ark., and Dolores Deatherage of Lubbock; a brother, Mirle Duke of Brick Township, NJ; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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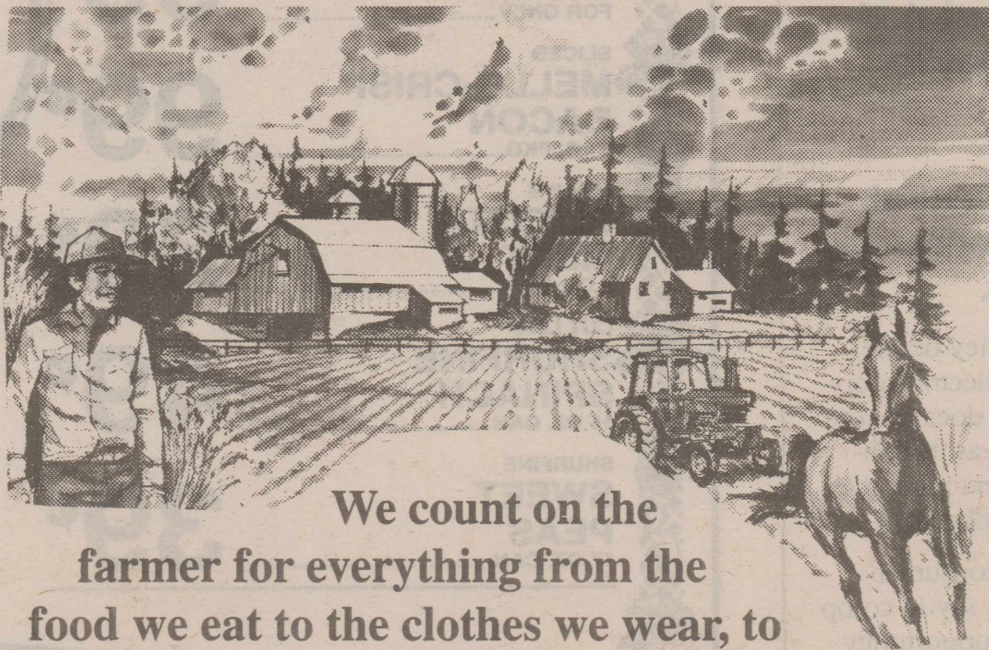
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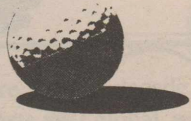
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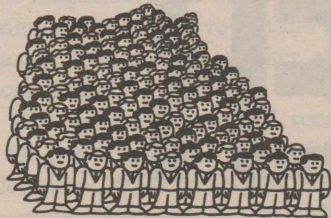
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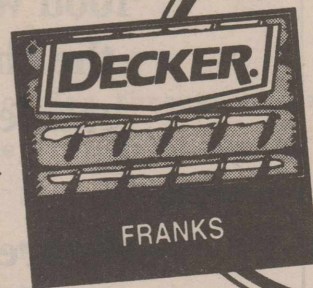
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