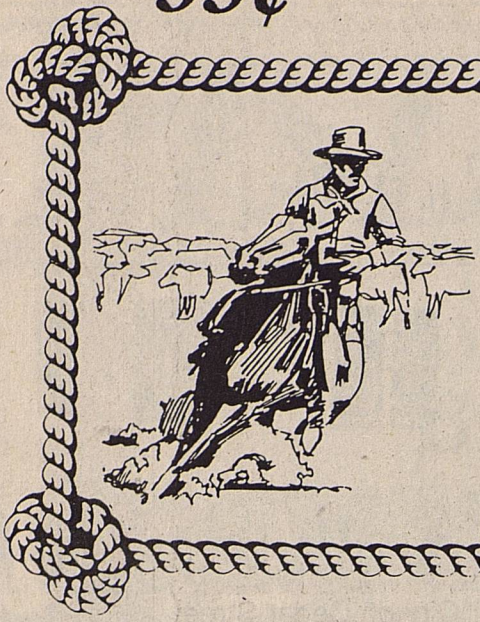


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## 'Weevil War' Turns Controversial

Not All Cotton Producers Enthused With Eradication Program

The 'Enhanced Diapause Boll Weevil Eradication Program' came to a close last October, and the Jury is still out, tabulating the effect the \$11.5 million program had on the dreaded cotton insect. Experts agree our High Plains production area, some 3.2 million acres of planted cotton and the nation's largest cotton patch, received tremendous help from Mother Nature when several days of extremely cold weather set in during January and February of 1996.

A recent meeting in Lubbock of the Plains Cotton Growers sponsored Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. was held February 1, at which a Boll Weevil Steering Committee reported on the 1995 weevil campaign. Over \$11.5 million was spent in the High Plains area in the diapause program from July, 1994 to September, 1995, 93.6% of which was spent on insecticide and aerial spraying, with less than 4% expenditures on administrative and miscellaneous expense.

Wayne Huffaker, a member of the Steering Committee and cotton producer from Tahoka, delivered a review of events leading up the stepped up

efforts to halt the continued spread of the weevil, and hopefully, its destruction in the area.

The Weevil Eradication Foundation's estimated budget for October 1, 1995 thru September, 1996, for treatment of almost 5.3 million acres in the state is almost \$47 million, with about \$13.5 million allocated for our High Plains production counties.

Funds for the eradication program are derived from assessments charged to producers, based on ASCS yield figures, and vary from area to area. The assessments were approved in a statewide referendum by over 80% of the state's cotton farmers, and some 97% of the assessments have been collected. The total eradication program with its several planned phases is expected to run thru 1999.

The eradication program is not without its detractors. Farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley voted earlier to stop the program. The area suffered devastating losses in last years cotton crop to severe beet army worm infestations. Opponents of the weevil eradication program

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Boll Weevils Traps Like This Will Be Carefully Monitored During The Coming Cotton Growing Season

## County Criminal Court Session

Two Driving While Intoxicated cases were heard in County Court last week, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Elizabeth Martinez Molinar, 35, pled guilty to the charge. She received a 90 day jail sentence, probated 12 months. She must pay a \$500 fine and \$227 in Court costs. She served three days in County jail, with credit for two days already served.

Ruben Carrillo Ruiz, 37, also pled guilty. He received the same sentence and fine as the first defendant, and must attend AA monthly meetings.

## Local FFA, 4-H Clubs Show Animals In San Antonio & Houston

Following the very successful Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show, many of the young 4-H and FFA exhibitors carried show animals to the much Larger San Antonio Livestock Show. Facing tough competition from around the entire state, several county youngsters fared well in the event.

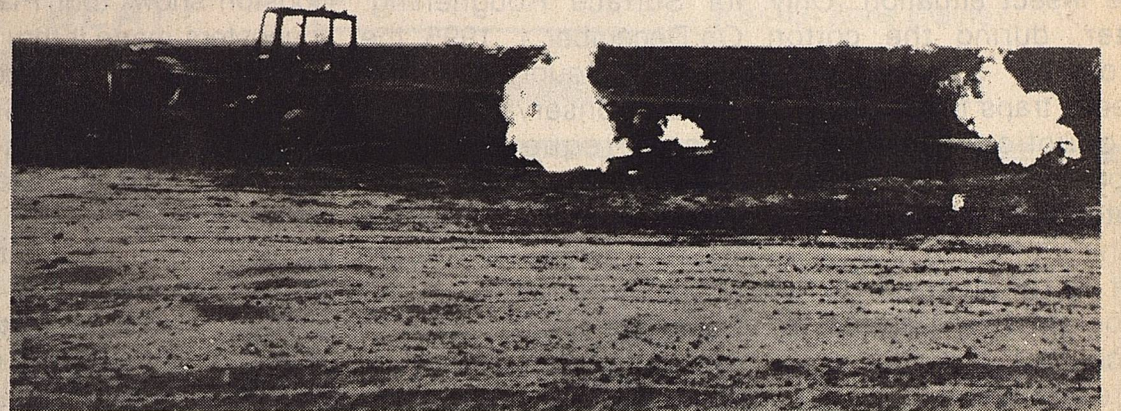
Austin Keesee, Plains 4-H, captured 4th place with his Yorkshire pig. Staci Tuggle, Plains FFA, took 7th with her Crossbred barrow, and Kelton Mason, Plains 4-H received an 8th place ribbon for his Cross barrow. Steve Bowlin, Denver City FFA, showed a 6th place York in the show which featured over 3,900 top quality pigs.

Many of the exhibitors returned home for a few days rest and final grooming on show animals destined for the even larger Houston Livestock Show, still in progress at press time. Show lambs and steers had to clear a 'sift' process in Rosenberg

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## Pipeline Fire Destroys Tractor

Driver Severely Burned, Airlifted To Lubbock Hospital



Shortly after 4AM Tuesday morning, both Cochran and Hockley deputies reported a large fire about a mile and half west of Highway 1780. One of the investigating officers arrived on the scene to find a man walking and running towards him, clad only in underwear, with serious burns over 50 percent of his body. Volunteer fire departments from Plains and Sundown were summoned to the scene, along with EMS units. The man, Roberto Macias of Plains, was given emergency treatment, and shortly after, airlifted by helicopter to the burn center of University Medical Center in Lubbock. As of 9 Am Tuesday morning, he was reported in critical condition.

Macias, driving a John Deere 4755 tractor pulling a breaking plow on land farmed by Darrell Barron, just north of the Circle 12 Gin, apparently struck a buried ten inch pipeline carrying Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) between plants in Hobbs and Levelland. Observers at the scene believe when the plow hung the large line, the tractor stalled out, for the machine was still in the flames shortly after 5AM.

An on the scene employee of Mid America Pipeline, operator of the ruptured line, said the plants in Hobbs and Levelland were pulling LPG from the line to reduce pressure and fuel, but because of the large size of the line and it's length, the tremendous volume of gas would probably continue to burn for many hours.

## High Tech Comes To Election Ballot Counting

A number of the County Clerk staffers received pre-election indoctrination training Monday on the County's new fiber optic scanning and vote tabulating machine. Roger Tinnin and Don Blakely, representatives of Hart Information services, Austin, conducted hands-on demonstration of the machinery developed and manufactured by American Information Systems, Inc. The hardware will be used in ballot tabulating in the March 12 primary here.

The device was designed to replace other outdated systems of vote counting, including the County's present punch card system. Commissioners Court approved purchase of the electronic system in 1995, primarily because of problems maintaining and servicing the antiquated punch card system.

The scanning device can swiftly run through

stacks of paper ballots, and tally and categorize votes in as many as five different elections simultaneously.

Roger Tinnin said speed and accuracy of counting, while important benefits of the scanner, are not the principal reasons behind developing the system. "The big benefit," he said, "is it enables a much simpler, more readily understandable vot-

ing ballot to be used, making voting a much simpler process." The ballot is a legal sized sheet of paper reproducing the lists of candidates on front and back if necessary. It is printed with a special 'reflective' type ink, and the voter must use a furnished graphite pencil to

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Gerald Baker and Julia Lemley get lessons from Roger Tinnin



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**'Weevil War'**

blame it for killing beneficial insect enemies of the army worm, resulting in \$140 million losses in cotton production.

Similar opposition has surfaced in the Concho Valley around San Angelo, where producers also endured severe losses to the army worms.

Only last week further opposition to the program surfaced in the Plainview area. Many producers there feel the area is not threatened by the boll weevil, and are seeking to organize another referendum to rescind the eradication program.

Supporters of the program, on the other hand, say emphatically the battle against the weevil must continue. One cold winter did not kill all the pests, and it's normal migration is always to the north and east, proponents of the plan maintain.

Most experts agree it is too early to accurately assess the insect situation. Only later, during the cotton growing season, can weevil traps in and around production areas be monitored and analyzed to determine weevil populations.

It is a given that the program is expensive for producers, but if the weevil infestation grows and spreads, it would be an economic disaster. Many

producers feel the economic burden of supporting the eradication efforts should be shared by

other groups involved in the cotton industry. Cotton, Inc., is frequently mentioned as a logical contributor to the program, as are the powerful cotton merchant and trader groups. It seems logical everyone depending on the commodity for their economic livelihood should share in the war against the most devastating known pest facing cotton production.

**Attention  
All  
Farmers  
New Practice  
Requires Signup**

Most area farmers have heard by now we have what is known as "early plow up" of their high residue crops. What this is referring to is the new standard and specification for Surface Roughening. On December 1, 1995, the Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation Dist. Board requested this system be approved for the Alternative Conservation System (Surface Roughening) and was given approval. The purpose of this practice is to reduce wind erosion on cultivated land, especially during periods of high probability

for erosive winds. This is really applicable now with low moisture conditions coupled with high winds.

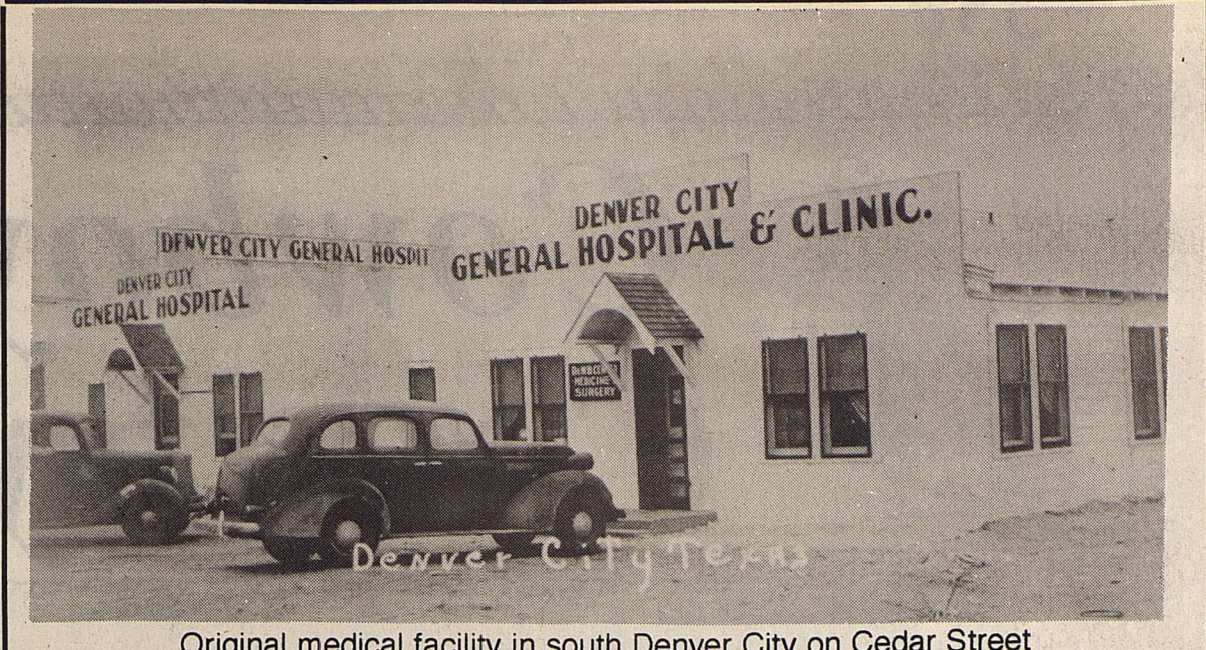
This practice can be used if you have been unable to grow high residue crops, but you MUST sign up for the practice if you are supposed to have high residue on your farm this year. If you have any questions about whether this applies to you, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (806) 456-3703 to make an appointment. Remember, we start conducting our annual spot checks on March 1.

Philip Carter,  
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Plains.

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**'Stock Show'**

to make it to Houston, while show swine had to survive a 'double sift' in Brenham prior to the actual Houston show.

According to Joyce Pierce, wife of local Ag Instructor and FFA advisor Joe Pierce, accompanying the local exhibitors for the Houston show, four Plains youngsters made it thru the very tough sifting process at Brenham. They are Staci Tuggle, Ashlei Mason, Tanner Blount, and Marte Pierce. Their show pigs will be judged in the actual show, but results of the contest won't be known until Tuesday evening, our printing date. An updated recap of results will be in next week's edition.



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**Demo Chairman  
Issues Reminder**

Ty Earl Powell, Yoakum County Democratic Party Chairman, reminds all incumbent office holders and write-in candidates for positions in the organization they must file for a place on the March 12 Primary Election Ballot. In addition to Powell, the following individuals hold current positions; Kathy Smiley Precinct 1-01, Earlene Freman 2-02, Sarah Guetersloh 3-03, Loretta Watkins 3-05, Carolyn Culwell 4-04, and Charlie Gillis 4-06. Write-ins are allowed for these offices.

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The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of a regular election to be held on May 4, 1996, for the purpose of electing two Trustees (District 3 and District 4) for full three-year terms. Sign-up to file application for a place on the ballot will begin February 19th and end on March 20th. Applications may be filed at the Plains ISD Administration office. Absentee voting by personal appearance will begin on April 15, 1996, and continue through April 30th, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. Absentee voting in person will be conducted at Plains ISD Administration office, 1000 10th Street, Plains, Texas. Application for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Gail Holley, Plains ISD, PO Box 479, Plains, Texas, 79355. The polling place for all districts will be the lobby of the Plains School Auditorium from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of election.

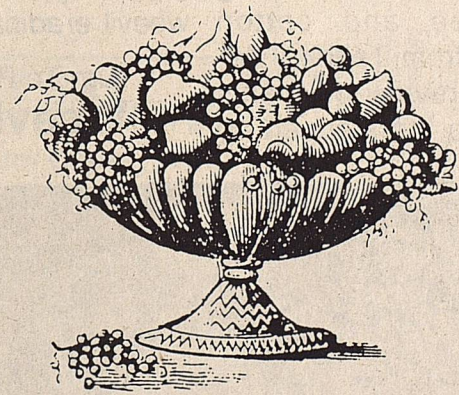
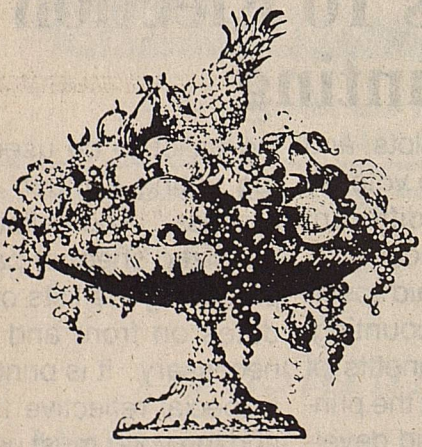
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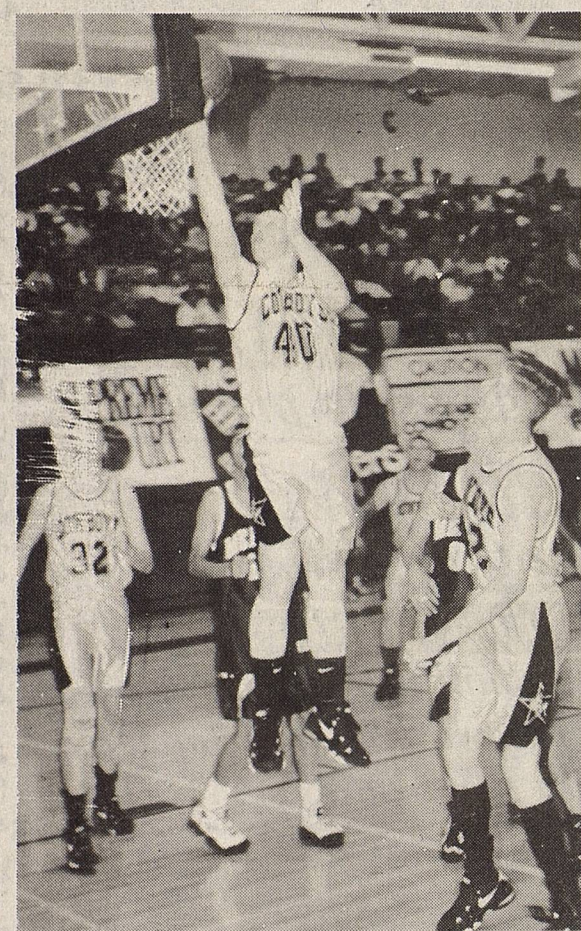
## Cowboys Down Meadow, Take Bi-District Crown



Tanner Blount flies for layup



Chase Clanahan nets one



Kirk Parrish gets high for 2 pts.



Jason Redman made this shot

The Cowboys downed Meadow 67-53 last Friday night in Brownfield, and brought home the Bi-District trophy. They completely dominated the backboards, pulling down 45 rebounds, led by Johnny Davis' 14, to Meadow's 29.

They out-scored Meadow three of the four quarters, and had 15 second effort points, and help from the bench accounted for 15. Tanner Blount led the scoring with 16, followed by Jason Redman with 15, Davis 12, Chase Clanahan 11, Kirk Parrish 7, and Ralph Ramirez 6.

Congratulations for another step up the play off ladder.

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### 'Quiz Bowl' Finals Slated

The final rounds of the 2nd annual P.H.S. 'Quiz Bowl' is slated for 10 AM March 20 and 21 in the school auditorium.

The event will feature an elimination series pitting the Freshmen against the Sophomore team, and Juniors versus Seniors. Winners in these divisions will then compete, and the final round will pit the winning class against a team of faculty members.

The "mind stretching" contest is tough and interesting, and the student body and faculty 'cheering' sections provide an exciting and spirited contest. If you think you have an adequate or superior I.Q., you are urged to attend this event. Most of the verbal questions are real stumbers.

### Student of the Week

Stephen Bitolas is this week's honored student. He is a Junior and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Bitolas. He was nominated by Mary Ellen Robertson.

Stephen possesses many admirable qualities. This student has a great attitude as well as a witty personality that adds humor to the classroom. He is dependable, hard-working, and respectful. He is an exceptional student. During class discussions, he actively participates, and what he says shows his intuitiveness as well as his intelligence. This student has the characteristics and potential to achieve whatever goals he sets for himself.



### Wrangler Track Schedule 1996

Thursday 2/29 - Wellman  
Thursday 3/07 - Whiteface  
Saturday 3/23 - Post  
Thursday 3/28 - Plains  
Wrangler Relays  
Tuesday 4/02 - Wellman  
Saturday 4/13 - Plains Tri-Meet (Plains, Whiteface, ?)  
Thursday 4/18 - District South Zone Plains



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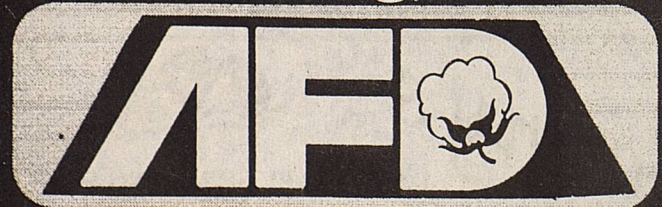
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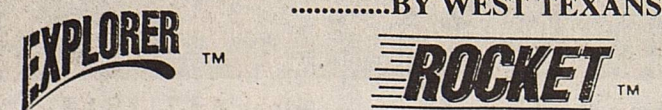
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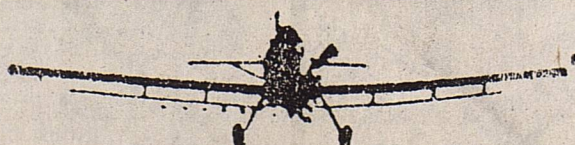
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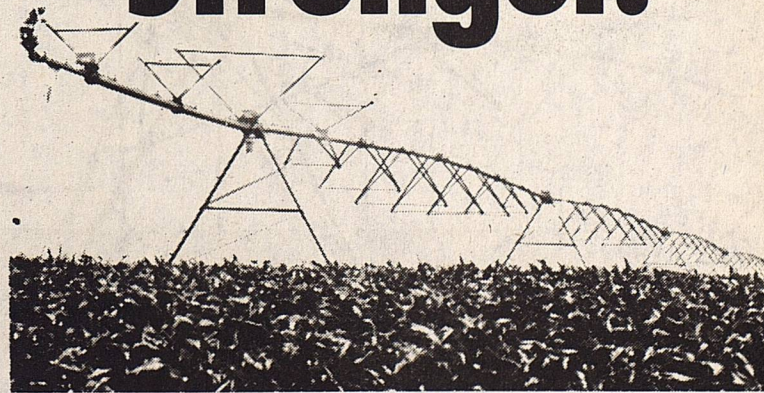
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## Lois Holland Hangs Up Her Badge.

Sheriff Department Deputy and Record Clerk Lois Holland was treated with a retirement party Thursday afternoon in the Court-house by many department personnel, other county employees and many well wishers.

She has served the county almost 18 years, starting work when Joe Deaton was Sheriff. She also worked 15 months for the Denver City Police Department. Lois said she has enjoyed her years of service. She said with a chuckle, "Believe it or not, I have had some fun times in a very serious profession". She worked the first night shift when the new

jail annex was completed some years ago. Married to J.C. Holland of Denver City, the couple have four children; daughters Elizabeth Brown of Seminole, and Nora Banks of Denver City, and sons Walter of Pecos, and Steven of Atlanta, and 11 grandchildren.

Lois said she started in the department here when DPS Trooper Mike McClure started, followed by Mike Bennett, and considered both of them good officers, enjoyable to work with. She said "Sheriff Rice has been a super boss, and I will certainly miss each and everyone in the department".



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## Final Rites For D.B. Head

Funeral services were held for D.B. Head, 93, at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 23, 1996 in the First United Methodist Church, Muleshoe, with Dr. James Bell, pastor, officiating and under the direction of Connally Funeral Home, Seagraves.

Mr. Head was born January 11, 1903 at Dunn, (Scurry), Texas. He passed away February 20, 1996 at the Muleshoe Area Health Care Center.

He married Mildred Emma Wilterding on April 3, 1929 at Muleshoe, TX.

He served the Lord in the YLC Community Church and the First United Methodist Church. He was a farmer all of his life, and lifelong Texan.

Survivors include his wife Mildred Head; three sons: Marshal Head of Muleshoe, Norman Head of Seagraves, and Glenn Head of Brownsville; one daughter: Irene Sudduth-Dry Prong, Louisiana; two sisters: Helene Teague of Green forest, AK and Lena Campbell of Oxnard, CA; 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kelly Head, David Head, Brad Sudduth, Scott Head, Bryan Head and Doug Widener.

Interment followed at Bailey County Memorial Cemetery, Muleshoe.

## Criminal District Court Cases

Three criminal cases were heard in District Court Monday, February 26. Judge Kelly G. Moore presided, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Michael Zane Zeigler, 31, previously found guilty of possession methamphetamine, pled true to violating terms of his probation. He will be confined in a Substance Abuse Felony Treatment Facility (SAFPF) for at least 6 months but

## County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 53 traffic cases filed
- 1 Class B misdemeanor
- 4 felony cases filed
- 1 juvenile warning
- 1 search warrant
- 1 bench trial held
- 1 emergency protective order

- Bonds set:
- Assault causing bodily injury \$1,000 bond
  - Driving while intoxicated, 1st offense, \$1,000 bond
  - Criminal nonsupport, \$15,000 cash bond
  - Aggravated assault with deadly weapon, \$50,000 bond
  - Aggravated assault with deadly weapon \$50,000 bond
  - Terroristic threat, \$2,500 bond
  - Bond forfeiture, \$2,000 bond
  - Motion for revocation of probation, \$3,000 bond
  - Assault family violence, \$2,000 bond
  - Assault family violence, \$2,500 plus 24 hour further detention
  - Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, \$1,500 bond
  - Revocation of probation, held until hearing
  - Criminal trespass, \$2,000 bond
  - Driving while license suspended, \$500 bond
  - Fail to maintain financial responsibility

no more than one year. He shall be confined in county jail up to 180 days until space is available in SAFPF. He was ordered to pay Court appointed Attorney fees of \$200 at the rate of \$10 per month. He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Jeffrey Quinn Crab, 40, pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine. Date of the offense was October 8, 1995. He received a two year probated prison sentence, fined \$1,500, must pay \$181.50 Court costs and \$140 restitution to the DPS. He will serve 30 days in county jail, and a cause of marijuana possession was dismissed. He was represented by Attorney Holly Crampton.

Richard Palmares Flores, 27, originally convicted for Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, had his probation modified, and extended to March 13, 1997. He must work 100 community service hours, and pay attorney fees of \$200 at \$20 per month. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

**Chamber of Commerce Meets**  
**March 5, 7:00 AM,**  
**Johnnie's**  
**Restaurant**

## County Court Meets

County Commissioner's Court met Monday, February 26. A number of agenda items were discussed, with the following actions taken.

The appointment of Karen Bearden as Alternate Election Judge, Precinct 404, was approved.

Jim Combes, Area Engineer with the Texas Highway Department, reported an effort by the State to encourage and improve relations between the Highway Department and County Governments around the state. He discussed several options being considered by his department to reduce accidents at the Tokio intersection of Highways 82 and 1780. One plan calls for installing speed bumps on both the north and south portions of 1780 at the intersection. He also told the Court of 'Rap', or recycled asphalt and other recovered road materials, which will be available to the County for future local road projects.

Advertising bids for hot and cold mix for all four precincts was approved, bids to be received by March 15, with action taken March 18.

The Court approved the promotion of Becky Carr from 2nd Deputy to 1st deputy status, and Nancy Dickson from 3rd Deputy to 2nd Deputy.

The Court approved adoption of a County Child Abuse Prevention and Protection Plan. The state mandates an approved plan for the County to continue to receive State funds, primarily used for foster family care of abused children. The plan approved was collaboration of efforts by the Women's Protective Service. The Children's Protective Service, Judge Dallas Brewer, Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark, and officials from both County school districts.

The Court approved a bid from Mustang Country for the bid purchase price of a new C1500 Chevrolet pickup, \$15,997, less trade in value of \$4,000 for a 1989 Chevrolet pickup.

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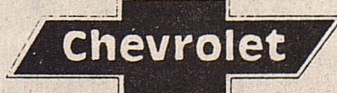


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# Femme Friends Page

## Wedding Vows Exchanged

Jo Lena Powell and Chad Wall, both of Plains, were married on December 30, 1995 at 2:00 PM in the Plains United Methodist Church. Paul Jones, uncle of the groom, minister of the Church of Christ in Post, Texas, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Linda and Ty Powell of Plains. Parents of the groom are Linda and Dan Wall, also of Plains.

Lighted greenery swags intertwined with jewel-toned ribbons decorated the walls of the sanctuary. Fresh flowers and ribbons adorned the brass candle aisle markers and front of the church. Each window in the sanctuary held a candle votive. All floral arrangements were designed by the mother of the bride.

Music was by vocalists Kayla Powell and Lisa Criss, Portales, NM, cousins of the bride, who sang "There You Are" and "Only God Could Love You More". Trumpets played by Byron and Matt Morgan, accompanied by Virginia Sanders, pianist, announced Jo's arrival with the processional "Prince of Denmark's March" by Jeremiah Clark. They also played the recessional "Trumpet Tune" by Henry Purcell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother and father, wore a beautiful candlelight silk gown designed by Gwen Carter and beaded by Lyndia Alexander, both of the Cinderella Shop in Plains. The princess line dress was decorated with lace from Linda's bridal veil. Jo's illusion veil was also made from her mom's veil. Following tradition, the bride wore borrowed pearl earrings and choker, a blue garter and new satin slippers.

A tied bouquet of roses, iris, stargazer lilies, star of Bethlehem, and freesia was carried by the bride.

Sally Burrus Doherty of Austin was matron of honor. She wore a navy tea-length dress and carried an arm bouquet of fresh flowers.

The groom was attired in a waist-length black tuxedo, white shirt, black vest, and black tie. His boutonniere was a white rose.

Dan Wall served his son as best man. He wore a waist-length black tuxedo, white shirt, black cummerbund and tie. He also wore a rose boutonniere. Ushers were Lebert Powell and Ronny Wall, brothers of the bride and groom.

Micha Riley of Abernathy, a friend of the bride, read "Definition of Love" after the couple exchanged rings and before the unity candle made by Sheila Stephens was lit.

Guests were registered by Jarree Crowson, of Arlington, cousin of the bride, in a lace and ribbon covered book made for Jo by Jeannette Head.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table featured a four tiered wedding cake, designed and made by the groom's mother. Fresh flowers adorned each layer with a bride and groom on the top. The table also held a bouquet of fresh flowers, chocolate and creme mints, and chocolate covered bing cherries. Cranberry punch was served from an antique crystal punch bowl borrowed from Maurine Smith.

Serving at the bride's table were Darce Pierce of New Home, Kristen Prather of Lewisville, Shannon Lavelle of College Station and Velvet Canada of Plains.

The groom's table featured Honey Bun cake, fruit candy, coffee and chocolate covered bing cherries, made by the bride's grandmother, Wilma Powell.

Serving at the groom's table were Jalyn Wall, Lubbock, sister-in-law of the groom, and Kathy Palmer, Dalhart, cousin of the groom.

Special wedding guests were Lloyd & Maxine Grau, Grady, NM, and Wilma Powell, Plains, grandparents of the bride; and Nolan & Thelma Jones, Hereford, and Aileen Wall, Dalhart, grandparents of the groom.



## Kiri Ancinec On Dean's Honor List At A & M

Kiri Ancinec, a former student at Plains Schools, was recognized in A & M University Press at College Station as one of those students with 3.25 average and over for the fall semester.

She is the daughter of Gregg and Rheanell Ancinec of Levelland and the granddaughter of Joe and LaVerne Ancinec of Plains and Mary and Tom Sneed of Springfield, Colorado.

## Local Happenings

A bridal shower honoring Amber Estes of Lubbock, bride elect of Jason Smith of Plains, will be held Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the home of Judy Fitzgerald, 2 miles south on Hwy. 214 and 1 mile east of Plains.

Gift selections are at Plains Depot, Renaissance Flowers and Gifts, and Bayer Lumber Co.

All Friends are invited.

Julian and Tisha (Crain) Romero of Lubbock are proud parents of a baby boy. He was born Thursday, Feb. 15, 1996 at 4:08 p.m. in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

He weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 inches long. His name is Demetris Daniel. He is their only child.

Raymond and Carol Crain of Plains and Lucy Gonzales of Hobbs are grandparents.

Levelle Crain of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Crozier of Lovington, N.M. and Isabel Juarez of Plains are great grandparents.

By Margaret Box

## Valerie Blair Honored

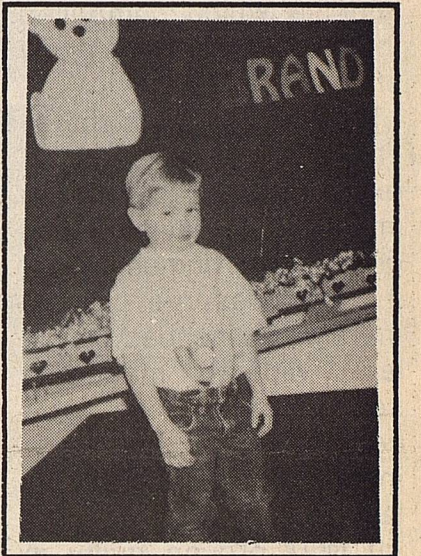


Valerie Blair, daughter of Royce and Cynthia Blair, has been selected to the 1995 Texas Volleyball Academic Honor Roll. Seniors selected to the elite squad must have held an overall grade point average of 94 percent throughout grades 9-12, be of good moral character, and have played in a minimum of 10% of the volleyball games.

## Library Filmtime

Twenty children attended Filmtime February 21, 1996. They were; Troy Parrish, Kevin John Gass, Kelsey Curry, Alfredo Martinez, Lexus Jimenez, Brandon Craft, Rhaela Stall, Morgan Willis, Katelynn Young, Jacob Brink, Elizabeth Cox, Gretta Poole, Isaac Doyle, Taylor Banfield, Kristie Loper, Marnia Martinez, Rhaemi Stall, Kimber Williams, Raegan Young, and Ashley Hainer.

Brandon Craft celebrated his 4th birthday with a party of punch and cookies, supplied by his mom.



## Senior Citizens Corner

News is scarce so the Corner will be a bit of this, that and a few new things.

The Pool Tournament on Wednesday was well attended. Players came from Lovington, Tatum and plains to try their luck.

First Place Winner in the womens' division went to Billie McDonnell in both 8 and 9 ball. 2nd Place in 8 Ball to Inex Turner. 2nd Place in 9 Ball to June Hammanan.

First Place winner in both 8 and 9 Ball was won by Bob Phillip. 2nd place in 8 Ball to Gill Munish.

There is more interest shown in the Tournament each month. Next Wednesday the players will meet in Tatum. Seniors who play pool are urged to come join in. Visiting Wednesday, and en-

joying the turkey dinner was Francis Womach, Lavell Marion with her friend Lou Holder from Midland. A new visitor was Shirley Mosses.

Patti Hardin, a representative of the Home Health Care Program was at the Center on Tuesday.

Margie freeman will be at the Center on Monday the 26th to assist anyone needing help with Income Tax.

Also on the 26th, Pool/Game night at 6:30 PM. Plan to come and enjoy a evening of games or pool.

A thought from an old friend: "To do for the world more than the world does for you--that is success."

See you next week, Smitty

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# From The Hack



The entire community was shocked and saddened when it was learned this week that the burglaries and break-ins reported in last week's edition were allegedly committed by local high school youths. One, by state standards, was a certified adult, 18 or older. The other two were juveniles, protected from publishing names by state law. In this case, we choose not to divulge the older youth's name also. What was so shocking about the incident was the fact the three were considered by their peers in school, their teachers and administrators, the entire community, and their parents, as "Good Boys". We have to agree with this evaluation. They are good young men, unfortunately prey of some sort of wild impulse which compelled them to commit the felony offenses.

This judgment of character is not intended for an excuse for the acts. IF, an important IF, they are found guilty of the crimes, so be it. They deserve punishment as subscribed by the law, with any mandated sentencing, fines and counseling under state mandated rules and regulations. If NOT proven guilty in court, they should be exonerated. The lesson they will learn going thru the judicial system will be frightening and instructional forever.

If they ARE found guilty of the offense, state law instructs the Judge and Prosecutors in any sentencing procedures.

If the young men are found guilty of the crime by a Judge or jury, they will face another form of punishment. They will also be guilty in the minds of friends, family, the entire community.

Proven guilty of a crime does not mean life stops for the perpetrator. It is now a choice in that individual's mind to learn, regret, and reform. This community is, and should be, enlightened enough, broad minded enough, caring enough, to say to the youngsters, "Hey, we all know you screwed up. You're not the first, nor the last. Lots of us have made mistakes too. We all want to be forgiving, even forgetful of this mess. We can be, but the ball is in your corner, and it's all up to you now. Shape Up, Grow Up, get back in the real world... or get prepared for a lot meaner, nastier world".

Now, a few lighter, brighter moments in life; Did you know the beautifully graceful Swan can fly up to 15 hours duration, at altitudes up to 28,000 feet?

Congress, in it's unlimited and unprecedented wisdom passed a bill declaring lands in the Northwest USA as "Endangered Species Land" for the alleged 'Sasquatch',

or 'Big Foot' monster. True. Forbade a farmer there from doing any sort of development on the 'Holy Grounds', afraid old undocumented hairy one wouldn't have a place to roam.

Winston Churchill of World War Two fame had it right... "Democracy is the absolute worst form of government, except for all the other forms which have been tried".

AUSTIN: The Texas Highway Patrol announced today that for two of the Southwest's most notorious killers, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, the trail has come to an end. Barrow was wanted for the murder of at least fifteen persons and for numerous other crimes.

The trap was set for Barrow and his red-haired sweetheart by Captain Frank Hamer, noted Texas Ranger whom the highway patrol employed to run down the pair. Hamer trailed them for 102 days before finally setting the trap in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, where their murderous careers came to a bloody end today.

Hamer and his associates found in the bandit car three automatic rifles, two sawed-off shotguns, ten pistols, and a large supply of ammunition. The Texas News, 10/01/1935

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darken ovals beside the candidates names.

The two representatives said the single source of most problems with the system is voters failing to follow the simple instructions on each ballot. They are urged to use only the supplied pencils, and make no other marks on the ballot except darkening their candidates oval space.

In addition to County Clerk Ruby Bruton, other clerks receiving training were Gerald Baker, Julia Lemley, Sheron Smith, Faye Nelms, and election official Jim Barnett.

## Denver City, Circa 1940-41



Scene on North Main Street. Note price for cleaning and pressing a pair of pants- 25 cents!



The old grade school located on 5th Street and Avenue C. (Thanks to Mr. Harmon Sr. of Harmon Hardware, and Cecil Bickley of Denver City for photos and information)

## Thought for the Week

"But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three and the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13 (Revised Version)



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