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## P.I.S.D. TRUSTEE ELECTION SET

The Plains ISD Board of Trustees has called a school board election for May 6, 1995. Two positions on the board will be up for election. District 2 and At-Large 7, currently represented by Jerry Parrish and Gary Six, respectively. Only voters living in District 2 will be eligible to vote for that position. All registered voters living in the Plains school district will be eligible to vote for the At-Large candidate.

For the information of voters, the following dates are important for the upcoming election:

**Feb. 20-** First day to apply for a place on the ballot.

**Mar. 7-** First day for write-in candidates for school trustee to file declaration of write-in candidacy with secretary of school board.

**Mar. 22-** Deadline to file application for a place on the ballot (5PM).

**Mar. 23-** Recommended date to conduct ballot position drawing.

**Mar. 31-** Last day for candidate to withdraw. If a candidate withdraws or is declared ineligible by this date, his or her name is omitted from ballot.

**Apr. 6-** Last day a person may register to vote in the election.

**Apr. 17-** Early voting by personal appearance begins.

**May 2-** Last day to vote by personal appearance.

**May 6-** Election Day. Polls open 7 am to 7 pm.

## DPS OFFICER SETTLES IN HERE

Department of Public Safety Trooper Kevin Edwards assumed duties in Yoakum County January 15. He resides in the old Bayne Price home west of town, now owned by Virginia and L.J. Sanders.

Edwards was born and raised in Lubbock, and after graduating from High School there, enrolled in South Plains College at Levelland. He received an Associate Degree in Applied Science there in May, 1993.

Upon graduating, he applied for acceptance in the DPS Training Academy, and after the lengthy qualifying and screening pro-

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## WALKER RESIGNS FROM SANDY LAND

The following is a reproduction of a letter from Gary Walker to the Directors of Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District at their regular monthly meeting;

Dear Board of Directors:

February 17, 1995

Over the last five plus years, Yoakum County has created, started and operated one of the most respected and progressive water conservation districts in the state of Texas. The first district in the South Plains to have production limits on pumping, a domestic water quality program, an involvement with a landfill and other programs dedicated to the conservation of ground water by true local control.

Since late 1993, when this board supported my decision to put forth the effort needed to win the open legislative seat created by the retirement of Jim Rudd, many things have changed. Kathy has shouldered an even greater burden of the water district's responsibilities, the landfill has received less of my time, but because of our success in having good employees in both areas, the District continues to function efficiently.

All successes of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District can be attributed to one main factor: the Board of Directors. From the creation election in November 1989 until now, the board has had that quality of understanding and foresight to make this District a leader of conservation districts in the state. Your integrity and the well being of this District are of the utmost importance to me and my family; because we are a part of this community, this county and this District.

Although considerable investigation was done on my part, as well as others in the state, it has now become questionable whether I can legally continue to be employed by Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, as the manager. I shall not put this board and this District in jeopardy in any way that could be construed illegal. I, therefore, submit and request that you consider my resignation as manager of Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, today, February 17, 1995 effective January 10, 1995. In addition to my resignation, a check is included to refund all salary and benefits paid to me since January 10, which is the day of my swearing in as Representative of District 80.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve the people of Yoakum County and I look forward to continuing to serve them in the Legislature, as well as, in other capacities as may be available in the future.

Truly yours,

*Gary L. Walker*

Gary L. Walker

The Directors agreed to accept Mr. Walker's resignation. After discussion, it was moved to appoint David Turnbough, Denver City, presently a Director, as acting Manager, with no compensation.

In a telephone interview with Gary Walker February 20, he stressed his decision was made solely on his conviction he was acting in the best interests of the Board members. He also stated, "In my campaign for the House of Representatives, I promised to faithfully represent some 120,000 people in District 80, and that was a promise I simply can't renege on. I fully intend to fulfill that obligation."

His resignation will be a loss for the county. On more than one occasion the Commissioners Court, and Chambers of Commerce in both Plains and Denver City have praised the role he has played in originating, developing and managing the District, and his efforts in making the local County Landfill an efficient, tax money saving and state of the art facility.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETS

The City Council met in regular session February 13. In attendance were Mayor T.J. Miller and council members Pam Redman, Owen Schneider and Kent Welch. City staff present were Administrator David Brunson, Clerk Pam Rowe, Secretary Suann Parrish, Supervisor Robert Loya, and Attorney Mike Thomas.

Others present were Brenda Bullard and Gary McKay of Hibbs and Todd, Inc., and Dana Lambert of Data Management.

Following discussion with Lambert, motion was made and approved to set the following emergency ambulance rates;

Emergency Basic-\$ 125.00  
Emergency ALS- 225.00  
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Medicare Rates.

The Council approved the sale of salvage property at the County surplus equipment auction.

The Mayor was authorized to call for the City general Election to be held May 6, to elect council members. Members with expiring terms are Bonnie Earnest, Shane McKenzie and Owen Schneider.

Charlotte Kennedy was appointed to serve as Election Judge in the General election, and Darlene Wilson was appointed alternate.

Residents may file for the three expiring council spots February 20 thru the March 20 deadline.

**\*\* NOTICE \*\*  
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION IS MAR. 22, CITY COUNCIL ELECTION IS MAR. 20.**

## LOCAL STOCK EXHIBITORS STILL DOING WELL

Many of the FFA and 4-H Livestock Exhibitors from Plains took show animals to the Big Ft. Worth and San Antonio shows recently.

Kelton and Ashlei Mason, Kelly and Ragan McGinty and Marcey House competed in the Fort Worth stock show, along with more than 8,000 other junior exhibitors. More than 18,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons and rabbits were judged, and the prize and premium money totaled over \$650,000.

Ashlei Mason's Yorkshire Barrow, shown by Kelton, took Reserve Champion in the Junior Barrow division. Kelton also showed a 3rd place Heavy Weight Duroc, Ashlei took 10th with a polled shorthorn steer, and Marcey House took 3rd with a polled Hereford. Kelton also had a 2nd place heavy crossbred steer.

Joe Pierce, FFA Co-

## EFFECT OF PESO'S PLUNGE ON OUR TEXAS ECONOMY

State Comptroller John Sharp says that although the state's long-term economics portrait remains bright, the recent devaluation of the Mexican peso has cast a short-term shadow over the Texas economic picture. "Our preliminary analysis of Mexico's current fiscal crisis shows a drop of as much as one percentage point in Texas' overall projected economic growth rate of 3.2 percent for 1995." Sharp said, speaking to a delegation from the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Still, Sharp stressed that Mexico's fiscal problems would not adversely affect his official revenue forecast to the Texas Legislature at this time. That revenue estimate, delivered to lawmakers in January, anticipated fluctuation in the value of the peso. "Even though much of this decline will be offset by the stronger-than-expected U.S. economy and by exports to Canada, Europe and other parts of the world, jobs in the manufacturing sector may drop by as much as 0.6 percent this year, as compared to this 0.5 percent gain estimated in our Fall 1994 economic forecast," Sharp said.

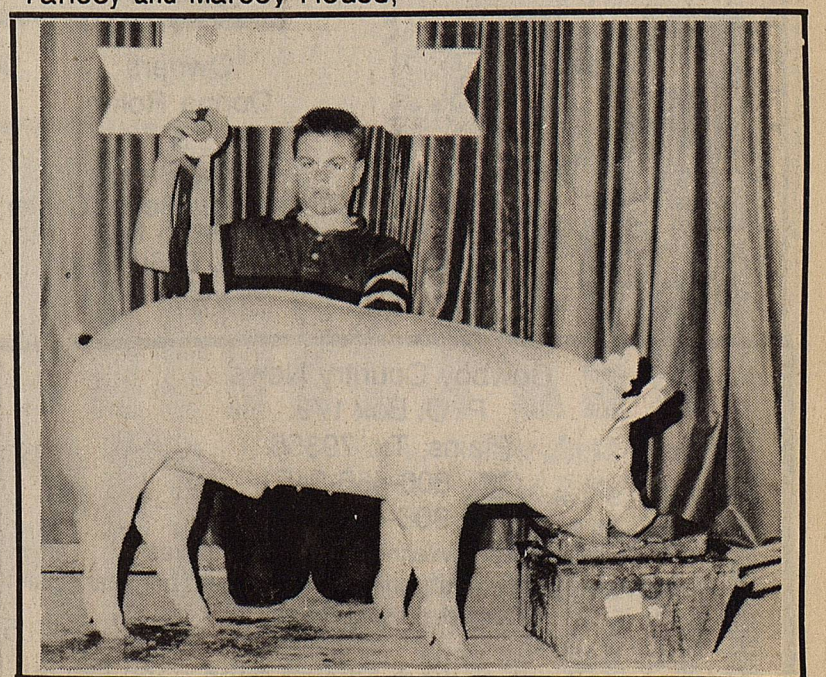
Sharp's detailed study of how the peso's devaluations is likely to affect the Texas economy will be published in the March Issue of Fiscal Notes, monthly publication of the Comptroller's Research Division. Sharp had earlier anticipated the fiscal and political problems being experienced by Mexico. "These new findings combine with our earlier studies to underscore a basic fact; Texas needs a strong Mexico", Sharp said. He added, "Because our state economy is increasingly intertwined with Mexico's, what happens to the south matters a great deal to us".

His analysis notes that because manufacturing is closely linked to other major sectors of the state economy, from business services to trucking to wholesale distribution, total statewide employment may rise by as little as 1.7% in 1995, compared to the 2.2% growth rate projected in last fall's economic forecast.

In the months ahead, retail sales in Texas border regions are likely to continue to decline, and illegal immigration from Mexico may rise by an additional 15,000 to 20,000 as a result of Mexico's fiscal crisis. Texas unemployment may also rise slightly, Sharp said.

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Kelton Mason and Reserve Champion York

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said. More than 6% of the Texas work force is directly or indirectly employed in Mexican exported manufacturing jobs. "Texas exports to Mexico have fueled much of the economic boom we've been enjoying since 1990", Sharp said. "There are 247,000 Texans working in export related jobs, and another 217,000 whose jobs are indirectly tied to Mexican imports".

An article in last Friday's WALL STREET JOURNAL further outlined Mexico's financial woes. It detailed the continued fall of the peso, dropping 1.7 to 2.5% each day last week. Since December 20, 1994, the peso has lost more than 40% of its value against the dollar. Economist Jonathan Heath thinks the Mexican economy will shrink by 1.8% this year, with annual inflation at about 26%, and the peso, now 6.75 to the dollar, will be closer to 5.35 to the dollar.

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Grand Champion honors with his Cross Bred steer, Chelsea Blount took 3rd place with her Hampshire pig, and Ashlei mason finished in 11th place with her Yorkshire pig. Austin Keesee had a 7th place Shorthorn steer, and Marcey House showed an 8th place Charolais steer.

It is interesting to note in the Swine Division, of 7 Grand Champion and 7 Reserve Grand Champion positions, eleven of the winners were from our immediate South Plains area of the state, an indication our breeders and exhibitors know what they are doing, and doing well.

**THE LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MO. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5:30PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE AREA.**

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cess, was accepted. He graduated from the long and tough 24 week training academy January 20, 1994. "I had spent my entire life in the Lubbock area, and wanted to start my law enforcement career somewhere in the South Plains. When I graduated, they told me I had my choice of two locations, Plainview, and here in Plains. I listed Plains as my first choice," the Trooper stated.

Edwards trained in the Brownfield area six months prior to moving here, and served there with Mike Bennett and Mike McClure, DPS officers formerly stationed here.

He plans to marry Jennifer Allen of Lubbock in May. Jennifer is a senior at Texas Tech, and will graduate this fall with a Bachelor Degree in Finance.

Edwards said his brief residence here has been enjoyable. "The people in the Community have been outstanding, and have really made me feel welcome and at home." He said he has enjoyed association with both Judge Melba Crutcher and Judge Kenny Smith in the two Justice of Peace Precincts. "They've been very helpful in giving me good advice and guidance," he stated.

Edward's parents still live in Lubbock. His father was employed there 16 years with Braniff Airlines, then American Airlines 12 years. When American discontinued jet service there, he opened J & K Body Shop there. His mother is employed at the Tech Library.

If you haven't yet met this personable young officer, drop by his Courthouse office when he's there. It will be a much more sociable meeting there, rather than meeting him with his DPS car behind you on the side of the road.

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**EPA FEDERAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD TRAINING**

The Yoakum County Extension Service will be sponsoring an EPA Federal Worker Protection Standard Training on March 7, 1995 in the Plains Community Center from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The morning training will be held for all agricultural employers and will provide updated information on the Federal Worker Protection Standards which all farmers must abide by. The training will focus on compliance of the WPS and particularly the portion of the law that deals with employees who will be handling chemicals. Two CEU's will be given in the morning session.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will provide training for all agricultural employees who will be handling chemicals. This training will enable these workers to obtain their EPA "Green Card" to handle chemicals.

Those wishing to attend this training must call the Yoakum County Extension office no later than March 1st at 456-2263.

**YOAKUM COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Fourteen members were present for the meeting as it was called to order by Inetta Teaff. Minutes were read by Sheila Stephens. Peggy Bingham of Meadow demonstrated pastels.

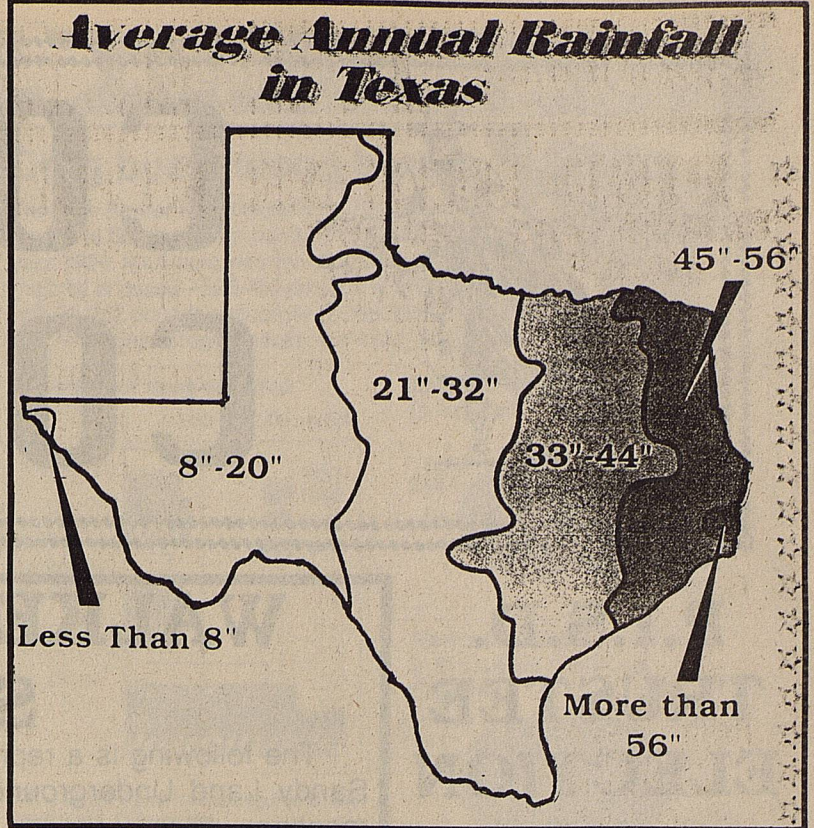
A decision to cancel the play production for now was made. A report on Tax Exempt Status Research was made by Linda Powell. Several attended a demonstration in Lubbock, given by Jerry Yarnell, on color and the use of acrylics.

Members will attend the Old Mills Trade Days on March 4 in Post. If you are interested, please contact Inetta or Linda.

Hostesses for this months meeting were Betty Estep and Eileen Fillipp who used a teddy bear as the centerpiece for a Valentine theme. Refreshments included cream cheese rollups, cake, fruit salad, a vegetable plate, and soft drinks.

The March meeting demonstration will feature a Bluebonnet landscape by Bill Hagerman.

**DID YOU KNOW? DID YOU KNOW THAT IT TAKES 2,000 COFFEE BEANS TO MAKE ONE POUND OF COFFEE?**



**JP COURT TSA MO GA NEWS CLUB MEETS**

The following is a summary of cases heard and actions taken in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct 2, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding; \*39 Traffic cases filed, 3 felony cases filed. \*False Report to a Police Officer, \$500 bond \*Possession of Marijuana, more than 50 pounds, \$25,000 bond (total of three bonds on three identical charges) \*Failure to pay State Drug Tax (three charges), \$5,000 bond \*No drivers license, \$87 fine \*Aggravated assault with deadly weapon, \$5,000 bond \*Assault causing bodily injury, \$2,000 bond \*Probation violation, orig. charge assault, \$2,000 bond (two charges) \*Motion to revoke probation, \$2,500 bond \*Assault causing bodily injury, \$1,500 bond (two charges)

The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club met in the Yoakum County Library Heritage Room on February 13. Hostesses for the meeting were Mary Jo St. Romain and Ann Graham. The theme for the meeting was Americanism. Ann Graham, Program Chairman, asked the question, "Have you ever wondered why America is the way it is today?" A short discussion followed a film entitled "America's Godly Heritage", by David Barton, founder of WallBuilders. The film is in the Library, and can be checked out by all patrons. Club President, Sit Jones, recited from memory the poem entitled, "America for Me", by Henry Van Dyke. She also led the Club in Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag. Sixteen members were present for the meeting.

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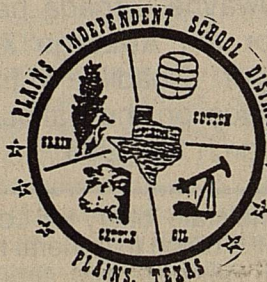
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- ELEMENTARY ALL A'S**  
 1st grade  
 Andrew Duran  
 Skylar Keese  
 Priscilla Mares  
 Blake O'Quinn  
 Allison Friesen  
 B.J. Lester  
 Adam McCravey  
 Katie Oswalt  
 Abel Ramos  
 Rose Henderson  
 Nicole Loya  
 Mark Morgan  
 Blake Parrish  
 2nd grade  
 Ramiro Barrientez  
 Marlie Diaz  
 Breck Hamm  
 Brant Huerta  
 Jamie Covarrubias  
 Evan Cain  
 Cody Flores  
 Eloy Hinojosa  
 Kelby Johnson  
 Kerry Sisson  
 Lela Coronado  
 Mayra Flores  
 Brandon Hise  
 Kristian Morales  
 3rd grade  
 Austin Keese  
 Nolan Newsom  
 Trent May  
 Grady McNabb  
 Moriah Traweek  
 4th grade  
 Chisum Deaton  
 Jill Gray  
 Kayla Willis  
 Sandra Gallegos  
 Catrina Hinojosa  
 Krystal Gonzales  
 Kimberly Martinez  
 Liz Wilmeth
- ★A-B HONOR ROLL**  
 1st grade  
 Jordan Chambliss  
 Maribel Mendias  
 Erin Henry  
 Alisha Wauson  
 2nd grade  
 Gabrielle Swihart  
 Daniela Lazos  
 3rd grade  
 Sarah Martinez  
 4th grade  
 Justin Calsoncin
- JUNIOR HIGH ALL A'S**  
 5th grade  
 Tanner Hamm  
 Ky May  
 Annaliesa O'Quinn  
 Scott Tirrel  
 Becky Wilmeth  
 6th grade  
 Emily Blair  
 Lensey Cullins  
 Kari Guetersloh  
 Ashlei Mason  
 Lesli Rowe  
 Alexis Warren  
 7th grade  
 Liz Ancinec  
 Velvet Canada  
 Leticia Canon  
 Jessica Flores  
 Kristen Gray  
 Wendy Hernandez  
 Fernin Luna  
 Kelton Mason  
 Laura Morales  
 Nichole Newsom  
 Kelli Osborn  
 Anne Palmer  
 Patty Ruiz  
 Kyle Sisson  
 Jason Swann  
 Staci Tuggle  
 8th grade  
 Maranda Box  
 Dustin Brunson  
 Clint Burrus  
 Marcey House  
 Tandi Jones  
 Tommie McNabb  
 Matt Morgan  
 Lisa Parrish  
**A's and B's**  
 5th grade  
 Wendy fierro  
 Ashley Gonzalez  
 Ragan McGinty  
 6th grade  
 Aaron Cain  
 Joel Gallegos  
 Elva Ruiz  
 7th grade  
 Joshua Bell  
 Krystle Blundell  
 Candace Bowers  
 Autmn Deaton  
 Jeremy Humphrey  
 Chris Leggett
- 8th grade**  
 Joshua Bayer  
 Tony Lazos
- HIGH SCHOOL ALL A'S**  
 9th grade  
 Vicki Bayer  
 Heath Bowlin  
 Shawna Box  
 Yvonne Gonzales  
 10th grade  
 Sonia Avila  
 Kyley Bearden  
 Yancey House  
 Jacob Lester  
 Mary Morales  
 Roni Ponce  
 Robin Squyres  
 Tessa St. Romain  
 Allen Ward  
 11th grade  
 Kir Ancinec  
 Valerie Blair  
 Jeremy Dearing  
 Heather McDonnell  
 12th grade  
 Jennifer Earnest  
 Ken McAdams  
 Brad McMinn  
 Shannon Ward  
 Ladd Winn  
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 Gideon Traweek  
 Sandi Warren  
 Coley Burgess  
 Kristi Guetersloh  
 Lyndi Rowe  
 Victor Bernal  
 Joey Guerra

**OUR CONGRATS TO ALL !!**



**COWBOYS CLAIM DISTRICT OVER ANTON**

The tie breaker game against Anton Feb. 16 to decide the district championship was a real barn burner, and the Cowboy fire was the hottest, posting a 52-48 victory, and winning the district crown. Plains had gone down to Anton earlier by a three point margin. Playoff action for the Cowboys will begin in Whiteface gym, Thurs., Feb. 23, 7 PM, against either Whitharral or Three-Way. The Cowboys are now 26-3 for the year. Coach Baucom credited the strong defensive effort by the Cowboy's win. Brad McMinn had 19 big rebounds. The defense held Anton's two hottest scorers to 15 points each, much lower than their normal production. Leading scorers against Anton were Brad McMinn with 23 points, Ladd Winn 18, Shannon Ward 4, Victor Bernal 3, Kirk Parrish and Chase Clanahan, 2 each.

**NEW DATE FOR DINNER THEATER!**

Previously the One Act Play Dinner Theater was scheduled for March 9th, but because of the Boys State Basketball Tournament in Austin, it has been moved up to March 7, 1995 in the school cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. and the performance will start at 7:30 p.m. This year the play, "All the Way Home," by Tad Mosel will be presented. The action takes place in and around Knoxville, Tenn., in May of 1900. The price of the tickets are still \$5.00. We would like to cordially invite each and everyone out for an evening of live theater and fun!

**4th GRADERS STUDY EARLY YEARS**

Fourth graders were treated to Resource Teachers in their Social Studies classes. Everett McAdams shared about the battles of the Civil War and the problems of the Generals and their men. A new food, peanuts, was discovered to be good to feed starving men, where it had formerly been used as animal fodder. The fourth graders sampled this new food from the shells.

After the war, the Wild Longhorns of Texas were rounded up by the cowboys and cowgirls, and taken by cattle trails to the trains and sold to the north. Mrs. Judy Deaton and her fourth grade son, Chisum, wore and explained their western gear to the fourth grade classes.

**GO COWBOYS WIN BI-DISTRICT!!**



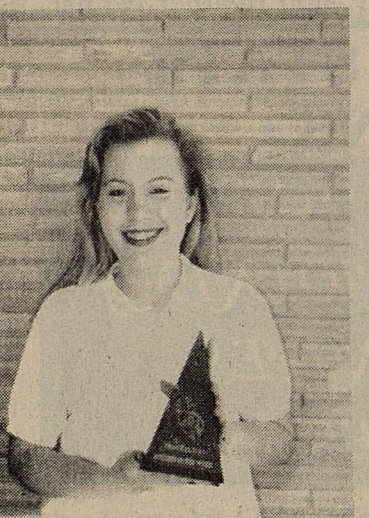
**QUIZ BOWL FINALS SCHEDULED**

The PHS first annual 'Quiz Bowl' enters the championship playoff stage this week. Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10 AM in the auditorium, the Senior team will face off against the Sophomores. Senior Quiz Bowl members are Brad McMinn, Jennifer Earnest, and Ken McAdams. Representing the Sophomore class are Yancey House, Jacob Lester and Mary Morales.

Following the first match, the Juniors will take on the Freshmen. Junior members are Kiri Ancinec, Valerie Blair and Kirk Parrish, who will face Freshmen Vicki Bayer, Shawn Cullins and Shawna Box.

The winning team from match one will then face the winner of the second contest, and that winner will be the School Quiz Bowl Champion.

On Friday at 10 AM, the school team will face the faculty team, represented by Rennatta O'Quinn, Richie Cullins and Edwin Brink, for Grand Champion honors. The public is invited to both days interesting events. if you are proud of your I. Q., you need to take this action in --- many of the quiz questions are toughies.



**PISD STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Plains High School Student of the week is Selena Humphrey. She is a Senior at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Humphrey. Selena was nominated by Mrs. Pettigrew. "The student I nominated for Student of the Week is very deserving of this award. While attending PHS she has participated in volleyball, track, tennis and golf. This wide variety of sports shows her ability to be a team player and to be an individual. She has been a big help to me in the Resource Center this year and always without exception has a pleasant attitude about her jobs. She plans to attend South Plains in the fall and major in agriculture. She wants to be a farmer!" said Mrs. Pettigrew.

**COWBOYS LOSE TO 2-A SPRING LAKE EARTH**

The Cowboys followed up the Anton victory with a practice game loss to 2-A Spring Lake Earth, Feb. 17, 63-54. Ladd Winn was high point scorer with 30, followed by McMinn 11, Clanahan 6, Johnny Davis 5, and Stephen Bitolas 2.

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### SORGHUM MEETING IN LUBBOCK

"Sorghum--Journey to Success" is the theme for the 19th Biennial Grain Sorghum Research and Utilization Conference. The conference is set for March 6-7 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center in Lubbock, Texas.

The two-day event will bring in leading sorghum scientists from around the world to share their latest research information. The conference is sponsored by NGSF and the Sorghum Conference of North America.

On Monday, March 6, Dr. Bruce Maunder, sorghum researcher with DEKALB Genetics Corporation, will give the key-note address to kick off the conference. Maunder will speak on what he thinks the future holds for the sorghum industry.

Monday's schedule includes presentations by researchers representing breeding/genetics, chemistry/nutrition and agronomy/physiology.

Monday's events will wrap up with presentations by graduate students. The students will be competing for scholarship awards.

Tuesday's sessions will include presentations on entomology, utilization, pathology and biotechnology. On Tuesday evening, winners of the outstanding achievement awards will be recognized during the banquet.

Registration fees for the conference are \$90 until Feb. 15. After that date, fees will be \$100. Students may register for \$45. For more information on the conference, call the NGSF office at (806) 298-4501.

### Early Care of Pregnancy Is Important

In spite of the excitement of becoming pregnant, many women do not seek medical care as soon as they should.

There are many reasons for seeing your doctor as soon as possible. It is very early in the pregnancy that the major risk of complications occur.

These complications include both accidental harm to the developing baby such as exposure to x-rays, infections or medicines, and the unavoidable complications such as miscarriages and tubal pregnancies. Your doctor can advise you on the risks of medicines, alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and other substances. Early in the pregnancy the doctor will prescribe vitamins which will provide extra nutrition to the mother

### TEXANS TO TAKE STAND IN ALAMO

San Antonio, February. Advance units of General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's army reached San Antonio today, taking the inhabitants and the small Texan force commanded by William Barret Travis completely by surprise.

Since Travis had not expected Santa Anna to arrive for several weeks, he had made no preparations for defending the city. The Texan force, which consists of about 160 men, has decided to take its stand in the abandoned Mission San Antonio de Valero, now known as the Alamo. They have driven a few cattle into the mission and have stored what grain they could find in vacant houses within the walls in preparation for a siege.

Travis has sent the following message to Andrew Ponton, the alcalde at Gonzales: "The enemy in large force is in sight. We want men and provisions. Send them to us. We have one hundred and fifty men and are determined to defend the Alamo to the last."

Since the walls of the Alamo enclose an area of almost two acres, Travis would need a force of at least one thousand men to defend it properly.

THE TEXAS NEWS  
Feb. 28, 1836

Scott showed little aptitude for the law and even less for public speaking, but neither handicap prevented him from pursuing a career as a criminal attorney. Finally, the day came for him to argue his first murder case. He invited a colleague to attend the trial and listen to his closing arguments. Halfway through his summation, Scott slipped a note to his attorney friend: "How am I doing?" "Keep talking," the lawyer wrote. "The longer you talk, the longer he lives."

and the developing baby. Folic acid and iron are especially important.

Many medical problems which may affect a pregnancy can be discovered early and treated to help avoid the potential complications they carry. These illnesses include diabetes, anemia, high blood pressure and hereditary illnesses.

Genetic counseling may also be important for certain couples who are likely to be carriers of certain genes which can cause birth defects or miscarriages. Also, if a woman is over 35, she may benefit from genetic studies.

Early and regular prenatal care will give you the healthiest baby possible. It is even wise to have an exam and discuss potential risks with your doctor before conceiving. 'C'

### PHS SENIORS, CIRCA 1942



The following PHS students pictured with teacher, Mrs. Allie Scott, graduated in 1942. There appeared to be some controversy among several people who tried to help us identify the seniors, so we will just list their names, and let you decide who's who. We don't except for Johnnie Fitzgerald and C.C. Copeland. Mrs. Allie Scott, Kathleen Bearden, Evelyn Smith, Monette Sanders, Ovella Smith, Aurie Johnson, Christine Fillingen, J.D. Brian, Joe Dick McLauren, Dale Brown, Bud Brian, Bob Perry, A.J. Mabry, Olen O'Neal, Rudolph Sanders, Johnnie and Melvin Fitzgerald, Frey Smith, Jiggs Hudson, Eugene Brooks.

### PISD BOARD MEETS

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. Members present were; Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, Jerry Parrish, and Gary Six.

Also present were; Pete Simmons, Superintendent, Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Steven O'Quinn, High School Principal, Ronnie Watkins, Middle School Principal, Joel Haragan, Elementary School Principal, Arlon Alexander, Counselor, Don Hinkle, Maintenance Supervisor, Randy Reinitz, President of I.B.E.

The meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Parrish.

Action was tabled on the request for early graduation by Amanda Koncaba.

Mr. Gary Six moved and Mr. Danny Bell seconded that the monthly bills be paid as presented.

Mr. Brad Palmer moved and Mr. Tim Addison seconded that the school trustee election be called for May 6, 1995.

Mr. Stanley Ashburn moved and Mr. Danny Bell seconded that the district renew its contract with the West Texas Food Service Cooperative for food pur-

chasing and food processing.

February 20th. Incumbents Jerry Parrish (District 2) and Gary Six (At-Large 7) have filed to seek reelection. At press time, Randy Tuggle has filed for the District 2 position and Dwayne Canada has filed for the At-Large 7 board spot. Deadline to file for a place on the ballot will be March 22, 1995.

The state lottery will contribute \$1.6 billion to general revenue in 1994-95, and should provide 1.7 billion in 1996-97.

Administrative reports were given by Eric Banfield, Steven O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins, Joel Haragan, Arlon Alexander, and Pete Simmons.

The board entered into executive session.

The board reconvened in regular session.

Mr. Stanley Ashburn moved and Mr. Tim Addison seconded that the two-year administrative contracts of Mr. Steven O'Quinn, Mr. Ronnie Watkins, Mr. Joel Haragan, and Mr. Arlon Alexander be extended one year; and that the business managerial contract of Eric Banfield be extended one year.

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DRAWS CANDIDATES

Sign up for the May 6th Plains ISD School Trustee Election began Monday,

### LIBRARY FILM TIME

Film time for preschool children was held Wed., Feb. 15. Attending were; Lauren Davis, Jonathan, Alex and Heather Penner, Ryan Crump, Trent and Brett Hawthorne, Michael and Angel Mendoza, Christopher and Stephanie Addison, Curtis Arteaga, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Meagan McElroy, Wyatt and Lee Dearing, Audriana Barrientes, Jacob Rivera, Zachary Ramon, A.J. Martinez, Cody Mayes, Britnie Duran, Lexus Jimenez, Kenyon Powell, Holden, Hunter and Haley Welch, Landon and Dakota Earnest, and Rhaela and Rhaena Stall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Texas flag was recited. Books read were; "The Rabbit" and "The Mouse Family's New Home". Videos shown were; "Snow White" and "Doctor De Soto".

Birthdays were celebrated this week for Heather Penner, 2 yrs. old and Jacob Rivera, 5 yrs. old.



Filmtime Birthday Celebrants: Jacob Rivera 5, and Heather Penner 2.

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## GATZKI - MCWHIRTER VOWS EXCHANGED



## FITZGERALD - JONES WEDDING VOWS

Vonda Jean Fitzgerald and Allan Dale Jones recited wedding vows in a 7 PM ceremony Saturday, Feb. 4 in the First Baptist Church in Plains. Bob Ross of Roswell, N. Mex. officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. & Mrs. Venum Fitzgerald of Plains and Mr. & Mrs. Herschal Jones of Lovington, N. Mex. Pansy Palmer of Plains is grandmother of the bride.

Brass candelabras, accented by votive candles, off white crystal flowers, greenery, and off white satin bows provided the nuptial setting. The family pews were marked with off white satin bows.

Candle lighters were Curtis Jones and Link Blevins, nephews of the groom. Mothers of the couple lighted the family tapers used by the bride and groom to light the unity candle.

To the vocal selection of "The Wedding Song", the bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a formal gown of ivory silk organza, lavishly trimmed in silk Venice and Chantilly laces, and designed with high collar and sheer yolk of Schiffi embroidery, richly adorned with seed pearls, with full Victorian sleeves featuring a Chantilly lace ruffle at the elbow. A band of Venice lace encircled the full skirt at midway, sweeping to points embellished by large Venice lace appliques at the front, back and sides. Chantilly lace accented the hemline which swept to a full cathedral train.

Keeping traditions, the bride wore a gold band belonging to her grandmother as "something old." Her dress was borrowed from her older sister. She also wore the traditional garter and pennies placed in her shoe by her father.

Vannette Olenik, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Vee Ann Fitzgerald, sister of the bride and Tanya Chapman were bridesmaids. Nieces of the bride, Maegan and Maudie Olenik were flower girl and train carrier.

Scott Karger of Lovington, N. Mex. was best man. Cody Blevings of Lovington and Kevin Throneberry of Lubbock were groomsmen. Ushers were Link Blevins, Curtis Jones and Clay Rind, nephews of the groom.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo, white shirt, brocade vest, and black bow tie and cummerbund.

Piano selections were played by Maranda Box, Plains and Jo Len Young, Brownfield.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The cake was a tiered heart cake, with small hearts surrounding it. It was decorated with burgundy silk and icing roses, designed by her sister, Vee Ann.

The groom's table was laid with a cut work cloth over emerald green. Brass appointments were used and a picture of the bride was used as the center piece. Tiered cheese-cakes were served at the groom's table, decorated and topped with strawberries.

Following a trip to San Antonio, the newlyweds will be at home in Lubbock.

The bride is employed as an R.N. at Methodist Hospital in Short Stay Surgery. The groom is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and is employed in the Engineering Department for the City of Lubbock.

Amber Dawn Gatzki of New Home and Martin Blake McWhirter of Plains were united in marriage Saturday, Feb. 18, 1995 at 6:00 PM in the First Baptist Church, Plains, Texas. Pastor Bill Wright officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Katy Gatzki of New Home and Dan Gatzki of Doerun, Ga. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Wuensche of Wilson.

The groom is the son of Macky and Connie McWhirter of Plains. The groom's grandmother is Linnie Martin of Brice.

The church was filled with color as an archway of candles and heart candelabras on both sides were covered with ivy, wisp of baby's breath and red rosebuds. Prelude music was presented by Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's A Class Act.

The bride, escorted by her grandfather, wore a romantic gown of white satin and Venice lace designed by Mori Lee. The bodice, beaded with sequins and pearls, featured a sweetheart neckline, Renaissance sleeves, and a Basque waistline. The full skirt, adorned with beaded lace motifs, flowed to a cathedral train. To complete her attire, the bride wore a pearl wreath accented with a silk illusion pouf and two-tiered waist-length veil. She carried a cascade of white roses and rosebuds atop her mother's white bible. The bouquet, accented with white satin ribbon, was designed by the Bride's aunt, Geneva Ehlers.

Matron of honor was Kimberly Cantu, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Stacie Ehler, Lauren McQueen, Krista VonArx, cousin of the bride, and Leslie Nettles. Honor attendants wore floor length gowns of red bengaline, with a portrait neckline. The elegant gowns had white pearl buttons with gold accents down one side and at the wrist of the long sleeves. They carried one long stem red rose with ribbon etched in gold.

The best man was Brad McWhirter, brother of the groom. Grooms men were Chad Guetersloh, Lebert Powell, Bill Bevers and Aaron Gatzki, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Chad Wall, Chris Gayle, Keith Earnest, and Daniel Canada. Flower girls were Jessica Moore and April Ehlers, cousins of the bride. They wore floor length dresses of red bengaline with white accents. Red ribbons and rosebuds adorned their hair. Ring bearers were Christopher Moore and Landon Ehlers, cousins of the bride. Guests were greeted and registered by Christie Fortenberry and Jennifer Bevers.

The bride's tribute to the groom was Lynette Cockerell singing, "Standing Right Next to Me". Brad McWhirter sang the groom's tribute to his bride, "That's All I Ask of You" with pianist Shari Evans offering "The Lord's Prayer".

A reception was held following the ceremony. Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's A Class Act presented music for the guests. The bride's cake was 3 tiers of white confection with roses tipped with a hint of red. Four smaller hearts surrounded the tiered cake. On the top was a crystal heart which lay open to display a cascade of roses inside and coming down the side of the cake. The groom's cake was chocolate with basket weave on the sides. Cherries covered the top of the cake. Both cakes were designed by Barbara Ehlers, aunt of the bride. Serving on the bride's table were Shelia Selman, Rebecca Lowrey, Jolena Powell, and Jennifer Earnest. Serving on the groom's table were Darinda McWhirter, Lisa Martin, and Kari Akin.

After a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nevada the couple will reside in Sundown.

The bride is a graduate of Lubbock-Cooper High School and attends South Plains College. The groom is a graduate of Plains High School and Howard Payne University, and is employed by Sundown Independent School District.



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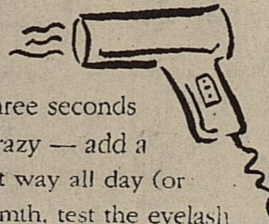
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# FROM THE HACK



I suppose everyone has a pet peeve or two. I have so many they can't be classed as pets. More like an army, maybe. Guess that's why the bride calls me peevish. One of my favorites is when I ask someone a question, and they answer, "I have no ideal". Yeah, ideal, not idea.

I just came from the Library, after scanning every dictionary there I could find. After this research, I can safely say and prove that 'ideal' means one of the following—"A conception of something in its perfection-ultimate object or aim of endeavor of high or noble character-something that exists only in imagination-Constituting a standard of excellence-Regarded as perfect as its kind-Not real

or actual- State of affairs considered highly desirable, Etc." The word 'idea', on the other hand, can be summed up from the same sources as "A thought, conception or notion-An impression-An opinion, view or belief-A plan of action or intention"

So, next time I ask you a question, make up some answer, even if it's wrong. If you persist in saying "I have no ideal", what you are really saying is, 'I have no perfection'. Or, 'I have no aim for high or noble character'. Or, "I have no standard of excellence". Or, 'I have no reality or actuality'. Or, 'I have no

imagination'.

What conclusion can I draw if I ask you a question, like, "I wonder if Newt Gingrich will run for President someday?", and you tell me you have no reality or actuality. Save that reply for your shrink.

Some folks just can't take a joke. The brother in law in East Texas, you know, the constipated one, sent me an obscene letter recently in which he cast verbal stones at my golfing abilities. Said My big problem was standing too close to the ball... after I hit it... IF I hit it. He refers to me as his brother in law of marriage, not of choice. Sure has gotten to be a touchy old thing.

I'll bet there are a bunch of State Representatives in Austin who are plenty peeved. Just read where the House leaders have ordered the pre-programmed games installed in the Solons lap top computers at each of their desks removed. Bummer. Now there's no more Super

Munchers to play while some Rep is delivering a dry speech about the merits of saving the habitat of the Yellow Breasted Sapsucker.

Did you read the article recently about the very large national corporation asking its CEO to step down, after losing over \$150 million in one business quarter? They parted company in a cozy and friendly manner, however, awarding the departing big boss with \$1.5 million in bye-bye money.

Makes you wonder what they would have done for him if he'd decided to leave when they were making a profit, give him 50% of the company stock?

For Aunt Dorothy; Don't know what to tell you about your niece, the bride. Remember the deal 'bout the blackberry wine cake, and her fondness for the grape? She is buying the stuff by the case now, makes four cakes a day, and her nose stays red and shiny all the time.

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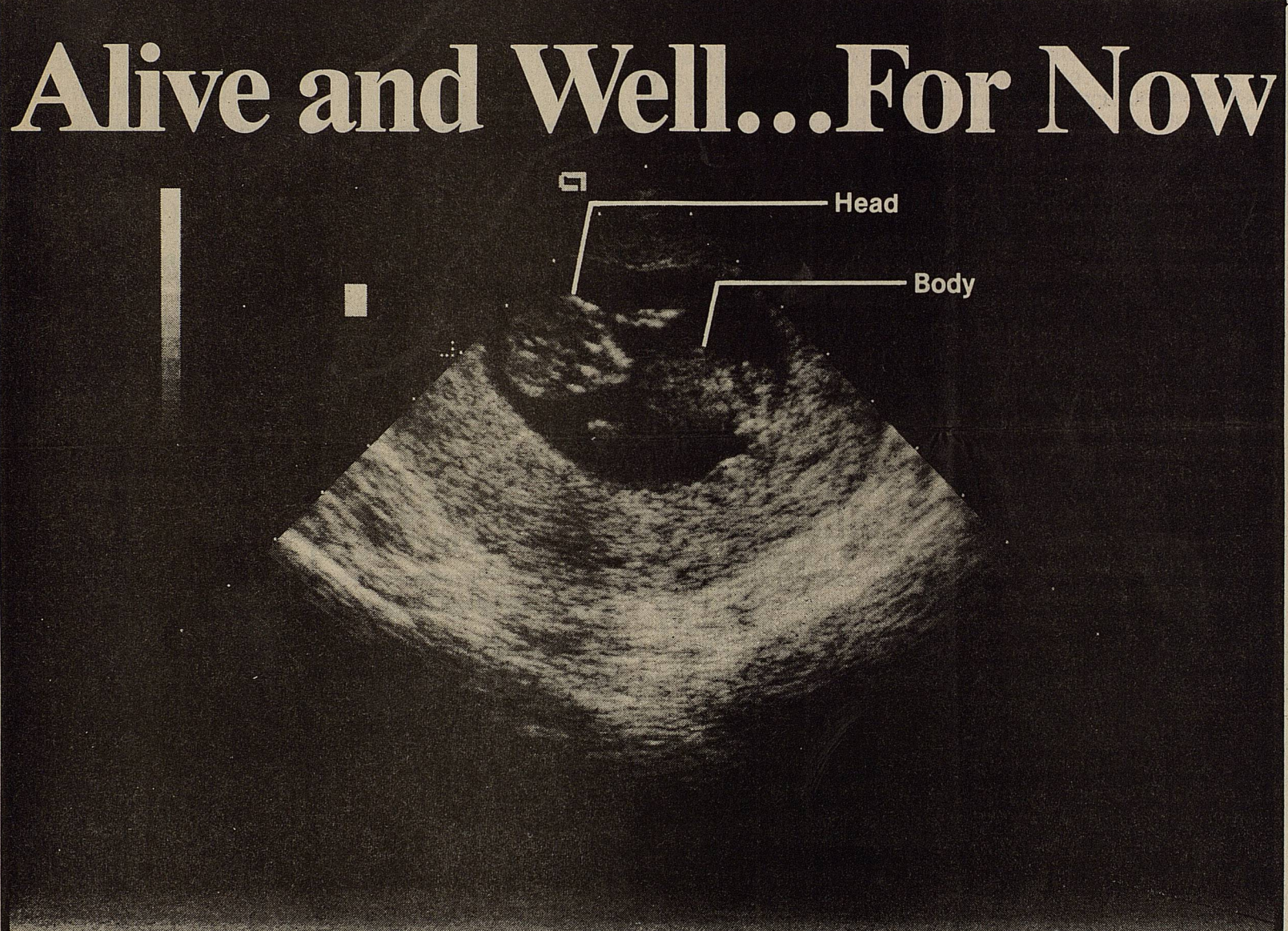
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## FINAL RITES FOR MELVIN WEST

Funeral services for Melvin West of the Tokio Community were held Feb. 18 at the First Baptist Church, Plains, Reverend Cletus Caswell, Pastor Eminentus First Baptist Church, Meadow, officiating.

West was born October 18, 1922, the son of Wiley Matt and Nora West. He passed away in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, on Feb. 16, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Childress, Tx., moved to Littlefield, Tx. and later married the former Pauline Yates of Rosebud, Tx., in 1941. The couple moved to Muleshoe in 1961, and to Yoakum Co. in 1989, where he farmed, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Delmer, Randell and Clyde. His survivors include his wife, four sons, Melvin, of Meadow, Gary, of Gomez, Danny, of Brownfield, and Byron, of Brownfield. His surviving daughters are Paula Phillips, Brownfield, Donna Lester, Lubbock, and Debbie Palmer, Texas; One brother, Herman West, Levelland, two sisters, Laura Stice, Wolforth, and 19 grand children and 9 great grandchildren.

Final Interment was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery, Brownfield.

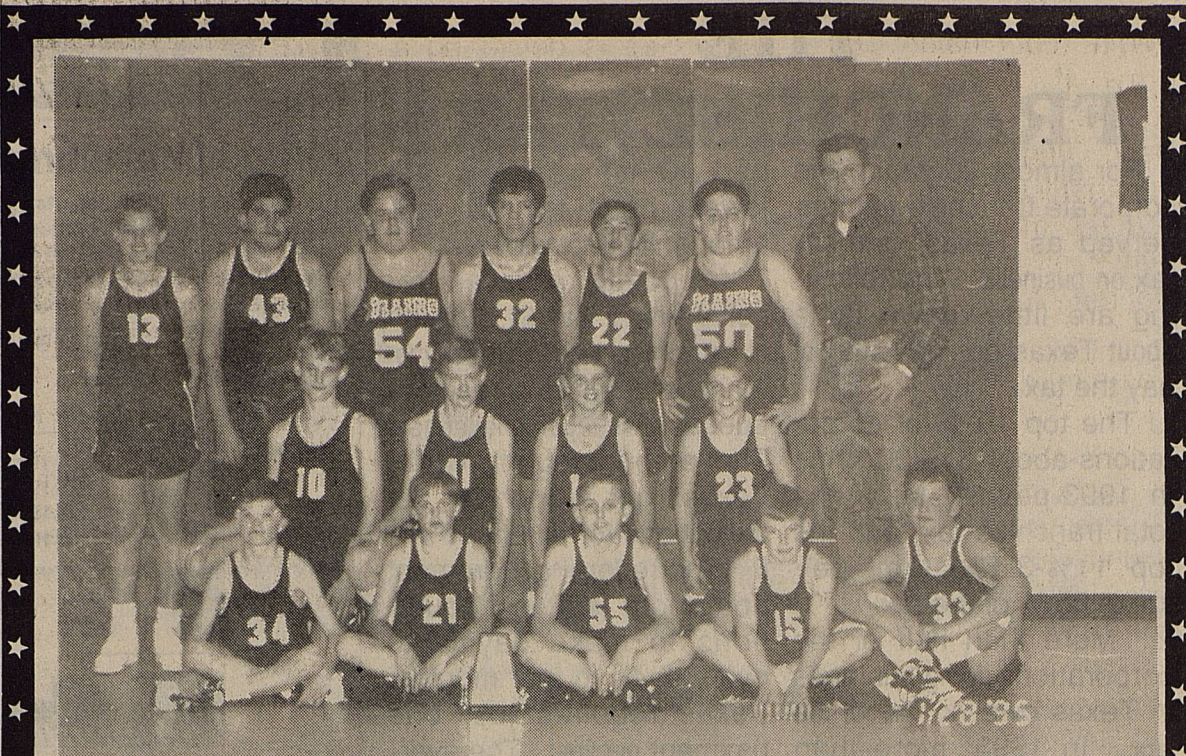


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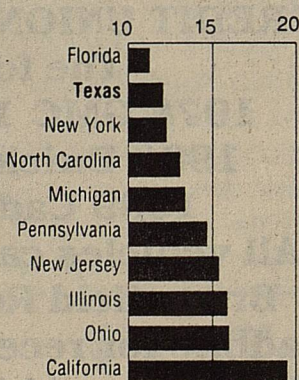
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## TEACHING BY THE BYTE

It's not trend any more, it's an educational necessity. The personal computer has become an integral part of public education in Texas, with nearly 300,000 microcomputers spread out among some 6,100 public schools. On average, a computer is available in the classroom for every 12 Texas students. Of the 10 states with the largest student populations, only Florida has better student-to-computer ratio than Texas.

In recent years, 98 percent of all U.S. schools have had computer use as part of the curriculum. And as states continue to provide computers for education, student access improves. In the 1983-84 school year, public schools averaged

Ranking the Largest States: Student-to-Computer Ratio 1993-94



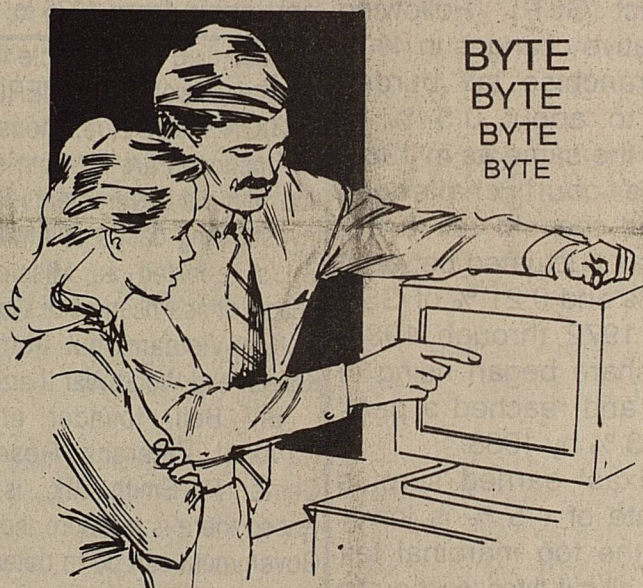
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one computer for every 125 students in the U.S. Now, there is one computer for every 14 students. Despite Texas' current leadership in computer-aided education, there is still room for improvement. In some school districts, such as those with high percentages of minorities, more students must share each available computer. Also, other technologies like CD-ROM and videodisk, which will be necessities in the workplace of the future, are unavailable in many schools.



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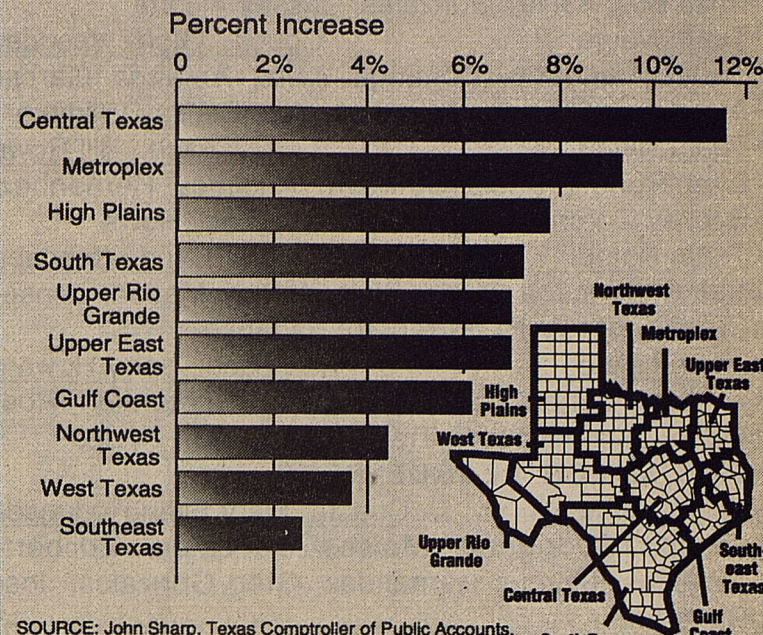
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## Adjusted city sales tax

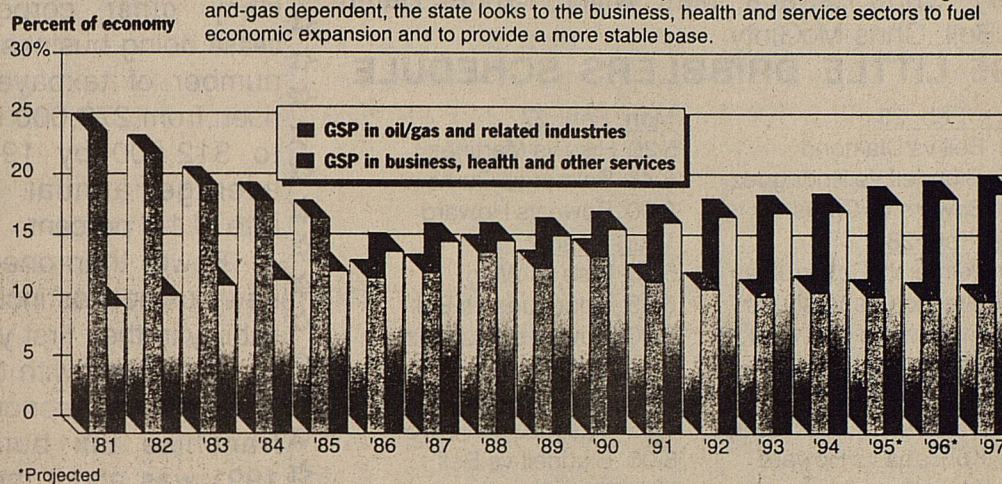
Year-end adjusted city sales tax totals for 1993 to 1994 show an increase in every Comptroller region.



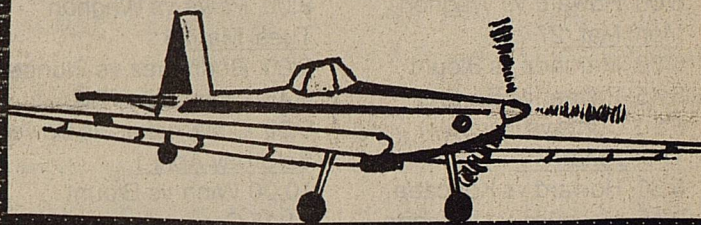
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## Share of Texas Gross State Product in oil/gas vs. services, 1981-1997

Texas' economic picture has changed considerably since the early 1980s. No longer oil-and-gas dependent, the state looks to the business, health and service sectors to fuel economic expansion and to provide a more stable base.



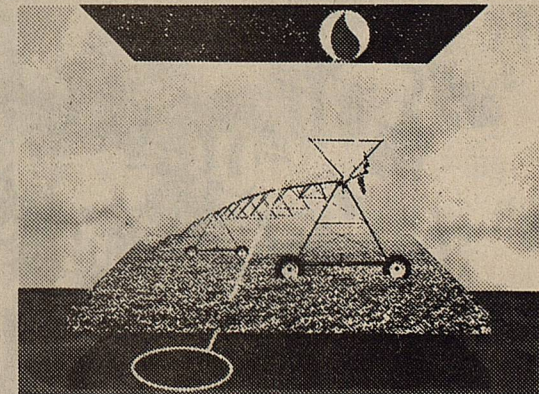
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 Chelsi Wagnon, Jessica Rodriguez, Arasely Luna,  
 Erica Bell, Ashley Gonzales, Cassey Alcorta  
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 Tanya Vasquez, Dominga Avila, Amanda Garcia,  
 Annaliesa O'Quinn, Julie Gonzales, Beckey Wilmeth  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Bill Rowe  
 Elva Ruiz, Francis Cordova, Angelica Hernandez,  
 Beckey Coronel, Adrienne Ramoz, Lesli Rowe  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Cyndy Koncaba  
 Nancy Koncaba, Emily Blair, Ashley Mason, Lensey  
 Cullins, Kim Willis, Elizabeth Clanahan  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Jerry Howard  
 Kimberly Jones, Lexi Warren, Kari Guetersloh, Rose  
 Marie Loya, Michaela Traweek, Lisa San Filippo

**1995 MAJOR LEAGUE BOYS**  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Mary Ellen Rodriguez  
 Joseph Rodriguez, Moises Gonzales, Ediberto  
 Gallegos, Marcus Hernandez, Greg Gonzales, Jose  
 Ramirez  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Charles Diamond  
 Jeremy Diamond, Pete Longoria, Jeffery Lollar, Sergio  
 Sandoval, Taylor Gray, Adam Garcia  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Chris Blundell  
 Kelsey Blundell, Aaron Cain, Brett Squyres, Sterling  
 Deaton, Skyler Johnson, Chris Gscheidle  
 Team Name: ? Coach: Danny Bell  
 Ky May, Chris Estrada, Matt Willis, Tanner Hamm,  
 Jared Bell, Chris McGinty

**1995 LITTLE DRIBBLERS SCHEDULE**

<b>Thurs. Feb. 23</b>	<b>Mon. Feb. 27</b>
5:30 Bell vs Diamond	5:30 Hise vs Martinez
6:45 Blundell vs Rodriguez	6:45 Palmer vs Curtis
8:00 Bowers vs Curtis	8:00 Rowe vs Howard
<b>Tues. Feb. 28</b>	<b>Thurs. Mar. 2</b>
5:30 Palmer vs Covarrubias	5:30 Hise vs Winn
6:45 Wagnon vs Vasquez	6:45 Rodriguez vs Bell
8:00 Blundell vs Diamond	8:00 Rowe vs Vasquez
<b>Mon. Mar. 6</b>	<b>Tues. Mar. 7</b>
5:30 Blount vs Martinez	5:30 Hamm vs Curtis
6:45 Bowers vs Covarrubias	6:45 Vasquez vs Rowe
8:00 Koncaba vs Howard	8:00 Blundell vs Bell
<b>Thurs. Mar. 9</b>	<b>Mon. Mar. 20</b>
5:30 Hamm vs Covarrubias	5:30 Howard vs Rowe
6:45 Winn vs Hise	6:45 Wagnon vs Koncaba
8:00 Diamond vs Rodriguez	8:00 Hamm vs Bowers
<b>Tues. Mar. 21</b>	<b>Thurs. Mar. 23</b>
5:30 Curtis vs Palmer	5:30 Martinez vs Winn
6:45 Koncaba vs Vasquez	6:45 Hise vs Blount
8:00 Howard vs Wagnon	8:00 Rowe vs Wagnon
<b>Mon. Mar. 27</b>	<b>Tues. Mar. 28</b>
5:30 Martinez vs Blount	5:30 Rodriguez vs Blundell
6:45 Palmer vs Bowers	6:45 Diamond vs Bell
8:00 Curtis vs Hamm	8:00 Covarrubias vs Bowers
<b>Thurs. Mar. 30</b>	<b>Saturday April 1</b>
5:30 Howard vs Koncaba	10:00 Winn vs Blount
6:45 Vasquez vs Wagnon	11:15 Covarrubias vs Hamm
8:00 Covarrubias vs Palmer	12:30 Martinez vs Hise
	1:45 Vasquez vs Koncaba
	3:00 Diamond vs Blundell
<b>Mon. April 3</b>	<b>Tues. April 4</b>
5:30 Rowe vs Koncaba	5:30 Covarrubias vs Curtis
6:45 Palmer vs Hamm	6:45 Vasquez vs Howard
8:00 Curtis vs Bowers	8:00 All-Star announcement

**THE FRANCHISE TAX**

For almost 90 years, the corporate franchise tax has served as Texas' primary tax on business. The following are little-known facts about Texas businesses that pay the tax.

1. The top 10 % of corporations-about 31,200 firms in 1993-pay 90 % of the total franchise tax, and the top 1 %-3,120 firms-pay about 65 % of the tax.
2. More than half of the corporations doing business in Texas owe no franchise tax. In 1993, more than 169,000 taxpayers out of 312,000 owed no tax.
3. The number of corporations doing business in Texas remains remarkably steady. Between 30,000 and 35,000 new corporations begin operating in the state each year, but almost as many other corporations cease doing business. The number of taxpayers has risen from 278,000 in 1986 to 312,000 by 1993, an average annual growth rate of 1.7 percent.
4. Fewer than one in four new businesses incur a tax liability in their first year.
5. Compared with the size of the Texas economy, the franchise tax burden in 1991 was about the same as it had been in 1972-about 0.2 % of gross state product (GSP). Following legislative changes in 1991, the franchise tax burden rose to about 0.3 % of GSP, the same as in 1987, before court challenges eroded the old tax base. The tax fluctuated between 0.17 % and 0.21 % of GSP from 1972 through 1984. The share began rising in 1985 and reached a peak of 0.33 % by 1988.
6. Texas' earned surplus tax rate of 4.5 % is lower than the top marginal tax rate in all but three corporate tax states-Alaska, Indiana

and Kansas-and is the lowest business tax rate among the 10 largest states.

7. Corporate taxpayers received more than \$1.1 billion of franchise tax refunds from 1988 to 1993 as a result of successful legal challenges. That amount roughly equals Texas' net franchise tax collections for all of 1993.
8. The federal government and most states require firms to make payments every three to four months. Texas requires just one payment per year. The average period between doing business and paying the franchise tax (if any) on that business is 16 months. Businesses that obtain an extension may take another six months to file a tax report.
9. The Tax Code exempts 34 types of organizations from the franchise tax, and more than 56,000 organizations qualify for the exemptions. Those organizations are excluded from the total number of taxpayers reported above.
10. The franchise tax has been changed significantly-either the tax rate or the tax base-every four years on average. Since 1932, the longest period between major modifications has been 10 years, from 1932 to 1941 and again from 1975 to 1984.

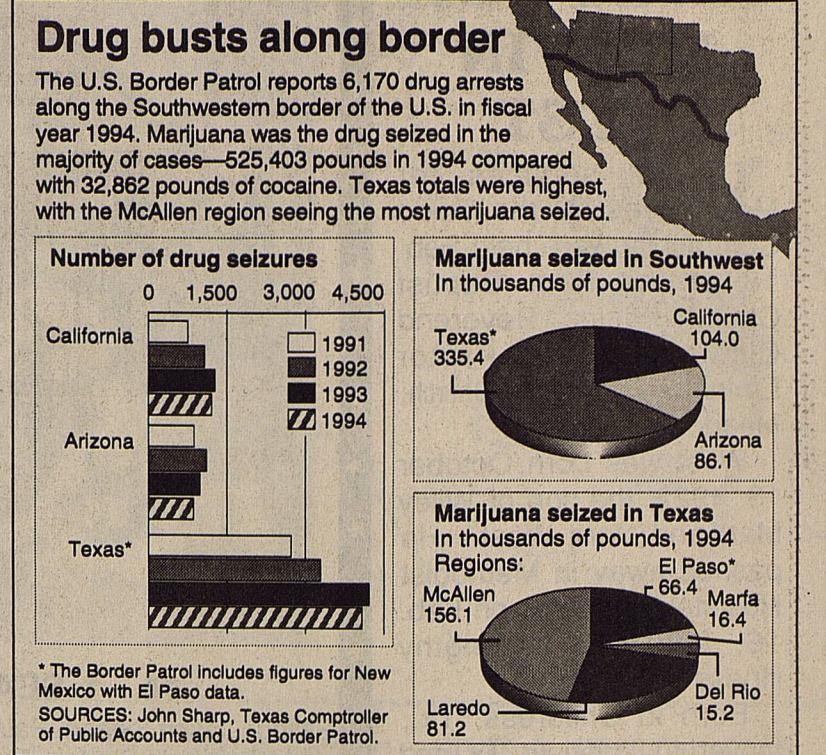
According to an article in the March issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, thousands of Americans are far from satisfied with our governments role in investigating cases of American G.I.'s reported as Missing In Action, or as Prisoners of War, not just in Vietnam, but from the Korean and World War II eras.

Bill Bell, founder of the National Veterans Research Center, Ft. Smith, Ark., is convinced there is far more the U.S. Government can do to determine the fate of the missing, and securing the remains of thousands who perished during the war years.

"There are 78,000 Americans listed as MIA from World War II, more than 8,000 from Korea, and over 2,000 from Vietnam. The families of these men no longer trust the government because it hasn't admitted its mistakes" in handling the issue, Bell stated.

Those figures are startling to most Americans. Space won't allow further coverage of the LEGION article, but it is something which should concern us.

**Keeping an eye on Texas**



**TV CHEF, AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT SENIORS SEMINAR**

Chef Arlyn Hackett, host of the PBS television series "Health Smart Gourmet Cooking" and author of five books, will present "The Anthropology of Eating" at a free seminar sponsored by University Medical Center's Seniors Are Special program. The seminar will take place March 8 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in UMC's McInturff Conference Center.

Using humor, Hackett will tell food stories that reveal how historical events have resulted in dietary changes. According to publicity materials, for instance, the Prohibition Era resulted in today's world of fast food, and Victorian sexual beliefs were responsible for cold breakfast cereal.

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Tom Reynolds, Langford Johnston, Charlie Anderson, Norman Cleaveland, Billy Warren and Willie Anderson after rodeo at Webster Ranch, July 15, 1918.

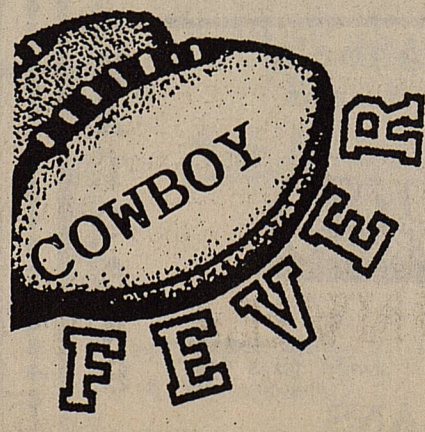
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