

# COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS



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## Producers Getting Mixed Signals On Marketing Plans For 1995 Crop

Area cotton producers, most of them finished with the harvest of this year's crop, may be scratching their heads in making decisions on correct marketing strategies to use in selling their bales of ginned and classed cotton.

And little wonder. Depending on which cotton market publication they read, or which market analysis they hear or watch on TV, now is a time to be gratefully optimistic, or worriedly pessimistic.

An article in the current "Cotton Digest International" indicated various conditions affecting foreign nation producers, including plant disease, and insect infestation indicates cotton production in India and Pakistan may be down graded, while resistance to pesticides in China could lower 1995 production figures there.

On the other hand, a major cotton marketing firm on the South Plains recently released figures indicating the world's second largest importer of spun cotton fiber, Brazil, will need to import more than 400,000 tons of the product due to severely reduced planting acreage and production there.

On the down side, the National Cotton Council of America's publication, "COTTON'S WEEK", addressed the problem of

reduced US milling industry demands. The Commerce department estimated 395 million pounds were needed for consumption, down 2.5% from the previous month, and almost 9% below the October '94 rate.

Jumping back to a 'positive outlook', producers may be encouraged to read further in the 'Cotton Digest International' Publication that US textile mills are adding capacity, denim capacity possibly being 200,000 bales higher this year, and capital spending in the textile industry is 14% greater than expenditures last year.

To add a bit more confusion to the marketing scenario, consider information in the November 30 TELCOT REPORT, reporting "October's domestic consumption fell sharply, as textile mills used only 10.2 million bales, compared to September's annualized usage of 10.7 million bales"

They stated, "Retail demand is not there, and there is a general slowdown in retail sales". They report the previous USDA forecast of domestic consumption will be reached.

To add another bit of confusion, contrary to other reports, TELCOT says "the most significant surprise is

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## State Speed Limits To Be Upped In Near Future

State Representative Gary Walker received the following letter last week From William G. Burnett, Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation concerning the upcoming changes of State speed limits.

"When the President signs the National Highway System Designation Act (S440), the Texas Transportation Commission's authority to set temporary speed limits of 55mph and 65mph on Texas highways will expire. State Law will require the Texas Department of Transportation (Tx Dot) to post speed limits of 70mph during daylight and 65mph at night time for passenger cars on all rural roadways unless engineering

and traffic investigations show that the speed limit should be lowered. In urban areas, we will decide any changes in coordination with the local jurisdiction. Speed limits for trucks are set by statute at 60mph day/55mph night.

To learn whether speed limits should be set lower than 70mph for passenger cars, TxDOT is reviewing Texas' 77,000 mile highway system. The first phase if the study covers interstate and divided highways. Preliminary results of the first phase show that a limit of 70mph is suitable on most rural

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## Molester To Serve Prison Sentence

In a District Court jury trial last week, Marcelo Yzaguirre Jr. was found guilty of two charges of aggravated sexual assault of a twelve year old male victim and received a stiff sentence by the jury. He was represented by his attorney, Vince Martinez, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State in Judge Kelly G. Moore's court.

Following two hours deliberation, the Jury returned a verdict of guilty to the charges. The defendant had requested sentencing by the jury, and they complied by assessing him a ten year prison sentence, with a five year minimum time before parole can be considered.

Upon his eventual release from prison, the convicted

molester will face very tough probation conditions, and his failure to comply with all requirements will send him behind bars again. Some of the stringent probation requirements include mandatory registering with proper law enforcement authorities as a convicted sex offender, and be enrolled in the Adult Community Supervision program which calls for abstinence from alcohol and illegal drugs, shall not participate in any activity involving persons under 17 years of age, shall not go within 500 feet of premises where children normally gather, must submit to testing and counseling for sex offenders, submit to and pay for polygraph

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## Does 'Common Cause' Have A Cause?

### Allegations Against Walker Appear Unfounded And Unsupportable

Recent articles in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal concerning Common Cause Texas filing a complaint against State representative Gary Walker for alleged conflicts of interest and violations of campaign finance disclosure laws have created a great deal of interest and conversation around the County.

In an effort to factually report Walker's explanation of the charges, we were able to interview him early Monday morning of this week.

The first article reported Common Cause executive director Suzy Woodford citing Walker's resignation as general manager of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District on February 17 of 1994. Later in March, Sandy Land Directors voted to give Walker a contract as an independent contractor.

Common Cause, a so called political campaign watchdog, claimed it is a conflict of interest for Walker to be a member of the Legislature and an employee of the Water district.

Common Cause also took issue with Walker for failing to include in his Jan. 12 contribution and expenditure report the leave with pay he was granted by the Sandy Land Board on October 27, 1994.

"Sandy Land Water District gave him a month off, with pay, to go and campaign, and he didn't report it," said Woodford in the A-J article, contending the paid leave should have been reported as an in-kind contribution.

Walker furnished us a copy of a Resolution Sandy Land adopted in regards to his leave of absence. The Resolution is reprinted here in its entirety;

WHEREAS, Sandy Land UWCD is the sole employer of its manager, Gary L. Walker; and WHEREAS, said Board at its December 14, 1993, special board meeting gave its unanimous support to Gary L. Walker to campaign for Texas State Representative, District 80; and WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Sandy Land UWCD will continue to employ Gary L. Walker because of his tremendous contribution to the District; and WHEREAS, Gary L. Walker has relinquished his heretofore accumulated annual leave; and WHEREAS, Gary L. Walker has continued to work 14-16 hour days

for most of the year of 1994, including numerous trips to attend hearings in Austin and Washington on behalf of the Yoakum County Landfill thus achieving many goals for the Landfill and Water Conservation District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Board of Directors of Sandy Land UWCD hereby request Mr. Walker to take a paid leave of absence from his daily duties at Sandy Land UWCD and make an 11th hour whistle stop campaign tour of State Legislative District 80.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we do hereby cause our signatures to be affixed hereon, this 27 day of October, 1994.

Readers should note the date of this adoption, October 27, 1994. The election, which Walker handily won against his Democrat opponent, Kevin Jackson, was held November 8, 1994, twelve calendar days later, and only 8 working days after the Resolution. The intent of the Board was to allow Walker time off for last minute campaigning from October 27 until the election date November 8. In effect, Walker was given leave with pay for eight days, not 30 as Common Cause claimed.

In addition, Walker had earlier relinquished to Sandy Land some 56 hours of accumulated vacation time, the equivalent of 7 eight hour working days. This would indicate he possibly benefited by one net day off with pay. In actuality, Walker didn't even gain this. Sandy Land furnished us copies of canceled checks bearing Walker's signature dated October 28, 31, November 1 and November 2, all working week days during his supposed absence with pay. In addition, we obtained copies of counter charge tickets from Bayer Lumber Company signed by Walker on October 28, November 1, and November 5, again dates included in his "off time".

In Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, section 36.057 addresses the management of Water Districts in the state. (a) The district shall employ or contract with all persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, or other entities, public or private, deemed necessary by the board for the conduct of the affairs of the district, including, but not limited to, engineers, attorneys, financial advisors, operators, bookkeepers, tax assessors and collec-

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Happy New  
Year!

Gary and Holly Dyer & Diane Brown



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that the Chinese crop estimate keeps growing, currently projected at 19.5 million bales".

They further add, "if world cotton crops are doing as well as most reports indicate, the US could lose some of its export market share since US cotton prices are not competitive".

They followed with the observation, "the upcoming USDA crop estimate scheduled for release December 12 (our printing schedule date) could lower the earlier predicted 21.8 million bale '95 crop to an approximate 18.3 million bales", which would normally bolster hopes for a stronger market price. Unfortunately, consumption estimates are also drastically reduced, casting more fog into the crystal ball of forecasting.

The modern day cotton producer needs increasingly to be more efficient, knowledgeable, productive, frugal in spending, and a true "Guru" of market know-how.

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interstate and divided highways in the state. New signs will begin to be posted in December for these highways. Rural interstate and divided highways make up only about 10 percent of the total highway system, but they carry more than 60 percent of the state's traffic.

The second phase of the study will cover undivided highways with four or more lanes and should be complete in time for Commission action in December. The third and fourth phase of the study will cover all other state and U.S. Highways (Phase 3), and all other farm to market and ranch to market roads (phase 4). Phase three is scheduled for Commission action in January, while phase four will be considered in April 1996."

We should be seeing a change in our driving habits in the very near future, a move applauded by some, lamented by others concerned about a possible reduction in road safety.

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testing a minimum of five months after his release. Violation of any of these and many other probation requirements will also result in a fine of \$10,000.

The offender was given 240 days credit on his prison sentence for time previously spent in jail since his arrest on the charge in April.

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tors, auditors, and administrative staff. (b) The board shall set the compensation and terms for consultants.

This would seem to clear up any questions concerning allegations about the legality of negotiating an employment contract with an independent contractor, as in Sandy Land and Walker's situation.

The 14th issue of 'Capitol Update' contains information pertaining to Common Cause's claim of a conflict of interest created by Walker, an elected State Representative, receiving pay from the water district. "The Attorney General has issued one opinion saying that legislators are allowed to work as independent contractors for public entities such as cities, counties or school districts, but not for the State of Texas." Sandy Land receives no state funds, and is operated solely on funds generated in Yoakum County. The local situation is not unique. A few years back, the exact same situation existed. Buck Buchanan, a Democrat State Representative from Dumas, was also employed as Manager of North Plains Underground Water Conservation District, with the full knowledge of the Legislature and Attorney General's office.

**County Court Meets**

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, December 11. The Agenda items discussed and acted on included approval of the Tax Assessor-Collector's November tax report. The Court heard Linda Powell, representing Yoakum County Art Association, and Ann Hartman, representing the Denver City Art Club, describe preliminary plans for establishing an alliance group representing the two clubs, and including the membership of other related clubs and associated organizations. The multi-goals of the alliance will be covered in depth in a separate article

Tad Knight, County Extension Agent, Agriculture, gave a summary report to the Court of activities his office has been involved in during 1995. They included increasing 4-H membership in Denver City and Plains to 171 members; 400 youths were involved in the Junior Livestock program, earning over \$30,000 in prize money at the Houston, Fort Worth and San Antonio Livestock shows; 42 youths took part in the 4-H Horse program; Helped sponsor a water conference concerning ground water in Yoakum, Gaines and Terry Counties; conducted prescribed CRP grass burn seminars; held a Peanut Field Day, Stocker Cattle workshop, and workers chemical protection classes. Knight also reported on the continuing threat of boll weevil infestations, and the insects overwintering in CRP areas.

The Court approved advertising for diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline for 1996 for all county departments and vehicles.

**Walker's Dragging Old Big 'Uns In**

Lewis and Viola Walker, former long time residents here who moved to Oak Creek Lake following their retirement from Anderson Grain several years ago, continue to enjoy their leisure years, working the waters of that impound-

ment in their favorite activity, fishing. They sent us the two pictures below last week, as proof they have a bit of know how about the sport. They failed, however, to tell us when they were having the fish fry.



Viola with 23 lb. yellow cat, Lewis with 30 pounder, both caught on gold fish baited Trot Lines

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,  
RE: Rep. Gary Walker and supposed ethics breach. Common cause, watch dog lobby group, is shooting itself in the foot accusing Mr. Walker of campaign violations because he is contracted by Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District as manager. Common cause is supposed to look after the common "mans" interest, but instead is supporting a personal vendetta by certain Yoakum County residents against Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker represents ordinary people in the ten county representative Dist. no. 80 precisely because he needs a job to support his family while he serves as a citizen legisla-

tor making \$7200.00 per year. Do we only want independently wealthy attorneys to represent this oil-related and agricultural district, or do we want someone who knows us and our ideas about Texas Government? Mr. Gary Walker is truly a capable, honest man who is being trashed just to hurt his re-election campaign.

District 80 Texans need to let those mudslingers responsible know that their unfair accusations will only make the Democratic party and common cause lose credibility and respect. A vote for Mr. Walker is a vote for common people who work for a living.

Sincerely,  
Linda Powell

*Happy Holidays !*

**Keeping an eye on Texas**

**Peanut crop adds up**

Texas consumers can shop for home grown peanuts in the grocery store. Harvested from August through December, Texas' crop ranked second to Georgia's in 1994.

**Top ten counties where peanuts are grown**

**Peanut crop in millions**

'94 pounds produced: 606 million  
'94 value \$173 million

**Peanut products:** Texas exports 90 percent of the peanuts grown in the state, losing income to other states that manufacture products such as roasted peanuts, peanut oil, peanut butter and candies.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Agriculture Statistics Service and Peanut Producers Board.

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94 Explorer, 4 Dr., 4 x 4, Power, Automatic	\$18,500	\$16,700	94 Ranger S-Cab, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, Cassette, P2189	\$11,650	\$ 9,902
94 Tempo GL, 4 Dr., 5 Speed, Tilt, Cruise, 35K	\$ 6,950	\$ 6,400	93 Buick Roadmaster, Cloth, 47K, Gray	\$18,500	\$15,600
95 F150 XLT, Flareside, 302, AOD, 37K, Red, 2224B	\$14,850	\$13,300	93 Buick Century, V-6, Auto, Vinyl Top, 5208A	\$ 9,650	\$ 8,700
94 Silverado Ext. Cab, Power Windows, P2164A	\$15,950	\$13,800	92 Lincoln Town Car, Gray, Gray Cloth, P2168A	\$14,300	\$11,600
87 Motorhome, 27' Jamboree with Gen. 43K, 2221A	\$16,000	\$14,800	91 Grand Marquis, Metallic Red, Nice! P2183B	\$ 9,950	\$ 8,900
93 Silverado, Ext. Cab, 350, Bright Red, 34K, P2191	\$17,450	\$15,900	91 F150 Super Cab, 6 Cyl., 5 Speed, Red, P2190	\$ 9,850	\$ 8,800
92 F150 S-Cab, 4 x 4, 302, 5 Speed, 82K	\$12,950	\$11,400	90 Dodge Dynasty, Maroon, V-6, Auto, 6009A	\$ 7,950	\$ 6,600
93 Lincoln Cartier, Sunfire Red, Leather, 6026A	\$21,950	\$19,600	89 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, Taupe, Cloth, P2149A	\$10,700	\$ 7,900
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## Student of the Week



Sonia Avila is a Junior at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mario Avila. She was nominated by Mrs. Pettigrew.

"In any event, I shall do my best" is a quote credited to Douglas McArthur.

"When I read this quote last week I immediately thought of this weeks 'Student of the Week.' This student does her best in everything she attempts-no exceptions! Her teachers are proud of her efforts and attitude toward her school work. She is a member of student council and eagerly takes on responsibilities. She is an outstanding cheerleader for PHS. She shows enthusiasm for each sport and responsibility beyond the call of duty.

This year in the Resource Center her attitude of what ever needs to be done and what can I do to help is very much appreciated.

I have had the opportunity at school, on trips and spending time at camp with her to see first hand how she does her best without exception," said Mrs. Pettigrew

## Basketball Recap

### Cowboys Varsity

The Cowboys outlasted the Seagraves Eagles Nov. 28th 56-48 in an always tough match. Chase Clanahan was top scorer with 21 points, followed by Kirk Parrish 12, Joe Luna 10, Tanner Blount 7, Ralph Ramirez and David Flores 2 each.

In their second meeting December 5, they couldn't quite get the job done again, losing 66-61 despite a good fourth quarter come back attempt. Clanahan again led the scoring with 25, followed by Parrish 20, Jamie Caballero 8, Blount 4, Luna and Johnny Davis 2 each.

The Cowboys did not fare well at the Farwell tournament last weekend. They lost the opener against Elida, NM 54-44. Tanner Blount managed 12 points, Caballero 9, Luna 8, Parrish and Clanahan 6 each, Eric Estrada 2, and Davis 1.

They downed their second opponent, Dora, NM, 73-62. Blount scored an impressive 24 points, followed by Davis 15, Parrish 14, Estrada 10, Abraham Garcia and Caballero 3 each, Ramirez and Luna 2 each. Clanahan was out with an ankle injury.

In the final outing, the Cowboys went down to Farwell 62-49. Davis and Parrish tied for high point honors with 9 each. Luna, Estrada and Blount had 8, Ramirez 4, and Caballero scored 3.

### Varsity Cowgirls

The Seagraves Lady Eagles proved as tough at home Dec. 5 as they were here earlier, downing the Cowgirls 63-39. Kayla Redman had the hot hand with 16 points, followed by Robin Squyres 9, Kiley Bearden and Tessa St. Romain 6 each, and Kassie Lowe 2. The Cowgirls out rebounded the larger Eagles 52-51, but the Eagles earned 20 points off of costly turn overs. Redman had 11 rebounds, and Bearden had 4 assists. Their season record is now 6-3.

The Cowgirls played in the Farwell tournament this weekend. In the first game against Elida, they won 56-41. Bearden led the scoring with 14. Sandi Warren

had 12, St. Romain 11, Redman 10, and Lowe 9. Bearden had 9 rebounds, and the other scorers had 5 each. Squyres and Shyloh Winn could not play because of injuries.

The girls found a tough second opponent, Farwell, in game 2, and were downed 61-46. They could only manage to make 24% of their field goal efforts, but out rebounded Farwell 57-47. Warren had 13 points, St. Romain 10, Lindsey Six 7, Bearden, Redman and Lowe 5 each, and Joyline Burgess 1. Lindsey Six had 9 rebounds, Redman 8.

The Cowgirls clinched third place in the tourney by beating Texico 69-66. Their field goal shooting was cold, but they shot almost 60% from the free throw line. Three Cowgirls scored in double figures, Redman 18, Bearden and St. Romain 17 each. Lowe had 10, Warren 5, and Six 2. Warren and Bearden had 5 assists, and Redman took down 10 rebounds.

### Plains JV Cowboys

The JV boys were downed by Seagraves last week 65-51. Travis Bennett was high point man with 14, followed by Adam Dominguez 12, Shawn Cullins 7, Allen Ward 6, Yancey House, Jason Redman and Eric Luna 4 each.

The JV had an impressive tournament at Sundown this weekend, winning the 12 team event with four consecutive victories. They convincingly beat Meadow 81-41 in the opener. David Flores scored 18 points, Jonah Moreno and Dominguez 11 each, Cullins and Luna 10 each, Redman 6, House 5, Ward and Bennett 4 each, Will St. Romain 2.

Their next victim was Petersburg 74-42. Flores again had 18 points, Dominguez 14, Redman 8, Luna 7, Moreno 6, Cullins, Bennett and Ward 5, St. Romain 4, House and Gideon Traweek 2 each.

They next downed Denver City 65-59. Flores had the hot hand again with 25 points, Ward 17, Dominguez 7, Cullins 6, St. Romain and Bennett 4, and Redman 2.

They Cowboys downed Sundown 53-45 for Championship honors. Flores scored 13, Cullins 12, Ward 11, Dominguez 9, and Redman and St. Romain had 4 each.

Coach Edwin Brink reported he was extremely pleased with the play of his young team. Their season record now stands at 6 and 3.

### Cowgirl JV

The JV girls had a tough tournament in Sundown last weekend. They were downed by Petersburg 55-19. Lindsey Six lead the scoring with 7 points, Lisa Parrish had 4, Wendy Beckham and Marcey House 2, Tandi Jones

and Maranda Box 1 each.

They played a very close game against Ropes before falling 35-33. Parrish scored 12 points, House had 8, Beckham 6, Box 4, and Cece Moreno 3.

Their final outing found the girls falling to Smyer 41-21. House was leading scorer with 8, Parrish had 5, Crystle Calsoncin 4, Jones 2, and Moreno scored 1.

### 8th Grade Girl Wrangler

Coach Haragan was ill Monday, and her score book was unavailable. We can only confirm the girls beat Anton last week.

The 8th girl Wranglers had better luck in Smyer Dec. 11, winning handily 40-20. Kelli Osborn and Candace Bowers shared high point honors with 8, followed by Jessica Flores 7, Shay Allsup 4, Kristen Gray and Krystal Blundell 3 each, Anne Palmer, Staci Tuggle and Laura Morales contributed 2 each.

### 7th Grade Girl Wranglers

The 7th graders outclassed Anton 41-9. High scorer was Kimbe Jones with 12 points. Tanya Vasquez had 9, Michaela Traweek and Kari Guetersloh 4 each, and Lesli Rowe, Ashlei Mason, Amanda Garcia, Angelica Hernandez, Adrienne Ramos, and Frances Cordova each had 2. Coach Arnold says the girls are working hard and improving each game.

On Monday, Dec. 11, the girls traveled to Smyer, and probably wished they'd stayed home, losing 21-5. Amanda Garcia and Angelica Hernandez had two points each and Adrienne Ramoz had one.

### 7th Wrangler Boys;

The 7th grade boys had a good outing against Anton December 4, improving their record to 2-1 with a 45-15 win. Adam Garcia led the scoring with 16 points, followed by Sterling Deaton 8, Kelsey Blundell 6, Aaron Cain, Brett Squyres & Armando Luna 4 each, Marcus Hernandez 2, and Eddy Gallegos 1. Coach Davis cited excellent defense by Garcia, Blundell, Cain, Deaton, Dustin Six and Stanley Caballero. Hernandez, Gallegos, Squyres and Luna were top rebounders.

### 8th Wrangler Boys;

Both Junior High boys teams conquered the visiting Anton teams December 4, the 8th graders on top 36-24. Fermin Luna has 14 points, followed by Alex Tarango 8, David Luna 6, Patrick McGinty and Keith Jackson 4 each, and Colt Winn, 3. Coach McAdams said Keith Jackson and Alex Tarango had outstanding defensive efforts, and Fermin Luna and Kyle Sisson were leading rebounders.

## Christmas Letters On Way To North Pole

Plains Elementary School has been the scene of furious literary activity the last few days, with youngsters in Kindergarten through the Third grade composing annual "I've Been Good Letters" to send to Santa Claus informing him of their Christmas needs and wishes. This week we are reproducing letters of Kindergarten and First Grade students, and next issue we will print the Second and Third graders. Thank kids. We forwarded your letters on to Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Mrs. McGinty wants Santa to know all of her kindergarten students have been good boys and girls and are learning well at school. Here are their letters.

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I would like a barbie, a barbie car, a barbie and baby with stroller, and some slinkies. Love, M'Leah McKinzie

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I would like to have a train set and Dr. Dreadful Drink Lab for Christmas. Your friend, Douglas Conway

Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger, a play car. I have been a good boy this year. Love, Juan Lara

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Power Ranger bow and arrow and a pteradactyl for Christmas. Your friend, Vanessa Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, a long pink beat tag, a big Santa Claus doll that talks and a soft cuddly teddy bear. I like you very much. Love, Diana Pate

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Chicka-Limbo and a Barbie hair cut doll for Christmas. Your friend, Chandra Carpenter

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, some Power Ranger toys, a candy cane, and an apple. I love you. Love, Marcy Carrillo

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a check-limbo and a Barbie Hair cut doll for Christmas. Your friend, Marissa Melendez

Dear Santa, I want a pup-up playhouse. I have been a good girl. My Christmas tree is all ready you. Love, Kirstie Alexander

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a doll and a bottle and spoon and food for Christmas. Your friend, Britnie Durah

Dear Santa, I want tires for my bike, a Power Ranger robot, and Power Ranger walkie-talkies. I've acted o.k. this year. Love, Elias Carrillo

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I would like to have an Airball and power rangers for Christmas. Your friend, Curtis Arteaga

**Mrs. Simmons Kindergarten**  
Dear Santa, I want a MySize Barbie, the bubble gum shop, Barbie Kelly and Barbie, a stroller for Barbie, a doll that sprays bubbles, a tumble doll. Thats ALL! Love, Joani Bell

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Barbie Hair Cut Doll and Barbie Clothes for Christmas. Your friend, Maria Andazola

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie doll for Christmas. I have been a good girl. I like Kindergarten. Love, Rubi Castillo

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have some roller blades and a rosey doll for Christmas. Your friend, Marqta Trent

Dear Santa, I like you. I really like Christmas. I need a baby tumble, a sparkler that sparkles thing, a clip on flower.doll. Bring matching hats along for me & those twins. Love, Lauren Davis

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Power Ranger and a pteradactyl for Christmas. Your friend, Edna Luna

Dear Santa, I want my size Barbie. I love you! Love, Amber Friesen

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Mouse trap game and a playhouse for Christmas. Your friend, Cody Mayes

Dear Santa, I love you because you bring me toys. Could you bring toys for my brothers. I love my mom and dad. Love, Ernesto Mendoza

Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Mega-Zoid and a bike and a piano for Christmas. Your friend, Ryan Crump

Dear Santa, I want a Bubble Barbie that flies and makes bubbles. I want a magical bear that spits out candy. Love, Lauren Hise

Dear Santa, I would like some new bike tires and some yellow gloves. I have been a good boy. Love, Saul Delgado

Dear Santa, I want a Mickey mouse light-up watch, new Michael Jordan shoes, a REAL monkey, Just leave him in the back yard. A remote car would be fun. Love, Zachary Ramos

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, a baby, and a Barbie horse. I have been a very good girl. Love, Flor Lara

Dear Santa, I want a flower doll, a tumbling Jenny doll, and that Barbie that flies with wings, (you know about it Santa.) I have been good. I really LIKE Santa! Love, Katie Winn P.S. You are my BEST FRIEND. I will leave a chocolate cookies on the table. You Better eat it. Drink the milk too.

Dear Santa, I want a jeep with seat belts, and a phone that talks to you. It also comes with binoculars. I also want a pair of Power Ranger boots. Thank you for the toys. Love, John Tyson

Dear Santa, I want a nintendo, King Gong and a remote van. That's it! Love, Jacob Garza

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Power Ranger bird, a Power Ranger robot, a Power Ranger book, a remote control car, and a skateboard. I have been good. Love, Matthew Jimenez

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## PISD Bulletin

Dec. 17 - 22, 1995

Sunday, Dec. 17th, Christmas Band Concert, Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

Monday: Basketball, Sundown, 7th; 8th girls, there, 5 p.m.

Thursday: Elementary Christmas Parties

School Dismissed for the Christmas Holiday on Friday, Dec. 22nd at 11:00 a.m. December 28th - 30th: Sundown Basketball tournament. V Girls/Boys

## PISD Menu

Dec. 17 - 22, 1995

### Monday

Breakfast: cereal, toast, grape juice, milk  
Lunch: frito pie, corn, baked beans, crackers, peaches, milk

### Tuesday

Breakfast: donuts, toast, apple juice, milk  
Lunch: turkey & dressing w/ gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, hot rolls, fruit salad, milk

### Wednesday

Breakfast: biscuit & sausage w/ gravy, orange juice, milk  
Lunch: all american cheeseburger, french fries w/ catsup, mixed fruit, oatmeal & raisin cookies, milk

### Thursday

Breakfast: waffles w/syrup, fruit punch, milk  
Lunch: Santa's grab & go lunch (Corndog, Kosher spear, chips, apple, milk)

### Friday

Breakfast: cereal, toast, pineapple juice, milk

## Band Members

### Achieve Honors

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Five Plains Cowboy Band Members tried out for the Association of Texas Small School Bands in Brownfield. All five students made the All-Region ATSSB Band which will perform in Sundown in January. Those making the band are Jason Robertson-Bass Trombone (1st chair), Brad Seaton-Mallets (3rd chair), Alberto Tarango-Baritone (3rd chair), Matt Morgan-Trumpet (1st chair), and Tony Lazos-Trumpet (8th chair). Three of the students will advance to the area level for All-State Band. They will audition at Sundown, January 6. Those advancing are Jason Robertson, Brad Seaton, and Matt Morgan.

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## Area 'Jerky' Idea Is Off And Running Well

Denver City residents Joe and Linda Kay had a "jerky" idea some time in January of 1994. Linda happened on an announcement in the Lubbock A-J about an upcoming seminar there on opportunities in international trade. With the recently passed NAFTA and GATT treaties in place, they reasoned there might be an business opportunity in foreign trade if they could find a product or service to offer. Their initial thinking was, "Let's think about Japan... it's a nation which likes beef, and they have money to spend, they seem to like Texas theme ideas and products... how about Texas beef jerky?" Ironically, the first 'jerky' in the western world, as far as we can determine, was made by the Great Plains Native American tribes prior to the arrival of whites. The sun drying of strips of Bison (buffalo) meat was an important source of stored food for the people. Both Joe and Linda trace their roots to Indian tribes, Joe the Cherokee, Linda the Chickasaw and Comanche nations.

They originally planned to start a small operation making and distributing beef jerky. Joe said they quickly learned it would be impossible to do both, because of their other business interests. They simply did not have time for both phases of the business. With help from the Texas Department of Agriculture, they found a source in Lubbock who agreed to process the jerky, and the Kay's would take care of marketing the product.

Joe wryly admits the early days were a learning experience. "We found it would require inspection and approval of the US Dept. of Agriculture to ship the jerky out of state. Even our trade name, 'Texas Lean', couldn't be approved until USDA ok'd our nutritional information label, which took almost three months."

Finally, with help from the TDA, they secured a booth for promoting their product at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Joe manned the booth for the three week duration of the fair, handing out samples and literature on 'Texas Lean'.

"That really helped us develop a mailing list of prospective customers. We also started advertising in Texas Monthly magazine, another source for customers

and prospects. We began to create a market and more importantly, a future market."

Later, with help from the Industrial Development Foundation, the couple were able to attend the Food Marketing Institute show in Chicago. The third largest food trade show in the world gave them an opportunity to showcase their product for foreign customers, with some 6,000 buyers registered for the event. This led to establishing sales leads in Taiwan, Germany, Japan, Canada, Argentina, the United Kingdom, and other nations. Joe reported one request from a prospect in Canada for a huge multi-thousand pound order for their product. He had to turn the request down, because he could not guarantee the timely delivery and maintain the quality of the product at the same time.

Chickasaw Trading Company has approval from the United States Navy Department to furnish their product to US naval vessels and bases. They have made sales to the Naval base in Norfolk, Virginia, and several ships including The USS Hewlett and Blue Ridge. They expect approval to be announced soon for marketing their jerky in Army-Air Force Exchange Service facilities.

Their jerky, processed in Lubbock by a business associate, starts out as round steak from Independent Beef Producers, Inc. It is hand sliced, marinated 24

hours, then slow hickory smoked 8 to 10 hours. It is then cut into 1/2 ounce sticks, or bite size chips, then vacuum sealed in plastic packs. It has an extremely long storage life if kept at room temperature or refrigerated.

Joe reported, "something strange about this venture is our business background. We have for years been accustomed to dealing with maybe 60 to 100 customers at any given time. Now, we are realizing we have potential buyers, customers out there throughout the entire world. We know we can't jump out and expand fast enough to sell all of them. Our present goal is to sell about 1000 pounds of 'Texas Lean' a month, and slowly expand the market, but maintain our quality."

The Kay's are advertising their product in several other sources now, and report inquiries continue to come in. One thing is for sure; Foreign demand for products bearing the name 'Texas' continues to be a definite plus for the vendor.

Joe and Linda came to Denver City in 1968 from Wewoka, Oklahoma, where he had been employed by an electrical contracting firm. Shortly after, he and now deceased Bill Papal formed ZATS Automation, a contracting firm specializing in oil field electrical work. In 1973, they formed Kay & Kompany Electric, another electrical firm specializing in oil field, commercial and industrial electrical work. They operate from the Denver City home base, and have a facility in Andrews also.

Linda has an impressive Native American and Western Art theme shop in their home office in Denver City. Their entrepreneurial Jerky product, and the art shop, are equally impressive.

## FSA Election Held

Yoakum County Farm Service Agency held their County Committee Election on December 6, 1995. Final election results found Tommy Box elected to a 3 year term, Rex Swann a two year term, and Edith Tuggle a one year term. Bruce Lester and Jerry Parrish will serve as alternates to the County Committee. Congratulations go out to each candidate.



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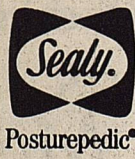
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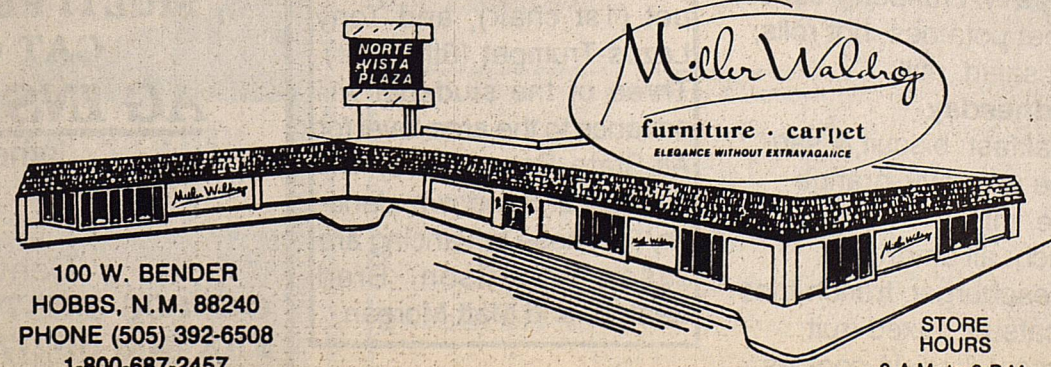


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# Femme Friends Page

## ALLTEL To Establish New Bill Payment Location

ALLTEL announced today that the Company will establish a new location for customer bill payments in Plains, effective December 15, 1995.

Brenda Bowker, manager-customer services for ALLTEL's Texas telephone operations, said that the Company has contracted with Western Union to accept ALLTEL telephone bill payments at selected Western Union wire service locations.

The Western Union location in Plains is Pay-N-Save Foods, located at Brownfield Highway. Bill payments are accepted Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In conjunction with the introduction of this service, Plains State Bank, located at 601 9th Street, will no longer accept ALLTEL bill payments after December 15, 1995.

"This change in payment location will greatly benefit customers," said Bowker. "With Western

Union's electronic transfer, payments made before 4 p.m. will be credited to customer's accounts the very next day."

Bowker reminds customers that they may also pay by using the envelope provided with their monthly telephone bill, or they may arrange for Tel-Pay, ALLTEL's banking drafting service. With Tel-Pay, the payment is automatically deducted from a customer's checking account on a set day each month. Customers may arrange for Tel-Pay by contacting an ALLTEL customer service representative at 1-800-452-5354.

ALLTEL has approximately 73,778 access lines in the state of Texas and is a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLTEL Corporation, which serves 1.6 million customers in 20 states. ALLTEL has subsidiaries or investments in companies that provide cellular telephone service, information services, communications products, and other related services.

## St. Mary Hospital's "Breakfast With Santa"

LUBBOCK: St. Mary Hospital's Kids Club will host the tenth annual "Breakfast With Santa," Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Hospital's sixth-floor Arnett Room (4000 24th Street).

The morning's activities will begin with a 15-minute ballet program performed by Ballet Lubbock's 1995 cast of "The Nutcracker." Magician Monte Holder will follow with his performance of the "Magic of Montgomery."

Included in the program is storyteller Janice Gray who will narrate a special Christmas story and introduce the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves. Students from Christ the King School will play Santa's elves.

Kids Club mascot, Kristen, and clowns from McDonald's also will entertain the children.

Cost for the event is \$5 and includes breakfast. Every child must be accompanied by an adult. Because of the usual success of the event, reservations must be made.

For more information on "Breakfast With Santa" contact Women and Children's Center Coordinator Leslie Ince at (806) 796-6667.

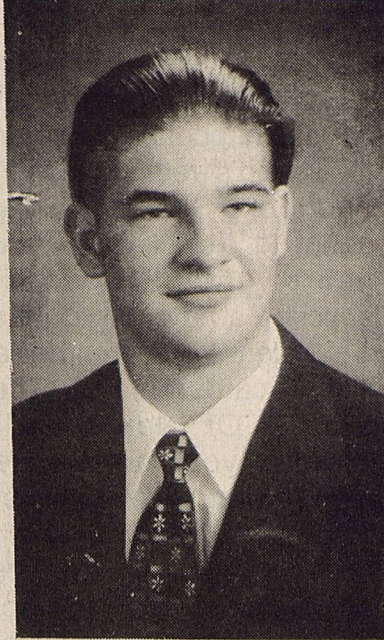
## Library Film Time

Eighteen children attended Film Time at the Library on December 6, 1995. They said their Pledge of Allegiance, sang songs, played games, watched a movie and heard a book read.

Children attending were: Kevin John Gass, Brett Hawthorne, Katelynn Young, Lydia Whitzel, Holden Welch, Haley Welch, Jasmine Mares, Rhaela Stall, Hannah Crump, Isaac Doyle, Troy Parrish, Taylor Banfield, Jasmine Whitzel, Hunter Welch, Kelsey Curry, Alfredo Martinez, Rhaemi Stall, and Merrit Crump.

The Film Time Christmas Party will be December 20th at a special time, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

## Navy Enlistee



Rory Brantley, son of Richard and Lea Brantley of Midland, TX recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's JOBS program.

He enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill., in July 1996 for active

duty, where he will undergo basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, he will begin eight weeks of schooling at Millington, Tenn., in the JOBS field. It supports upward mobility for Navy people who can acquire technical skills and education through the JOBS program in one of five fields: engineering, operations, administration, electronics, and aviation. After successfully completing school, he could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

Brantley is a senior at Lee High School. Grandparents from Plains are; Buddy & Janelle Brantley. Great Grand Mother is Mrs. A. G. Brantley. He is also the grandson of Dorothy Looney of Bovina and Howard Looney of Clovis, N.M. Great grandson of Mrs. Reagan Looney of Bovina.

## Santa's Coming!

Santa Claus will visit the Library at Film Time Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 1 PM!

All Pre-school youngsters are invited to visit Santa. Please bring canned food for our needy citizens!

## Band Christmas Concert

The Band Christmas Concert will be Sunday December 17 at 3:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. All Four Bands will be performing. The 5th Grade will start things off, followed by the 6th Grade, then the 7th Grade and the Plains Cowboy Band will perform last.



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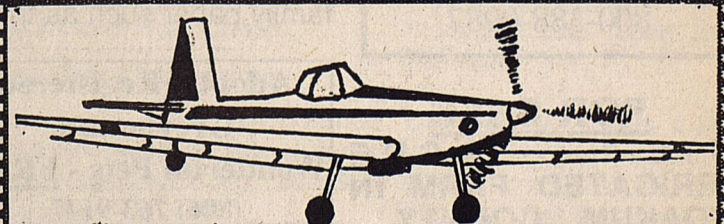
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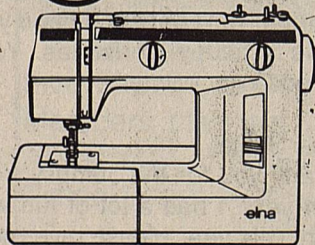
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# From The Hack



Do Not talk Dallas Cowboy football to me. Please. I do not wish to discuss anything about the travesty of a game I watched this Sunday past. Don't try to goad me into telling you exactly how stupid I considered the Dallas coaching staff was in going for a first down with a 17-17 deadlocked score and less than three minutes to go in the game from their own 28. And I #@!~^\*#+\*!# sure will not be coaxed into discussing the insanity of attempting the identical, incredible same play after the first was negated by a clock error. And no, I refuse to compare those two coaching calls to something you might find a bus boy volunteer coach of a Pee Wee League team guilty of. I just don't want to get into that miserable discussion at all, thank you.

Lord, if for some mysterious, unfathomable reason you happen to read this, please, please, do something to prove me wrong in thinking Dallas is about the third best team playing now. PLEASE!  
Boy, I'm proud I controlled my emotions and didn't get caught up thinking about that game again.

If you happened to listen to 'Big Ed's' radio station in Lubbock Saturday AM about 11 o'clock or so, you heard the announcer describe a novel Christmas Card idea. You can order a box of cards entitled "The Stench Of New York". Seems you order the assortment, the receiver then scratches off a patch on the card, and receives an over powering whiff of (a) the scummy east river loading section, (b) the smell of a subway at 6pm on a normal workday, (c) an abandoned mattress abandoned dogs have used for several months, (d) the odor of the Fulton Street Fish Market at 3:30 am, or, (e) the exotic aroma of an abandoned Salvation Army camp for lost soul alcho-holics and drug addicts.

It seems the entrepreneur lady who thought this brilliant idea up was completely disenchanted with the City, figured she could mail the cards to prospective visitors, and reap a fortune from travel agencies willing to buy her off. Sure seems reasonable enough to me

I called on New-Tex Gin last week, hoping possibly to make it a commercial call, leading to a lucrative Advertisement. I was quickly detoured from this venture when B.G. Craft cornered me and began his ritual of passing on jokes. He reported a conversation with a guy mild of manner, not prone to call a spade a spade when talking of others. He described to Craft a guy he knew as "One who had never ever lost a game of Solitaire". The same character reported he once congratulated a man he was conversing with by saying " You are truly a conservative and very economical when reporting the facts and truth". Now why couldn't I have thought of those brilliant put downs? Mr. Craft also related a few more amusing stories, none of them, unfortunately fit to print in a wholesome family paper such as this.

## New Alltel Employee On Job Here

Texas ALLTEL, Inc., announced last week the transfer to Plains of Johnnie Musick, a veteran Installation and Repair Technician. He will fill the vacancy resulting from the passing of long time company employee Buster Kennedy.

Robert Williams, ALLTEL spokesman, said the company is particularly pleased they could transfer Musick to Plains from their facility in Sugar Land.

"Johnnie brings 24 four years of good experience, good work ethics, and good reputation to our Plains and Higginbotham area. He is an asset which will help us to improve service, and enhance the Company's ongoing strive for communication excellence for the area customers".

This is in a way a minor homecoming for Musick. A 1965 graduate of Brownfield High School in 1965, he was employed here from 1969 to 1971, working for Pierre St Romain and them Romain Telephone Company.

Musick said, "One of the reasons I accepted the transfer was my desire to

return to the West Texas area for it's climate. Also, my 85 year old mother who lives in Brownfield is in very poor health, and I wanted to be near her for the time she has left with us".

Musick, already on the job, is presently commuting from Brownfield, but plans to eventually to move here.



Johnnie Musick

### Cont'd from pg. 3, 'Santa Letters'

**Mrs. C. Davis 1st Grade**

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie radio Love ShaLisa

Dear Santa, please bring me sum toys. Love Scott

Dir Senta I want a bic. Lav. Crystal

Deer santa please bring me a dol thabk you Mikayla

Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like a Baby Sip and Slurp and a Barbie Playhouse I have been good merry Christmas Kimberly Gonzalez

Pleas bring me som ice Skatses thank you Santa Erika

Dar Santa I wat a saga CD. Luv Chris

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Santa? It has not been cold here. Could you please bring me a toy. I would like a walkman would be okay. Adriana Ponce

Dear Santa I want a motrs sikabik. luv C.J.

Deer Santa Pleas bring me som Skats ne pads elbo pads. Cosco Aileen

**Mrs. Morris 1st Grade;**

Dear Santa, Please bring me a batmobile. Your freind, Justin

Dear Santa Claus.,Thank you for coming to my house last year! Thanks for bringing me a barbie and a doll. I love my barbie and doll. I love you, Santa. I want a bike this year. Have a wonderful Christmas. I will have a wonderful Christmas too. Your friend, Lisa Neufeld

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Princess Wishing Star. Thank you for the talking doll you gave me last year. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Nicole Culwell

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys you brought me last year, I want a My Size Barbie because they are my size. I hope Mr and Mrs Claus have a merry Christmas! Your friend, Desiraye Broome

Dear Santa, I hope you are having a good happy Christmas holiday! Please bring me a calculator and a computer. I am learning a bunch in school. Please bring a sky dancer for my sisters. Jose Villegas. PS-Happy New Year!

Dear Santa, I just want some toys to play with. I'd like cars and airplanes please. Bring Marcy a Barbie too. I hope you are veru happy this year. Your friend, Fernando Carrillo

Dear Santa, I know one of your reindeer. He has a very shiny nose. I have the movie of Rudolph the Red nosed reindeer. A new trampoline. It has special place to put my shoes so my dad won't get em. I hope you have a happy Christmas. Your friend Colby Wilmeth

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Jumpsy from last year. I had a lot of fun with her. This year please give me a radio with earphones. I hope you and Mrs. Claus will have a happy holiday. Your friend, Araceli Mendoza.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my doll house last year. I hope you bring me a sky dancer. It is a doll that goes up high. I hope you and Mrs Claus have a merry Christmas. Your friend, Callie Howell.

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing me a doll tha cried 'mama' when I took her pacifier away. Please for this year I want only one Barbie that skates for this year. I hope you have a happy holiday. Yor 'friend, Angelica

Dear Santa, Thank you for coming to my house last year! That year I wanted a calculator and a Christmas tree. I know one of your reindeer. It is Rudolph. Your friend Chase.

Dear Santa, Thank you for coming to my house last year. Please bring me some roller blades this year. I hope you and Mrs Clause have a happy merry Christmas. Stetson Colt Sellers.

**Mrs. Ramos 1st Grade;**  
Dear Santa, How are you. I have been a very good boy. For Christmas I would like to get pads, Dallas jersey. Love, Challie Johnson.

Dear Santa, I have been a very girl. For Christmas I would like to getroller blades and hockey stck. Love, Alice Curtis.

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to get a Jack in the box, pocahantas movie. Love, Jose Luis Gallegos.

Dear Santa, Is it snowing at the North Pole? I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to get football and Dallas jersey. Love, D.J. Robertson.

Dear Santae, Do your reindeer still live with you? I have been a good boy this year. I would like to get a computer an Nintendo. Love, Dennis Penner.

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to get a Pocahantas Barbie. Love, Kimberly Jackson.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to get roller blades Dallas jersey. love, Meghan Garcia.

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a panio and a pocahantas barbie. Love, Kristena Unger.

Dear Santa, Is it snowing at the northpole? I have been a very good boy. For Christmas I would like a football. Love, Rudy Gonzales.

Dear Santa, How are you. I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to get druns and a football. Love, Landon Craft.

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to get 4 wheeler and hockey stick. Love, Justin Vasquez.

Dear Santa, How are you. I have a very good this year. For Christmas I would like to get Pocahns Bay watch Barbie. Love, Cruselba Luna.

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to get roller blades and Pocalantas barbie. Love, Lupita Quintana.



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# The Miracle Of Christmas



The First United Methodist Church presented its annual program celebrating the birth of Christ and Christmas season last Sunday night. The inspirational program, directed by Brenda Canada, led the audience thru both Old Testament and New Testament passages of the Bible predicting and

program, Church youth carried candle lighters throughout the audience, and lit each persons individual candle. The impressive finale, in the darkened sanctuary, featured the entire congregation joining in singing two verses of SILENT NIGHT while filing out with the lighted candles.

Following is a listing of the many who volunteered to participate in the meaningful program;

announcing the birth of the Christ Child.

The program featured readings from scripture, seasonal Hymns, solo musical arrangements, and participation of a cast ranging in age from the first grade to senior citizens.

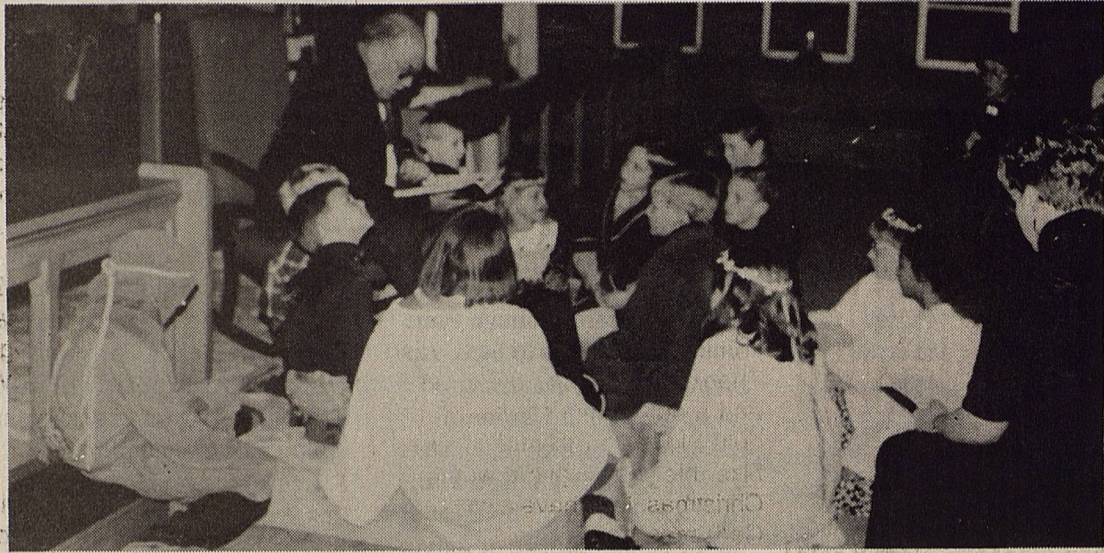
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Narrating and reading in the program were Aaron Cain, Tanner Hamm, Derek Brunson, Dustin Brunson, Tommy McNabb, Marte Pierce, Clint Burrus, Shawn Cullins, Lensey Cullins, Bud Forbus, Sarah K. Burrus, Velvet Canada, and Nichole Newsom.

Mary Wilmeth played Mary, Nolan Newsom was Joseph, Mandy Rogers and

Becky Wilmeth were Angels, Ross Rogers, Grady McNabb and Colby Wilmeth were the three wise men, Lyndi and Lesli Rowe were solo singers, and the childrens choir was composed of Forest Booth, Isaac Doyle, Kevin Gass, Danielle Guetersloh, Breck Hamm, Matt McKinzie, Evan Cain Nolan Newsom, Andrew Duran, Chase Guetersloh, Rodney Guetersloh, M'Leah McKinzie, Grady McNabb, and April Wilmeth.

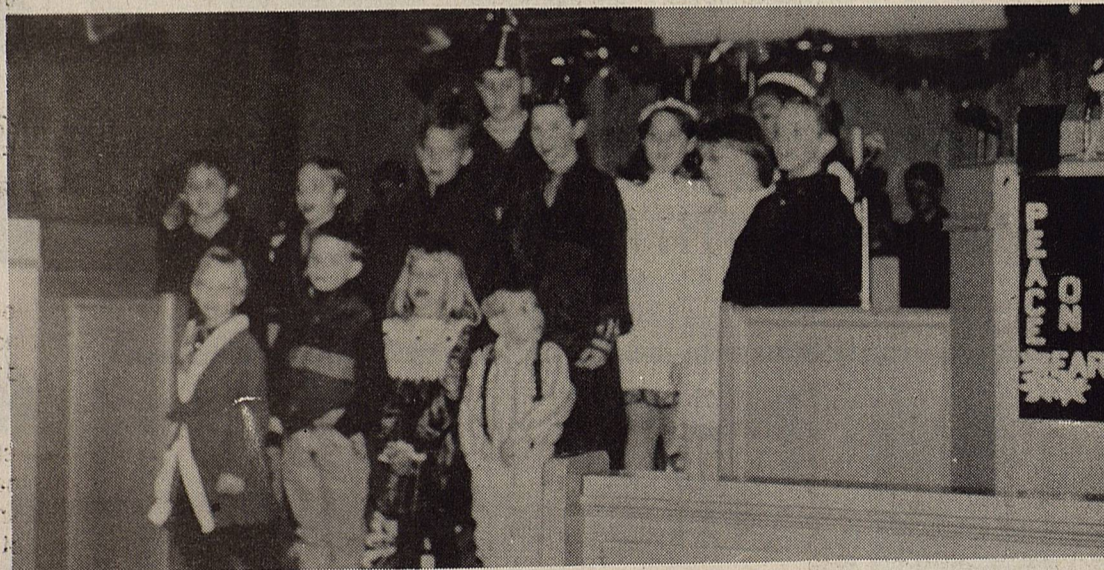
The Choir was directed by Sandra Ellison and featured Johnnie Fitzgerald, Bill Rowe, Melba Fitzgerald, Rick Doyle, Ruth Taylor, Holly Dyer, Brenda Canada, and Jet Wilmeth. Dianne Brunson was pianist, L.J. Sanders handled the sound. Ms. Canada was assisted by Lee Ann Lewis, Sarah K. Burrus Pat McNabb, Gay Wilmeth, and B.J. Doyle.



Bud Forbus reads the Christmas Story



An amused and curious Joseph and Mary



The Children's Choir

## Hospice Dove Tree Lighting

Hospice Volunteers attended the ceremonial lighting of the 'Dove Christmas Tree' last week. White doves decorating the tree may be purchased in memory of friends and loved ones. Rick Doyle acted as Emcee of the event, and an 8th grade girls choral group led by Cynthia Blair entertained with Christmas songs.



Back L-R: Rick Doyle, Teresa Hemphill, Donna Givens, Jena Bostick. Front L-R: Jimmie Woodard, Judy Thomas, Dene Richardson, Amy Horn



Back L-R: Leticia Canon, Cynthia Blair, Yesenia Luna, Maria Gonzales. Front L-R: Beth Perry, Velvet Canada, Laura Martinez, Erica Dominguez

### Keeping an eye on Texas

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**Pro Football Hall of Fame**

<p><b>Dallas Cowboys</b> Tex Schramm, president, 1960-89 Tom Landry, head coach, 1960-88 Raymond Berry, coach, 1973-75 Mike Ditka, tight end, 1969-72 coach, 1973-81 Sid Gillman, coach, 1972 Ernie Stautner, coach, 1966-88 Herb Adderley, cornerback, 1970-72 Lance Alworth, wide receiver, 1971-72 Tony Dorsett, running back, 1977-87 Forrest Gregg, tackle/guard, 1971 Bob Lilly, defensive tackle, 1961-74 Jackie Smith, tight end, 1978 Roger Staubach, quarterback, 1969-79</p>	<p><b>Houston Oilers</b> Sammy Baugh, head coach, 1964 coach, 1965 Sid Gillman, head coach, 1973-74 Ken Houston, safety, 1967-69, 70-72 coach, 1982-85 George Blanda, quarterback, 1960-66 Earl Campbell, running back, 1978-84 John Henry Johnson, fullback, 1966</p>	<p><b>Dallas Texans</b> Lamar Hunt, owner, 1960-62 Len Dawson, quarterback, 1962 Art Donovan, defensive tackle, 1952 Gino Marchetti, defensive end, 1952</p>
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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Downtown Athletic Club and Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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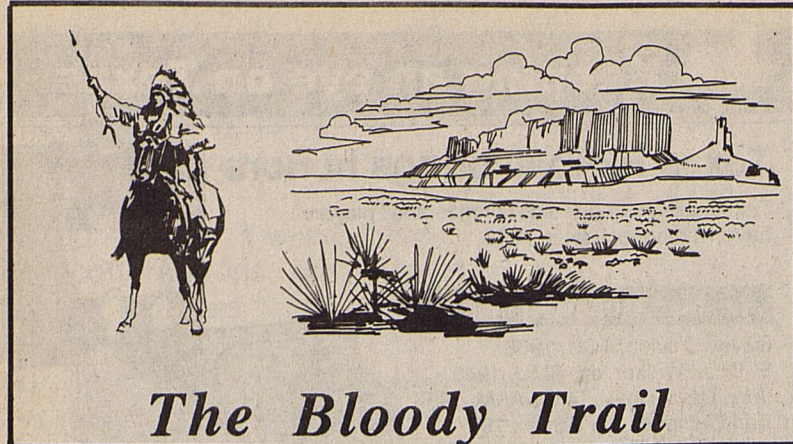
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## The Bloody Trail

The history of Texas from 1835 to 1881 is stained with the blood of citizens attacked by Indians, the fiercest of the many tribes the Comanches, who roamed the Llano Estacado following the huge southern buffalo herd, raiding south and east against farm and ranch settlers. In the mid 1850's, the attacks became so numerous and fierce the settlement line in West Central Texas actually retreated over 100 miles. Despairing of receiving Federal help in fighting the Indians, Governor Hardin Runnels in 1858 appointed John S. (Rip) Ford as Senior Captain and supreme commander of all Texas forces to wage war on the Comanches.

"On April 22, 1858, Ford left Camp Runnels on the Brazos river with 102 Rangers and 100 Indians he had recruited from reservations.

"Indian spies rode far ahead and located Comanches north of the Red River, beyond the Texas border, but as an observer said, Ford was after Indians, not out to learn geography.

"On May 11, Ford reconnoitered a large Comanche camp. He moved swiftly, quietly, without fires, bugles, shouted orders and similar nonsense of the federal army. Like many old Rangers, Ford could out-ride, out-trail, out-sneak, and above all, out-think any Indian.

"The Comanches came out in magnificent, savage array, resplendent in feather and horn headdress, iron lance points glittering in the morning sun, faces painted black for war. Ford estimated he faced 300 braves that day.

"Across from the Indians stood a band of bearded, sweat-stained riders in old clothes, calm, spitting tobacco juice, among them their screeching Indian allies. They cocked their rifles and watched Rip Ford, cold as new ice.

"At the head of the Comanches rode Iron Jacket, named for the old Spanish armor he wore, lost on the Plains centuries before, glittering in overlapping plates of steel. He rode out and challenged to commence the combat.

"Spanish armor would turn arrows but not a Sharps rifle ball. Several Ranger guns crashed, and Iron Jacket and his horse collapsed. Then Ford knew it was time to go among them. He charged, and the battle broke into a shrieking, shooting, galloping series of small combats covering six miles.

"Ford broke two Comanche charges, fighting until 2 o'clock. At the end, the Ranger horses were staggering, and could pursue no more. In running fights lasting about seven hours, the Rangers killed 76 Indians, captured 300 horses, 18 women and children. Their own losses were minimal; two Rangers died"

For 23 more years, The Rangers, US Army Troops, settlers and cowmen would continue to battle Comanches and other Plains Indian tribes. In 1874, Col. Ranald Mackenzie made his great raid on Comanches camped in Palo Duro canyon, and while most of the Indians escaped, a great store of their supplies was destroyed, along with 1,400 horses. Mackenzie ordered the horses shot. Afoot on the great Plains, without provisions and no way to hunt, the back of the Comanches was broken. Still, small bands of that tribe and remnants of Apache and Lipan Apaches continued to raid, pillage and kill in the state.

A small group of Apaches, fleeing Mexico after their Chief Victoria was killed, crossed the Rio Grande, and killed two Americans near Ft. Quitman. Rangers Baylor and Nevill trailed the 12 warriors, four women and four children to the Diablo Mountains, just north of present day Van Horn.

"The rangers came down on the camp. The Indians were afoot; they had eaten some of their horses, and the rest had been worn out. With the cold light of that January 29, 1881 day, the Rangers opened fire. When the shooting died down, four warriors, two squaws and two children were dead; Most of those who crawled away had bullets in them.

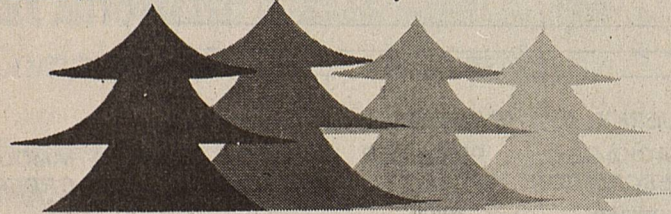
"The last settler had been killed by Indians in Texas. In the rare chill air and stark shadows of the Diablos at this daybreak, Texas Rangers had killed their last Indian. The frontier was closed. Texans at last stood masters on their chosen soil."

(Ed. Note: The quoted excerpts in this article are from T.R. Fehrenbach's definitive book on Texas History, "Lone Star".

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Christmas grows on Texas tree farms

Texas has 350 commercial Christmas tree farms, with 3,370 acres, primarily in northeast Texas, producing 400,000 trees annually. As they grow, each acre of Christmas trees provides oxygen for 18 people and a natural habitat for wildlife. Last year, Texas Christmas tree growers contributed \$20 million to the Texas economy.



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## Lions Club Meeting

The Plains Lions Club held their twice monthly meeting Thursday, December 7, with 14 members present.

The featured speaker on the program was Jimmy Tercero, South Plains Public Health District Sanitarian representing Gaines and Yoakum Counties. He outlined many of the functions of the community health organization and programs offered to the public. One of the lesser known roles the organization plays is administering flu shots to residents free of charge each October at their Denver City office.

Tercero also spoke of the ongoing problem of rabies carrying animals, both domestic and wild animals in the South Plains area, and the perils the disease pose for residents.

Members attending the meeting included Debbie Rushing, Melvin Dearing, Johnnie Fitzgerald, David Brunson, T.J. Miller, Harry Richardson, Jack Cobb, Pete St. Romain, Allen Bell, Sherm Tingle, Jerry Morphus, Rick Doyle, Milton Bayer and David Bunch.

Attending guests included Judy Head, Holly Dyer and Joe Cobb. Guests from the South Plains Public Health in Lubbock were Bob Noble, Charles Kennedy, Hayes McMurtry, and James Parks.

Lion President Rick Doyle encourages any local resident, male or female, to join the service organization.

## Texas Grain Sorghum Board Election

Texas grain sorghum producers recently elected five producers to seats on the 15-member Texas Grain Sorghum Board. The board administers the funds collected in the statewide assessment on grain sorghum. Under the assessment program, the state is divided, according to sorghum production, into five districts.

Sorghum producers elected Kevin Neihues of Eola to represent the West Texas district, A.J. Kresta of El Campo to represent the Coastal district and Chris Cogburn of Happy to represent the Panhandle district. Alton Norman of Howe and Levi Heath of San Benito were reelected to represent the Central and Valley districts. Each director will serve on the Texas board for six years.

Under state law, grain sorghum grown in Texas is subject to an assessment of .01 cent per hundred weight. The funds generated by the assessment are used for research, education and promotion of Texas grain sorghum.

NEWS FROM

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## GIVE THE GIFT OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION WITH THE TEXAS TOMORROW FUND

If you're still looking for that perfect gift idea to slip into a stocking or place under the tree, why not consider a college education?

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The phone call is free, but the gift of education may be priceless.

During the past decade, the average cost of tuition at a public college or university in Texas has climbed by nearly 8 percent each year. That means that a child born today will be paying well over four times as much for a college education when he or she reaches the age of 18—more than twice the rate of increase in an average family's income and a lot higher than the interest rates paid on most savings accounts, certificates of deposit or other insured investments.

That's why I created the *Texas Tomorrow Fund*: to help families make sure that they're ready for college when their kids are. By covering the costs of college beforehand, Texans will no longer have to worry about keeping up with inflation. Every penny of tuition and required fees will be paid in full at the price locked in by the contact—no matter how high they skyrocket between now and the time junior heads out

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This pay-now, learn-later plan is both flexible and affordable. Parents and grandparents, friends, businesses or almost anyone else may prepay in-state tuition and required fees (those charged to all students as a condition of enrollment) for one, two, three or four years of credit at any public or private community college or university in Texas. Payment may be made in one lump sum or in monthly installments.

No one has to name a specific school when they sign up, although the law requires them to select from among four available plans. We all know that life is unpredictable, so if a student decides to enroll in a different type of school, the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* will simply apply the money to the equivalent number of credit hours at a school under the new plan.

The four plans offered are:

•The **Junior College Plan**, which pays for up to 64 credit hours of tuition and required fees at any public junior of community college in the state;

•The **Senior College Plan**, for up to 120 credit hours at any public senior college or university in the state;

•The **Junior-Senior College Plan**, for as many as 64 credit hours at any public or community college, plus up to 60 credit hours at any public senior college or university—for a total of 124 credit hours; and

•The **Private College Plan**, pays the *average* cost of tuition and required fees at any of the state's private colleges and universities for up to 120 credit hours.

Refunds may be provided if a child decides not to go to college, opts to attend an out-of-state school, dies or becomes disabled, or receives a scholarship for tuition. There is a one-time application fee of \$50 due at the time a prepaid tuition contract is submitted.

Beginning January 2, 1996, information packets will be available at all local Comptroller field offices and at participating banks, or by calling my special 1-800-445-GRAD hotline.

And while you're at it, why not call and ask for a "stocking-stuffer certificate" to be mailed to you in time for Christmas Day? This certificate will make it possible for you to wish your children or grandchildren "Happy Holidays!"—not just this year but every year.

John Sharp is the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. He first proposed the Texas Tomorrow Fund in his 1994 Gaining Ground report. The fund is overseen by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, made up of five members appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker. Sharp serves as chairman.

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