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PHS Senior Serves As House Page

Jeremy Dearing, son of Melvin and Dawn Dearing, was chosen recently by District 80 State Representative Gary Walker to serve two days as a Page in the State Legislature.

Walker flew the high school senior to Austin in his own plane.

The first day, Jeremy served as Walker's official Page during a House session, and the following day was a Page for State Senator Teel Bivins in a Senate session. The two days experience found him delivering messages and documents throughout the capitol. He was able to visit areas of the capitol everyday visitors do not see, and saw both bodies of the legislature in action.

Jeremy was very impressed by the experience, and found watching future laws being discussed and voted on exciting. He was



Gary Walker & Jeremy Dearing

surprised at the amount of time and effort the legislators serve in various committee meetings. He expressed his gratitude to Representative Walker for the opportunity to make the educational trip, and to Senator Bivins.

Jeremy will be back in Austin several times in

coming weeks. On April 22, as Drum Major of the Cowboy Marching Band, he will revisit the capitol in rededication ceremonies, and in May, will compete in the State Band Contest, as a contestant in solo Saxophone, and may even return to Austin for the State Track Meet

Cocaine Deliverer Sentenced

In cause #1674, 121st District Court, Rick Garcia, 21, represented by Attorney Warren New, pled guilty to a charge of delivering a controlled substance, cocaine. Attorney for the state was Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

The defendant was placed on community supervision five years, ordered to pay DPS lab fees of \$140, fined \$1000, ordered to pay appointed Attorney fees of \$300 in monthly installments of \$28, Court costs of \$179.50 within 90 days, and a Community Supervision fee of \$40 each month.

The defendant is to participate in programs for drug abuse as directed by supervision officer and submit to urinalysis once each month.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET PLANS FINALIZED

The 10th annual Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The agenda for the event will closely follow last years, with Chamber President David Brunson acting as Master of Ceremonies. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Invocation, Brunson will introduce special guests, and the Guest Speaker. Following his presentation, Brunson will deliver special recognition and remarks, followed by the annual presentation of the Citizen of the Year award.

Numerous door prizes will be drawn for throughout the evening. The Chamber will furnish the main course meat, and drinks. You are asked to bring a covered dish of your choice, which will be your ticket to the banquet.

Guest Speaker for the annual event will be Jimmy M. Ross, of Quitaque, Tx. Ross is a well known public speaker throughout West Texas.

He attended West Texas State University and the University of Arizona, and served as President of the Kappa Alpha Order at both schools. He is currently a farmer and rancher, and has interests in the oil industry. He recently retired as County Judge of Motley County. He has a background in public relations, and has served on the staff of the Texas Governors office.

Ross, a long time Lions Club member, has served the organization as Club President, Zone Chairman twice, Texas Lion State Secretary, State Long Range Planning member, and Chairman of the State Membership and Extension Service.

Among other honors and achievements, he has served as Director of a Water Control and Improvement District, Motley County Democratic Chairman, Board member, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, member of District Juvenile Probation Board, County Salvation Army Chairman, Chamber of Commerce Director and past Man of the Year, and was selected to be among Outstanding Young Men of America by the U.S. Jaycees.

In his guest speaker role, Ross will deliver an informative as well as humorous talk.

You are urged to attend this annual event, and are invited to join the Chamber of Commerce. Dues are \$5 per month for a business, and only \$1 for individual memberships.

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- School Trustee - 2 Places
- Sandy Land Directors - 3 Places
- City Council - 3 PLACES

Homestead Exemptions Reduce Taxes

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bill in 1995 by taking advantage of exemptions. Application forms are available at the Yoakum County Appraisal District office.

Chief Appraiser, Saundra Stephens, informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to file a one-time application for home exemptions. These exemptions reduce the appraised value of the home.

Property owners who have never received exemptions on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 1995, and those who became 65 or disabled during 1994, must apply this year to receive exemptions for 1995. Homeowners must file signed, completed applications at the appraisal office by May 1.

A homeowners's principal residence and yard are considered the residence

homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and improvements (buildings), such as a swimming pool, greenhouse or other structure, as long as the owner uses them for residential purposes.

Stephens said that a property must meet four tests set by law to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1; the property must be designed or adapted for human residence; the owner must use the property as a residence; and the property must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for the exemption.

A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for the exemption if it meets the four tests.

"A property owner can still qualify for the home-

stead exemption if part of the residence is rented out or used for other purposes," Stephens said. "And the home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily, so long as he or she intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead exemption elsewhere."

Texas law provides several types of exemptions for homeowners. For school tax purposes, there is a \$5,000 general homestead exemption for all homeowners and an additional \$10,000 exemption for those 65 or older or disabled.

The school tax exemption for those 65 or older provides special property

tax "ceiling" for school taxes. While the market value of an elderly person's home may fluctuate with the market, the school taxes cannot increase above the tax amount in the first year that person qualified for the exemption.

The ceiling can increase, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When that happens, the new improvement is taxed at its current market value and the current tax rates. The new taxes are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

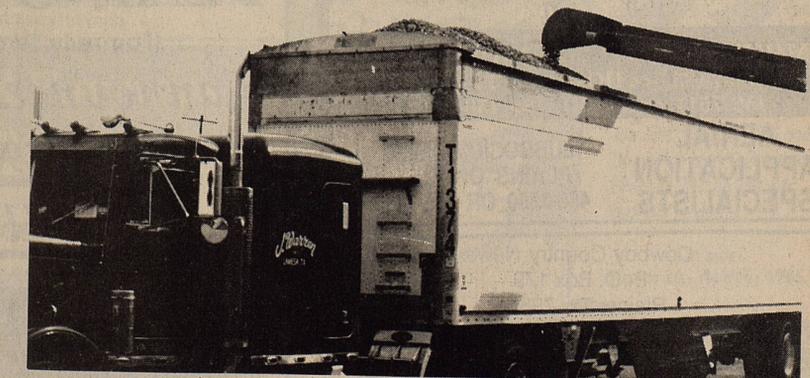
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PEANUTS COMING OUT OF STORAGE HERE

The first peanuts to be stored in Plains from last years crop are being shipped to Memphis, Texas, for processing.

According to Doyle Welch of De Leon, broker who leased the Goodpasture, Inc. grain warehouse for the storage facility, the peanuts, owned by Golden Peanut Company, will be processed for consumer use. "We stored almost 8 million pounds of Virginias in Plains. They are often called 'ballpark peanuts', the large variety you would buy at a ballgame", Welch said.

"We originally planned on storing more than twice this amount in Plains, but the entire West Texas and New Mexico peanut pro-



duction was really hurt by the extreme dry weather", he noted. He stored about the same tonnage of runner, or 'Peanut butter', type peanuts in the Goodpasture warehouse in Denver City.

His crew here is loading about 12 semi-truck loads

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Outstanding Citizen

My nominee to receive the 1994 Plains Chamber of Commerce CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD is

I believe that he or she should be named for the honor because

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per day for the Memphis processor, and the warehouse should be emptied in some 10 to 12 days.

Despite weather problems in 1994, Welch is optimistic the future for peanut production in West Texas is bright. "The only reason production acreage won't be increased in this area is because something adverse about peanuts will be written into the Farm Bill from the Department of Agriculture". This is one of many reasons agriculture producers across the land are nervously awaiting word from the USDA.

County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, March 27, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Attending were Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston, Jim Barron and Macky McWhirter. Also present were Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, Toni Jones, Treasurer, and Julia Lemley, Deputy County Clerk.

In a very brief agenda, the Court approved a Joint Resolution with the City of Plains authorizing the coordination of both governmental bodies in implementing the Yoakum County Emergency Management organization.

A petition of Texas Alltel to construct, operate and maintain communication cables under and across County roads was approved.

The Court also approved all bills and part time salaries prior to adjournment.

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If an elderly homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the tax ceiling if the spouse was at least 55 years of age when the older spouse died.

The ceiling does not apply to taxes levied by the county, city or other taxing units. "An elderly homeowner who has not previously received the over-65 exemption must apply for it before May 1," Stephens said. "To qualify, the homeowner must be 65 or older on January 1, 1995."

Counties must offer a \$3,000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control. Yoakum County and Sandy Land

Underground Water Conservation District also offer \$25,000 over-65 exemption.

Any taxing unit may also offer a local-option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. In 1995, any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing units adopts, the dollar amount of exemption for any home must equal at least \$5,000. Plains ISD is the only taxing unit in Yoakum County that offers the 20 percent homestead exemption.

For more information, homeowners may contact the Yoakum County Appraisal District at 500 10th Street, Plains, Texas, or call (806) 456-7101.

Boll Weevil Traps Available Here

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. will be making boll weevil trapping kits available at a low cost to Yoakum County cotton producers, according to Yoakum County Extension Agent Tadd Knight.

The boll weevil trapping program helps to "take the temperature" of the boll weevil situation across the county. These traps will be very beneficial to producers in determining if a field will benefit from an overwintered boll weevil insecticide application. Those ordering traps and participating in the Plains

Cotton Growers program will be asked to provide weekly trap catch data to help monitor the weevil situation.

Producers, crop consultants, and pesticide applicators can order weevil trapping kits through the Yoakum County Extension Office until April 11th. A set of traps will cost \$12.00 which includes 4 traps, 4 poles, sufficient pheromone lure, and toxicant strips for 10 weeks. Order forms have been distributed to local gins and are also available in the County Extension Office.

DON'T FORGET THE EASTER PAGEANT ON APRIL 12 IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

Kitto - San Fillippo United in Marriage

John Kitto and Melinda San Fillippo were united in marriage Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Plains with the Pastor Rick Doyle officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and the late Joyce Millsap of Plains.

Kitto is the son of Mike and Beverly Kitto of Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory and satin lace tea-length dress. A garland of burgundy tea roses adorned her head. Her bouquet was made up of fire and ice tea roses with a red rose tipped with ivory.

The groom wore a black cowboy tuxedo with a white shirt and red rose boutonniere.

The Wedding Party consisted of Tami Tyson of Plains as Matron of Honor, Nicole Kitto, daughter of the groom, as flower girl, Lisa San Fillippo, brides daughter, as ring bearer. Best man for the occasion was Cosmie Eranda, Jr. of Plains. Ushers were Jason and Roy San Fillippo, sons of the bride and Gerald Goodman of Plains.

Piano music was provided by Virginia Sanders, the bride's aunt. Conchetta San Fillippo, daughter of the bride, sang "The Wedding Prayer". The groom's sister, Peggy Mennel of Weatherford, Oklahoma sang "Through the Eyes of Love" and "Ava Maria".

As a surprise for his bride during the reception, Kitto sang "I Cross My Heart" by George Strait.

Sisters of the bride, Melonie Atwood of Abilene, and Myllonne Wheeler of Lubbock served at the brides table which was decorated with tea roses. The three-tiered cake was ivory with spring colors topped with wedding bells and was served with red rose mints and red punch.

Ivory sheet cake, coffee, nuts and mints were served at the groom's table by Angie Altman of Plains.

Melinda graduated from Plains High School in 1972 then attended South Plains College. She is presently the scan coordinator for Pay 'N' Save Grocery in Plains.

John graduated from Denver City High School in 1981. He now manages the Pay 'N' Save Grocery in Plains.

Library Film Time

Twenty-Four children enjoyed videos, songs, games and refreshments at weekly film time. Mothers helping were Mrs. Stall, Mrs. Parrish, and Mrs. Hawthorne.

In attendance were: Marcos Rivera, Jonathan Penner, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Lauren Davis, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Ryan Crump, Sherman Gressett, Jacob Brink, Christopher Gonzales, Rhaela Stall, Troy Don Parrish, Cody Mayes, Holden, Hunter & Haley Welch, Jasmine Mares, Marissa Melendez, Rhaemi Stall, Lauren Hice, Amber & Cody Friesen, and Justin Gonzales.

Easter Greetings

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**COWBOY RELAYS
BIG SUCCESS**

The annual spring Cowboy Relays drew a large field of contestants who had to battle each other, and near gale force winds during most of the day long event. The distance runners in particular found really tough going when they rounded the last curve on the east end of the oval, and bucked the fierce wind down the straight away. The toll on the runners was evident as they crossed the finish line, many of them collapsing in exhaustion. In the afternoon hurdle finals, workers had difficulty keeping the hurdles standing in the strong gusts.

The Plains Varsity Cowgirls found plenty of tough competition, finishing 8th in a field of eleven teams.

Individual results:
3200 M. Run-Hernandez, 4th, 15:41
Shot Put-Allsup, 5th, 28' 1"
Discus- Moreno, 3rd, 90'
800 M. Run-Blair, 3rd, 2:43.07

100 M Hurdles- Bearden, 6th, 17.92.
1600 Relay- (Jones, Guetersloh, Blair, Lowe) 6th, 4:50.46

The strong Seagraves girls won the meet with 165 points, while the Cowgirls scored 21.

The JV Cowboys had an excellent showing, taking first place with 212 points, to Seagraves second place 126 points.

Individual results:
3200 M Run- 1st, Caballero, 11:43.24, 2nd St. Romain, 3rd Cullins.
Pole vault-1st, Blount, 8'6".
Shot Put- 1st, Burgess, 41'5", 3rd, Brunson.
Discus- 1st, Burgess, 106'9", 2nd, Brunson.
Triple Jump- 3rd, Seaton, 34'7 3/4".
High Jump- 4th, Blount, 5'4".
400 Relay- Traweek, Blount, Pierce, Estrada) 1st, Plains 48.79

800 M Run-1st, Lester, 2:18.88. 2nd Willett.
110 Hurdles- 1st, Seaton, 18.26.
100 M dash- 3rd, Pierce. 12:15.
400 M Dash- 2nd, Blount, 57.10.3rd, Estrada, 4th Rushing.

300 M Hurdles- 1st, Willett, 48.08, 3rd, Seaton.
200 M Dash- 4th, Pierce, 26.07, 5th, Traweek.
1600 M Run-1st, Caballero, 5:18.22, 2nd St. Romain, 3rd Cullins.
1600 Relay- (Willett, Blount, Lester, Estrada) 2nd, 3:54.79

The Varsity made a strong team showing, winning their division with 134 points, followed by Morton with 126.

Individual results:
3200 M Run-2nd, Ramirez, 11:17, 3rd, Robertson, 5th Ortiz.
Pole Vault- 3rd, Vasquez, 11', 5th, Bitolas.
Shot Put- 4th, Clanahan, 42' 3.5".
3200 Relay- (Gallegos, Valdez, Ramirez, Dearing) 1st, 9:00.5

400 Relay- (Ward, Willett, Traweek, Parrish) 1st, 44.64
800 M Run-1st, Dearing, 2:07.9, 3rd, Gallegos.
110 M Hurdles- 4th, Parrish, 17.08.
800 Relay- (Ward, Bitolas, Traweek, Parrish) 1st, 1:36.74

400 M Run-4th, McAdams, 55.07.
1600 M Run- 1st, Ramirez, 5:02.15, 3rd, Robertson.
1600 Relay (Willett, McAdams, Dearing, Ward) 2nd, 3:44.41

The track meet was again an extremely well organized and run event, and the coaches and other school personnel are to be congratulated for their efforts. They were greatly helped by some 70 volunteer workers, who spent a long, wind whipped day running the big show.

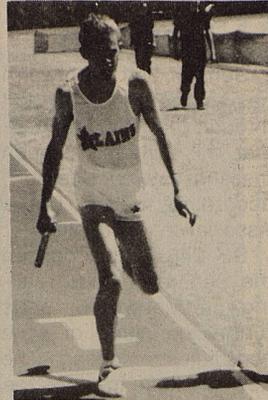
Coach Everett McAdams and all the School staff had high praise for the community support at the meet. "It makes our jobs much easier when our citizens pitch in and help us at the relays every year," he said.

Handoff, girls 1600 Relay.
Girls final Relay baton change.
Grunt & Heave-Chase Clanahan in shot put.

Ralph Ramirez, Laps Runner in 1600 Win
Kirk Parrish leans to win relay
It's tough on Freshmen- Doug Rushing in 400 Dash.
Kyley Bearden out of the blocks

Steven Bitolas Bringing It Home

Estrada & Blount At Finish Line



Jeremy Dearing Wins 800 Run.



Shannon Ward-Determined start.



Handoff, girls 1600 Relay.



Shannon Ward-Exhausted finish.



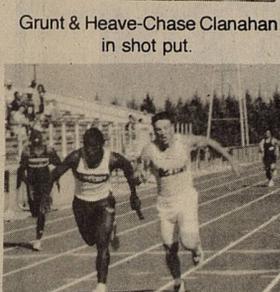
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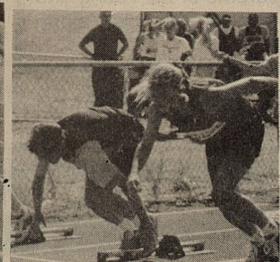
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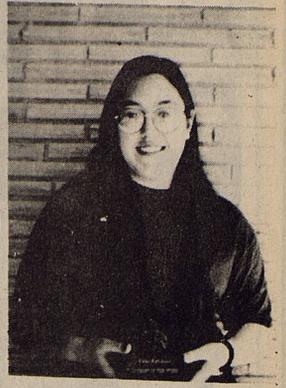


Kyley Bearden out of the blocks



Steven Bitolas Bringing It Home

**PISD
Student of the Week**



Plains High School Student of the Week is Vicki Bayer. Vicki is a Freshman at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Bayer. She was nominated by Mr. Cain.

Vicki is a student who throughout the year demonstrated the following qualities: courtesy, respect, dependability, discipline, and a commitment to excellence in the classroom. Because of these exceptional qualities, Vicki was

nominated and chosen by the Plains High School Faculty. Vicki currently is maintaining a 95 average in American History.

AUTHOR COMING TO ELEMENTARY

Nationally-Acclaimed Children's Author Richard Stack and 'Josh', The Wonder Dog, will visit Plains Kindergarten thru 6th grade students Thursday, March 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the High School gym.



Mr. Stack has written four excellent childrens books which will be available for purchase along with posters and buttons. The books, all featuring his dog 'Josh', and teach valuable lessons in self worth and pursuit of dreams.

vited to pet Josh, the most petted dog in history. The general public is invited, and for more information, call Mary Pettigrew, 456-7490.

After the visit, Mr. Stack and Josh will wait at the door and everyone is in-

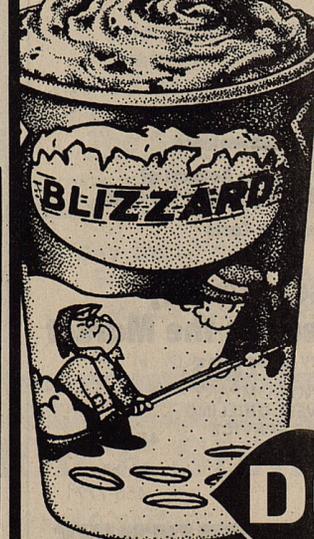
NEW ENTRANCE MAT AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Plains Student Council has recently purchased an entrance mat for the high school. Mary Ann Gonzales, Kelly McGinty, Ken McAdams, and Jennifer Earnest helped design the mat which they purchased from B.F. Hurley Mat Company. The mat is 8 feet high and 10 ft. long. It is made of solid-colored rubber links. The design is of the cowboy wearing a blue shirt, red bandana, and tan chaps, carrying a

brown hat, and riding a gray horse. This is imposed on a white star. The logo, written in white lettering, says "PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL, STUDENT COUNCIL 1994-1995, COWBOYS & COWGIRLS". All of this is on a black background which makes everything stand out very well. Student Council is very proud of the mat and invites everyone to come to see it.

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 3rd Row- Chase Clanahan, Ken McAdams, Brad McMinn, Johnny Davis, Lindsey Six, Marte Pierce
 Rear- Brad Seaton, Director Joyce Pierce, Ladd Winn, Ralph Ramirez

Plains High School One plays.

Act Play participated in "We have eleven schools Zone competition March 21, in our district so it was against Anton, O'Donnell, necessary to break into Smyer, and Whiteface. zones. The competition was Plains production of "All very good!" said Joyce the Way Home," and Pierce. O'Donnell's production of Several cast members "Inherit the Wind," were received special honors for named the two advancing their work. Conchetta San

Fillippo was named to the honorable mention All-Star cast. Ken McAdams and Heather McDonnell were both named to the All-Star cast and Jennifer Earnest was named Best Actress for the dramatic role.



Open Meetings Bill Passes Senate

Senator Jeff Wentworth has maneuvered a bill through the Texas Senate that will tighten the open meetings law considerably, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

SB 246, which passed the Senate on third reading on March 16, adds further definition of what constitutes a meeting. The new language includes the following in the definition of meetings that must be public: "if the governmental body has four or more members, a gathering at which a quorum of members of the governmental body is present and at which the members receive information from, give information to, ask questions of or receive questions from any third person, including an employee of the governmental body, about the public business or public policy over which the governmental body has supervision or control."

Senator Wentworth indicated that he filed this bill again this session (this bill failed to pass in the house last session) because he had seen open meeting abuses during his tenure as a county commissioner in Bexar County. Alleged abuses at the state level may also have been a stimulus.

Senate Bill 246 will go to the House for a hearing in House State Affairs.

Shannon Ward Trip Fund

Selected to play with a group of Texas High School Football All-Stars in a summer tour of Australia, the PHS Senior needs community help with his sizable travel expenses. Donations can be made at Plains State Band.

Gary's Corner

AUSTIN--Well friends things are really starting to roll here at the capitol. We are immersed in legislation covering topics from tort reform and gun control, to frequent flyer miles and the naming of the state insect. As you can tell the issues here are both diverse and complex.

One issue in particular my staff and I worked diligently on is House bill 1100. This bill will open a host of economic and tourism opportunities for Dawson County. City officials and the owners of the vineyard plan to hold a "Harvest Festival" that will coincide with the annual grape harvest at Delaney Winery. The intent of this bill is to allow the public an opportunity to not only tour this new establishment, but sample and purchase its wares.

I also introduced some "clean up" legislation for well drillers. House bill 2476, creates mandatory education for well drillers to help them keep up with the ever changing and complex world of water quality management. Hopefully, we can teach an old or driller new tricks.

One of the most important areas in the 80th district has also been one of the hottest topics in the Capitol--education. Currently, there are more than 150 bills dealing with education including my bill, HB 2166. This bill allows retirees from other states to purchase into the Texas Teacher Retirement System (TRS). By passing this type of legislation, we encourage retirement in the great state of Texas, allowing Texas to reap some of the economic benefits realized by retirement states such as Florida and California.

Other issues under consideration in the 74th Legislature include tort reform, the right to carry concealed weapons, criminal justice and water quality issues. It is important for me to keep in touch with the pulse of the 80th district. If you have concerns about these issues or any issue, feel free to contact me or a member of my staff.

I would like to once again thank you for your trust and faith in me as your state representative.

Respectfully,
 Gary L. Walker

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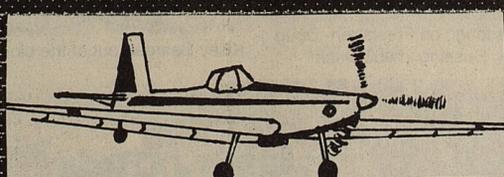
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Please notify Kristy Mackey at the ALLTEL office at (817) 866-3216 if you plan to attend, so that we may provide adequate meeting space.

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FOR OUR FEMME FRIENDS

COMPANION VOLUNTEERS HONORED

County residents Veralyne 'Chris' Edwards, Plains, and Catarina Salinas, Denver City, were honored recently for their volunteer work with the South Plains Senior Companion Program.

Sponsored by the South Plains Community Action Association, the program operates in Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

The Companion Volunteers, senior citizens themselves, spend 20 hours weekly with other homebound senior citizens, many of them with health problems, but not requiring the services of a licensed nurse.

Salinas is working with three Denver City senior clients, and Edwards works with four clients here in Plains.

The volunteers receive training prior to being



Chris Edwards & Catarina Salinas

assigned to appropriate clients, and once each month attend a four hour gerontology course for additional training.

Services provided to the homebound clients is varied and extensive. They may assist in feeding the client, help with dressing or walking, monitor use of medication, help with shopping, carry clients to eating sites, write letters, pay bills, accompany them to the Doctor, run errands, do light housekeeping chores, and help clients with needed services such as food stamps, Medicaid, nursing service, and Social

Security.

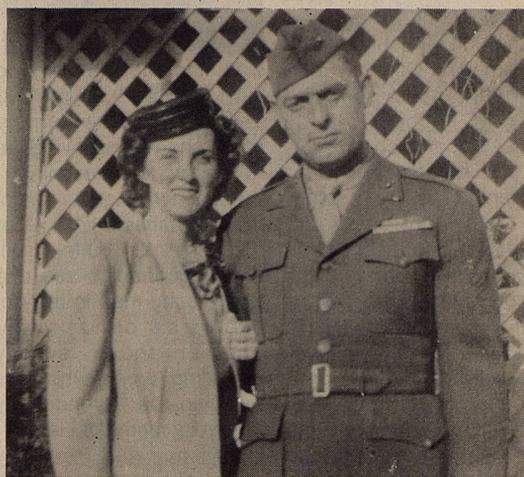
The volunteer program has two primary purposes; it taps the resources of the senior community as volunteers, and it helps the homebound seniors maintain independent living, delaying expensive nursing home placement for those who need just a little help.

Patricia Hartin, Director of the program, says the main requirement for serving as a companion volunteer is the willingness and ability to care for their clients, and said Chris and Catarina exemplify these requirements.

SWANNS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Garland Swann will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 2, 1995. They will be honored at a reception in the Plains Community Center from 3 to 5 PM. The event is being hosted by their four children, Harold Lee Swann and wife Melynda of Plano, Rex Swann and wife Sherry of Plains, Gay Kelly and husband Bob of Midland, and Kay Swann of Plains. They have a total of seven grandchildren.

Swann and the former Mary Lee Thompson were married March 24, 1945, at her parents home in Slaton. Garland was a US Marine at the time, a veteran of the Pearl Harbor attack, and Marine campaigns throughout the South Pacific. They couple



MARY LEE AND GARLAND SWANN, MARCH 24, 1945

lived in El Centro and Santa Anna, California where Swann was stationed at Marine air bases. In 1946, they returned to civilian life, and farmed in the Wilson community until 1951, when they moved here. They have farmed in Yoakum County since then.

FEEDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY FROM COWBOY COUNTRY KITCHEN Catfish Parmesan

- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/8 tsp each pepper, dried oregano and basil
- 6 fresh or frozen catfish fillets (3 to 5 oz. each)
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine melted

In a shallow bowl, combine bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, parsley and seasonings. Dip catfish in butter, then in crumb mixture. Arrange in a greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Yield: 6 servings.

School Bulletin

Monday: Golf - District Meet - Farwell - Girls Tennis - Levelland - Jr. High - There - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Golf - District Meet - Farwell - Boys Band Clinic - Band Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Menu

Monday: Breakfast: cereal, toast,

grape juice, milk
Lunch: corn dog w/ mustard, French fries w/catsup, sliced peaches, milk
Tuesday: Breakfast: donuts, toast, apple juice, milk
Lunch: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, crackers, oatmeal cake, milk

Dirt Gardeners Meet

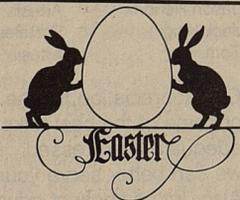
The monthly meeting for the Plains Dirt Gardeners was held on Thursday, March 23. A report was given on the meeting with the cemetery group. Plans for future projects were discussed. Dean Richardson reported on the District meeting in Lubbock. A film on growing roses was shown by Velma Dearing, Ita Young was hostess and served cokes and cookies. Members and guest present for the meeting were: Dean Richardson, Ruby Bilbrey, Velma Dearing, Wilma McDonnell, Lela Faye Pierce, Debbie Morphis, Patsy Six, Ita Young, Sidney Murphey and Pam Burgess.

New Kid In Town!

Steve and Melissa Crump are the proud parents of newly arrived Merrit Ross Crump, born at 6:07 a.m., March 5.

The healthy young man weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz, and measured 21-1/2 inches. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Charlene Crump, Plains, and maternal grandparents are Stella Hodges of San Angelo, and Dr. Jim Hodges of Ft. Worth.

Congratulations, Steve and Melissa.



Surprise Party For Williams

James Williams, retired farmer and long time Plains resident, was honored with a surprise birthday recently, celebrating his 80th birthday. The party was given by his daughter, Mrs. Jean Patterson, and some forty people gave James their best wishes.

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FROM THE HACK



Did something last week somewhat out of character. The Bride and I attended the annual "Cork & Fork" wine and food sampling gala in Lubbock. In all honesty, my cheapness would probably have prevented me from coughing up twenty bucks per ticket for the event, but, hey, when you have freebies, why not?

Let me tell you, the Plaza on the Loop hotel was wall to wall with would be connoisseurs, and maybe one or two legitimate types. I had no idea there were so many wineheads in our fair community. Ran into a big number of locals, even some Baptists we spotted hiding behind the ferns and shrubbery. No, Brother Bill, I'm not going to name them.... editorial privilege, you know?

It was rumored over 1500 tickets were sold. I'm sure that figure is very low at least half that many folks were in every wine or food booth line I encountered.

For a while I was afraid Bride and I would lose one another. Not to fear. She did disappear half a dozen or more times, but I always found her with no trouble, standing in the same line, with her wine glass extended to the gal pouring something called Muscat Cannelli. Before the evening was over, she

was merrily conversing with perfect strangers, telling them how terribly much she was enjoying the 'Slurp and Stuff' evening.

I happened to get in one of the interminable lines (For food only, I'm quite sure), and happened to see one local young man in front of me, his ear being bent by one of those swishy sounding types who was extolling the "wonderfully dry, fruity merits of Llano's Chardonnay, the incredibly velvet like, coffee creamy taste of Caprock's Cabernet, etc., etc."

The local, who shall be unnamed, but who is rather large, farms, and is on very good terms with Harvey Stotts, finally said "Hey, man, I don't care about all that #@*%>%#X, I'm just in line hoping they ran outta all that wine and started pouring the hard stuff!"

Had a call from a lady reader recently, asking us to correct the spelling she had read in a publication, "The Horny Toad", which she preferred to be spelled "Horned Toad". That's an understandable request, but I'm not sure we can comply with her wishes.

This animal, on the evergrowing, supposedly 'Endangered Species List',

as I remember it from my childhood, is both 'Horned' and, 'Horny'. Let me explain; About the age of eight, living in San Angelo, I was privileged to happen upon the mating scene of a couple of these ancient surviving critters. In my innocence, I thought they were fighting one another.

I related the scene to my grandmother, and she said, "go wash your mouth out boy, you're talking bad again."

Well, last summer, we had about four of these critters in the back yard, enjoying our labors and irrigation of plants. I saw a pair of these things doing something, and it sure wasn't fighting.

I can now truthfully testify, they do have horns, they can spit blood at you, and they are definitely horny.

Honest.

Saw an amusing cartoon in the March 20 edition of TIME Magazine. Showed a caricature type Congressman addressing a town hall meeting; "After careful analysis, my team of economists has a solution to the coming crisis in the Social Security Act. Projections show the system bankrupt by the year 2030. However, surveys show a mere 28% of the young American population believe they will receive Social Security in their old age."

He continued, "My proposal is, we simply pay benefits ONLY to those 28% who expect them, and not pay the other 72% who don't, resulting in surplus money as far as we can see!" Sounds like logic from D.C. to me.

City Delays New Well

The Plains City Council met in regular session Monday, March 27. Council members Kent Welch, Shane McKenzie, Bonnie Earnest, Pam Redman, and Owen Schnieder attended, along with Mayor T.J. Miller, administrator David Brunson, Suann Parrish, Pam Rowe and Robert Loya.

Bryce Hamell and Mark Stevenson, Holloman Construction, Aubrey Spear and Gary McKay, Hibbs and Todd Engineering, and Kay Howard, HOWCO, also attended.

The two main items considered were plans for attempting another new City water well, and disposition of a General Fund CD at Plains State Bank.

It was decided to postpone action on drilling another well because of concerns for environmental issues at the proposed site for the second drilling attempt. The Council voted to convert the Certificate of Deposit to U.S. Treasury Bills, with the assistance of Plains State Bank President Larry Mason.

Tennis Tournament At Seminole

At the Seminole Tennis meet March 24, Valerie Blair and Robin Squyres won the championship in girls doubles, defeating another Plains team of Lyndi Rowe and Mary Morales. Plains took 1st and 2nd in girls doubles. The 3rd place match was between the freshmen duo team of Sandi Warren and Shyloh Winn vs. Brownfield. Warren and Winn took the first set, lost the second and Brownfield took the third set in a tie breaker.

Dolly Gonzales won the consolation championship in girls singles and Chris Payne won the consolation championship in boys singles.

In boys doubles, Stephen Bitolas and Wayne Willett defeated Brownfield to take third place, while Joey Guerro and Victor Bernal won the consolation championship over Seagraves. Coach Davis said, "I was pleased with the play of everyone, we had a great tournament."

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Sid Byrum	Lovington	CharXstr	240	97.00
Custom Services	Denver City	3 Blk blyrlg	625	65.50
G & G Cattle Co	Brownfield	Char str	370	91.00
HJS Partnership	Odessa	2 Wf str	407	83.00
VR Jones	Hobbs	5 Corr str	533	50.00
Ryon Lafever	Brownfield	Brng str	450	83.00
Lee Cattle Co	Lovington	3 CharX str	518	76.75
Pilar Montenez	McDonald	2 Hol str	400	57.25
John Navor	El Paso	3 CharX str	765	63.50
James Scott	Hobbs	2 Hol str	427	62.00
Triple R Cattle Co	Plains	CharXstr	205	105.50
Marlin Wiggins	Lovington	13 Blk wf str	658	65.75
S & C Cattle Co	Midland	3 Blk b	233	104.00
Calli Birkenfeld	Denver City	2 Hol hfr	313	250.00
G & G Cattle Co	Brownfield	3 Xbred hfr	348	77.00
HJS Partnership	Odessa	12 Mxd hfr	357	77.25
Carl Lane Johnson	Tatum	10 Rd hfr	829	56.00
Johnny Reid	Loving	3 Rd hfr	538	72.50
Weir Bros	Lovington	3 Rd wf hfr	480	74.50
Ernest Woodward	McCamey	3 Wf hfr	633	62.00
Double A Cattle Co	Lubbock	Blk wf pr	pair	635.00
Diamond & 1/2 Inc	Lovington	4 CharXc	head	480.00
John Fehr	Seminole	2 Blk pr	pair	655.00
Hat Ranch	Alamogordo	5 CharXpr	pair	560.00
M & M Ranch	Post	3 Rd wf pr	pair	645.00
K & P Cattle Co	Lubbock	Blk c	head	525.00
David Schulz	Artesia	Xbred pr	pair	615.00
Triple R Cattle Co	Plains	Xbred pr	pair	730.00
Angell Ranch	Lovington	Xbred c	1205	41.50
Beestra Family Dairy	Hobbs	Hol c	1380	41.00
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ROTC Scholarships At Texas A & M Proposed

State Comptroller John Sharp and State Senator Jim Turner of Crockett are calling on state lawmakers to approve legislation creating a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship program that would guarantee free tuition at Texas A & M University for qualified students who, in return, agree to serve in the Texas Army National Guard.

The proposed legislation, Senate Bill 505, is based on a recommendation by Sharp and was drafted by Turner. It is currently pending in the Senate Education Committee.

"This bill will pay big dividends," Sharp said. "It will make it possible to recruit students of the caliber that have always characterized the Texas Army National Guard, while keeping our ROTC programs fully staffed with qualified students and safe from the budget knives wielded in Washington."

Turner said that the legislation would affect about 600 students initially. In exchange for free tuition and other benefits, students would have to meet at least four years of

commitments. Students who fail to live up to those commitments would be required to repay the state any benefits received.

The legislation would provide free room and board for a student's first two years of college and free tuition for all four years--a total benefit of \$14,000 at current rates.

In return, students would agree to serve in the Texas Army National Guard for the four years they attend college, take military science courses and apply for admission to their school's ROTC program.

Upon graduation, each student would also be required to accept a commission as a second lieutenant and serve no fewer than four years as a commissioned officer in the Texas Guard.

Under Turner's bill, each ROTC program would receive scholarship funding equal to its percentage of total ROTC enrollment in Texas. If a school was unable to award all of its scholarships, the funds would be redistributed among the remaining schools.

"As the military continues to downsize, the nation still

needs a ready supply of well-trained, qualified officers for duty in Reserve and National Guard units," Sharp said. "In fact, the demand may actually increase in the years ahead."

The Comptroller cited military estimates that from 50 percent to 70 percent of new officers in reserve and active-duty units are likely to come from ROTC programs.

"Members of the ROTC program will be chosen by a selection committee based on scholarship applications and the projected needs of the Texas Army National Guard," Turner said.

"In addition, the selection committee will ensure that the students who receive scholarships reflect the true diversity of Texas and have the kinds of skills demanded by the Guard," Turner said.

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