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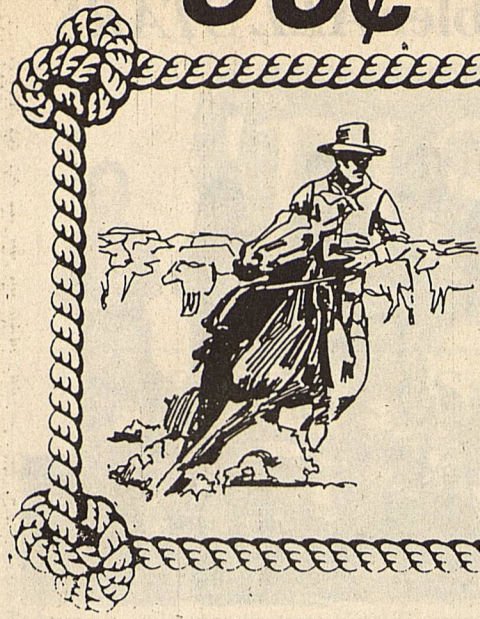
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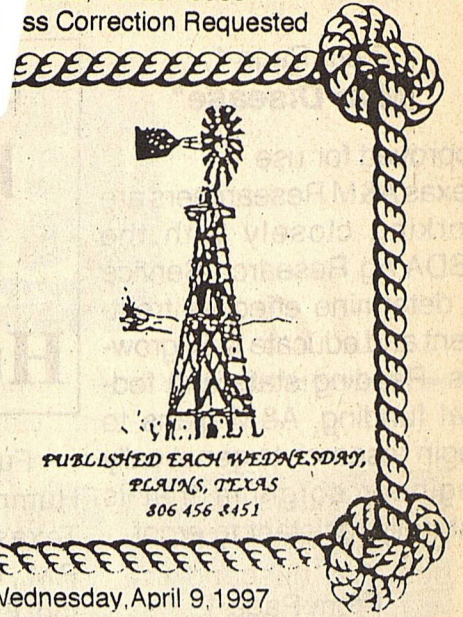
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## Devastating milo disease spreads to United States

The discovery this week in deep South Texas of devastating fungal disease could have serious implications for grain sorghum growers throughout the nation.

Know as ergot (pronounced ERR-got), the disease has an extraordinary capacity to spread. It reduces grain yields, damages the quality of seed, and threatens lucrative export markets.

The discovery was made in a field where sorghum had sprouted from last year's crop in the Lower Rio Grande Valley by Dr. Tom Isakeit, the plant pathologist at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Weslaco. "The heads appear to have been infected in late February or early March", Isakeit said, "and there's concern this disease will quickly spread throughout the nation this year".

"Ergot is commercially important because quarantine restrictions are imposed against it by many countries" he continued. Because of warm climates at the time of flowering, ergot is not expected to severely affect sorghum production in South Texas. The disease could, however, continue its northward trek via forage sorghum in Central Texas, and eventually affect sorghum grown for seed in other parts of the state and nation.

First reported in India in 1917, sorghum ergot was restricted to Asia and Africa until 1995, when it caused serious losses in Brazil, covering some 320,000 square

miles in a week. It then spread quickly throughout South and Central America. As late as February, the disease was confirmed in Puerto Rico and Mexico. "The finding of the disease in South Texas near Progreso suggests that the ability of the airborne spores of this fungus to spread quickly over great distances should not be underestimated", said Isakeit. Sorghum is the second most important feed grain in the United States, with an approximate farm value of \$1 billion in Texas alone. The state grows between 2 and 3 million acres of sorghum. Texas could be especially hard hit by the disease, since it produces almost 90% of all sorghum seed grown in the world.

Ergot is a fungal disease that infects the floral parts of the plant that would normally develop into seeds. It reduces grain yield and quality because it replaces the seed with a fungus growth that produces a sticky fluid known as honeydew. This spreads out over other seeds on the head, making harvest thrashing difficult and encouraging the growth of saprophytic fungi that blacken the head.

As of now, there are no effective controls of ergot. Brazil and other countries have used expensive fungicides, but they have not been researched here to determine dosages, and have not been

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## 45 year sentence handed down here

On April 2, Carl Dean James received a 45 year sentence in state prison for the stabbing death of a Seagraves man over a year ago. James, 35, a resident of Denver City, opted for a trial before District Judge Kelly G. Moore rather than a jury.

He was convicted Monday of the stabbing of Danny Bruce McInturff, which occurred during a fight on a parking lot in Denver City.

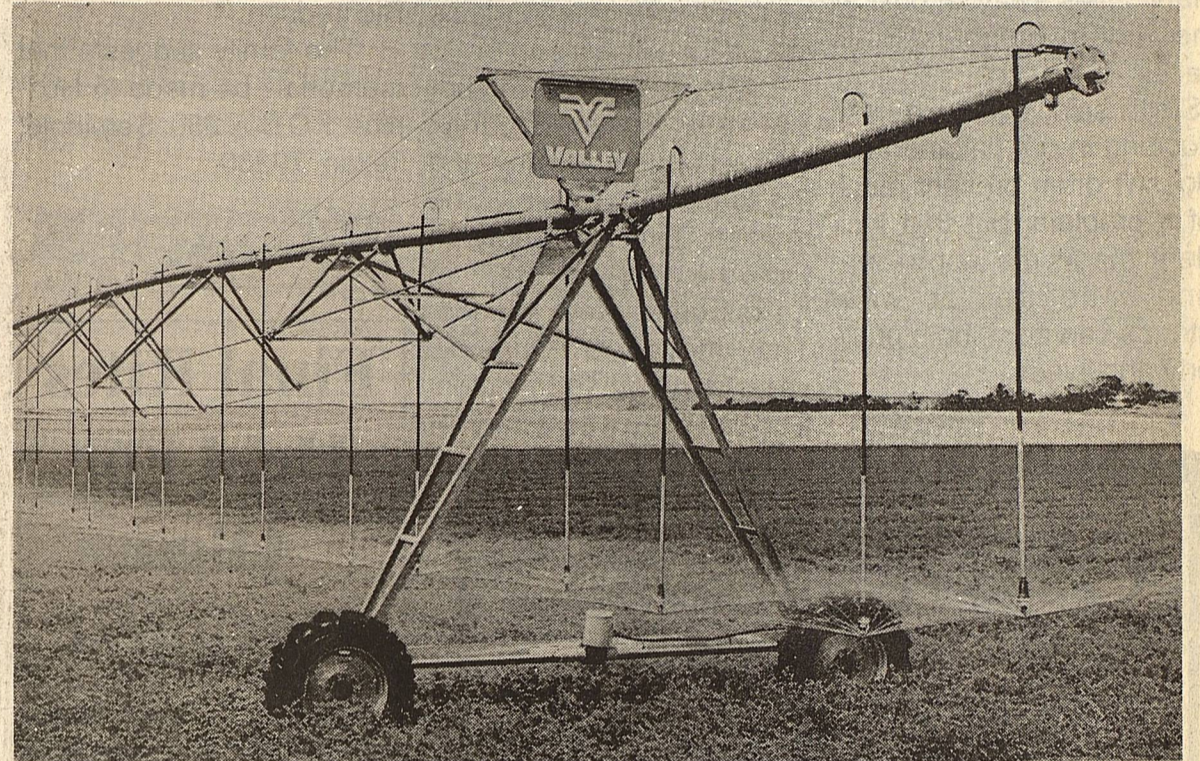
James was originally jailed here in Yoakum County jail, then was transferred to Lubbock County jail. Later, he was again transferred to the Gaines County jail, where he escaped and remained at large almost a month before being apprehended in East Texas. He remained in Gaines County until his trial here. Officials say James must serve at least half of the 45 year sentence before he can be considered for release.

**The PISD Board of Trustees will hold a 'Town Meeting' Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m., in the school auditorium.**

**The public is invited and urged to attend this meeting on the proposed House Bill on School Finance and Property Taxes..**

## Badly needed rain comes to County at last

Not enough, however to stop all irrigation pumps



Less than 24 hours after last week's rains fell, many irrigation systems continued watering. Early spring rains in West Texas are always a welcome phenomenon for agricultural producers and ranchers, and the showers visiting Yoakum County last Thursday were long overdue. Because of the scattered nature of the falling moisture, no official amounts of precip could be recorded, but an informal poll of residents indicated the rain amounts varied from three tenths of an inch to over an inch and a half. Apparently the heavier showers occurred in the western part of the county. A frequent comment heard was, "That was a nice beginning shower... Now let's get a REAL rain!"

## Smith tells Lions of County Emergency Planning program

Guest speaker at last Thursday meeting of the Plains Lion's Club was Captain Dean Smith of the Yoakum County Sheriff Department. Smith, who is also Coordinator of the County's Emergency Planning Department, reviewed ongoing plans to improve services in the event of dangerous emergency situations. He said in our area, where the petroleum industry plays such a large role in the economy and employment, poison gas, toxic spills and waste, and industrial accidents at plants are a major concern of the organization.

He reminded the Lions the major storm season for the area, from May through July, is almost here, bringing the annual threat of thunderstorms with high winds and damaging hail, and the often deadly tornados.

He reported one project he is involved in is tallying the number of shelters, both public and private, which citizens may use for shelter in violent weather. He said it would be very helpful if law enforcement, EMS and Fire Department personnel had knowledge of how many residents had storm cellars or base-

ments at their residence. "We're not wanting this data to publicize, as if we are suggesting other residents go to these shelters during a bad storm. If we should have a tornado rip through either Denver City or Plains and cause major damage, it would make it much easier for us to check on the safety of those with shelters after the storm".

Smith said a "Storm Spotter School" is in the planning stages. "The Sheriff Department always has Deputies out patrolling the county in threatening weather, as does the Denver City Police Department, to enable us to give warning of a developing dangerous storm. We feel if more of the public had actual training in spotting dangerous cloud developments and possible tornadic activity, it would make communications even more effective".

Smith entered law enforcement work in Texas after retiring as a New Mexico State Police Officer. He first served as a Special Investigator here for then Criminal District Attorney Linda Lowrey, and was selected by Sheriff Jim Rice to serve as Captain of the Department in July of

1996. He told the Lion's he vividly recalled some of the capriciousness of Mother Nature when he was a new officer of the State Police at his first duty station in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. A huge rain storm in the mountainous area northwest of T or C caused flash flooding. Cuchillo Creek went on a rampage and flooded the small village of Monticello. When he arrived on the scene, Smith said the citizens were in a state of shock, wandering about in the still flooded plaza, and he was amazed to see a live horse on the second floor balcony of a building.

He said he and a fellow officer found all the inhabitants except for one family living a distance from town who were reported missing. When they got to the homesite, they had to ford the still flooding creek, and inside the small adobe house, discovered an older woman and her daughter, immersed in mud almost up to the ceiling. They were able to get the two to safety, and when the daughter was finally able to talk, told them her father had heard the roar of the creek, went to the door and looked out, and began to scream, "Run for the hill, the hill!" The daughter said they started out the door, only to see a huge wall of water, car-

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## Little Dribbler 'Spurs' go undefeated



The Little Dribbler Spurs team pictured here enjoyed a perfect season of basketball action in this year's league action. Pictured above, left to right, front row, are Breck Hamm, middle row Ryan Swann, Kelly Bowers, Angel Ruiz, Ryan Martinez, Chase Howell and Coaches Tim and Donna Bowers.



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approved for use. Texas A&M Researchers are working closely with the USDA Ag Research Service to determine effective treatment and educate U.S. growers. Pending state and federal funding, A&M plans to begin research to genetically engineer sorghum that is naturally resistant to ergot.

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rying trees and debris, crash into the man, sweeping him away. They fled back inside to almost perish in the water and mud. The man's body was found three days later, many miles away, almost all the way to Elephant Butte Lake.

Smith said, "I realize flash flooding in our flatland area doesn't often present much of a problem, but that incident made me appreciate and better realize what storms can do to both property and lives".

## Services held for Joan Humphrey

Funeral services for Joan Humphrey, 63, of Plains, Texas, were held at 2:30 P.M., Friday, April 4, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Plains. The Rev. Ronnie Lunsford of Denver City officiated. Interment was in Plains Cemetery under direction of the Plains Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Humphrey passed away Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at her home in Plains after a long illness.

She was born November 14, 1933 in Lynn County, Texas to Clem Mopley and the former Ola Erwin. She married Chris Humphrey on October 16, 1964, in Farmington, New Mexico. They moved to Plains 15 years ago from Farmington. She had been a secretary for

the Yoakum County Credit Union.

Mrs. Humphrey is survived by her husband, Chris, of the family home; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Freda Humphrey of Plains; a daughter and son-in-law, Renece and Danny Sellers of Denver City; and three sisters: Louise Cobb and Melba Bearden of Plains, and Doris Gwen Powell of Denver City. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A daughter, Paula Willett, and a brother, Clem Mopley, Jr., preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Buster Rich, Joe Ellison, Neil Maynard, Raymond Diaz, Duane McDonnell, and Harry Richardson.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Hospice, PO Box 250, Seminole, Texas 79360.



## Final Rites Held For Olga Hayhurst

Olga (Albright) Hayhurst died April 5, 1997. She was born May 8, 1906 in Oklahoma Indian Territory near Dibble, Oklahoma. After completing Normal School in Chickasha, she began her teaching career, at age 18, at Oakridge School, which she attended as a child.

She married Joseph Warner Hayhurst February 11, 1928, in Guthrie. They both completed Central State Teacher's College, and began teaching at Victory, Okla.

They later both taught at Plains 15 years. She completed her 34 years of teaching at Dibble in 1964.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and her daughter Deana. She is survived by her sister, Lorene Covington of Duncanville, and two brothers, Jack of Norman Okla., and Jim of El Paso; Her son Dr. Joseph

Hayhurst of Oklahoma City, and her daughter Vicki Bertoch of Edmond Okla., and seven grandchildren.

Her life revolved around her family. She was very proud of founding the first Eastern Star Chapter while living in Plains, and in helping organize the local Tsa Mo Ga Club. She gave the organization its name, an Indian word meaning 'The highest', or 'Chieftain'.

Services were held April 8 at the Dibble Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Lewis Cox officiating. Arrangements were by Eisenhour Funeral Home, Blanchard, Okla.

## Watermelon Round-Up being promoted early

The Yoakum County Connection has gotten off to a fast start in publicizing the second annual 'Watermelon Round-Up', scheduled Saturday, August 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 'Connection' has created an attractive, full color brochure promoting the event which was so successful in it's debut last year. The brochure will be mailed and distributed throughout the High Plains area in an effort to equal or better last years crowd of several thousand visitors.

Some of the events in the brochure include an arts and crafts show, brisket/chili cook-off, 5K run, cow patty bingo, live bands, antique tractor show, melon eating contest, big melon contest, free melons, classic car show, melon rolling, style show, melon costume contest, seed spitting contest and lots of good food and fun.

**Please Note!**

**Our deadline for accepting material is Noon Friday. We realize weekend events can't be reported until Monday, but for other ads or articles, please help us with the Friday deadline. THANKS!**

## Little Dribbler ALL STARS



JUNIOR GIRLS: Front, L-R- Jasmin Mares, Amy Brintle, Priscilla Mares, Jamie Covarrubias, Mayra Flores, Gabriela Velasquez, Daniela Lazos. Standing- Coach Alma Mares, Sandra Gandara, Lela Coronado, Marlie Diaz, Kristian Morales, Josie Cordova, Cecilla Bonilla.



JUNIOR BOYS: Front-Mark Morgan, John Wagnon, Cody Flores, Kelby Johnson, Clayton Oswalt. Standing- Coaches Irma Wagnon & David Huerta. T.j. Cordova, Todd Williams, Blake Parrish, Raymond Saldana, Brant Huerta, Kerry Sisson.

## County wide dog, cat Rabies Clinic offered in Denver City

Denver City Animal Control Officer Bill Anderson announced this week a special Rabies Control Vaccination Clinic will be held this Saturday, April 12, at the D.C. EMS Barn, located at the corner of 3rd and 12th Streets. The services will be provided by Dr. Hornback, DVM. All animal rabies shots for County pet owners, dogs or cats, will be \$6.

Officer Anderson stressed. "These rabies shots are being offered to all Yoakum County residents, not just Denver City people. Bring your dogs or cats, we'll take care of them".

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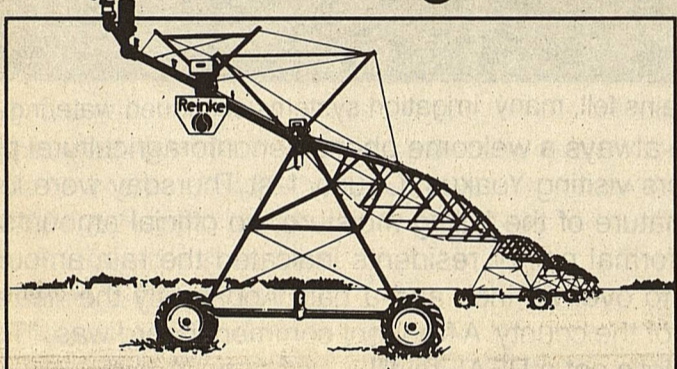
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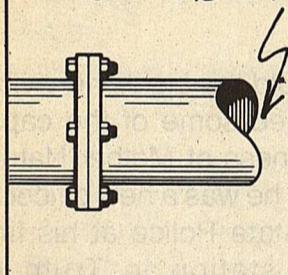
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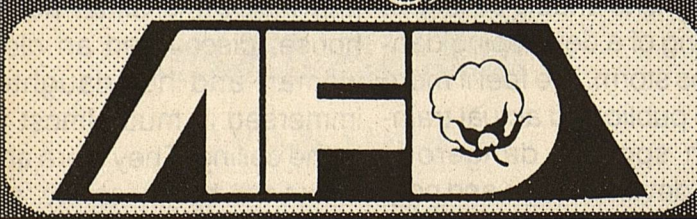
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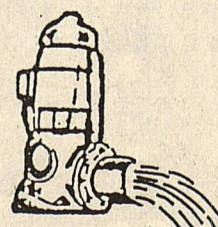
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## PISD Track Summary

Junior High: The 7th and 8th grade Wranglers and Lady Wranglers competed against eight teams in the track meet at Sundown last week. Following are individual results.

**8th Lady Wranglers:** 400 Relay, Lexi Warren, Michaela Traweek, Kimbe Jones, Kari Guetersloh, 4th, 57:17.

100 M Dash- Michaela Traweek, 4th, 14.21.

800 M Relay-Lexi Warren, Michaela Traweek, Kimbe Jones, Kari Guetersloh, 3rd, 2:05:52.

200 M Dash- Kari Guetersloh, 2nd, 28.3.

### 7th Lady Wranglers-

800 M Run- Carmen Mendoza, 6th, 3:15:98.

100 M Dash- Nancy Koncaba, 5th, 14.97.

800 M Relay- Nancy Koncaba, Chelsi Wagnon, Julie Gonzales, Arasley Luna, 6th, 2:17:68.

300 M Hurdles- Chelsi Wagnon, 4th, 63:86.

200 M Dash- Nancy Koncaba 6th, 32.13.

### 8th Wranglers:

2400 M Run- Kelsey Blundell 1st, 8:43:45, Marcos Hernandez 2nd, 8:54:81.

400 M Relay-Chris Estrada, Joseph Rodriguez, Jared Bell, Moises Gonzales, 6th, 49:85.

800 M Dash- Joel Gallegos, 3rd, 2:21:27, Israel Moreno, 5th, 2:25:72.

100 M Dash- Joseph Rodriguez 2nd, 12:08.

400 M Dash- Jared Bell 5th, 59:89, Moises Gonzales 6th, 60:34.

1600 M Run- Kelsey Blundell 3rd, 5:32:37, Marcos Hernandez 5:36:39, Israel Moreno 6th, 5:43:30.

1600 M Relay- Moises Gonzales, Joel Gallegos, Jared Bell, Joseph Rodriguez, 2nd, 3:56:48.

The Wranglers finished in second place. No field events were held.

### 7th Wranglers:

2400 M Run- Manuel Hernandez 3rd, 9:17:74.

800 M Dash- Jeffrey Lollar 3rd, 2:35:47.

110 M Hurdles- Nathan Hays 1st, 20:69.

400 M Dash- Jeffrey Lollar 2nd, 65.42.

300 M Hurdles- Nathan Hays 51:71.

1600 M Run- Manuel Hernandez 5:56:94.

Coach Brink said both 7th and 8th graders ran well in cold, windy conditions. They compete in the district meet at Morton Thursday, April 10.

PHS Cowgirls and Cowboys: Brownfield relays, April 4.

### Cowgirls:

300 M Hurdles- Kristen Gray, 3rd, 50:34.

800 M Dash- Lisa Parrish 6th, 66:93.

High Jump- Kayla Redman 6th, 4' 8"

Shot Put- Kayla Redman 5th, 34' 8"

### Cowboys:

#### JV Division:

3200 M Run- Felipe Reyna 1st, 11:44, Josh Bayer 6th 12:54.

1600 M Run- Felipe Reyna 1st, 5:21, Josh Bayer 2nd 5:34.

400 M Dash- Fermin Luna 1st, 56.4.

200 M Dash- Fermin Luna 1st, 24.3.

Shot Put- Dustin Brunson 2nd, 36'.

Discus- Dustin Brunson 2nd, 106' - 2.75.

### Varsity Cowboys:

Shot Put- Coley Burgess 2nd, 47' 8.25".

Discus- Coley Burgess 3rd, 128' 5".

### Sundown relays:

Shot Put- Derek Brunson 4th, 41'.

Discus- Derek Brunson 109'.

3200 M Run- Will St Romain 4th, 11:47.

1600 M Run- Will St Romain 3rd, 5:14.

400 M Dash- Jesus Hernandez 1st, 52:5.

200 M Dash- Jesus Hernandez 2nd, 23:3.

## PHS Tennis Summary

The PHS Cowgirl and Cowboy Tennis teams competed in District Championship action March 31 and April 3. The individual results follow:

### JV Girls:

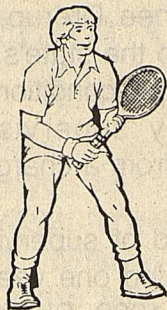
Doubles- Laura Morales & Jessica Flores, 1st. Kassie Lowe & Lindsey Six, 2nd.

### Boys:

Singles- Spencer Deaton 3rd.

Doubles- Will St Romain & Gideon Traweek, 1st.

Varsity Girls (District Champions)-



Singles- Velvet Canada 1st.

Doubles- Robin Squyres & Sandi Warren, 1st, Mary Morales & Dolly Gonzales, 2nd.

### Varsity Boys:

Singles- Yancey House 4th.

Doubles- Dustin Brunson & Clint Burrus 3rd, Shawn Cullins & Jamie Caballero, 4th.

Velvet Canada, Robin Squyres, Sandi Warren, Mary Morales and Dolly Gonzales qualified for Regional competition.

Ozona, Wall, and West Texas Stinnet.

Director Gary Davis reported Lindi Rowe was named to the All Star Cast, and Shawna Box and Kassie Lowe received Honorable Mention All Star ratings at the Post competition.

## Student Council into energy education

The PHS Student Council has played an active role in the Texas Energy Education Commission (TEED), according to the Council TEED committee chair Sonia Avila.

The Student Council TEED committee recently sponsored a "Color My World" coloring contest in the PISD

Kindergarten through fourth the contest are pictured below, and the contest drew 145 entries. Class winners in



4th grade-Top Row- Brandon Hise, 1st, Lela Coronado 2nd, Michela Villegas, 3rd.

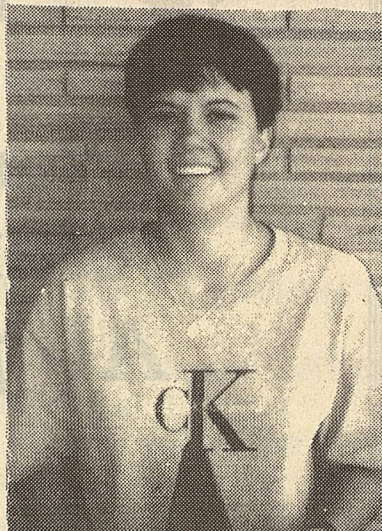
3rd grade, second row- Blake Parrish, 1st, Abel Ramos 2nd, Blake O'Quinn 3rd.

2nd grade, third row- Scott Addison, 1st, Margareta Martens 2nd, Challie Johnson 3rd.

1st grade, fourth row- Ryan Crump 1st, Zachary Ramos 2nd, Lauren Davuis 3rd.

Kindergarten, fifth row- Crystal Tarango 1st, Vanessa Martinez 2nd, Lydia Whitzel 3rd.

## Student of the Week



PHS Student of the week is Kyley Bearden, a Senior, and the daughter of Mr & Mrs Ricky Bearden. She was nominated by Mrs Robertson, who said "She is extremely disciplined, dependable, and hard working. She puts forth extra effort in everything she attempts. I believe this student has the characteristics and potential to achieve whatever goals she sets for herself

## "Riders to the Sea" advances to Regional competition

The cast and crew of the PHS One-Act Play, "Riders to the Sea", cleared another hurdle in their efforts to take their production to State competition last Saturday, advancing in the area meet at Post to the Regional level.

They will perform at the Abilene Regional meet Friday, April 18. Their performance time is approximately 8 p.m. that evening. They will face competition from One-Act plays representing High Schools at Post, Canadian,



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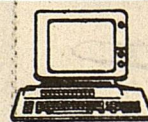
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## Committee's recipe on revenue and school finance may not please all appetites

On Monday, April 7, a ten page executive summary of the Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education preliminary draft of their proposed bill dealing with property taxes and school funding was released by Chairman Paul Sadler of the Texas House of representatives.

The ten pages of small type attempts to explain major elements dealing with property tax reform and funding public education contained in the drafts of their proposed bill, a document containing more than 357 pages.

At first glance, Texas homeowners may be pleased to learn the bill would sharply reduce residential property taxes, to a maximum rate of fifty cents per \$100 valuation. The current rate is \$1.50 per \$100. It would allow local voters to approve another ten cent assessment to enhance school funding. The summary of the proposal says the state's new share of funding public education would rise to about 85% of the total cost.

The complex and detailed ten page summary contains a paragraph on page four which reads, "The article includes a hold harmless provision effective through September 1, 1999, that provides that a (school) district with a 50 cent tax rate will receive

enough state aid to keep its revenue at the level it would have been under current law for the 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 school years".

There is a different way to interpret two key phrases contained in those two paragraphs; In the first, "the state's 85% of total costs, and in the second, "enough state aid to keep its revenue.....".

Would it not be more accurate to change that wording by eliminating the word "State", replacing it with "Texas taxpayers"? Believe me, one way or another, you and I will continue to fund our public school costs, because we fund the state coffers.

If residential property taxes are cut, where does the education revenue come from? The state sales tax would not be raised, only expanded to include more than 35 goods and services presently not taxed. Who pays sales taxes? You and I.

The bill would raise the business franchise tax. Have you ever heard of a business not passing rising costs (taxes) on to its customers? Current tax exemptions for farmers cooperatives would be repealed. Horses will be subject to the sales tax. Farm gasoline and diesel would be taxed another six cents per gallon. Electricity produced at coal burning generating

plants would become more expensive with the new sales tax on coal (SPS sells electricity to Lea County Electric, who service rural users and sell to the City of Plains). Professionals, including Doctors, Dentists, CPA's and Attorneys, would be subject to the new tax, making their services more expensive.

True, it would be nice to see our property tax rate lowered a dollar. Our question is, are we really going to be any better off, when all the ramifications of the proposed bill are known and understood? If a ten page summary can raise this many questions and issues, how many more are to be found in the more than 357 page proposed bill?

## Criminal cases heard

In 121st Judicial District Court March 31, With Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State, Ruben Alvarez, aka Benny Alvarez, pled true to the State's motion to revoke Community Supervision. He was originally convicted of theft in December of 1995.

The Court ruled Community Supervision should not be revoked, but additional terms and conditions were added to the original Supervision order.

He will be confined in a substance felony punishment facility (SAFPF) for at least six months but not more than

one year. He shall be confined in the county jail for 180 days or until space is available in a SAFPF. His fines, fees and restitution shall be waived until 30 days after discharge from SAFPF.

In County Court April 7, Sheryl Renee Drerup, 25, pled true to the state's motion to modify conditions of community supervision, stemming from a charge of DWI.

Her period of supervision was extended one year, to March 27, 1998. She must pay \$40 monthly supervision fees, attend drug/alcohol abuse counselling, and install an interlock ignition device on her vehicle. Judge Dallas Brewer presided, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

## Court OK's high-tech equipment for Clerk's office

In Monday's session of County Commissioners Court, a lease-purchase agreement for a Minolta 3000 computer scanner-copier machine for the County Clerk's office. The old equipment being used is no longer servicable because of lack of repair parts. Terms of the agreement call for an initial payment of \$5000, with 36 monthly installments of \$780. Funding comes from

Records Management and Preservation funds.

The Court approved the Tax Assessor/Collector's report showing \$32,349 taxes collected in March.

Johnny Jones, the appointed County Loss Control Coordinator, requested the court to approve safety inspections of all county property, to identify any potential hazards or unsafe working conditions. Jones advised the court a federal OSHA safety inspection is schedule in the county this summer. His request was granted.

Ross Shamburger, representative of the County's health insurance provider, outlined an option plan which would reduce a proposed premium increase for policy holders. The Court approved the option.



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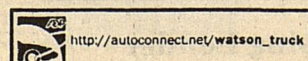


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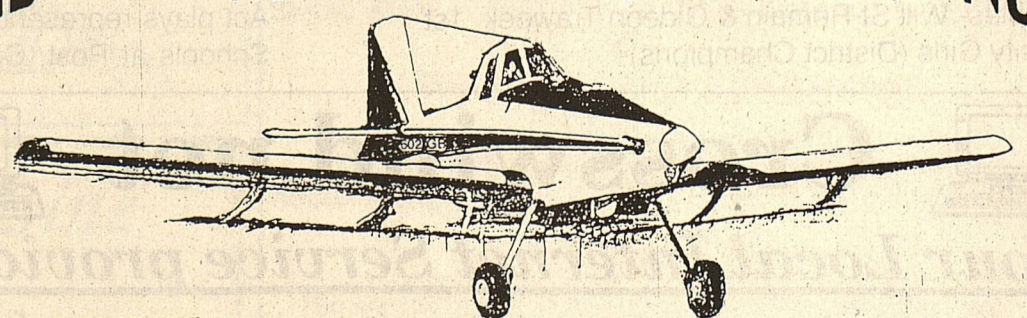
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Multiply your monthly net income by .20. Your monthly credit payments, not including a home mortgage, should not exceed this amount. While 20% of your net monthly income is a good rule of thumb, 15% is considered manageable for most people.

Another check is to see if you could pay off your debts in two or three years using only 10% of your net income. Add up all of your credit balances, excluding your home mortgage. Divide your total debt by 10% of your net annual income. The answer anyway? tells you how many years it would take for you to repay your debts using only 10% of your after-tax income.

If the answer is less than 2, consider the other costs and benefits of adding to your credit commitments. If the answer is between 2 and 3, you will probably be able to get the loan, but an emergency or change in income could put you at risk. If the answer is more than 3, stop and start working on ways to increase your loan payments and reduce your credit balance.

## Senior Citizen Corner

Wake up time is earlier. Hope you didn't forget to set the clock forward Saturday night. What do we do with that extra hour of daylight?

The quilts are now on display at First National Bank. Tickets are available there, or here at the Center, and everyone is urged to buy a few. Our lunch attendance is very good lately. Everyone is home from winter trips and games and walking get good work outs. The new exercise machine seems to be the center of attraction. Our Thanks to the Roofing people and Naomi Braswell is in Methodist Hospital. We wish her a quick recovery.

### Activities April 7 through 11.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we have line dancing at 9:30 a.m.

Monday is Pool/Game at 6:30 a.m. Friday is the Tatum Pool Tournament at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch everyday at 11:30 a.m. The week menu sounds good, so come in and enjoy a day with friends.

See you next week, Smitty

## Library Filmtime

Nineteen preschool youngsters attended Filmtime this week on April 2, 1997. They enjoyed three songs, two games, one movie and two books. Rick Doyle gave a program on juggling and did a magic trick for the excited children. Everyone was very impressed!

Those attending included Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Autumn Friesen, Cody Friesen, Hunter Welch, Haley Welch, Marina Martinez, Sammy Melendez, Kristie Lopez, Lexus Jimenez, Stephanie Addison, Katelynn Young, Kelsey Curry, Sean Curry, Troy Don Parrish, Lariah Johnson, Lauren Burris, Chloe Carpenter, and Charity Hainer.

bock, and accompanied by Maureen Callaway, gave a fun demonstration of 'Timed Directional Painting', in which club members took part, timing their work.

Attending the meeting were Inetta Teaff, Wadonna Davis, Marguerite Barron, Linda Powell, Mary Dale Forbus, Eileen Phillip, Betty Estep, Ann Hartman, Pat Altman, Sheila Stephens, Jeannette Head Wilma Powell, Susie Powell, Vicki Delgado and Maureen Gibson.

Hostesses were Pat Altman and Marguerite Barron, who served pizza from Bill and Mary Nokes, with a fruit plate and cookies. The next meeting will be on May 6. Eileen Phillip, Secretary.

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#### Bridal Shower

Miss Rhonda Cowart, bride elect of Shayne Griffiths of Whiteface, will be honored with a Bridal Shower on Saturday, April 12th. The event will be held in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Fitzgerald at 602 2nd Street in Plains, from 2:30 until 4:00 pm. Thanks for traveling thru Plains and do come back. Happy Safe Traveling CCN-----Gary & Holly Dyer

## Fine Arts Club Meets

Plains Fine Arts Club met April 3, 1997, in the home of Carolyn Culwell with co-hostess Dolares Davis.

Thirteen members and two guests enjoyed a delicious meal of hamburgers, beans and fixings, and a sinful chocolate dessert. They included Mrs. Sue Banfield, Beth Ann Cain, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Dolares Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Michelle Hawthorne, Paula McMinn, Lois Miller, Martha Palmer, Dena Hainer, Sonya Young, and guests, Rayla Williams and Julia Culwell.

The meeting was conducted by Judy Fitzgerald. The Sacred Music Program will be Sunday, April 13, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Plains. There will be a nursery provided and following the program, refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall.

The recipients of the 1997 Vera Smith Music Scholarships are Tessa St. Romain and Lyndi Rowe.

The Club voted to have a "Pecan and Pecan Products" booth at the Watermelon Festival. The club is giving a donation for repairs of the marquee in Pioneer Park.

The member practiced their music for the Sacred Music Program. As the close, Sonya Young was the recipient of the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be May 15, 1997, at 7 p.m.. It is a progressive meal beginning in the home of Judy Fitzgerald and ending in the home of Sandra Ellison.

Sandra Ellison, Recording Secretary

### \* Garage Sale \*

The Yoakum County Art Assn. will hold a garage sale Saturday, April 12, 9am to 4pm, at the Art Building on S. Avenue G. All donations accepted and appreciated. For pickup, call 456-4424, 456-6313 or 456-4022

## HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



## Onions and Garlic Ward Off Disease

That potent smell emitted by onions and by garlic is what gives them away as cancer fighters. Dr. Michael Wargovich (WAR-goh-vich) with M-D Anderson Cancer Center in Houston says the stronger the smell, the more good it does in preventing colon and stomach cancers. He says research has shown that some flavor and fragrance chemicals are cancer fighters. Wargovich says garlic contains a sulfide that detoxifies cancer-causing agents. Onions contain a compound called quercetin (KWEHR-sih-tin) that reduces the risk of cancer and heart disease. Wargovich is working with scientists at the Vegetable Improvement Center at Texas A&M University to breed a better onion...one that's high in quercetin. Wargovich says as science reveals new notions about the healthful benefits of foods, consumers need to pay attention.

## Thought For The Week

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3:16

Collections. From Holly Dyer Miss Manners Says; Do not be so bold, wait until you are asked. If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed.

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## Art Association meet held

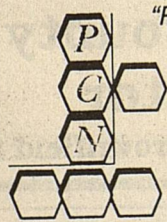
The Yoakum County Art Association met Tuesday, April 1, with 17 members and 3 guests present. Member Wadonna Davis announced the Yoakum County Louise Goehry memorial scholarship fund committee is accepting applications from high school students until April 30.

Betty Estep delivered a report and discussed plans for the association's garage sale to be held April 12 at the art building.

A report on plans for the August Watermelon Round-Up was given by Yoakum County Connection Chair Ann Hartman, who said the second annual event is drawing enthusiastic interest. Marsha Wilkes, well known water color artist from Lub-

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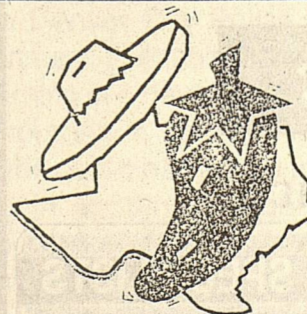
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# From The Hack

The bride and I sat on the deck three afternoons ago, and factually recored the efforts of a Red Breasted Robin beaking for worms.

This is factual. Absolutely the truth, and the bride wasn't even sipping Blackberry Wine. The robin pulled up exactly 17 earthworms in less than nine minutes, according to my Pulsar. The Robin, bloated, must have been very happy, for it dropped a large grey-white deposit of gratitude on the bermuda before flopping off. I had no idea there were so many worms in the entire yard.

What a glorious experience, playing in the three-man golf scramble this weekend. Winds on Saturday had to be over 40 mph, with a chill factor equaling that of Alberta Canada. It was equally exhilarating to shoot so poorly my team had to play at 9am the next day, really just 8am in God's true time. I looked at the thermometer just before tee off, and it was still at 41 degrees. Probably the good Lord's doing for playing golf on Sunday morning.

We were paired with a rather notorious group. Venerable Attorney Paul New, Denver City's JP, Kenny Smith, and a stranger, J.D. Milligan, a seemingly nice young man. J.D., you should learn to more carefully choose your associates.

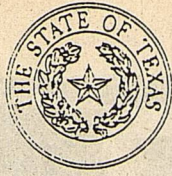
During the round, which lasted over four and a half hours, thanks to the slow play of the Denver City bunch, we all commented when seeing Deputy John Matus motoring about the course, and a little later, Deputy Jerry Howard. Mr. New did not add to my enjoyment of the day when he said, "They're probably looking for Dyer to serve an arrest warrant".

A few minutes later, I was sailing down the cart path, when I heard this horrendous 'Crash, bang, clump, tear, rip, shred noise just behind me. I stopped and stared unbelieving at Paul New, who had crashed his cart into and over a 12 foot tree planted in the fairway. I mean, he layed it on the ground, pulling up some of it's root system.

I fell completely out of my cart laughing, and I saw Kenny Smith rolling on the ground in hysterics. When we all regained our breath and composure, Smith said, "Paul, I know you're not drinking, but I'm wondering if we need to find Matus or Howard and have them give you a bad substance test".

Paul was completely unscathed, if a bit red faced. Someone asked him how in the world he happened to run over the tree. Completely unperturbed, he spat about a pint of Beechnut juice and said, "Don't be concerned gentlemen. I leaned out of my cart to spit, this bad wind, you know, and when I looked up, the tree was going down. I am now contemplating a lawsuit against the golf club, the club pro, the Commissioners Court, maybe the state of Texas, and probably all five of you for failing to warn me of my impending jeopardy. I do not wish to discuss the matter further, gentlemen".

Forewarned is sufficient. You don't mess with irate lawyers.



## Walker, Texas Rep

As you read this, there are only 55 days remaining in the 75th Legislative session. We are working fast and furiously listening to, debating and amending more than 3500 bills filed.

After much debate, The Senate recently passed SB1, which entails a comprehensive water management program for the state. I hope to draw on my experience with this issue to help ensure Texas becomes 'Proactive' rather than 'Reactive' when it comes to drought management.

A topic I am sure many of you are anxious to hear about is property tax relief. Pete Laney, House Speaker, appointed a select committee to look at this issue, and results of their deliberations will be available this week. My office staff and I have been paying careful attention to this matter, and arrival of the bill. I am a proponent of property tax relief, at the right cost. The committee has dedicated many long days to produce a comprehensible plan with tangible results for Texan. I hope to explore the matter in my next column.

Inmate co-pay, an bill I co-authored, is winding its way through the legislative process. It requires prisoners to

contribute toward Doctor visits just as you and I. Co-pay amounts would be deducted from an inmates trustee fund. Provisions are made for those inmates unable to pay. The gist of my concern is to bring accountability and end reckless behavior by inmates costin tax dollars.

The Healthy Kids Program (HPK) is an important measure recently passed by the House. HKP will provide a vehicle for low to moderate parents to to secure health insurance for their children. Parents will apy premiums reasonable and comparable to those provided by most HMO's. HKP will save tax dollars, removing many children from Medicaid roles. School districts last year lost more than four million dollars in funding due to health related absences of students on Medicaid. I understand many may see this as some form of state welfare. I can tell you this program is designed to be better than welfare.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative. I appreciate your letters of encouragement, support, and your ideas.

As always, God Bless!

*Gary Walker*  
State Representative

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#### Notice of Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, COLLINS & WARE, INC., 508 W. WALL, SUITE 1200, MIDLAND, TX 79701, has made application for spacing exception permits under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells requirement to drill:

Rule 37 Case No. 0215526, Well no. 1406, Plains Unit, 3731 Acres, Sec. 392, Blk. D., J. H. Gibson/GW Nelson Survey, A-739, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, being 1.5 miles in a Northwest direction from Plains, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 4039' from the South line and 4050' from the West line of lease. 1229' from the North line and 1229' from the East line of survey.

Rule 37 Case No. 0215527, Well no. 911, Plains Unit, 3731 Acres, Sec. 369, Blk. D., J. H. Gibson Survey, A-320, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, being 2 miles Northwest direction from Plains, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 4047' from the North line and 6723' from the West line of lease. 1320' from the South line and 1195' from the East line of survey.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0215525, Well no. 1603, Plains Unit, 3731 Acres, Sec. 392, Blk. D., J. H. Gibson/GW Nelson Survey, A-739, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, being 1.5 miles Northwest direction from Plains, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 2535' from the South line and 2725' from the West line of lease. 2535' from the South line and 1235' from the East line of survey.

Field rules for the Brahaney field are 660/1320, 40 acres. These wells are to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5400 feet. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h)(2)(A), these applications may be granted administratively if no protest to the applications are received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected person include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the ap-

plication with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Dianne Sumrall - Production Admin., at (915) 687-3435. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6748.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED ON THE SAME DATE TO APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY APRIL 17, 1997. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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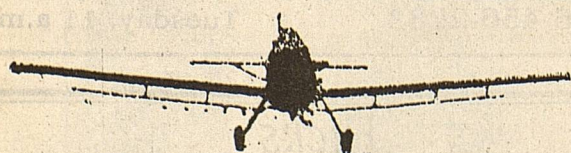
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