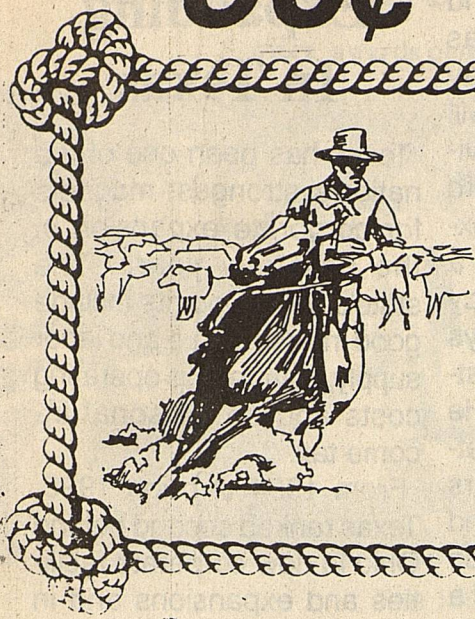


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City receives power bids, continues quest for police force

In a special meeting May 22, the Plains City Council reviewed three bids for supplying the city with wholesale electricity. Bids were received from Lea County Electric Cooperative, Southwest Public Service of Amarillo, and Central Southwest Energy Service of Abilene.

According to Mayor T.J. Miller and City Administrator David Brunson, the city's professional consultant will study and analyze the bids to enable the Council to judge them in a comparable manner. "Each bid was submitted in very detailed form, and none of the formats were the same. When we sit down to study the complex bids, we want to make sure we understand exactly what each bid specifies", Brunson reported. The bids were requested as part of the council's efforts to determine the most cost-effective manner of providing electric power for the city. Plains currently buys wholesale power from Lea County Electric, and maintains a portion of the distribution system, with Lea County Electric maintaining the remaining portion of the city system. Lea County Electric recently made an offer to purchase all the city electric system assets, and assume all opera-

tional duties in maintaining the system. Calling for the power supply was an ongoing effort of the Council to determine the best method of serving the electricity needs of the community.

The Council heard a report on the feasibility of a permanent police officer for the city. Brunson said the plan was being studied by both the council and County Sheriff Jim Rice. The initial plan would entail adding a Deputy to the Sheriff Department, whose primary duties would be in the City of Plains. The move would have to be approved by both the City Council and County Commissioner's Court.

The Council ratified the recent promotion of Pam Rowe to the position of City Secretary. She is a member of the Texas Certified Municipal Clerks organization, and the move resulted from the recently announced resignation of Suann Parrish.

In other council business, member Owen Schneider was elected Mayor Pro Tem, effective immediately, and council members Shane Mackenzie and Bonnie Earnest were sworn into office following their earlier untested election.

End of Legislative session nears

Many lawmakers and citizens appear disappointed with performance

When the State Legislative session is gavelled to a close on Monday, June 2, many of the members will pack their bags, and their frustrations, and head home. What had early on been touted as a legislative golden opportunity has apparently left a bad taste in the mouths of both voters and some lawmakers.

The heavily acclaimed plan of Governor George W. Bush to ease the property tax burden of Texans is dead, fatally axed to death when the joint House-Senate Conference Committee agreed to disagree on the Senate versus House versions of the property tax-school finance bill. Property tax payers are back on square one, and "Robin Hood" is still alive and well, and a sizable amount of Yoakum County tax dollars will still go to fund so called poor school districts.

The highly touted electric utility deregulation plan, promising lower electric rates for us all, is also now history, a dead issue.

In a frustrating effort to over-

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With diplomas in hand, Seniors do lots of hugging and grinning



When the 26 graduating PHS Seniors strode across the auditorium stage last Friday night, they made a host of parents, relatives and friends proud. Many of the class had been classmates since kindergarten days, and as always, the graduation ceremony aftermath was very emotional.

Criminal cases heard in County and District Court

Ten criminal cases were heard in County and District Court last week, presented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark. In County Judge Dallas Brewer's County Court, Jason Edward Snider, 19, pled guilty to possession of two ounces or less of marijuana. He received a 30 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, and \$140 to the DPS safety lab. He will attend the MIP seminar with the Lubbock Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and serve 100 hours of community service. He was represented by Attorney Warren Tabor.

Eddie Joe Piedra, 21, pled guilty to a subsequent charge of DWI. He received a 90 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 18 months, and was fined \$500. He must pay \$227 court costs, and serve 68 days in jail, with credit for months. He was fined \$250, 68 days time served. He must complete the DWI Repeat Offender Program, will have his drivers license suspended 180 days, and must install an ignition interlock

device on any vehicle he drives. He was represented by Attorney Emilio Abeyta.

Ruben Lee Jaramillo, 21, pled guilty to driving with a suspended license. He was fined \$250, must pay \$157 court costs, and provide proof of insurance and pay reinstatement fees to the DPS by May 23.

Charles Dean Gruben, 25, pled guilty to assault. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$157 court costs, and complete the Batterer's Intervention Program and pay \$15 per session.

Karen Kay Costa, a.k.a. Karen Kay Shadden, 37, pled

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It's Baseball Time Again!



Scenes like this will be repeated dozens of times in the next few months, with the different levels of little league baseball underway. We will publish a schedule of the season if officials will furnish us a copy.

Scholarships made available

The Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association is offering College scholarships to qualified student applicants. They will be available to registered, full time students either entering college, or continuing a college educa-

tion. Graduate students are also eligible. Priority will be given to Texas resident students studying in a water or agricultural related degree program.

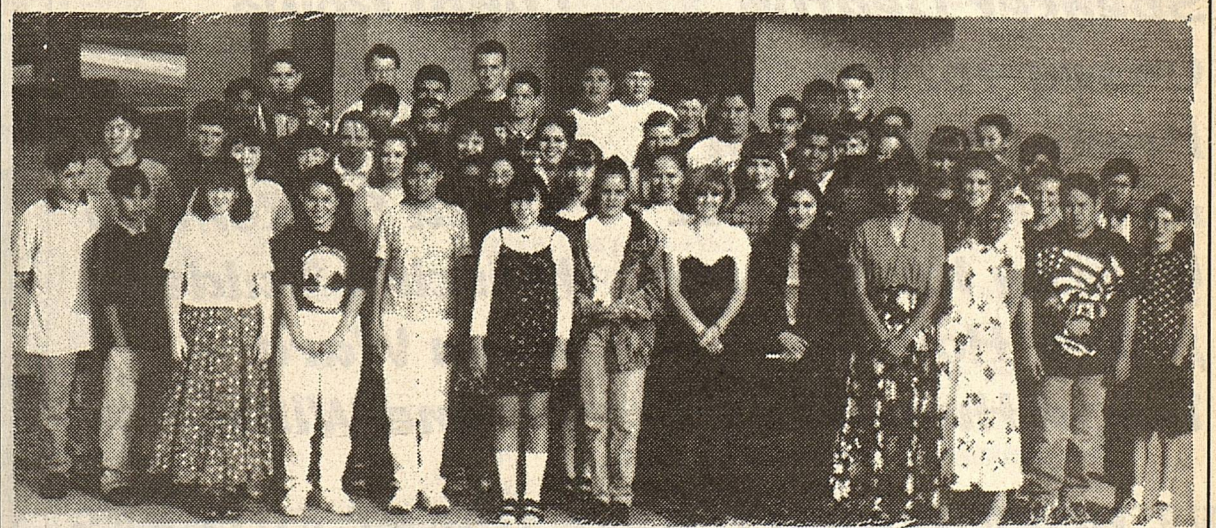
TAIA will award one \$3,000.00 scholarship. They will also award scholarships donated by other sponsors. Only students with a TAIA recommendation will be considered for the \$3,000.00 scholarship. All applicants are eligible for

all additional scholarships sponsored by other donors. Scholarship funds will be given to selected colleges to use toward enrollment expenses.

Only a very limited time is left to apply for one of the scholarships. The deadline for receiving applications is May 30, 1997.

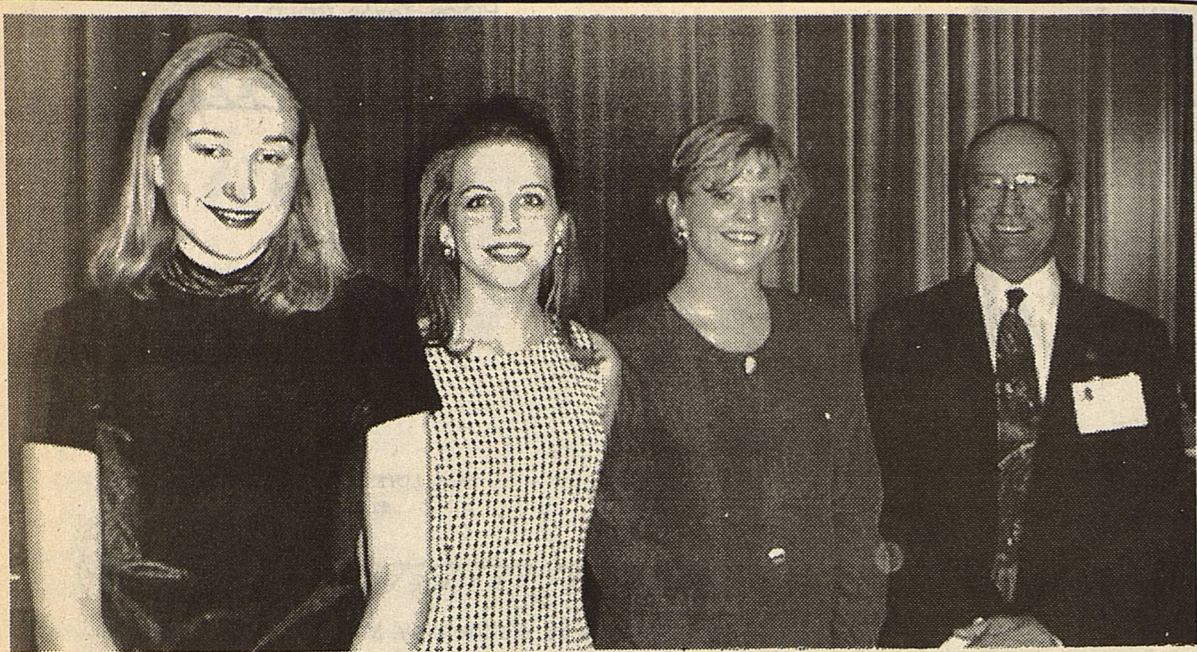
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8th Graders graduate, too



Eighth Graders receiving Certificates of Graduation to High School included; Isaac Asebedo, Elizabeth Baca, Emily Blair, Kelsey Blundell, Stanley Caballero, Aaron Cain, Martha Casillas, Frances Cordova, Lensey Cullins, Sterling Deaton, Christopher Estrada, Roxanne Fuentes, Eddy Gallegos, Joel Gallegos, Adam Garcia, Jason Garcia, Dawn Garland, Fabian Garza, Gregory Gonzales, Taylor Gray, Christopher Gscheidle, Kari Guetersloh, Angelica Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Marcos Hernandez, Skyler Johnson, Kimberly Jones, Albert Lopez, Armando Luna, Alfonso Martinez, Ashlei Mason, Casey Mayes, Grisel Molina, Israel Moreno, Eric Nixon, Felipe Reyna, Maria Reyna, Donita Richardson, Gerald Rivas, Ross Rogers, Lesli Rowe, Elva Ruiz, Lisa San Filippo, Dustin Sellers, Dustin Six, Brett Squyres, Marcus Torres, Michaela Traweek, Tyrel Tyson, Tanya Vasquez, Alexis Warren, Kim Willis, Matt Willis.

Ten Junior High students had perfect attendance for the full school year. They are Gerry Granados, Trent May, Armando Ramirez, Nick Hays, Ky May, Nathan Hays, Elizabeth Ramirez, Rebecca Carrillo, Kelsey Blundell and Kim Willis.



Nicole Hodges, Lovington senior, second from right, and Maranda Box, Plains sophomore, second from left, have been named as Lea County Electric Youth Tour winners, receiving trips to Washington D.C. They were recognized Friday night at the recent annual meeting of the Cooperative. First runners-up were Camille Gandy, Tatum senior, pictures, and Jevon Chevront, Seminole senior, who will receive \$200 awards. Bill Royce Medlin, president of the board of trustees, made the presentations.

The June 5th thru June 17th trip to Washington D.C. will include an air flight to DFW, then charter bus service stop overs in Tennessee before arriving in Arlington, Virginia.

Some of the sites the group will visit include Mt. Vernon, Kennedy Center, Ford's Theatre, Capitol Hill, Library of Congress, Iwa Jima Memorial, Smithsonian, National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, and Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials.

Democratic Club to donate to Seniors

The Youth Projects Committee of the Yoakum County Democratic Club announces its decision to award two \$200.00 savings accounts at Yoakum County Federal Credit Union as door prizes for one lucky senior at Denver City High School and one at Plains High School. The door prizes will be awarded

at special parties to be held in each community following graduation. The funds for the savings accounts are provided by pledges from Democrats in Yoakum County. It is hoped that the savings accounts will be used to further the graduates' education or training. The Club sends congratulations to every senior in Yoakum County. This report submitted by Olivia Robertson, Reporter for Yoakum County Democratic Club.

The brain is as strong as its weakest think.

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guilty to a subsequent charge of DWI. She received a 90 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 18 months. She was fined \$750, must pay \$227 court costs, and serve 30 days in jail, with credit for 2 days served. She will attend the DWI Repeat Offender Program, have her license suspended 90 days, and install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle she drives. She was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Rachel Mary Guerra, 36,

pled guilty to driving with her license suspended. She was fined \$250, must pay \$157 court costs and provide proof of insurance on any owned vehicle by June 20.

Scarlett Weir Eastteam, 30, pled guilty to a first DWI offense. Her 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$500, must pay \$227 court costs, and serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 1/2 hours served. She must complete the DWI Education Program and attend AA weekly meetings. She was represented by Attorney Max Proctor.

In District Court presided over by Judge Kelly G. Moore, Robert Florez, 28, pled guilty to the charge of theft of service with aggregation and enhancement. He was sentenced to five years in State Prison, with credit for 95 days jail time served. He was fined \$1500 and must pay \$181.50 court costs. He received adjudication on causes 1803 and 1804 and two insufficient checks delivered to Broadway Superette, and must pay \$3322.12 in restitution. He was represented by Jerry Corbin.

Rebecca Sue Griffin, a.k.a. Becky S. Griffin, 21, pled guilty to forgery. She was sentenced to two years in state prison, suspended and probated three years. She must pay a fine of \$1000, \$250 court appointed attorney fees, court costs of \$181.50, and half, or \$366.01, of total restitution of \$732.01 to Thriftway by August 19. Her Attorney was Jerry Corbin.

Dennis Lee Duval, 42, pled guilty to a charge of possession of methamphetamine. He received a 5 year prison sentence, suspended and probated 5 years. He was fined \$1500 and must pay \$181.50 court costs. He will undergo intensive supervision for 12 months with weekly urinalysis at his expense. He must obtain a drug/alcohol dependency evaluation within 30 days and undergo outpatient treatment as recommended. He must attend weekly AA meetings and perform 160 hours of community service, and settlement of original notice of seizure and forfeiture of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle for \$5000. He was represented by Attorney Bill Wischkaemper.

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come the State Supreme Court ruling which killed the boll weevil eradication program, a new plan was passed creating a northern and southern zone of our High Plains area for pursuing destruction of the weevil. It appears doubtful the weevil will recognize this dividing line drawn on maps in its destructive journey.

The "Stadium Bill", HB 92, passed with ease, thanks mainly from the support of large urban lawmakers. Now, when you visit Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio on a business trip, a vacation or a trip for medical attention, your hotel or motel bill will be even heftier with additional room taxes. These funds will help build huge stadiums for wealthy sports team owners and the large cities, places where most of will never visit.

Yes, there certainly were good measures produced in this legislative session, but it won't be recorded in history books as the legislatures finest hour.

Expanding In Texas

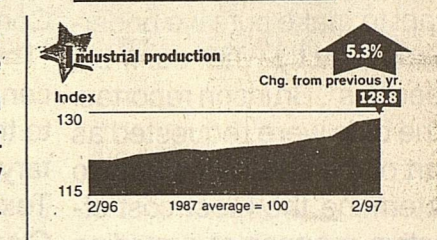
Texas has been one of the nation's strongest magnets for corporate expansion in the past few years. The state's selling points include good infrastructure and labor supply, competitive operating costs and no personal income tax.

From 1994 through 1996, Texas ranked second behind Ohio in new corporate facilities and expansions and in new manufacturing plants, according to Site Selection magazine. Corporations built or expanded nearly 2,000 facilities in the Lone Star State during that period, including 523 manufacturing plants.

In 1996, Texas led all other states with 192 new manufacturing plants, the magazine's survey found. Among metro areas, Dallas ranked second behind Chicago with 241 new facilities and expansion, while Fort Worth-Arlington ranked eighth with 180 projects.

Texas attracted three of the nation's five largest facility investments in 1996, led by Texas Instruments' \$2 billion semiconductor plant expansion in Dallas. Also, Intel announced plans for a \$1.3 billion computer chip plant in Fort Worth, and Samsung Electronics chose Austin as the site of its new \$1.3 billion plant.

Texas stats:



Congratulations to each & every

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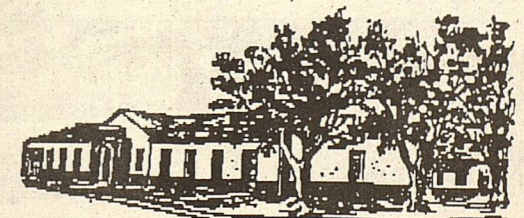
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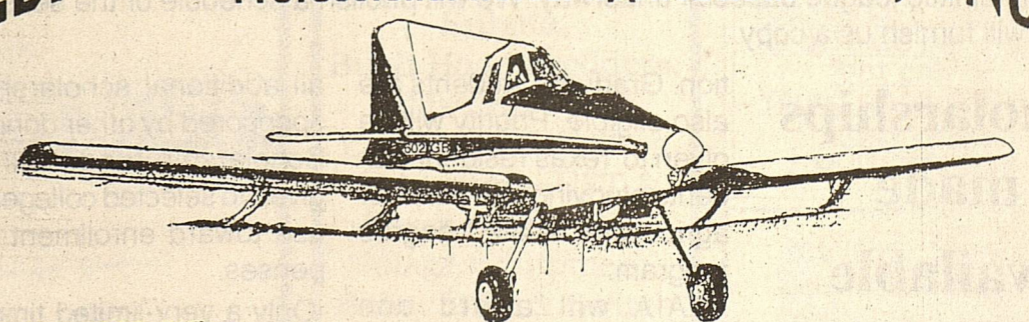
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PHS Athletic Awards Scenes

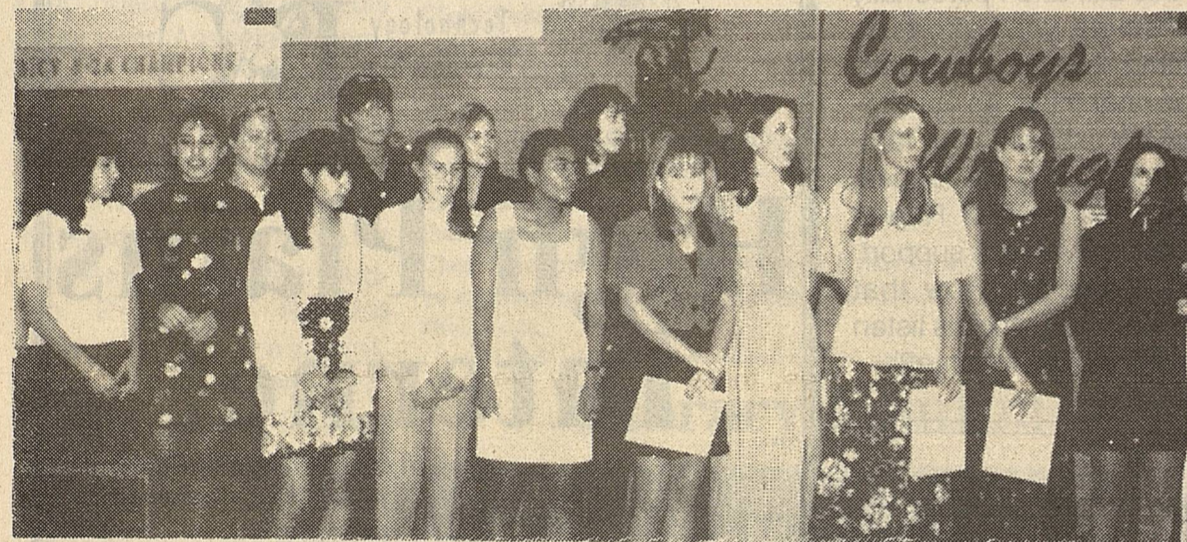
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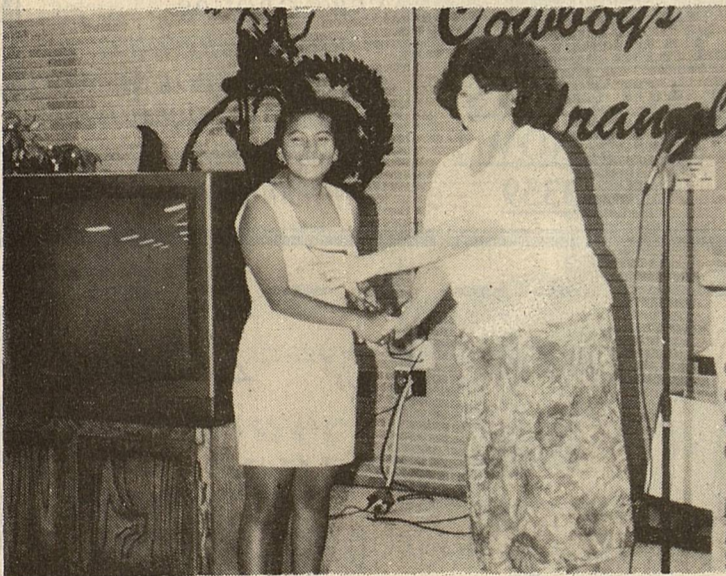
The 1997 PHS Senior Athletes



PHS Cheerleaders Krystle Blundell, Maranda Box, Shyloh Winn, Shawna Box, Kristi Guetersloh, Sonia Avila, and Carol Morgan, sponsor.



The PHS Cowgirl Volleyball Team



Booster Club member Pam Redman presents award to Mary Morales

Burrus Attends Leadership Program

Clint Field Burrus recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar. Clint joined more than 100 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Texas April 26, 1997, in Amarillo.

Clint is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burrus, and The Cowboy Country News was the local HOBY Sponsor.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process and for broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self development.

"The seminar challenged me to think about the world around me and what we, as the future leaders, have to do to positively influence business, government, and society," said Burrus. "I also better understand that my goals and dreams are important and that the leaders have extreme responsibilities in more so they can interact whatever walk of life they pursue."

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation was established by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.



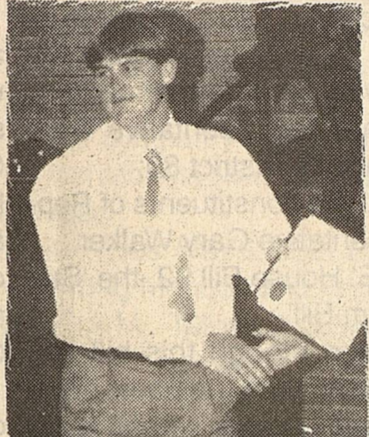
Cowboy Lineman award to Coley Burgess



Tanner Blount & basketball award from Mr. Williams



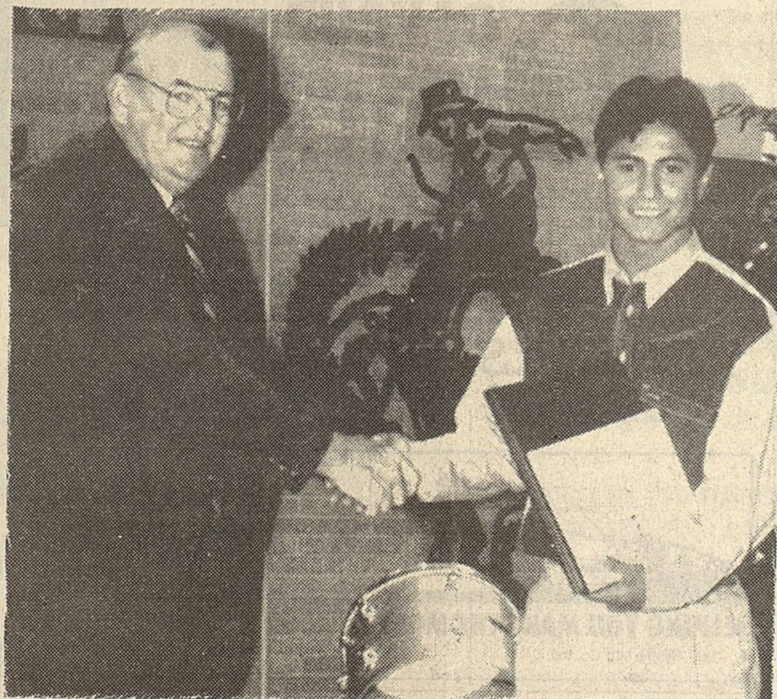
Dustin Brunson & power lifting award from Mr. Brink



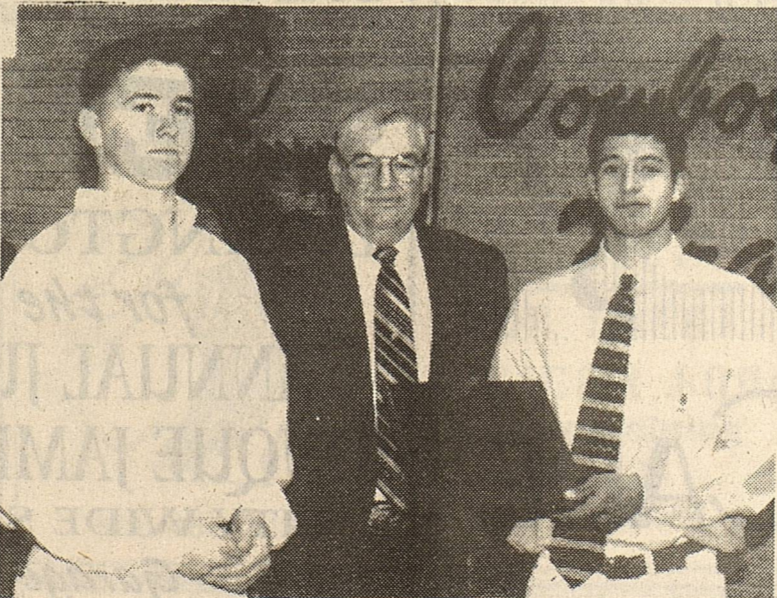
Wayne Willett & Booster Club award



Tessa St. Romain and golf award



Coach McMinn presents Outstanding Cowboy football award to Senior Joe Luna



"Wounded Warriors" Jacob Lester and Stephen Bitolas with 'Heart' Award from Coach McMinn

Our Congratulations to each and every PHS athlete. You've had a very good year! Gary & Holly Dyer & CCN

Reading Rainbow's Young Writers and Illustrators Contest



L-R, Scott Addison, Chris Addison, Lauren Davis

Three Plains Elementary students were honored for their writing skills by KENW-TV in Portales, New Mexico. Chris Addison, Lauren Davis, and Scott Addison were winners in the Reading Rainbow's Young Author's Competition sponsored by KENW-TV and Reading Rainbow. Chris Addison, son of Tim and Judy Addison, was the First Place winner in the Kindergarten with his story, "Baseball is My Favorite Sport." Lauren Davis, daughter of Wayne Lee and Cindy Davis, was the First Place winner in the First Grade level with her story, "The Pony Express." Scott Addison, son of Tim and Judy Addison won Second Grade in the Second Grade level with his story, "The Day Toonstone Will Never Forget." All winners were interviewed at the KENW-TV station in Portales and appeared on the television program "You Should Know" which aired May 13th. Their pictures and stories will be in the June edition of Q2*3, a monthly publication of KENW-TV. The First Place winners won \$25.00 and the opportunity for their story to compete on the national level in June. All winners received a certificate from KENW-TV and a Reading Rainbow certificate autographed by LeVar Burton, a Reading Rainbow T-Shirt, a tour of the television station and a tape of the program they were interviewed on. Students in Kindergarten and First Grade were asked to write a story containing 50-150 words accompanied by at least five illustrations. Students in Second and Third Grades were asked to write a story containing at least 100-250 words with at least five illustrations. This competition was conducted to encourage, challenge, and reward students to instill a joy of reading and a sense of achievement in creating their own works of fiction. Chris is a student of Mrs. May in Kindergarten. Lauren is a student of Mrs. Davis in First Grade. Scott is a student of Mrs. Cobb in Second Grade. We want to wish Chris and Lauren GOOD LUCK at Nationals!

High Plains Junior Rodeo

The following are individual results of the May 17&18 High Plains Jr. Rodeo at Portales.

Kimberly Jackson won the All-Round Cowgirl title for the second time this year with a 1st place in 8 & under poles and in the Breakaway. She also placed second in the Barrels.

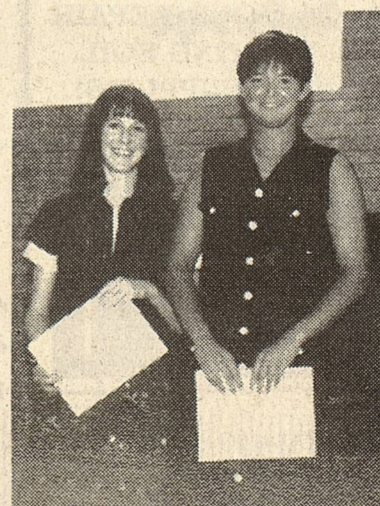
Marcey House placed 5th in the 16-19 girls ribbon roping and a 6th place in the Poles.

Brett Squyers won a 4th place in the boys 13-15 Breakaway roping, a 5th place in ribbon roping, and a 7th place in tie down calf roping.

The next rodeo is in Earth for High Plains, but over Memorial Day weekend Keith Jackson, Brett & Robin Squyres will attend the 12th Annual Barry Burk Championship Jr. Rodeo in Ardmore. Ok. There will be a tie down calf roping and a breakaway in Keith & Brett's age group. Robin will compete in girls 19 and under Breakaway roping.



Sandi Warren accepts plaque from Coach Osborn



Kristen Gray & Kayla Redman with awards

To parents & friends who helped by decorating, preparing food, loaning supplies & cleaning up, we appreciate your love & support by making the Junior-Senior Prom a success! Always remember us this way

The Junior Class of 1997

Plains Students Graduate From SPC

LEVELLAND—Two Plains resident were among graduates of South Plains College during the college's 39th graduation exercises receiving degrees and certificates May 9 in Texas Dome.

Plains recipients are: associate of science degree, Jennifer Cowart; and certificate of proficiency, Mauro Arteaga Jr., electronics service technology.

"We are very proud of our 1997 graduates," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have persevered and achieved a goal which will have a positive impact on the rest of their lives."



PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF--Mauro Arteaga, a resident of Plains, drove 106 miles each day commuting from Plains to South Plains College to study electronics service technology. He returned to college with the help of the Learning Center in Denver City and the Texas Work Force Center and graduated May 9 with a certificate of proficiency in electronics service technology from SPC

Loyalty of Texas questioned

Washington, D.C. According to the testimony of two US Army officers who have spent time in Texas, residents of that state have no loyalty to the United States. Before a Congressional committee, Gen. Wm. E. Strong declared almost the whole population is hostile. He said

"one campaign of the US Army through Texas, like Sherman's through Georgia, would greatly improve the temper of the people". Gen. David Stanley told the group "Texas is worse than any other state because she has never been whipped". He also said he thought all of the women in Texas were rebels. *The Texas News*, Aug. 1867

Services held for Viola Guetersloh

Graveside services were held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 24, for Viola Guetersloh, 76. She passed away May 21, in Leveland Methodist Hospital.

She was born July 3, 1920 in Collin County, Texas, the daughter of the late Walter Clarkson and Minnie Stevenson. She was a graduate of Hale Center High School. She married Chris Guetersloh October 11, 1950 in Leveland. They moved to Plains in 1955. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1981. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Lynwood Payne of Plains; a step daughter, Billie Blundell of Plains; two brothers, Merrion Clarkson of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Glen Clarkson of Denton; two sisters, Sue Prichard of Odessa, and Lou Henson of Lodi, California; a grandson, John Adam Payne, five step-grandchildren and a number of step-great grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Reverend Rick Doyle, First United Methodist Church, and interment followed in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Gary Walker lauded by association

Don Hansen, Executive Vice President of the Texas Hotel and Motel Association in Austin, recently forward the following letter to the media in State Representative Gary Walker's District 80;

"To the constituents of Representative Gary Walker. RE: House Bill 92, the 'Stadium Bill'.

Even though this bill has passed both chambers of the Texas Legislature and is expected to be signed into law by Governor Bush, I wanted you to know that your legislator voted against this bill. The Texas Hotel & Motel Association will never agree with every legislator on every

issue, but those who supported us and voted no on the stadium bill did so for one simple reason: they agreed with you that hotel room taxes to support stadiums for very wealthy sports team owners and large cities is bad public policy.

Representative Gary Walker agreed with you, and I wanted to let you know of his support.

Our association is proud to have worked with both you and Representative Walker on this bill, and I personally appreciate your efforts to communicate your thoughts.

One final thing. As you discuss politics with your family, friends, and colleagues, please tell them of Representative Walker's support. Isn't it nice to know that some elected officials listen to the folks back home?"

Keri Powell Cum Laude Graduate

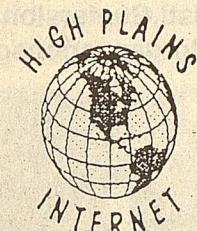
Keri Powell, daughter of Kenneth and Susie Powell, graduated Cum Laude from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, on May 17. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration with a specialization in Long Term Health Care Administration. She completed her administration training in April with Heritage Home Nursing Home of Integrated Health Services of Plainview. She will be going to Austin in July for her Nursing Home Administration license.



Middle School grades well on TASS

The four grades of Plains Junior High achieved excellent scores in the state mandated TASS exams recently. Following is a summary of the classes performance;

Plains Jr. High score	State Average score
5th grade;	
Reading 100	79
Math 93	80
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Math 94	87



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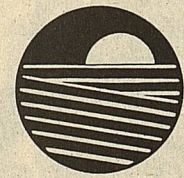
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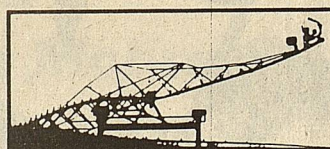
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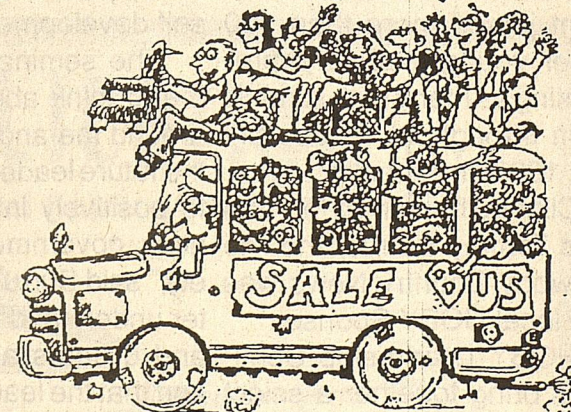
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Fine Arts Club Meets

The Plains Fine Arts Club met May 15, 1997, the last meeting of the Club year. The meeting started in the home of Judy Fitzgerald, then moved to the home of Sandra Ellison. The members present were; Mrs. Christy Brink, Beth Cain, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Michelle Hawthorne, Paula McMinn, Lois Miller, Martha Palmer, Yvette Ramos, and Sonya Young. The guest present was Rayla Williams.

In the up-coming Watermelon Round up, the Club will have a Pecans & Pecan Products Booth. Members will sell shelled pecans and food items with pecans.

Several names were presented for membership. Their membership is pending awaiting acceptance from these individuals. The Club noted to change Lois Miller to an Associate Member.

In closing, outgoing President Judy Fitzgerald, was presented with a gift. She installed the new officers for the next two years, including President Sandra Ellison; Vice-President, Paula McMinn; Secretary-Reported, Yvette Ramos; Treasure, Donna Friesen; Parliamentarian, Michelle Hawthorne; Pianist Melba Crutcher and Music Director, Debra Hise.

Judy presented the outgoing officers with gifts. Dolores Davis was the lucky one to draw the hostess gift. The first meeting of the new year will be in September.

Sandra Ellison
Recording Secretary

Baby Shower Planned

A baby shower honoring Amy and Scotty Raines will be held Sunday, June 1, in the home of Paula McMinn, 111 Third Street, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Selections available at Toys R Us, Target, Nelson Pharmacy and Plains Depot.

Yoakum County Connection

Plains Summer Workshops

Class: Baking Bread in Clay Pots
Date: June 17
Time: 10:00-12:00 a.m.
Location: Plains Club Room
Fee: \$3.00 to County Extension Agency
Age Group: 9-14 years old
Enrollment: 15
Presenter: Kathy Adair
Class Description: Students will learn basics of baking bread. They will be taught and can make a yeast bread, quick bread, and friendship bread.

Class: Fashion Design
Date: June 17
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Location: Plains Club Room
Fee: No Fee
Age Group: 9-14 years old
Enrollment: 15
Presenter: Kathy Adair
Class Description: Students will learn design basics of how to transfer ideas from their creative minds into sketch drawings. Fashion, fabric, and accessory design will be covered. No sewing involved.

Class: Omelet Rodeo
Date: June 18
Time: 10:00-12:00 a.m.
Location: Plains Club Room
Fee: \$1.00 to County Extension Agency
Age Group: 9-14
Enrollment: 15
Presenter: Kathy Adair
Class Description: Students will learn several egg recipes and will create their own omelet. Cooking methods and nutrition will also be discussed.

Class: T-shirt Art
Date: June 19
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Location: Plains Club Room
Fee: \$5.00 to County Extension Agency
Age Group: 9-14 years old
Enrollment: 15
Presenter: Kathy Adair
Class Description: Several methods of T-shirt art will be discussed such as: tie dye, embroidery appliqué, painting, and computer transfer. Students will choose one.

Senior Citizens Corner

Our local Pool Tournament and Turkey and Dressing seem to go together. Yesterdays Tournament was well attended. The players even had one contestant from Oklahoma, also Gladys Trice was visiting and entered the play.

Resent visitors at the Center are Nancy Foster, Roy Hunnicutt and grandson, Slim Cochran, the man from Oklahoma, Stephen Sinclair, and Gladys Trice.

Home from hospitals are Spencer Randolph and Joe Terry. The report is that Louise Green will be coming home this week. Reba McNabb is home after seeing a Doctor in Lubbock, and her brother is home and was up to a bout at the pool tournament.

Our sympathy to the families of Moneta New and Beryl Wilder.

Activities May 27-30: Line Dancing Monday and Friday 9:30 A.M., Tatum Pool Tournament Tuesday 1:00 P.M.

Lunch everyday at 11:30. Come on in and enjoy a meal and a family visit. See you next week.

Smitty

First Grade Learns Food Origins

What do you get when you mix eggs, cream, and yeast together? A combination of school, state, and the community working together to help improve student's knowledge and expand resources.

Recently, Mrs. Morris' first grade class was taught egg to chick growth and how to make butter by Dottie Mayes. Dottie used a curriculum provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Agency call Egg to Chick to teach what happens inside the egg and how a baby chick grows to be a large chicken.

This lesson was followed up by Dottie bringing fresh cream from Kenneth McGinty's cow to teach the kids how to make real butter. The butter was served on Dottie's homemade bread.

"It's fun for the kids to learn where their food comes from," says Dottie.

The students were invited to learn how to make yeast bread at the Extension Office. Agent Kathy Adair talked to the kids about yeast and how it helps bread to rise. The eager learners kneaded dough and helped Adair to

make Teddy Bear Bread. "I encourage people to volunteer to work and demonstrate at the school. In a small town, students need as many resources as they can get," says Kathy.

The students in Mrs. Morris' class include: Flor Lara, Curtis Areteaga, Sergio Olivas, Jose Flores, Jacob Garza, Ryan Crump, Joani Bell, Chandra Carpenter, Britnie Duran, Issak Unger and Cody Mayes.

Thank You!

Thanks to the People of Plains and the surrounding area for the cards, many phone calls and flowers during and after my stay in the Hospital!

Billy Winn

NOTICE

Commodities will be delivered in Plains on Thursday, June 12

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Library Filmtime



Children receiving Certificate of Achievement during the Library's 1997 Filmtime programs are Jason Durham, Morgan Willis, Brett Hawthorne, Jacob Brink, Troy Parrish, Katelynn Young, Taylor Banfield, Brandon Craft, Kenyon Powell, Lariah Johnson, Chloe Carpenter, Lexus Jimenez, Marina Martinez, Courtney Byrum and Jessica Lazos. Shown in picture are Katelynn Young, Troy Parrish, Brett Hawthorne, Jacob Brink, Marina Martinez and Courtney Byrum.

Never grow a wishbone, daughter, where a backbone ought to be.

SPC summer registration dates set

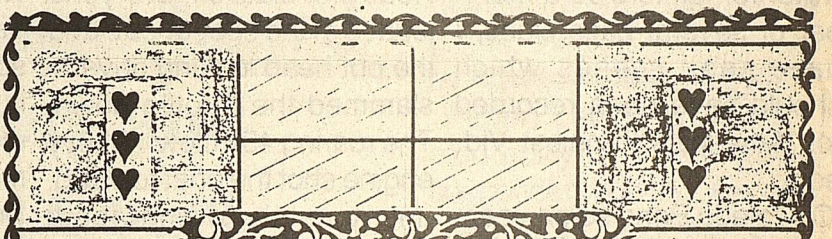
Levelland- South Plains College's summer class '97 registrations begins with enrollment May 27-28 at the Reese AFB Extension Center. Open registration for summer courses at Reese is scheduled 4-7 p.m. May 27, and 5-7 p.m. May 28 in building 920.

Registration for the first summer term at SPC's Levelland Campus, 1401 S. College Ave. in Levelland, will be May 29. Sign up is 2-6 p.m. in the women's gym.

Registration for the summer session at the SPC Lubbock campus, 1302 Main, will be May 29. Enrollment is scheduled 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Classes at all three locations begin June 2. Late registration is scheduled June 2-3.

For a 1997 summer schedule of summer classes contact the SPC Office of Admissions, Levelland, 894-9611, Ext. 2374 or 2375.



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From The Hack



I received a FAX from "Ms. New Tex", a.k.a. Jean Craft, a copy of an article written by a fishing guide working the waters of Lake Fork. That's where Jean and hubby Gayle frequently thrash the waters searching for big bass, and where she consistently beats him with bigger and better fish, and where his frustrations and ulcer grow larger each trip.

The article detailed the constant hilarious (and often dangerous) incidents occurring on boat ramps located on our hundreds of state lakes. Some fool is always backing his boat rig into the water, and then and only then, decides to unpack his vehicle containing five wild eyed kids, a wife yelling at the kids, picnic baskets, rods and reels which no one knows how to use, several coolers of soft and harsh drinks, containers of minnows, worms, a few packs of disposable diapers, all the time taking up space on the ramp, while angrier by the minute fishermen and boaters are backed up behind the traveling circus.

The guy knows what he wrote about. Back when I was seriously casting the water for lunkers as a member of several bass clubs, I have seen scenes which should have been recorded for 'America's Funniest Videos'.

On Toledo Bend some years back, I watched a vehicle with New Jersey plates attempt to back an expensive bass rig down the launch ramp at Harvey's Landing. The cigar chomping driver ignored his partners frantic waves and

yells from behind the boat, and crunched his boat prop on a guard rail. They pulled up, hastily changed props, and on the second attempt, he backed the trailer over his engrossed director-partners foot, resulting in screams of anguish and bitter obscenities.

At Falcon Reservoir many years ago, I saw an elderly couple manage to get their boat in the water, tie it to a dock, then start a lengthy conversation with a rummy eyed crappie fisherman. The crappie fan happened to look up, and said something like, "Well, imagine that, that boat's out there a bit and sure as stuff stinks, it's a sinking"! The older guy looked, muttered, "Yeah, sure is... oh, X#^+!~^!, that's my boat". No drain plug will do it every time.

At Twin Buttes Lake near San Angelo, the Bride and I saw a bunch of hot shot water skiers put their rig in the water, then tie it bow and stern to the floating dock. They stuffed the hot boat with beer coolers, bikini clad girls, a pregnant Chihuahua dog, three sacks of chacoal and a grill, and a map of the lake. Ready for blast off, everyone leaped in the speedboat, and the pot head looking driver slammed the throttle down. The roaring 454 blown Chevy engine shot the boat forward, unfortunately towing about seven feet of the wooden dock still tied to the stern of the boat. Even more unfortunately, a screaming grandmother looking type clung desperately to the rapidly disintegrating planking. Need-

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FRIDAY: Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine. High 83, overnight low 58.
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine. High 86, overnight low 60.

less to say, the Lake Patrol was soon on the scene.

We are at last 'surfing the net'. That's the hip way of saying we are using the Internet on one of our computers. Only problem is, I keep falling off my board into the surf. It's really neat, and would be even cooler if I had a clue about what I am doing. So far I have learned how to pull up the contents of the daily Lubbock AJ on the screen, but why? The thing is thrown in my yard every morning. Well, almost every morning. I can also access the weather forecast from USA Today (see above). I can also get very lost in the Web, and I've learned it's sometimes hard to find your way out. I guess this could be considered a CEU effort.

Much to do with MULCH

By Tadd Knight, County Extension Agt.-Ag
 Are you aware of the advantages of using a mulch in your garden? In one stoke, you can reduce weed problems, keep the soil moist, attract beneficial earthworms, keep the soil moist and cool, prevent erosion, and add nutrients to the soil. In short, good gardeners have much to do with mulch.

By depriving developing weed seedlings of light, mulch minimizes weed problems in the garden. This easy weeding is the result of another benefit; moisture retention. Mulch slows moisture evaporation, protecting tender new roots from overheated soil while also lessening the watering chore.

A mulch can consist of inorganic or organic materials. Organic mulches include straw, pine needles or bark. In organic mulches include gravel, stones, even plastic. Availability is one factor to consider in selecting a mulch. Your choice depends on your personal preferences as to what looks the best and will be readily available. Of the materials listed, sawdust is probably the least desirable because of its ability to rob nitrogen from the garden. The key is to find well rotted and aged saw dust or shavings. If you are tired of seeing weeds in your garden doing better than the plants, or if you want to reduce your water chores and your bill, give mulch a try in your garden.

Below is a list of mulching materials, with their advantages and disadvantages:
 Ground Bark- inexpensive, attractive, long lasting
 Peat Moss- Expensive, difficult to prepare. Attractive, but can dry out.

Grass Clippings- Readily available. Spread thinly, allow to dry before using. Do not use fresh clippings.

Straw- One of the best. Long lasting, reduces moisture loss as much as 70%. Replace lost nitrogen with fertilizer.
 Plastic Film- Black film is excellent, but can be unattractive. Punch holes to allow for moisture penetration.
 Newspaper- Builds humus. Can be used shredded or in sheets with soil on top.

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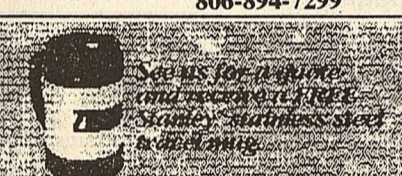
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