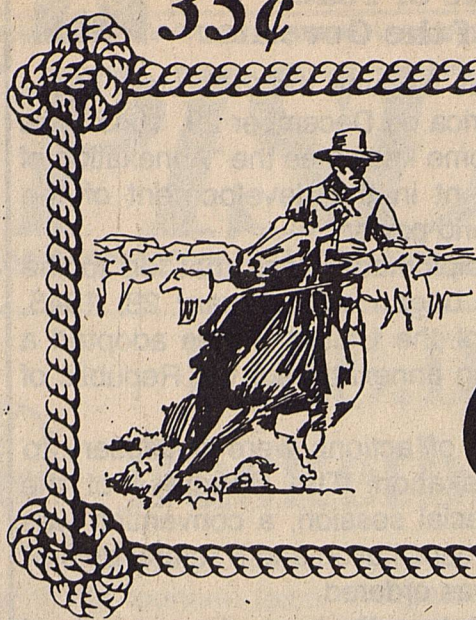
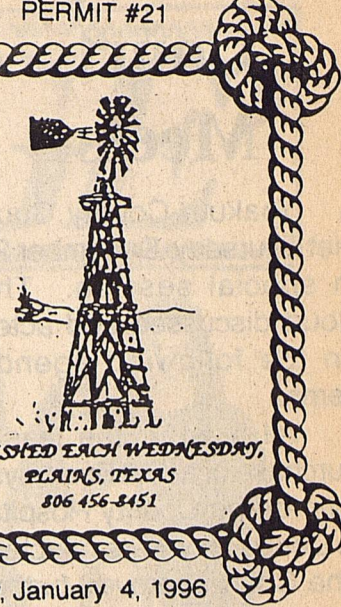


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## CURRENT COTTON CROP A 'GOOD NEWS - BAD NEWS' TALE

Three weeks ago we featured an article on the difficulties area cotton producers were facing under drought and high wind conditions. Shortly after

## PHS GETS FINE REPORT CARD FROM TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

Plains High Sophomores scored an excellent 100% in writing, 96% in reading, and 84% in mathematics on the exit level TAAS test administered in March.

## The 1995 CCN Headlines Here Are A Sampling Of News Items Covered Last Year In These Pages

## MELON SEASON HERE AGAIN

Workers from South Texas are swarming in area watermelon fields, picking, loading and trucking this year's good crop to two locations, where Anderson

## SHELL BUY-OUT PLAN INTRIGUING, QUESTION FILLED

A pair of recently held meetings' in Denver City of local Shell Oil Company. County, City and School assets by the County has officials, concerned citizens raised hosts of questions, and business people to but few concrete answers

## BOLL WEEVIL FIGHT PLANNED

Almost one hundred county cotton boll weevil on the Texas High Plains, the cotton producers and landlords attended a meeting March 30, addressing the nations largest cotton producing area. threatening spread of the

## A.G. Bus Opinion Creates Huge Problems For Texas Schools

If Unchanged, Transporting Students  
Will Be Next To Impossible

## Championship Band Performance Brings Honors To School, Town, Themselves

Last Tuesday evening, announcing the caravan siren's began to wail, escorted, triumphant return horns began to blow, home of our State Championship winning Cowboy Marching Band, now two time winners of the title.

## TEXAS 'TEN MOST WANTED' FELON JAILED HERE

Sheriff Jim Rice and two deputies arrested one Johnny Aguilar in a rural area of the county Jan 25. He was on the list of ten most wanted criminals in the State.

Sheriff Rice said the Intelligence Service of the Department of Public Safety furnished information to his office of Aguilars' whereabouts, and he was arrested without incident and jailed here.

## 'BROWNOUT' DOWNS 'COPTER HERE

On Monday, January 16, a medical emergency helicopter owned by Aero-Care, Lubbock, was in route from Artesia to Lubbock, transporting a heart patient to a hospital emergency room there.

About 1:15 that afternoon, the craft was in the midst of the roaring sandstorm which raced across the area. Dust was so bad the pilot landed the craft just yards from Morris and Debbie Rushing's home northeast of town.

One of the two person medical crew used the

## FEBRUARY DRUG BUST LEADS TO ORGANIZED CRIME CHARGES HERE

In February, we published a story headlined "Drug Bust On Hwy. 214", featuring the arrest of a number of marijuana runners Rick Dickson, his drug sniffing dog 'Audin', the north of town through the efforts of Permian Basin Yoakum County Sheriffs Drug Task Force Officer Department and the

## ONE ACT PLAY, "ALL THE WAY" WINS DISTRICT

After winning zone competition, cast and crew of the One Act Play day", said Director Joyce traveled to Smyer to compete for the District Championship. "It was a very rewarding day", said Director Joyce Pierce, "We not only won District, which allowed us

to advance to area competition, but Jennifer Earnest again was chosen Best Actress in the District".

## SHELL BUY-OUT PLAN SHELVED

The highly controversial proposed scheme for the County purchase of all the County resources owned by Shell Oil, designed to keep tax funds at home and thwart the school "Robin Hood Plan", has apparently hit a major snag; Shell is not interested in selling.

## 1995 FARM TOUR SHOWS DIVERSITY OF YOAKUM COUNTY AGRICULTURE

The Yoakum County Annual Farm Tour held Wednesday, September 20, according to many of those attending was one of the more interesting and informative in recent years. Area producers and other interested citizens toured local vineyards, heard how

artificial insemination is aiding the beef industry, and toured many other agricultural sites.

## 'Robin Hood' Wounded, But Not Dead Yet

'Rich vs. Poor' School Finance Issue Certain to  
Plague Districts, Citizens, Legislators  
Between Now And Next Session

When the recent 74th Legislature was gavelled to a close, and SB 1, the so called School Bill, became a reality, many West Texas school officials, teachers, well knowing the relief tax payers, and Legislators themselves breathed a new law covered a

## Does 'Common Cause' Have A Cause?

Allegations Against Walker  
Appear Unfounded  
And Unsupportable

## FIREMEN SUCCEED FIGHTING DANGEROUS OIL FIELD BLAZE

The Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to an emergency call shortly before noon Friday, April 7, and arrived at a large and dangerous fire at the Amerada-Hess oil storage facility one mile west of town. The eight volunteers brought a pumper unit, two grass fire units, and their equipment wagon, and quickly realized they would need additional help. The Denver City Volunteer Fire Department was called, and promptly arrived with another pumper truck, their

## LOCAL ON TREK TO SOUTH AFRICA IN SORGHUM PROMO

Jack Cobb, local farm producer and officer of the National Grain Sorghum Producers, left Lubbock South Africa to check the feasibility of broadening the overseas marketing of US grain sorghum. Friday, April 21, for a trip to

## County Court Meets

Yoakum County Court met Thursday, December 28 in special session. The Court discussed and acted on the following agenda items.

All bids for the lease/purchase of a 'Cat Scan' system for the County Hospital in Denver city were rejected. The Court approved further advertising bids for the lease/purchase of a used system, with the bids due January 19.

Ed Rogers, County Hospital Administrator, discussed amendments to Dr. Larry Boyd's and Dr. Terry Edward's contracts. A memo of understanding was drafted on Dr. Boyd's contract, necessary because of the management contract on the Hospital with Saint Mary's Hospital, which became effective January 1. Dr. Edward's contract was amended, allowing her to receive \$3,500 per month for on call coverage fees, and she will handle all billing and collections for services.

Several line item transfers were approved, as were all county bills and part time salaries.

The Court met again on January 2, 1996. They approved a petition of Fina Oil & Chemical Co. for the right to lay and maintain a pipeline under and across county roads. They examined and approved the County Treasurer's report for November.

The Court reviewed bids for the purchase of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel for the four precincts, the County Parks, Sheriff's de-

# TELECOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending December 28

World cotton prices, as measured by the Cotlook A Index, are forecast to average 83 cents per pound in the 1995-96 marketing year, down 11 cents from 1994-95 due mainly to weaker Chinese import demand, according to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC).

ICAC forecasts world cotton prices to fall another 12 cents per pound in 1996-97 in response to increased production and reduced import demand around the world. According to ICAC, even with the anticipated decline, world cotton prices in 1996-97 would still be near the long-term average of 73 cents per pound.

Increased plantings in several countries due to current above-average prices and expected higher U.S. cotton yields lead the ICAC to believe world production will be higher in 1996-97. In fact, ICAC forecasts 1996-97 production at 92.5 million bales, up from 89.3 million

partment, County Agent, Veterans Service Officer, Juvenile Probation offices and the Senior Citizens bus for the year 1996. The winning bid was awarded to Eddins-Walcher Co. Bid prices without tax were 6175 per gal. for unleaded gasoline, .6975 for premium unleaded, and .6785 for diesel, with a further deduction of .02 cents for transport loads of fuel. The only other bidder was West Texas Gas Co.

bales forecast in 1995-96.

The U.S. cotton market has been hit recently by, among other things, sluggish demand in the U.S. apparel sector—a trend that continued through the critical Christmas shopping season. Those in the industry have conflicting opinions as to the direction of U.S. cotton prices in the new year. Some traders forecast early 1996 will be the reverse of 1995, with some prices plunging to seasonal lows on steadily rising estimates for world supplies. Others maintain the market may yet test the 90 cent per pound level, suggesting at least a moderate degree of volatility.

The general consensus, however, is that New York Cotton Exchange cotton futures are unlikely to see a return to dollar-per-pound prices during 1996. At this time last year, cotton prices were spiraling toward the historic high of 117.20 cents per pound reached in April as crop problems across the globe took a toll on supplies. According to one analyst, "Dollar cotton happens when you have a real surprise elsewhere in the world, and last year you had countries that were normally exporters turn out to be importers."

The outlook for prices later in 1996 may depend

partly on the degree to which improved U.S. yields counter reduced acreage expected by many analysts. The size of the U.S. cotton crop is expected to decline under a seven-year Republican farm plan because farmers are likely to idle acreage or to plant less expensive crops, according to a farm policy analyst.

Under current law, farmers receive subsidies that rise and fall each year in response to market prices. Those payments also are tied to the requirement that farmers plant certain crops and abide by USDA decisions on annual acreage set-asides. Under the Republican plan, farmers who have participated in the farm program for three of the last five years would be allowed to sign a contract guaranteeing them fixed, but declining, annual subsidy payments over the next seven years. It is believed that because cotton is a cost-intensive crop to produce, some farmers would opt to idle acreage and still receive subsidy payments.

Another trader said new-crop prices must rise to maintain cotton acreage as U.S. farmers are lured by this season's lofty grain prices. In the Texas Rio Grande Valley there is already talk that 50,000 acres of cotton would go to sorghum, and there is likely to be a swing back to grain in parts of the Delta and Southeast.



## Official Memorandum State of Texas Office of the Governor

The Republic of Texas became the 28th state of the United States of America on December 29, 1845. This event, which has become known as the "Annexation of Texas", was significant in the development of the United States as a world power.

The final series of diplomatic steps that led to the annexation of Texas began on February 28, 1845, when the Congress of the United States adopted a joint resolution offering annexation of the Republic of Texas.

In Texas, a number of actions were necessary to accomplish the annexation. The Congress of the Republic called a special session, a convention was called to write a state constitution and a referendum of the people of Texas was ordered.

Ours is a colorful state with great, diverse natural beauty and a unique cultural and historical heritage. Texans are very proud of our traditions of independence, courage and leadership. As a result, Texas has played a unique and prominent role in the development of our nation since 1845.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim December 29, 1995 as THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE ANNEXATION OF TEXAS in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.

G.W. Bush  
Governor

The annexation commemorated here by the Governor was a historical event of tremendous impact not only for Texans then and today, but for the United States and a number of foreign nations as well.

Following the Texians defeat of Mexico's Santa Anna at San Jacinto, the Republic had shakily endured governing by a government with no funds, and a continuous battle against hostile Indian Tribes effectively stalling westward expansion. Mexico did not recognize the Republic's sovereignty, and when Santa Anna was returned to the Presidency, he initiated a series of raids into Texas, even re-capturing San Antonio, Refugio and Goliad. Sam Houston had then been returned to office as President of the Republic. He resisted declaring war on Mexico again, and asked Britain and France to put pressure on Mexico to recognize the Independence of Texas. Santa Anna did offer a peace treaty, but no recognition of sovereignty.

The Texas Congress had years before passed a resolution claiming all territories to the west, including California. The United States and Great Britain's dispute over Oregon ("Fifty-Four Forty or Fight") and Texas claims to the west rekindled the flames of territorial expansionism, and played an important role in the presidential election of 1844, seating James Polk of Tennessee in the White House. Polk was an old friend of Sam Houston; He had succeeded to Houston's old seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In early 1845, public opinion had drastically changed, and the government and citizens clamored for annexation, probably realizing the possibility of other southern states leaving the Union and following Texas' example of creating Republics, and certainly to curb the possibility of Texas claiming for its own all the southwest lands to the Pacific Ocean.

Now a much more liberal and attractive annexation bill was presented to then Republic President Anson Jones. The terms included leaving the ownership of all public lands in the hands of the state, not the federal government, and permission to divide Texas into four more states, and many other liberal and unprecedented offers.

Just a little too late, Mexico realized it's tenure in Texas was coming to an end, and offered Texas a treaty recognizing full independence to the Texians, provided Texas did not join the the United States. Far too late, as the American Government had acted first.

Upon the the hastily called meeting of the Texas Congress at Washington on the Brazos in 1845, the legislators rejected the Mexican proposal, and recommended approval of the American plan. The following state convention immediately began writing the new State Constitution. Texas voters approved the Constitution, and the October 13, 1845 vote certified both the constitution and annexation plans by a 20 to 1 margin. On the December 29, 1845 date, President Polk signed the bill admitting Texas into the Union.

The Lone Star Flag of Texas fluttered down, replaced by the now 28th Star on the Red, White and Blue banner.

Ironically, and perhaps sadly, the admission to the Union of Texas was nullified in March of 1861, when predominantly secessionist forces in the new state voted overwhelmingly to secede from the Union, in violent opposition to newly elected Republican President Abraham Lincoln and northern state's views on slavery and state's rights. Texas, like all the Confederacy states, would heal and recover from the tragic four year Civil War, but only slowly and painfully.

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# 'PISD ACTIVITY PAGE'

## P.I.S.D. Basketball

The Cowboys competed in the fourteen team tournament at Sundown last weekend, and finished in fifth place against tough competition, including several 2-A teams.

They downed their first opponent, Three Way, 74-36. Johnny Davis had 16 points, Ralph Ramirez 15, Shawn Cullins 11, Chase Clanahan 10, Jamie Caballero and Kirk Parrish 6, Garcia 5, Tanner Blount 4, and Eric Estrada 1.

They next faced a good Klondike team and were downed 69-59. Davis again led the scoring with 22 points, followed by Clanahan 12, Blount 9, Ramirez 8, Estrada 6, and Parrish 2.

In game three they downed a stubborn Wellman team 56-50. Clanahan scored 15, Parrish had 14, Davis 13, Estrada 10, and Blount 4.

The Cowboys had a tough time, but out-lasted a good O'Donnell bunch 55-53. Blount was top scorer with 17, Clanahan had 13, Parrish 9, Davis 6, Ramirez 4, and Estrada, Caballero and Cullins 2 each.

They cinched 5th place in the tournament by downing 2-A New Deal 65-62. Clanahan was scoring leader with 23, Davis had 13, Blount 12, Cullins 6, Parrish 5, Ramirez 4, and Caballero 2.

The Plains Cowgirls competed in the Sundown Tournament last weekend, and had the misfortune to draw Class 2-A opponents in three of their four games.

They won their first outing handily, beating Wellman 56-36. Kayla Redman was leading point producer with 16, Tessa St. Romain had 11, Sandi Warren 11, Robin Squyres 7, Kyley Bearden 5, Kassie Lowe 4, and Shyloh Winn 2.

The girls continued their winning ways against Class 2-A Tahoka 61-55. Warren had the hot shooting hand with 18 points, St. Romain had 14, Bearden and Redman 8 each, Lowe 6, Winn 4, Lindsey Six 3.

In the Championship Semi-final, the Cowgirls were finally downed by Sundown 52-45. Redman scored 14 points, St. Romain 13, Warren 7, Lowe 4, Bearden 3, Squyres 2, Six and Winn 1 each.

In their final appearance, the girls were once more downed by the 2-A Seagraves Eagles 44-36. St. Romain contributed 17 points, Bearden 7, Squyres 5, Redman 4, Warren 2, and Lowe had 1.

Both Tessa St. Romain and Kayla Redman were named to the prestigious All-Tournament team.

### Cowgirls, Cowboys VS. Whitharral Jan. 2

The Cowgirls scored a major 42-41 victory in downing the Lady Panthers, who have been rated in the State Top Ten all season. A factor in the game was the Cowgirls superior rebounding, led by Kayla Redman with 9. They also came from behind in the final period to take the win. Tessa St. Romain led the scoring with 12 points. Sandi Warren and Redman had 7 each, Kyley Bearden 6, Robin Squyres and Kassie Lowe 4 each, and Lindsey Six had 2 points.

The Cowboy Varsity handily downed the Panthers 66-49. They out-rebounded them 53-34, and players from the bench contributed 15 points. Johnny Davis was top rebounder with 10, Tanner Blount had 5 assists, Chase Clanahan was leading scorer with 15 points. Blount had 14, Davis 12, Kirk Parrish 10, Ralph Ramirez 8, Eric Estrada 4, and Abraham Garcia had 3 points.



### PISD Bulletin

January 8-12, 1996

**Monday:** Basketball, Whiteface, 7th; 8th Girls/Boys, There, 5:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Basketball, Whiteface, JV; V Girls/Boys, There, 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday:** Basketball, O'Donnell, JV; V, Girls/Boys, Here, 5:00 p.m.  
 Plains Royal Bounders will perform at halftime of the varsity game.

### PISD Menu

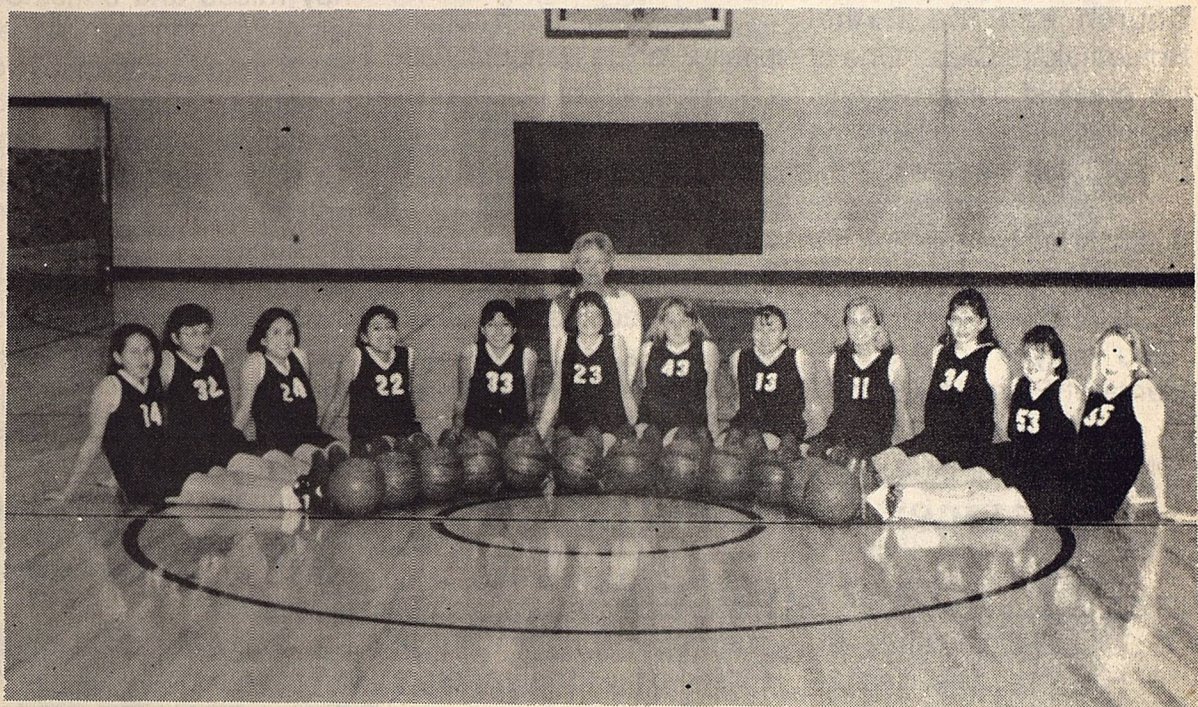
January 8-12, 1996

**Monday:** Breakfast: cereal, toast, grape juice, milk  
 Lunch: corndogs w/mustard, french fries w/catsup, peaches, milk  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast: donuts, toast, apple juice, milk  
 Lunch: chicken nuggets w/gravy, blackeyed peas, carrot sticks, hot rolls, pears, milk  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast: cheese toast, orange juice, milk  
 Lunch: all American cheeseburger, chips, mixed fruit, date cookies, milk  
**Thursday:** Breakfast: waffles w/syrup, fruit punch, milk  
 Lunch: burritos, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk  
**Friday:** Breakfast: cereal, toast, pineapple juice, milk  
 Lunch: breaded beefsteak w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, Jello, milk



**7th Girl Wranglers:**

Front, L-R: Donita Richardson, Amanda Garcia, Frances Cordova, Tanya Vasquez, Elva Ruiz, Kari Guetersloh. Back L-R: Dawn Garland, Lexi Warren, Lesli Rowe, Adrienne Ramoz, Ashlei Mason, Angelica Hernandez, Kimbe Jones, Lensey Cullins, Coach Michell Arnold.



**8th Girl Wranglers:**

America Hernandez, Elizabeth Casillas, Patti Ruiz, Jessica Flores, Wendy Hernandez, Kristen Gray, Shay Allsup, Staci Tuggle, Anne Palmer, Candace Bowers, Kelli Osborn, Rebecca Robertson, Coach Linda Haragan



**JV Cowgirls:**

Front: Marcey House, Crystal Calsoncin, Cece Moreno. Middle: Maranda Box, Mary Morales, Lisa Parish, Wendy Beckham. Back: Tandi Jones, Jolyne Burgess, Lindsey Six, Coach Sheryl Horne



**7th Boy Wranglers:**

Front: Sterling Deaton, Kelsey Blundell, Chris Estrada, Aaron Cain, Taylor Gray, Stanley Caballero, Greg Gonzales, Robert Luna. Back: Matt Willis, Brett Squyres, Eddie Gallegos, Chris Gscheidel, Servando Luna, Marcus Hernandez, Adam Garcia, Dustin Six, Coach Michel Davis

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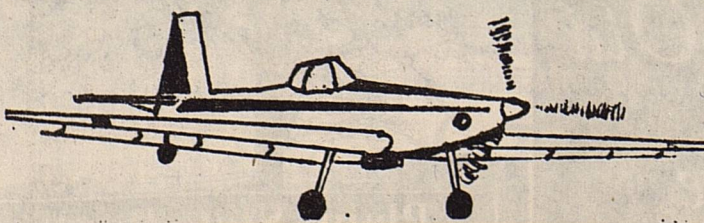
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**Obituaries**

**Final Services Held For Frankie Sanders**

Mrs. Frankie Sanders L.J. and Virginia Sanders of Plains, and David and Carolyn Sanders, Portales, N.M.; Two daughters and their husbands, Margaret Frances and R.E. Bryant, Lubbock, and Elizabeth and Phillip Smith, Floyd; 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a brother David Payne, Plains.

She was 90 years of age, born November 2, 1905. Her parents were Thomas E. and Rowena Payne. On February 27, 1929, she became the wife of L.J. (Pete) Sanders in Becton, Texas. The couple later moved to Yeso, New Mexico for several years. They moved back to Texas, spending 19 years at Baileyboro. In 1955, they returned to New Mexico and remained in the Bethel community there until Mr. Sanders death in 1993.

She was a graduate of Colorado City High School. She was an active member of the Floyd, N.M. Methodist Church and the Bethel Homemakers Club. One of her greatest pleasures was cooking and making a home for her beloved family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband; Thomas E. Payne, Jr., Jack Payne and Charles "Dud" Payne; one sister, Margaret Elizabeth Payne.

She is survived by two sons and daughter-in-laws,

L.J. and Virginia Sanders of Plains, and David and Carolyn Sanders, Portales, N.M.; Two daughters and their husbands, Margaret Frances and R.E. Bryant, Lubbock, and Elizabeth and Phillip Smith, Floyd; 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a brother David Payne, Plains.

Services were scheduled for January 4 at 10 a.m. in the Floyd Methodist Church, Reverend Daniel Armstrong officiating, assisted by Reverend Ferrell Odom. Pallbearers were Jerry Belcher, Bill Sowder, W.G. Helmer, Alford Nixon, Andrew Smith, Mark Nall, R.B. Hardin, Jr., and Charles Terry. Honorary Pallbearers were Leon Nash, E.J. Gossett, Joe Gammill, DeLo Stephenson and Johnny Ogden.

Before her health began to fail, Frankie Sanders was a frequent visitor in L.J. and Virginia's home here, and usually attended services at the First United Methodist if she was here on the weekend. During her visits, she met and became friends of a number of our residents. She will be missed by all who knew her here.

**Services For Brother of Anita Gonzales**

Daniel Dominguez, Sr., 70, Hillsboro, died Dec. 26, 1995 in Hillsboro.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Third Avenue and Oak Street, with Father David Zager as celebrant. Interment followed in Valley Memorial Park.

Mr. Dominguez was born Jan. 16, 1925, in Runge, TX, a son of Francisco and Onofra Villanueva Dominguez. He was raised and educated in West Texas, then worked as a farmer.

On Aug. 18, 1951 he married Juanita Rico in Wharton, TX. They moved to Hillsboro in 1966.

Mr. Dominguez worked in the fields after arriving in Hillsboro and later became a custodian in Portland. He later worked as a building

custodian for the City of Hillsboro for 15 years before his retirement.

He helped start the Los Amigos Club and was a member of the Valley Migrant League and St. Matthew Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Dominguez, Salem; three sons, Daniel Jr. and Ramiro Dominguez, both of Hillsboro, and Ricardo Dominguez, Aloha; and seven daughters, Ester Martinez, Lubbock, TX, Oralia Rosas, Modesto, CA, Audelia Dominguez, Forest Grove, Lydia Buehner, Vernonia, Yolanda, Lozano, Amarillo, TX, Sylvia Garza, Aloha, and Gracie Garcia, Beaverton.

Also surviving are 30 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; 6 brothers,

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Don Bradford and his wife Sally came to Denver City some thirty years ago. He has a strong oil field background, having worked for National Oil Field Supply, and later for ICO and it's local affiliate, Rodco, where he would become plant manager. Don would be instrumental in organizing and supporting the D.C. Oil Field Contractors Association, and actively served in the Chamber of Commerce.

The Bradford's grew and prospered in Denver City. They raised and educated their children in the Denver City School System; Two daughters, Stephanie and Melissa, and a son, Greg. The family was a sharing, contributing part of the community.

Sometime in the early 90's, Don began to experience physical problems. His speech habits changed, and he began to have difficulties with muscular coordination. The symptoms worsened. He was diagnosed with Lou Goehrig's disease.

The family was devastated with the discovery, and in a

short span of time, Don's body was also devastated by the crippling disease, and he would become bedfast, requiring constant attention.

Now unemployed, uninsured, the family resources rapidly dwindled. Late in 1995, a group of friends discussed the Bradford tragedy. It had become impossible for Sally to work to help with their income, for someone had to be with Don around the clock, and no job she could hold would offset the heavy expense of professional Nurse care.

Three couples, Bobby and Charlene Trent, Danny and Linda Moore, Rodney and Davila Parker, felt it was time for the community to help the Bradford's. They organized a benefit party and fund drive.

The night of December 30, well over fifty people gathered in the Trent's large shop building behind their home. In addition to money donated for the Bradford's at the gathering, many more donors mailed generous contributions to the Trent's.

Attending the event were two of Bradford's brothers, Billy of Andrews and Trave of Fort Worth, and his daughter Stephanie of Lubbock. The family members were stunned at the amount of funds raised

in the small community in such a small time.

Following the benefit, the family have expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the generosity of so many Denver City friends and neighbors.

The story is a painful reminder for all that tragedy and adversity can strike anyone, at anytime. It is also a pleasant reminder of the timeless wisdom expressed in "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You".

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Bradford's on going medical expenses may do so by contacting any of the three families mentioned here.

**Election Candidate List Grows**

The member of hopefuls for two County Commissioner positions continues to grow. As of Wednesday, January 3, six candidates have announced for Precinct One, to be vacated by Commissioner John Avara. Those filing for the position include Mac Bradley (R), Ray Gilstrap (R), John Matus (D), Jimmy Long (D), J.R. Slentz (D), and Wayne Williams (D).

Filing to run for the job in Precinct Two when Commissioner Bob Thurston steps down are David Turnbough (D), Eddie Coker (D), Jerry Everitt (D), Woody Lindsey (R), and Johnny Jones (D), and Victor Lozano (D).

**Criminal District Court Held**

In Judge Kelly G. Moore's 121st Judicial Court January 2, 1996, two criminal cases were heard. Criminal District Attorney represented the State.

Maria Elsa Gonzales, 24, indicted on the charge of tampering with governmental records, pled guilty. The charge was the result of fraudulent use of food stamps. She received a two year jail sentence, suspended and probated five years, with no up front jail time as a condition of probation. She was ordered to pay \$179.50 court costs, \$250 for court appointed attorney fees, and \$3,137 restitution to the Texas Department of Human Services. She is disqualified six months for Federal Food Stamps. She was represented by Attorney Bonnie Ericson.

Jesus David Arenivas, 50, with a host of aliases, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. He was sentenced to 20 years confinement in the State Penal System, fined \$1,500, and must pay \$179.50 court costs. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Incumbents who have filed for re-election include Wanda Smith, Tax Assessor/Collector, Jim Barron, Commissioner Precinct Three, Jimmie Blount, Constable Precinct One, Red Powell and Olivia Robertson, Constable, Precinct Two, and Sheriff Jim Rice.

Gaudalupe Dominguez of Cornelius, Roberto Dominguez of Three River, TX, Samuel and Frank Dominguez, both of Midland, TX, Ramon and Jose Dominguez, both of Runge, TX; 3 sisters, Anita Gonzales of Plains, TX, Maria Mejia of Nixon, TX and Jesusa Gonzales, Cornelius.

Pallbearers for the service were Daniel Dominguez, Jr. Ramino Dominguez, Ricardo Dominguez, Angelo Dominguez, Ester Martinez, Yolanda Lazano, Gracie Garcia and Sylvia Garza.

Borger, in the Texas Panhandle, is the latest addition to the list of Texas oil boom towns. Just a year ago, the area where Borger now stands had no population at all. Then came oil, and now more than 25,000 people live here.

The following remarks made by traveling men in an Amarillo hotel tell something of the growth of the city: "How long since you been in Borger?" "Day before yesterday."

"You ought to see it now. You wouldn't know the place." Reports which are as yet incomplete indicate that Texas oil production will exceed 200,000,000 barrels for the first time this year. Texas now produces about one barrel out of each four produced in the United States. The Texas News, Nov. 2, 1927

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# Femme Friends Page



## 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. James F. Williams celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Monday, New Years Day. The couple were in Hillsboro, Texas, January 1, 1936. The wedding ceremony was held in the home of the officiating Pastor, A.J. Kirkland. The bride was the former Juanita Curry. James and Juanita were classmates three years at schools in Itasco and Hillsboro. At the time of their wedding, James farmed in that area. They moved to Plains in 1961, where he continued his farming career on the Williams place on the Allred road. They have two children; Jean Patterson and James Howard Williams. They have five grandchildren; Kevin Patton of Cedar Hill, Shannon Patton of Lubbock, Leslie Patton of Grand Prairie, Jackie Williams of Seminole and Dawn Williams in south Texas.

## Former Resident Graduates From Tech

Texas Tech University announces the graduation of Jenifer R. Fillingim from the College of Education. She received the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Multidisciplinary Studies, Saturday, December 16, 1995. She is a 1991 graduate of Plains High School.

Jenifer is the daughter of Sheila Norman of Ruidoso, N.M. and Mike Fillingim of New Home, TX.

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## New Arrival

Micah & Heather Stowe of Lockney wish to announce the arrival of their daughter, Savannah Winn Stowe, born at 7:39 a.m. on December 16, 1995 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. The little Miss weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Irita Stowe of Lubbock, Gary Stowe of Presidio, and Kathy Lamb of Phoenix, Az. Great Grandparents are Billy & Zareta Guetersloh of Plains and David & Sarah Stowe of Lubbock. Great Great Grandparents are Dorothy Lamb of Irvin, Tx. and E.P. Whitaker, Colorado Springs, Co.

## Thought For The Week

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

### Prayer Concerns:

L.J. Sanders Family  
Louise Goehry  
Homer & Shirley Suddeth  
Punk Culwell

The Plains Dirt Gardeners Ad in Last week's edition should have read 'Operation Christmas Card' funds are used for Cemetery improvements and beautification purposes.

We regret the confusion.

## WHOOOPS !

The Phone Number For Jim's Foods Should be 456-2442

We regret the error.



## Darlene's

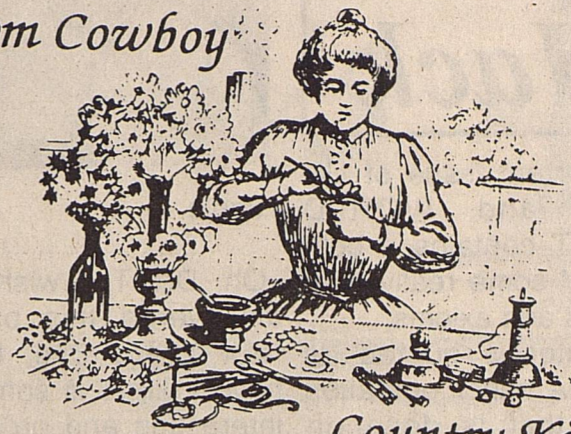
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## Country Kitchen

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| 1/2 cup chopped onion                           | 3 to 4 potatoes, sliced  |
| 3 Tbls. bacon drippings                         | Brown beef and onion in bacon drippings in a Dutch oven. Add next 7 ingredients, and bring to a boil.                                    |
| 1 (28 oz) can whole tomatoes                    | Cover and reduce heat; simmer 1 hour. Add potatoes; cover and simmer 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Yield: about 3-1/2 quarts. |
| 1 (4 oz) can whole green chiles, drained        |  |
| 1/2 cup beef broth                              |  |
| 1/2 cup chicken broth                           |  |
| 2 tsp. garlic salt                              |  |
| 2 tsp. pepper                                   |  |

## Art Alliance Organization Meeting Planned

The initial organizational meeting for creating an Art Alliance, or Art Council, is slated for January 9 at 7 PM in Denver City Community Building. The proposed Alliance has recently received the endorsement of the County Commissioners Court and City Councils in Plains and Denver City.

The purpose of the Alliance is to unite residents of both communities who are interested in the Arts. Presently, there are two Art groups, the Denver City Art Club, and the Yoakum County Art Association here. Spokesperson Linda Powell said those supporting and working for the new alliance encourage other clubs affiliating with the effort to broaden interest in all forms of the Arts. She reported Mr. Peter F. Fox, Jr., President of the Texas Alliance For Education and the Arts, will be at the initial meeting to assist in the initial organization program. If enough interest and support is shown, his organization will probably later conduct a survey in the county to develop a cultural plan for the alliance to follow. Anyone interested in furthering interest in the arts is urged to attend the meeting.

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Pastor Jose Rodriguez

# From The Hack



The current issue of US NEWS and WORLD REPORT contains a collection of some really neat proverbs and axioms.

A Doctor is quoted as saying "A minor operation is one that is done on someone else". Another catching my eye was "The amount of doublespeak a politician uses is in direct proportion to the amount of PAC funds he receives".

One of the more prominent symbols of current power, Newt Gingrich, offered two tidbits of interest; "You can't trust anybody with power; and 'If you loan someone power, watch them".

House majority leader Dick Armey said, "The market is rational and the government is dumb". Bob

Dole, asked why he is running for President, made a fumbling answer; "Every country needs a president". In his book, Colin Powell stated, "If you get the dirty end of the stick, sharpen it and turn it into a useful tool".

Gloria Steinem came up with a jewel; "Feminism isn't responsible for divorce. Marriage is responsible for divorce". Playboy Magazine quoted super model Pauline Porizkov on the subject of modeling, "You can't think too much or it doesn't work", and fellow model Cindy Crawford on the subject of buttocks said "Every woman hates herself from behind".

Perhaps my favorite is "A lot of people can cover up their mistakes, but not teachers. Their mistakes grow up to be school board members". My apologies, Mr. Canada and Mr.

Tuggle.

Oh, DRAT! I wish I had discovered this prior to New Year's Eve. I could have indulged in something interesting and productive rather than staying up to watch those millions of idiots in Times Square panting in anticipation of the neon ball descending. I could have stayed up counting the bubbles in a bottle of Champagne. A little blurb in the Wall Street Journal caught my eye last week; In a standard 750 ML bottle of true Champagne, there are on average 49 million bubbles, measuring 0.020 inches in diameter. Fascinating!

I had trouble finding my way to bed the first night of the New Year. No, not due to the condition you first thought of. My eyes were so strained, so red, so crossed from watching about 47 football games in 48 hours I couldn't find my room. Did any University in the US not appear in a bowl game somewhere? I don't think so. I suppose the Tennessee-Ohio State contest was one of my favorites. I am a rock solid fan of anyone facing the Buckeyes, anytime, anywhere, especially if they win, which the Volunteers did in convincing fashion. The best play of the game, in my humble opinion, was when the mascot the announcers called Brutus, dressed in a ridiculous dog costume, standing on the sideline, caught an errant out of bound pass, and immediately was smashed to the turf by the burly receiver and defenders. He was a pretty tough pooch,

for he bounced right back up and went into his comic routine. It was obvious Brutus was extremely proud of his nice reception. I thought I could hear him barking in joy, wagging his fake tail, and he appeared so jubilant I thought he was going to heist his leg on the TV camera stand.

I half expected Brutus to be voted MVP after the game, but I guess he was nosed out in the voting.

Staring at my blank computer screen, trying to find inspiration for something really exhilarating for this column the other day, at the same time listening to Big Ed and Paul R. Bean on the radio, I heard the two discussing an old time character in Lubbock. Didn't catch his name, but seems he was quite a business man in earlier years. They said he was a Hudson automobile dealer, and also dabbled in selling airplanes. He had an airplane which he would paint a certain color, fly it around town, find a buyer

and dispose of it. Later he would go back and buy the plane back, paint it another color, and resell it for another profit. They said he sold one plane seven times, and was going for number eight, but it crashed. He was also a men's clothing store owner, and could take a size 48 suit, wad it and wallow it around on a size 36 customer and make him like it well enough to buy it. He also sold custom ordered suits from Hong Kong. Said he called a customer, told him his suit was in from Hong Kong. The guy comes in, pays for it, starts out the door with it, and asks, "What if it doesn't fit?". The dead pan reply was, "What if it does?". This same character once ran for JP in Lubbock County. His campaign pledge was "I promise to be reasonably honest".

I know a bunch of current politicians lacking brass fixtures big enough to make that promise.

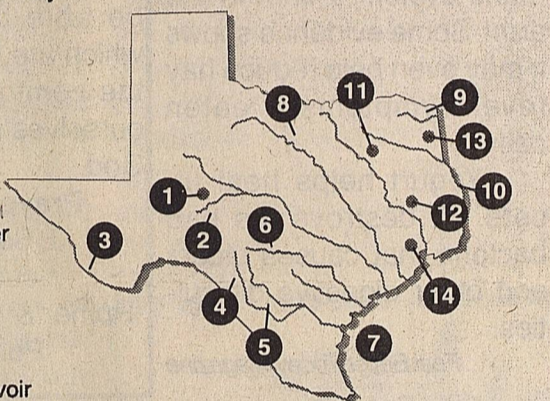
## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Another Texas gem

Pearls and shells formed by freshwater mussels, growing in streams and rivers across the state, were first discovered by early Indians in the San Angelo area. The estimated value of the 1991 harvest was \$1.1 to \$2.5 million. Most shells are sold to the Japanese for use in the cultured pearl industry.

#### Where freshwater mussels are found

- 1 San Angelo
- 2 Concho River
- 3 Rio Grande
- 4 Nueces River
- 5 Frio River
- 6 Guadalupe River
- 7 San Antonio River
- 8 Brazos River
- 9 Sulphur River
- 10 Sabine River
- 11 Cedar Creek Reservoir
- 12 Livingston Reservoir
- 13 Caddo Lake
- 14 Buffalo Bayou

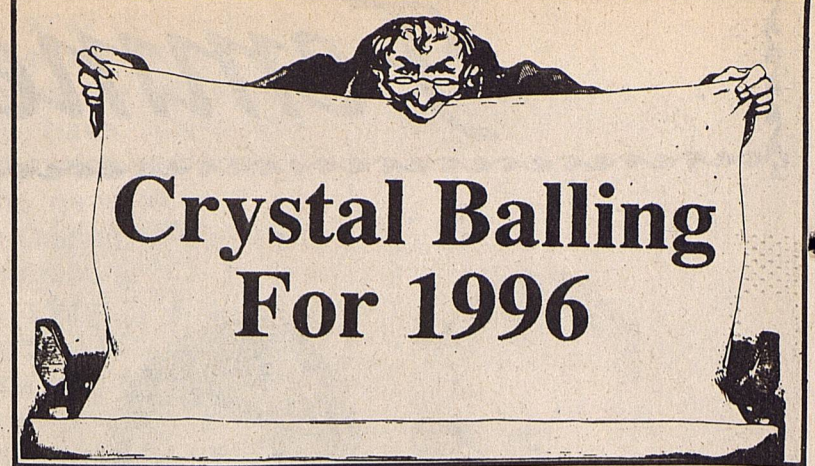


SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

SAN ANTONIO: The new generation, with its lack of respect for the manners and customs of the pre-war era, is a frequent target of blasts from both pulpit and editorial desk. Cigarettes, pocket flasks, speakeasies, styles, and "flaming youth"

are all decried with remarkable regularity. Two recently introduced dances, the Charleston and the black bottom, have done little to ease the worries of the older generation.

The Texas News, Dec. 2, 1929



Other papers, tabloids and magazines are featuring their fearless forecasts of happenings they predict destined for the coming new year. If they are brave enough to put their integrity and credibility on the line, so are we. CCN has far less to lose than the Big Boys On The Block. Here are a few of our fearless predictions:

**WHITewater TO BE MUCH MURKIER**-Before the end of 1996, the Clinton's will not be able to cleanse 'Whitewater', and the current allegations against them for involvement in the real estate scandal will continue, become intensified, prove more damaging to their credibility in the shady affair, and bring probable charges against parties in the highly controversial 'suicide death' of White House Aide Vince Foster. Despite their stonewalling efforts to get Whitewater thrown out with the used bath water, it's not going away soon.

**DOLE TO WIN GOP NOMINATION**-Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, despite a lack luster campaign and his waffling on several controversial issues, including abortion rights, and reluctant approval of Pres. Clinton's sending US troops to the Balkans, will become the last World War II Warrior seeking the presidency. Unless, of course, he inadvertently blows his own foot completely off.

**CLINTON TO DEFEAT DOLE FOR PRESIDENCY**-This one makes me a bit nervous. It appears this election has all the makings of another one of those "I really don't have a passionate love affair going for either guy, so I'll vote against this one instead of for the other". Why does this scenario sound so familiar?

**SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE HITS CALIFORNIA**-Before 1996 exits, the state of California will experience at least one more serious quake, with huge property losses and serious loss of life. The jolt will be centered somewhere south of San Francisco, and north of San Diego.

My crystal ball gets a bit fogged over at this point. How sure am I about these fearless forecasts? I feel confident about the accuracy of at least 25% of them. With four predictions, 25% equals one of them. Bet you'll never guess which one I feel the most comfortable and safe with.

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