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## Multiple forgery convictions send defendant away for twenty months

In a jury trial May 2, Michael Dean Martin was convicted of five counts of felony forgery. The defendant had pleaded innocent to the charge. Following the jury guilty verdict, Martin requested District Judge Kelly G. Moore to assess his punishment. Judge Moore ordered Martin to be transported by the Sheriff Department to a facility of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (State Jail Division) for confinement of 20 months.

Martin was found guilty of forging checks totaling over \$890 and passing them at Denver City business firms including Broadway Superette, Western Sales and Dale's Venture Foods. The checks were those of an area farmer.

Martin was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of the checks to the three firms. He must also pay over \$1400 in court costs. The court did not grant the defendant any community supervision. He was represented by Attorney Ray Lopez, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

## 39 PHS Seniors to march the aisles for diplomas

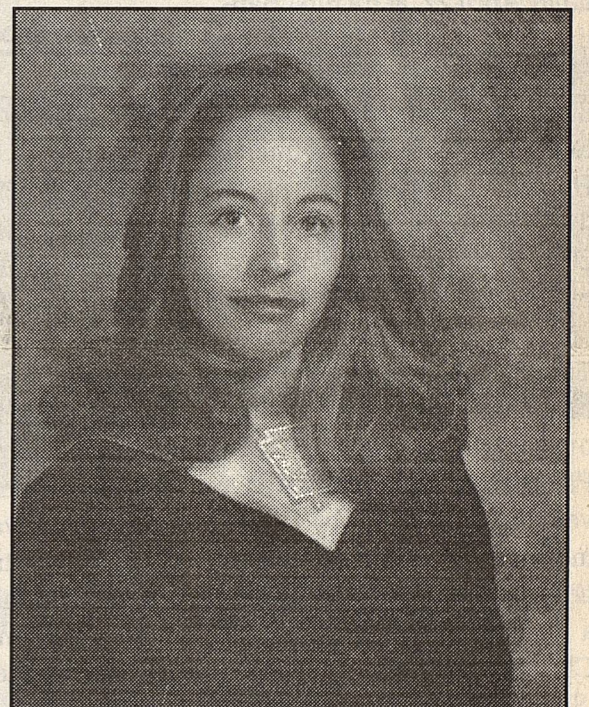
The Year 2000 PHS Seniors will celebrate their first twelve years of education in graduation ceremonies at 8 P.M. Friday, May 19. 39 graduates will receive diplomas, and many of the class plan to continue their education at institutions of higher learning.

The two top scholastic achievers in the class are Valedictorian Kristen Gray, and Salutatorian Wendy Hernandez.

Kristen earned a 97.74 GPA, and Wendy scored 96.09. Kristen will attend Texas A&M and major in aerospace engineering. Wendy plans to attend UT Permian Basin and study biology.



Valedictorian Kristen Gray



Salutatorian Wendy Hernandez

## Plains ISD Board Realignment



PISD Business Manager Eric Banfield, right, administers oath of office to re-elected At-Large District Board member Brad Palmer. John Gray, in middle, defeated Brad Crump in the District 5 election, and Ramon Diaz defeated District 1 incumbent Trustee Anna Gonzalez in District 1.



In these two photos, Board President Dwayne Canada presents plaques of appreciation to retiring Tim Addison, and Anna Gonzalez for the six years each served as a Board Trustee.

## Achievement awards, scholarships presented to PHS students, seniors

Dozens of Plains High students and soon to graduate seniors were honored last Thursday evening in the annual Achievement Awards program. High school instructors and administrators gave awards to students in every department of the school, UIL literary events, and guests announced scholarships awarded to senior class members.

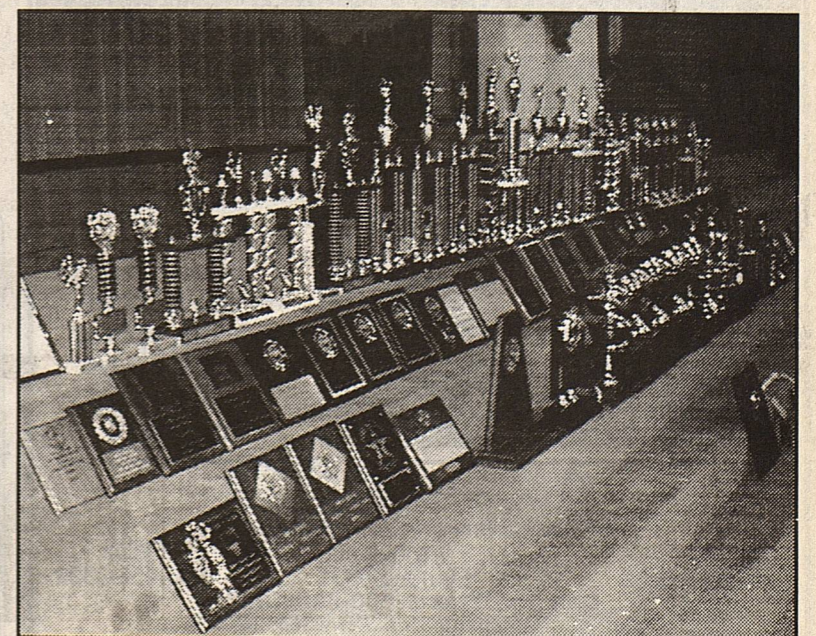
Individual class awards included:

Kyle Sisson, economics  
Wendy Hernandez, government  
Kristen Gray, history  
Annaliesa O'Quinn, BCIS I  
Anne Palmer, BCIS II  
Leticia Canon, Woods  
Laura Morales, Cisco networking  
Nick Hays, computer repair  
Nichole Newsom, comp. drafting  
Annaliesa O'Quinn, chemistry  
Nicole Haynes, AP Chemistry  
Kimbe Jones, art  
Elizabeth Casillas, journalism  
Annaliesa O'Quinn, speech  
Brenda Lozano, Home Ec.  
David Granados, english IV  
Wendy Hernandez, AP english  
Sandra Gallegos, algebra I  
Kristen Gray, computer science  
Jill Gray, geometry  
Eric Nixon, physics I

Kristen Gray, AP physics  
Kristen Gray, calculus  
Annaliesa O'Quinn, algebra II  
Liz Wilmeth, biology  
Angel Ruiz, physical science  
Jason Swann, AP biology  
Staci Tuggle, accounting  
Velvet Canada, accounting II  
Dawn Garland, english III  
Lesli Rowe, AP english III  
Becky Wilmeth, health  
Eric Nixon, world geography  
Jordan Bean, Spanish I  
Brenda Lozano, Spanish II  
Nicole Haynes, Spanish III

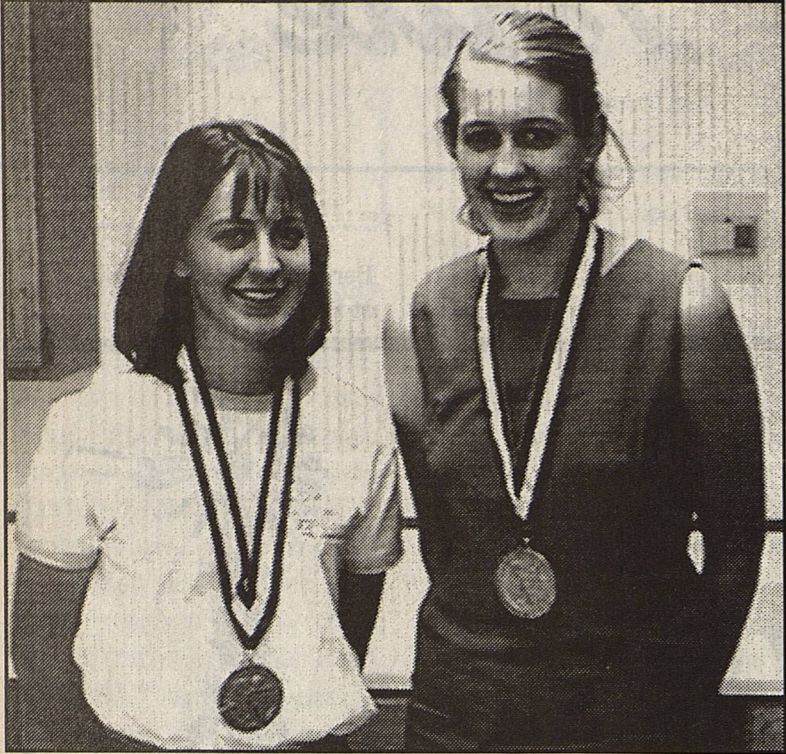
Wendy Hernandez, Spanish III  
Chelsea Blount, English I  
Jordan Bean, AP English I  
Chris Hansen, English II  
Becky Wilmeth, AP English II  
Angel Ruiz, US history  
Elizabeth Clanahan, HOBY  
Nicole Haynes, Girls State  
Joel Gallegos, Boys State  
Kristen Gray, Jason Swann, Anne Palmer, SWCD Essay contest  
Shay Allsup, Dawn Garland, Staci Tuggle, horse judging

Turn To Page Two,  
'AWARDS'



Impressive display of trophies and plaques earned by this years PHS athletes and scholars.

## They struck **GOLD** at Austin!



PHS senior Kristen Gray and sophomore Annaliesa O'Quinn proudly show off the impressive gold medals they recently won at the UIL Academic meet in Austin. Part of the PHS academic team which finished third in the tough competition, Kristen won her medal in the Calculator event, and scored points in three other events. Annaliesa was especially busy in Austin. She was a cast member in the school's One Act Play which performed in UIL competition, a member of the PHS Number Sense Team, and she won her individual gold medal in Headline Writing.

### Services For Clistus (C.W.) Addison

Services for Clistus (C.W.) Addison, 79, of Snyder, Texas were held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday April 22, at Ira First Baptist Church with Marty Akins officiating. Burial was at Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, April 19, 2000 in Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City. He was born January 6, 1921 at Knapp, Tx. He came to Plains, Tx with his parents in 1933 at the age of 12. He graduated from Plains High School and was a veteran of World War II. He moved back to Snyder where he farmed and ranched. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Gober of Sonora and Peggy Hicks of Seagraves; three sisters, Willie Mae Engle, Velma Dearing, and Thelma Lee Cheatham all of Plains; Two brothers Raymond of Hico; Claudie of Plains, six grandsons; and a great grand daughter. Paulbearers were nephews

Melvin Dearing Marvin Dearing of Plains; Duane Addison of Hico, Tim Addison of Plains, Garrick Engle of McKinney; Nelson Eckert, a cousin, of Snyder.

### Plains student receives SPC award

Jason Robertson from Plains was named the Outstanding Male Physical Education Student during South Plains College's recent Awards Assembly. He was among more than 130 students honored for academic achievement. "The departmental awards are the highest awards bestowed by each department and they represent the highest level of achievement and accomplishment during the school year," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC President. "We are extremely proud of these students." Robertson, a sophomore physical education student, is the son of Jimmy Roy and Alice Robertson of Plains. He was named to Who's Who Among's Junior College Students this year and is a member of the All American Band.

### From Page One, 'AWARDS'

Chris Cleveland, Dustin Sellers, Jeremy Humphrey, Jeremy Ponce, stock judging team Dawn Garland, goat production Staci Tuggle, swine production Jeffrey Lollar, Star Greenhand Chris Cleveland, Jeremy Humphrey, Star Chapter Farmer Scholarships awarded ( a number of scholarships were not listed on program). Kristen Gray, Texas A&M Wendy Hernandez, UT Perminan Basin Leticia Canon, drafting, SPC Jessica Flores, Candace Bowers, Laura & Bob Johnson. Rustin Knight, Staci Tuggle, Turner FCE Krystle Blundell, Elizabeth Clark Josh Bell, Ed Clark. Leticia Canon, Velvet Canada, Arlon & Sue Alexander Nichole Newsom, Anne Palmer, Armed Forces scholarship Alex Tarango, Isaac Gonzales, Fine Arts Club Wendy Hernandez, Laura Morales, Patty Ruiz, Lea County Electric. Elizabeth Clanahan, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Lea County Elec. Youth Tour Justin Bennett, Mike & Kimberly Newland Leticia Canon, Yoakum County Credit Union Patrick McGinty, Rustin Knight, Staci Tuggle, Yoakum County FCE Council Staci Tuggle, Margaret Box 4H Memorial Patrick McGinty, Staline FCE Velvet Canada, Anne Palmer, Abilene Christian Univ.

Krystle Blundell, Y.C. Art Assn. Anne Palmer, Bob & Irene Jones Jason Swann, Nichole Newsom, Sandy Land Staci Tuggle, Anderson, Earnest, McWhirter families Staci Tuggle, Yoakum County Co-Op Gin Kristen Gray, Lynetgar Electric Wendy Hernandez, Laura Morales, Patty Ruiz, America Hernandez, Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Anne Palmer, Tsa Mo Ga - Sit Jones. Kristen Gray, SPC Valedictorian Wendy Hernandez, SPC Salutatorian. Laura Morales, Patty Ruiz, Merit scholarships, UTPB



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## GOOD LUCK PHS Seniors 2000

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**Vicki Blundell**  
Yoakum County District Clerk

**More Senior Congratulation Messages Inside**

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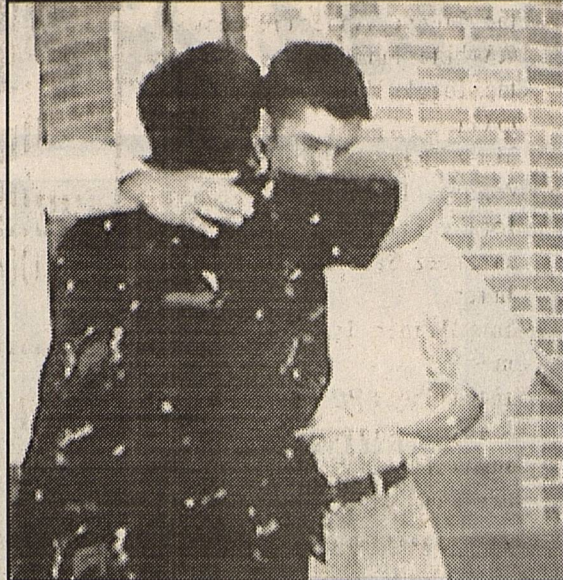
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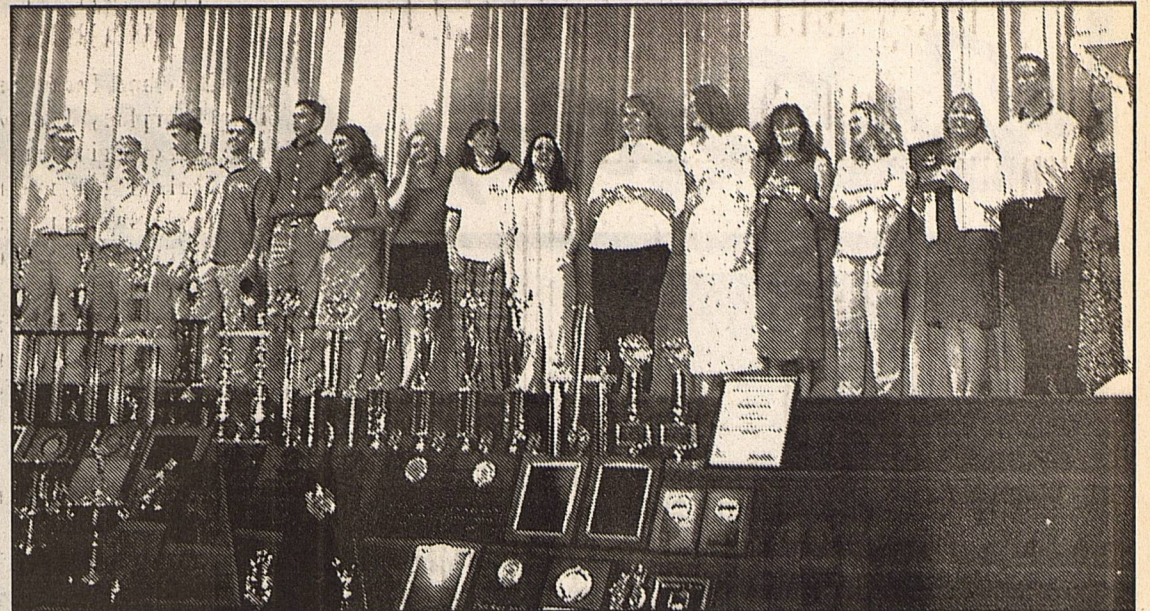
**PHS scholarship and awards scenes.....**



Lensey Cullins receives award from Mr. O'Quinn



Justin Bennett gets hug and scholarship from Jan Newland



The PHS Student Council performed an entertaining skit before the awards program



Laura Morales and one of her awards



Nichole Newsom awarded by Don Parrish



Patty Ruiz receives scholarship from Arlon Alexander



Krystle Blundell gets Clark family scholarship



Leticia Canon is all smiles with her scholarship



Elizabeth Clanahan and Annaliesa O'Quinn



Wendy Hernandez gets LCEC award



Nichole Newsom earns another award.



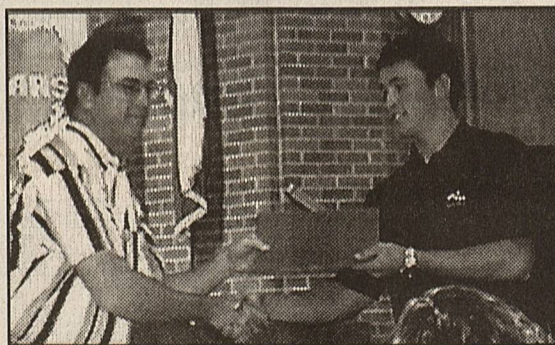
Anne Palmer receives one of several honors



Stael Tuggle and one of many honors



Jason Swann accepts award



Don Parrish gives award to Josh Bell

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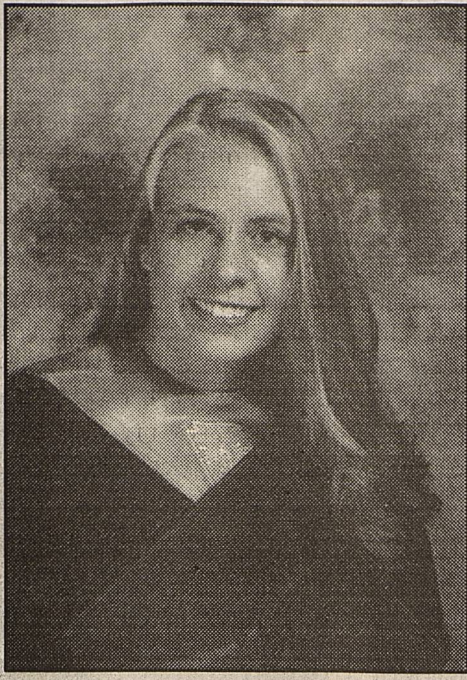
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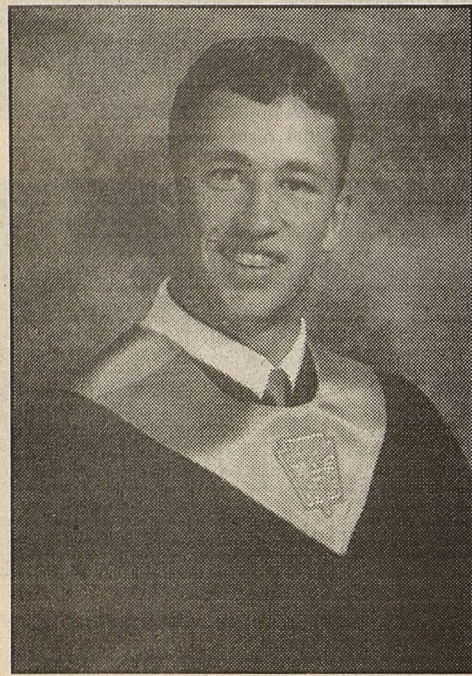
**Donna Shay Ann Allsup**  
College, then nursing school, then RN



**Velvet Lynne Canada**  
I plan to attend Abilene Christian University where I will major in Architectural Graphic, and play on the tennis team.



**Erica Michelle Dominguz**  
I plan to go to South Plains College major in movie production and screen writing, and minor in nursing.



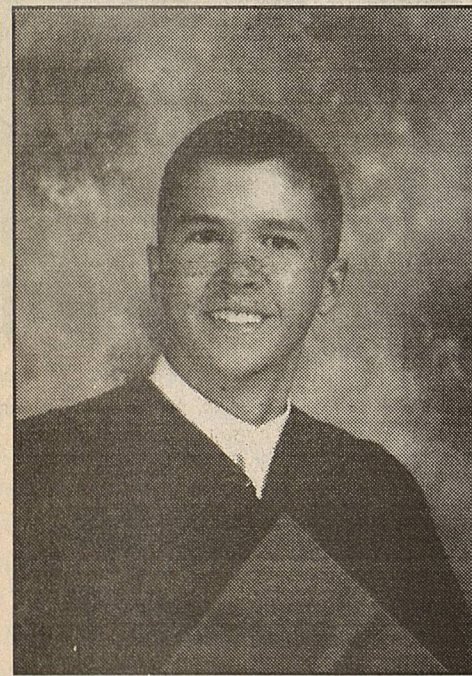
**Joshua Aldan Bell**  
Go to College, seek a degree in Engineering or Architecture.



**Laticia Bell Canon**  
Plans to attend South Plains College to acquire my basics, planning to attend the University of Texas at Arlington to study to become an architect on interior design.



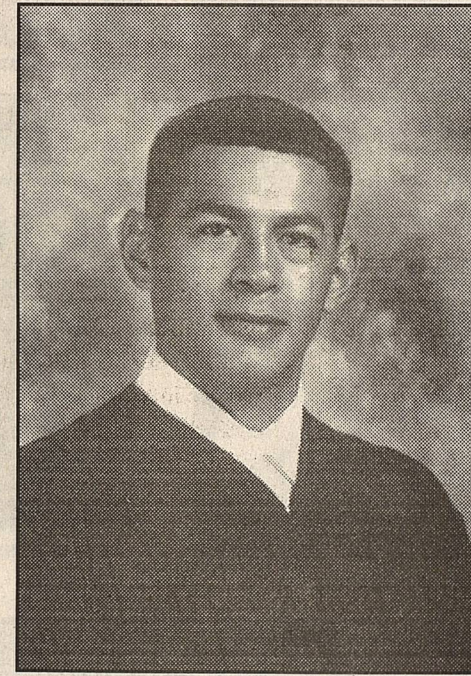
**Jessica Flores**  
I plan to attend Midland College and become a dental hygienist along with getting married and raising a wonderful family.



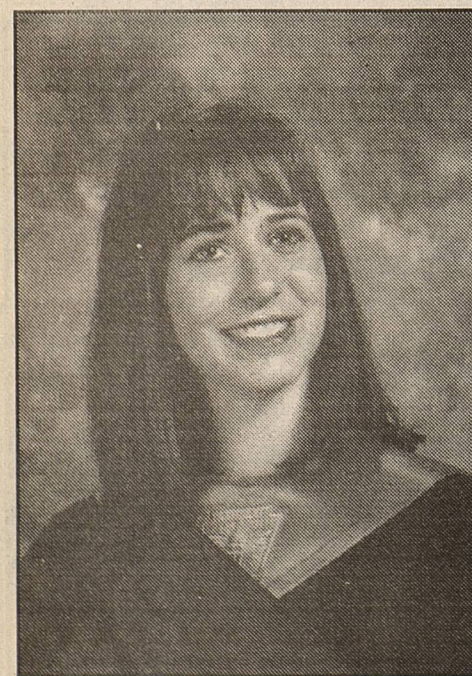
**Justin Bennett**  
Plans to attend South Plains College then go to Tech and become a coach.



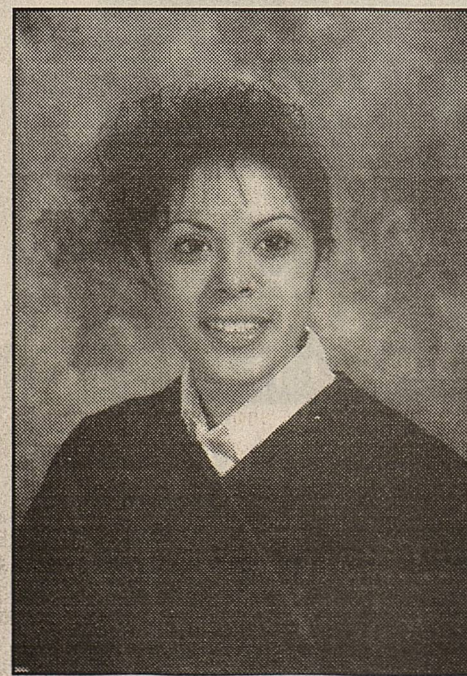
**Elizabeth Casillas**  
Plans to attend Odessa College, transfer to Hardin Simmons or UTPB major in accounting. Get married and start a family.



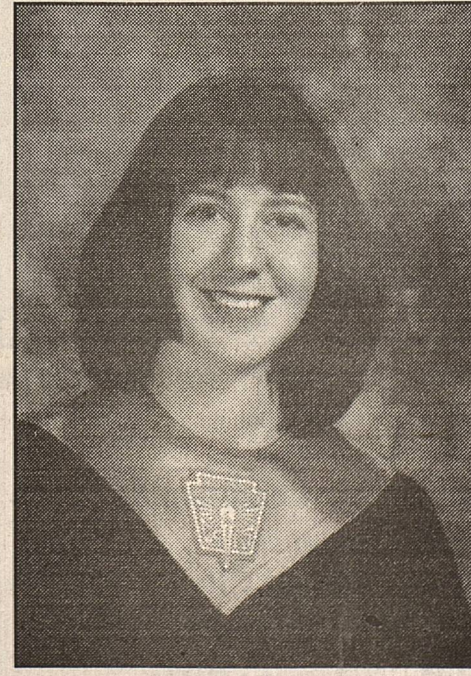
**Jesus Andres Garcia**  
First a good job.



**Candace Faye Bowers**  
Plans to attend South Plains College, and major in elementary education.



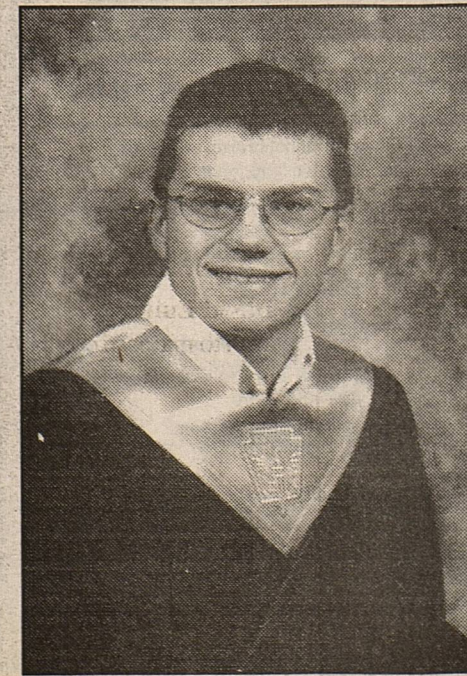
**Linda Lee Costillo**  
To attend Midland College and then study Pharmacy at a University.



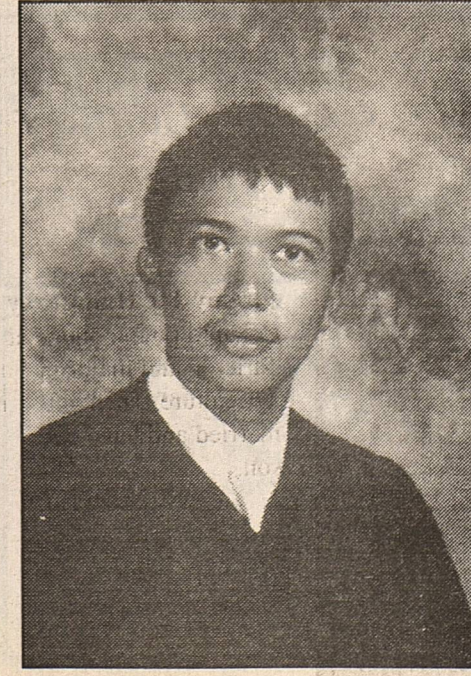
**Kristen Elaine Gray**  
I plan to attend Texas A&M university and major in Aerospace Engineering.



**Krystle LaShaye Blundell**  
Attend Texas Tech University major in Mass Communications and minor in Public Relations. Hopefully plan on becoming a News Broadcaster. Find the perfect man and then start a family.



**Christopher L. Cleveland**  
I plan to go to Tarleton, major in agriculture. Get married and have two sons.



**David Granados**  
I plan to go to TSTC at Sweetwater and get a degree in Robotics and Electronics.

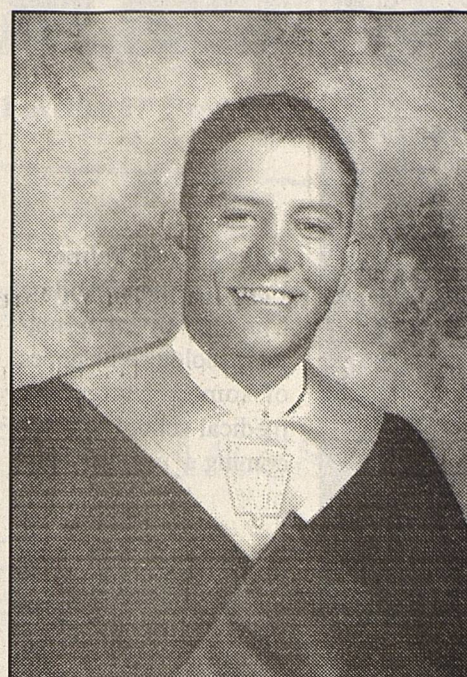
# Salute The 2000 Senior Class



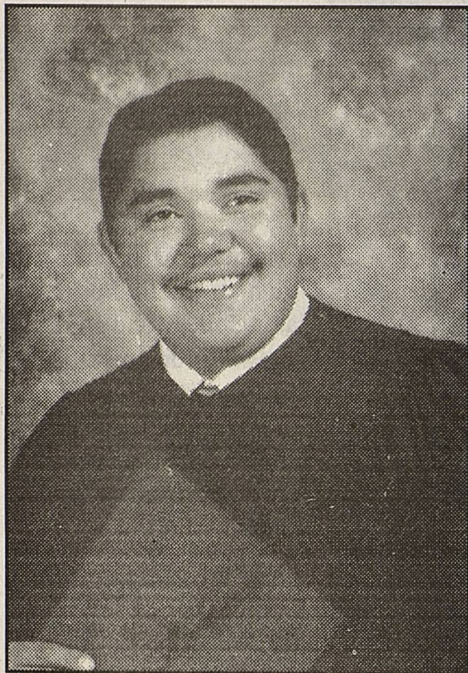
**Marie Gonzales**  
I plan to attend South Plains College, and major in nursing After SPC I plan to go to the University of Houston. I plan to get married and raise my daughter Kallee.



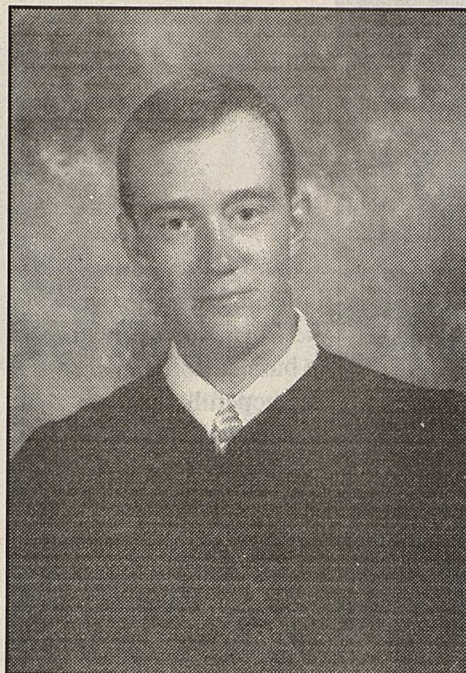
**Autumn Dawn Justus**  
I plan to attend Abilene Christian University where I will receive my Bachelor of Science in pre-med and later move on to Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas, and receive my degree in Chiropractic practice. Not only all this I hope to marry and have a family---All in due time.



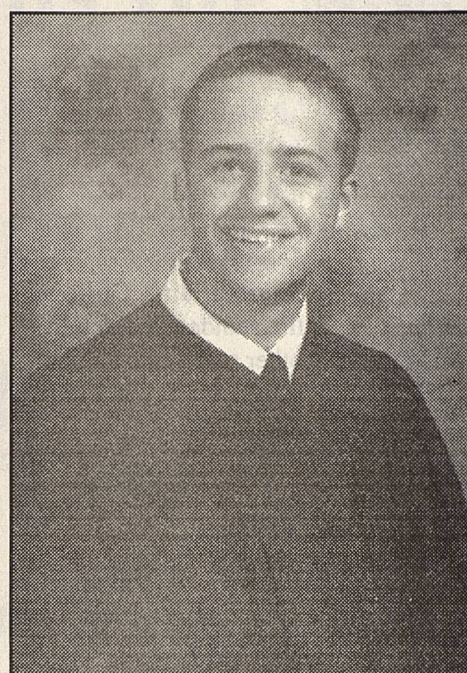
**Fermin Luna Jr.**  
I plan to go to college get a job, and get married



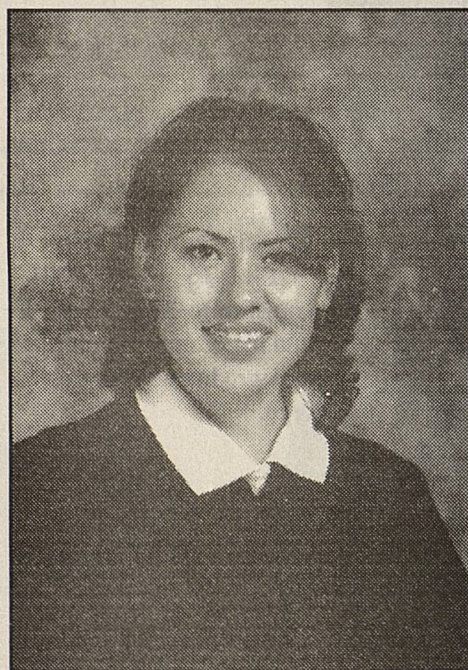
**Isaac Jon Gonzales**  
I plan to attend Texas Tech, and major in music.



**Rustin Knight**  
I plan to go to South Plains College and then to West Texas & major in Agriculture.



**Patrick Lee McGinty**  
I plan to go to South Plains College, and get a degree in radiology.



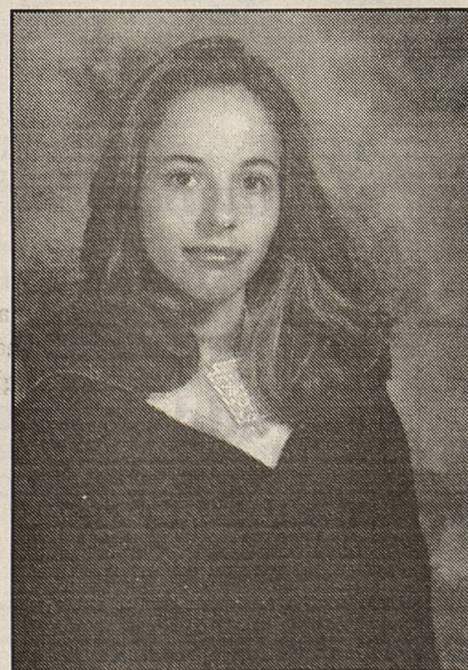
**America Hernandez**  
I plan to go to Central State Beauty Academy in Oklahoma, and also work if possible.



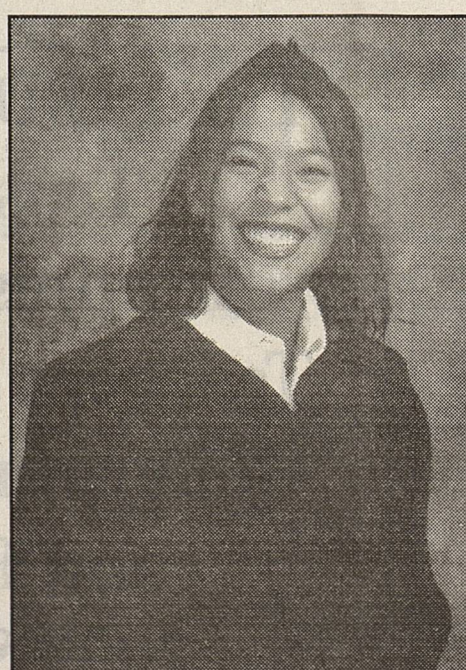
**Brenda A. Lazano**  
I plan to go a school of cosmetology in Wichita Falls, Tx and work while attending.



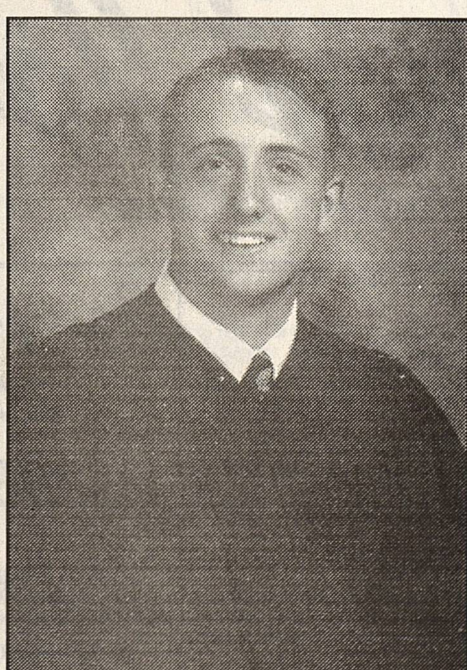
**Laura Morales**  
God willing I hope to major in a prosperous field. Graduate from a Major University, get married and have a family.



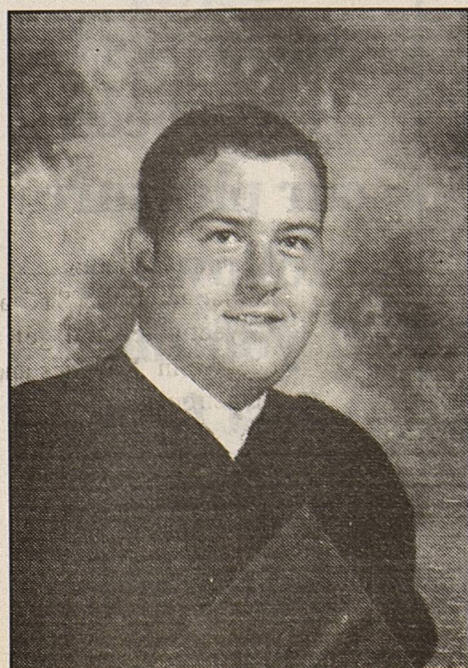
**Wendy Hernandez**  
With God's assistance, I will attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin this fall, and major in Biology.



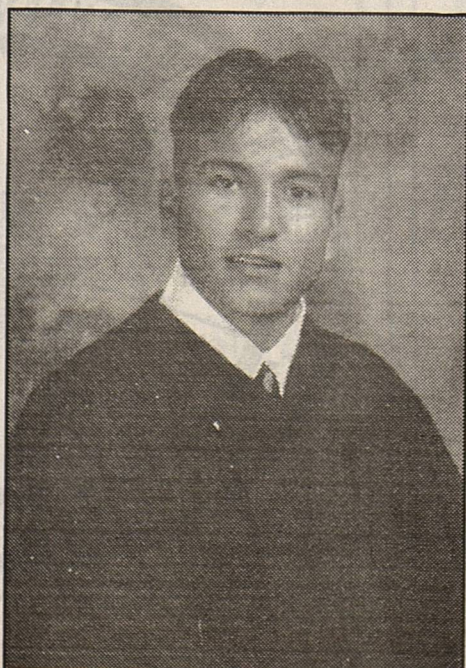
**Angie Longoria**  
I plan to go to South Plains College and major in music and minor in choreography. Then go to Tech or Baylor. I plan to become a musician.



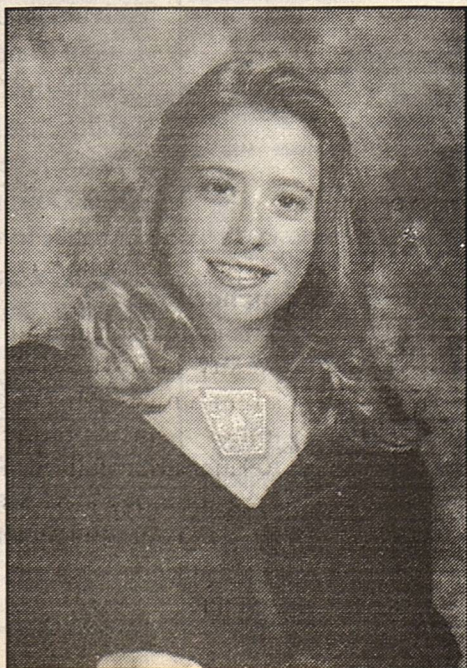
**Jeremy Morphis**  
I plan to attend Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater to study Paramedicine.



**Jeremy Joe Humphrey**  
I plan to go to college at Tarleton and major in agriculture. Then get married and have one son.



**David Luna**  
Plan to major in computers.

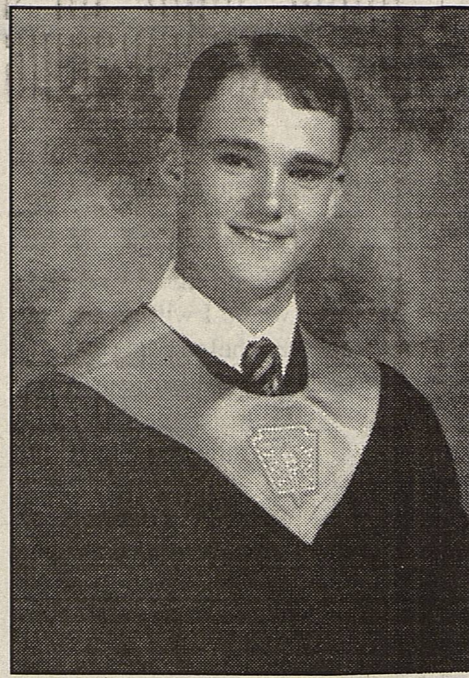


**Jessica Nichole Newsom**  
Attend Texas Tech University and major in Allied Health.

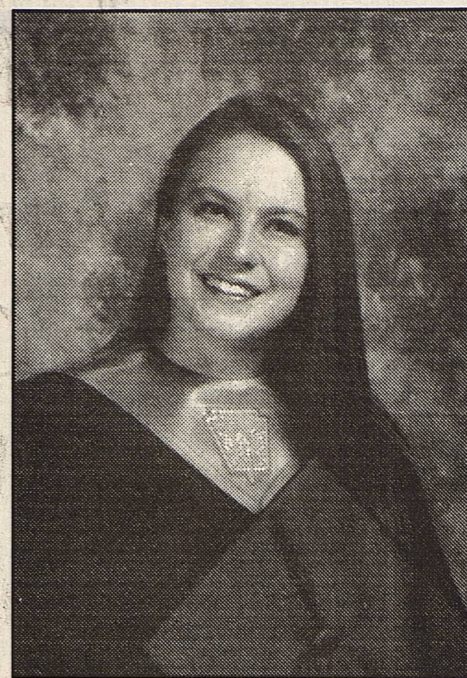
# More 2000 Seniors



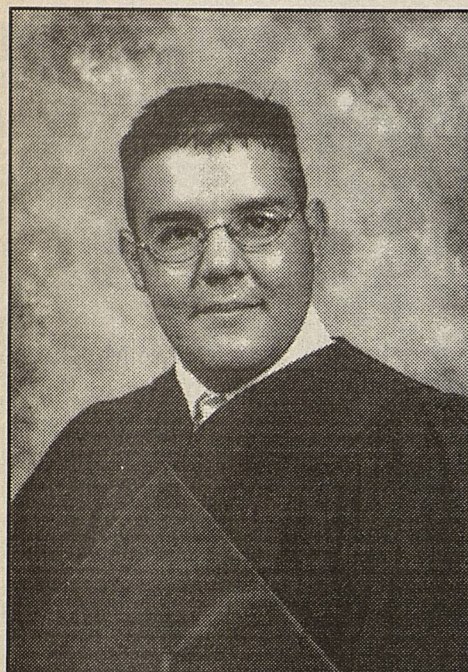
**Anne Charie Palmer**  
I plan to attend Abilene Christian University major in biology, with hopes of someday attending medical school and becoming a pediatrician.



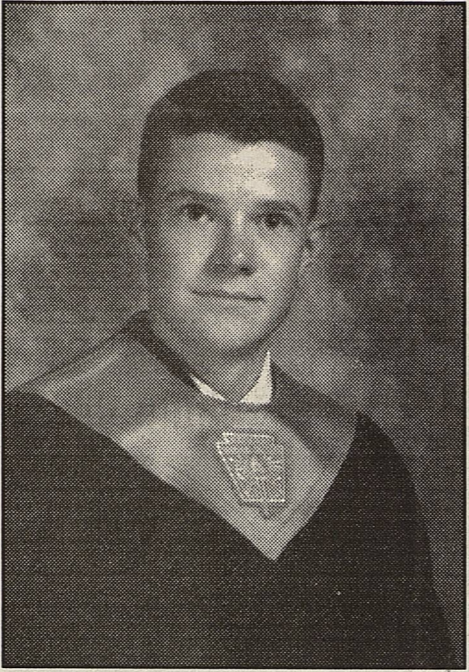
**Dustin Kyle Sisson**  
Attend South Plains College and then Texas Tech. My field of major is not known yet. I plan to go into the medical field.



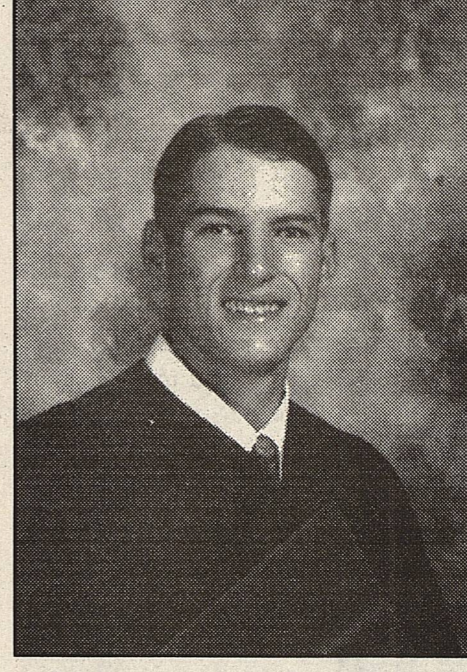
**Staci Marie Tuggle**  
I have plans to attend Tarleton State University in the fall. I will either major in pre-med or elementary education. I want to be happy and successful with which ever I decide to continue throughout college and make a career of. I also hope to have a family someday. I would like to live in somewhat of a small town, especially if I decide to go ahead and become an elementary teacher.



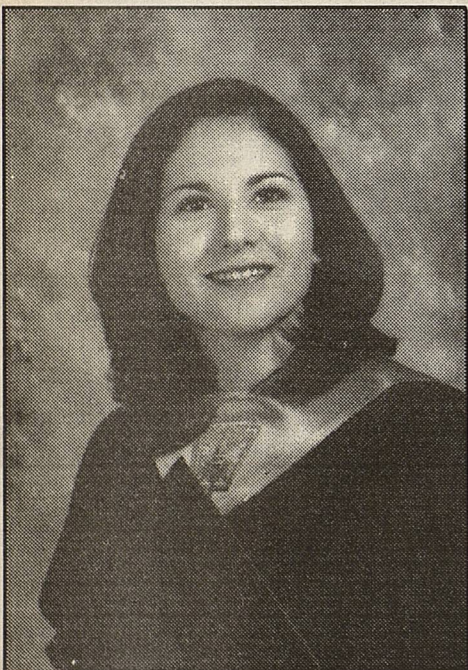
**Jeremy Ponce**  
South Plains College then undecided for the other two years a major in Ag. Marry and have one son.



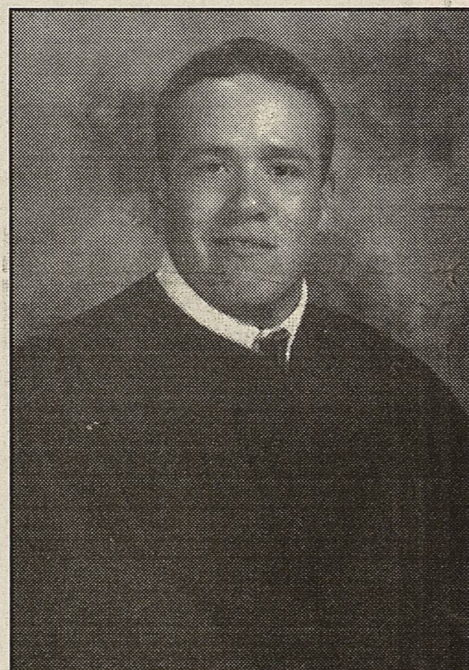
**Jason Riley Swann**  
I plan to attend Texas A&M University, major in biomedical sciences and hopefully become an anesthesiologist



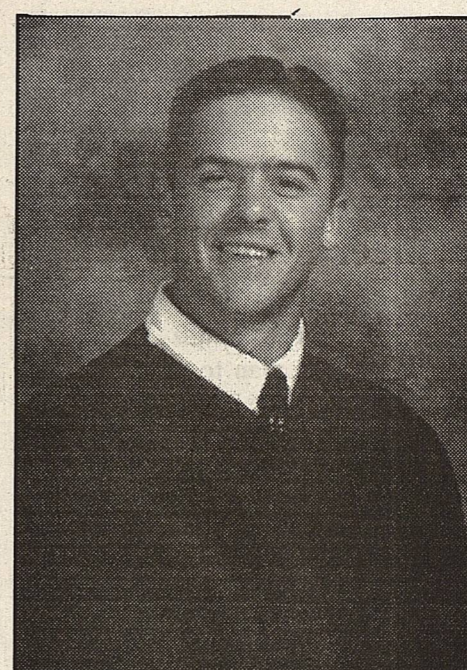
**Christopher Don Willis**  
I plan to go to South Plains College and go in to Law Enforcement, I plan on going to Tech after 2 years at SPC and go ahead and get my Bachelors degree as an account.



**Patricia Ruiz**  
I plan to attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and become an occupational therapist



**Alex Tarango**  
I plan to attend South Plains College and study computer programming.

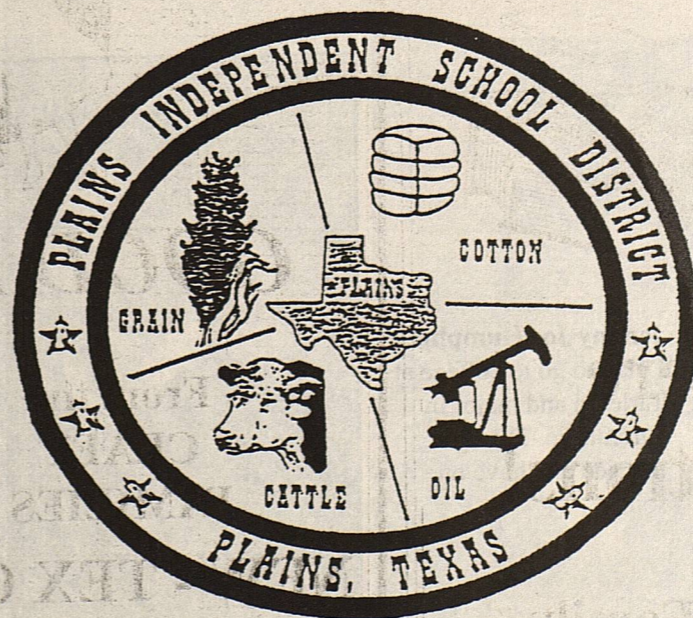


**Christopher Colt Winn**  
I Plan to go to SPC transfer to Texas Tech and major in Agriculture and graduate from college.

## Great Job !!

The PISD Board of Trustees, Administrators, Teachers and Staff, Congratulate Each and Every 2000 Senior

Cowboy Country News adds it's salute to your many great successes! It has been our pleasure following you the last four years!



### Congratulations 2000 PHS Seniors

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|--------------------|-----------------|
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| Josh Bell          | Rustin Knight   |
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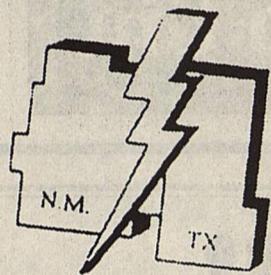
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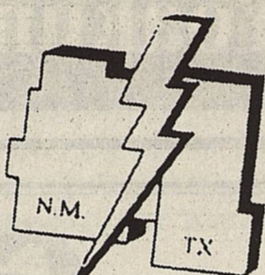
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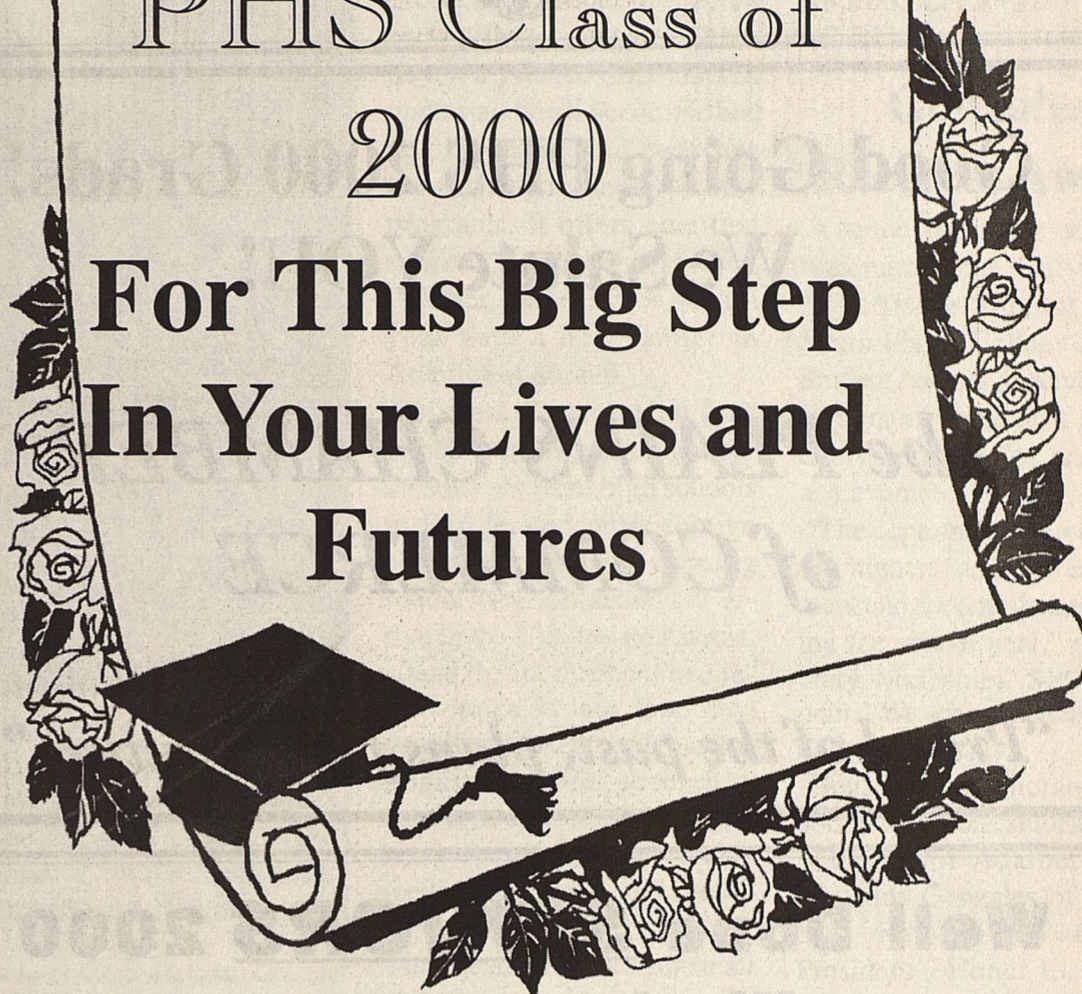
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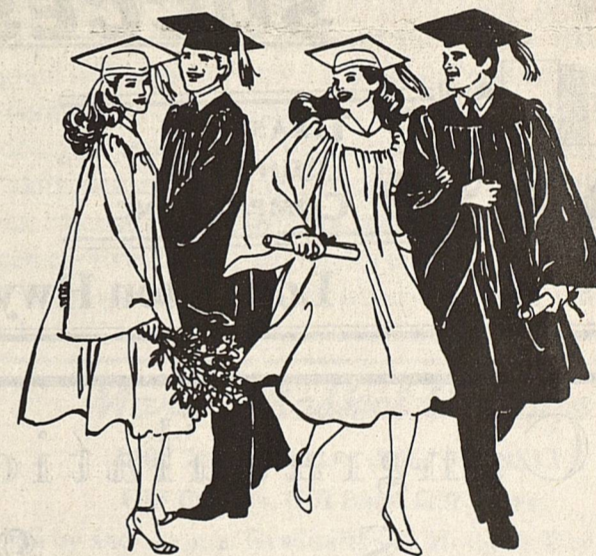
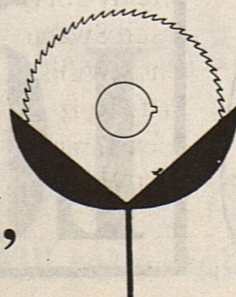
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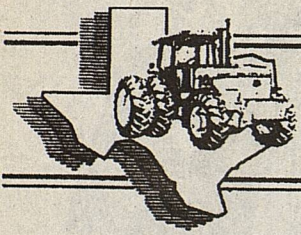
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Senior Citizens Corner

We are dedicating this week's column to a very faithful 'Lady', Bertie Mae Smith (Smitty). She kept the county and everyone informed each week through the Denver City Press and the Cowboy Country News. Besides she served on the Board of Directors and the Site Council at the Center. She always spoke and was very friendly. She never burdened anyone with her troubles. She has been very faithful. She had to give in this week and is in a home in Jayton, Tx. She said it was for a month. Lets all hope and pray that is all she will stay there. I am trying to do the column so bear with me and let me know when you have visitors or if you know of someone that is in the hospital or shut in at home so we can report on them.

The domino tournament was well attended Tuesday, the 9th. Tom Clevenger and Betty Boatman won it.

I owe Hoot Gibson an apology, because I lost the names of the pool tournament 2 weeks ago and no one could tell me who the 4th

winner in the mens tournament was-it was Hoot Gibson. Welcome Mola Moorehead and Betty Boatman to the craft room. We are glad you are in here. Darlene is doing oil painting, along with crocheting and ceramics. Maggie and I are doing ceramics.

The Site Council awarded the basket of goodies for a man Wednesday the 10th. The recipient was Wayne Williams, congratulations.

Don't forget the on going garage sale is open Monday thru Friday 8:30am. to 3:00 pm.

Everyday is dominoes, bridge, pool playing. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 is line dancing. All day every day the hall is busy with walkers. We also have treadmills and other exercise machines. So come on down and join the other seniors.

We also serve lunch each day at 11:30 am. We are always glad to see new faces and the ones we see every day.

See you later,  
Wanda B.

## Filmtime

May 10, 2000-Activities by the group were pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags; played games and sung songs. The book, The Bears' Vacation, was read and the children watched the video, Arthur's Family Vacation. The group celebrated the summer birthdays of Marisol Sosa and Jaxon Williams. Twenty boys and girls attended they were:

Micah St. Romain, Bailey Winn, Darian Gonzales, Jaston Brink, Colby Bearden, Marina Corrales, Clayton Gass, Kay'D Lamar, Lucas Hernandez, Percy, Sol and Sieanna Sosa, Merrit Crump, Aaron and Matthew Ramos, Arista Davis, Whitney and Johnathan Davis, Jaxon and Silas Williams. May 17th is last Filmtime for the year. There will be a picnic at Stanford Park, everyone is invited.

## Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cobb of Plains are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kemi Cobb to Joe H. Mayes, II of Lubbock. The prospective groom is the son of Linda Mayes of Ruidosa, New Mexico and Dr. Joe Mayes of Lubbock. The couple will exchange vows September 2, 2000 at 2:00 in the afternoon at the Watson Building in Lubbock. All friends are invited.

## Students Need Homes

The American International Youth Student Exchange Program is a non profit high school foreign exchange program in the U.S., Europe, and other parts of the world. AIYSEP believes a greater international understanding is accomplished among people and countries through cultural and home stay programs. It offers qualified students a chance to spend a summer, semester or school year with a host family in America or abroad.

At present, American host families are being sought for 25 students from high schools in Europe and other foreign countries for the coming school year. Students will arrive in the U.S. in late August, attend the local school and return home in late June next year. The Students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school counselors in their home country and will receive medical insurance and spending money.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in the program. All families hosting a student for

the year can deduct \$50 a month for income tax purposes. Interested students and families are asked to contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; 1-800-347-7575.

## Gonzales

### Receives Award

Yvonne Gonzales of Plains was named the Outstanding Advertising Student during South Plains College's recent Student Awards Assembly. She was among more than 130 students honored for academic achievement.

"The departmental awards are the highest level of achievement and accomplishment during the school year," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "We are extremely proud of these students."

Gonzales, a sophomore telecommunications student, is the daughter of Adalberto and Christina Gonzales of Plains. She was named to the President's Honor List twice and was named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1999 semester.

**Vacation Time For CCN! We are taking a little time off, and will NOT print the MAY 31 issue of CCN**

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# From The Hack

A few of the things I really and truly wonder about..... Last week I heard on the radio news an announcement of some import; Scientists have discovered mice are capable of having prostate cancer. It probably originated from all the human stuff they've been feeding them to discover if the human stuff caused other types of cancer. I'm really curious... have they ever fed them garlic and pepperoni pizza to determine if it causes mouse heartburn? I know it does me. Do they ever serve them up a bowl of frijoles to see if flatulence is enhanced? But on the other hand, why bother? We know it does on us truthful types. Some politicians never give up. I received my fifth piece of mail from New York City Mayor Giuliani recently. It came in a fancy red, white and blue binder suspiciously similar to the Postal Service Express Mail binder, and had some sort of eye catching phrase splashed across the front, like "Open this which contains something so important it should be etched in stone, or your mind, whichever you're more familiar with." It was, of course, another plea for donations in his anti-Hillary senate seat campaign. It remained a little longer in my hand than the previous four pleas, but only because I've always been par-

tial to red, white and blue. Why does his camp keep picking on me? All the costs of preparation, ad agency fees, printing and mailing the stupid thing would have bought five or six gallons of gas or diesel for his campaign bus, even at today's prices. And the bus wouldn't have ended up in the P.O. trash barrel.

Something's not in balance here. I think mothers are great. Well, at least 96.3% of them, maybe. Have you ever noted how much more hype Mother's Day gets compared to Father's Day? Or more importantly, how much more attention (That is spelled MONEY) they get on their day compared to us dads on our day? Consider.... This Sunday The Bride was escorted by friends and family to Hobbs after church for a memorable feast at the Cattle Baron there. The most memorable part was the 49 minute wait we suffered for a reserved table. Receiving the check a bit later was quite memorable also. Bride also received cards, gifts, phone calls, hugs and kisses till I thought I would gag.

Compare this to my last years Fathers Day. I got coffee and cold toast for breakfast, had to wear a bumpkin suit to church, after which I was told "I'll get lunch ready, by time you finish mowing and raking the lawn we can eat." My sumptuous Fathers Day feast consisted of a balogna and cheese sandwich on four day old bread, two onion spears, or whatever you call green onion things, and a glass of Ovaltine. I also got a pat on my bald spot and a semi-warm "Happy Father's Day, you grumpy old man," as she poured the Ovaltine.

Last week, too late to be included in this issue of CCN, I received an invite to photo an epic event here.... elementary

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## HOOVES & HORNS

BY A.W. ERWIN



"That's my wormy cousin, he comes out on weekends to git away from the stress an' strain of city life."

teachers, administrators and staff building a 60 FOOT LONG banana split. True. I paced the sucker off. The messy affair was to celebrate the elementary students achieving their lofty goal in the worthy Accelerated Reading Program. Next week's issue will feature photos of the event, which was also covered by a KLBK Channel 13 video crew.

I don't know how many kids are in our elementary school, but I swear I counted 712, and all of the 712 were screaming, laughing, pushing, shoving, impatient for the 'split'.

For some reason, the event reminded me of my kindergarten days... and yes, I can recall a FEW of them. I was a very reluctant music student, and the very frustrated lady teacher (there were FAR more students in all classes back then), was having great difficulties deciding what each kid sang what. She'd discovered

a few sopranos, a few altos, a few baritones, and whatever the rest of them are. It finally came my turn, and I truly loathed and despised the moment. I croaked out a few required lines of "Row, Row Your Boat" and she gasped, "Oh my God, Gary, whatever will we do with you? You sound like a cross breeding of a screech owl and a pregnant frog!" I suggested she let me whack that triangle looking metal thing at appropriate times. It worked.

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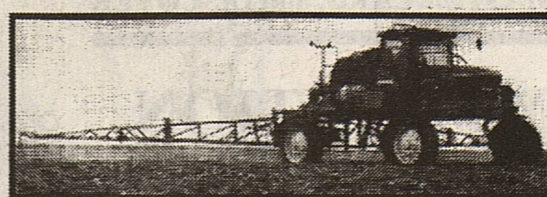
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