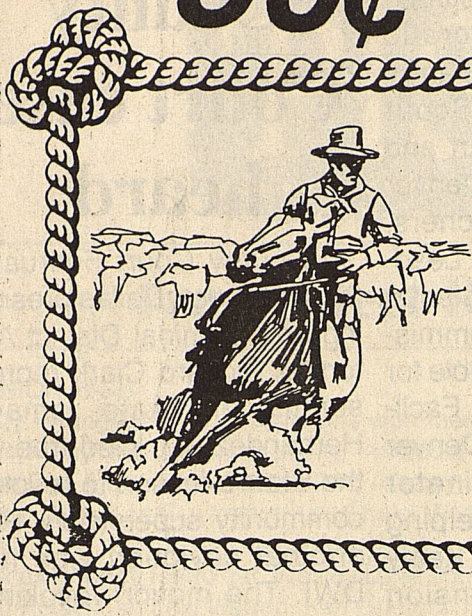
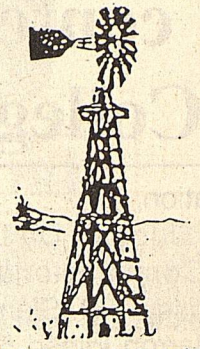


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## First-Round PISD Superintendent finalists announced

The PISD Board of Trustees took the first step in selecting finalists for the position of School Superintendent at their meeting the night of February 24. From a list of 88 candidates for the position, the Board selected eleven finalists for a round of personal interviews which will start here March 3 and continue to March 8.

In telephone interviews with Board President Brad Palmer and Board member Dwayne Canada, both men said they were well pleased with the backgrounds and qualities of all the candidates. Palmer said "I think the Board did an excellent job of selecting the eleven finalists from such a large group of worthy candidates" and Canada echoed those sentiments. "It was a really tough chore to narrow the list down to these men from such a good group", he said.

The finalist selection procedure allowed each Trustee to list their preferred ten finalists in their order of preference. Those names were assigned weighted numbers, and the numbers were totaled. From that order of ranking, the top six weighted numbers were selected. Then each Board member was allowed to cast a vote for one other finalist, resulting in 13 names chosen. Since that meeting, two of the finalists have accepted employment elsewhere and were removed from the list.

The eleven finalists, their present position, and their school districts are as follows:

- Don Ballard, Superintendent, Dawson
- Randy Berryhill, Assistant Superintendent, Clyde
- Randy Burks, Superintendent, Wildorado
- Don Gibson, Superintendent, Wall
- Gary Harrell, Superintendent, Jayton-Girard
- James Haynes, Superintendent, Balmorhea
- Glyndol Holland, Superintendent, Wheeler
- Jim Kirkland, Superintendent, Texline
- Steve Long, Superintendent, Rule
- Guy Nelson, Superintendent, Crowell
- Phil Warren, Superintendent, Lazbuddie
- Jerry Johnson, Superintendent, Summerville

## Lea County Electric explains power outage

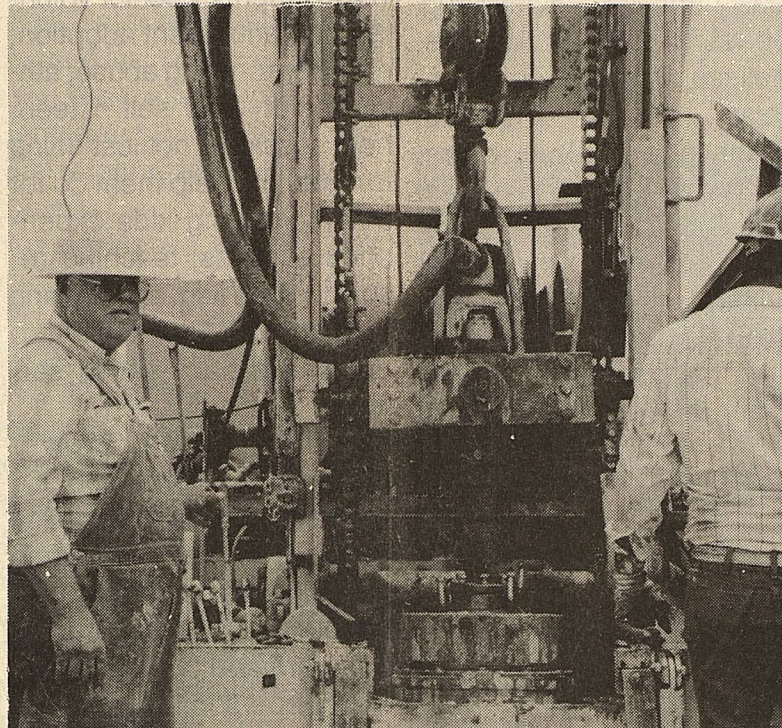
SPECIAL- Lea County Electric experienced numerous breaker operations and ice-related outages Wednesday, February 26. Primarily, customers and oil producers in the rural areas of the system were affected by the outages. The City of Plains experienced a 30 minute outage due to a fallen conductor on the main circuit supplying the city. Plains was switched to an alternate source and the main circuit was de-energized and isolated for repairs. During icy conditions, breaker operations and outages are generally caused by the rapid thawing of ice accumulated on the circuit conductors. The falling ice causes the sagging conductor to spring back and occasionally contact other conductors or equipment, creating the breaker operations. Lea County Electric appreciates its customers and encourages them to call anytime, 24 hours a day, to report any outages and power problems. Numbers to call for outage reporting and customer inquiries are, 1-800-510-5232 (LCEC), 396-3631 and 396-4101.

## Commissioners say NO to new pool building bid

In a very brief meeting of County Commissioner's Court Monday, the three members present, Woody Lindsey, J. R. Slentz and Macky McWhirter unanimously rejected the only bid for construction of a new bath house building at the swimming pool in Denver City's Stuffy Moorehead Park. The bid, from Oasis Builders of Midland, called for the outlay of \$110,600 for materials and labor in the project. In a prior meeting, the Court heard an architectural firm spokesman estimate the building could be completed

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"NO on bid"

## Spears named to board of New Mexico Ground Water Association



Jack Spears on rig drilling well for Sandy Land Water District

The New Mexico Ground Water Association general membership meeting was held on February 7 in

## Water District calls election

Members of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District board of directors met in regular session Wednesday, January 8, 1997. At which time the Board called for a Board of Directors election to be held Saturday, May 3, 1997, for the purpose of electing two (2) board of directors at large. Applications for place on the ballot is open and will be received until 5:00 p.m., March 19, 1997. Applications for filing for place on the board can be picked up at the Sandy Land UWCD office.

The two positions up for election include: Dennis Harrison and R. E. Bearden. These positions are for four-year terms each.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 1012 Avenue F, Plains, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. beginning on April 14, 1997 and continuing through April 29, 1997. Additional early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Denver City Chamber of Commerce, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Kathy Jones, Early Voting Clerk, at PO Box 130, Plains, Texas 79355. April 25, 1997 is the last day to receive applications for early voting ballots by mail.

Questions can be answered at 806/456-2155.

## New CRP regulations outlined at meeting here

Over 80 interested ag producers and county landowners attended a meeting here February 28 to hear new rules and regulations contained in the revamped Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Discussing the provisions contained in the program were District Conservationist Cindy Poole, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Gary Six, County Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency.

For landowners wishing to take part in the CRP program, the sign-up period is March 3 to March 28. Any land in the current program must be re-bid during this sign-up period. A new provision this year allows bids to be withdrawn up to ten days after the March 28 deadline.

Poole and Six both urged producers and landowners to make an appointment with the FSA office as promptly as possible, and requested they have available a complete legal description of all tracts of land, and the correct number of acres in each tract they wish to enroll in the CRP.

The re-bidding process is required by a change in the Erosion Index (EI) classification of the county's land, which determines eligibility for taking part in the program.

The 1997 soil payment schedule ranges from a low of \$24 per acre, to a maximum \$39 per acre, plus \$5 per acre for maintenance.

The rate landowners may bid their tracts into CRP are determined by the type of soil on each tract of land. If landowners are not sure what type soil they have, the NRCS office has records of all Yoakum County land types.

One new provision of the program is the possible eligibility of idle turnrows, field borders, and corners of irrigated tracts of land.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), and some of the EBI factors include wildlife habitat, water quality benefits, and air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion.

Both Poole and Six stressed the necessity for prompt action on the part of landowners wishing to take part in the CRP. The application form itself is some 26 pages in length, and while portions of it will be completed by either FSA or NRCS staff, the administrative process will be time consuming.

For more information contact the FSA office, 456-2132, or the NRCS office, 456-3703.

## One - Act play cast and crew to present "Riders To The Sea"

Dinner theatre planned for March 13.

The Plains High School Theatre Department will present "Riders to the Sea" by John Millington Synge at a dinner theatre on Thursday, March 13 at the auditorium. Under the direction of Mr. Gary Davis, the cast and crew will perform the Irish classic at 7:15 p.m. following a spaghetti dinner that will begin at 6:00 p.m., served in the cafeteria. High school theatre students are currently selling tickets to the event for \$6. This is a major fundraising event for the one-act play cast and crew.

"Riders to the Sea", written and set at the turn of the century off the western coast of Ireland, deals with the life of an old Irish woman, Maurya, who grieves over the loss of her five sons, all who have drowned at sea. Now the sixth and last, Bartley, is about to ride down to the sea, and she prophesies his death. Many call this the best one-act play ever written.

Senior Lindi Rowe is cast in the lead role of Maurya, while Juniors Kassie Lowe and Shawna Box play her daughters Nora and Cathleen. Gideon Traweek, another Junior, plays the part of Bartley. The cast also includes; Sophomore Steven Bunch as Stephen Pheety, Junior Shawn Cullins as Colum Shawn and Sophomore Clint Burrus as Eamon Simon. Eight other performers

are double cast as village women and sea maidens. They are Leticia Canon, Audra Ellis, Conchetta San Filippo, Juanita Rodriguez, Patty Ruiz, Beth Perry, Lisa Parrish and Jennifer Lollar. The technical crew consists of Coley Burgess, Kelli Osborn, Doug Rushing and Lee Tyson.

The play will be presented with special permission from Samuel French, Inc. in New York City.

Next weekend, on March 7-8, Plains will host a UIL practice meet for one-act play casts. Visiting schools will be Post, Slaton, Moprtan and Sundown. Mrs. Frieda Attaway, a state champion one-act play director from Kerrville Tivy High School, will be the guest adjudicator. She will watch all the plays and critique each one.

The cast and crew will host the district 5AA UIL competition on Friday, March 28 at Plains High School. Plains will compete against five other AA schools for the right to compete at the area contest on April 5 at Post. Competing at the district contest will be Morton-"The Lottery"; Tahoka-"Steel Magnolias"; Shallowater-"Little Women"; Sundown-Meet me in St. Louis"; and Seagraves, "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie".

## County officials attend conference at College Station

College Station, Tx; County Judge Dallas Brewer, Commissioners Woody Lindsey, J.R. Slentz, and Jim Barron joined 500 other county judges and commissioners at the 39 annual Continuing Education Conference and Education Exposition on February 19-20. This was the first year the program, sponsored by V.G. Young Institute of County Government, was broadcast by satellite. It was down linked to sites in Lubbock, San Angelo, Fort Stockton, and Weslaco.

The special session for county judges was held prior to the general meeting, and included training in judicial ethics and a presentation entitled "Frustrated Lawsuits in County Government." County judges also were updated on juvenile justice system.

The theme of the year's conference was Corporation, Communication and commitment-the Keys to Effective Governance," and emphasis was computer and internet usage.

Governor George Bush gave the keynote address. Judges also heard a presentation entitled "New Technologies in the Courthouse: Information Solutions for Texas County Government" that included sessions on distance learning, Brazoria

County's Texas Law Enforcement network system, and Meet the Internet- Getting from the Dirt Road to the Information Superhighway.

Other sessions were geared toward the Devolution of Government- the National Perspective," and its impact on Texas government. Optional computer basics training was available for beginners. County Officials also met in round table discussion groups.

### Credit Union 48th Annual Meeting

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Yoakum County Federal Credit Union was held February 22, 1997 in the Plains School Cafeteria. The large group attending enjoyed a ham dinner with all the trimmings. Sidney Pippen and his band provided the entertainment, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The present board of directors include Owen Schneider, Bill Adams, Arlon Alexander, Tommie Brown, Melvin Dearing, Kenneth Engle and new board member, Ruby Bilbrey. Retiring board member was Lattrell McDonnell.

The Credit Union would like to thank the following merchants and individuals for

donating the door prizes for the event: Mae Barnett/District Clerk, Texas Equipment, Sheriff/Jimmie Rice, Gonzales Tire Service, Willis Automotive, Lea County Electric, Marjorie's Coiffurees, Johnnie's Restaurant, West Texas Gas, Yoakum County Library, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre St. Romain, Anne's Mini Mart, Plains Dairy Queen, Mustang Country, Ita Young, Yoakum County Co-op Gin, Grand Entry, LaEspecial Bakery, Lalito's Restaurant, Linda's Collections, Debbi Rushing/County Clerk, Script Office Supply, Lavender Patch, Kountry Klipper, Grandma Pride Candle Co., Plains Welding Service, Bayer Lumber Co., Liberty Drug, Yoakum County Farm Bureau, Lanelle's, Palace Drug, Coast to Coast, Tangles, Melissa Garcia, Bob's Grocery, Bea's Flowers, Richardson Insurance, Thriftway Grocery, The Depot, Dale's Venture Store, Doug's Specialties, Lamesa Printing, and Shannon and Keith Rice.

### County organizations address youth needs

Because of need, overlapping or duplication of summer programs for Yoakum County Youth, Yoakum County Connection believes we can better involve, educate, and teach responsible citizenship to young people with a variable, effective, cooperative and coordinated county summer youth program. Representatives of 4-H, girls scouts, youth centers, the justice system, county and school elected positions, teachers, anti-drug abuse leaders, and church workers met Tuesday, February 25 at a 7:00 p.m. meeting held at the Denver City Youth Center. The committee agreed that children are our future, our hope. "We either take the time, effort and money to provide them with summer learning activities or we let TV, their peers, or other not-so upstanding characteristics become their major influences during the summer months when parental involvement or care is sometimes not available," said Linda Powell.

It was the consensus of the committee that we have the

facilities, knowledge, and power to work as a county to use the arts and other activities as vehicles to help youngsters feel capable, wanted, and productive. Working together is a win-win situation.

Suggestions from participants included getting the kids more involved in the youth centers; keeping kids reading during summer months with a book-mobile or transportation to libraries; drama or theater class; free or reduced cost activities; craft workshops such as pinata construction; more parental help and involvement; volunteer helpers in workshops; utilizing extension animal, cooking, and clothing related activities; male role models; line-dancing for youth taught by senior volunteers; grandparent adoption; speakers on drug abuse; ethnic variety and self-esteem help sessions; not just doing for kids, but help them do for others; helping kids experience success; teaching respect for the flag, anthem and pledge; and don't want it to become a baby-sitting service.

Judge Dallas Brewer pointed out, "It takes \$35,000 per year, per child, to house juveniles in the Texas Youth Commission. We can perhaps affect future outcomes with care and concern now."

Chairperson Linda Powell appointed James Adair, Juvenile Probation Officer to collate funding ideas. The Texas Commission on the Arts will match funds raised. Elva Lozano, Denver City Elementary Teacher will act as clearing house for workshop or activity proposals and Plains Adult Probation Officer and school board member Anna Gonzales will compile schedules for available youth camps and activities to be offered. Anyone interested in teaching a class or having information about scheduled activities or camps should call the County Extension Office at 456-2263. Interested citizens are invited to the next scheduled meeting on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Denver City Youth Center. Other attendees at the meeting included Bobbie Payne, Plains Youth Center Director, Cyndy Koncaba, Plains

Youth Center Board Member, Ty Powell, Democratic County Chairman, Sandy Poe, Denver City Scout Leader, Gloria Galvan and Debbie Hernandez, Denver City Elementary Teachers, Ken McGinty, 4-H Adult Leaders Chairman, J.R. Slentz, Precinct 2 County Commissioner who is responsible for the Denver City Youth Facility, Donna Ochesky, Denver City D-FY-IT Coordinator (new organization helping youth say no to drugs), Kathy Adair, County Extension Agent and Vickee Faight, Denver City Youth Director who also furnished refreshments to the group along with Richard Clark

By Linda Powell

## County Court case heard

In County Court February 27, with Judge Dallas presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State, Ismael Hernandez, 47, pled true to the State's motion to revoke community supervision. His original conviction was for DWI. The motion revoking supervision calls for a 180-day jail sentence, with credit for 58 days time served. Hernandez was represented by Attorney David Martinez.

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Notice is hereby given the Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eva Ann Graham, deceased, were issued in Cause No. 1299, in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, on the 17th day of February, 1997, to Robert Lon Graham, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 600, Plains, Texas 79355.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner required by law.

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## Track meet Recap

### JUNIOR HIGH

Lady Wranglers-The Jr. High girls won their first meet of the season here Friday, with 219 team points. Individual results included; Shot Put- Elizabeth Clanahan 2nd, Arasley Luna 3rd. Long Jump-Kari Guetersloh 1st, Chelsi Wagnon 5th, Ashley Gonzalez 6th. Discus- Wendy Fierro 1st, Arasley Luna 2nd, Elizabeth Clanahan 3rd. 400 Relay- 1st- Lexi Warren, Kari Guetersloh, Michaela Traweek, Julie Gonzales. 800 Run-Wendy Fierro 2nd, Sacsy Rodriguez 3rd, Amanda Garcia 5th. 100 Hurdles-Frances Cordova 2nd, Chelsi Wagnon 3rd, Julie Gonzales 4th. Triple Jump- Kari Guetersloh 2nd, Lexi Warren 3rd, Michaela Traweek 4th. 100 Dash-Michaela Traweek 1st, Nancy Knocaba 2nd, Becky Coronel 4th. 800 Relay- 2nd-Warren, Traweek, Guetersloh, Knocaba. 400 Dash-Wendy Fierro 2nd, Ashley Gonzalez 3rd, Carmen Mendoza 4th. 300 Hurdles- Kari Guetersloh 1st, Arasley Luna 5th, Ashley Gonzalez 6th. 1600 Run- Sacsy Rodriguez 1st, Amanda Garcia 2nd, Carmen Mendoz 3rd. 1600 Relay- 2nd- Warren, Fierro, Wagnon, Cordova.

Wranglers- The boys also won their meet against Loop and Wellman, scoring 218 points. 400 Relay- 1st- Joseph Rodriguez, Adam Garcia, Jared Bell, Moises Gonzales. 800 Relay- 1st- Kelsey Blundell, Nathan Hays, Jared Bell, Joseph Rodriguez. 1600 Relay- 1st- Joseph Rodriguez, Joel Gallegos, Moise Gonzales, Adam Garcia. 3200 Relay-1st- Greg Gonzales, Louis Hernandez, Kelsey Blundell, Joel Gallegos. Shot Put- Amando Luna 2nd, Chris Gscheidle 4th. Long Jump- Adam Garcia 1st, Joseph Rodriguez 2nd, Jared Bell 5th. Discus-Armando Luna 1st, Chris Gscheidle 2nd. Triple Jump- Kelsey Blundell 4th. 2400 Run- Louis Hernandez 1st, Greg Gonzales 2nd. 800 Run-Joel Gallegos 1st. 100 Dash- Eric Nixon 5th. 400 Dash- Moises Gonzales 1st. 300 Hurdles- Nathan Hays 1st. 200 Dash- Adam Garcia 1st. 1600 Run- Kelsey Blundell 1st, Louis Hernandez 2nd, Greg Gonzales 3rd. Coach Brink was very pleased with the boys great start, and said times and distances were good for this early in the season.

### PHS Cowgirls:

The Varsity Cowgirls placed third in an eleven team meet at O'Donnell Saturday. Triple Jump- Wendy Hernandez 6th. 3200 Run- Tanya Hernandez-2nd. 400 Relay- 2nd- Lisa Parrish, Missy Asebedo, Krystal Blundell, Anne Palmer. 800 Run- Cassie Dearing 4th. 100 Dash- Anne Palmer 2nd. 800 Relay- 1st-Palmer, Asebedo, Parrish, Blundell. 400 Dash- Kristi Guetersloh 6th. 200 Dash- Missy Asebedo 2nd. 1600 Run- Wendy Hernandez 2nd. 1600 Relay- 1st- Wendy Hernandez, Parrish, Guetersloh, Blundell.

### PHS Cowboys;

The varsity boys also finished third at the O'Donnell meet.

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## Math/Science

### Team Scores

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### Sweepstakes

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The PHS Math/Science team scored another big win in the UIL meet at Abilene March 1. The Number Sense, Calculator and Math teams finished in first place, the Science Team was third, and the Computer science team was 6th. Individual results included;

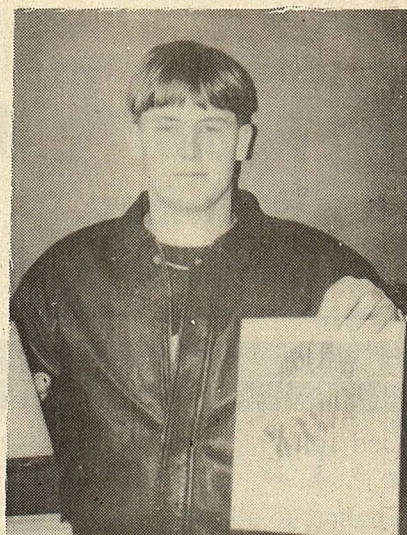
Number Sense: Kristen Gray 1st, Heath Bowlin 4th, Shawna Box 2nd, Shawn Cullins 1st, Yancey House 1st, Jacob Lester 6th.

Calculator: Kristen Gray 1st, Maranda Box 6th, Clint Burrus 5th, Tommie McNabb 1st, Heath Bowlin 1st, Shawna Box 3rd, Shawn Cullins 6th, Yancey House 5th, Jacob Lester 4th.

Math: Kristen Gray 1st, Maranda Box 11th, Clint Burrus 6th, Tommie McNabb 7th, Heath Bowlin 5th, Shawna Box 6th, Shawn Cullins 3rd, Yancey House 3rd, Jacob Lester 7th.

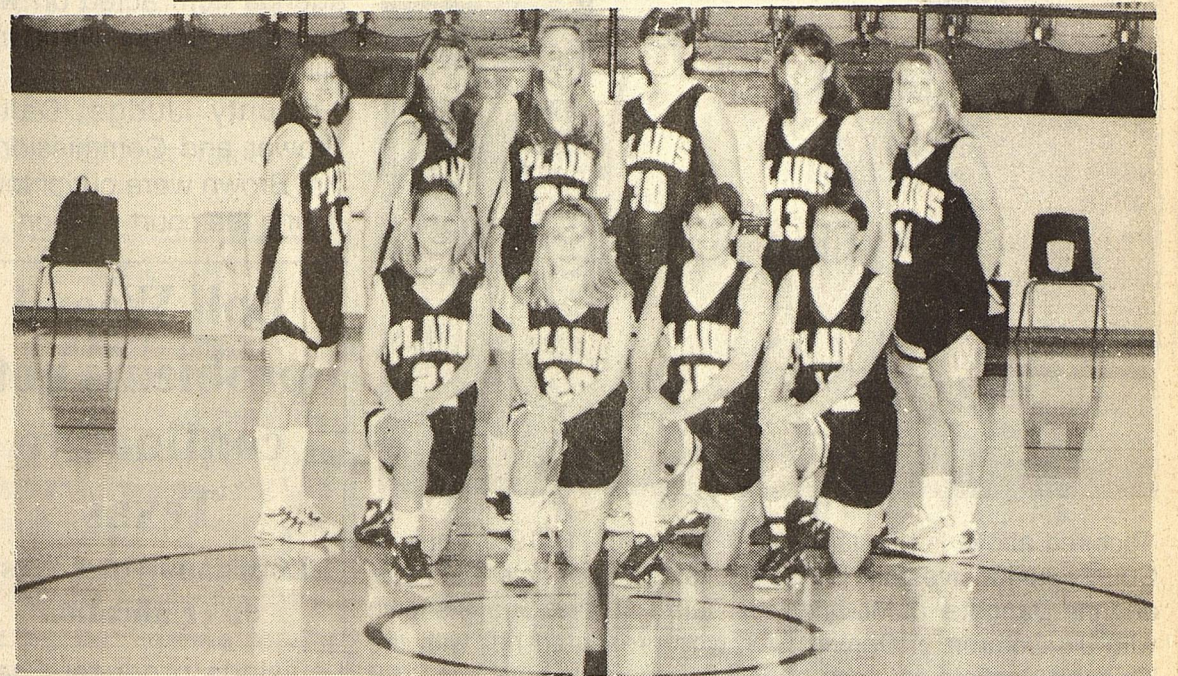
Computer Science: Tommie McNabb 10th.

## Student of the Week



Wayne Willett, A Senior at PHS and the son of Jerry and the late Paula Willett is the Student of the Week. He was nominated by Mr. Carter who said, "Wayne displays an attitude about life that greatly influences those around him in a positive way. He refuses to grumble and criticize, but rather builds up by his encouraging actions and words. He takes pride in his school, and supports extra-curricular activities whether he is involved or not. He chooses to make the day ahead the most thrilling day of his life. He strives to beat his best, and won't give up until he has unleashed any unused capacities. Wayne refuses to dwell on difficulties or circumstances that could easily crush us, but rather uses the resources he possesses to overcome obstacles. He has chosen to make his positive attitude a way of life. Because he loves and cares so much, he will achieve something that will make the future point to him".

## 1996-97 PHS Basketball



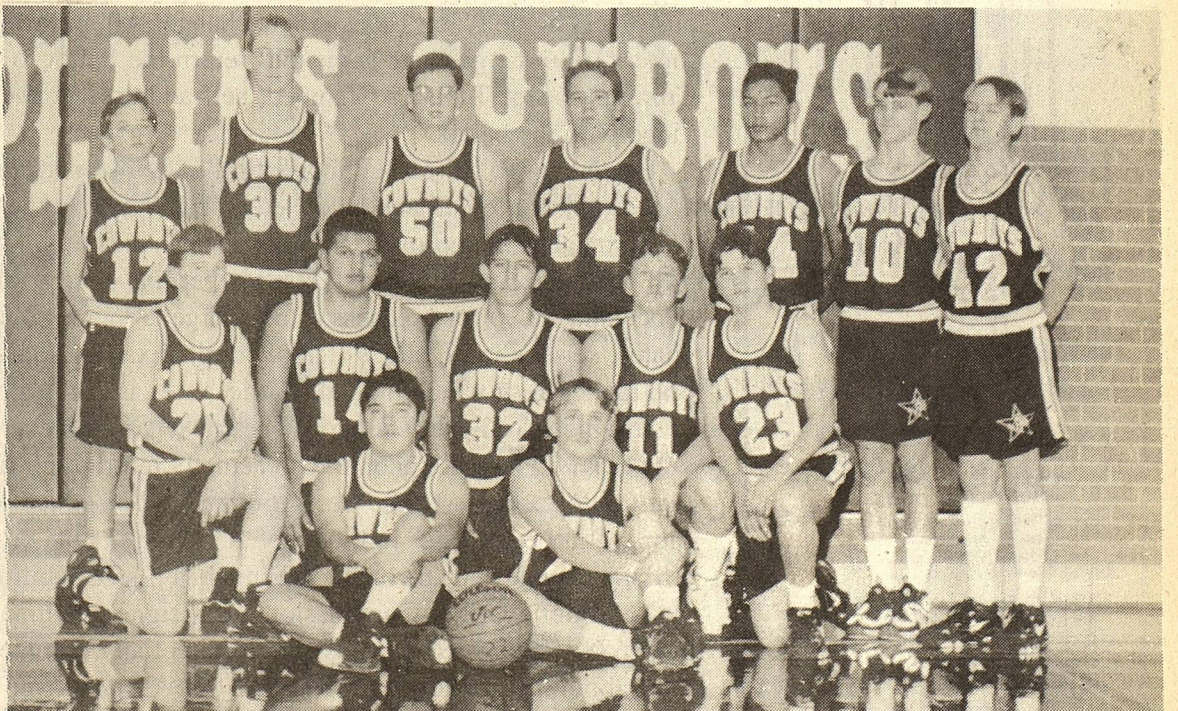
VARSITY COWGIRLS; Front, L-R; Shyloh Winn, Sandi Warren, Tessa St Romain, Kyley Bearden. Back; Kelly Osborn, Lindsey Six, Jolyne Burgess, Kayla Redman, Candace Bowers, Shawna Box.



VARSITY COWBOYS; Front, L-R; Jamie Caballero, Shawn Cullins, Joe Luna, David Flores, Eric Estrada, not pictured, Will St Romain.



JV COWGIRLS; Front, L-R- Anne Palmer, Rebecca Robertson, Tandi Jones, Patti Ruiz, Krystle Blundell. Back- Jessica Flores, Maranda Box, Coach Horne, Lisa Parrish, Kristen Gray.



JV COWBOYS; Front, L-R-Isaac Gonzales, Jeremy Morphis. Middle- Keith Jackson, Salvador Granados, Fermin Luna, Josh Bell, Justin Bennett. Back- Patrick McGinty, Clint Burrus, Mike Bell, Alex Tarango, Cosme Casillas, Kyle Sisson, Colt Winn.

**Congratulations to every Cowgirl and Cowboy for a good season. You showed your many fans lots of hard work and determination throughout the long, tough season! We will feature photos of the Jr. High teams in future issues of CCN**

## '97 Livestock Show Queen



Pictured above is Krystal Sellers, winner of the 1997 Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show. Krystal is a Sophomore at PHS, and the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Sellers. She is shown with Jim Cothren of Denver City, who presented her with the 'Queen's Jacket', courtesy of he and his wife's business, J&B Feeds, and holding roses donated by the Lavender Patch of Plains, owned by Cherie and David Sanders. Krystal represented the Plains FFA organization.

Jennifer Lollar was first runner-up in the contest, and she represented the Plains 4-H club. Michelle Smith was next, representing the Denver City FFA, and she was followed by Alecia Bearden, representing the Denver City 4-H.

## Final services for Josie Green

Services for Josie Green, 84, of Lubbock were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Bill Wright, Pastor of Plains' First Baptist Church, officiating.

She died Saturday, March 1 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born September 30, 1912, in Pottsville. She

married Bennie Green on November 21, 1936, in Sherman. The couple moved to Lubbock from Brownfield in 1962. He died July 14, 1993. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Ben of Midland; a brother, Raymond Waters of Bedford, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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for \$65 to \$70,000. No other action was taken on the matter.

A Soil Conservation request for grading a fire lane on land in Precinct 4 belonging to Cletus Caswell was approved. The only other agenda item acted on was approval to pay all county bills.

County Judge Dallas Brewer and Commissioner Jim Brown were out of town during the court session.

## Boll Weevil problems not confined to Texas

Louisiana votes 'Yes' on eradication

Louisiana producers have voted to conduct a boll weevil eradication program in the Red River Valley production area.

Dan Logan, chairman of the Louisiana Boll Weevil Board, reported 82.6% of growers voting and 84.1% of voting supported eradication for fall '97 startup.

Arkansas producers in the southwest area adjacent to Louisiana passed a resolution last March and will begin eradication with Louisiana.

March 16, 1861: Gov. Sam Houston refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States of America. The Secession Convention replaced him with Lt. Gov. Edward Clark on March 18.

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## Services held for Bill Cain

Services for William Earl "Bill" Cain, 63, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 26, at the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Dr. Marty Akins and Reverend Carl Nunn officiated. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens under di-

rection of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

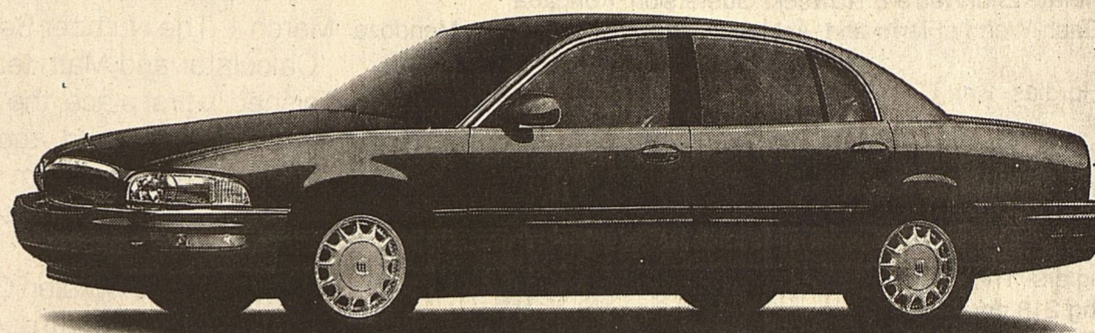
Mr. Cain died at 4:10 a.m. Monday, February 24 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Born May 13, 1933 in Clyde, he married Joyce Marie Page on March 13, 1952 in Snyder. She died July 27, 1990. Mr. Cain retired after 21 years service in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. A 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University, he was an international mar-

keting manager, and worked in quality control for Motorola from 1978 to 1992.

Survivors include his parents, Charlie and Clara Cain of Snyder; three daughters, Danna Murfee of Lubbock, Lisa Adelman of Leonard, Lynda McCormack of Snyder; A son, Charles of Plains; a brother, James, of Snyder; a sister, Virginia Smith of Flower Mound, and eight grandchildren. His brother, Wayne, preceded him in death on January 3, 1997.

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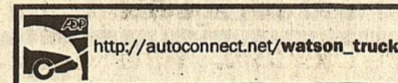
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## Public Notice

The Plains (806-456) exchange has petitioned for Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling to the Brownfield (806-637) exchange.

Within the next 15 days, Texas ALLTEL, Inc., will mail ballots to all customers in the Plains (806-456) exchange. After marking the ballot, customers should sign their name and return the ballot to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A stamped, self-addressed envelope will be provided with the ballot.

Expanded Toll-Free Calling will allow customers in the Plains (806-456) exchange to call and be called by customers in the Brownfield (806-637) exchange. If approved, all subscribers in the Plains (806-456) exchange will be charged an additional monthly per line charge up to \$3.50 for residence and \$7.00 for business. This charge is in addition to your local exchange service rates, and will apply until Texas ALLTEL, Inc.'s next general rate case, at which time all service rates are subject to change.

Expanded Toll-Free calling will be granted to each exchange with a "Yes" vote from 70% of the people who actually return their ballots. Exchanges that fail to receive a 70% "Yes" vote will not be added to the local calling scope. If all exchanges fail to meet the requirements of the ballot, service will not change and customers will not be billed an additional monthly fee.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned this matter Project Number 16882. Interested persons should direct any comments that they may have about the petition to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or they may call the Public Utility Commission Information office at 512-936-7140 or 512-936-7136, teletypewriter for the deaf. Petition Coordinator for this project is David Branson, 806-456-2288.

## Aviso Publico

La area telefonica de Plains (806-456) ha solicitado el Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales sin costo de larga distancia con el área de Brownfield (806-637).

En los próximos 15 días, Texas ALLTEL, Inc., le enviará por correo boletas a todos los clientes de la área de Plains (806-456). Después de marcar la boleta los clientes deben firmar y regresar la boleta a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas). Junto con la boleta estará incluido un sobre con estampilla y dirección de retorno.

El Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales sin costos de larga distancia le permitirá a los clientes de la área de Plains (806-456) llamar y ser llamado por la área de Brownfield (806-637), como si fueran llamadas locales. Si se aprueba la solicitud, todos los clientes de la área de Plains (806-456) tendrán que pagar una cuota adicional, por línea, de hasta \$3.50 para líneas residenciales y \$7.00 para líneas comerciales. Este cargo mandatorio es adicional a su tarifa de servicio telefónico básico, y se aplicará hasta el próximo caso general de tarifa de la Texas ALLTEL, Inc. En tal fecha, todas las tarifas de servicio podrían cambiar.

El Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales sin costo de larga distancia sera otorgado a cada área con el voto "Si" de 70% de las personas que actualmente regresen la boleta. Las áreas que no reciban el voto "SI" del 70% no seran añadidas a su área de llamadas locales. Si todas las áreas fallan el voto, su servicio no cambiara y no se le cobrara el costo adicional mensual.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas ha asignado a este asunto el Número de Proyecto 16882. Las personas interesadas deben dirigir sus comentarios sobre la solicitud a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78711-3326, o pueden llamar a las Oficinas de Información de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos, al 512-936-7140, o 512-936-7136 (teletipo para sordomudos). El Coordinador de Peticiones para esta proyecto es David Branson, 806-456-2288.





# Femme Friends



## Engagement and Future Wedding Announced

Ronny and Janie Cowart of Plains announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Rhonda Rachele to Michael Shayne Griffiths, son of Tracey and Giorietta Griffiths of Whiteface.

Rhonda, a '94 graduate of Plains had attended South Plains College and is studying to become an x-ray technician. Shayne, a '94 graduate of Whiteface has also attended South Plains College and is studying to receive a teaching degree in Government/History.

The couple have laid out selections at Dillards.



## Library Filmtime

Eleven kids attended filmtime this week on February 26, 1997. They enjoyed singing four songs, they played one game, watched one movie and read one book. Due to the electricity

going out this week, the filmtime program was cut short this week.

Those attending included: Kevin John Gass, Kelsey Curry, Lexus Jimenez, Hunter Welch, Katelynn Young, Charity Hainer, Isaac Doyle, Sean Curry, Kristie Lopez, Haley Welch, and Raegan Young.

## Senior Citizen Corner

Thursday was Auction Day Sale of Home Made wares and goodies. Twelve o'clock and Here's Jimmie! The guy in a big black hat, ready to do the sales. Everyone ready for an hour of fun and their life savings to spend on a sale item. An item is held up and the sale begins--what should I bid for this? Two dollars, now three, now four and so on he goes, finally eight and sold to the lady in a dark suit. It was a fun hour, and profitable also. Every dollar will be rightfully used. Thanks to all who donated items or money, and especially a Big Thank You to Jimmie Long who was the auctioneer.

Now the ice storm is another story. Slips and near slips, and stay home, were the tale of woe. Thankfully no one was seriously injured. The West Texas Wind is to be preferred over the slick stuff. Our sympathy to the girls who cook our meals. Their brother-in-law was buried on Thursday.

Activities for March 3rd through the 7th.

Mon. Line Dance 9:30 a.m. Pool/Game 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Line Dance 9:30 a.m. Gen B/P 11:00-11:30 a.m.  
Fri. Line Dance 9:30 a.m.

Lunch every day at 11:30 a.m. The menu all week sounds good. Come and bring a friend and enjoy a few

hours out of the house. Dominoes, Pool, Crafts go on all day. Visitors are always welcome.

See you next week, Smitty

## MANY THANKS!

Our recent experience with knee surgery has served to remind us of how blessed we are with kind friends and family. Romalee and I want to express our thanks for all your prayers, letters of encouragement, flowers and delicious food!

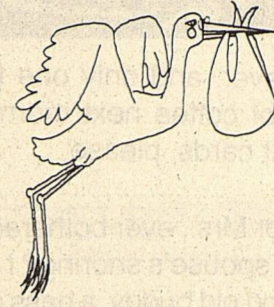
With Sincere Gratitude,  
T.A. and Romalee  
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## THANK YOU!!

For all the support shown for me during the Queen Contest during this year's Junior Livestock Show. Special thanks to all the 4-H members.

Krystal Sellers

THANK YOU  
Dear Plains  
Community for the honor bestowed on me and my family.  
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## Bouncing Baby Boy In Town!



Riley Kay Earnest joined his proud parents, Keith and Stacie Earnest, on February 20, 1997. Upon arrival, he weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. His grand parents are Eddie and Bonnie Earnest of Plains, and C.E. and Jennie Carmichael of Sweetwater. Welcoming great grandparents are F.L. Earnest, Brownfield, Nadine Clanahan, Fort Worth, Clark and Jo Hitt, Crowell, and Claude and June Carmichael, Brownwood. His great-great parent is Bonnie Chastain of Brownwood.

## Another new baby arrives!

Vicki and Michael Diaz are the proud parents of brand new arrival baby boy Thomas James (to be called T.J.), born in Methodist Hospital at 5:30 P.M. on March 1.

T.J. weighed in at 6 pounds six ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches tall.

His parents live in Lubbock. Michael is the son of

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me"

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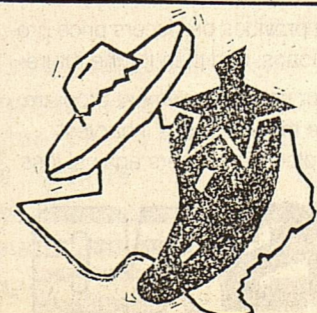
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# From The Hack



Did you catch the thing on the tube last week about the pet lover who gave up his heart pace maker for his beloved Bulldog? Absolutely true. The dog was diagnosed as terminal if something couldn't be done for his faltering heart. The generous hearted owner said, "OK, old so and so needs it more than I do, and he's gonna get it" The report said the operation was apparently successful, and 'Rover' was doing well with the ticker device. There is not a doubt in my mind local Polly Rushing would even hesitate to do the same for his intellectually superior pooch 'Roger', the famed Black Lab, should the medical need arise. Only problem is, Polly doesn't have a pace maker, to my knowledge. I don't doubt, if he did, he would rip it out of his chest and say, "Here, Roger stick this thing in yours" It's really not that Polly is that benevolent. It's just recognition and honor of the remarkable Roger, the Lab who has learned to drive his Ford pickup (Polly won't let him try GMC products), use his cell phone, and calculate gas mileage by expelling gas every 18 miles. Polly says he is very appreciative of the service, and he hasn't run out of gas as long as Roger hasn't. Good old dog.

Isn't it fascinating about the Demos being chastised about Clinton's turning the Lincoln Bed Room in the Whitehouse into a 'Motel 6' for political contributions? Bill says, "Hey, it's a national treasure to be shared by all", while detractors and skeptics say, "Yeah, provided all cough up a hundred grand or so for the Democratic Party before turning the covers back and jumping into Abe's bed"

I have racked my semi-brain trying to figure out some sort of similar scam. We have a spare bedroom, too. At one time, it was the domicile of ancestor County Judge Preston Beane, way back there. If Abe's bed is worth a hundred grand per night, we will rent the former Judge's for just \$39 a night, and you don't even have to vote for us. Bring your own towels,

however, and only one free cup of coffee next morn. No credit cards, please.

Mr. or Mrs., ever bothered by your spouse's snoring? I had a good old buddy, a bass club fishing friend who probably had the most notorious reputation for the offense of anyone in the county, maybe the entire state, the late Marvin Willis of Denver City. A very good bass angler, but a truly world class snorer.

Back in the '70's, our bass club held a tournament in deep East Texas, on Lake Livingston, then noted for it's bass population, and numbers of alligators still in the lake.

A fellow angler, David O'Keefe, and I arrived at the fishing camp about two in the morning, and were not at all sure we were even at the right camp. All of the screened in camp cabins were occupied, so we parked our rig, got out, and almost

immediately heard this weird noise. Ever hear a Hippopotamus bellow? That's what Marvin's snore sounded exactly like. We nodded in agreement, we were at the right camp.

After finally bedding down, red-eyed from the 600 mile drive and a wee dram or two of liquid refreshments, we were violently awakened about 4:30 by the sounds of a primeval battle just outside the camp area. It seemed Marvin's snorts and wheezes had called up a bull alligator with lovemaking on it's tiny brain, and also a huge brahma bull, also consumed with lust, and the two creatures were locked in angry combat just yards from our bedrolls. They thrashed, kicked, bit, lashed, scratched one another furiously, demolishing two boats and one of the two camp outhouses, one unfortunately occupied by a visiting angler from New Jersey who vowed to sue the State of Texas and the fishing camp.

The entire camp was alive with frightened anglers. Marvin just continued to snore through it all. "Golfer-"Notice any improvements since last year?" Teaching Pro-"Polished your clubs, didn't you?" "Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others."

## "The Bum Knee Band"



Stephen & Jacob pounding on guitars - On crutches following football injuries. Jacob's mother Jan, when asked if the pair are good on their guitars, said "Well, they play that kind of music I really don't like. Let's just say they play real loud". Another PHS Senior also sits in with them, drummer Abraham Garcia.

## \* Public Notice \*

Notice is hereby given that Collins & Ware Inc. 508 W Wall, Suite 1200, Midland Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for and Entiry of Density for the Plains Unit. 3731 Acres, located in all and or portions of sections 335, 336, 368, 369, 370, 371, 390, 391, 392, 393, 426, Block D, J.H. Gibson Survey, District 8A, Brahaney Field(s), Yoakum County, Texas, being approximately 2 miles in a northwest direction from Plains, Texas. Field rules for the Brahaney field are 660/1320, 40 acres. Pursuant to the terms of the Entiry for Density, this application may be granted by the Commissioners if no protest to this application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of leases of record of adjacent tracts. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for this application. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact Chuck Sledge - Production Engineer for Collins & Ware, Inc. at (915) 687-3435. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6748. If you wish to request a hearing on this application, you must notify the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division, Permitting Services Section, PO Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, in writing of your intent to appear in protest. This intent to appear in protest must be received in the Railroad Commission's Austin Office by April 1, 1997. If no protest is received within such time, the requested application may be granted by the Commissioners.

**Track results continued from Page Three**  
 400 Relay- 2nd- Wayne Willett, Jesus Hernandez, Gideon Traweek, Fermin Luna.  
 1600 Relay- 1st- Joe Luna, Fermin Luna, Wayne Willett, Jesus Hernandez.  
 800 Run- Chris Willett 3rd.  
 400 Dash- Jesus Hernandez 1st.  
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