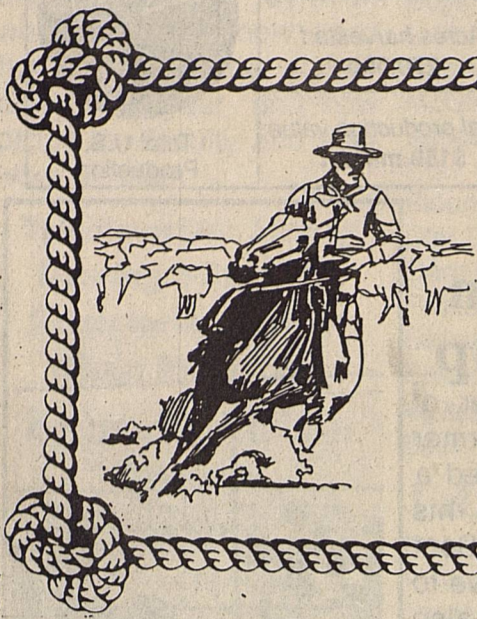


Special Graduating Seniors And P.H.S. Academic Awards Issue



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Temporary Waste Disposal Fee Waiver Slated By Sandy Land & City

Both Plains and Denver City residents will benefit financially when it is utility bill paying time after July 1. Sandy Land Underground Water District, the managing entity of the County Landfill off Highway 214, about midway between the communities, is waiving their normal \$3.50 per ton disposal fee for both cities. Gary Walker, Administrator of the Landfill, wants to make clear the waiver applies to any resident of the county, not just the city's hauling trucks. Walker said, "Our disposal fee is \$5 per ton, with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission receiving \$1.50 of that amount as the managing State agency of this type landfill. We cannot legally waive their \$1.50 fee, but saving each citizen of the county a little disposal

money might encourage a general countywide clean up effort, something that's always desirable".

Going one step further, the Plains City Council will not bill customers for the \$1.50 fee the Landfill must charge the city, for a total savings of \$5 per ton for city residential and business customers.

The fee waiver will be apparent on the bill sent from City Hall on June 30.

Walker noted the Landfill is operating very efficiently, saying "We're well within our operating budget, and there is no doubt the landfill has saved county taxpayers a substantial amount of money". He cited \$40 and \$41 per ton waste disposal fees charged by Brownfield,

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Extension Marketing Workshop To Be Held

The Yoakum County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be holding a Marketing Workshop on May 28, 1996 in the Plains Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist from Lubbock will be on hand to discuss the basics of marketing to include futures and options trading, and other pricing alternatives. According to County Extension Agent, Tadd Knight, a Marketing Club is being organized in Yoakum County and this workshop will help start this club. "With the new Farm Bill, risk management will be critical. Marketing will be even more crucial than in the past, and an important risk management tool that every producer should have working knowledge of."

For more information contact the Yoakum County Extension office at 456-2263.

1995-96 School Years Produces Many Rewards For Students & Faculty

PHS students coming forward last Thursday evening to claim trophies, plaques, certificates and scholarships were probably no prouder of their academic achievements than the teachers and administrators handing them the awards

As the 1996 Seniors, prepare to don their caps and gowns on graduation night May 24, the school year is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a year of remarkable achievements in sports and other extracurricular activities, but also in scholastic achievements, the core reason our public school system exists.

High School Principal Steven O'Quinn, acting as Master of Ceremonies, noted at the opening of the awards ceremony the PHS sports teams finished in either first place or runner-up spot in every team event they participated in.

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Just A Small Portion Of Trophies & Plaques On Display At Awards Night May 16.

Summertime = Baseball



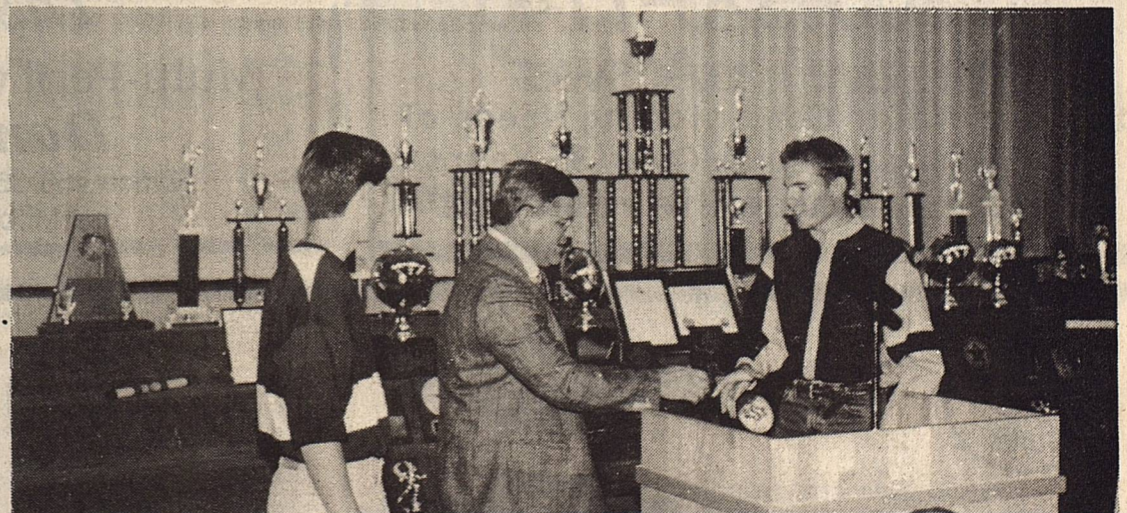
Marlie Diaz decides running is not fast enough, so she flies home.

The community baseball diamonds are busy sites several days each week, with dozens of youngsters taking part in Minor League, Major League and T-Ball competitions. In addition, A Pony League

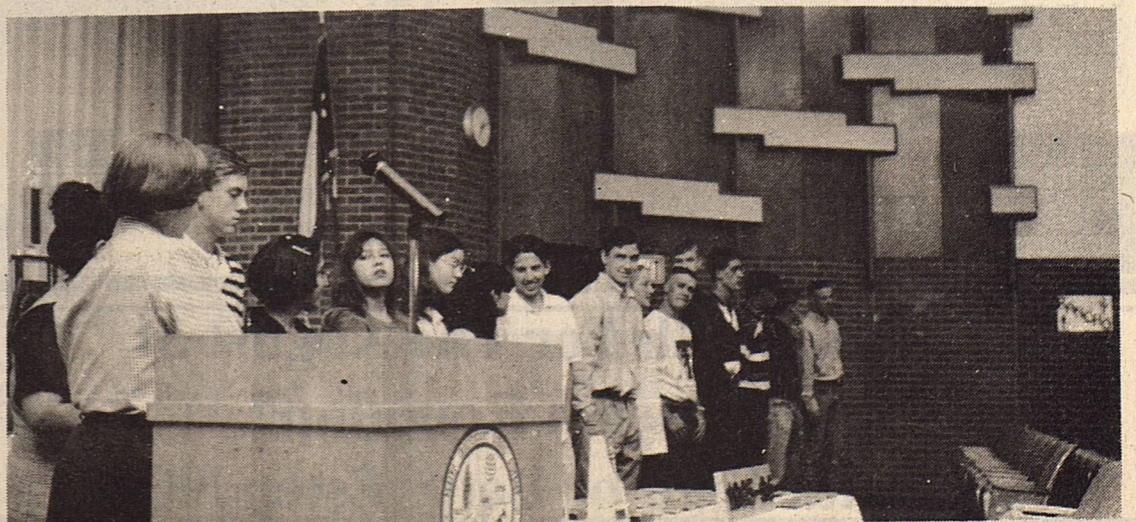
has been formed for older baseballers who compete with teams from Denver City.

If you have never seen the younger players in action, make it a point to attend some of the games. These

little guys (and Gals) may never make a major league pro team, but they really hustle hard, and it is pure entertainment watching them play.



Director Morgan recognizes All-State Band students Jason Robertson and Jeremy Dearing.



Mrs. Rogers recognizes entire PHS Student Council

County Criminal Court Cases

Three criminal cases were held in County Court last Wednesday, May 15, with County Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

In cause #7749, Role Rodriguez Sanchez, 26, pled guilty to the charge of assault. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$157 court costs, and must attend and successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP).

Alejandro Zamarripa pled guilty to the charge of failure to stop and render aid. He will serve fifteen days in jail, and spend additional time in jail in lieu of a \$250 fine and \$192 in court costs.

Ricky Lee Lunsford, 36, in an agreed order involving DWI Breath Test Refusal, the defendants Community Supervision was extended for a period of 12 months beginning May 24, and he shall pay Community Supervision fees of \$40 per month for the extended time.

JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard May 17, 1996 in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 16 traffic cases
- 4 Parks & Wildlife charges
- 3 issuance of bad check charges
- 1 emergency protective order
- Bonds set
- Driving while intoxicated, \$4,000 bond
- Assault causing bodily injury, \$1,500 bond
- 2-Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing
- Failure to stop and render aid, \$1,500 bond
- Assault, family violence, \$2,000 bond
- Harassment, \$500 bond
- 4-Criminal Trespass, \$500 bond each
- Motion to revoke probation, Yoakum Co., held until hearing
- Motion to revoke probation, Shackelford Co., held until hearing

County Court Action

Yoakum County Court met Monday, May 20th to discuss and act on a brief agenda. Toni Jones presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April which was accepted and approved. The ending monthly balance was \$7,647, 926.

The Court approved a petition from Texas Alltel, Inc. for the right to construct and maintain communications cable under and across certain County roads in Precinct 2.

Contracts for two additional dry hydrants on land owned by Forrest Crawford and Dan Wall in Precinct 4 were approved, bringing the total number of dry hydrant sites to 14 county wide.

The Court approved the purchase of land at the Plains Airport owned by Kathleen Reynolds and Jones Estate. The purchase of 4.5 acres from each party at a price of \$3,150 for each parcel was funded by State of Texas grant money.

A fire lane to be constructed on the Martin farm in Precinct 4 at the request of the Soil Conservation Department was approved.

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Plainview and Lubbock, eight times more than our two community's.

Data from a summary of landfill operations from September, 1995 thru April, 1996 show an average of 15.3 tons per day of solid waste disposed at the landfill by all sources. On the average, Denver City hauls about four times as much waste to the facility as Plains does. Peak disposal periods are the summer months, primarily from yard work

SPC Slates Summer Registration

Levelland: Registration for South Plains College's summer session at Reese Air Force base begins May 28, while registration for the first summer term at South Plains College in Levelland and Lubbock begins May 30.

Open registration at Reese will be 4:30-7 p.m. on May 28 and 5-7 p.m. on May 29 in Building 920 on the base. SPC offers a wide variety of college courses at the Reese Air Force Base Extension Center. Late registration will be 5-7 p.m. on June 3-4 in the same location.

Sign-up on the SPC Levelland campus will be 2-6 p.m. on May 30 in the Women's Gym. In addition to a regular five-week term, 10-week courses will be offered in agribusiness technology, petroleum technology and welding technology. Late registration will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on June 3-4 in the Administration Building.

Sign-up on the SPC Lubbock campus will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. on May 30. Late registration will be 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. on June 3 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 4.

Classes at all three locations begin June 3.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of Admissions and Records at 894-9611, ext. 2372, SPC Lubbock at 747-0576 or the SPC-Reese AFB Office at 885-3048.

Thank You

My special thanks to the entire Commissioner's Court for naming me as the interim County Clerk from Ruby Bruton's retirement June 1 until the November 5 General Election. I will continue to work hard for the people of Yoakum County, and I will be a candidate for the office in the November election.

Julia Lemley

State Line Insurance

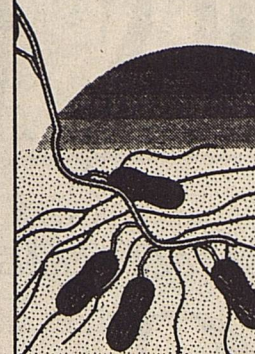
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PEANUTS

Texas peanut production in 1995 was 553 million pounds, 10 percent less than last year. Most peanuts are grown in a few counties south of Fort Worth, in West Texas, and south of San Antonio. All four market types of this legume — Spanish, runner, Valencia and Virginia — are grown in Texas.



1995 Texas Peanut Production	
Rank in U.S. #2	<p>16% Texas</p> <p>Total U.S. Production</p>
Acres harvested 270,000	
Total production value \$159 million	

Tammy Lowrey In Boot Camp

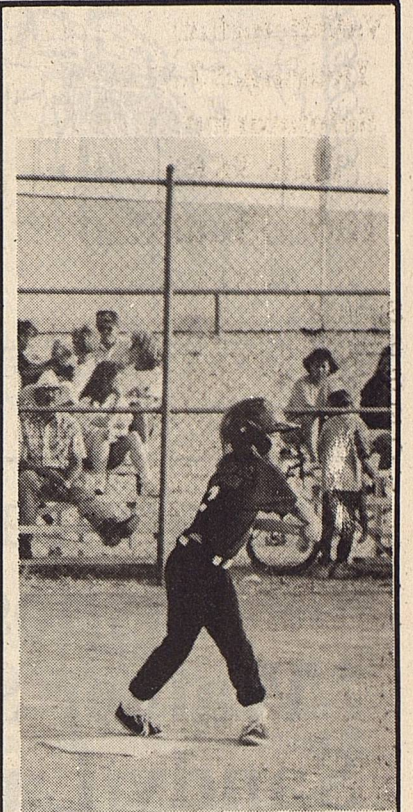
Jerry Lowrey, father of Tammy Lowrey, a former PHS graduate, received a letter recently from his daughter. She said "Boot camp is hard, but I have to get used to it". She also expressed her misgivings about the upcoming "Nerd Week" all Navy recruits go thru in their initial training.

She is stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois. Her mailing address is:

SR Lowrey, Tammy J.
451-87-1043

Div. # 931, Ship Berth 04,
Recruit Trng. Command
2704 Sheridan Rd.

Great Lakes, IL 60088-5300
She invites any of her friends and ex-classmates to write her.



Katie Oswalt displays fancy footwork and awesome power at the plate.

General Election Information To Fill Unexpired Term In Office

The office of COUNTY CLERK, UNEXPIRED TERM, must be placed on the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 5, 1996, due to vacancy in the office created by resignation for retirement.

The following applies to candidates for the unexpired term. (All section numbers refer to the TEXAS ELECTION CODE.)

1) **Nomination by political party:** A person must receive a favorable vote of a majority of the executive committee members present at the meeting. Party must file the Certificate of Nomination by 5:00 PM, September 6, 1996, in the office of the county clerk. (Sec. 145.036-037)

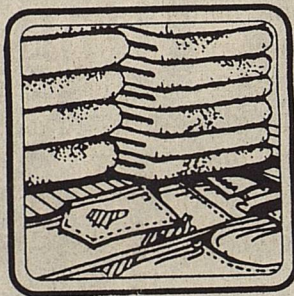
2) **An independent candidate** must file an application for a place on the ballot with the county judge not later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day after vacancy occurs (Sec. 201.023) accompanied by a petition that satisfies requirements prescribed by Section 141.062. (Number of petition signatures required = 104 (Sec. 142.007)

3) **Write-in candidate** must file a declaration of write-in candidacy which satisfies the requirements of Section 141.031 with the county judge not later than 5:00 PM on September 6, and not earlier than 30th day before (August 7). The declaration must be accompanied by a \$600.00 filing fee. (or petition that satisfies requirements prescribed by Subchapter C Chapter 141. Number of signatures for petition-in-lieu of filing fee = 50 (Sec. 172.025)

Write-in candidate's name will be included on list of write-in candidates (not on ballot).

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'Awards'

He seemed even prouder when he told the audience the academic awards would indicate how hard the students have worked during the year, and how proud the faculty and staff were for them.

Valedictorian: Jeremy Dearing, 97.89 GPA
Salutatorian: Valerie Blair, 95.01 GPA

Individual Class Awards

- Spanish I - Tommie McNabb
- Spanish II - Maria Moreno
- Spanish III - Roni Ponce
- Economics - Kirk Parrish
- Government - Jeremy Dearing
- World History - Yancey House
- U.S. History - Tommie McNabb
- World Geography - Yvonne Gonzales
- Journalism - Becky St.Romain
- Woods - Valerie Blair
- Industrial Arts - Steve Vasquez
- Computer Drafting-Josh Traweek
- Chemistry I - Shawn Cullins
- Chemistry II - Jacob Lester
- Geometry - Shawna Box
- Trigonometry -Jeremy Dearing
- Biology I - Tommie McNabb
- Biology II - Sonia Avila
- Physical Science - Tommie McNabb
- Algebra I - Tommie McNabb
- Algebra II - Heath Bowlin
- Physics - Jeremy Dearing
- Health - Shawna Box
- English I - Lee Tyson
- AP English I - Clint Burrus
- AP English II - Yvonne Gonzales
- Accounting - Valerie Blair
- English II - Lindsey Six
- English III - Robin Squyres
- English IV - Maria Moreno
- AP English III & IV - Valerie Blair
- Computer Applications - Sandi Warren

- Keyboarding - Yvonne Gonzales
- John Philip Sousa - Jason Robertson, Jeremy Dearing
- Girls State - Tessa St.Romain
- Boys State - Marte Pierce
- U.I.L. Scholar Awards - Jeremy Dearing, Valerie Blair, Kelly McGinty
- Agriculture
- Star Green Hand - Tanner Blount
- Star Chapter Farmer - Jamey Garland
- Proficiency Awards
- Swine - Robert Knight
- Sheep - Krystal Sellers
- Ag Mechanics - Josh Traweek
- Beef - Marcey House

U.I.L. Recognition

- Speech Events**
- Informative Speaking: Stephen Bitolas, Barney Tobar
 - Persuasive Speaking: Billy Braswell, Summer Howard
 - Poetry Interpretation: Lyndi Rowe, Lindsey Six
 - Prose Interpretation: Crystal Calsoncin, Kassie Lowe, Conchetta San Filippo

Journalism

- Editorial Writing: Clint Burrus, Tommie McNabb, Mary Morales, (Sub) Conchetta San Filippo

- Feature Writing: Yvonne Gonzales, Roni Ponce, Maranda Box, (Sub) Mary Morales

- Headline Writing: Yvonne Gonzales, Tommie McNabb, Marcey House, (Sub) Conchetta San Filippo

- News Writing: Maranda Box, Shawna Box, Clint Burrus, (Sub) Roni Ponce

- Accounting Valerie Blair, Mary Morales, Ralph Ramirez, (Sub) Chase Clanahan

- Computer Applications** Gideon Traweek, Tandi Jones, LaCresha Johnson

- Current Issues & Events** Tommie McNabb, Chase Clanahan, Kirk Parrish

Mathematics

- Shawn Cullins, Shawna Box, Heath Bowlin, (Sub) Yancey House

Reading Writing

- Yvonne Gonzales, Mary Morales, Clint Burrus, (Sub) Sandi Warren

Science

- Tommie McNabb, Marcey House, Derek Brunson, Heath Bowlin, Yancey House, Johnny D. Davis, (Sub) Jacob Lester

Calculator Applications

- Heath Bowlin, Shawna Box, Shawn Cullins, (Sub) Tommie McNabb

Computer Science

- Jeremy Dearing, Valerie Blair, Stephanie Aguilar, (Sub) Heath Bowlin

Literary Criticism

- Lyndi Rowe, Kristi Guetersloh

Number Sense

- Shawn Cullins, Shawna Box, Yancey House, (Sub) Heath Bowlin

Spelling & Vocabulary

- Vicki Bayer, Tanya Hernandez, Dolly Gonzales

ONE-ACT PLAY

- Johnny Don Davis, Lyndi Rowe, Kassie Lowe, Chris Willett, Lindsey Six, Spencer Deaton, Shawna Box, Tessa St.Romain, Kirk Parrish, Lisa Parrish, Kyle Bearden, Conchetta San Filippo, Ralph Ramirez

Scholarships:

- Art Association - Johnny Davis
- Fine Arts - Music - Valerie Blair, Marcey House, Jeremy Dearing

- Lea County Electric - Valerie Blair

- Yoakum County FCE Council - Kelly McGinty, Josh Traweek
- Ann Clark Logan - Stephanie Aguilar

- Richard Clark - Kirk Parrish
- Alexander - Music - Jason Robertson

- Sandyland Water District - Kelly McGinty, Valerie Blair
- Bob & Irene Jones - Brad Seaton, Josh Traweek
- Delta Kappa Gamma - Maria Moreno

- Anderson Produce 4-H Watermelon - Chase Clanahan
- Smallwood (SPC) - Valerie Blair, Jeremy Dearing

- Independent Colleges - Jeremy Dearing, Valerie Blair
- Public Colleges - Jeremy Dearing

- SPC Valedictorian - Jeremy Dearing
- ENMU - Music - Jason Robertson
- SPC - Math - Josh Traweek

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CONGRATULATIONS

Plains Basketball Camp

When: June 3-6, 1996
(Monday - Thursday)
Time: 8:30 - 12:00 Girls
1:00 - 4:30 Boys

Who: Girls & Boys who will be in the 3rd - 9th grade - next year

Where: Plains High School Gym

Cost: \$10.00 for Plains residents; \$40.00 for Nonresidents

Directed by the Plains Coaching Staff: Steve Osborn, Cheryl Horne, Linda Haragan, Michael Davis, Michell Arnold

Applications are available at the JH & Elementary offices.

Student of the Week

There was a tie for Student of the Week this week. We honor both of them. They are Maria Moreno and Kirk Parrish, both seniors.

Maria is the daughter of Israel Moreno. She was nominated by Mrs. Rogers.

Kirk is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Parrish. He was nominated by Mr. Brink.

Mrs. Rogers said, "Some students take the saying, 'All Work and No Play' to the opposite extreme. They tend to play and get no work done. However, my nominee for Student of the Week is interested in getting the work done before any playing can take place. She is a student who wants to learn more than she wants to play. She realizes the importance of education and utilizes her time toward learning and working. This student puts her education where it should be, at the top of the list. Not only does she work in class, she also spends time on extra curricular activities. I would like to see more students as interested in bettering themselves as Maria Moreno."

Mr. Brink said, "The person I nominated has been active in many activities here at PHS. He has been in three sports where he has earned honors. He has been in UIL activities such as One-Act Plan and current events. He is a member of NHS & FCA. In my class I have challenged him all year to answer the thinking questions, those questions which invoke the use of critical & analytical thinking skills and he has done well. He has shown leadership qualities in the manner in which he has served as your student council president."

She has been in the Gifted and Talented program for 6 years, and on the all "A" honor roll for 8 years. She participated in State Bible Drill for 2 years, and her favorite subject in school is math.

Kristen is the daughter of John and Diane Gray.

She was a Cheerleader for 2 years, in the Gifted & Talented Program for 6 years, on the All "A" Honor Roll for 8 years and the pep squad for 1 year.

Anne is the daughter of Brad and Charlotte Palmer.

Junior High's 'Top Two'



Valedictorian:

Kristen Elaine Gray is the 8th grade class Valedictorian. Her GPA was 98.2. The events that she participated in her 7th and 8th grade years are:

U.I.L. - 7th grade

- Number Sense- 1st place
- Calculator- 1st place
- Spelling- 1st place
- Life Science- 1st place

8th grade

- Number Sense- 1st place
- Calculator- 1st place
- Spelling- 1st place
- Earth Science- 1st place
- Reading Writing
- U.I.L. State Qualifier

Athletics 7th grade

- Volleyball, Basketball, Track
- 100m Hurdles- 4th
- 300m Hurdles- 2nd

8th grade

- Volleyball, Basketball, Track
- 100m Hurdles- 2nd
- 300m Hurdles- 1st
- 400m Relay- 2nd

- Triple Jump- 3rd
- Member of 1st place District Team.

Other Activities

She was a Cheerleader for 2 years, in the Gifted & Talented Program for 6 years, on the All "A" Honor Roll for 8 years and the pep squad for 1 year.

Anne is the daughter of Brad and Charlotte Palmer.

Salutatorian:

Anne Charie Palmer is the 8th grade class Salutatorian. Her GPA was 97.6. The events that she participated in her 7th and 8th grade years are:

U.I.L. - 7th grade

- Number Sense- 2nd
- Listening Skills- 4th
- Science- 3rd
- Modern Oratory

8th grade

- Number Sense- 2nd
- Listening Skills- 1st
- Science- 2nd
- Modern Oratory- 1st
- U.I.L. State Qualifier

Athletics 7th grade

- Volleyball, Basketball, Track
- Sprint Relay- 4th
- 100m - 5th

8th grade

- Cross Country, Basketball, Track (District Meet)
- 200m - 2nd,
- Sprint Relay- 2nd,
- 800m Relay- 2nd

- Triple Jump- 3rd
- Member of 1st place District Team.

Other Activities

She was a Cheerleader for 2 years, in the Gifted & Talented Program for 6 years, on the All "A" Honor Roll for 8 years and the pep squad for 1 year.

Anne is the daughter of Brad and Charlotte Palmer.



Valerie Blair Receives Accounting Award

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90 Town Car by Lincoln	93 F-150 XLT SuperCab	90 Pontiac Transport
95 Mercury Mystique GS	94 F-150 XLT 4x4, Reg. Cab	92 Suburban Silverado 4 x 4
95 Mercury Sable	95 F-150 SuperCab XLT	
95 Grand Marquis LS	95 F-150 XLT SuperCab	
95 Thunderbird LX		
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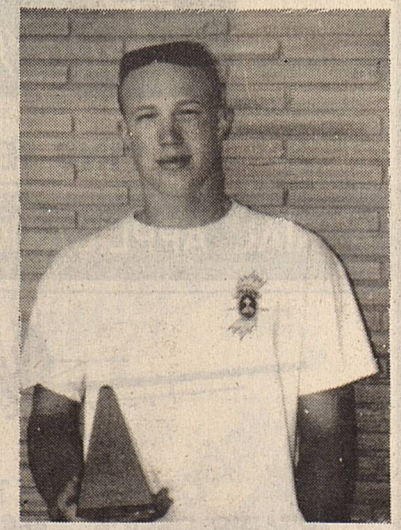
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Student of the Week

Local Lady Good At Wearing Many Hats

When you are a wife, the mother of Junior High and Senior High girls, President of the PHS Athletic Boosters Club, an active member of the First Baptist Church, a full time, multi-talented Administrative Assistant of Sandy Land Under Ground Water District, and also responsible for all the clerical duties of the Yoakum County Landfill, there is absolutely no way you can carry a full College load of academic classes, right?

Kathy Jones of Plains doesn't think so. The wife of Steve Jones, mother of Tandi Jones, a PHS Sophomore next year, and Kimbe Jones, an 8th grader in 1996-97, takes on an additional load of responsibilities. For some time now, she has been a student at College of the Southwest at Hobbs, New Mexico.

Not so remarkable, you say? For two consecutive semesters, Fall and Spring, Kathy has been named to the President's Honor List. She has carried a full load of academic subjects both semesters, achieving a perfect 4.0 grade average.

Following graduation from PHS, she attended South Plains Junior College. She began employment with the Water District in 1990, and has since been named Administrative Assistant. She is currently involved in irrigation well water analysis, tabulating well permits, recording water depletion levels, as well as water quality and quantity, handles the bulk of the farmer loan program for

irrigation systems, processes billing and receipts, does the Sandy Land and Landfill payroll, bills both communities for landfill services, and edits a newsletter to all water district members.

She was recently inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, a society of honorees normally reserved only for Senior Class students. Recently she was awarded a \$500 scholarship for the fall semester from Lea County Electric's Educational Scholarship Fund.

Kathy also serves as President of the PHS Athletic Boosters Club, and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Yoakum County Resources Conservation and Development Board.

If Kathy is able to maintain her present academic class load, she expects to graduate in May of 1997, with a Bachelor Degree in Business and a minor in Finance.

While being interviewed, Kathy was asked what she did with all her spare time..... "I try to get a little sleep, but it's not always easy", she replied.

Wedding Shower
Honoring
Michell Arnold
Sunday, May 26
2 - 4 PM
Home of Joy Osborn
Selections:
Plains Depot, Bayer
Lumber, Renaissance

Lions Electrified At Meet

The Plains Lions Club met last Thursday. Member David Brunch, an employee of Lea County Electric Cooperative, brought the program on some of the hazards of electricity in and around the home. A special guest, Michael Dreyspring, General Manager of Lea County Electric, also had input on the program.

Bunch displayed an elbow length electricians safety glove, designed to withstand a 30,000 volt electric charge. The gloves are mandatory when working on "Hot" lines, to prevent interruption of customers electric service.

Bunch outlined many of the problems caused by tree limbs and branches, particularly elm trees, contacting electric transmission lines. Repeated contact and friction from the trees can cause "burning", and can result in serious problems, including interruption of service. When the lines are damaged, crews must be dispatched to trim back the trees, at the consumers expense.

Dreyspring added that crow's nests in and around electric lines can cause problems, and sometimes removing the hazardous nests is a stop gap situation. He told of one service man tearing down a nest nineteen days in a row, and on the twentieth day, a new nest again greeted him on his rounds.

He also warned the Lions of the perils of downed electric lines. "Always assume a line on the ground is hot. Don't ever get complacent about electricity".

Brisket, Chili Cookoffs Planned

Initial plans for a barbecue brisket and chili cookoff contest in conjunction with the Watermelon Roundup August 31 were announced last week. Members of the Committee planning the first ever such event are Gary Walker, Jerry Morphus, Kathy Adair and Ted Welch.

The cookoffs will be limited to entries from Yoakum County only. The entry fee for the brisket cookoff is \$75, and an individual or a team can enter for that fee. The contest will start at 8:30pm in Stanford Park. The entry fee will cover the price of the brisket, but contestants must furnish their own cooker and fuel, either wood or charcoal. No open fires on the ground will be allowed.

A judge or judges for the cookoff will be announced later, and will judge the barbecue on Saturday morning. The brisket remains the property of the trees, at the consumers expense.

The Chili Cookoff entry fee is \$25, individual or team, again limited to Yoakum County residents only. More details will be announced later for this event.

May 15, 1755, marked the founding of Villa Laredo by Tomas Sanchez, now present day Laredo.

Janet Krone Honored With Bridal Shower

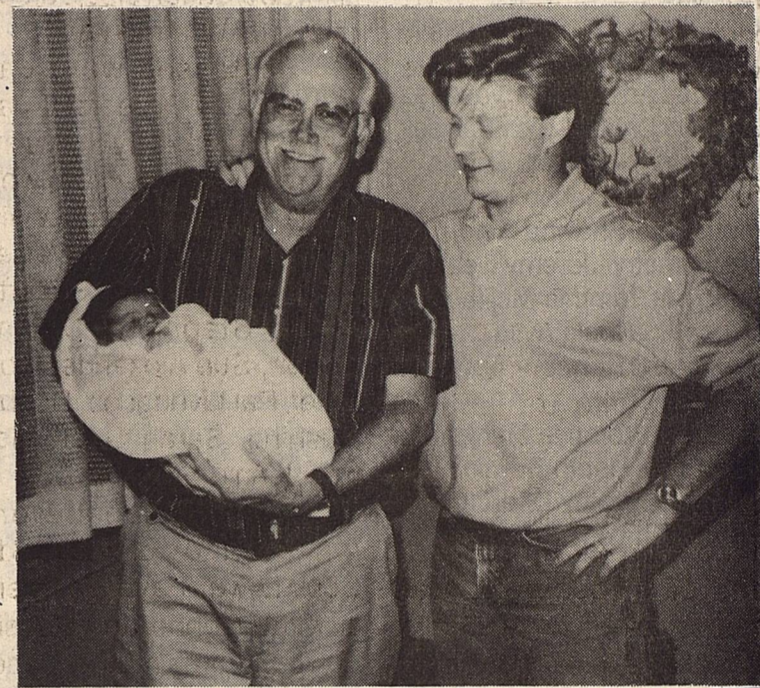


Janet Krone (center), of New York City, NY was honored April 28 with a bridal shower in the home of Linda Wall. Janet is the bride-elect of Randy Kennedy.

Honored guest were Ann Krone (mother of the bride) of St. Louis, MO. and Linda Kennedy (mother of the groom) of Plains.

Janey and Randy will be married on May 26 in St. Louis.

New Arrival



Garrick & Krisity Engle of Lubbock proudly announce the birth of a son, Jaxon Nathaniel at 1:30 p.m., May 6 in St. Mary Hospital.

Jaxon weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches long. He is the couple's first child. His grandparents are Kenneth & Willie Mae Engle of Plains and Bruce & Connie Fletcher of Denver City.

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Year	Number of year-round public schools in U.S.
1985-86	410
1990-91	859
1995-96	2,369

States with year-round schools, 1995-96

- 50 to 1,284
- 10 to 49
- 1 to 9
- None

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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Education Agency

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# Femme Friends



## Michelle Lowe Honored With Bridal Shower



A bridal shower honoring Miss Michelle Lowe, bride-elect of Mr. Bret Baker was held Sunday, March 24, in the home of Mrs. Venum Fitzgerald. The register table was accented with a picture of the couple. Apples, kiwi, chocolate and sour cream-nut dipped strawberries, nuts, coffee, punch and cake were served atop a white Battenburg tablecloth. Leann Lewis served punch and Kathy Six served cake. The cake was decorated with burgundy and pink roses and was made by VeeAnn Fitzgerald. The centerpiece on the serving table consisted of fresh red roses and pink carnations accented with a burgundy ribbon.

The bride was presented with a corsage of

fresh red roses. The hostess gift was a queen size Corscill comforter and money.

Hostesses were Jan Lester, Judy Fitzgerald, Jan Parrish, Beverly Lowrey, Kathy Six, Carolyn Culwell, Paula Morrow, Leann Lewis, Jean Craft, Frankie Walker, Paula Cullins, Dene Rafferty, Sheila Stephens, Dianne Wilson, Sue Alexander, Lois Miller, Pat Livengood, Debbie Rushing, Sarah Guetersloh and Jonnie Green.

Special guest were grandmother of the bride Cora Lowe, Faye Bearden, sisters Daphne and Kassie Lowe, grooms mother Janet Baker, Donna and Candace Bower, Kathy and Joani Bell, Nita Williams, Carrie and Joelle Lowe.

## Senior Citizens Corner

Nostalgia: Webster defines the word as "Home-sickness". To me it means sad, sweet memories of people or places that have touched my life in a meaningful way.

Today that memory is of Mary Terrel. Here at the Center, Mary was our ambassador of good will. She was always the first to greet a stranger, hug a friend, or just do the small things everyone else forgot to do. We remember her sitting quietly doing her puzzles, crocheting or stitching of her dolls. Her life's interests were her family, church, and friends, (of which we here at the Center are honored to be counted as part of the long list.)

She has been called the Poet Laureate of Y.C.S.C. I just hope our editor will allow space for a poem of hers one more time. She loved the Bus and the freedom it allowed for her to come to the Center, so here's

### The Bus

Just want to remind you of what you are missing. By failing to make the effort to join the bunch Who gather each morning at eleven o'clock To enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch. Each day we get dressed and wait for our bus,

(Just in case you don't know, it is blue.)

In fact, it's the same one that takes food to those who are crippled or just laid up with the flu. Now if you can walk, you really should try

A ride around town on our bus. We have a good driver who is patient and kind And she takes wonderful care of us.

So don't sit at home in your housecoat & slipping Turn that TV off and put the cat outside

Grab your coat as you go out the door,

And you are ready for your morning bus ride.

by Mary Terrel

Claude Beattie has had a short hospital stay, but is home now. Paul Sweitzer's brother, Bob visited on Monday. The Wednesday Pool Tournament was well attended.

Don't forget Line Dancing Wed., 9:45 AM, Medical Arts B/P 11:00-11:30 AM, Tatum Pool Tournament and Turkey and dressing for lunch.

Thursday; Fund Raising Supper, 5:30-7 PM

Friday; Line Dancing 9:45 AM

The Fund supper is spaghetti and meat sauce - all you can eat. So come on down.

See you next week, Smitty

## Engagement, Wedding Announced

Ross and Mandi Rogers of Plains and Darcy Dorsett of Round Rock proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their parents Melisa and Mark. The wedding will take place at the Primitive Baptist Church in Brownfield on June 22 at 2:00 p.m.

## LIBRARY FILMTIME

Twenty-one children enjoyed Filmtime at the local Library on May 15, 1996. They played 2 games, sang songs, watched 2 movies and heard a book read. They talked about the summer reading program that will begin May 28th.

A combination birthday party was given to celebrate some of the children's summer birthdays. Those celebrating were Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Jasmine whitzel, Lydia Whitzel, and Elizabeth Cox.

Other children attending were: Troy Parrish, Ashley Hainer, Lexus Jimenez, Brianna Conway, Jacob Brink, Katelynn Young, Cynthia Reimer, Jonathan Penner, Kelsey Curry, Gretta Poole, Charity Hainer, Kristie Lopez, Andrew Conway, Brandon Craft, Raegan Young, and Katrina Reimer.

## Installation of Tsa Mo Ga Club Officers



"Candle Light" Installation Ceremonies for Tsa Mo Ga 1996-98 Club Officers were conducted by Zareta Winn, Past Club President, May 13, 1996 in the Clubhouse. Officers installed were: Wilma Powell-President, Ann Graham-Vice President, Debbie Rushing-Secretary, Kimberly Gas-Treasurer, Dolores Davis-Parliamentarian, and Mary Jo St.Romain-Corresponding Secretary. Members to

be installed at a later date include Sit Jones-Federation Counselor, Bobbie Gayle-Critic, and Gwen Carter-Reporter.

Wilma Powell, president, presented the Club Theme "Celebrate Our Legacy Of The Past- With Greatness For The Future." Each member was given a copy of the Clubs Standing Committee Assignments. Special projects planned included; "Cattlebrands-Our

Legacy" display; "Celebration Art" for the Rodeo & Old Settlers Reunion, and The Yoakum County Connection Watermelon Roundup. A "Sweet Shop" with cakes, pies, cookies, watermelon pickles and preserves will be featured goodies for the Tsa Mo Ga Booth at the Watermelon Roundup.

Club members enjoyed a salad supper hosted by the social committee.

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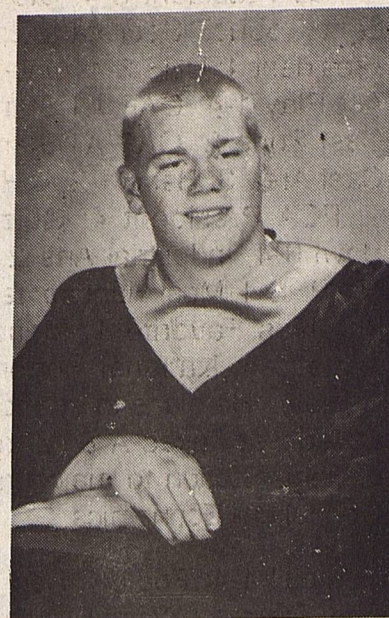


**Stephanie Y. Aguilar**  
Grandparents; Raymond & Inez Asebedo  
DOB: May 20, 1977  
Plains; Volleyball Mgr. 4; Basketball 4; FHA Pres. 4; KPLN 4; FCA 4; Quiz Bowl 4; Teen Court 4; UIL Math & Calculator Team 1-3; UIL Computer Science Team 4, third place in District. Seminole; Student Council 1-2; Band 1-1; Class Favorite 1; FTA Sectry. 2. Amarillo; Key Club 3; Spanish Club 3; UNI Club 3. She plans to attend college at Angelo State & major in Government with a minor in Math.



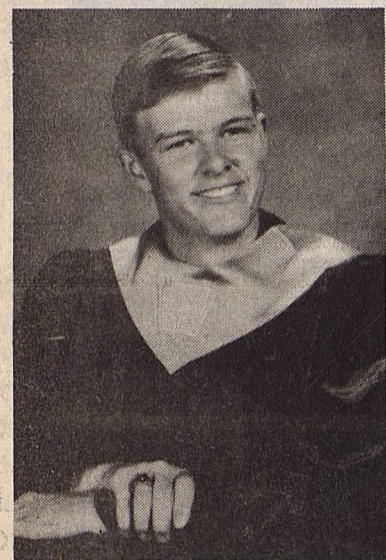
**Valerie Joy Blair**, Salutatorian.  
Parents; Royce & Cynthia Blair.  
DOB: Oct. 16, 1977.  
Volleyball 1-4; All Dist. VB 4; All-State VB 4. Channel 11 Student of Week 4;

Basketball Mgr. 4; Track 2-4; Track Regional Qualifier 3200 run 4; Track Reg. Qualifier 3200 & 1600 4; Tennis 1-4; Tennis 3rd Place Doubles 4; FHA Sectry. 1; Student Council 1 & 3, Vice Pres 4; NHS 2-4, Vice Pres- 4; Band 1; KPLN 4; FCA Vice Pres 4; Quiz Bowl 3-4; Ind. Arts 2 & 4; UIL Feature Writing 3, Computer Science 3-4, Regional qualifier 3; UIL Accounting 4, 3rd place 4. Miss PHS 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; Homecoming 4; She plans to attend South Plains College, major in math with a business minor, and plans to someday get married, have a family & successful job.

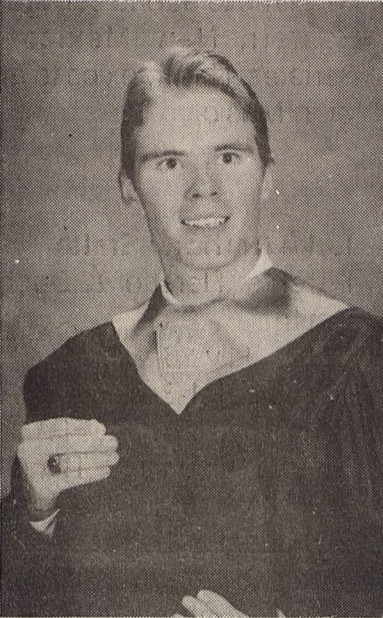


**Chase Clark Clanahan**  
Parents; Noel & Beth Clanahan.  
DOB: Oct. 16, 1977.  
Basketball 2-4, Dist. 12-A MVP 4, 2nd team All-Region 4; All - Dist. 4; Football 1-4, 1st team All-Dist. Tackle 3, 2nd team All-Dist.

Def. Tackle 3, 1st Team Def. Tackle 4, All South-Plains Off. Tackle 4, 2nd Team All South Plains Def. Tackle 4, Hon. Mention All State Off. Tackle pre-season 4, All State 1st team Off. Tackle pre-season 4; Track 3-4. Tennis 2-3; NHS 3-4; One Act Play 1-3; Bands 1-2; 4-H 1-4, Vice-Pres. 1, Pres. 2, 4-H I Dare You award winner 3; FCA 4; Quiz Bowl 4, Teen Court 2; Ind. Arts 1-2; UIL 3-4, 4th in Current Events Dist., advanced to Reg. 3; \$250 Watermelon scholarship. He plans to attend Texas Tech to major in Communications with a minor in Radio/TV Broadcasting, and plans to make lots of money and have lots of fun.

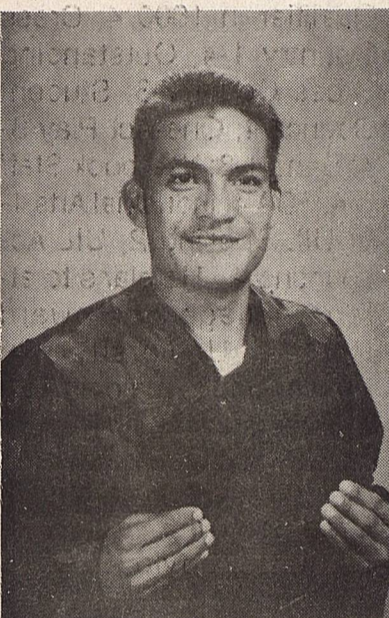


**Johnny Don Davis**  
Parents; Terry & Wadonna Davis.  
DOB: Jan. 5, 1978.  
Basketball 1-4, Hon. Mention 4, All-District 4; Football 1-2; Track 3; Golf 2-4; Student Council 4; NHS 3-4. One Act Play 1-4; Band 1-4; 4-H 1; FCA 3-4; Teen Court 1-4; Ind. Arts 1-3; UIL Science 1-4, UIL Chemistry 4; Volleyball Beau 4; Student of Week 4; He plans to attend Texas Tech and major in Elementary Education, minor in Chemistry, get married and raise a family.

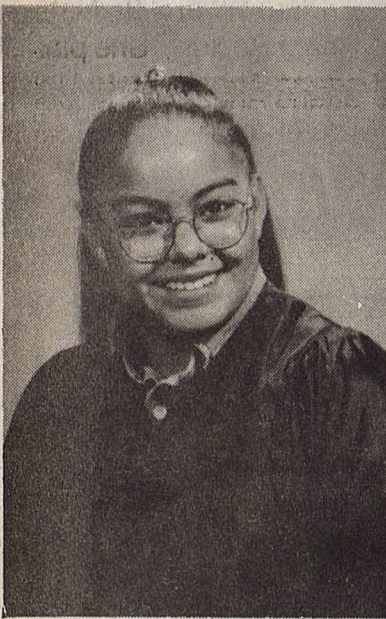


**Jeremy Thomas Dearing**, Valedictorian  
Parents; Melvin & Dawn Dearing.  
DOB: Feb. 13, 1978  
Basketball 1-3; Track 1-4, Regional qualifier 800 run 3, Dist. 800 champ 4; Cross Country 2-4, District

runner-up 4, 4th Regional meet 4, Texas Track & Field All-State Team 4, Outstanding cross country award 4; Student Council 1, NHS 2-4; Band 1-4, Band Booster Award 2, John Philip Sousa Award 3, State 2nd Div. Soloist 3, State Soloist qualifier 2-4, Drum Major 2-4; Quiz Bowl 3-4; UIL Computer Science Team 3rd Dist.; Class Treasurer 3-4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; Student of Week 3-4; All 'A' Honor Roll 1-4; Chemistry II Academic Award 3; Algebra II Academic Award 3; English II Academic Award 3; World History Academic Award 3; Who's Who, American High School Students 3. He plans to attend South Plains College and major in Engineering.



**Hector Manuel Gallegos**, Martha  
Parents: Manuel & Guadalupe Gallegos  
DOB: January 12, 1978  
Track 2-3; Cross Country 3-4; Band 1-4; Industrial Arts 1-4; Student of the Week 3-4. He plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland to major in Automotive Mechanics and minor in Body Repair.



**Rachel Aurora Garcia**  
Parents: Ignacio & Sally Garcia  
DOB: January 28, 1978  
Volleyball 1; Basketball 1; FHA 3; Band 1-4; KPLN 2 & 4. She plans to hopefully find a pretty good job and move away from Plains.

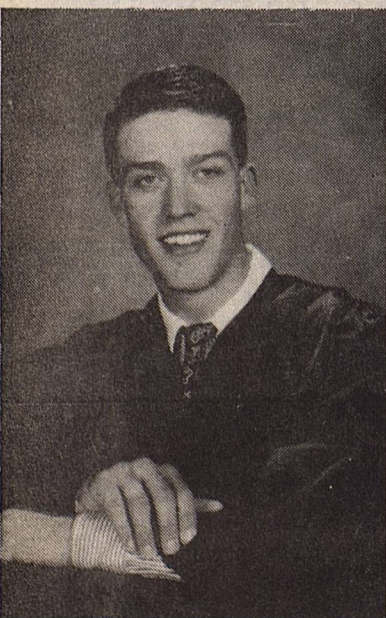


**Jamey Garland**  
Parents: Debbie Garland  
DOB: August 11, 1977  
Basketball 1-3; Football 1-2; Track 1; FFA 1-4; Industrial Arts 1 & 3-4. He plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland to major in Agriculture.

**Lee David Hernandez**  
Parents: Terry & Helen Cordova  
DOB: March 27, 1977  
Football 2-4; Industrial Arts 1-4



**Heath Lee Johnson**  
Parents: Gene & Pat Johnson  
DOB: March 30, 1978  
FHA 2; FFA 1-4; KPLN 4; Industrial Arts 2-4. He plans to attend college at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico to major in Automotive Technology with a minor in Collision Repair.

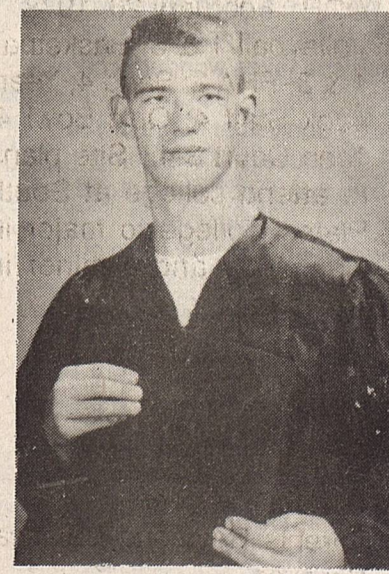


**Rebecca Luna**  
Parents: Valentin & Josefina Luna  
DOB: May 15, 1978  
Band 1-4; Yearbook Staff 3-4; Industrial Arts 4.



**Kelly Renee McGinty**  
Parents: Kenneth & Ann McGinty  
DOB: May 10, 1978  
Volleyball 1; Track 3; Cross

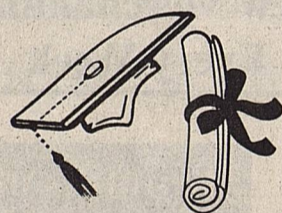
country 3; FHA 1-2; FFA 1; Student Council 1-3; One-Act Play 2; Band 1-4; Most Improved Band Student 2; Cheerleader 2 & 4; KPLN 4; Yearbook Staff 3; 4-H 1-4; Stock Show Queen 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Student of the Week 3; Texas Tech University Scholarship; 4-H Adult Leaders Scholarship; South Plains College Scholarship. She plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland to major in Zoology with a minor in Wildlife Management. She also plans to get married, go to college, and raise her family.



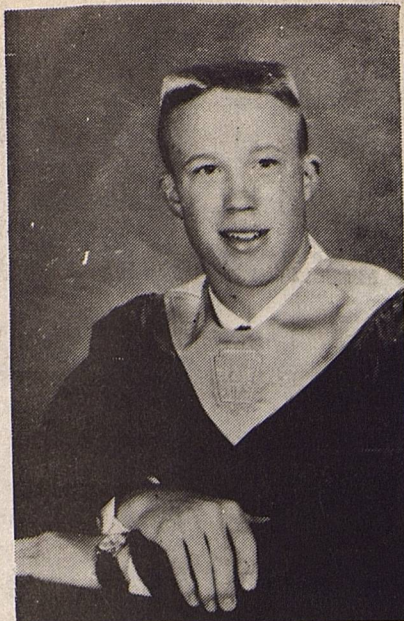
**Robert Wayne Knight**  
Parents: Dell Knight & Edith Turner  
DOB: October 24, 1977  
Basketball 1-3; FFA 1-4; Mascot 3; KPLN 4; 4-H 1-4; Industrial Arts 1-4; Region II High School Rodeo (Bareback Rider). He plans to start farming as soon as he graduates.



**Maria Isabel Moreno**  
Parents: Ysrael & Lucy Moreno  
DOB: March 20, 1978  
Volleyball 1 & 3; Basketball 2; Track 3; NHS 4; Band 1-4; KPLN 2; Industrial Arts 4; Class Favorite 1-2; Class Secretary 2-4; National Honor Society. She plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland

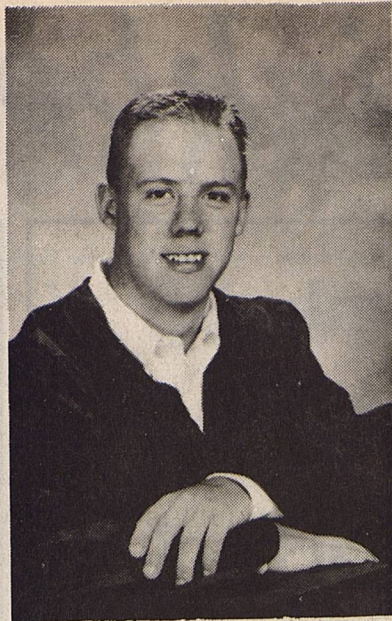






**Kirk Adam Parrish**  
Parents: Jerry & Jan Parrish  
DOB: December 2, 1977  
Basketball 1-4; Basketball

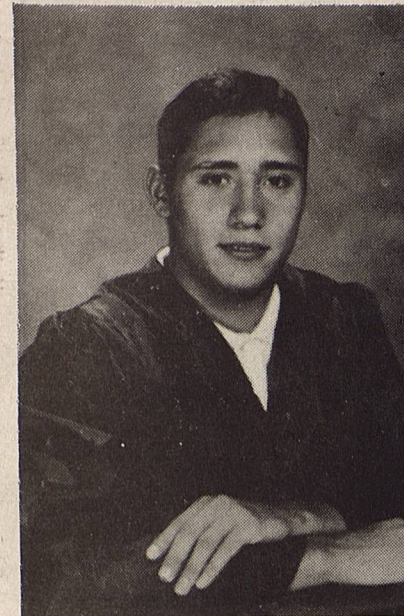
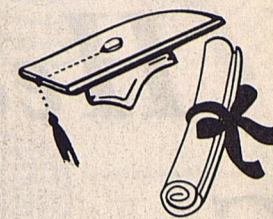
First Team All-District 4; Football 2-4; Football First Team All-District Defensive End 4; Football Second Team All-District Offensive Tackle 4; Track 1-4; Golf 1-3; Cross Country 1-2; FFA 1-4 Vice President 3-4; Student Council Secretary 2; President 4; NHS 3-4; One-Act Play 1-4; OAP All Star Cast Zone 2; OAP All Star Cast Area 3; Band 1-2; 4-H 1; FCA President 4; Quiz Bowl 3-4; Industrial Arts 2; Mr. PHS 4; Most Handsome 4; Class Favorite 1; Most Athletic 4; National Honor Society. He plans to attend college at Texas A & M in College Station to major in Agriculture Economics.



**Christopher David Payne**  
Parents: Mike & Jean Payne  
DOB: June 17, 1978  
Basketball 1-3; Football 2-4; Football All-District Receiver 4; Tennis 1-3; FFA 1-4. He plans to attend college at Angelo State University in San Angelo to major in Law Enforcement.

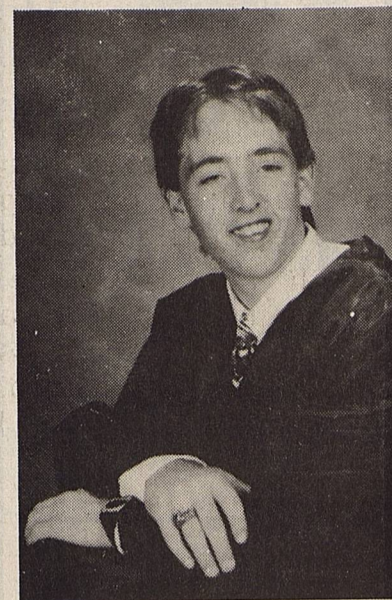


**Edward Cruz Perez**  
Parents: Paul Escobar  
DOB: May 6, 1976  
Basketball 1; Track 1-2; Cross Country 1-3; Band 1-4; KPLN 4; Industrial Arts 1-4. He plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland to minor in Mechanics.

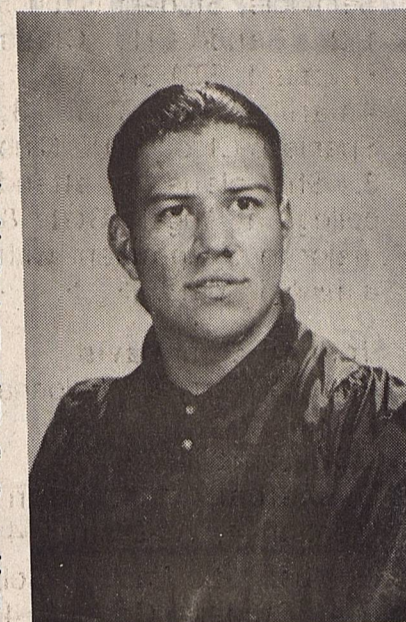


**Rafael D. Ramirez**  
Parents: Joe & Amanda Ramirez  
DOB: June 24, 1978  
Basketball 1-4; Basketball First Team All-District 4;

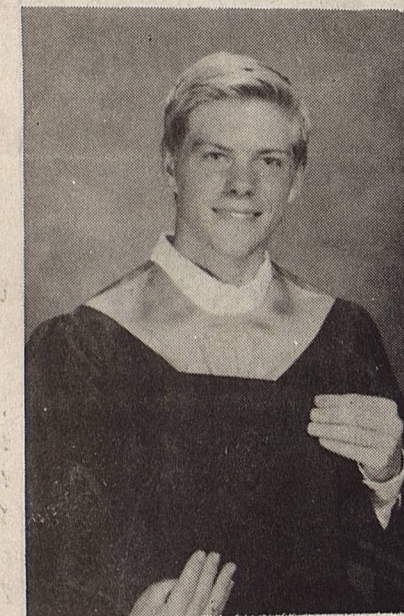
Football 1-4; Football Second Team All-District Wide Receiver 3; Football All-South plains Defensive Back 4; Football First Team All-District Defensive Back and Quarterback 4; Lubbock A-J Honor Roll Player of the Week 4; Track 1-4; Regional Track Qualifier in 1600 & 3200 3; Regional Track Qualifier in 1600 4; Cross Country 1-4; Outstanding Cross Country 3; Student Council 4; One-Act Play 3-4; Band 1-3; Yearbook Staff 3-4; FCA 4; Industrial Arts 1-3; UIL Spelling 2; UIL Accounting 4. He plans to attend college at Howard Payne University in Brownwood to major in Law Enforcement.



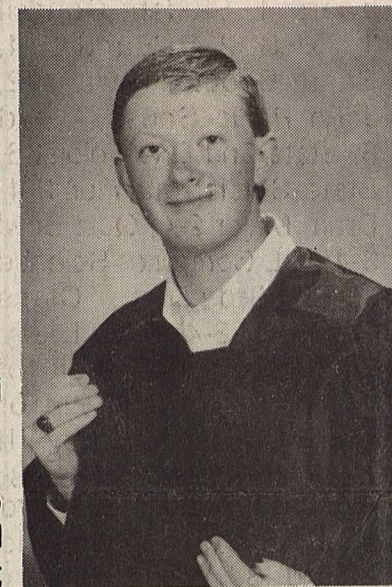
**Jason Lee Robertson**  
Parents: Jimmy & Alice Robertson  
DOB: August 13, 1978  
Basketball 2-3; Football 1 & 4; Track 1-3; Cross Country 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Student Council 2; Band 1-4; Band Division I Solo State Ensemble 2-3; All-Region Band 2-4; John Phillips Sousa Award 3; ATSSB Honor Band 3-4; All State Band 4; State Ensemble 4; Student of the Week 3-4; Industrial Arts 3. He plans to attend college at Eastern New Mexico in Portales, New Mexico to major in Music.



**Gregory Alonso Salas**  
Parents: Alonso & Leticia Salas  
DOB: July 23, 1978  
Football 1-3; Football Second Team All-District Center 3; FFA 2-4; KPLN 4; Teen Court 4; Library 4; Industrial Arts 3-4; Class Favorite 4. He plans to move out of Plains and plans to work hard.



**Brad Seaton**  
Parents: Doyle & Candi Seaton  
DOB: April 7, 1978  
Football 3-4; Track 3-4; NHS 3-4; One-Act Play 1-3; Band 1-4; Band Booster Award 3; All-Region ATSSB Honor Band 3; National Honor Society. Next fall he will be enrolled in the Adventures in Missions Program (2 yrs.). After that he plans to attend Sunset International Biblical Institution, and then Lubbock Christian University.



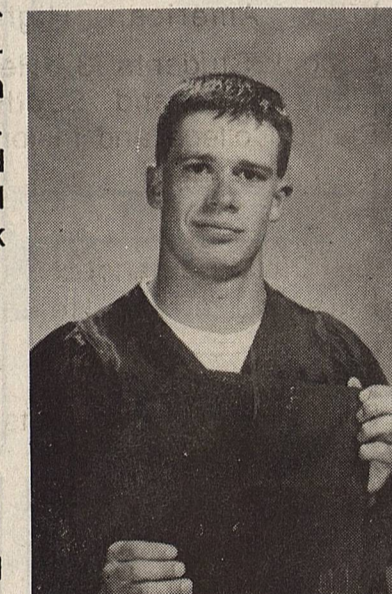
**Luke Anthony Smith**  
Parents: Hershel & Debbie Smith  
DOB: July 16, 1978  
Basketball 1-3; Football 1-3; Tennis 1-2; FHA 2; FFA 3-4; Student Council 3; Band 1-3; KPLN 4; Industrial Arts 1-2; Student of the Week 4. He plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland to major in Law Enforcement.



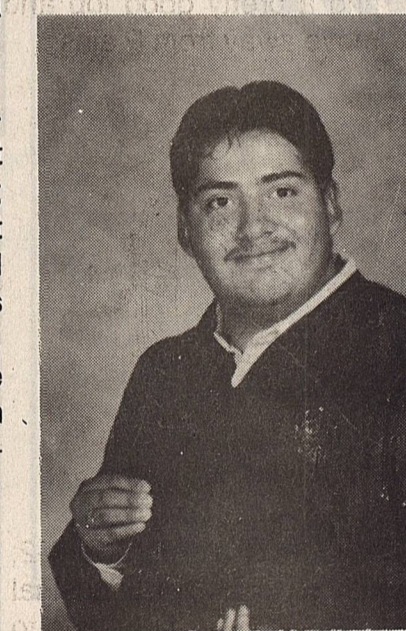
**Rebecca Jo St. Romain**  
Parents: Joe & Elouise St. Romain  
DOB: August 27, 1977  
Volleyball 1-2 mgr. 4; Basketball mgr. 4; Track 3; Cross Country 3; Student Council Class Rep. 4; NHS 4; KPLN 4; Yearbook Staff 2-4, Editor 3-4; Industrial Arts 2-4; Class Favorite 3-4; Class Secretary 1; Dutchess 2-3; Rodeo Queen Candidate 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Annual Award 3; National Honor Society. She plans to attend Angelo State University at San Angelo to major in Nursing.



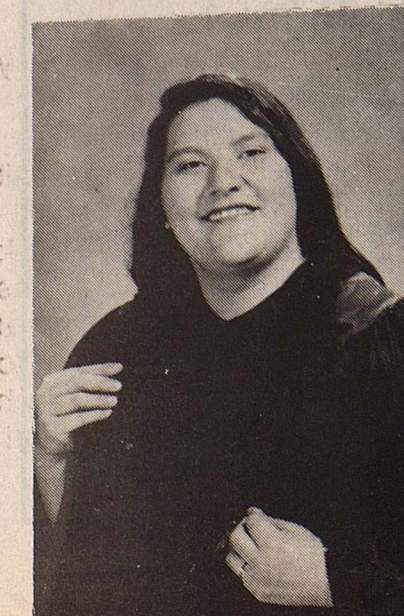
**Sylvia Tarango**  
Parents: Hortencia Tarango  
DOB: February 26, 1978  
Volleyball 1 & 3; Basketball 1 & 3; FHA 2; Band 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Quiz Bowl 4; Teen Court 3-4. She plans to attend college at South Plains College to major in Chemistry and a minor in Photography.



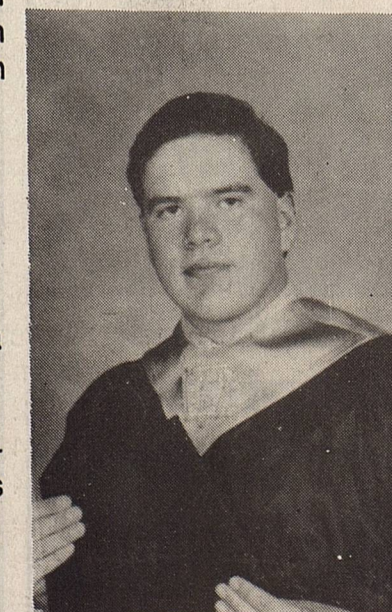
**Joshua Marc Traweek**  
Parents: Marc & Zanna Traweek  
DOB: September 23, 1977  
Football 3-4; First Team All-District Football 4; All-District running Back Football 4; Track 1-4; FFA 3-4; Student Council 3-4; Band 1-3; 4-H 2-4; FCA 3-4; Industrial Arts 1-2 & 4; Class Favorite 2-3. He plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland to major in Mechanical Engineering.



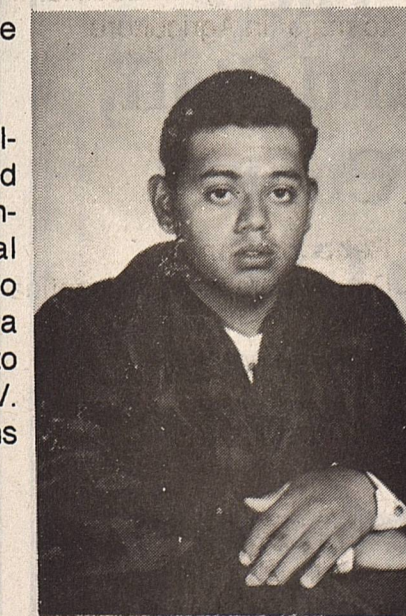
**Barney Henry Tobar**  
Parents: Maggie Escobar  
DOB: February 7, 1977  
Football 1; Teen Court 4; Industrial Arts 2-4; UIL Extemporaneous Informative Speaking 4; Class Favorite 1; Industrial Arts District 3-First Place, 2-Second Place 3; Ind. Arts State Superior & Best in State 3; Student of the Week 4. He plans to attend college at South Plains College in Levelland to major in Automotive Service Technology with a minor in Agriculture. He also plans to move to Levelland and marry within a year of graduation.



**Eulalia Vasquez**  
Parents: Raymond & Blanca Vasquez  
DOB: January 4, 1978  
Volleyball 1; Band 1-4; Yearbook Staff 3-4; Industrial Arts 3-4.



**Estevan B. Vasquez**  
Parents: Baldemar & Lupe Vasquez  
DOB: September 8, 1977  
NHS 3-4; Band 1-4; Band All-Region ATSSB Honor Band 3; KPLN 4; Quiz Bowl 3; Industrial Arts 1-4; National Honor Society. He plans to attend college at Odessa Junior College in Odessa to major in Radio and T.V. Broadcasting. He also plans to move and make money.



**Jesus Villarreal**  
Parents: Juan & Felipa Villarreal  
DOB: April 1, 1976  
Football 4; Industrial Arts 3.



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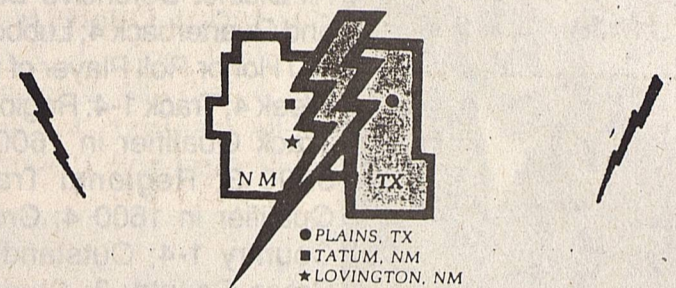


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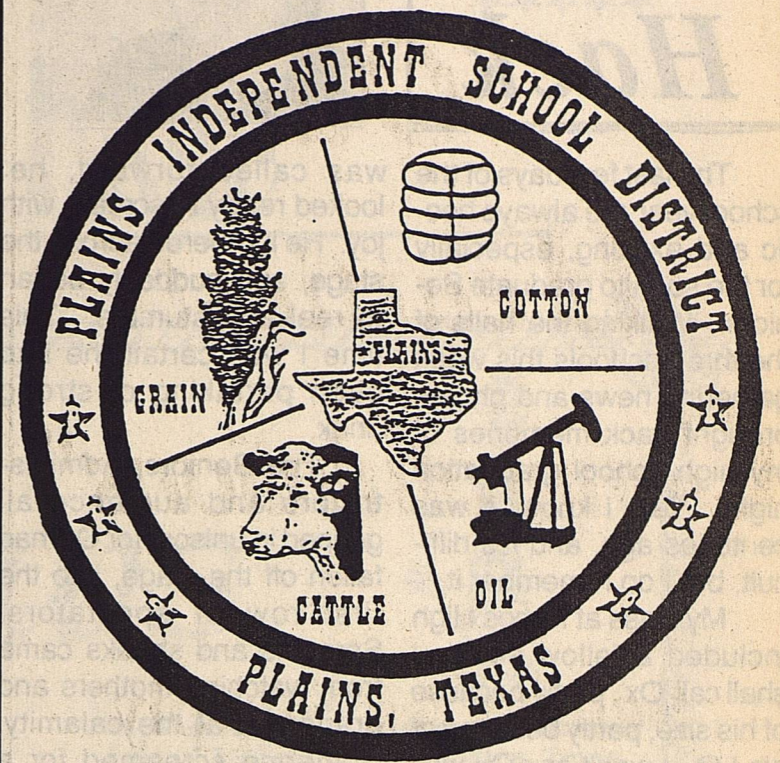
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**To Our 1996  
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progress through our  
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preparing to don your caps  
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# From The Hack



The last few days of the school year are always hectic and exciting, especially for the soon to graduate Seniors. Walking the halls of the three schools this week gathering news and photos brought back memories of my high school graduation night. Yes, I know, it was centuries ago, and it's difficult, but I do remember it.

My class at Pecos High included a fellow senior I shall call 'Ox', partly because of his size, partly because of his I.Q. I won't say Ox was dumb, but he was four years older than the rest of our class. I strongly suspicion his size and abilities on the football played a role in finally getting a diploma to hang on a wall.

The last week or two of school, Ox was so euphoric several of the teachers stopped him in the hall for a breath check, thinking he must be imbibing or smoking something funny. He was just high on the novelty of his long awaited graduation ceremony, of being able to wear one of those weird looking caps and gown.

The big night finally rolled around, and all 54 of us strolled slowly, solemnly down the aisles to the stage. Ox had a grin every bit as big as his head, which was really large.

One by one we were called forward to receive the quick hand shake and the sheet of paper we had been waiting 12 years for (in Ox's case, 16 years). When Ox

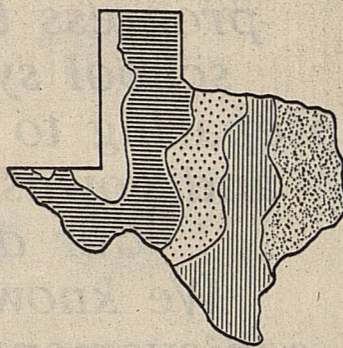
was called forward, he looked ready to scream with joy. He lumbered across the stage, and suddenly began to reel and stumble. This time I was certain he had been partaking of strong drink.

The Seniors, Administrators and audience all gasped in unison, for Ox had fallen off the stage, into the first row of spectators. Screams and shrieks came from watching mothers and grandmas at the calamity. Someone screamed for a Doctor, and faculty members swarmed around his inert, large body.

Ox, so carried away with the moment had fainted. Later, when he came around the first thing he muttered was, "Did I get my diploma?"

Be careful up on that stage, Seniors, stay cool!

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Abel Ramos pants, "If I can just make it a few more feet I'll be on third!"

## Watermelon 4-H Mini-Gardens



Tadd Knight tells elementary students about melon planting

The following information furnished by Extension Agents Kathy Adair and Tadd Knight, should be useful in planting watermelons for the Festival August 31; **CAUTION:** Watermelon seeds have been treated with a protective fungicide. After handling, great care should be taken to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

This Mini-garden project involves growing watermelon seeds in individual containers. It is suggested that 6-8 inch diameter plastic flower pots be used as containers. Do not use clay pots as they dry too rapidly. Two pound coffee cans may be substituted for plastic pots.

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The gravel should be large enough not to escape through the drain holes. Make four drain holes with a juice can opener near the container bottom if the student is using a metal can.

- 2) Fill each container with potting soil. Pack firmly but not too tight.
- 3) Plant three seeds approximately 1/2 inch deep.
- 4) Water the mixture thoroughly until some water runs out of the drain hole.
- 5) Place each container near windows where at least four hours of full sunshine per day can reach them.
- 6) After 10-14 days, thin the plants to 1 strong, healthy plant per container.
- 7) Keep soil moist, but do not over-water.
- 8) Watch for signs of disease.
- 9) Avoid cool, nighttime temperatures, particularly during

the first 30 days.  
 10) When plants become too big for the home, they may be transplanted to the garden area or a flower bed.

- 11) Do not disturb roots when transplanting.
- Planting Outdoors:**
- 1) Build mound or plant on small hill at least 5' apart
  - 2) Put 3 seeds in ground no more than 1" deep in one hole. Cover.
  - 3) Water a little every day until seed roots down.
  - 4) When plants come up, re-plant so there is one plant in each hill. Choose healthiest to stay in original hill.
  - 5) When watermelons come, pinch off all except one melon on each vine, so fertilizer and water will stay on it.
  - 6) Rotate watermelon every four to five days so it is not flat on one side.

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