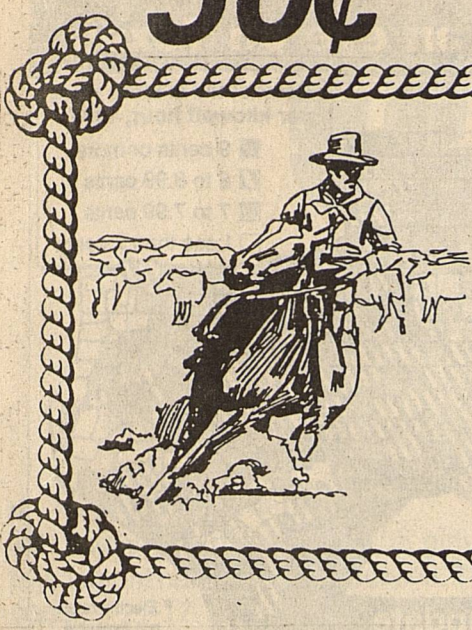


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City to support drug fight

The Plains City Council voted in their regular meeting January 13 to support a program designed to combat the problem of growing drug trafficking and use in the county. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark discussed plans to utilize Officer Rick Dickson, a former member of the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, as a special investigator on drug cases.

The Plains Council approved contributing \$2800, roughly \$2 per person in the City, to assist in funding Dickson's work. Earlier, the City of Denver City approved a similar contribution, again about \$2 per citizen, a total of \$10,000. The County Sheriff's Department will also fund a portion of the expenses, and Attorney Clark said he would be able to obtain some state funds for the

program. Clark has recently told local organizations and this newspaper drugs are a real and growing threat in the two communities and county.

The Council also discussed evaluating reviews of the City's electrical system. The purpose of the ongoing review process is to establish what is needed to update and modernize the system and ensure it's maximum efficiency.

City Administrator David Brunson, in an interview last Wednesday, reported the City had hired a new Utility Supervisor, Toby Perales. Perales is a former City of Plainview employee with 12 years experience. Brunson said he holds a Class B Water and Wastewater certification. Married and with two children, Perales plans to move his family when housing is available.

Area cotton crop a pleasant surprise

Three of the four local area cotton gins have finished processing the 1996 crop, and all report the results were a pleasant surprise for their producer customers and the gins themselves.

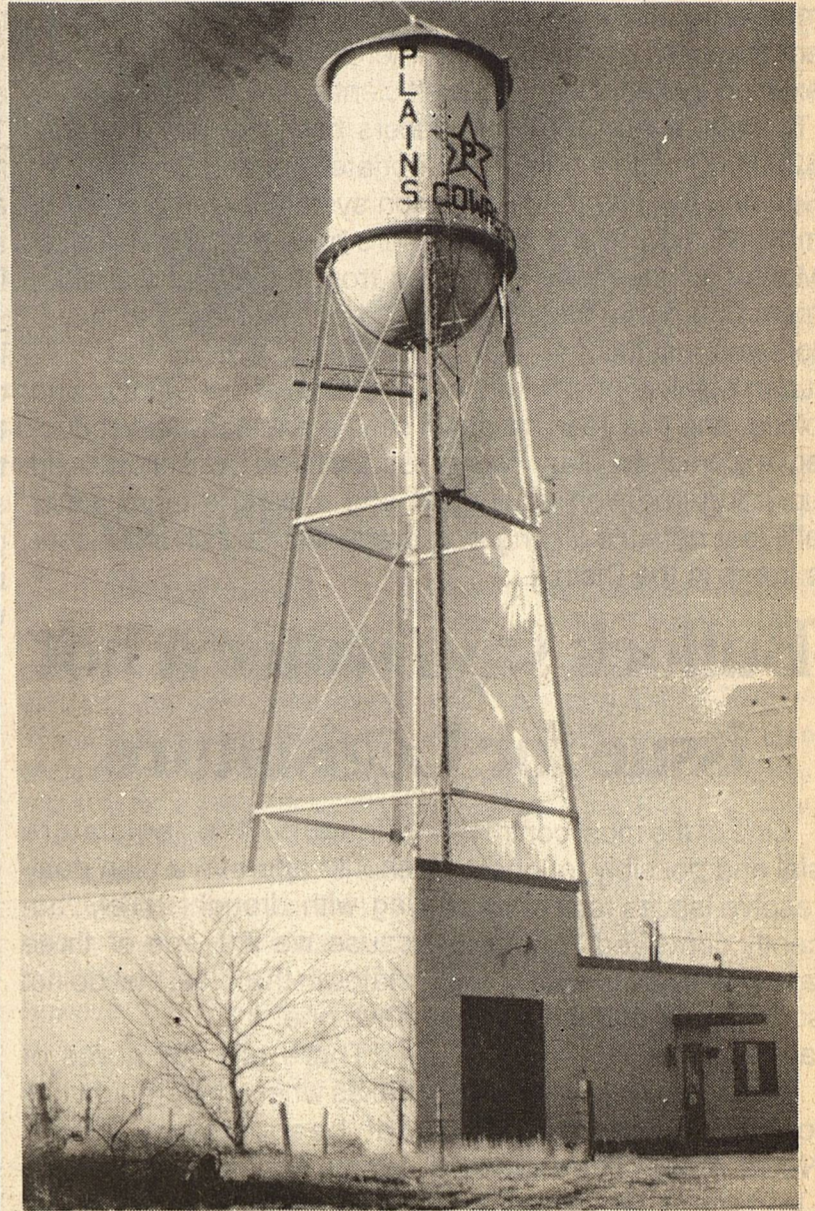
Yoakum County Co-Op Gin reported they will set an all time record with well over 35,000 bales. Bookkeeper Donna Bowers said one customer had some 200 acres to finish stripping, so the exact bale count is unknown at this time. She said the gins previous high run was 26,000 bales in 1988.

Tokio Co-Op also had an excellent year, producing 37,620 bales. Marc Traweck, gin manager, had earlier predicted some 25,000 bales would be produced. The hefty increase was attributed to an excellent dry land crop, and a good late season for irrigation producers.

Jean Craft of New Tex Gin said they ended the season with 42,071 bales. In the early stages of the crop year, the Craft's were expecting to gin some 30,000 bales of cotton, following heavy losses in area hail storms. Their previous record run was over 49,000 bales.

Independently owned Circle 12 Gin could not be reached, but earlier estimated they would produce some 7,000 bales. Two other gins in the area, State Line Co-Op and Four Way Gin, both located just in Gaines County, handled cotton from some Yoakum County producers.

The very shaky start early in the growing season had many cotton experts predicting a much smaller cotton crop. It now appears the state bale count will mark 1996 as an excellent year for most producers.



The recent sub-freezing weather created this frigid looking scene on the City water tower when it overflowed. City officials said an electrical switch was slow to activate a shutoff valve in the water supply system one cold night last week. The switch was replaced, and a heat lamp was installed to prevent future mishaps.

"Conservation Jamboree" presented to 5th grade students

The Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District held their annual 'Conservation Jamboree' for Plains Junior High Fifth graders last Tuesday.

The youngsters were divided into groups, and visited eight stations arranged around the gym, with displays and examples of water conservation, livestock, area wildlife, grasses, trees, soil types, wind and soil erosion, and cotton production.

The annual event is an attempt by the Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to create an awareness in the young students of two of our most important resources, soil and water, and make them better stewards of the land.

Representing the County Conservation District and taking part in the Jamboree were Board Members Don Burgess, Kent Smith, Linda Powell, Larry Morrow, Cindy Gray, and District Clerk Olivia Robertson. David Turnbough, Chairman of the Board of Sandy Land Underground Water District took part, and L.J. Sanders, former District Chairman demonstrated native grasses.

Representing the NRCS were Cindy Poole, District Conservationist here, and Philip Carter, Range Management Specialist. NRCS representatives from other District's included Willie Crenwelge and Don Haley. The students were welcomed to the Jamboree by County Judge Dallas Brewer.



L.J. Sanders discusses native grasses with 5th graders

PISD Board Meeting

The Plains School Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, January 13, with all Board members present. Also attending were Arlon Alexander, Interim Superintendent, school principals Steven O'Quinn and Ronnie Watkins, Business Manager Eric Banfield, and Pat McNabb, representative of the High School Campus Site-based Committee.

A report from the Site-based Committee for the three campuses was accepted by the Board. The committee evaluates various plans and programs of the school system, and makes suggestions to the Board designed to im-

prove the system.

The Board took action on Update 53 to the Texas Association of School Board Localized Policy Manual. The manual is an extensive guide for School Boards compiled a panel of Attorneys around the State, and spells out what Boards legally can and cannot do.

After reviewing all bids, The Board voted to renew its present Property and Liability Insurance policy with the Travelers Insurance Company.

It was voted to increase Arlon Alexander's salary of \$900 per month while serving as Interim Superintendent. All bills were approved for payment, and a financial report was given by Eric Banfield. Steven O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins and Arlon Alexander also delivered administrative reports.

DWI cases in District Court

Two cases involving driving while intoxicated offenses were heard in District Court January 16. Judge Kelly G. Moore presided, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State. Jerry D. Hill, 36, pled true to the State's motion to revoke probation, stemming from a subsequent DWI offense. Hill was sentenced to 5 years in the state penal system, with credit for 79 days already

served. He was represented by Attorney Frank Lacy.

Christoval Rodriguez Jr., 47, also pled true to the state's motion to revoke probation for a subsequent DWI charge. He was sentenced to 30 days in county jail, with credit for 16 days already served, must re-enroll in the Bill Meeks Facility at his own expense, will be on intensive supervision for 6 months after release from the Meeks facility, and pay \$200 Attorney fees at the rate of \$20 per month beginning 30 days release from the Meeks facility. He was represented by Attorney Warren New

Grain trucks rolling



The grain truck shown loading milo at the Goodpasture elevator is a familiar sight there and at the Seller's two storage sites. Approximately 100 million pounds of grain sorghum were delivered to the two facilities, the largest crop in a number of years. Dare Walker at the Goodpasture elevator reported workers were loading over twenty semi-truckloads daily last week. The large milo crop resulted when many acres of cotton were destroyed by either hail or high winds.

Low interest funds available for irrigation systems and projects

Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District was recently notified by the State Water Development Board the District had been authorized \$500,000 in funds for irrigation projects to District producers. Loans for irrigation projects are available at a low 4.7% interest rate, compared to previous years loan rates averaging about 6.9%.

Loans can be made for the purchase of new center pivot systems for a maximum term of seven years. Used system loans are limited to five year repayment terms. The maximum amount a producer can borrow is \$100,000. Producers may also borrow the low interest money to repackage existing systems with more efficient sprinkler packages.

To date, a number of producers have borrowed almost \$200,000 of the newly appropriated funds. Since 1992, Sandy Land has made irrigation system loans totaling almost \$5 million, and to date there have been no defaults. Money for the loans is derived from the Water Development Board thru the sale of State bond packages to investors and institutions.

Loan application packets are available at the Sandy Land office, and this year are again simple and easy for producers to complete. Gary Walker, Sandy Land Consultant, said updating irrigation equipment and making it more water efficient benefits all irrigation producers and all other consumers in the District.

Bullock says water a hot issue for Legislature

One of the most controversial and possibly toughest to resolve issues facing the recently convened 75th Legislative session is water, or in some areas of the state, the lack of water.

Stefanie Scott, reporting for the San Antonio Express-News Austin Bureau, said Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock considers water of paramount importance to legislators and all Texans; "Before this issue's resolved, I think it will equal the fence wars back in the 1870s", Bullock said in a recent interview.

The Texas population is expected to double over the next 50 years, and Bullock says the state needs a water plan, a need amplified by the recent drought. He said at a

minimum, the legislature should approve a plan dealing with drought relief, "because we are one of three states in the West that do not have one".

"There are still areas of Texas where the drought has not been broken, and it seems like we Texans have a tendency that each time we get rain we more or less forget about the future," he added.

He said Texas' long-term water needs may never be resolved completely, and like education issues, "We'll just keep working at it. It's an issue that we must have a beginning point, and I don't know when you'll have an ending point to it," he said.

Bullock earlier this year di-

rected the state's main water agencies—the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission—to come up with legislative recommendations.

"We have spent a couple of decades accumulating data," he said. "I have pushed (these two agencies) to come out with the boldest water plan that they feel comfortable with at this time—one that's extremely controversial. I feel like for the very future of Texas there is one issue that looms over us more than any other. Our very existence will depend on an adequate supply of water. They've come out with a series of recommendations, and my staff has looked at them, and they're good ideas for discussion."

Recommendations have included a locally controlled drought plan, clarification of the laws governing water transfers between river basins, changes to the way ground water is regulated, unused water permits and water marketing.

PHS Math/Science Teams Score Big Again

The Plains High UIL Math, Science and Computer Science competed against nine other schools at South Plains College Saturday, January 18, and once more earned the top Sweepstakes Honor. The math and calculator team finished first, the number sense team and computer science team were second, and the science team took fourth place.

Individual performances included number sense - Kristen Gray 1st, Maranda Box 5th, Clint Burrus 2nd, Marcey House 4th, Tommie McNabb 8th, Heath Bowlin 7th, Shawna Box 3rd, Derek

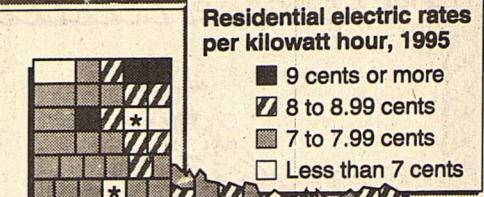
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A community education class in WOODS will be offered by PISD starting Monday, Jan. 27. The instructor is Robert Canon, and the class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30pm for 10 weeks. There must be a minimum of 10 students registered, and cost is \$30. For more information, call Mary Pettigrew, 456-7490.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Households see variety of electric rates

Electric rates varied for residential customers across the state in 1995. South Texas consumers, who weathered the hottest summer temperatures, paid some of the highest retail rates.



Legislative update

The Texas Legislature, which convened January 14, will consider deregulating wholesale and retail sale of electricity to Texas households and businesses.

* Electric rates not available.
 SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Public Utility Commission.

Registration Underway at Seagraves for College Accounting Class

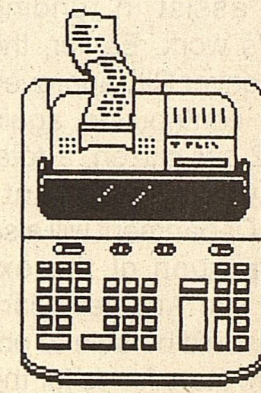
LEVELLAND—Registration is underway at Seagraves High School for a college-level accounting class which begins Jan. 27 through South Plains College.

Accounting 236 (Basic Accounting II) will meet 6-9 Mondays at the high school under instruction of Sue Ann Miller.

The course includes inventory valuation and depreciation methods, partnerships and corporations, detailed accrual accounting and in-depth financial statements. Internal control and accounting concepts and accepted practices will also be presented. The course is part of SPC's accounting associate program.

Registration is also underway for a non-credit beginning investment class, which starts Feb. 24, meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays through March 10.

To register for either class, contact Carolyn McAdoo, Seagraves counselor, at 546-2303.



How is YOUR sportfan behavior?

Dear Editor,

At P.I.S.D., we view extracurricular activities as an extension of the classroom. These activities are designed to teach the participants such values as work ethic, teamwork, persistence, and respect for authority.

We would also like for our students and fans to project a positive image of the school and our community. It is to this end we are asking for more fan cooperation with regard to their conduct towards sports officials and our opponents.

Berating the officials for every purpose serves no useful purpose. School personnel are trying to teach our young people to respect authority. Our children must learn that all the "calls" will NOT go their way in life. We want our youth to learn that persistence is a more positive response to adversity than griping. The griping at officials in the last two basketball games has not had a positive effect. On the contrary, it has had an adverse effect - instead of persuading the officials to make better calls for Plains, just the opposite has happened.

Most of us agree our young people need more positive role models. We are quick to point out our coaches, teachers and administrators should set a good example for the student body. In many instances, however, the example set by fans and parents have the strongest influence on student athletes. Do we want our children to grow up with the idea whining and complaining is the way to deal with decisions they dislike? Do we want our younger generation to think blatant dis-

respect for authority is acceptable behavior for mature people? I think most of us would say 'NO' to both questions.

As Athletic Director at Plains Schools, I have become increasingly concerned about the example our adult fans are setting for the young people of this community. I have tried to impress on the students that common courtesy and respect for others is a virtue. It is rather disheartening when I look up in the stands at a basketball game, and adult role models are constantly questioning the officials in an unacceptable manner.

The officials and opposing players and coaches are guests of our school. As such, they should be treated with the same respect you would give a guest in your home. We are asking each fan to treat our guests the same way you would want to be treated if you were their guest.

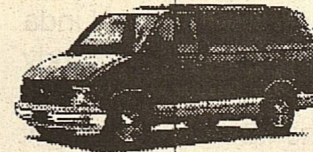
Please - Don't berate, curse, hurl racial slurs, or defame our guests in any way. As mature, adult leaders of the community, please be mindful of the example you are setting for the younger, impressionable players, students and fans. Other communities will judge us by the actions they see US exhibit when we host events here.

We ask each of you to help us give our students a set of values which include the idea of losing with dignity, and winning with honor. Without honor, there is no real victory.

Sincerely,
 Larry McMinn,
 PISD Athletic Director

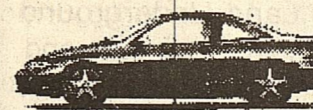
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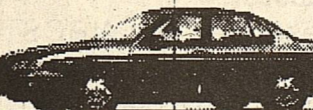
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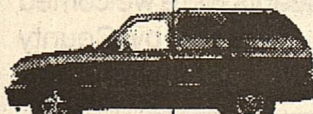
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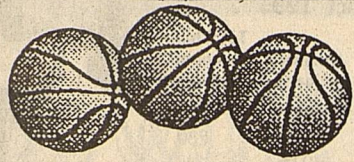
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PISD Basketball Recap

Jr. High Tournament;

7th Lady Wranglers- The 7th girls won second place in the tournament held here this weekend. They downed Tahoka in their opener 21-17. Julie Gonzales and Annaliesa O'Quinn each had 6 points, Ashley Gonzalez had 4, Arasley Luna 3, and Chelsi Wagnon 2. They next fell to Morton 26-22. Annaliesa had 9 points, Chelsi 8. Becky Coronel 3, and Julie scored 2 points.

8th Lady Wranglers- The 8th girls also captured second place Saturday. They dropped a close contest to Tahoka 43-40. Tanya Vasquez led the scoring with 10 points, Kimbe Jones had 9, Lexi Warren 6, Kari Guetersloh 5, Lensey Cullins 4, and Kim Willis, Amanda Garcia and Lesli Row 2 each. They bounced back to down Sundown 38-27. Kari had 14 points, Kimbe 12, Lexi 4, and Lensey, Michaela Traweek and Tanya 2 each.

7th Wranglers- White Team- A special Wrangler team composed of Taylor Gray, Chris Gscheidle, Jeff Lollar, Matt Willis, Luis Hernandez, Sterling Deaton, and Armando Luna finished 3rd in the Tourney. They lost to Morton 37-27, defeated Morton 29-21, and lost to another special "Black" Plains team 32-29. Armando Luna led the scoring in all three games. Coach McAdams cited Luis, Armando and Sterling for their play in game one, Chris, Jeff and Matt in game 2, and Matt, Armando and Luis in the final game. **The regular 7th Wranglers** won their division in the Tournament, beating a special Plains team 32-23. Moises Gonzales scored 12 points, Jared Bell and Joseph Rodriguez 5 each, Chris McGinty 3, Tanner Hamm, Jeremy Diamond and Patrick Brintle 2 each, and Ky May 1. They won over Tahoka 42-32. Jared had 13 points, Joseph 12, Moises 9, Tanner 7, and Patrick Brintle 1. They next won the championship game against Morton 42-31. Moises scored another 13 points, Jared and Joseph had 8, Patrick 6, Tanner 5, and Jeremy 2.

8th Wranglers- The older Wranglers also won their tournament, defeating Morton 48-14 in the opener. Joel Gallegos and Brent Squyres each had 13 points, Adam Garcia 12, and Kelsy Blundell 6. They played another good game against Sundown, winning 44-36 in what McAdams said was one of their better games of the year. Brent scored 18 points, Adam 12, and Joel 9. They clinched the championship by defeating Tahoka 56-22. Adam had 24 points, Brent 15, and Joel 11.

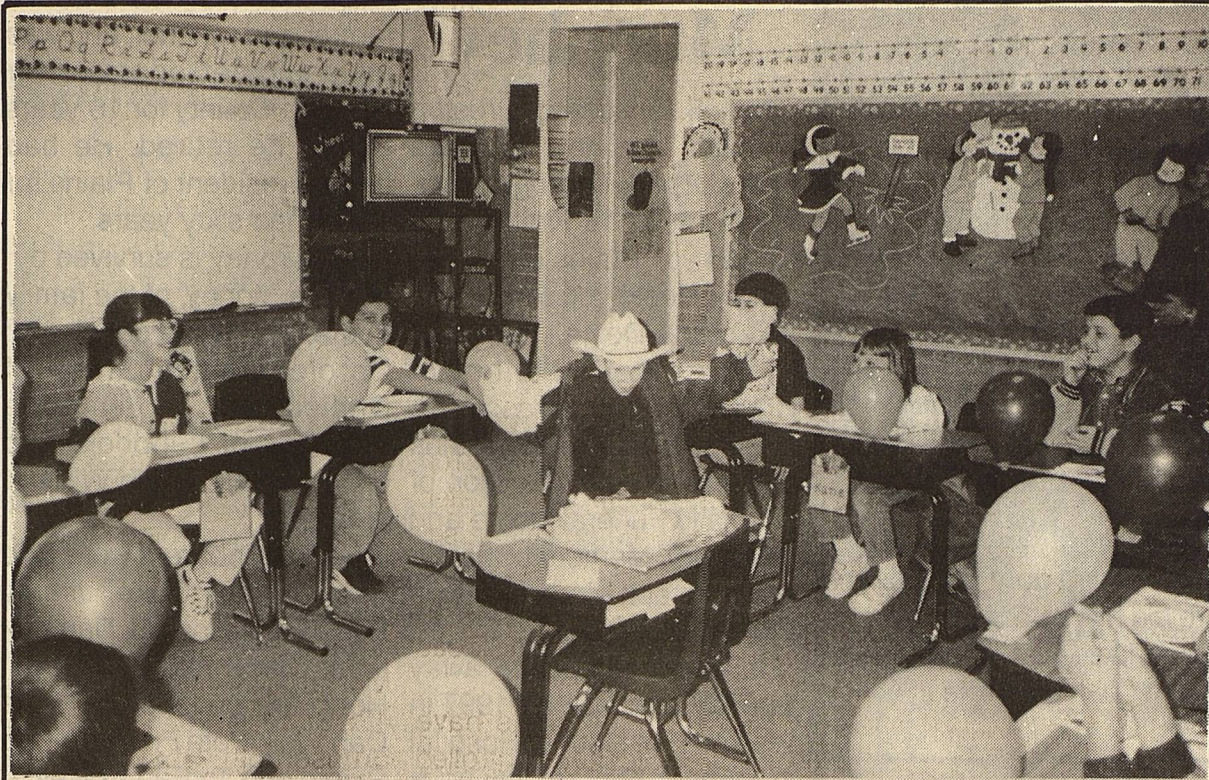
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JV Cowgirls- Sorry, no report.

JV Cowboys; The younger Cowboys met a good Seagraves team Jan. 14 and fell 42-33. Fermin Luna led the scoring with 10 points, Matt Morgan had 9, Cosme Casillas 4, Alex Tarango and Patrick McGinty 3, Clint Burrus and Mike Bell 2. They came back January 17 to defeat Sundown 58-44. Fermin Luna had 12 points, Alex 11, Clint and Matt 10 each, Mike 7, Cosme 6, and Patrick 2.

Varsity Cowgirls; The Cowgirls were downed by Seagraves 37-33 on January 14. They could only manage shooting 23% from the floor. Kayla Redman led the rebounding with 18 grabs. Shyloh Winn was top score with 9 points, Kyley Bearden had 8, Kayla 7, Kelli Osborn 5, Sandi Warren and Jolyne Burgess 2 each. The girls also found rough going against Sundown on January 17, dropping 63-58. They were plagued by a whopping 40 turnovers, but did improve their shooting to 50% success. Kayla again led the rebounding with 9, and also scored 25 big points. She was followed by Sandi with 16, Candace Bowers had 8, Shyloh 7, and Jolyne and Lindsey Six 1 each.

Varsity Cowboys; The Cowboys got off to a slow start in the first period, but came back from a 14 point deficit to win against Seagraves 70-66 last week. Tanner Blount had 28 points and 9 rebounds, Jason Redman scored 16 and had 8 rebounds, Joe Luna 14 points, 6 assists and 3 steals, Chris Willett 6 points and 6 rebounds, Jamie Caballero 4 points, Eric Estrada 2. The Cowboys faced Sundown next, and fell 72-67. They could manage only 36% success in their shooting. Jason Led the scoring with 15 points, Tanner had 12, Joe and Shawn Cullins had 11 each, Jamie scored 8, Adam Dominguez had 6, and Chris had 4.

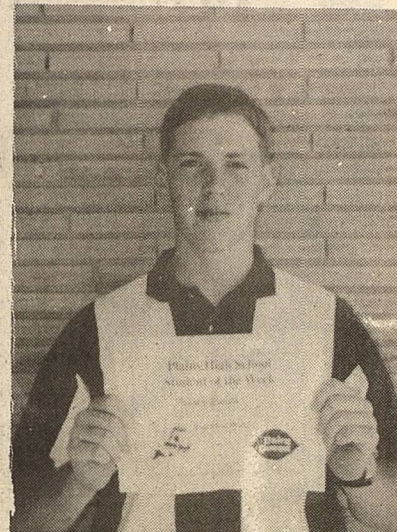


Mrs. Phyllis House's third grade gave Matthew McKinzie a great 12th Birthday party at school recently, and Matthew wanted to say, "Thanks, Guys!"

PHS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week is Steven Bunch, a Sophomore, and the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Bunch. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn who said "All teachers enjoy students who possess good work ethics. Steven is a 'take care of business' kind of person. I appreciate his ability to focus on a task, and enjoy seeing the results of his work."

He doesn't quit when the bell rings, and after school you will find him in the weight room".



School Plan Supported

Austin- Governor O. B. Colquitt has given his full support to the plan to unify The University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. He has gone so far as to offer to issue deficiency warrants for the construction of agricultural and mechanical buildings at the University in case unification is accomplished. It seems, however, the plan is doomed to failure, for no well organized group is behind it, and many organizations oppose it.

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All Region Band Selected

Nine Plains High band members were recently selected to the TEMA All Region Band. Those making the 1A-2A band were Conchetta San Fillipo, 2nd chair, and Tessa St. Romain, 1st alternate on Contra Bass Clarinet, Tony Lazos, 1st chair and Eric Estrada, 8th chair, on Trumpet; Kyle Sisson, 5th chair, French Horn. On Baritone, Isaac Gonnzalez, 1st chair, Cosme Casillas, 4th chair and Josh Bayer, 1st alternate. The band members will be performing in concert on Saturday, January 25, 4 pm., in Lubbock at Monterey High School.

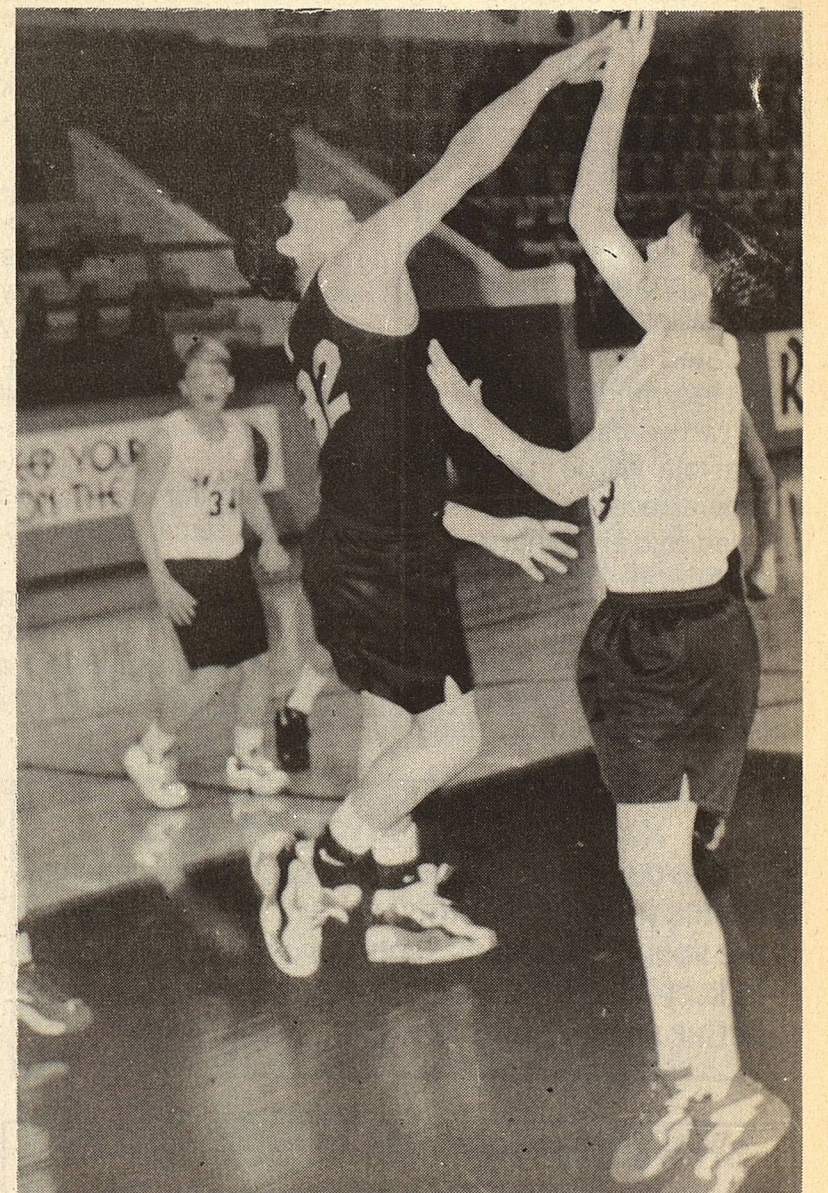
Matt Morgan was chosen for the 4A-5A All Region Honor Band, a very first performance for a class 2A school band member. Seven Jr. High students will try out Jan. 21 at Lockney for the All-Region Band. They include Annaliesa O'Quinn, Jill Gray, Bradley Palmer, Skyler Johnson, Chris McGinty, Chris Gscheidle, and Elizabeth Clanahan. Students qualifying for this band will also be in concert at Monterrey at 3 pm.



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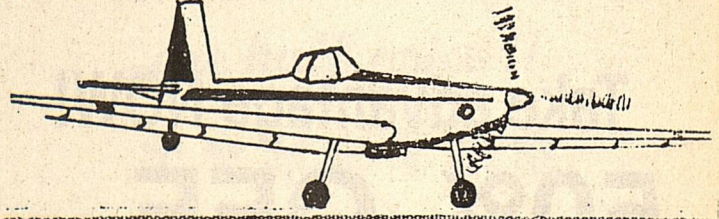
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This young goat, and the younger white goat held by the two girls in center of photo, were big hits with the fifth grade students attending last week's 'Conservation Jamboree' at Plains Middle School. The animals played a role in Cindy Gray's presentation on Livestock.

\$50 billion available to Legislature

The now in session 75th Texas Legislature will have more funds available for general purpose spending than they did when they last met. According to State Comptroller John Sharp, "a growing state economy, gains in personal income, and an unspent \$1.7 billion from the current budget, which runs through August 31, 1997, have played a role in the favorable fiscal forecast".

The \$50 billion available for the next two fiscal years (1998-1999) is some \$6.5 billion over the total available during the last session.

\$48.3 billion of the funds will come from general revenue related programs. The state's sales tax will account for 61%, or \$23.7 billion during the 98-99 budget period.

In addition, Texas will collect \$36.8 billion in federal funds, dedicated fees and investment earnings during the next two years. \$24.2 billion of that total will be in the form of federal receipts earmarked for Medicaid and other health and human service programs.

The state's total earnings from all sources will total \$85.1 billion during fiscal

years 1998-1999. Sharp added, "When your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall, my grandmother used to tell me. As the Legislature gets down to work in Austin, that bit of sage advice will be uppermost on their minds".

Dickson hired as Special Investigator

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark requested approval of the County Commissioner's Court for the hiring of Richard (Rick) Dickson as a Special Investigator. Others speaking on Dickson's behalf and urging the hiring included Sheriff Jim Rice, Denver City Police Chief Jack Miller, and Gary Gregory, executive with Pool, Inc.

The Court unanimously approved the move, and also approved Clark's hiring of Alice Garcia Bearden as Third Deputy in his office, a position already established in his office budget. Dickson's salary of \$27,439 will be paid from two recent donations by the two county municipalities, funds from the Sheriff's Department, some State Funds, and County money.

Those speaking to the Court referred to his vast experience in combatting illegal drugs, a growing problem in the County

Services held for Preston Murphey

Funeral services for Preston Fletcher Murphey, 85, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 1997, at First Baptist Church of Plains. Rev. Bill Wright, Pastor, officiated, and Rev. Rick Doyle, Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Plains, assisted. Interment was in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Connally Funeral Home and the Plains Memorial Chapel. Viewing took place in Plains Memorial Chapel.

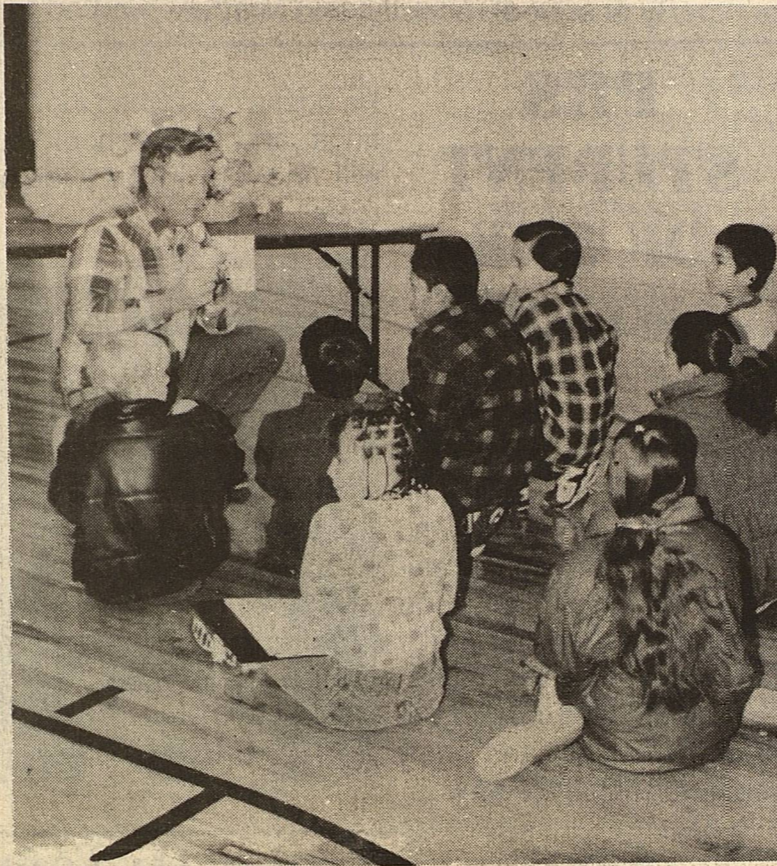
Mr. Murphey passed away Sunday, January 19, 1997 in the Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City, following a

long illness.

He was born June 25, 1911, in Rochester, Texas, to William Preston Murphey and the former Sudie Elizabeth Bassoil. He married Sidney Coke on March 10, 1951 in Lubbock. He had been a farmer and rancher, and was an equipment operator for Yoakum County for 16 years before he retired. He had been a resident of Plains for more than sixty years.

Mr. Murphey is survived by his wife Sidney, of the family home, and three daughters; Carole Juanice Green of Chillicothe, Jimidene Murphey of Lubbock, and Geraldine Elizabeth Willis of Lubbock.

Active pallbearers were Bob Lowe, Corky Coke, Jimmy Farr, Oscar Henard, Dan Williams, and Jerry Williams. Honorary pallbearers were Dan Wall, Pete Flores, Alfred Pippin and Ty Earl Powell.



Don Burgess discusses cotton at 'Conservation Jamboree'

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Most SBA-backed loans are issued by private lenders. The average loan amount in Texas in 1995 was \$154,400.

District	Number of loans	Total loan amount in millions
Dallas/Fort Worth	1,685	\$290
Houston	1,382	230
San Antonio	974	147
Lubbock	630	79
El Paso	319	35
Lower Rio Grande	204	24
Corpus Christi	135	18
Total	5,329	\$823

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Small Business Administration.

Texas and the Civil War

"There was a tremendous 'tradition' in Texas that young men should join the colors in any crisis. When the flag was raised and rallies held, in every scattered, dusty town, the response was by any historical standard phenomenal.

"The figures of the troops Texas gave the Confederacy cannot be reconciled; The 1860 Census showed there were some 92,000 white men between 18 and 45 in the state. Between 60,000 to 70,000 of these men saw military service during the war - over two thirds of the military age population; These figures are modest - thousands of others under 18 and over 60 joined the Stars and Bars.

"The greatest contribution of Texas cause was men. Tradition (of volunteering to fight) was both made and fulfilled.

"The rock of both armies, Blue and Grey, was the group of small farmers, who made up the fighting units. Evidence is incontrovertible that a higher percentage of the social and capitalist elite joined the colors in the South, while professional graduates of West Point commanded in every major battle on both sides.

"Whatever their motivations, whatever their faults, no group of men ever more bravely sustained a forlorn cause. They gave it (the war) a certain haunted holiness few Texans ever completely forgot".

"By 1864 the old units were ragged remnants. Companies of infantry could hardly muster a guard's unit. Proud of their tradition and honors, many

older units refused new blood - no replacements were accepted"

"Southerners, including Texans, between 1861-1865, sacrificed more to a general war than any body of Americans before or since. Losses were enormous; Over 200,000 dead, a quarter of Texas' most vigorous manpower gone or incapacitated.

"Millions of Northerners did not think the war was worth the price - 300,000 Union dead.

The war finally ended at Appomatox in 1865, the most devastating conflict the Nation has ever experienced. The State of Texas suffered, as did all Confederacy State's, for years under the 'Reconstruction Years', better called the Carpet Bag Era throughout the South.

* From Lone Star, By T.R. Fehrenbach

Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training Set

South Plains College will again offer hydrogen sulfide safety this spring, meeting requirements for working in the oil fields.

The three hour sessions are scheduled Jan 27, Feb. 17, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9.

Classes will meet 6 to 9pm in the SPC Petroleum Tech-Law Enforcement Building, Rm. 108. Cost is \$10 and instructor is Buddy Thompson with Applied Environmental Services, Levelland.

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By: *Kathy Adair*



Join Me in Being Heart Healthy

Has your doctor recommended that you lose weight to lower your chance of high blood pressure or cholesterol buildup? Or, are you wanting to start at a young age to keep your body healthy to prevent heart disease? Then join me in my New Year's resolution to become heart healthy!

This year I will be doing programs on lowering fat in your diet, preventing cholesterol buildup and lowering high blood pressure. To kick off these programs, Don Taber of St. Mary's will be speaking on Low-fat Eating at the Plains Community Building on January 28 at noon and at the Denver City Community Building on January 29 at noon. If you were tested by St. Mary's—this is a must see program! Bring your own lunch or join us for stew for just \$3.00.

If you like to study on your own, I will be sending out a letter series entitled "Lifestyle Choices for a Healthy Weight." A letter will be mailed each week that will feature topics such as, why people overeat, how to plan meals to control calories and change eating habits to maintain weight. This series is free so just call the Extension office and sign up! The series starts in February and is only open to the first fifty people—Hurry!!

Library Filmtime

Fourteen pre-school youngsters attended Library Filmtime this past Wednesday. They sang songs, played games, watched a movie, and read a book.

Those attending included: Kevin John Gass, Adam Nixon, Rhaela Stall, Kelsey Curry, Carolina Hernandez, Lexus Jimenez, Jacob Brink, Isaac

Doyle, Chase Ortega, Rhaemi Stall, Sean Curry, Cody Friesen, Kristie Lopez, and Morgan Willis.

The following people were contributors to the Plains Dirt Gardener's "Operation Christmas Card": Helen Thompson, Helen & William Worsham, Alton & Ronalee Elmore, and Thelma Lee & Leon Cheatham

Senior Citizen Corner

The snow is gone but cold weather lingers on. The north pole must have slipped a few miles south.

Things at the Center are back to normal. Wednesday we had a nice attendance for the Turkey and Dressing, and the pool contestants. Our Thanks to the Shell Employees for the Turkeys.

Also Thanks goes out to those who helped deliver lunches to the home-bound during the snowy days. One of our policeman helped one day, and Sparky is always willing to lend a hand. Volunteers are always welcome, and needed, so don't be afraid to offer if you wish to help do anything around here.

Maurine Wherend's sister-in-law, Matilda Starns, from Minneapolis, is visiting. Also visiting was Lavelle Marion and Frances Womack.

Maggie Powell, Walter Gayle and Billy Hunt are back following absences.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Marie Edwards.

The Center activities are being published elsewhere in the Press, so I will not include them.

Remember the Garage Sale coming up Jan. 30. Also if anyone has not made a block for the Friendship Quilt, please get it to the Cite Council.

The husband of Mary, our Assistant Cook, had surgery on Wednesday. We wish him a speedy recovery. Ross Shook is doing OK and will be returning home soon.

Lets all hope for warmer days.

See you next week, Smitty

* The cost of gasoline for the Postal Service rises more than \$1 million when the price goes up one cent.

PISD School Menu

Wednesday:

Breakfast: Sausage, Toast, orange juice, milk.

Lunch: All American Cheese burger, Chips, Mixed fruit, Date cookies, milk.

Thursday:

Breakfast: Waffles w/syrup, Cereal, Raisins, Fruit punch, milk.

Lunch: Chili & cheese crispy potato cubes, Garden salad w/ dressing, crackers, Chocolate cake, milk.

Friday:

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Orange pineapple juice, milk.

Lunch: Pork chops w/gravy, seasoned green beans, Creamed potatoes, Hot rolls, Vanilla wafers, milk

Monday: Breakfast:

Cereal, toast, Grape juice milk.

Lunch: Hot dog w/chili, French fries, Macaroni salad, Sliced peaches, Vanilla wafers, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Donut, Toast, Apple juice, milk.

Lunch: Taco salad, Pinto beans, Shredded lettuce, Tomatoes, Crackers, Apple cobbler, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast:

Hashbrowns, Toast, Orange juice, milk.

Lunch: All American Cheeseburger, chips, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancakes or cereal, Raisins, Fruit punch, milk

Lunch: Pizza, Salad w/dressing, Carrot sticks, red jello w/fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, orange pineapple juice, milk.

Lunch: Fried chicken w/gravy, seasoned green beans, creamed potatoes, Hot rolls, Strawberry cake, milk.

American Women in the Military



More than 200 years ago, Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man to join the Massachusetts Regiment of the Revolutionary Army. She treated her own combat wounds to keep her secret, but was discharged after her third injury when a doctor discovered she was a woman.

She married Benjamin Gannett, raised a family, managed their farm, and spent many years lecturing about her military service.

There are many stories of women like Deborah Sampson Gannett who served alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, but you will have difficulty finding them in the history books. Nearly two million women have served in military roles since America was founded.

In the Civil War, women both black and white, served as nurses, saboteurs, scouts and couriers. They led troops into battle as color bearers, blew up bridges, cut telegraph wires, burned arsenals and warehouses, and helped prisoners and slaves escape.

The invaluable service of female nurses during the Spanish American War led to the creation of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps. When World War I erupted, nurses braved the front lines to treat the sick and wounded. Other women enlisted in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard or worked as Army switchboard operators.

Nearly 400,000 women in all military branches took on new roles during WWII, due to the scarcity of manpower and the

urgency of protecting our nation. They served as nurses, stenographers, translators, pilots, mechanics, technicians and cooks. For the first time, women were given military rank as officers.

In 1948, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act gave women a permanent place in the armed forces. Women have since served with honor alongside America's servicemen in peacetime and in conflicts, such as those in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm, the largest deployment of military women ever.

It's time to recognize their achievements.

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District is once again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Plains and Denver City High Schools. All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. Contest winners from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st Place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd Place to the college(s) of their choice. A minimum of ten (10) essays must be submitted before a second place scholarship is awarded.

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water. The criteria for the contest is:

1. A minimum of 1000 words.
2. Typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes.
3. References must accompany paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land U.W.C.D. office located in Plains.
4. Cover sheet containing: student's name, essay title, local high school, and date
5. The essays are due no later than April 16, 1997.

Winners last year consisted of: Valerie Blair and Kelly McGinty from Plains and Josh Smith and Johnathan Mock from Denver City.

For further information, please contact the District office at (806) 456-2155.



LET ALL HEAVEN REJOICE

FROM HEAVEN'S THRONE... THE ANGELIC CELEBRATION OF EASTER

Let All Heaven Rejoice! Rehearsals are being held for the Easter Pageant each Wednesday evening, 8p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to tell our community about the risen savior!

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From The Hack

The Year Of Our Lord 1997 is off to a fast start. Bill Clinton has been inaugurated, and daughter Chelsi is turning 16. The Newt is facing pretty stiff monetary penalties for his transgressions while in the House, but will continue to lead the delegated Representatives, reputation scarred, but immense ego intact.

The Supreme Court has already chastened lawyers to speed up their waffling over the Paula Jones vs. Bill Clinton sexual harassment charges. A beautiful little girl, winner of many beauty contests for little ones, is tragically, horribly slain, entertainer Bill Cosby's son is senselessly shot to death on a California freeway. Another commuter plane goes down in the midwest with 100% fatalities, creating 100% doubt about flying the prop driven machines.

The Dallas Cowboys are eliminated from the NFL Playoffs, after eliminating themselves with injuries, scandals and penalties against players for their transgressions. Dennis Rodman, Mr. Basketball Eccentric, goes a step too far when he kicks a photographer in the forbidden area, and will suffer many dollar penalties. Pity the League Officials didn't allow the photo man to kick him back, same spot.

The Mid-East Peace Accords gained an inch or two when Israel gave up the historic City of Hebron to the Palestinians. Let's see if the tranquility lasts six weeks.

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Madonna and her new child seem to be fairing well. I just hope the baby doesn't have to endure one of Momma's pointy training bras later on. We're off and running on a great year.

I visited the Table of Wisdom recently, and heard Jim Brown orating about some of the old bass fishing tournaments we both remember all too well. You remember Brown... the noted golfer who loses to everyone but me.

He told of one memorable trip to Lake Spence. Following a hard day of miserable fishing, someone suggested a friendly game of poker would be relaxing. Best that Brown and I recalled, we only played for matchsticks, and there certainly were no strong spirits in evidence.

One guy, no expert, bet his last match, tacklebox and clean pair of shorts on a flush. He was called by a guy with a full house, and when informed he lost the hand, he became a bit steamed. "Go out to the truck and get my pistol", he told his younger brother, "I ain't standing for this cheating!"

Have you ever seen a card game evaporate in 12 seconds? Cooler heads prevailed, however. Two other players then chimed in and said, "yeah, go ahead and try to get it... I got mine right here". That bit of redneck diplomacy worked miracles. Peace and calm was restored, and everyone was still speaking the next day.

Behold the mighty fisherman; He riseth and departeth early, and returneth very late, and smelleth of strong spirits, and the truth is not in him, nor do fish accompany him.



Adam Garcia shoots, Kelsey Blundell gets ready



Matt Willis goes over Morton players for shot

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Walker, Texas Rep

Happy New Year friends, I hope the start of your new year has been happy and full of promise as we look upon the horizon of 1997.

We are also on the horizon of the 75th Legislative session. This session will be full of debate on issues that will have long lasting affect on West Texas or as I like to say *Real Texas*.

Electric deregulation, that is the deregulation of the electric utility industry, proves to be one of the hot topics for Legislators to consider. There are many pros and cons on each side of this complex issue. We are prepped for what will be a long and interesting debate. I anticipate far reaching implications that will be met by sound judgment.

"Far reaching," will be the key word as the Legislature prepares to look at the state's water needs. We must prepare for these acts of God as best we can. Lt. Governor Bob Bullock has commissioned a study by the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and other key agencies to study and devise a water management plan for Texas.

The mission of this plan is to help Texans better prepare for droughts through more efficient management, conservation and fiscal responsibility from government and citizens. I look forward to

helping on this study and drawing on my career in this field and my experience as a West Texan.

Property taxes will certainly be an area I will keep a sharp eye on. During the holiday vespers, I had an opportunity to discuss this and other matters with Governor Bush. After visiting with the Governor, I am quite sure that the needs and concerns of West Texans regarding property taxes will not be overlooked.

There is one thing that I would like to ask of you. I ask that you continue to keep me informed of your views and opinions. I am here to serve you! The results from our survey, which many of you may have seen in your local papers, gave me a stronger grasp of issues that are important to the district.


My performance at the Capitol is enhanced greatly when I hear from you on various issues such as those in the survey. Every phone call, fax and letter is extremely important to me as I study and research legislation, so keep them coming!

Thank you again for allowing me to return to the Capitol and continuing the work of West Texans.

May God Bless You and Keep You.
Sincerely,
Gary L. Walker
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