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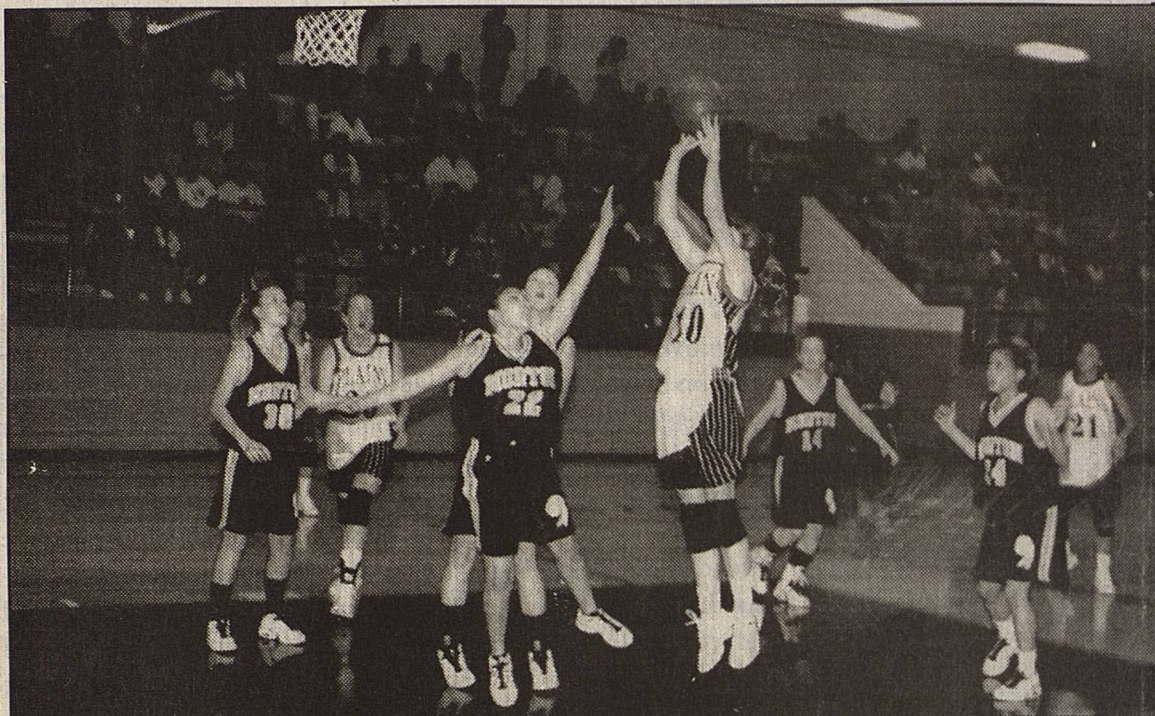
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News



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Basketball action time again



Chelsea Blount goes for a jump shot against Morton Indians last week. The Cowgirls won their game, but the Cowboys fell to the Indians. More action shots and sports inside.

Texas Baptists import special oven, prepare Thanksgiving meal for Austin storm victims

Texas Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers, who arrived in Austin Friday, November 16 to help victims of last week's storm in Central Texas, ordered a special, extra long oven which was scheduled to arrive in time for roasting turkeys, in order for victims of the storm and flooding to have the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Giving up their Thanksgiving with their own families, the Texas Baptist volunteers are cooking some 3,000 meals per day, which are then delivered by the Red Cross to those in need.

The Dallas volunteers with the Texas Baptist Men Association, a missions affiliate of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, include Daniel Rose, Cliff Temple Baptist, Milton Schmidt, First Baptist,

Jim Ferguson, Texas Baptist Men, and Leader Gary Smith, Disaster Relief Unit, Midway Baptist Church. Other volunteers included Harry Campbell, East Side Baptist, Killeem, Jered Sellers, White Cap and Area Commander, First Baptist Plains, and Cotton Bridges, Rodney Gant, Carl Elliott, and Matt Patterson, Plano area Baptist churches. They were scheduled to remain in Austin through last week, and be relieved by a San Antonio volunteer crew.

Both Disaster Relief Mobile Units, an 18 wheeler equipped with a field kitchen for emergency food service, and a Mobile Command Post were set up at the Del Valle Bus Maintenance area. The volunteers prepared meals from 8 am to 10 am, and from 2 pm to 3 pm, each day.

**Annual
Christmas Tree
Lighting,
Visit From
Santa
Claus
November 28,
5 PM, Pioneer
Park.
Kids, Bring
Cans Of Food,
Have Your
Picture Made
With Santa!**

DWI case in County Court

In County Court November 19, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Oscar Silva Gonzalez pled true to a first DWI, breath test .121/.111. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with credit for 112 days served. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Criminal cases in County Court

Eighteen criminal cases were heard in County Court November 21, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Waylon Lee Moore pled guilty to theft by check, over \$20, less than \$500. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$255 court costs, and \$894,62 restitution, serve 24 hours in jail, and 24 hours community service.

David Van Monk pled guilty to possession of less than 2 ounces marijuana. He was sen-

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City employees were busy Monday morning checking out the Christmas decorations for the annual lighting and visit from Santa Claus this week.

K-9 'Officer' leads local law enforcement officers to 'Runner'

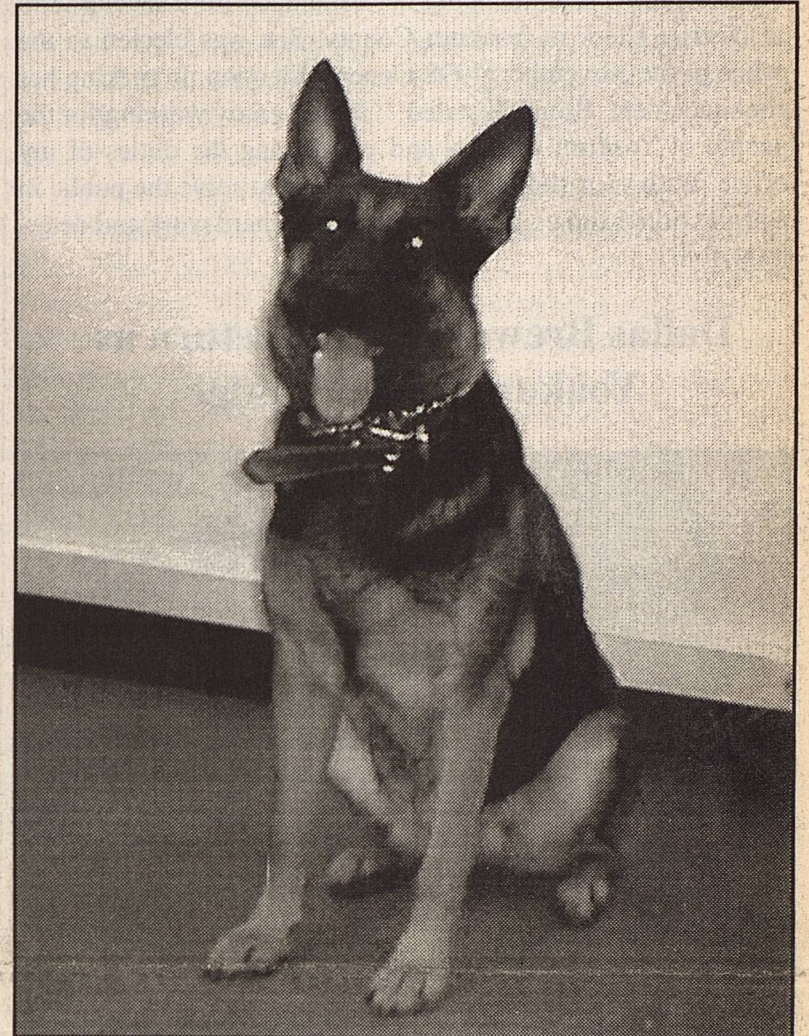
A hit and run incident in Denver City the evening of November 16 led eventually to the arrest of two suspects, with the assistance of 'Officer Famca', the canine recently acquired by the Yoakum County Sheriff Department, and the partner of Deputy Curtis Coffman.

Denver City police were notified of a hit and run vehicle collision at a local business the Friday evening. Denver City Police officers quickly learned from witnesses the description of the suspect vehicle, and all patrol units of the department on duty were dispatched in the search. They were soon joined by two Sheriff Department Officers, Sgt Nancy Baize and Deputy Inoe Valdez.

A short time later, Sgt. Baize spotted the suspect vehicle, and gave pursuit. The driver failed to stop, and almost struck Baize's vehicle. Other Sheriff and Police Department vehicles joined in the pursuit, and the fleeing car was followed to a residential area, where it sped into a driveway, and struck a car parrom the vehicle and fled on foot, while the passenger sat in the car, and was taken into custody by the officers.

The fleeing suspect had disappeared, and four Police Department vehicles and the two Deputy vehicles set up a perimeter watch around an approximate three block area where the runner was thought to be hiding.

A radio call to the Plains Sheriff Department was made, requesting Deputy Curtis Coffman and his drug and search dog Famca to join the search. Coffman arrived on the scene around 11:30 pm, and



took Famca to the suspects vehicle, to allow the dog to pick up the scent of the fleeing driver. Coffman said when it was apparent the dog had the scent, they began what is called an open air search.

The dog began to show great interest in an alley and a residential backyard, and apparently the dogs interest and excitement spooked the runner, who suddenly jumped from under a boat and trailer and fled. He jumped a chain link fence surrounding a vehicle storage area, and at that time saw he was surrounded by law officers, and fell on the ground in surrender.

Coffman told CCN, "I was proud of Famca's work, and I was very impressed with the

assistance from the Denver City Police when they set up the perimeter watch area in such a professional manner. I think this episode is another good illustration of excellent cooperation between our Sheriff Department and the D.C. Police Department."

The two suspects were jailed, and since it was a local Police Department case, Coffman was not sure what charges were filed on the two suspects. The D.C. Police officers expressed their appreciation for the dog's assistance. The fleeing suspect was apparently hidden on the chasis of the boat trailer, and could have easily been missed, without the dog's "Nose Work."

Alternatives to Social Security ?

Wish you could keep the Social Security tax that comes from your paycheck, and invest it in a private account? Employees in three Texas counties do just that and say it pays off.

The idea of diverting some or all of a worker's Social Security tax has been gaining ground, particularly in the last five years, according to Thomas Saving, director of the Texas A&M Private Enterprise Research Center and a member of President George W. Bush's Social Security Commission.

Some say investing one's own money for retirement will lead to a more comfortable retirement. Others say replacing or altering the present system could harm the poor, old, the dependent and disabled.

For county workers in Galveston, Brazoria and

Matagordo counties, there is no debate. Workers there have used private retirement accounts instead of Social Security for 20 years, and they say it's been a profitable substitute. Most Americans expect Social Security to comprise at least part of their retirement funds. The Social Security Administration reports more than 90 percent of Americans 65 or older receive Social Security benefits.

The problem lies with the pay as you go structure of the system, which means payroll taxes collected from today's workers pay today's social security benefits. As baby boomers age and retire, the number of people in the workforce decreases, meaning fewer workers to pay for more retirees. A crisis could be looming within 15 years.

Advocates of privatization look at the Texas alternate plans as success stories for individual retirement accounts.

In 1981, Galveston County was the first local government to opt out of social security and provide similar benefits through a private plan. Brazoria and Matagordo soon followed, but in 1983 Congress closed the opt-out loophole. In those counties, employees contribute a share of their paycheck, with an employer match of funds. These funds are invested in either a fixed or variable rate annuity, managed by First Beneficial Benefits of Houston.

Opponents of private investment accounts say Social Security would pay more to most people than a private account,

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Hats tossed in ring for March Primaries

We Get Letters

Vicki Blundell seeks re-election as District Clerk



Vicki Blundell is announcing her candidacy for a second term as District Clerk of Yoakum County. She was elected to the office in the November, 1998 General Election. In making her announcement, Blundell stated, " I truly enjoy working for the people of Yoakum County, and performing the duties of my office. With your support, I will continue to serve the public in a professional and courteous manner with hard work and determination."

Toni Jones seeks to return to office as County Treasurer



Toni Jones, Yoakum County Treasurer, announces her candidacy for election to a fifth term of office. She stated, " I am seeking re-election to this office, subject to the March Democratic Primary Election.."

Dear Editor,

I am writing you to say a few words to the Plains Cowboys and their fans. I am proud of the Cowboys in their performance Friday night at the playoff game in Seminole against Tahoka. I am also proud of all the fans who decided to stay throughout the game.

I am a Tahoka graduate of 1988, My husband, Ruben Diaz, and I have not lived in West Texas for more than 2 1/2 years. Plains is where my husband was transferred when the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program started there in 1999. We loved living in Plains, and loved going to all the high school sport activities as our spare time let us.

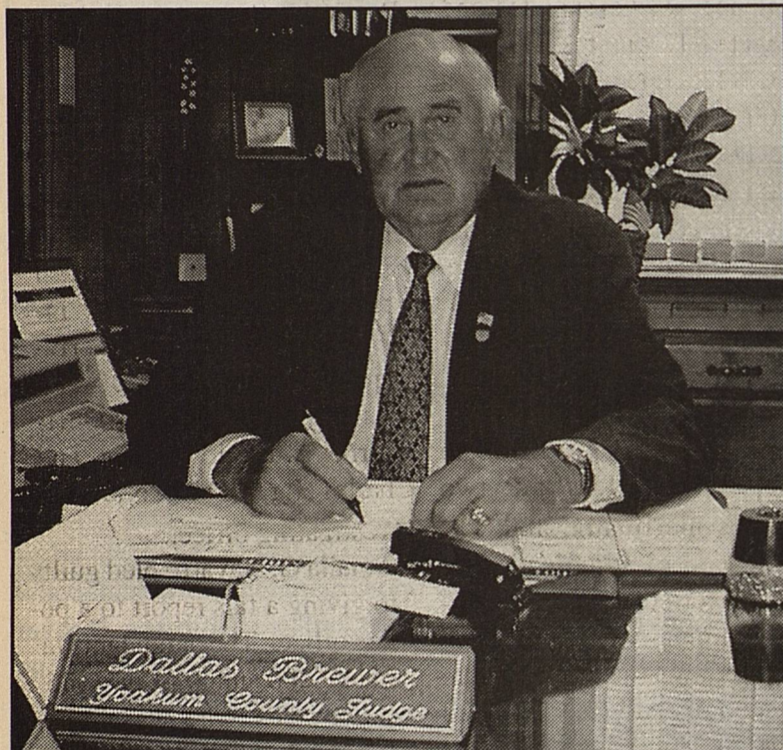
My point in this letter is, although I am a Tahoka Bulldog EX, I went to the Tahoka side, greeted my family, wished them luck and went to sit on the Plains side of the field. I loved watching the game all the way to the end. even if the Cowboys lost. I am very discouraged at those people who, at the third quarter, decided to give up on their team and leave.

You were just showing your team you have given up and you don't care. You think the students playing ball don't notice this, but they do. When you show them you're giving up on them, they may then hang their heads and give up too. The point of high school sports is, no matter whether you win or lose, you must never give up.

Congratulations to you Plains Cowboys for a great season; You made it to the playoffs. I know many other teams would have loved to have been there in your place.

Thank You,
ROSIE DIAZ

Dallas Brewer seeks to return as Yoakum County Judge



Dallas Brewer, Yoakum County Judge, has asked the Cowboy Country News to announce his plans for seeking re-election for a fifth term to this office, subject to the Democratic Primary, March 13, 2001.

" It is a great honor and privilege to serve the citizens of this county, and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue in this capacity."

Melba Crutcher announces bid to continue as Justice of Peace



Melba Crutcher of Plains announces her candidacy as Justice of the Peace, Precinct One. Judge Crutcher was first elected to the office in 1990. Since taking office in 1991, she has had over 300 hours in Justice Court training. She is a member of the West Texas Justices of the Peace and the State Justices of the Peace Associations, and has served as secretary/treasurer for the West Texas JP Association for eight years. Judge Crutcher is also a member of the Policies and Analysis Group for the Texas Association of Counties. Her husband, Dennis, is an employee at the Oxy CO2 plant.

Debbie Rushing seeks re-election to County Clerk position



Deborah " Debbie " Rushing announces her intentions to seek re-election to the position of County Clerk of Yoakum County. She was elected in November 1996 and again in 1998, and is the first Republican candidate elected to a countywide position here.

The 1972 graduate of Plains High School and 2001 graduate of South Plains College is a member and past president of the Plains Lions Club, member and past Secretary of Tsa MO Ga Club, Board member of the Yoakum County Connection and active member of the Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up. She is also a member of the County and District Clerks Association, serving on their legislative and auditing committees.

She said of her job, " It is a learning experience every single day, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I hope to continue to work hard for all the people of Yoakum County, and I will sincerely appreciate your support and influence in this election."

Old Man Winter Halts Weevil Eradication

Tuesday's long overdue killing freeze put a halt on aerial spraying of cotton fields in the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, according to Darrell Dusek, Zone Manager.

"We will start removing traps from all cotton fields in the zone, except those around historically 'hot' fields with high weevil numbers," Dusek said.

He said all aerial flights were terminated when well below freezing temperatures in the area were recorded for many hours. The official Weather Bureau temperature recorded at City Hall here was 26 degrees early Tuesday morning.

Dusek said if cotton producers find weevil traps around their fields next week they should notify the Plains District office to have them removed.

Dear Holly & Gary,

I enjoyed and appreciated your recent issue featuring the article on Donald Todd. He was in my class at Plains, and we too are friends. I talk to him on the phone about every six months or so, and when we talk we talk a long time. It gives me great pleasure to speak to him because our early beginning are so similar.

He was brought up on a farm, he was from a big family, and he attended the Tokio Baptist Church. When he talks about shaking the sand off the sheets in the morning when he was little, I can relate; I can relate when he talks about plodding up and down those cotton rows with a hoe, so we laugh a lot and talk about things happening in class or the school bus.

So you see, Holly and Gary, I have many reasons to be grateful for you providing CCN.

There are many people I don't know but when you publish a photo, for example the one of the members of First Baptist Church there preparing to go to New York City, I search the faces hoping I'll remember someone. Usually I will remember a name, but the face doesn't necessarily trigger my memory.

Thanks for your efforts,

Carol Williams,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Editor's note: Carol is a long time subscriber, and the daughter of Alma Bean, who built Alma's restaurant here, managing it many years before she retired and moved to Lubbock. Alma's is now Johnnie's Restaurant.

Former PHS student honored

Sweetwater - The student place for written report went to Lee Holsey, Sweetwater; Third place for tabletop displays went to 13 students, including David Granados, Plains. " The club is made up of students of all ages," said Gary Rhoades, club advisor. " They worked well as a team, learning from each other to be successful."


First place in oral presentation was awarded to Anthony Walden, Sweetwater; second

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Guidebook provides details on forts throughout the state

Wayne Lease, a Garland writer, spent months traveling the length and breadth of Texas in developing material for an in-depth guidebook on Texas forts.

Out Yonder



Ross McSwain

His efforts have been rewarding, not only to him and his traveling companion, wife Goldie, but to history buffs as well.

Lease's recently released book, "Lone Star Guide: Texas Forts," is perhaps the most complete collection of material on Texas' many forts, camps, missions and other installations utilized to protect early settlers to reach bookstore shelves in years. Published by Texas Forts Distributors LLC, Garland, the 288-page softcover book retails for \$18.45 plus sales tax and handling. It is fully illustrated with maps and numerous black and white and color photographs and is presently available from Texas Forts Distributors, 706 Angle Ridge Circle, Garland, TX 75043. Also, the book can be ordered through Barnes & Noble or Hastings outlets, and many historic forts have copies available in their gift shops. It also can be ordered on the Internet (www.texas-forts.com).

"Texans are missing an opportunity to learn more about their state by not visiting many of these historic sites," Lease says. He hopes his book will find its way into every family automobile where it can be used in planning short vacation trips and help revitalize Texas in 2002.

Lease's book focuses on pre-1900 forts and camps, including various missions, presidios and other establishments from the 1500s that were instrumental in the development of the state.

Lease says he gathered the information, along with plenty of photographs, during trips south to Brownsville, then west along the Rio Grande to El Paso. Other journeys took him southeast to Sabine Pass and San Augustine, then north to the Panhandle and Red River. He visited fort and camp sites that I personally knew little or nothing about, including a recent archeological dig near Nacogdoches that may be the ruins of Mission Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Nacogdoches.

"Many of the forts have vanished and some are now ghost towns," Lease says, such as Nashville, Texas, that once had 20 stores and about 1,000 people, but the townsite and its neighboring Fort Sullivan have dissolved into the Texas clay. At one time the citizens there had tried to

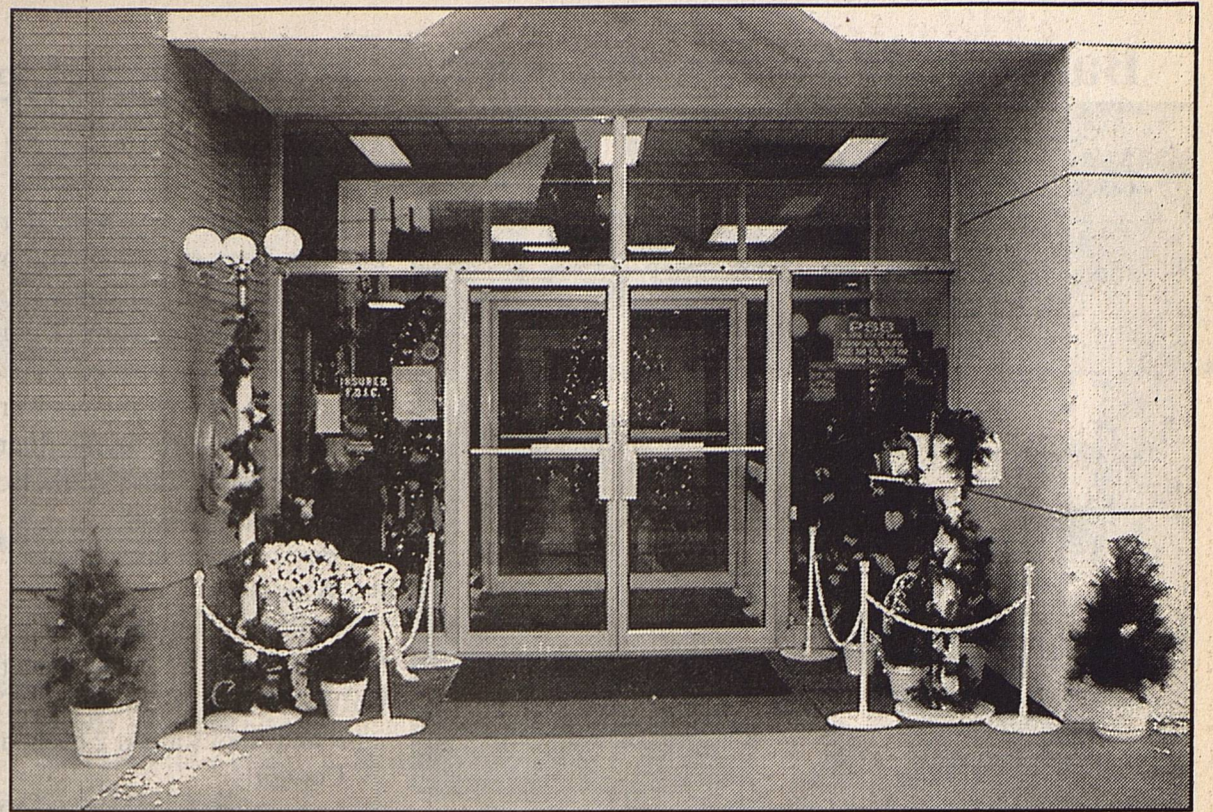
make the place a river port on the Brazos.

Lease has the book departmentalized into regions. Fort Concho and 22 other West Texas forts and camps are listed in Region Six, which stretches from the Texas Hill Country to the Tule Canyon Indian Camp at Palo Duro Canyon in the Panhandle. A number of other West Texas fort and camp sites are in other regions. Lease gives capsule historical accounts of the various camps, forts and missions, and acknowledges that he stopped and read every historical marker he came upon while driving across the state.

"As you travel, get off the Interstate and stop at the next historical marker. The marker's plaque may commemorate a fort, tell of a family whose name is the name of the county or town, describe a history of those villages no longer with us, or tell of a massacre," Lease writes. "Markers include stories of Texas seldom included in textbooks, and they create a feeling of being there."

Lease has done a commendable job of compiling a lot of information about early Texas history and how the facilities of the time helped the pioneers survive. For travelers who love history, the fort guide is a good addition to your library.

I'll be seeing you Out Yonder:



Plains State Bank, first commercial business to decorate for Christmas, is aglow for the Christmas season

Plains student recognized by West Texas A&M

Former Plains resident Alexis ('Lexi') Warren, freshman math education major at West Texas A&M University, has been recognized as the Texas A&M University's Blue Chip Teacher Recruit for the 2001-2002 school year. She joins 66 other students from universities throughout the A&M System.

The Blue Chip Teacher Recruit program is part of a recognition program associated with the System's Regents' Initiative for Excellence on Education.

"We're excited about this opportunity to recognize these people at this point in their careers who want to be teachers," Dr. Ted Guffy, Dean of College of Education and Social Sciences said.

The A&M System's universities are committed to increasing the number of teacher graduated and certified by 33 percent by the year 2004. The universities are actively recruiting

teachers in 'high need' fields such as science, math, special education, bi-lingual English as a second language, technology and foreign language.

Lexi is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howard, and a 2001 graduate of Plains High School.

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according to a study by the General Accounting Office. Not so, say spokesmen for First Beneficial, who claim they ran the numbers based on GAO's criteria, indicating the private accounts would provide substantially more monthly dollar benefits than those from Social Security.

There are also a number of proposals for reforming Social Security, suggesting a portion of workers' payroll taxes be invested in the stock market. Critics say the stock market route is too risky.

The Social Security Administration calculates a persons retirement benefits based on the person's 35 years of highest earnings, so the Private Enterprise Research Center at Texas

A&M looked at the historic returns for the 95 35-year periods between 1906 and 2000 on portfolios holding Standard & Poor's 500 stocks and bonds to see just how risky investing in the 20th Century was.

The average annual rate of return for all-stock portfolios was 6.4%. A mixed portfolio, with 60% stocks and 40% bonds, produced an annual real return of 5.1%.

By comparison, workers entering the labor market today can expect a rate of return on social security taxes of less than 2%.

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tended to adjudication of guilt deferred, he will serve 12 months community supervision, Pay a \$250 fine, \$210 court costs, and \$70 restitution to the DPS. He will serve 24 hours community service. A 25.5 jour jail sentence has been served/ Investigating officer was Robert Shugart, DPS, and he was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

Raynaldo Garza agreed on the

state's motion to modify conditions of community service from a prior assault causing bodily injury cause. The defendant will serve 25 hours additional community service.

William Ferrell Bennett pled true to assault causes bodily injury to family member. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 23 days served.

Tanner Duane Key pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred, must pay a \$247 fine and \$211 court costs, serve 24 hours, attend the out patient TAIP program, and serve 36 hours in jail with credit for 19.5 hours served. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS.

Donne Rhea Wingo pled guilty to a first DWI, blood test .21. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He must pay \$225 court costs, \$600 fine, and \$1050 restitution. Unsafe speed, no seat belt appeals were adjudicated. He must complete the DWI first offender program and attend weekly AA meetings. He was represented by Bill Helwig.

Gabriel Ramirez II pled guilty to criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended 12 months. he was fined \$200, must pay \$225 court costs and court appointed attorney fees of \$200 He must serve 24 hours and pay \$134

restitution to Maria Garcia. Arturo Valverde pled guilty to resisting arrest. A one year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$200 attorney fees, attend weekly AA meetings and serve 80 hours community service. His attorney was Paul Mansur and investigating officer was Patricia Valdez, D.C. Police.

Justin Gary Stowe pled guilty to a first DWI, A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$225 court costs and a \$500 fine. He must complete the DWI first offender program, serve 24 hours community service, and serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 9.5 hours served. His attorney was S. Rafe Foreman, and investigating officer was Robert Shugart, DPS.

Amber L. Rhodes pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. She will be under community supervision six months, must serve 24 hours community service, was fined \$200, and must pay \$210 court costs and \$70 restitution to DPS. Her attorney was Bill Helwig, and Robert Shugart, DPS, was investigating officer.

Judson Kirk Reed pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test 138/121. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600 and must pay \$225 court costs. He will serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 7 hours served, must attend weekly AA meetings, and complete the first offender program., and serve 24 hours community service. His attorney was Bill Helwig.

Sidney Thomas Pippin pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test 133/133. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months, He must pay \$225 court costs and \$500 fine, serve 72 hours in jail with credit for

10 hours served, serve 24 hours community service, complete the first offender program and attend weekly AA meetings. He was represented by Bill Helwig, and Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS.

David Joe Salazar pled guilty to criminal trespass of a habitation. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated six months. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$255 court costs. He must complete the Women's Protective Service Anger Management Counseling and pay the \$25 cost. He will serve 80 hours community service. His attorney was Bill Helwig, and Chris Ballard, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Francisco Alberto Saenz pled guilty to reduced to lesser included offense of reckless driving. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$255 court costs. His attorney was Bill Helwig, and Charles Higgs, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Amalia G. Navarro pled guilty to giving a fals report to a police officer. The defendant was fined \$200 and must pay \$255 court costs. She was represented by Attorney Barry Crutchfield, and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS.

Efrain Maldonado pled guilty to DWI, blood test refused. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$750 and must pay \$124 court costs, and complete the Anger Management Counseling program. His attorney was David Guinn Jr., and investigating officer was Deputy Larry Murphree, Sheriff Department.

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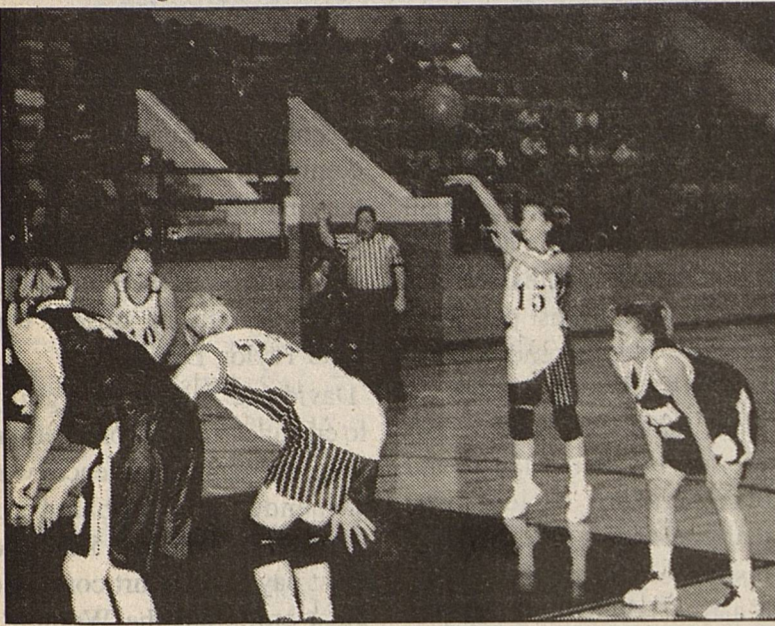
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Basketball Action Scenes



Jessica Rodriguez tries to work ball inside



Mackenzie Winn makes free shot



Kayla Willis tries to get over Morton defender



Annaliesa Q'Quinn Takes jump shot

PISD Basketball Recap

Middle School:

7th Girls-

The youngest Lady Wranglers opened their season against Stanton. They started strong, outscoring Stanton 12-2 the first period, but then fell behind to lose 32-28. Desiraye Broome Topped the scoring with 12 points.

8th Girls-

The older Lady Wranglers were short handed against Stanton with only five girls on the floor. They had a dismal outing, going down 30-4, with Cecilia Bonilla and Ashli Hunter the only scorers with two each.

7th Boys - report unavailable

8th Wranglers-

The older Wranglers also had a tough season opener with Stanton, losing 19-32. Making the scoring column were Casson Curtis 8, Blake O'Quinn and T.J. Cordova, 3 each, Todd Williams and Abel Ramos 2 each, and David Alldredge 1.

JV Cowgirls-

The younger Cowgirls fell to Morton November 20, 24-20, and coach said they played well the first three quarters. Kristian Morales topped scoring with 6 points, Sarah Martinez had 3, Micaela Villegas, Daniela Lazos and Manuela Villegas 2 each, and Prisma Ortiz 1.

Varsity Cowgirls- (Note- the computer normally used to tabulate all results of varsity games was not functioning at the start of the season.)

The Cowgirls had a rough start, facing Roosevelt in their opener and going down 46-27. Chelsea Blount topped the scoring with 7 points, followed by Chelsi Wagnon and Annaliesa O'Quinn with 6 each, Mackenzie Winn 4, Kayla Willis and Jessica Knight 2 each. Jessica Rodriguez had 4 assists, and Mackenzie and Annaliesa each had steals.

** Computer problems made getting stats on Morton game impossible, according to Coach Newland.

Varsity Cowboys-

With most of the team fresh out of football pads, the Cowboys opened against Morton, a team which had already played 7 games. The Cowboys were defeated 57-41. Jared Bell led the scoring with 13 points, Jarod Newland had 7, Moises Gonzales 5. Bell also was leading rebounder with 14, Tanner Hamm had 7, Joseph Rodriguez managed 6 grabs.

**Support the Cowboys
and Cowgirls... attend the
3rd Annual Yoakum
County Shoot-Out!
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Schedule brackets in
gym foyer**

PHS Student of the Week

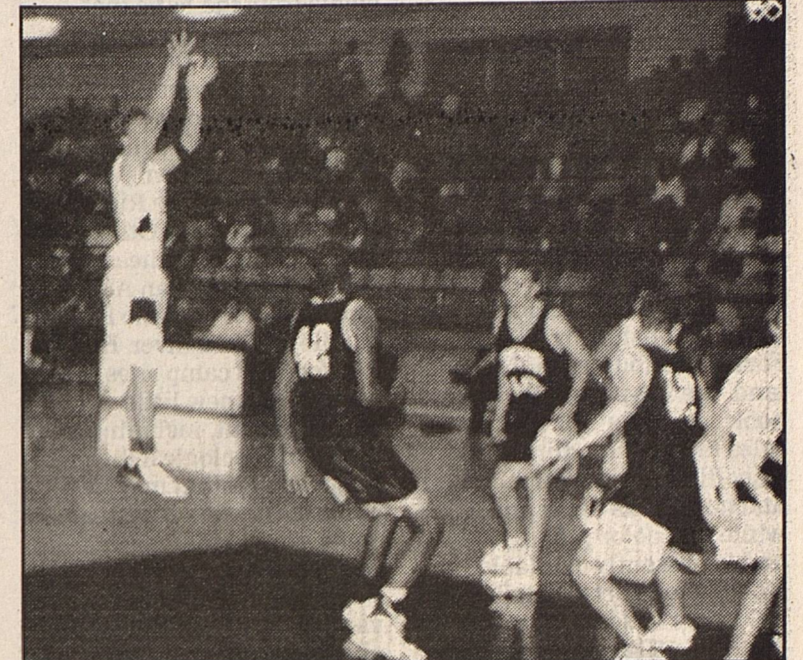
Student of the Week is Elizabeth Clanahan, a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Clanahan. She was nominated by Mrs. Jones, who said, "She has organized many student council activities this school year. She is currently serving as secretary and chairperson of the TEED committee. She kicked off energy awareness week with a lights out day and gave information to the elementary and middle school students. She also helped organize the school-wide food drive, encouraging students and faculty to give to those in need this holiday season. I ap-



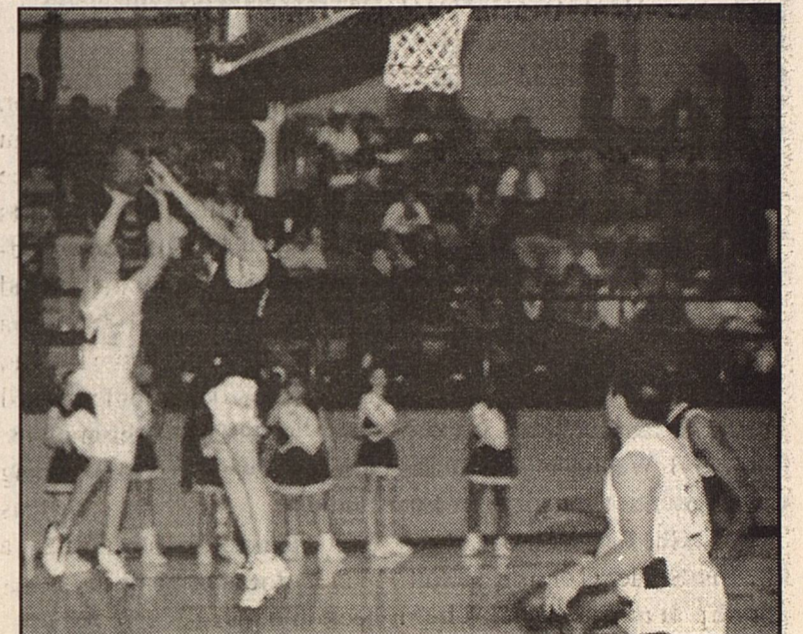
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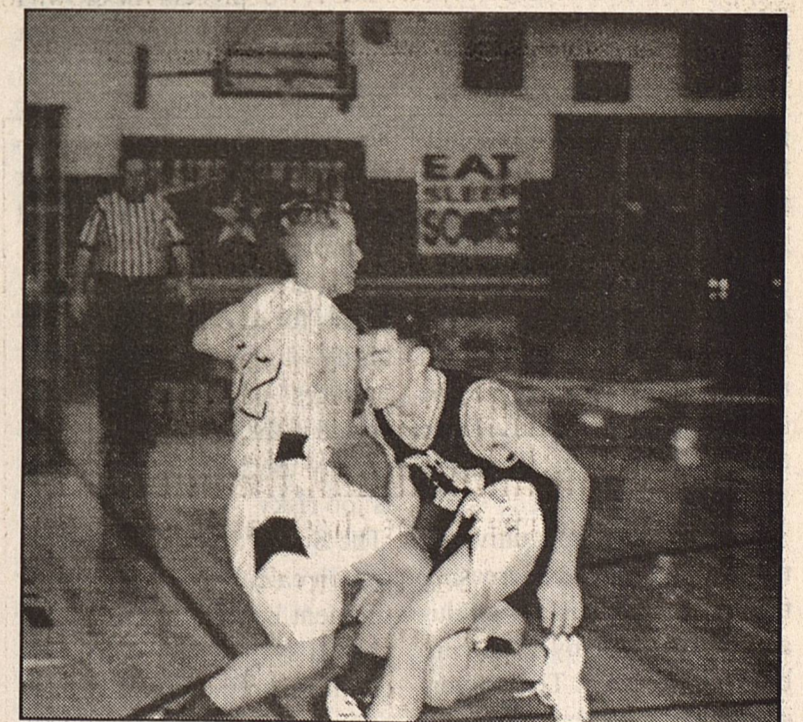
Cheerleaders urge fans support



Jared Bell goes high for jumper



Tanner Hamm takes inside shot



Jarod Newland has trouble with an Indian

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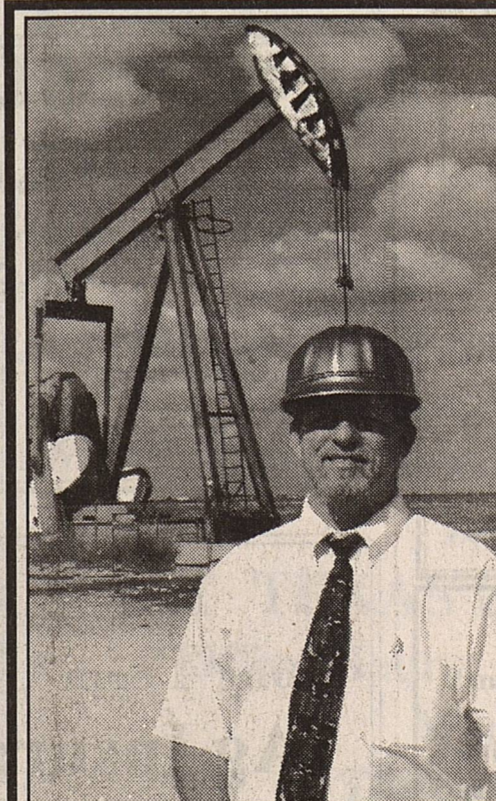
From one oil patch hand to another!

Congratulations to every single laborer in the oil patch. From the dispatcher in the office to the roustabout and roughneck in the field, the word is **work**. Long hours and injury are not strangers. Sometimes actual back injuries result from accidents or lifting; sometimes repetitive injuries surface just from doing the same stressful thing day after day, year after year.

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I worked for Amoco as roustabout and pumper, and also worked shift work in the gas plant for thirteen years. I know what you are going through on a daily basis. As the saying goes, "Been there, done that!" Keep drilling, keep positive, and know that there is at least one doctor in the world that really knows what you are going through and applauds your efforts.

Have a Safe day!
Dr. Cecil



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Lifelines & Styles

Plains coed to compete in Pageant



Candace Bowers from Plains will be one of 16 competitors vying for the title and a \$500 scholarship in the 44th annual Miss Caprock Pageant Friday, November 30 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Bowers, 19, is a sophomore elementary education major, and the daughter of Tim and Donna Bowers. She was nominated by Baptist Student Ministries. She is a member of the Baptist Student Ministries leadership team and Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for students in two year colleges.

can be purchased at the door. The festivities begin at 7 pm in the Tom T. Hall Performance Center in the Creative Arts Building. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, and first runner-up will receive a \$300 scholarship. Steve Bryant, director of development, will serve as master of ceremonies. Contestants will model evening and casual wear. Five finalists will be asked a question by a panel of judges prior to the selection of Miss Caprock Deanna Zubin, Miss Caprock 2001, will present the crown to the winner.

Tickets are \$2 per person and

SPC speech team wins at San Marcos

South Plains College forensic team members Kelly Dunn from Bledsoe and Krystle Blundell from Plains were novice champions in dual interpretation at the recent Fall Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Ass. Tournament in San Marcos.

The event was hosted by Southwest Texas State University and included competition by 12 community colleges and 10 universities.

The six member squads brought home the largest number of awards of any of the community colleges competing, according to Laura Dickinson, instructor in speech and spon-

sor of the speech team. Britt Childress from O'Donnell and Kary Cooper from Smyer helped sweep the novice dual interpretation event with a second place spot.

Dunn took second in novice poetry. Blundell broke into varsity competition with a fourth place spot in varsity after dinner speaking.

They competed with students from Rice, Baylor, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and other universities and community colleges. "They are very professional and they are very motivated; they want to do well," said Dickinson.

Turkey Shoot On Tap

The Terry County 4-H Clubs are sponsoring a Turkey Shoot Saturday, December 1, 10 A.M. until 3 A.M. Events scheduled include Annie Oakley, Doubles, Jackpot, Straight Trap and others. Shooters must bring their own guns and ammunition. Directions from Plains are, go east on 82/38 past Hwy. 780 to C.R. 125, turn south to site.

For more information, call Jerry Warren, CEA-AG, 806-637-4060.

Join is - Meet Santa Claus Wednesday, 5:45, Pioneer Park

Asthma in the U.S.

The Center for Disease Control estimates 17 million Americans have asthma. That includes people who had asthma diagnosed by a physician at some time in their lives and who reported symptoms of asthma during the preceding 12 months.

The top 10 states	
State	Number of cases
California	2,268,300
New York	1,236,200
Texas	1,175,100
Florida	863,900
Pennsylvania	800,900
Illinois	795,200
Ohio	748,200
Michigan	642,300
New Jersey	540,400
Georgia	458,700

SOURCE: Center for Disease Control.

Christmas Assistance Program

The 2001 Christmas Assistance Program will accept applications at the following times: November 19 - December 10, 2 PM - 5 PM. Applications will be accepted at the County Treasurer office at the courthouse. Only ONE adult per household may apply. Applicants must have a driver license, or other identification, and a receipt of payment from a gas or electric bill, with applicants current address

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Kristen Knight
Chase Ortega
Kelby Bartley
Forrest Booth
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Kevin John Gass
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Adam Nixon
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Rebecca Garcia
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Matthew Ramos
Kailey Vasquez
Marina Corrales
Vanessa Cueto
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Darian Gonzales
Abe Neudorf
Abraham Peters
Joseph Sainz
Haley Welch
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Salvador Corrales
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Merritt Crump
Larla Powell
Fermin Villegas
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Demarcus Brown
Adriana Corrales
Marya Cueto
Dakota Earnest
Carolina Hernandez
Maria Loewen
Sam Melendez
Hunter Parrott
Camishay Rubio
Suzette Bonilla
Andrew Conway
Shelby Covarrubias
Christopher Davis
Taylor Fitzgerald
Zachary Lamar
Mariela Martinez
Eva Neudorf
Shyann Vantine

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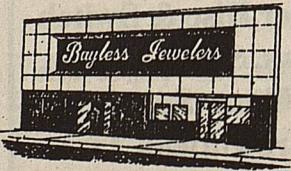
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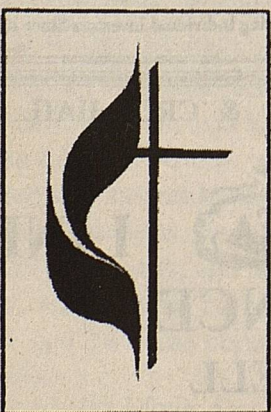
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5:30 - 7:30 pm

Other Opportunities

Fitness/exercise Class - 5:30 -
6:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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From The Hack

I hope you had a memorable Thanksgiving. Ours was only semi-memorable. We did have a great turkey and all the stuff lunch, and enjoyed being with some of the kissing kin. Then, not about to break my ritual of several eons, home for a nice, lengthy nap, then, quite naturally, another turkey dinner. I do not understand many things, but at the top of my list of least understandable is the woman I am married to.

She knew we were going out for the Thanksgiving noon meal, and it was quite sumptuous. Pray tell, why did BRIDE have to cook turkey, dressing, gravy, all that other good stuff for us to nibble on that evening, and weeks to come? I suppose I sounded a bit gruff when I posed that question to her, for she sniffed, "I just thought you would want MY turkey and stuff too."

Well, naturally, I had to assure her I truly DID prefer her bird and dressing, and proceeded to prove this to her by gorging myself one more time that interminably long day. I dreamed all that night I was being chased by an irate, huge, white, enraged and frothing at the mouth Tom Turkey, with a sharp axe

under its wing. Half a bottle of Tagamet finally settled me down to sleep.

How about those football games Friday? Immediately after the end of the Texas victory over Texas A & M, I heard the EMS ambulance take off, siren wailing, and I assumed it was going to the emergency aid of some ex-Aggie, either Gary Walker, Dwayne Canada or Bill Butler. I may have guessed rightly, for cafe talk next day was Walker had fainted dead away when the Horns scored their go ahead touch down, and again at their final scoring drive. Reliable sources confirmed the rumor Dwayne Canada cried repeatedly in the final quarter while on his knees praying, and it is strongly rumored Bill Butler ran his entire family outdoors so he could weep, wail and curse. I confess..... I chuckled quite loudly, and walked around holding up the Hook 'Em Horns sign the rest of the day. My football fantasy became real, factual, stunning, when Colorado blitzkrieged the Big Bad Red Nebraska team! I felt so euphoric I danced about the living room, sipping a sasarilla for twenty minutes!

Listening to a talk radio gig last Saturday,, I was astounded, and a bit saddened about another casualty from the September 11 horror.

The anthrax problem is about to interfere with our kids Christmas ritual of writing letters to Santa Claus. The radio

reported announcements will soon be made urging youngsters across the nation to avoid sending Santa their wish list in a sealed envelope, urging them and their parent to instead use post cards to contact the North Pole.

I suppose it's a reasonable, rational request, considering problems with the anthrax threat at a number of postal facilities. If I were a postal worker handling hundreds, thousands of letters addressed by small, unskilled hands, I would much prefer a card I could plainly see both sides of. The radio spot also startled me with their request for the kiddos not to send Mr. Claus either candy or money. What's going on here?

I NEVER even thought of sending the red suited fat man either - I expected candy under the tree, and I certainly didn't have any money to send to HIM. There were a few times in my innocent years I would find an envelope under the tree with a couple of bucks in it, wishing me well, and of course I want to send good stuff to HIM? Remember, Brother Bill, I was very young and innocent this time in my life. I am MUCH more charitably spirited now.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Since the very first days after the September 11 attacks, we have come to realize our country has been attacked, and our freedom must be defended. This is truly a battle between good and evil, and in the process of holding those responsible, The United States will act in a united, conscientious and determined manner.

The President recently stated, "we will not rest until terrorist groups of global reach have been found, have been stopped and defeated." It is why the United States, with the assistance of the British, is bombing military targets in Afghanistan. This will not be a swift battle, with a conclusive and immediate end, like the Gulf War. This will take a great deal of time and sacrifice, but we will prevail. We will not fight just today, not just tomorrow, but next month and the years after as well. I know if we remain steadfast and dedicated to our goals, and united in our hearts, victory will come. Meanwhile, we are providing humanitarian assistance, including food, to the innocent Afghan people - people who have been starved, suffered and lost loved ones at the hands of the extremist Taliban regime. We are only targeting those who have committed evil, and those who support them. We will not let any stonestay

turned - and we will not let this horrible act go unanswered.

It is our responsibility to make sure all those who have died these months and in the 200 plus years before that to maintain the freedom of this country, will never, ever have died in vain.

From the very beginning of our history, we have faced the challenges presented to us with courage and integrity - And we have defended our freedom no matter the crisis. This difficult time reminds me of the very first great challenge our nation faced -the battle for our very independence.

During the Revolutionary War, a brave young patriot, Major General Joseph Warren, fought against the British at Bunker Hill. He battled with other American irregulars against an enemy more than twice their size - causing the Red Coats to lose more than a third of their troops - but in the end, the Americans ammunition ran out.

While the bulk of the Continental Army retreated, the last units stayed in their trenches to hold off the British. They fought hand-to-hand. That is where General Joseph Warren was last seen fighting.

Before his death though, in the quiet before that battle, Warren gave the men under him a simple command; "Our country is in danger now, but not to be despaired of. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question upon which rest the happiness and the liberty of millions not yet born. Act worthy of yourselves."

That command applies to all of us now - and it is a challenge I know we are all capable of living up to

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS) COUNTY OF YOAKUM)

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, December 7th, 2001, for the purchase of (1) New 2001 or 2002 Jail Transport Vehicle for the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department with or without the trade-in of (1) 1993 Chevrolet Suburban.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, December 10, 2001. Bid price will be paid from 2001 budgeted funds.

To inspect the trade-in, please contact Sheriff Don Corzine at 806-456-2377.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, 806-456-2422, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas, 79355 or Sheriff Don Corzine, P.O. Box 189, Plains, Texas 79355, 806-456-2377.

Sealed bids should be marked "VEHICLE" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. **NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, December 7th, 2001, for the sale of (1) Used 1993 Chevrolet Suburban from the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, December 10, 2001.

To inspect the vehicle, please contact Sheriff Don Corzine at 806/456-2377.

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