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## DAIRY BOOM ACROSS LINE MAY AFFECT LOCAL AG PRODUCERS

Neighboring Lea County, New Mexico, like our own County, suffers from the severe downturn of the oil industry. Recent developments there in the agricultural sector of their economy have provided some good, positive news for all of Lea County. The dairy business there is not only alive and well, it is booming.

There are presently ten dairy operations in the county, and from ten to fifteen more will probably be added in the near future. The ten existing dairies are now milking some 8,000 cows, a total which could grow to over 20,000 when the proposed new dairies come on line.

How can all this cow milking affect Yoakum County and our local farm producers? All those cattle have to eat, and eat well, and with our proximity to the majority of the dairies in the Lovington and Hobbs area, many of the dairy owners will be looking across the state line for forage. There are already a large number of our county acres devoted to irrigated corn production,



most of which is contracted to those dairies. They are also purchasing alfalfa hay from local growers, and in all probability, demand for this type forage will increase as dairy herds continue to grow.

Just south of Lovington on the Hobbs Highway, two large construction projects are underway. Lea County Cheese Company expects to open their brand new and impressive cheese manufacturing facility in the near future. Owned by the Joe and Doug Tobkin

families, who relocated to Lovington recently from Veblen, South Dakota, the plant was originally planning to process some 250,000 pounds of milk per day. That figure should quickly grow to 1,000,000 pounds, thanks to a recent agreement between the Tobkins and Mid-American Dairymen, a major producer-owned dairy cooperative.

The Co-op will obtain contracts with area dairy owners for their milk production, which will then be supplied to the cheese plant. The Co-op will also assist in marketing the finished products to nationwide food outlets.

The other building next to the cheese plant is the soon to be completed Southwestern Dried Products, Inc., a whey processing, 25,000 square foot facility. Owners Dave Neilson, Dave Jr. and brother-in-law Steve Reeves, say their production will also increase, thanks to the Mid-American participation.

Both companies have received financial help from the City of Lovington and State. The City is to issue \$3.5 million in revenue bonds to use for additional equipment in the cheese plant. The bonds will be purchased by Mid-America. The state will be asked to release \$250,000 from its Economic Development Department for the purchase of additional equipment needed for the increased milk processing.

Because of our fortunate supply of irrigation water, good soil and experienced producers, a great number of additional Yoakum County farm acres may soon be in additional forage crops.

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR  
DECEMBER 7, 1994

## VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS VITAL TO AREA

You've seen the scene on TV and the movies countless times. It's nighttime, dead of winter, freezing cold, wind blowing a gale, and firemen are desperately battling a blazing building fire. Coated with ice, masks frozen over, an occasional shot of a fire fighter overcome by smoke and exhaustion. Many times this scene is a real one. How would you like to be one of those guys? You just possibly could be, if you want to become a member of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

In a recent twelve month period, the department responded to some 66 fire alarm calls, and one call for the Jaws of Life rescue device, at the scene of a car wreck. If you are one of the misinformed who think these volunteers are in the business for the money, think again. They receive a magnificent ten dollar bill each time they go on a run, and many of the frequent grass fires they cope with often last as long as ten to twelve hours. The mandatory weekly meetings they attend often last several hours, for which they receive four dollars. After each emergency response, they must restore their equipment and vehicles to a ready state again, another lengthy process. Quick calculations indicate they are receiving considerably less than a dollar an hour for their time, work, and risk.

The local Volunteer Department came into

being in (?) 1948. Three of the charter members of that group still live in Plains, H. G. (Bob) McDonnell, Bobby Duanne (Little Bob) McDonnell, and Sherm Tingle. Both Tingle and 'Little Bob' were injured while answering a fire call at the local telephone company facility, where dynamite stored in a warehouse exploded. Flying debris struck McDonnell, causing serious skull and facial injuries. One resident was killed in the explosion and fire.

New recruits to the group must undergo specific hours of training, including four days of special fire fighting basics at the Fire Training Center in Lubbock. After a six month probationary period, they must be certified by the Texas State Firemen and Fire Marshall Association. They must continue to receive four hours of specialty training each month.

The local Volunteer Department has two pump trucks, one a 1994 state of the art model, and two other support trucks, primarily used combating grass fires. The County purchases the rolling stock, which the department maintains. The City furnishes the department uniforms, which consist of heavy, protective coats, pants, gloves, boots and hats. With all their gear on, including the mandatory self contained breathing apparatus, they are toting a bulky fifty or so pounds of gear.

The department thinks



What Today's Modern, Well Dressed Young Fire Fighter is Wearing

the recent installation of Dry Hydrants around the county will be a major asset in fighting rural fires, offering alternate sources of emergency water without a return trip to town. One of the hydrants, located at the Ray Bearden home east of town, has already been used fighting a large grass fire in the Tokio area.

There are currently twenty active volunteer fire fighters in the department. Officers are Charles Diamond, Fire Chief, Robert Wauson, Asst. Chief, Captains Michael and Alex Barrientes, Secretary

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## SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN

Apparently having problems with his team of reindeer, Santa Claus utilized the City fire truck to visit a hundred or so delighted youngsters last week at Pioneer Park. Lights flashing, sirens blaring, the truck dropped the jolly old gentlemen off at the Community building, where he listened to the kids Christmas wishes and gave parents a chance to get pictures of their charges talking to him.

Just before his visit, the New Christmas tree in the park was lighted the first time. The large crowd enjoyed singing Christmas carols led by Vernon Hise, and heard a message from Ray Young, Hillside Church of Christ.

The Cowboy marching band, in their usual excellent form, played Christmas songs, and in a special medley, greeted St. Nick with their last number, "Here Comes Santa Claus".

It was a well organized, fun event, and to all who took part in the ceremony, well done.



Grady McNabb & Santa

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## DECEMBER 7, 1941

### PEARL HARBOR ATTACKED

A favorite nostalgia game of several current generations is asking, "Where were you and what were you doing when J. F. K. was killed in Dallas." That traumatic moment is vividly recalled by millions old enough to remember the tragedy.

The same nostalgia game question for older generations is often, "Where were you and what were you doing on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941?" I know precisely my answer to the perennial question. I was not quite ten years old, attending a Sunday afternoon matinee of the then big comedy hit movie, 'You're In The Army Now,' being screened at the Cactus Theater in San Angelo.

The wild and hilarious film, starring Bud Abbott

and Lou Costello, had the packed house roaring with guffaws, when suddenly the screen went dark, and the curtains were closed. The enraged audience, including scores of Army Air Corp personnel from nearby Goodfellow Air Field, began to stomp, whistle and boo.

A man walked solemnly out on the stage, followed by an Air Corp Major. The theater manager then announced the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. There were screams from women, curses from the G. I.'s, and I sat there just stunned. All I knew was Pearl was an important Naval Base in the Hawaiian Islands. The Major then bellowed, "All military personnel will return to the Base immediately, That's IMMEDIATELY,

gentlemen!" Long time resident Garland Swann's recollections of that remarkable day are even more vivid, from an adults memory, and the fact he was THERE, in a front row witness seat of the event which plunged us into a global war, eventually to last 1,320 long, costly and very bloody days.

"I was stationed at Ewa Field on the island of Oahu, and that Sunday morning, several of my buddies and I were walking to the mess hall for breakfast, when these planes began to swarm in overhead," the then young Marine Aviation Mechanic reported, "and we thought they were a bunch of crazy

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Brenda Wauson, and Asst. Secretary Donna Diamond. Other members are Ricky Mares, Darrel Sellers, Frank Medrano, Vicente Loya, Jr., Tammy Sellers, Kenley Powell, Isaias Jimenez, Joe Humphrey, Vicente Delgado, Louis Nelson, James Wright, Vickie Delgado, Tony Perez, and Valentin Luna.

The old saying about not wanting to see a cop unless you really need one could apply to these dedicated volunteers. You never really appreciate them enough, unless it happens to be your property on fire. They do what they do because they believe its a necessary endeavor for someone. A common misconception is that you must pay for their services if you call them for emergency help. You don't. They are not allowed money for their personal services, but you can certainly make donations thru the city for the department, to help maintain their gear and equipment. We should all be grateful there are a handful of dedicated people to come to our aid in emergencies.

**THIS IS NOT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Eastland, December 27, 1927: In a gun battle near South Bend this morning, police officers captured the "Santa Claus" who led the robbery of the First National Bank in Cisco on Christmas Eve. Seriously wounded in the battle, the prisoner was armed with four German lugers, two automatic pistols, a double-barreled shotgun, and a bowie knife.

The last two of the four bandits remain at large. Both are believed to have been wounded in the battle this morning, but they managed to escape. The robber wounded on the day of the robbery died on Christmas Day.

THE TEXAS NEWS

*The Canterbury Villa Care Center located at 315 Mustang Ave., Denver City, is extending a personal invitation to their Christmas Open House, December 10, 1994 from 2 to 5PM. They would like you to see the services they now offer the community. There will be live music, hors d'oeuvres, and other refreshments. They look forward to sharing an enjoyable time with you.*

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Army Air Corps fighter pilots buzzing us," Swann said. Once inside, when glass windows began to explode from machine gun fire, and shells began to ricochet off the concrete floor, he and the entire crowd "got the hell outta there!"

Garland said the sudden, savage Japanese air attack destroyed 54 Navy and Marine aircraft on Ewa Field in the raid, which was a 'clear the air' tactic of the Japanese main aerial assault on Pearl Harbor, and its huge assembly of Navy fighting ships.

"While we were under attack, I felt a pain in my shoulder, and finally managed to pull out a small scrap of metal. Believe it or not, you could still see 'Prince Albert Tobacco' printed on the thing," Garland reported with a chuckle. It was a memento from Tojo, thanking the U. S. for the tons of scrap metal we had been selling them for years, preparing for this big event.

A few short months later, Swann would find himself and his Marine Air Group II stationed on Midway Island. "We'd originally been ordered to Wake Island, but when it fell to the Japanese, we landed at the Midway Naval Air Station, with three squadrons of planes, mostly F-4 Wildcat fighters and SBD dive bombers," he recalled.

The 'Battle of Midway', the greatest engagement of Naval powers in the then young war, would prove to be the decisive battle between Naval and Air groups in the war, resulting in the destruction and rout of the Jap carrier force returning to Pearl Harbor and the Hawaiian Islands



GARLAND SWANN ON MIDWAY ISLAND, 1942

for the death blow. The combined Navy and Marine Air powers demolished Admiral Tojo's proud Imperial Fleet, but not without severe losses. "Every single SBD Dive Bomber our group had was shot down in that big engagement, a total of 18 planes," Swann remembered.

He would eventually return to the States for a brief leave, then was ordered back into the furious land and sea assault of the Japanese held territories in the South Pacific. He and his Marine Air comrades would take part in the long, fierce and bloody island hopping campaigns against Japanese held islands in the Marshal and Mariana groups, including the bloody assaults against Tarawa, Kwajalein, and Majoro.

Garland would eventually serve a total of 48 months in the long, bitter Pacific campaign. His air group planes would be transported from battle to

battle by aircraft carriers, including the famed old original carrier "Enterprise", support carriers, and many of the Marine support crews sailed on any available ships, cruisers, destroyers, anything they found room on.

"Surviving Pearl Harbor sure doesn't qualify for any type of hero award," Garland confided. "We were just real thrilled to get out of what was our Navy's worst disaster alive, and I am happy to be here after all that island hopping and shooting." We are glad, too, Garland.

**Life Management Workshop Students**



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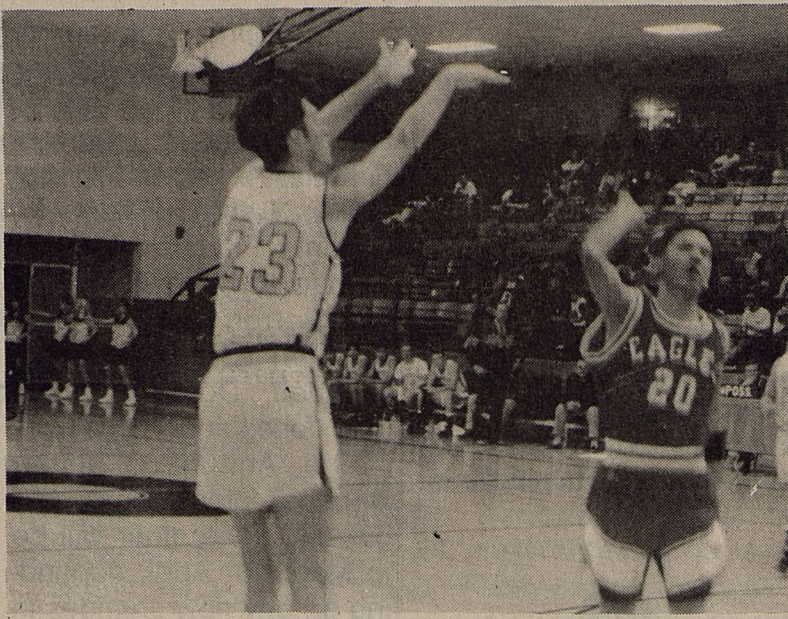
**PAY 'N' SAVE**

## COWBOYS DOWN EAGLES 84-59

The Cowboy Varsity basketballers, ten of them just returned from the gridiron wars, took to the hard boards in impressive form Monday night, besting the Seagraves Eagles in their first game of the season, 84-59.

Coach Jack Baucom had expressed his hopes last week the team would adjust quickly to the demands of basketball play. It appears his hopes have been answered. "It was an excellent first outing for us, considering the short period of practice time we've had, and considering the fact Seagraves had already played two games," Baucom said.

It was a solid team effort with four Cowboys finishing in double figure points. Brad McMinn led the way with 24, closely followed by Ladd Winn, 21, Victor Bernal, 14, and Shannon Ward, 10. Other scorers were Chase Clanhahan, 6, Pete Flores, 4, Ken



LADD WINN MAKES THREE POINTER

McAdams, 3, and Ralph Ramirez, 2.

The Cowboys dominated the Eagles in rebounds 14-12, 2nd effort points 13-6, and free throws 16-7.

Brad McMinn, utilizing his 6'6" height, brought down 17 rebounds, Shannon Ward nabbed 6, and Chase Clanhahan had 4.

Coach Baucom said, "I'm very pleased with the

quickness we displayed, even from our big people, and we played a very sound defensive game." The team made a very respectable 60.9% of its field goal attempts.

The Cowboys next face the Eagles again in Seagraves December 6. You local fans had better catch this bunch. This is a talented team.

## EAGLES BUMP COWGIRLS 45-40

In an earlier interview, Coach Steve Osborn said he was proud his Cowgirl basketball team played aggressively. They demonstrated this trait in Monday night's game against the Seagraves Varsity, but unfortunately, ended up on the short side of the 45-40 score.

The much smaller Cowgirls were simply out muscled by the Amazon like Eagles. To their credit, they were never intimidated in the very physical and rough-tough game. Getting off to a fast start, they actually led the Eagles the first quarter 14-8, but the constant pounding from the big Eagles under the basket took its toll.

Coach Osborn said, "We're always disappointed when we lose, but I was very pleased the way we attacked them, both on offense and defense. Our girls couldn't find their shooting eye the way we hoped for, but they played well against a much larger team from a 2-A school." They managed to sink only 18.2% of their 33 field goal attempts.



STACEY JONES AT FREE THROW LINE

Sophomore Tessa St. Romain led the Cowgirl scorers with 10 points, followed by Stacey Jones, 10, Robin Squyres, 7, Misty Willett and Shyloh Winn, 5, each and Bridget Bernal, 1.

Surprisingly, the Cowgirls out rebounded the taller Eagles, 24 to 17. "That stat alone tells me they were playing hard and showing lots of hustle," Coach Osborn said. The Cowgirls also outscored Seagraves from the free throw line 19 to 7. A big contributor to the first loss of the season for the Cowgirls was the

Eagles managing to convert turnovers to points, 13 in all.

To their credit, they never lost their composure, even when their young bodies would crash and bounce off the three big lady Eagle center and forwards.

The Cowgirls next outing will find them facing Sands here Friday, 6:30, Dec. 2. Come support them, and see a quick, hard working group of girls.



Eagles had too much experience and size for Plains to overcome, though they played hard and never gave up. He expects better turns of events when the girls return to action against other Class A teams. Leading scorer was Sylvia Tarango with 11, followed by Mary Morales, 9, Amanda Koncaba, 6, and Lindsey Six, 5.

## PISD STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the Week is Veronica Ponce. She is a sophomore at Plains High School and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Isidro Ponce.

Roni was nominated by Mr. Frieson. He said, "This student was nominated because she seems to be more interested in learning than just getting a high grade. (She does have good grades, but the emphasis is on understanding.) When she was nominated, the other teachers immediately pointed out a willingness that she has to work on projects independently without the teacher having to motivate. In addition to these two characteristics, which by themselves are commendable and are rarely noticed in students, she is known for her dependability, respectful attitude, and pleasant personality.

"It is an honor to introduce this student of the week, a student who joined the sophomore class the second six weeks of this year, Veronica Ponce."



VERONICA PONCE

## JV TOURNEY SUMMARY

In the Junior Varsity Basketball tournament here Dec. 2 and 3, the JV boys captured first place honors, beating out Sundown, 2nd, Lazbuddie, 3rd, and Sands, consolation.

The JV Cowboys downed Sundown in the first game, 72-5. High scorer was Ralph Ramirez with 14, followed Kirk Parrish, 13, and Jason Robertson, 11. Other scorers included Jacob Lester, 8, Joe Luna, 7, Chris Payne, 4, Casey Forbus, 3, Wayne Willett, 3, Jeremy Dearing, 3, Yancey House, 2, Marte Pierce, 2.

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## COWBOY JV DOWN TO EAGLES 56-40

The Cowboy Junior Varsity picked a tough season opener opponent Monday, November 28, and went down in defeat to the Seagraves JV Eagles, 56-40.

Despite the loss, Coach Edwin Brink was well pleased with the teams initial effort. Like their varsity counterparts, they took the court with very little practice time behind them. "I really think they will start coming around when we have some more work time. They showed plenty of hustle and desire against a more experienced team, with more practice time under their belts," Brink stated.

Jacob Lester and Jason Robertson led the Cowboy scoring with 11 points each, followed by Joe Luna, 7, Wayne Willett, 5, Yancy House, 2, Marty Pierce, 2, and Jeremy Dearing, 2. Also seeing action were Spencer Deaton, Casey Forbus, and Luke Smith.

## COWGIRLS THROWN BY SANDS MUSTANGS 75-65

The Varsity Cowgirls lost a hard fought bout against the Sands Mustangs Fri., Dec. 2 on the home court. Coach Steve Osborn used his entire ten player team in an effort to halt the Mustangs offense, but cold shooting in the second half left the Cowgirls short by ten in a high scoring contest.

Cowgirls scoring in double figures were; Amber Bryan, 16; Kiley Bearden, 10; and Robin Squyres, 10. They will participate in the Farwell Tournament Dec. 8-10, along with teams from Elida, Lazbuddie, Texico, Friona, Melrose, Olton and Farwell.



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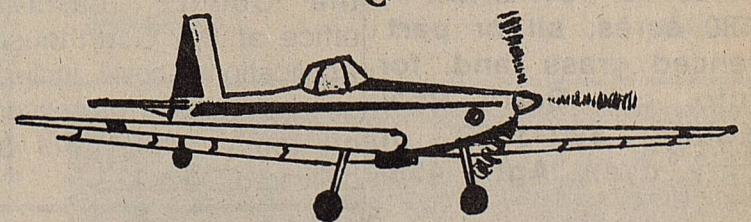
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## COUNTY SAFETY MEETING

Yoakum County Loss Control Coordinator, Johnny Jones reported a good turnout for the safety meeting for county employees of precincts 3 and 4. The meeting was held Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Yoakum County Library.

When asked how many were in attendance for the meeting, Mr. Jones said, "The majority were present. I can only think of 3 who didn't attend."

Safety meetings are held periodically to keep the employees up to date on the law and health tips. The committee meets bi-monthly, then presents the commissioners court with suggestions.

DPS Troopers Mike Bennett (formerly of Plains) and Kevin Edwards, presented the program which included a video on using seat belts. Brochures and key chains were handed out.

"The troopers did an excellent job of presenting the program. We call on these two troopers often because they're the best," Mr. Jones reported.

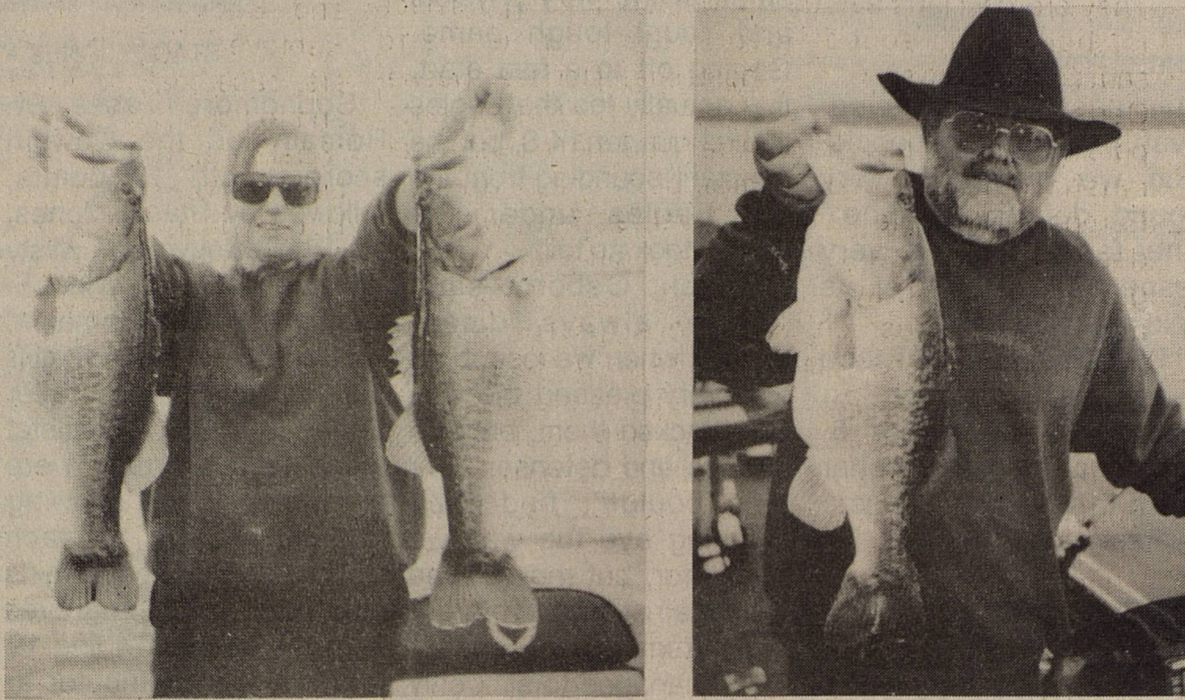
Trooper Edwards expects to move to Plains sometime in January.

## WHERE'S THE JELLY?

During Desert Storm, Colonel William Post was the officer in charge of material delivery for the entire armored ground operation. After his company had been in the country for three months, aircraft and ships unloaded thousands of tons of cargo every day. His soldiers worked around the clock. They had to know not only what was there, but where it was stored. Supplies do no good if they can't be found. With the aid of computers and bar codes,

## FANTASTIC FISHING FUN

Despite persistent rumors to the contrary, all fishing tales you hear are not figments of an over active imagination, or amazing fabrications. In other words, all fishermen are not liars. Here is proof of the pudding. On a recent trip to Lake O.H. Ivie, where they have a vacation mobile home, Butch and Bobbie Gayle put their bass boat in the water, and motored up Elm Creek, a lake tributary, less than half a mile from the launch ramp. There, they found every bass anglers dream, the fabled Honey Hole of big bass. Bobbie cast a red shad plastic worm to a good looking spot, and wham, she was tied into a big fish. After a brief battle, she boarded a fine 8 pound 8 ounce jass. She threw right back into the same spot, and again connected with a heavy fish, this time an 8-5. Two casts, and almost seventeen pounds of bass. Husband Butch tossed a different colored worm near that same hot spot, and unbelievably, hooked into another big 'un, weighing 9-1. In a brief period of time, they would boat and release eleven bass with a total weight of 71 pounds, 4 ounces. Fantastic. And the Editor hates them both.



they were just barely able to keep ahead.

Then one day, he received a fax from the Pentagon saying that he had not accounted for 400 cases of grape jelly. The ship records showed that it had been unloaded, but he never reported it to be in stock. He ordered a private to look into it, but the jelly could not be found. Colonel Post told the soldier to forget it. It would show up.

A few days later, he received another inquiry about the jelly marked "Urgent!" He ignored it. The air war was about to begin, and the armor had to be ready. Finally, one day, he received a personal telephone call from a clerk in New Port, Virginia.

## SALVATION ARMY APPEAL

The salvation Army is now accepting applications and donations for this year's Christmas food package giveaway.

The deadline for applications is Dec. 16. We need to get those in as soon as we can.

Donations and applications can be dropped off at the County Treasurers office at the Courthouse. Applications should include good directions for delivery of items, which will be delivered Dec. 23.

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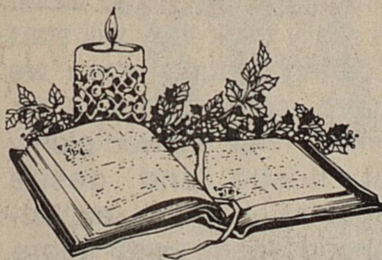
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"Colonel, I must insist that we get an accounting of that lost jelly or our accounts will not close at the end of the month." He said he'd look into it. Again he ordered a couple of his clerks to look into it, but the came up without results. The next afternoon, he received a fax marked "Extremely Urgent". "We must have an accounting of the missing jelly today! Our books have to close tomorrow.

What a predicament. Hundreds if not thousands of lives were hanging in the balance; but the jelly had to be found. Perplexed, the Colonel faxed in return. "You must decide for yourself which assign-

ment I must attend to. I can either unleash my army of supply personnel to look for your missing jelly or I can kick Saddam out of Kuwait, but I can't do both." He never heard back.

As a member of the Lord's army of redeemed; when we have received a direct commission from the Lord to go into all the world with the Gospel: I wonder how many of His troops are looking for jelly. We can't do both! Cleve Kerby



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## CHAMBER MEETS

The Plains Chamber of Commerce met in regular session Tuesday morning, December 6, at Johnnies' Restaurant. Members attending

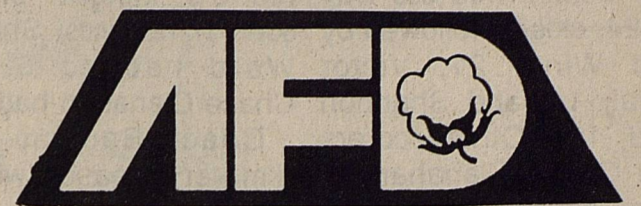
were David Brunson, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Harry Richardson, David Bunch, Jim Barron, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, Billie Blundell, Dolores Davis, Toni Jones and T. J. Miller.

The Annual Chamber Banquet plans were discussed. The affair will be in March or April, depending on any new changes in the PISD school calendar. It was voted to continue in support of the local Yoakum County Livestock Show in February. Add-on contributions will be made to each local animal exhibitor.

The Chambers' annual drive starts in January. Individual membership fees are \$12 per year, and business memberships are \$20. You are urged to join and participate in Chamber projects. Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 AM, Johnnies', the first Tuesday of each month.

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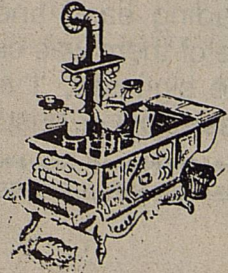
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# FOR FEMME FRIENDS

**Ladies... have a favorite recipe? Handy household hint? This is the place for it! Get it to us by Noon Friday for the next week issue**



**FEEDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY FROM COWBOY COUNTRY KITCHEN**

## CRANBERRY SAUCE

- 2 boxes cranberries
- 2 oranges, chopped
- 3 apples, ground
- 2 cups pineapple
- 1 jar maraschino cherries,
- drained & chopped
- 1 lg. package pecans
- 2-1/2 to 3 cups sugar

## SUBSTITUTIONS FOR INGREDIENTS

- 1. 1-tablespoon cornstarch (for thickening)..... Two tablespoons flour
- 2. whole egg..... Two egg yolks for custard
- 3 One cup molasses..... One cup honey.
- 4. 1 tablespoon prepared mustard..... One teaspoon dry mustard.

## MARVELOUS MUSHROOMS

Say mushroom and what comes to mind? For most of us it's the white button mushroom (also called the domestic or market mushroom) available in supermarkets everywhere year-round. But the button mushroom is just one of many types-- and these days it's the less common mushrooms, such as shiitake and portobello, that are making news. In restaurants, chefs are showcasing specialty mushrooms in dishes such as grilled portobellos and polenta with porcini. Each variety is available fresh, with a flavor all its own. A user's guide:

**Enoki** - Small and very mild in flavor. extremely perishable. Best sauteed or eaten raw in salads.

**Shiitake** - All-purpose, like the white button mushroom, but with a more intense flavor. Delicious sauteed and flamed with a little cognac, then served with roast chicken.

**Oyster Mushroom** - With a mild flavor that hints of seafood, this mushroom is a natural with fish and shellfish. Butter, onions and shallots help bring out the flavor.

**Chanterelle** - A pumpkin-colored beauty, the chanterelle has a distinctive aroma and flavor that bring apricots to mind. Use in stews and sauces for pasta and meat.

**Trumpet** - Also called a false truffle, the trumpet, whether black or white,

looks more like a velvety flower than a mushroom. The dried form (easily reconstituted in cooking) has a buttery flavor and is marvelous in soups and sauces.

**Morel** - The morel has an earthy, nutty flavor and a distinctive spongelike cap. Generally, darker brown morels have a richer flavor. They are delicious sauteed in butter or added toofor the dinner and sauces and stews.

**Cepe** - Also known as cake porcini, this is a big, meaty mushroom beloved in Europe. The taste varies depending on where it is grown, but is always rich and intense. Fresh cepes are sublime brushed with oil and grilled. Dried cepes add unique flavor to sauces, stews and risottos.

**Portobello, Cremini** - These white button mushroom, but heartier in flavor. Good for grilling, stuffing and marinating, portobellos and cremini can be substituted for button mushrooms when more assertive flavor is desired.

### \*NOTICE\*

**THE LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MO. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5:30PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE AREA.**

**TO LOVE ONE THAT IS GREAT IS ALMOST TO BE GREAT ONE'S SELF**

## FINE ARTS CLUB MEETS IN HISE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Plains Fine Arts Club met Thursday, Dec. 1, 1994 in the home of Debra Hise with Donna Friesen as co-hostess.

Members brought salads and refreshments. After the delicious meal, members had a most enjoyable time with the Chinese gift exchange and visiting.

There were sixteen members present: Mrs. Sue Banfield, Christy Brink, Beth Cain, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Cyndy Koncaba, Tana May, Paula McMinn, Yvette Ramos, and Linda Simmons. The guest was Barbara Walker, Paula McMinn's mother.

A short, informed business meeting was held. The next meeting is Jan. 12, '95, with Paula McMinn and Linda Simmons as hostesses.

Thanks to Sandra Ellison.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

CHOOSE CAREFULLY THOSE YOU FOLLOW IN LIFE BECAUSE YOU TAKE ON THE CHARACTERISTICS, BOTH GOOD AND BAD, OF THE ONES YOU ADMIRE MOST. WHAT CHARACTERISTICS DO YOU POSSESS THAT YOU WOULD WANT OTHERS TO EMULATE?

## PERSONAL BEST A LITTLE PAMPERING CAN BE GOOD FOR THE SOLE

**What you will need:** \*Dry feet well. Toenail clippers, cuticle snippers, wooden stick, tub or bowl for your feet, a pumice stone, cuticle to tip. \*Herbal Serenity Body Oil, \*Body Creme, Foot Creme, Brush on layer of nail and Body Talc, Cuticle Remover, foam toe spacer, base coat, nail enamel and top coat.

\*Separate toes with foam spacers or twisted tissue. \*Paint base coat from toe to tip. \*Start with big toe and Body Creme, brush on layer of nail and Body Talc, Cuticle Remover, foam toe spacer, base coat, nail enamel and top coat. \*Finish with Quick-Dri. \*The hottest polish for toes this season are sheer neutrals. BeautiControl's French Nude Colour Finish creates a natural, but polished look that goes great with any outfit!

\*Soak feet in a worm foot bath. Add Herbal Serenity Body Oil to smooth and condition skin. Soak about 5 minutes. \*Using a toenail clipper, trim nails straight across. \*Finish by sprinkling Herbal Serenity Body Talc on the bottoms of soles to absorb excess perspiration during the day and keep feet cool and dry.

\*Coat a pumice stone in foot creme and gently slough away dead skin. \*Trim hangnails gently with a cuticle nipper. Push back cuticles with a wooden cuticle stick.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 7; Melba Fitzgerald, Teresa Howard, Rena McElroy, Milton & Jimmie Bayer (A)

Dec. 8; Rodney Garland, Bobo & Jill Durham (A)

Dec. 9; Linda Lowrey, Monte Pierce, Tony Winn, Robert Cannon, Michael & Gloria Covarrubias (A)

Dec. 10; Tommy Bearden, Martha Palmer

Dec. 11; Billie Howell, Kelby Johnson, Clarence Koncaba, Kim McMinn

Dec. 12; Dare Walker, David Guetersloh, Kayla Redman, T. J. & Melba Bearden (A), Odell Kerby

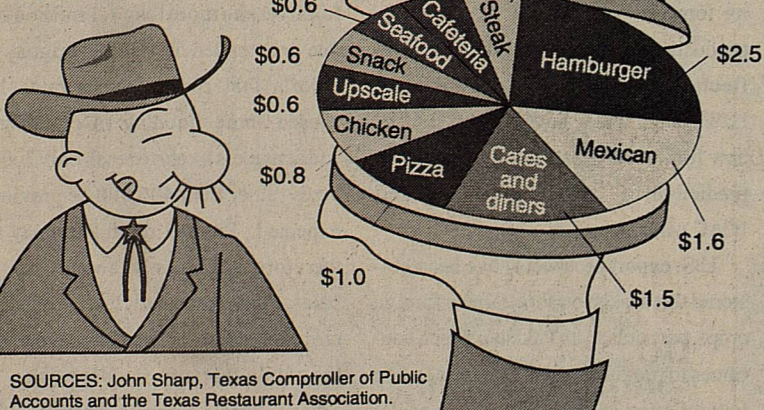
Dec. 13; Bobbie Gayle, Shane Lowrey, Deanna Shoemaker

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Texans chomp on hamburgers

Restaurants that serve the all-American hamburger are Texas favorites, with gross sales weighing in over \$2.5 billion of the \$14 billion in total restaurant sales in the state in 1993.

1993 gross sales for Texas' top 10 restaurants, in billions of dollars



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas Restaurant Association.

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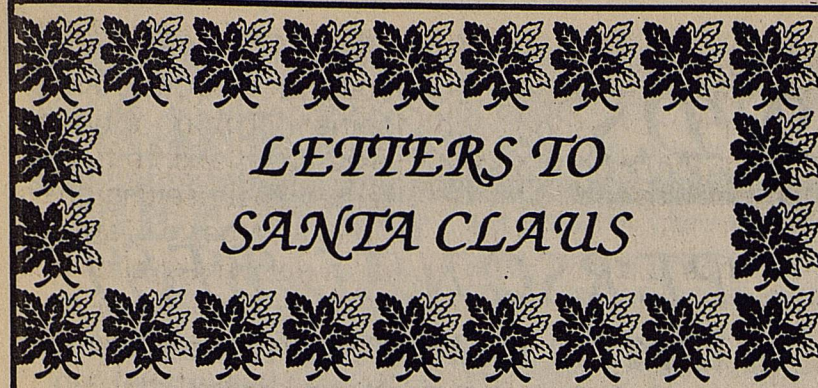
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Pastor Jose Rodriguez

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**LETTERS TO  
SANTA CLAUS**

**THE FOLLOWING LITERARY GEMS  
ARE FROM MRS. PHYLIS HOUSE'  
THIRD GRADE STUDENTS. THEIR  
EFFORTS ARE REPRODUCED AS  
SUBMITTED. NO EDITING IS  
NECESSARY FOR THESE CUTIES.**

Dear Santa,  
I bin a good boy this year. Sometimes i've bin a gad boy this year. I am nine years old. I'n going to leave you a suprise on my familys Christmas Tree. I want a sega genesis game called mortal kombat 2. I already got asegu I just want the game.  
Sincerely  
Jr. Reeder

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like to talk about what I want for Christmas and what I might lieve you to eat. I might leave you cookies and milk. So you can eat and I also want to tell you what I want for christmas. I would like for you to eat. What ever I leave you. I would like for you to bring me a big barbie is the one that the girls can were her dress. I would also liek to thank you for what you brought me last year. I knewed what I wanted so I told mom that I wanted a kitchen and you already know what I want for christmas. I would like to give you thanks well, i would like to tell you what ells I want but the barbie cost to much so I would like to close this. letter. I hope you have a great christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Love  
Cendy Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I will leve some cookies by the Christmas tree. I hope you will like them. Thank you for the presents from last year. I enjoyed them. How are the deer? Were do you leve the deer? Good-by and hope you have nice trip.  
Love,  
Carmen Ponce

Dear Santaclaus,  
I like to have a bike for Christmas. I like to have presents from you. I will give you a presents to you. I will like to have clothes for Christmas. I will like to have some from you. I will like to have some toys from you. I want louts for Christmas. I went a lot for Christmas. I went something for my fairmy to.  
Love,  
Mike Lopez

Dear Santa  
Christmas is my favorite time of year. I like the presents and the decarations. For Christams I want a sega genesis with the game of the Power rangers-and a remote control truck. I wonder if you get presents Santa claus. I get lots from my family, my family gets a lot of presents too.  
Sinseryln,  
Luis Quintana

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to have a Sega CD with the Power Rangers a Super Nintendo with the game Donkey Kong Country Triple Arcade a rock polisher and a gun case. Thank you.  
Love,  
Trent May

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the Walky Talkys and the Race track. This year I don't want much presents. All I want is a Sega CD and Super Nes. When you come their's some cookies under the tree.  
Love,  
Tony Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,  
This year for Christmas I would I like a Nerf Laser aim dartgun. I also want the Ultimator and a scop for my gun. I also want some snow for Christmas. I also want Dallas Cowboy autghrphs. I want the Power Ranger game also. I also want a chemrsty set, and rocks, and lots of science stuff.  
P.S. And get me all the things I have wanted.  
Sinseryly,  
Austin Keesee

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the presents Last year. I like them. This year I would like a keybord it comes with a mikerpone too. I have ben good this year. I hope you can bring me what I want this year.  
P.S. Thank you for the presents last year.  
Love,  
Sarah Martinez

Dear Santa,  
December Santa I want a C.D. plaur thanks for the presents thank love yom I lik Christmas I lik Santa Claus thank for the tere Steven

Dear Santa,  
I woud like a bike and rollerblades for christmas. I Thank you Santa for giving me thoes presents last yrea. I hadn't had rollerblades befor. And bring some presents for all my family to.  
Love  
Armando Ramirez



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**

**FROM THE  
HACK**

Pardon Me! Just had to belch again from all that leftover turkey swill I've been forced to endure for more than a week now. Enough's enough, already. Spent a miserable Saturday watching the wind blow, and listening to it around The Table of Wisdom that morning. I mean, it was calm outside compared to what was taking place around that source of wisdom and philosophy.

Someone made an unfortunate remark about the weather, and immediately, table regular B. Graham reported, "Ha! You guys out here don't know squat about high winds. When I was a lad in Eastland County, we had REAL windstorms. I recall one March it blew so hard it stripped all the bark off the pecan trees in a seven county area, and all the feathers and down off a huge flock of migrating geese. They were about ten thousand feet high, and buck naked, they froze stiff and crashed around the courthouse square. We ate goose for three weeks."

This started it. R. Forbus countered with this tale of weather woes. "T'aint nothin'. My pappy told me when he was a sprout a blue norther sailed in, and in about twenty minutes it dropped to 37 below. said his dad's cattle froze solid to the ground, just a big block of red and white ice. Froze 'em so fast they was still alive. Said they had to go 'round to each cow, hittin' 'em with baseball bats 'til they chipped enough ice off their face so they could eat hay. They

managed to keep 'em alive, but they all had permanent black eyes from then on."

Ty Earl Powell scoffed at this. "Pshaw! Just a cool snap. My grand dad told me one February morning they got up, looked outside, and there was a bunch of fuzzy, woolly looking critters kinda suspended in mid air. They went outside, and it was about a thousand cotton tail rabbits, 'bout two feet in the air, and everyone of 'em was hopping south, froze stiff 'a grinning, just hangin' up

there. Said he and the hands got a bunch of sacks and spent the morning plucking bunnies outta the air. He told me he never wanted to think about eatin' no more rabbit after that."

At this point in time, the atmosphere 'round the table was, shall we say, rather thick and musty, but N. Clanahan could not leave well enough alone.

"That's pretty cold, okay. I guess the worst thing I ever heard about was the drought back in my grand dad days. It must'a been

terrible dry. He said there was a big ol' Playa lake up north that had held water for centuries, and he and his friends would go seine catfish out of it. That one dry summer, he said they drove up there, hankering a mess of catfish. 'Bout a mile from the lake, they saw something flopping up the dust in the road. It turned out to be 'bout a hundred of them catfish, wiggling up the dirt road, heading east, and everyone of them was carrying a little sign say, 'I've had it! Mississippi or bust!'

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For The Week Ending December 1

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TO LIFE**

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  - Life is bliss, taste it.*
  - Life is a dream, realize it.*
  - Life is a challenge, meet it.*
  - Life is a duty, complete it.*
  - Life is a game, play it.*
  - Life is costly, care for it.*
  - Life is wealth, keep it.*
  - Life is love, enjoy it.*
  - Life is mystery, know it.*
  - Life is a promise, fulfill it.*
  - Life is sorrow, overcome it.*
  - Life is a song, sing it.*
  - Life is a struggle, accept it.*
  - Life is a tragedy, confront it.*
  - Life is an adventure, dare it.*
  - Life is luck, make it.*
  - Life is too precious, do not destroy it.*
  - Life is life, fight for it.*
- Mother Teresa-

There seemed to be more cotton buyers than sellers this week. Prices remained at an unprecedented high for this time of year as sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT soared early this week resulting from great short-term demand and a lack of readily-available cotton elsewhere.

Frenzied buying Monday drove sales on TELCOT to 88,475 bales, the second largest daily turnover in the electronic marketing system's history. The all-time high is 385,599 bales, achieved February 21, 1989 resulting from sales to China. That achievement is believed to be a world record for the most cotton to ever change hands on a single day in any cash market.

Despite the strong demand, sales tapered off in mid-week as cotton available for sale was depleted. But, as soon as supplies were rebuilt by new producer offerings on TELCOT, spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton took off again bringing the total for the five trading days ending December 1 to 212,038. That figure was up considerably from last week's total of 69,477. Average daily prices received by producers selling on TELCOT ranged from 69.54 to 73.47 cents per pound.

Texas/Oklahoma cotton continues to enjoy great demand based on almost immediate availability. According to one cotton market observer, ultra high grade cotton and an excellent infrastructure conducive to delivering cotton in a timely manner will continue to lure exporters to West Texas for their cotton needs despite

the climbing prices.

Meanwhile, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) lowered its forecast for 1994-95 world cotton production to 86.27 million bales, reflecting lower output by Pakistan, Uzbekistan, India and Paraguay. The new forecast compares with a November prediction of 88.13 million bales, ICAC said.

U.S. export prospects have been bolstered this season by shortfalls in foreign crops, particularly in Pakistan which continues to provide bullish fuel. According to the Cotton Export Corporation of Pakistan, a delegation is en route to Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to seek up to one million bales of cotton. The move was driven by a shortfall in domestic production, which trade sources say will reach only 6.5 million bales this year. To add more coals to the fire, the chairman of the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association made the sensationalist comment that Pakistan was considering airlifting cotton from Central Asia to feed its starving textile industry. The remark is considered preposterous by realistic analysts.

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Problems abound in other countries including Australia which now expects to harvest no more than 1.1 million bales due to extended drought. Paraguay also reports that recent heavy rains have caused some flooding in cotton areas and acreage is likely to reach only 300,000 acres rather than 400,000 as previously expected. Production in Paraguay will, therefore, yield only about 550,000 bales, even less than last year's poor crop. November rains also have slowed the cotton harvest in Uzbekistan and other Central Asian countries. ICAC said it expects cotton still to be in the fields in that region when December snows arrive.

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**"JV TOURNEY"**  
and Luke Smith, 2.

In game two, the Cowboys out classed Lazbuddie 62-7. Kirk Parrish was the only double figure scorer with 11, followed by Jason Robertson, 9, Joe Luna, 8, Ralph Ramirez, 8, Wayne Willett, 8, Jeremy Dearing, 5, Jacob Lester, 4, Luke Smith, 4, Yancey House, 3, and Chris Payne, 2.

In the final game, the Cowboys manhandled Sands 65-34, with individual scoring as follows: Kirk Parrish, 16, Jacob Lester, 12, Ralph Ramirez, 6, Jason Robertson, 6, Wayne Willett, 6, Marte Pierce, 5, Jeremy Dearing, 5, Luke Smith, 4, Casey Forbus, 2, Chris Payne, 2, and Joe Luna, 1.

Coach Edwin Brink was pleased with team hustle and effort from all 13 squad members. This marked the fourth consecutive year the JV Cowboys have won their home tournament.

Final statistics from the Cowgirls JV games were not available at press time, but they didn't fare as well as the Cowboys. They settled for Consolation honors in the Tourney, following 1st place Sands, 2nd place Seagraves, and 3rd, Sundown.

Both JV teams see action next in the Sundown JV Tournament December 8-10.

**COURT MEETS**

The County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, Dec. 5. Present were County Judge Dallas Brewer, Commissioners John Avara, Bob Thurston and Jim Barron. Also in attendance were Hazel Lowrey, County Auditor, Ruby Bruton, County Clerk, and Toni Jones, County Treasurer.

In court session, the following actions were taken; accepted bid from Permian Mack for a used truck \$28,399; Agreed to advertise for bids on new Sheriffs Department auto, and trade-in one 1992 Chevrolet Caprice auto; Approved release of securities in amount of \$500,000 at Plains State Bank; Approved payment of bills and part-time salaries.

Also present for the meeting were Sheriff Jim Rice, and Sandy Land Underground Water District Manager Gary Walker. Mr. Walker, in his additional role of Manager of the County Landfill, introduced Gaylon Bruton, recently hired as assistant fill manager.



**ATHLETIC BOOSTERS HOST "MEET COWBOYS & COWGIRLS"**

The Plains Athletic Boosters hosted the Second Annual "Meet the Cowboys & Cowgirls" for Basketball season on Wed., Nov. 30th in the Cowboy Gym. Refreshments were served to a good crowd. Pictures were taken and buttons of the Basketball players were sold.

Cyndy Koncaba, Pres. opened with a welcome and thank you for the supporting Plains students.

Coach Steve Osborn, Girls Varsity Coach introduced the 19 High School girls who are playing basketball this season. He also explained the computer which is now being used by the Basketball Staff. The latest thing in technology, shots, steals, turnovers, attempts, blocks, assist and fouls are put in for each player while the game is in progress and with the printer attached, all the stats are available in seconds. Shawn Cullins and Mary Ann Gonzales are using the computer for

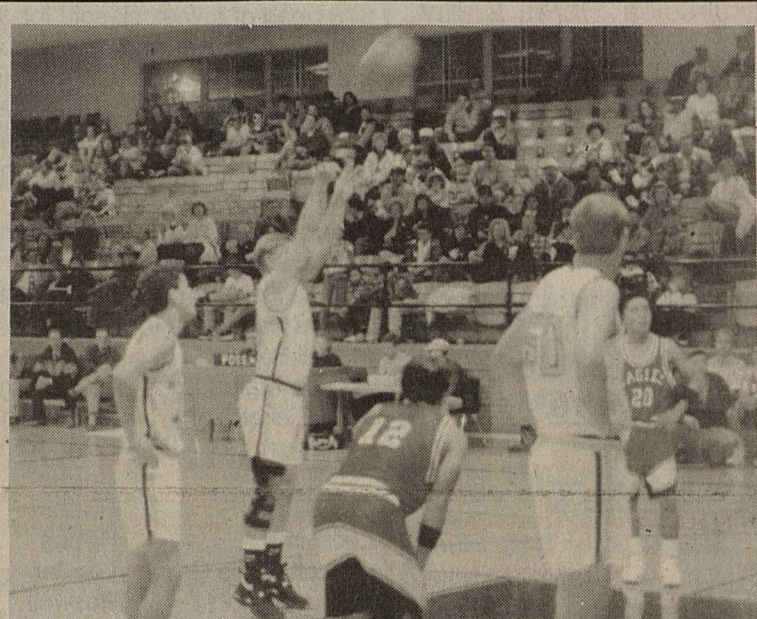
the 15 member team for the Freshmen.

Coach Baucom thanked the Cheerleaders for their help and support. He also thanked the parents and players and especially his assistant Coaches for their work.

President Koncaba would like to thank everyone who brought toys and food for the needy. The Club really appreciates all the Committees who work so hard to plan and carry out the Clubs work. She wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and great, healthy, safe and Happy New Year.

the Coaches and are doing a great job. Coach Osborn introduced his assistants, Coach Cain and Coach Haragan.

Coach Jack Baucom introduced the nine member Varsity Cowboys team. Coach Edwin Brink introduced the thirteen member JV team and Coach Larry McMinn introduced



**Chase Clanahan Gets Off Free Shot Against Eagles in Cowboys First Win Of Season Nov. 29**

**THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL**

When I was growing up Christmas was always a time for family and gift giving. We understood the true meaning of Christmas, but did not discuss it very much. The gifts, especially for us kids, were very important. Of all the gifts I received I can only remember a handful of them. The one that is most special in my mind was the \$5 bill I received from my grandmother.

My grandmother did not drive. After my grand dad died she lived on social security and mostly stayed at home except when a friend would work making quilts and crocheted items to give her four kids, four in-laws, and eleven grand kids, and their families at Christmas. She depended on others to bring her yarn and thread. When her eyes got bad the handmade gifts stopped coming. The only resource she had

left was her small social security. She would save all year so that by Christmas she could give a small amount to each of her family. Her gift to me was \$5.

My most treasured gifts are those that have come from others who have made a great sacrifice. How can I think little out of something that cost someone else so much. Our Father in Heaven prizes His Son most of all. He gave His Son to us as a gift. The greatest sacrifice He could make, giving the thing He loved the most. Jesus' gift to us was His life, because His greatest love is you and me. By His death we have life. Christmas exists because of this greatest gift of all - Jesus.

Rev. Rick Doyle  
First United Methodist Church



**STUDENTS ATTEND LIFE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

Last week on November 29 and 30, Alberto Tarango, Arthur Hernandez, Junior Sigala, Barney Tobar and Hector Gallegos, along with Counselor Arlon Alexander, traveled to Plains Baptist Encampment near Floydada, for a Life Management Skills Workshop. Comments of what the

**FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORE ESSAY CONTEST**

Ninth and tenth grade students in Mrs. Renatta O'Quinn's English classes are preparing essays on the subject, "My Most Memorable Christmas".

She will screen the essays, and furnish her top three choices to Cowboy Country News. We will then choose the winning work, and publish it exactly as written in our December 14 issue of the paper.

The winner will receive a twenty dollar gift certificate, which he or she can redeem at either Jerri's Boutique, Renaissance, or Bayer Lumber & Hardware.

Watch for this interesting journalism effort by our young students. Earlier in September we featured a similar essay contest from Junior and Senior English students in Ms. Malissa Rogers class, and many of our readers reported very favorably on the winning effort.



workshop meant to the young boys were that they learned if they have a goal, they should reach for it and never give up. Hector Gallegos replied, "If you have a goal or dream and if you work at it, it will come true." He also enjoyed meeting new people. Junior Sigala said that he learned to help others with their problems and how not to let drugs interfere with life's dreams and to avoid the people who do drugs. Arthur Hernandez had a lot to say after the workshop. He said that the workshop had taught him how to face the hardest stages of life, to set goals and never give up, but he said the main thing he learned was to look at life in a different perspective and "Con ganas todo es posible" meaning "with effort everything is possible". That was their

motto at the workshop. Barney Tobar enjoyed some parts, and he to also learned about setting goals in life. Alberto Tarango was the youngest of all and he said it would have a great influence in his life. But the one part that all the boys liked was when they got to climb a mountain at lunch break. They enjoyed that the most, but they also liked their discussions and workshops. They are really glad that they were able to go and learn how to have a different outlook on life.

By Belen Coronado,  
National Honor Society Reporter

See Picture of Five Students on Page 2.

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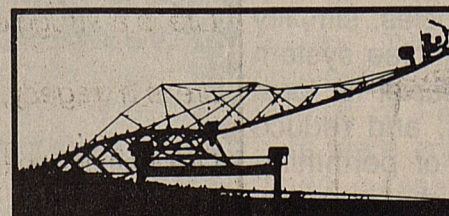
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# CURBING THE STATE BUREAUCRACY

**GAINING GROUND**

A REPORT FROM  
THE TEXAS  
PERFORMANCE  
REVIEW

Gaining Ground is John Sharp's third comprehensive performance review of state government. It contains 400 recommendations to save taxpayers \$4.6 billion over the next five years while cutting the state bureaucracy by almost 12,000 full-time positions. This article is the fifth in a six-part series summarizing Sharp's proposals. (For a copy of Gaining Ground, phone toll-free 1-800-531-5441 and ask for Extension 5-0332. In Austin, call 475-0332.)

By State Comptroller JOHN SHARP

The great majority of state workers put in long hours. They also pay plenty of taxes and, like most Texans, are fed up with the cost of government.

In the five years from 1988 to 1993, the number of state employees ballooned by 22 percent, from just over 200,000 to 250,000. While much of this growth can be attributed to prison growth and federal mandates, it is still more than twice the growth rate of jobs in the private sector, which rose during those same years by less than 11 percent.

The biggest boost to the public payroll has come in the state's health and human service agencies. That's more than one in every three new state jobs. The prison system has driven much of state government's employment, too, accounting for more than 21 percent of all new state jobs. And higher education has done its part as well, contributing nearly 27 percent of all new state jobs.

But even outside these specific areas, state government overall has become bloated. Since 1988, the ratio of state employees to all Texans has dropped from 83 to one to 73 to one. While the Texas population has grown by an average of 1.5 percent annually in the same period, the total number of state employees has grown by an average of 4 percent each year.

That's why one of the single most important recommendations in *Gaining Ground* is to trim the size of the state bureaucracy by almost 12,000 full time positions over the next two years and force the layers of middle management in Austin to do what every other Texas business has had to do -- cut costs without cutting vital services. The only state employees who should be exempt are front-line public safety workers.

In the Comptroller's Office, we've proven that our proposal can work. Despite the many new duties given to us by the Legislature in the past four years, we have fewer employees today than we did in 1991. And we've still managed to return nearly \$10 million in unspent administrative funds to the state.

We believe all of state government should follow this lead. Through automation, natural attrition and early retirement incentives, the state bureaucracy can cut its costs, reform its management procedures and field office structures at the same time. If we fail to act now, Texas taxpayers will find themselves supporting 50,000 more state employees than they do today -- enough to populate a city the size of my hometown of Victoria.

But trimming the public payroll isn't our only recommendation. We also call for abolishing the State Treasury altogether; reducing the bureaucracy at the Texas Railroad Commission, where trucking deregulation has rendered some tasks obsolete; consolidating the administrative functions of state licensing boards; and streamlining dozens of work force development and job training programs.

In addition, we believe lawmakers should revoke the authority for more than a half-billion dollars of unissued bonds to improve the state's future credit; create a productivity bank to fund innovative reforms by state agencies; simplify the state court fee system to make life easier for local governments; and reduce the burdens of permitting and licensing that currently face small business.

Together, we believe our proposals will help hold the line on the cost of state government and encourage Texans to rethink, reinvigorate and reform the basic structures of our public institutions.

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKET BALL SUMMARY

### 7TH GRADE BOYS:

The seventh graders lost a tough game to Whiteface on November 21, 26-20. Individual scorers were Fermin Luna 8, Justin Bennett 9, Patrick McGinty 2, and Josh Bell 1.

The Wranglers Bested the O'Donnell Eagles November 28, 38-31, with the following scoring results; Fermin Luna 13, Justin Bennett 13, Patrick McGinty 8, Alex Tarango 2, Josh Bell 1, Kyle Sisson 1.

On December 5, Wrangler power whipped Anton 37-22. Fermin Luna again led the scoring with 19, followed by Patrick McGinty 5, Josh Bell 4, Kyle Sisson 3, and Alex Tarango 1. This outing improved their record to 2 and 1, and they face Smyer here Dec. 12.

### 8TH GRADE BOYS:

The eighth grade Wranglers won over Whiteface 29-21 on Nov. 21. Scorers were Tanner Blount 12, Matt Morgan 12, Adrian Rios 6. Adrian Rios and Dustin Brunson provided very good defensive plays.

The score on Nov. 28th between the Wranglers and O'Donnell was 34-27 with the Wranglers on top. Scorers were Tanner Blount 19, Matt Morgan 8, Steven Bunch 7. Outstanding Defensive players were Matt Morgan and Mike Bell.

On December 5, the score was Plains Wranglers 41, Anton 23. Leading scorers were Tanner Blount 18, Matt Morgan 12, Steven Bunch 4, Dustin Brunson 2, Cosme Casillas 2, Mike Bell 3. Tanner Blount and Steven Bunch had an excellent defensive game.

The 8th graders are now 3-0, and play Smyer Dec. 12 at Plains, and Sundown Dec. 19.

### 7TH GRADE GIRLS B TEAM

The score on Dec. 5 for the girls B team was Wranglers 26, Anton 11. Scores were Kelli Osborn 6, Rebecca Robertson 6, Candace Bowers 4, Anne Palmer 4, Krystle Blundell 2, Jessica Flores 2, and Laura Morales 2. Season record: 3-0.

### 7TH & 8TH GRADE A TEAM

The Wranglers lost to Anton 15-39. Scorers were Joylene Burgess 8, Tandy Jones 4, Staci Tuggle 2, Miranda Box 1. Season record: 0-3

\*\*\*We didn't have previous game stats and will try to cover all upcoming games.\*\*\*

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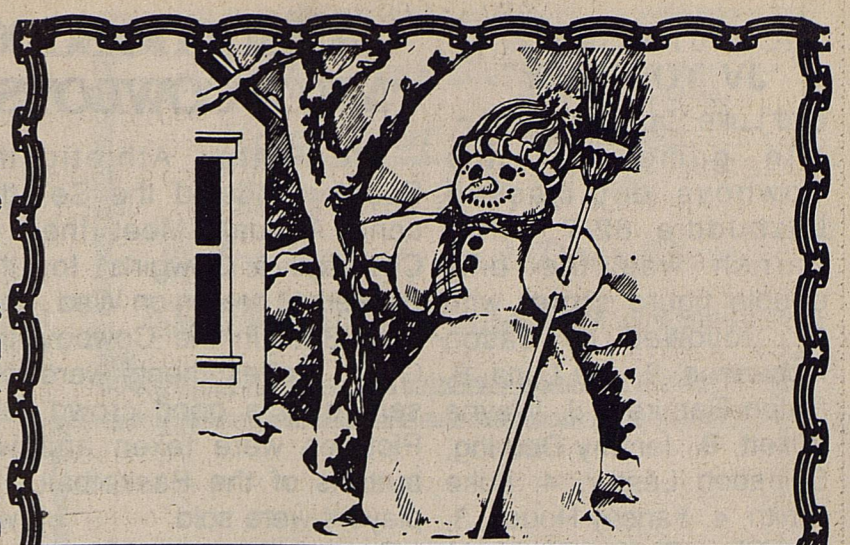
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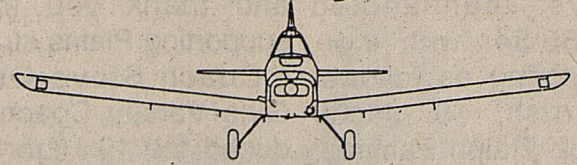
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678 head of Livestock sold for 154 consignors Friday, December 2, 1994. An active market with good buyer participation. The bulk of the receipts was calves weighing 300-500 lbs. Not enough bred cows, pairs or yearlings for a real market test. Packer cows and bulls were running \$2-3 lower. Representative Sales include:

|                     |            |                 |      |        |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------|--------|
| Crow & Berry        | Lovington  | 1 Char str      | 300  | 110.00 |
| L D Peterson        | Datil      | 7 Mxd str       | 346  | 104.00 |
| Delores Davis       | Monument   | 2 Rd str        | 353  | 104.00 |
| Velma Glenn         | Roswell    | 3 Blk str       | 425  | 85.50  |
| Maudie Howell       | Lovington  | 6 Rd str        | 508  | 82.75  |
| Tomas Haggerton     | Tatum      | 1 Char X str    | 420  | 94.00  |
| McNeil Ranch        | Hobbs      | 3 Blk str       | 388  | 98.00  |
| Alfredo Melendez    | Lovington  | 1 Hol str       | 905  | 55.00  |
| Fred Richardson     | McDonald   | 2 Rd str        | 420  | 94.00  |
| J W Spears          | Lovington  | 1 Wf str        | 855  | 72.00  |
| Leo Sims            | Hobbs      | 6 Xbred str     | 478  | 90.00  |
| Leo Sims            | Hobbs      | 10 Xbred str    | 579  | 77.75  |
| Leo Sims            | Hobbs      | 13 Xbred str    | 370  | 95.50  |
| Go Left Cattle Co   | Lemitar    | 15 Mxd hfr      | 380  | 79.00  |
| Velma Glenn         | Roswell    | 3 Rd wf hfr     | 355  | 82.00  |
| McNeil Ranch        | Hobbs      | 3 Blk hfr       | 320  | 84.00  |
| Leo Sims            | Hobbs      | 18 Xbred hfr    | 456  | 73.90  |
| Setzier Farms       | Monument   | 4 Blk mottf hfr | 443  | 74.00  |
| Shelby Gilmore      | Lovington  | 1 Hol pr.       | pair | 600.00 |
| Ernest James        | Hobbs      | 1 Blk wf pr     | pair | 710.00 |
| Kress Jones         | Hobbs      | 1 Wf pr         | pair | 675.00 |
| Double L Cattle Co  | Lovington  | 1 Char X pr     | pair | 660.00 |
| Leonard Black       | Lovington  | 1 Rd pr         | pair | 710.00 |
| Lee Roberts         | Hobbs      | 1 Mottf pr      | pair | 600.00 |
| L G Caudill         | Lovington  | 1 Rd c          | 950  | 42.50  |
| Beestra Dairy       | Hobbs      | 1 Hol c         | 1265 | 39.75  |
| Boyd Bros.          | Lovington  | 1 Hol c         | 1340 | 42.10  |
| A Bar Cattle Co     | Lamesa     | 1 Blk c         | 1235 | 37.50  |
| Alexander Bros.     | McDonald   | 1 Hol c         | 1405 | 38.00  |
| John Etcheverry     | Lovington  | 1 Whf c         | 1130 | 40.75  |
| Bill Gillock        | Carlsbad   | 1 Xbred c       | 1015 | 37.75  |
| Goff Dairy          | Hobbs      | 1 Hol c         | 1145 | 37.00  |
| High Lonesome Dairy | Hobbs      | 1 Hol c         | 1395 | 40.50  |
| Faye Klein          | Hobbs      | 1 Rd c          | 1185 | 40.00  |
| George Klein        | Hobbs      | 1 Rd c          | 1190 | 41.25  |
| S & A Dairy         | Lovington  | 1 Hol c         | 1370 | 39.00  |
| Peri Harris         | Plains     | 1 Blk b         | 1365 | 735.00 |
| Travis Howe         | Corona     | 1 Blk b         | 1215 | 55.00  |
| Faye Klein          | Hobbs      | 1 Rd b          | 2125 | 55.00  |
| Rockview Dairy      | Hobbs      | 1 Hol b         | 2060 | 52.10  |
| Kenny Smith         | Carlsbad   | 1 Char X b      | 1640 | 53.50  |
| SHEEP & GOATS       |            |                 |      |        |
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| Donald Harcrow      | Artesia    | 2 Brn n         | head | 50.00  |
| Merrilee Laas       | Deming     | 3 n             | head | 250.00 |
| R & M Trading Co    | Hobbs      | 1 Gry b         | head | 85.00  |
| Jennifer Norris     | Dexter     | 3 Cabritos      | head | 77.50  |
| Whitney Williams    | Lovington  | 1 blkf l        | 85   | 70.00  |
| PIGS                |            |                 |      |        |
| Joe Olivas          | Lovington  | 1 Hamp bar      | 195  | 30.50  |
| Henry Ramirez       | Lovington  | 1 h             | 245  | 31.50  |

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