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Santa Pays Speedy Visit To Plains



A chilly Santa Claus stepped off the fire truck here last Tuesday evening to pay his annual visit to the people of Plains. The ceremony in Pioneer Park was arranged by the Plains Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the Plains Cowboy Band's performance of Christmas tunes. The message of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was again narrated by Cecil Van Hoose, Pastor of First Assembly of God Church. All youngsters bringing food donations were admitted to the Community Building where they had their photos taken, telling Santa their Christmas gift wishes. Many photos inside this issue.



Committee continues to seek input on Long Term Care facility for county residents

A public meeting held here November 28 to discuss possible options for the creation of some type long term care facility did not draw record crowds, but did answer initial questions, and brought forth many others.

A recent session of Commissioners Court featured an appearance by a number of county residents expressing to the court their desire to explore possibilities for establishing some type living facility, noting the current condition of the present nursing home in Denver City. The court expressed encouragement for the delegation to organize, and with more information on the feasibility of such a project, return to the court with ideas and possible plans.

The delegation appointed a Long Term Care Committee, consisting of Chair Joe Kay, and members Dolores Moore, Barbara Qualls, Walt Gayle, Josh Parker, Sandra Stephens, Woody Lindsey, Jack Cobb, Jim Barron and Clay Taylor. A first project resulted in an informational letter being mailed to over 2,500 county residents, containing data seeking survey questions.

Only 322 responses to the survey were returned, not an uncommon low figure for a first effort until more data is available for the public.

Chair Kay detailed questions contained in the survey, including some of these categories: A: Rank the project you would like to see the county undertake - 1. Independent/

Assisted Living, 2. Assisted Living, 3. Skilled Nursing, 4. Independent Living.

B: Do you know someone in one of those type senior living facilities? Yes, 206, No 116.

C: Would you be willing to support a bond election for the cost of one of these facilities here? Yes, 262, No 60.

D: Would you be willing to support other fund raising activities for building costs of one or more of these facilities? Yes, 247, No 75.

E: Would you be interested in training/employment at one of the facilities? No 290, Yes 32.

Demographic data on respondents revealed 103 were over 65, 267 were female, and 140 had lived in Yoakum County 30 or more years.

Cost estimates in the Needs Assessment Survey indicated a Nursing Home project would require approximately \$550,000 for land and development, a 28,000 sq. foot building at \$125 per sq. ft. would cost \$3,500,000, supplies \$400,000, a total of \$4,450,000.

Estimates for cost of a 16,000 sq. foot Assisted Living project included \$250,000 for the land, a 16,000 sq. foot building \$2,000,000, and furniture, fixtures and supplies \$200,000, total \$2,450,000.

The committee recently visited a number of such facilities in area towns. One site was a conventional nursing home in the town of Jayton in a county of less than 1,000, a

nursing home with 60 beds, plus 3 family quarters. The home could be expanded to 90 units.

Margaret Evans, representing The Merrimac Group of Fort

Turn To Page 2, CARE

Commissioners push to meet fiscal year deadline projects

The December 4 session of Commissioners Court featured a number of agenda items facing year end deadlines. A grant from the county was approved for the Denver City Airport. Pct. 2 Commissioner Ben Coston reported the grant was a long term agreement between the two governmental entities sharing operational funding obligations in effect for many years. The grant was approved.

Two memorial gifts were approved for county libraries. Denver City's library was presented with a monetary memorial honoring the late Billy Ray Moore, and the Yoakum County Library here was presented

with a cash memorial in memory of the late Willie Jones. Precinct 1 Justice of Peace Judge Melba Crutcher requested approval to purchase Brother manufactured typewriter for \$335 to replace a non-operable machine. The request was approved.

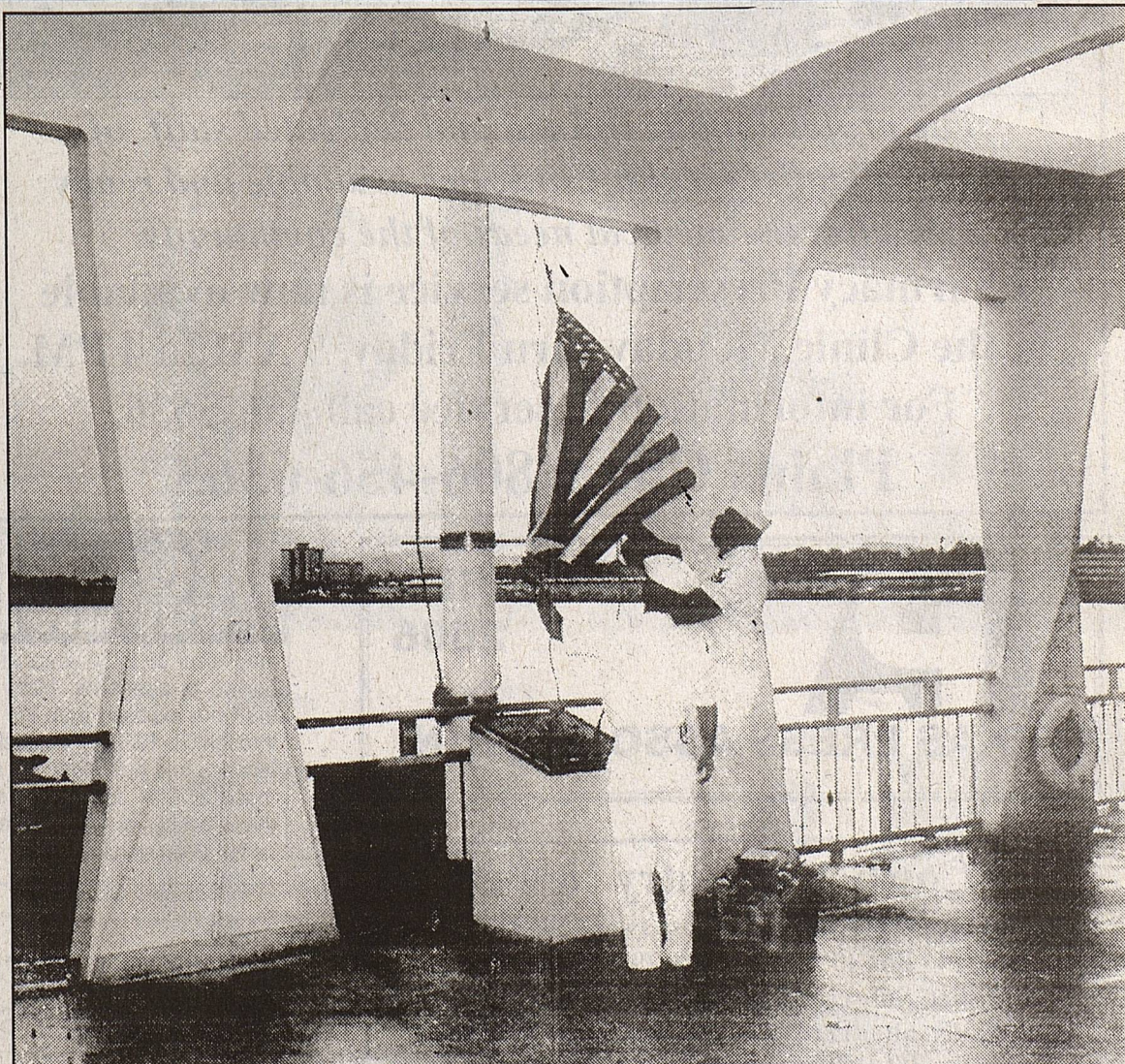
Bids were reviewed for the purchase of a new 2007 one-ton flat bed pickup for Precinct 2. Low bid from Mustang Chevrolet of \$21,097 was approved over a bid of \$21,925 from Gene Messer Ford. High bid for \$1692 from Jerome head was accepted on the 1982 truck trade-in.

Remembering December 7, 1941

'Day Of Infamy' that changed the history of the world

The U.S. Sailors shown are raising the United States flag on the USS Arizona, a navy battleship sunk during the devastating Japanese carrier plane attack on Pearl Harbor on that fateful day.

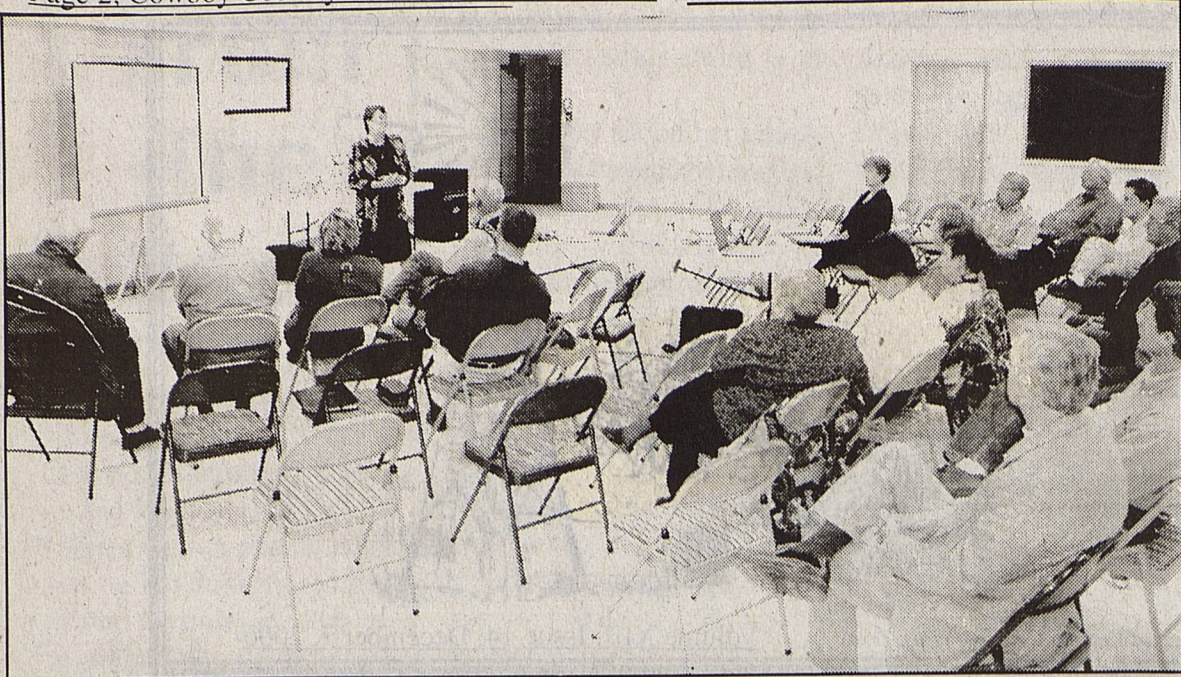
Six large Japanese battle carriers had approached the Islands undetected by our forces, and launched a total of 460 torpedo, dive and high altitude bombers against military targets on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. They were escorted by Japanese fighter planes in large numbers. The first wave of aircraft hit the islands military targets in force at 7:55 AM. It would be followed by a second wave of attacking aircraft at 8:50 AM. Hickam Field and its Army Air Force planes were hit hard, along with other military bases, but the losses at Pearl Harbor were the most severe. Five of eight battleships in the harbor were sunk, with over 1,000 dead on the USS Arizona alone. 13 other Navy ships were sunk or badly damaged, and almost 200 U.S. aircraft were destroyed on the



ber 11. Congress also declared war on Nazi Germany. The world had changed.

1941 was a "A Day Of Infamy", and asked the members to declare war on Japan. On Decem-

ground. The next day, December 8, Pres. Roosevelt declared before Congress December 7



From Page 1, CARE

Worth, introduced a slide presentation of her company's plans for a typical assisted living project with 16 units for single or married occupants. All would include the most desirable amenities for day by day living, including all meals when desired. Chairman Joe Kay reported his committee's report is still in the formative stage, and more information is needed to make a formal presentation to a future Commissioner Court hearing. He is hopeful more input and suggestions from the county populace will help the committee develop an accurate assessment of long term needs of county residents.

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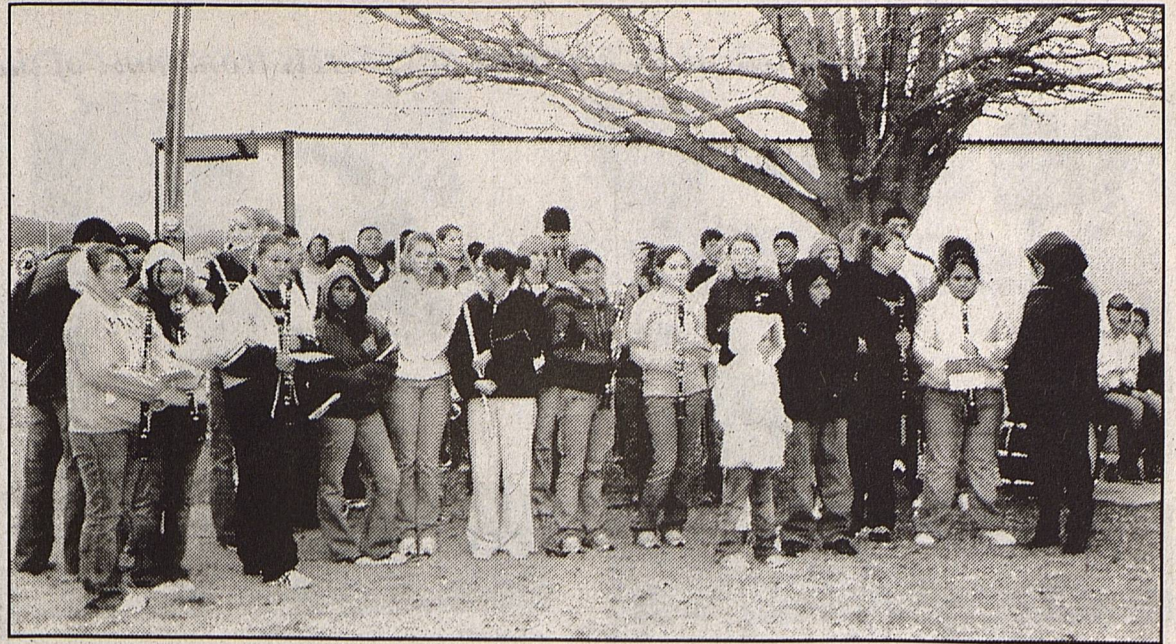
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Santa learned Christmas gift secrets from most of the kids..... with a few shed tears from a few wee ones



Last shot of Santa's recent visit.....



Student of the Week

November 27 Student of the Week is Angelica Mendoza, a senior and daughter of Joaquin and Romelia Tarango. She was nominated by Ashley Wade, who said, "Excellence is never an accident. Excellence is achieved through hard work and determination. Angelica has achieved excellence in both the classroom and extra-curricular activities." She meets and exceeds every expectation in class with no complaints. Her desire to challenge herself sets her apart from others. She leads by example through her diligence, character and attitude. She does this while still managing to meet the added pressures of a job.



December 4 Student of the Week is Marie Bahr, a junior and daughter of Mario and Ute Bahr, and host family Bill and Daina Butler. She was nominated by Clint Wade, who said, "Marie has consistently shown the desire to excel both in the classroom and extra curricular activities. She always has a smile on her face and a word of encouragement for her classmates. Her diligence is exemplified through her constant effort to be competitive, whether that means extra time on the basketball court, getting extra instruction time during tutorials, or translating the entire FFA creed so she can understand and answer thought questions".



PISD ATHLETICS

The recent Thanksgiving days off caused problems with the athletic schedule and reporting of games. The following summary is only partially complete. We hope we can restore order in future issues.

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL:

The 7th Wranglers handily downed Sundown 43-16 on November 21. Dray DeBusk led scoring with 16 points, Shawn Flores had 10, Troy Aldredge and Hunter Parrott 6 each, Andrew Conway 5.

The 8th boys also topped Sundown 35-126. Dillon DeBusk topped scoring with 15 points, Jeffrey Barrientes 9, Jaaron Bell 4, Theo Cordova, Jaxon Bean and Forrest Booth 2 each, Robert Reyna 1.

The following week Dray DeBusk was again top scorer with 16 points, followed by Shawn with 6, Troy 4, Andrew 3, Sam Melendez and Hunter Parrot 2 each.

The 8th Wranglers stormed Seagraces 47-18. Jeffrey Barrientes made 15 points, Alan Lara 8, Dillon DeBusk 6, Bean, Michael Sainz and Bryan Berry 4 each, Robert Reyna 2, Booth 2, Bell 2.

The Wranglers continued winning ways with the 7th graders topping O'Donnell 37-19. DeBusk was high scorer with 19, Andrew Conway 12, Shawn Flores 6.

The 8th boys also topped O'Donnell 48-21. Lara had 12 points, Bell 11, DeBusk and Berry 8, Bean 4, Barrientes 3, Theo Cordova 2.

JV COWBOYS:

Ralls outscored the young JV Cowboys 33-29. Kurt Allredge and 13 points, Jonathan Lira 12. They bounced back to down Ropes 35-21. A.J. Martinez led scoring with 13 points, and Jonathan Lira had 10. Coach noted Jacob Brink and Lira for their defensive efforts.

The JV Boys fell hard to Lubbock Warriors, 59-37. AJ Martinez had 10 ten points. Other stats unavailable. They fell to Grady 37-17, with Kurt Allredge managing 8 points.

They also had trouble with Stanton, falling 41-32, but coach credited them with their best effort of the young season. Lira had 10 points, Allredge 9 and Brink 8, who was also cited for good rebounding. They fell in the Denver City tourney to Greenwood 43-37. Lira had 13 points, Martinez 11, then they dropped their final game 51-33.

VARSITY COWBOYS:

The Cowboys bombed Ralls 69-38, with Chris Gonzales scoring 18, Landon Craft 13, Scott Addison and Zach Ramos 10.

They defeated Ropes 55-48. Craft had 17 points, Chris Gonzales 14, Rudy 9, Addison 8, Ramos 5, Guetersloh 2. Chris had 13 rebounds, Craft 10, Rudy 6. They next beat the Lubbock Warriors 58-50, with Chris scoring 13 points, Craft 12, Elias Carrillo 11, Addison 10, Rudy 7, Chase 5. Craft and Chris had 9 rebounds, Addison and Carrillo 8 each. They fell to Grady NM 43-36. Addison and Gonzales led scoring with 9 points each. Carrillo 6.

JV COWGIRLS:

On November 14 the young Cowgirls beat Ralls 31-23. Heather Parrot had 12 points, Courtni Asebedo 8, Kimber Williams 4 points, Mari Ruiz 2. On November 17 they fell to Ropes 42-32. Kimber scored 10 points, Heather 9, Courtni 8, Lydia Whirzel 3, Mari Ruiz 2. On Nov. 21 the girls beat Wellman-Union 35-22, with Brianna Conway hitting 10, Asebedo 9, Kimber 8, Brianna Heather 5, Mari 3.

On November 28 the girls traveled to Stanton and fell 48-15. Kimber managed 6 points, Courtni had 4, Heather 3, Jasmine Mares and Brianna 1 each. In the November 30 tournament at Denver City the young Cowgirls had a good start, downing Denver City 50-45. Heather led scoring with 18 points, followed by Courtni with 10, Kimber managed 4, Jasmine Mares 8 points, Abby Hernandez and Natalie Butler had solid defensive play and contributed 4 and 2 points to the win. The Cowgirls next faced Kermit in the semi-final game but fell 61-38. Foul troubled plagued the girls as well as cold shooting. Courtni managed 16 points and 7 rebounds. Mari had 6 points, and 4 steals, Kimber had 6 points, Jasmine 5 points, Abby Hernandez 2 but all fuled out. In the third place game against 2A Brownfield the girls scored a season high 68 points to Brownfield's 49 for the third place trophy. Kimber had a season high of 20 points, Courtni had 15 points, Jasmine her high of 13, Heather 8, Natalie Butler 6, Nari Ruiz 3, and Yesenia Loya 2 points. At this point the Cowgirls record is 5-3, compared to last years one win the entire season!

VARSITY COWGIRLS: November 14 the Varsity girls lost to Ralls 57-53. Regina Morales had 15 points, Desiraye Broome 14, Joani Bell and Lauren Davis 12 each. On November 17 the girls beat Ropes 49-17. Regina had 16 points, Desiraye and Lauren 11, Joani 8, Reyna 3, Meghan Garcia 2. November 20 the varsity beat Lubbock Home School 62-18. Desiraye had 19 points, Meghan and Joani 8 each, Regina and Jasmine 4, Lauren 3. November 21 the girls lost to Wellman-Union 56-33. Lauren had 9 points, Desiraye and Meghan 8, Joani 5, Reyna 2, Jennifer Eccles 1. November 23 the Cowgirls beat Stanton 56-43. Desiraye had 16 points, Lauren 15, Regina 12, Joani 11, Meghan 2. They next participated in the Tatum 'Battle of the Borders Tournament. They beat Tatum 43-40.

Lauren had 16 points, Regina 10, Desiraye and Joani 7, Meghan 2, Reyna 1. They next beat Jal 76-46. Regina had 22 points, Desiraye 17, Joani 14, Lauren 10, Liz 5, Meghan 4, Reyna and Lauren Hise 2 each. In the finale they downed Eunice 65-29. Joani had 22 points, Desiraye 20, Regina 12, Meghan 5, Lauren and Jennifer 3 points. The Texas girl teams had a better record versus New Mexico girl teams and won a first place plaque. All-tournament awards were not given this year.

Joani Bell makes All-State Volleyball Team



Joani Bell, a PHS Junior, has been named to the 2006 TGCA All-State Volleyball Team. "It is nice to see a great person get recognized for their hard work, dedication and perseverance," head coach Blake Eddleman said. "Joan worked extremely hard last spring and she traveled many miles playing Club Volleyball. Joani is the daughter of Kathy and Danny Bell.

PHS second at UIL meet at Lubbock High

Plains High competed in the November 18 UIL meet at Lubbock High and finished second overall. The number sense, calculator, mathematics and social studies teams finished in second place, the computer science and current event teams were third, and the science team finished 7th.

Individuals Placed as follows.

Number Sense Team - 2nd
 Freshmen
 Seong Jae Kim - 1st
 Nathan McCravey - 3rd
 Cole Reyna - 6th
 Juniors
 Kurt Allredge - 2nd
 Amber Friesen - 4th
 Hunter Liu - 5th
 Edgar Munoz - 6th
 Seniors
 Angelica Mendoza - 6th

Mathematics Team - 2nd
 Freshmen
 Seong Jae Kim - 1st
 Justin Taylor - 5th
 Nathan McCravey - 6th
 Sophomores
 Yesenia Loya - 7th
 Juniors
 Kurt Allredge - 3rd
 Hunter Liu - 5th
 Ryan Crump - 6th
 Amber Friesen - 8th
 Edgar Munoz - 10th
 Seniors
 Angelica Mendoza - 6th

Calculator Team - 2nd
 Freshmen
 Nathan McCravey - 2nd

Sophomores
 Yesenia Loya - 2nd
 Juniors
 Amber Friesen - 2nd
 Lauren Davis - 4th
 Kurt Allredge - 8th
 Seniors
 Angelica Mendoza - 7th

Science Team - 7th
 Freshmen
 Nathan McCravey - 5th
 Justin Taylor - 9th
 Sophomores
 Yesenia Loya - 6th
 Juniors
 Amber Friesen - 5th
 Kurt Allredge - 7th

Current Events Team 3rd
 Colby Ortega - 3rd

Computer Science Team - 3rd
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Social Studies Team - 2nd
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Everything is bigger in Texas, including the cities. At least according to recent US Census Bureau Population Estimates. Three Texas cities made the bureau's list of the country's top ten most populated metros for 2005.

Houston ranked fourth with a population of more than two million, San Antonio came in seventh with almost 1.3 million, and Dallas ranked ninth with more than 1.2 million. "The post-2000 period has clearly turned into a period of rapid growth for Texas cities, particularly its large and suburban cities," said Dr. Steve Murdock, state demographer and research fellow with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

Not only does Texas have some of the largest cities, it has some of the fastest growing. From 2000 to 2005, Texas was the only state to have more than one city among the fastest growing in America, and it had four. San Antonio, up more than 105,000 since 2000, ranked fourth; Fort Worth, up 82,700, ranked fifth; Houston, up nearly 60,000, ranked seventh, and El Paso, up 35,000 ranked tenth. Only Los Angeles, 3.8 million, Phoenix, 1.5 million, and New York, 8.1 million, added more new residents than San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Of the more than 1,200 Texas cities and towns covered in the Census Bureau's 2005 report, 70 percent showed growth in the previous five years, with some smaller towns showing impressive numbers; Hutto had 492 percent growth between 2000 and 2005, and Dallas area towns of Fate and Little Elm grew by 406 and 365 percent, respectively. At the other end of the spectrum, Wichita Falls population dropped by nearly 4,400, Beaumont by 1,900, and Pecos with 1,250.

Storytime is for the Penguins!

Storytime was held at Yoakum County Library Nov. 29. We shared the books *Ellen and the Penguin*, *The Penguins Paint*, *Tackylocks and the Three Bears*, and *Pepin the Penguin*, and enjoyed the film *Peculiar Penguins*. Everyone received a coloring page of a penguin to take home. Attending were Taryn, Delese and Brie Willis, Raven and Ranger Harvey, Kiarsen Harris, Ellie and Cason Russell, Diana Seaton, Braleigh Lowrey, Ashlyn Elliott, Jentry, Trenity and Asher Wall, Mallory Bunch. Storytime is held each Wednesday, 10 AM at the library. All 2,3 and 4 year olds are invited with their parents or caregivers. We hope you will join us.



Guess Who Turns 'The BIG 70' On December 11..... None Other Than CLARENCE KONCABA !!
Give him a call to wish him a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... 806-456-5703**

Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the center. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for, especially that we live in America. We have freedoms so many countries do not, and God has richly blessed this nation.

Ted and I are currently in Littleton, Colorado visiting some of my relatives so my column is a little different this week. I hope you will bear with me as I share a bit of senior humor. The following is from an e-mail I received from Delores Gayle. I thought it appropriate.

"I feel like my body has gotten out of shape so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness center and start exercising. I decided to start an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down for an hour, but by time I got my leotards on the class was over.

Reporter interviewing a 104 year old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" she asked. The woman replied, "No peer pressure."

"The nice thing about being senile is, you can hide your own Easter eggs."

"I've sure gotten old. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackout. Have poor circulation, can hardly feel my feet and hands anymore, can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, but thankfully, still have my driver license".

"My memory's not nearly as sharp as it used to be. And also, my memory is not nearly as sharp as it used to be".

"Do you know how to prevent sagging? Eat until all the wrinkles fill out".

"I've got it, but nobody wants to see it".

"I'm getting into swing dancing. Not on purpose. Some parts of my body are just prone to swinging".

"It's scary when your stomach starts making the same noises as your coffee maker".

"These days about half the stuff in my shopping carts says 'For Fast Relief'".

"Remember, you don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing".

"The SENILITY PRAYER: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference".

The center is open at 10 am five days a week serving meals to seniors 60 and over and their guests. We have a van to pick seniors up and also deliver meals in Plains and Denver City if you qualify.

Have a great week!!

It isn't until you come to a spiritual understanding of who you are - not necessarily a religious feeling, but deep down, the spirit within - that you can begin to take control
Oprah Winfrey

Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District, in conjunction with the Texas Forest Service, is having their annual Windbreak Tree Sale. Several kinds of evergreens are available through the local SWCD. The trees are sold in a box of 39 seedlings for \$75. These trees will be sold on a first come first serve basis. **Deadline to order is February 16, 2007.**

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Operation Christmas Card

Operation Christmas Card, the project helping fund cemetery beautification will again be held this year. The funds from Operation Christmas Card have been used for landscaping, installation of the fence on east side of the cemetery, many trees and shrubs, placing of markers on unmarked graves, placing street signs in the cemetery, and the last product furnished by these funds was purchasing two new flag poles, one each for the U.S. flag and one for the Texas flag. Suggestions for beautification of the cemetery are always appreciated. Contributions may be made at Richardson Insurance, or Box 558, Plains, TX 79355.

Applications for the Annual Toy & Food Drive will be accepted November 20 thru December 14. Resident families wishing to receive Christmas Holiday assistance can turn in application at either of two locations; Plains City Hall or the Courthouse (see Toni Jones). Times to submit applications are Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. For those wishing to donate food or toys, leave with Toni Jones or Sylvia Martinez at City Hall

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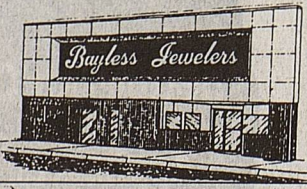
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From The Hack

To bring that warm, fuzzy feeling in the hearts of a number of ministers I am familiar with:

After church one Sunday a young boy told his mother, "Mom, I've decided to be a preacher when I grow up." Mom, a bit surprised but pleased, replied, "That's OK with me, but what made you decide this?"

The boy said, "Well, I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen, and get paid for it!"

A little girl watched her father, a preacher, write his sermon. She finally asked, "How do you know what to say?" Dad said, "Why, God tells me."

She paused a bit and said, "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A young boy became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mothers and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now will he let us go?"

Finally, this - The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Tommy's drawing of an airplane with four passengers inside, and asked him what the scene represented. He told her, "The flight to Egypt." The teacher said, "Oh, I see. That must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, but who's the fourth person?" Tommy replied, "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot." See? Didn't make any of the local clergy upset. I think.

Why does the following really strike a familiar chord with me??

A little girl sat on her granddads lap as he read her a story. From time to time she would stroke his wrinkled cheeks, then stroke her own cheek, then his again. Finally she looked up at him and asked,

"Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart. God made me a long time ago." She paused a bit than asked, "Did God make me too?" Her granddad said, "Yes, God made you just a little while ago." She stroked both their faces a bit, then said quietly, "He's getting lots better isn't he?"

I found a rather disturbing e-mail in my box recently, forwarded by some guy I'd never heard of, who is hotter than a mouth full of Habaneros. He had recently learned his congressman does not pay any social security deduction. Doesn't have to. Can't draw it when he reaches retirement. Why should he? He's got something far, far better to look forward to than a measly thousand or so bucks a month when he retires that you and I will draw from SS.

Years ago someone suggested to our senators and representatives they deserved a little perk, so they very charitably voted themselves a little retirement fund for their golden years. I'm not sure what a US Senator's salary is, but I do know a Representative makes \$165,000 a year. As a starter, of course. Many years ago, they came to the conclusion they deserved a bit more comfort, and added a cost-of-living provision, which can increase their base salary regularly - every year, in fact! Big deal, you say. Yes, it IS a big deal. When they retire, or get booted out of office, they will continue to get their base salary for LIFE - Plus the cost of living freebie.

The guy who was circulating this e-mail was panting and puffing, urging all readers to immediate protest the arrangement to their Reps and Senators. STOP THIS LARCENY! he demanded.

I had about as soon bet on an Arkansas mule without pedigree winning the Kentucky Derby. My odds would be much better than betting on them casting votes against themselves.

It still ticks you off, though, doesn't it?

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, December 21 for the PURCHASE of Two (2) New Police Package 4-Door Sedan Type Patrol Vehicles and one (1) Police Package SUV 4-Door patrol /jai transport vehicle with or without trade-in of one (1) Used 2003 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door Patrol Vehicle; one (1) used 2004 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Patrol Vehicle; and one (1) 1993 Ford F150 Extended Cab Pickup (4x4) four-wheel drive.

Bid price will be paid from 2007 Budgeted Funds.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Wednesday, December 27, 2006.

For specifications and/or more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. For more information and/or to view trade-in, contact Don Corzine, Sheriff, 806/592-2747

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

Commissioner Court reserves the right to rejeect any or all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, December 21 for the SALE of One (1) 1993 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door Patrol Vehicle, One (1) 2004 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Patrol Vehicle, and One (1) 1993 Ford F150 Extended Cab Pickup (4X4) four wheel drive.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Wednesday, December 27, 2006.

For information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO ox 516, Plains, Texas 79355. For more information and/or to view trade-in, contact Don Corzine, Sheriff, 806/592-2747.

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

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

SPC hosts economic development workshop

South Plains College will host a rural economic development workshop December 13 from 9 am to 3 pm. Titled "Developing Rural Entrepreneurship Support Network (RESN) for Economic Development."

The workshop will discuss basic resource and economic development, benefits of economic entrepreneurship to economic development, supporting entrepreneurs, resources, certification, and curriculum of the support network.

The workshop is for all citizens dedicated to finding ways to make improvements in their local economies and communities including developers, city and county officials, chamber of commerces, educators, business owners, and nonprofit organizations.

The workshop is sponsored by the local TRCCN faculty and staff, Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship partners and Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am. For more information contact 806-894-9611, ext 2340/

GRAND JURY SELECTION FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 11, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.

A Grand Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on December 11, 2006 at 9 AM in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas, The following citizens are asked to appear:

DENVER CITY RESIDENTS:

- JOE BAEZA
- SAMANTHA ZETT WILLIAMS
- DENNICE M. HINES
- REBECCA JO CARR
- NELL THOMASON KYZER
- KASSIJO LOUISE ROBERTSON
- BARBARA ANN COLE
- ALFREDO ESCOBAR
- RHONDA JEAN TAFF
- TOMMIE MCBRIDE HILLIARD
- EVA QUEZADA
- DARLA JAN CORFIELD
- VOLA LOUISE LUTHER
- DERYLL DWAIN WHITEHEAD
- NAVIDA QUINTANILLA SIPES
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- JUSTIN SHAWN MOCK
- CASEY W. CLARK
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- GARY STEVE CRUTCHER

PLAINS & TOKIO RESIDENTS:

- DAVD L. BUNCH
- MARIA HERNANDEZ
- MARIA TOSCANO CHAMBLISS
- HAYLEY PIERCE PONCE
- MELISSA NICOLE GRAY
- STACIE KAY EARNEST
- VENNUM FITZGERALD
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