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PHS to offer dual credit courses eligible Juniors, Seniors can earn high school and college credits in coming months

Plains High School Junior and Senior students and their parents recently received a letter and detailed information outlining the offering of college courses through the district's Interactive Video Classroom, and in some cases by instructors in classrooms at the school or an alternative site.

PHS administrators developed regulations governing student eligibility for the college courses which were approved by the PISD Board of Trustees. The dual credit courses will be available at the start of the Spring 2001 semester which starts January 9.

Superintendent Jim Haynes said there are a number of ways students could receive the dual credits. Instruction by a college professor would be available over the Interactive Video Network (ITV) before, during or after regular school hours. College professors could offer instruction at the PHS campus, an alternative site or a college campus. Instruction could be available during a PHS Advanced Placement class pro-

vided the instructor holds a Master Degree with 18 graduate hours in the subject being taught. To illustrate how dual credits could be earned, students passing the college algebra course would receive college credits for that subject, and high school credit for algebra II; Passing general psychology would earn college credits for the subject, and an high school elective subject.

"The high school administration and Board of Trustees are excited about the new program. It will give many of our Juniors and Seniors a head start in their college careers," Haynes said. He pointed out South Plains College (or any future participating college) must also determine each student's eligibility for the college courses. Eligible students could take a maximum of two college courses per semester, or two courses during the summer session. Anticipated fees for the program are \$75 for one course, or \$116 for two.

Temporary Truce Called in Weevil War eradication program shows impressive results

Officials at the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone office here are pleased with final numbers and data gathered after the end of the eradication efforts against the cotton pest.

In the Plains District, a total of 221,639 acres of cotton were sprayed for weevil infestations. The Brownfield office reported 235,000 acres were treated, along with 140,285 acres out of Seminole, and 215,575 acres from Seagraves. Eradication spraying included aerial flights, ground rigs and mist blower units.

One year ago, the Plains district captured some 993,000 weevils while inspecting a total of 47,687 traps, an average of almost 21 weevils per trap. In the year 2000 eradication program, 489,220 weevils were captured from 648,000 traps, a dramatic 96 percent reduction.

Michael Hester, Assistant Zone Manager, told CCN "The seasonal field person-



nel have been laid off until we start the eradication program again next season. We still have ten personnel at the District office located at the airport, plus seven people here in the Zone office."

He said the District employees will continue to monitor some 720 traps for weevil numbers, perform all necessary maintenance on the many vehicles based at the airport, and salvage as many stakes for mounting traps as possible for next season.

The Plains, Brownfield, Semi-

nole and Seagraves offices had a total of 809,530 acres of cotton to monitor and perform eradication spraying on. A total of one and a half million weevils were captured in 2,227,559 inspected traps. In 1999, almost two and a half million weevils were taken from 136,542 inspected traps, a reduction of 96 percent in captured weevils.

Most area cotton producers in the county and entire Zone have indicated their satisfaction with the results of the first full year of the Boll Weevil War.

Panhandle People Invited To Town Meeting

District 31 residents are invited to share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of issues as State Senator Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) tours the Panhandle and West Texas, beginning December 12 through December 19, conducting a series of town hall meetings. Senator Bivins will meet with Yoakum County residents at the Plains Community Center 8:15 to 9:15 am. on Tuesday, December 19.

Bivins will discuss the upcoming 77th Legislative session, answer questions and solicit

input from constituents on statewide issues affecting them. "Redistricting, water and transportation needs are just some of the topics that have garnered attention so far," said the Senator. "I want to hear from constituents on these issues and any other concerns that I need to focus on during the intense 140 days of the regular session."

As Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Bivins will share information on bills he plans to introduce relating to

public education, especially those dealing with initiatives to recruit and retain quality teachers. The Senator also serves on the Natural Resources and Border Affairs Committees. On January 9, 2001, when the Legislature convenes, Bivins will be serving in his fourth term in the Texas Senate.

As most District 31 residents are aware, rapidly changing developments in presidential politics is impacting Senator

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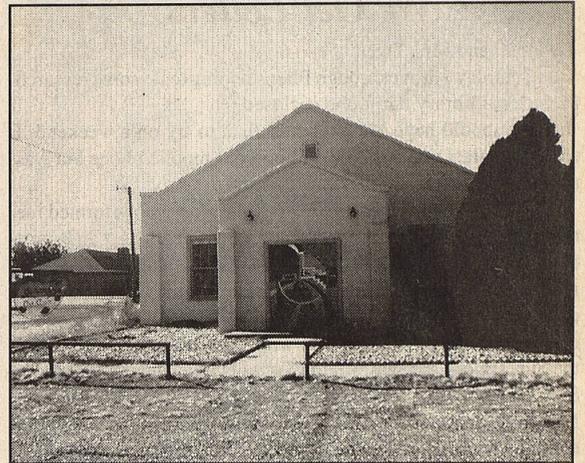
New city building complex nearer Preparations for new City Hall, Fire Department and EMS in final stages

Successful negotiations between officials of the City of Plains and the Yoakum County Art Association produced a new and final building site for a new city hall and building for the volunteer fire department and local EMS service.

City Administrator David Brunson said the one-quarter block of land where the Art Association building sits will be the home for the new complex. The north half of the quarter block belonged to Yoakum County, which has deeded the property to the city. The City of Plains paid the Art Association \$5,000 for the building and remaining land. In the near future, the art building will be demolished.

A building plan has been submitted for the new fire hall and EMS building to the Texas Department of Accessibility Standards in Austin, for their approval of

requirements contained in the Americans with Disabilities Act. When approved, bids will be advertised for construction of the 4,800 square foot steel building. It will be capable of housing six fire department vehicles, plus the two EMS



The art building will be razed to provide space for two new city buildings

ambulances. Brunson said the probable cost of the project will be \$90 to \$100 thousand.

When the first building is completed, it will serve as a temporary city hall, until the second new building is finished. The new headquarters for the city will also be a steel structure, partially bricked.

"I don't feel comfortable talking cost figures for the new city hall now. We have not received any engineering firm or contractors estimates of building costs yet." Asked when he thought actual work would begin on the dual fa-

cility project, He said "I expect demolishing and removing the old art building will start sometime after the first of the year. It could be sometime in February or early March before construction starts on the fire department and EMS building."

The Plains Lions Club has agreed to make their building, which also serves as the Scout Hut, available to the Yoakum County Art Association. The building will be used for lessons and art seminars. Plans have not been finalized by the Art Association on the site for their annual show and sale.



Liz Wilmeth and Chris McGinty performed a stirring rendition of The Star Spangled Banner prior to last week's Smyer basketball game

Criminal cases in County Court

Three criminal cases were heard in County Court December 6, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Joe Raymond Flores pled true to the charge of evading arrest and detentiopn. His 90 day jail sentence had been met with 223 days served.

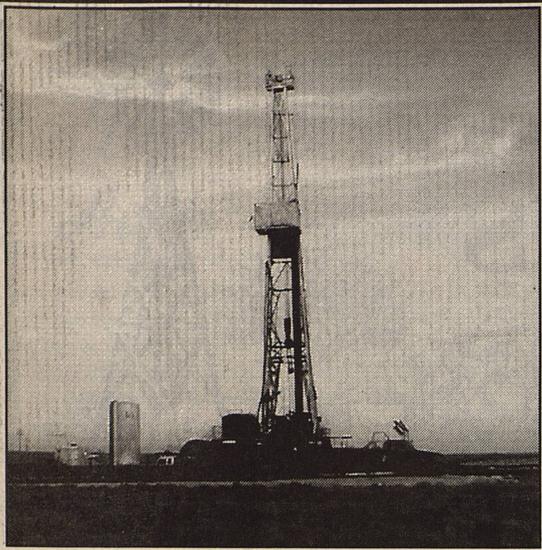
Wesley A. Galindo pled guilty

to assault causing bodily injury in family violence. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. A \$250 fine and \$210 court costs will be met with time payments. He must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the batterer's prevention program, and serve 80 hours community service.

Adam Joseph Reinert pled guilty to DWI, BT .172/.172. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. A \$600 fine and \$225 court costs

will be met with time payments. He must pay \$11,640 restitution, paid by State Farm Insurance to Everett Hodge. He must attend weekly AA meetings and complete the DWI first offenders program. His license will be suspended 90 days, and he must install an interlock device on any vehicle operated, and perform 24 hours community service.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.



Bandera Drilling Company Rig 5, on location just north of Plains, symbolizes the increase in oil drilling exploration throughout the Permian Basin and other oil producing areas, stimulated by continuing high prices for crude.

We Get Letters

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dyer,

Last Saturday I drove through Plains hoping to do some research in the local library but found it closed.

I really should have known better than to try on a weekend. I tried to contact you at home and on your mobile phone but was unsuccessful.

A few years ago I talked to a Plains librarian who informed me that the county court house burned down years ago and most records I was looking for were probably destroyed. Anyway, maybe you or someone from the Yoakum County Historical Society might be able to help. My father, W.A.S. Douglas, was a newspaperman for many years with the Chicago Sun (prior to the Sun Times), the Washington Times Herald and the Baltimore Sun. He also wrote several magazine articles. In one (American Mercury, March 1930) he mentioned having been the managing editor and boss printer in the "Plains Gazette in Yoakum County". This was before I came along and my dad died in 1951 while I was still quite young.

I have looked in many newspaper history books and can find no mention of this publication. Do you know if this paper existed, or if so, anything about it? Any information you could furnish would be appreciated. My e-mail address is shown below.

Sincerely,

Edward Douglas

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* If any readers can assist Mr. Douglas please contact him.*

Lincoln - Kennedy strange assassination coincidences

Both were concerned with civil rights.

Lincoln was elected president in 1860, Kennedy was elected in 1960.

Both were killed in the presence of their wives.

Both were shot from behind in the head.

They were both succeeded by Southern Democrats named Johnson, who held seats in the U.S. Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.

Booth and Oswald were southerners favoring unpopular ideas. Both presidents lost children through death while in the White House.

President Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater.

Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and ran to a warehouse.

Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theater.

Both assassins were killed before they could be brought to trial.

Sheriff Elect Attends Seminar

Don Corzine of Denver City attended the Sheriffs' Association of Texas "Newly Elected Sheriff's Seminar" held December 4-8, 2000 in Austin.

This seminar is held every four years to familiarize the newly elected Sheriffs with their duties and responsibilities to carry out the tasks of their office as well as to bring current Sheriffs and Chief Deputies up to date on current information. There were 101 newly elected Sheriffs, current Sheriffs, and Chief Deputies attending this seminar.

Each participant in the seminar received a Local Government Code containing over 1200 pages furnished by the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, as well as other handouts per-

taining to the various topics.

A wide variety of subject matters were presented and covered such as: Sheriffs Duties under the Local Government Code. Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Standards and Education. Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Bail Bonds. Attorney General Opinions effecting Sheriffs. Jail Certification. Major Crimes/Sexual Assault. Family Violence. Jail and Law Enforcement Liabilities. Hiring and Firing Office Personnel. Open Records. Budget Preparation.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c) (3) Non profit Corporation whose goals include providing training and technical support to Sheriffs and other peace officers and awarding scholarships to their children.

Commissioners Court Meeting

In the Monday meeting of Commissioners Court, the county approved a new management agreement between the Board of Managers of Yoakum County Hospital and Covenant Health System. The agreement is essentially the same as the hospital has operated under for a number of years. As manager of the hospital, Covenant will have the authority and responsibility to supervise and manage the day to day operation of the hospital, subject to the authority and responsibility of the board.

The Tax Assessor/Collectors report for the month of November showed a total of \$261,787 in taxes collected.

The court approved the purchase of new Teleradiology equipment for Yoakum County Hospital from Computed Images, Inc. for \$31,395, using previously budgeted hospital funds.

A bid from Mustang Country for the purchase of a new 4-door extended van for the County Service Officer was approved. Net bid price for the vehicle was \$20,985, after

trade-in of a 1993 Chevrolet station wagon.

The court approved advertising for bids on a 2001 Van, with trade-in of a 1991 Ford Van, for the Yoakum County Senior Citizens Center

Harlem Entertainers to be in Lovington

The Lovington Chamber of Commerce will present the Harlem Entertainers basketball game Friday, December 15, 2000 7:30 pm. at the Lovington High School gym.

Traveling with the Entertainers will be famous trio of comedians, "Wizard" Washington, who was the understudy of Marquis Haynes and a point guard for Goose Tatum. Both of these gentlemen were original Harlem Globetrotters.

"Showboat" Brannon played with Goose Tatum Roadkings and was coached by the Clown Prince of Basketball.

"Badnews" Hardiman played for many years with the well known Harlem Wizards and is one of the only active originals.

Support the Lovington Chamber of Commerce in this great fund raiser. Proceeds go to the "Light Up Lovington" campaign. To help purchase Christmas lighting, 4th of July Fireworks, and Electronics Community Bulletin Board.

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Bivins and his colleagues in the Texas Legislature. This has resulted in an abbreviated district travel schedule. The Senator regrets any inconvenience this may cause constituents who may have to travel to attend one of the scheduled town hall meetings.

Yoakum County Courthouse OPEN HOUSE Wednesday December 20th 11:00 am. to 3:00 pm.

WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

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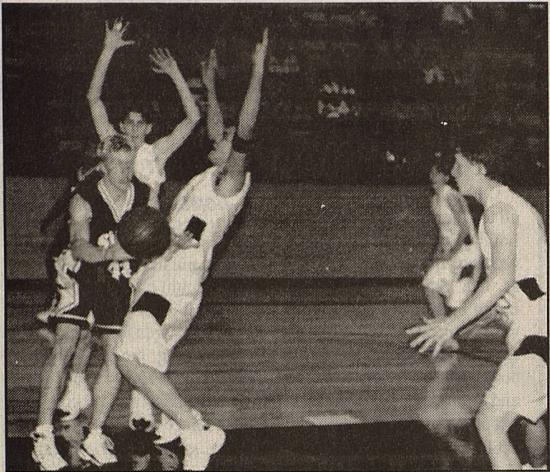
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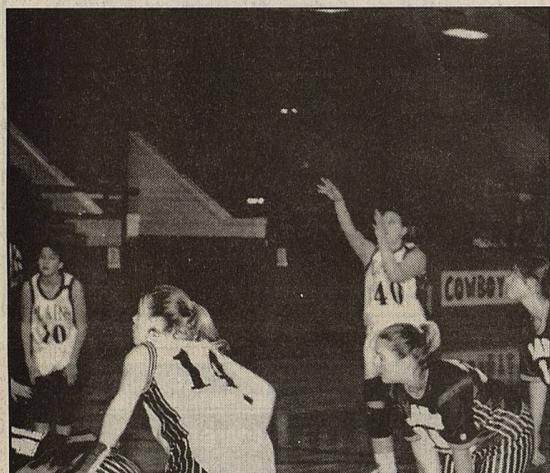
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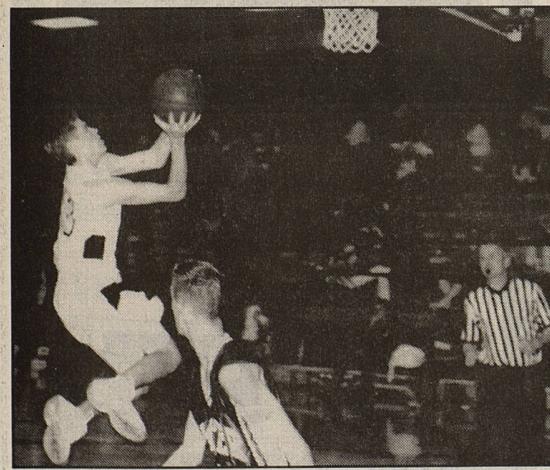
A Cowgirl shoots, swarmed by Smyer



Eddy Gallegos tries to draw foul, Ref's didn't buy it



Kim Willis takes free shot



Tanner Hamm goes airborne for layup

PISD Roundball Action

7th Lady Wranglers report unavailable.

8th Lady Wranglers: Seagraves Tournament- The 8th girls opened the tourney against 3-A Seminole and fell 39-23. Marlie Diaz led scoring with 6 points, Jamie Covarrubias had 5, Sandra Gandara 4, Kristian Morales and Jesenia Suarez 3 each, Mayra Flores 2. They next played 3-A Denver City, and were downed 37-26. Sandra managed 9 points, Marlie had 8, Jesenia 4, Kristian 3, Jamie 2, and Prisma Ortiz 1. In their finale, they were defeated by Seagraves 50-23. Jesenia led scoring with 9 points, Marlie had 5, Kristian 4, Mayra and Sandra 2 each, Daniela Lazos 1.

7th Wranglers: The younger Wranglers took second place in the Seagraves tournament. They opened with a loss to Smyer 58-40. Michael Therwanger was tops in scoring with 12 points, followed by T.J. Cordova with 6, Abel Ramos and Blake Parrish 5 each, Blake O'Quinn and Casson Curtis 4 each, David Allredge and Todd Williams 2 each. They bounced back with a big overtime win over Denver City, 40-33. Casson had the hot shooting hand with 14 points, Blake had 6, Cade Arnett 5, T.J. and Blake Parrish 4 each, David 2, Todd 1. They won their final game over Seagraves 44-35. Casson and T.J. topped scoring with 12 points each, David had 8, Blake O'Quinn 6, Abel and Blake Parrish 2 each.

8th Wranglers: The 8th boys placed second in the tournament. They opened with a 30-23 loss to Smyer. Evan Cain and Cody Flores topped scoring with 8 points each, Kelby Johnson had 5, Patrick Cotton 2. They next downed Denver City 29-26, Evan led scoring with 10 points, Cole Krebsbach managed 4, Payton Bean, Cody and Kelby each had 3, Kerry Sisson, Breck Hamm and Daniel Estrada 2 each. While losing to Seagraves 43-38 in the final game, Coach Brink said it was their best effort with lots of hustle. Evan had 14 points, John Wagnon 10, Cody 9, Brandon Hise, Brant Huerta 2 each, Payton 1.

JV Cowgirls: The young Cowgirls played well against Smyer and their big post player, but fell 28-25. Jessica Rodriguez topped scoring with 11 points, Kayla Willis had 6, Keri Hansesn, Jill Gray, Sarah Martinez and Mandi Rogers 2 each.

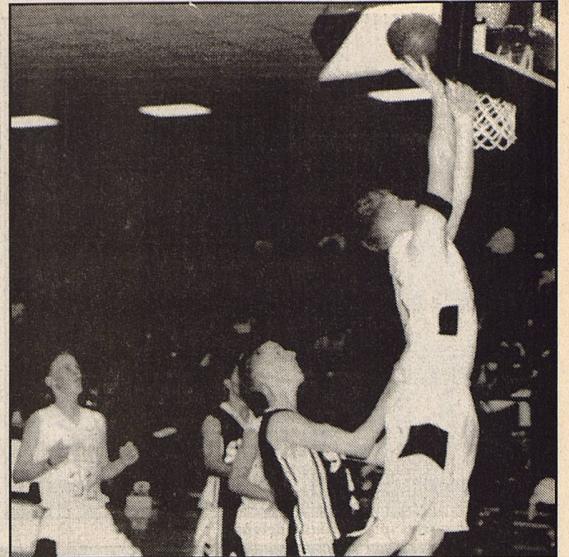
Varsity Cowgirls: The Cowgirls fell to a good Smyer team 62-39. Annaliesa O'Quinn topped scoring with 17 points, Lexi Warren had 11, Chelsea Blount 5, Chelsi Wagnon 3, Kim Willis 2, and Tanya Vasquez 1. Chelsi and Annaliesa each had 9 rebounds, and Lexi had 5 assists and 2 steals.

I-27 Tourney - The Cowgirls could only manage 8% shooting from the floor and fell to New Deal 67-21. Lexi scored 7 points, Chelsea and Annaliesa 4 each, Tanya and Chelsi Wagnon 2 each. Annaliesa pulled down 9 rebounds, and Chelsea had 3 steals. The girls played much better against Lorenzo but fell 48-46 in a good game. Lexi led the scoring with 13 points, Chelsea had 9, Annaliesa and Michaela Traweck 8 each, Chelsi Wagnon 6, Mackenzie Winn 2. Annaliesa had 12 rebounds and 3 steals Chelsea and Tanya 4 assists each. The Cowgirls demolished New Deal 46-12. Complete computer results were not available, but Chelsea Blount and Tanya scored 10 points, Kim Willis 7, Chelsea Wagnon and Kayla Willis had 6 each.

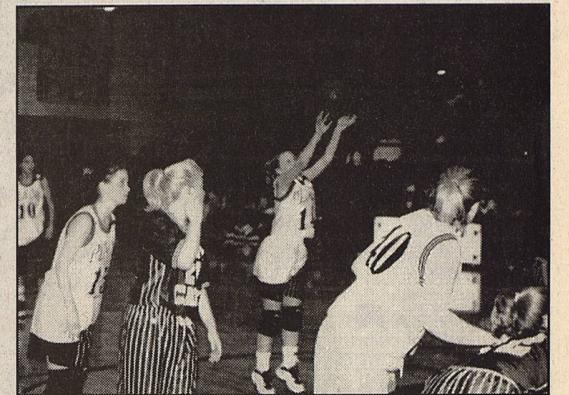
JV Cowboys: The younger Cowboys defeated Smyer 44-34. Zach Broome led the scoring with 19 points, Angel Ruiz had 9, Kelly Bowers 6, David Garcia and Jonathan Peppin 4 each, Jeremy Diamond 2.

Varsity Cowboys: The Cowboys sailed by Smyer 62-35. Eddy Gallegos was lead scorer with 13 points, Adam Garcia had 10, Jared Bell 8, Jarod Newland 7, Tanner Hamm and Kelsey Blundell 5 each, Brett Squyres 4. Eddy had 10 rebounds and 7 steals.

I-27 Tournament - (Full computer results unavailable) The Cowboys lost their opener to Lubbock Trinity 61-55. Adam Garcia topped the scoring with 18 points, Jared Bell had 10. They came back to down Shallowater 55-42. Bell managed 16 points, Dustin Six 15, Kelsey 14. The Cowboys were edged out by Littlefield 65-63. Dustin Six had a hot hand and 17 points, Adam 15, Kelsey 12, Jarod Newland 9, Jared Bell 6, and Brett Squyres 4. Bell pulled down 10 rebounds, Adam and Kelsey had 3 assists each. They went down again to Crane 67-62. Bell topped scoring with 16 points, Adam had 14, Jarod Newland 13, Dustin 12. The Cowboys record is now 9 wins and 4 losses.



Brett Squyres soars for two



Lexi Warren takes free shot against Smyer

Plains Middle School Can Do It!

Plains Middle School recently helped in the community can food drive this year. The project helped promote character, class pride, and love of school and community. The students did a great job of collecting food items in the community, collecting 3,590 food items. The winner in the can drive was the eighth grade with a total of 1,571 items. Running a close second was the sixth grade with 1,093. The seventh grade had 495 cans, and the fifth grade had a total of 431 cans. The high school student council is going to reward the winning class with a pizza party.

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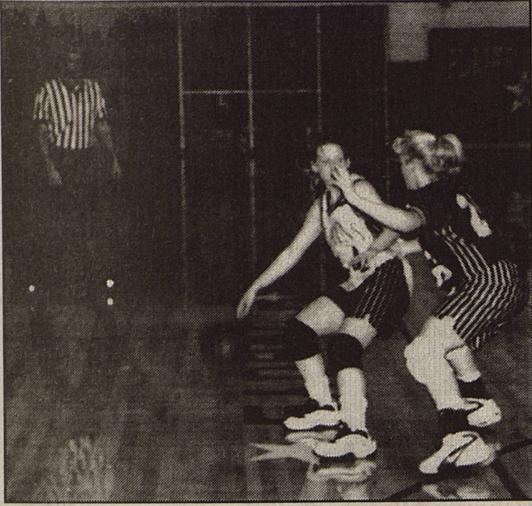
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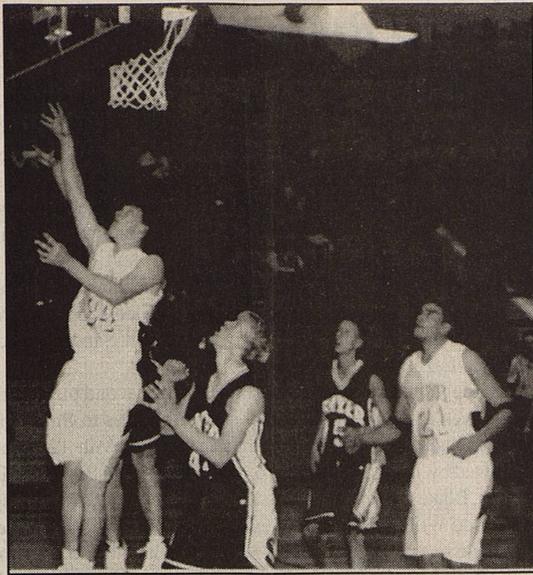
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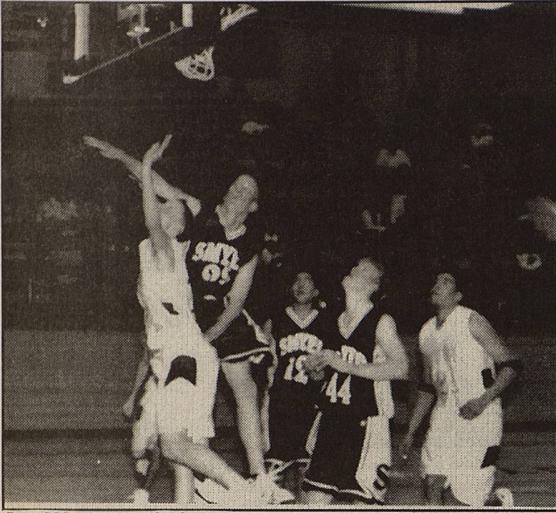
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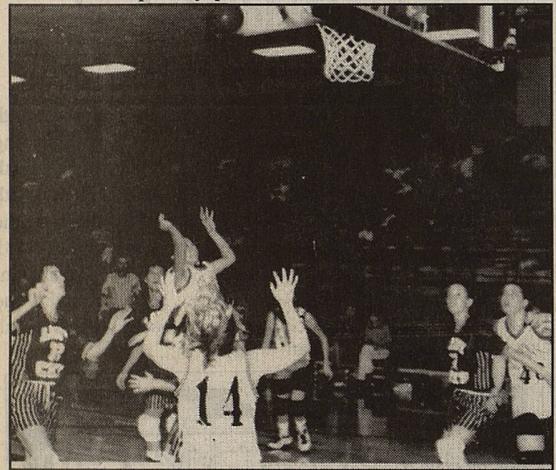
Lexi Warren tries to get around defense



Jared Bell scores two points



Jarod Newland up for layup



Chelsi Wagnon makes jump shot against Smyer

Band Members Compete For State

This past Saturday we took 10 members of the Cowboy Band to Floydada for ATSSB All-State Region auditions. Out of the 10, 7 made the Area Honor Band, including 1st Skyler Johnson, 1st Chris McGinty, Jordan Bean, Liz Wilmeth, Amanda Garcia, Elizabeth

Clanahan, and Chris Gschiedle advanced to Area, which will be held in Sundown on January 6th. Liz Wilmeth and Amanda Garcia have a chance to participate being named 1st Alternates. This is the largest group we have taken to Area for All-State auditions.

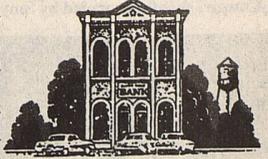
Getting Back On Track After the Holidays

Did you spend more than you had anticipated this holiday season? You're probably not alone. But rest assured, reality will soon set in when you receive your first bill. For many, frenzied holiday spending has pushed them into a serious and troublesome financial situation, or has aggravated an existing debt.

Unfortunately, this story is all too familiar. In some circles holiday debt has become as much of the holiday tradition as Ole Saint Nick himself. Being part of this trend is not wise, especially if you don't have enough money to pay for both current living expenses and yesterday's indulgences.

To keep from carrying this debt through the same time next year, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas recommends these guidelines to get back on track:

- Make a plan to pay off debt. Create a budget and stick to it.
- If you are having problems making payments, contact creditors immediately about alternative, more manageable plans.
- Stop charging. Pay off balances each month or if debt



Tips from your Community Banker

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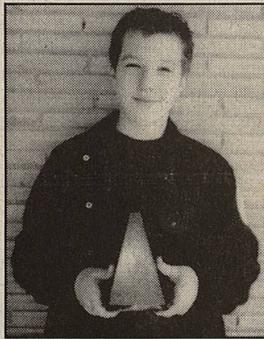
- Use your debit card instead of your credit cards for purchases. By deducting money straight from your bank account you bypass the chance of racking up a big balance on your card.
- Make savings a priority and put those saved dollars toward reducing your debt. As little as \$5 a month adds up.
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- Keep records of all purchases and payments.
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Chelsea Blount goes up for two pointer

Student of the Week



car and you notice all the cars on the road like the one you're buying. They were always there before, but you just didn't notice them because you weren't looking for them. When you're looking for good, you'll certainly find it. That is positive thinking. Our student of the week has these qualities. He is always positive and willing to work at anything.

How do we develop a positive attitude? One way is to associate with positive people. This student helps keep everyone around him going with positive attitudes. With this in play, I believe this student will go on to be a great leader for the student body."

Student of the week is Austin Keese, a freshman and son of Mr and Mrs Kreg Keese. He was nominated by Mr. Porill who said, "Positive thinking means a "can do" attitude, an attitude that allows one to see the best in all circumstances. It means facing a given situation and looking for the opportunities that almost always lie within. It's a matter of focus. It's a little like when you're buying a new

The National Weather Service thermometer at City Hall registered 18 degrees at 8 AM Tuesday



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Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Holiday Gift Packages

Give the gift of music for the holidays! The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra announces the availability of special holiday gift ticket packages. The packages include tickets for the four remaining concerts this season. January 12 and 13, Lara Webber, Guest Conductor and Will Strieder, Guest Artist; March 30 and 31, Francisco Noya, Guest Conductor, and William Westney, Guest Artist; April 21, "An Evening with David Gaschen and Friends," with Kenneth Davis, Guest Conductor; and May 4 and 5, Andrews Sill, Guest Conductor, and John Gilbert, Guest Artist. Package prices are \$52.00, \$72.00 and \$85.00, depending on seat location. Student packages are \$30.00 each. The holiday gift packages must be purchased at the Lubbock Symphony offices, 1500 Broadway, Suite 1117. Tickets are also available for individual concerts. For more information, call the LSO office at 762-1688 or go online to check the LSO website at www.lubbocksymphony.org.



Beauty becomes you at 40! Happy Birthday Kathy Bell

Funds Available For Training, Tuition Assistance

The Texas Work Force Center of Levelland, a division of South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., would like to announce there are limited funds still available for tuition assistance to workers who can prove being laid off from an employer. The funding for this program is provided by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. This program is targeted at assisting individuals to obtain and/or retrain for employment that helps the individual to meet self-sufficiency. The funds are available for

residents of Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb, Terry and Yoakum counties of Texas. Individuals in Hockley, Cochran, Terry and Yoakum counties who are interested in being considered as a potential participant should call the Texas Workforce Center at (806) 894-5005, or come by 410 Houston in Levelland, Texas.

Those residing in Bailey and Lamb counties should call the Texas Workforce Center of Littlefield at (806) 385-9119, or stop by 315 Phelps in Littlefield.

All applicants must meet federal, state and local eligibility and suitability requirements before being considered as a potential participant. The Texas Workforce Center is an equal employer/program. Auxiliary aides are available upon request.

SPC Schedules Spring Registration

South Plains College has announced spring registration at its four campuses, located in Levelland and Lubbock.

Registration at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock is scheduled January 8-9.

Registration for classes offered at SPC Lubbock and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center is scheduled January 10 for returning students and January 11 for new students at the Lubbock downtown campus location, 1302 Main.

Sign up for spring classes at SPC Levelland will be January 11. SPC's late registration is scheduled January 16-22.

For more information, interested persons can access SPC's website at www.southplainscollege.com or contact SPC for a spring class schedule at 894-9611 or 747-0576.

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From The Hack



We received a rather lengthy press release from the Texas Press Association the other day, detailing some rather weird personal injury lawsuits and settlements, and it gave me pause, then a serious sinking spell, to realize the dozens of opportunities I've lost by not suing someone for misfortunes I've experienced.

One of the suits discussed involved a man and wife who sued McDonald's of golden arches fame. Seems she burned her chin on a hot pickle in one of their burgers. She demanded \$110,000 for mental and physical anguish, and hubby demanded \$15,000 because he was "deprived of the services and consortium of his wife." The release said McDonald's was still fighting the case.

I remember one time while living in El Paso a wait person

dumped a sizable bowl of tortilla soup in a very sensitive area of my lap. It was one of several very popular and prosperous restaurants. I didn't have the gumption to threaten to sue for many thousands, claiming mental and physical anguish, and depriving the Bride of my services and consortium, whatever consortium is.

I also recall another golden opportunity missed. Fresh out of the Navy, single, a wad of discharge money in my Wranglers, I found myself in Monahans at their annual rodeo. Afterwards, I found myself in a noteworthy honky tonk. As best I recall, someone held a gun to my head and forced me into the den of depravity.

I shyly eased up to the long, crowded bar, and politely or-

dered a sasparilla, best I remember. I glanced about, just in time to catch a glimpse of a brown missile approaching at supersonic speed. It was a beer bottle, I realized at the exact moment it crashed into the side of my head.

Why, oh why, when I came to my senses sometime the next morning, didn't I sue the bar owner, the bartender, the guy who threw the bottle, and especially Anheuser-Busch for making such an indestructible bottle, which was much harder than my skull. Surely no judge would have considered my plea a frivolous lawsuit. I could have retired at the age of 23.

From the internet, Florida has changed the rules of golf. Now, when a golfer hits a shot, he has the option to yell Gore instead of Fore. He is then allowed to hit another shot until he gets one he likes. The first foursome playing under the new rules took 21 days to finish - the first hole.

AA/AL-ANON Meeting
Alcoholic's Anonymous meeting will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. Al-Anon Mondays at 7:00 pm. Pate Trucking Co., 214 Plains Hwy. Denver City, Texas. Call 592-8660 or 592-3455.

The Yoakum County Tax Office in Denver City and Plains will be closed for Motor Vehicle business December 29, 2000, due to an inventory audit by the Texas Dept. of Transportation. Taxes can be paid until noon on the day.

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Dear Santa Claus, I know I'm a bit old to be writing, but there are a few things I desperately need and can't seem to get. First, and this may be tough - PLEASE bring us a new president by Christmas 2001! Who cares anymore if he's Demo or Repub, we'll take a Whig or Tory!

Next, please don't let my golf game improve one iota. Recently I shot fairly well (for me) and managed to win two bucks. The thieves I play with whined

about it worse than Big Al in Florida, and are threatening to take back the strokes they've been giving. Please bring me a book on how to continue to look terrible, but get lucky now and then.

Also, please bring the Bride a new sciatic nerve for her back and knee. If you can't manage that, bring her a couple of cases of Blackberry wine. She's gotta get some relief someday.

I know this is a toughie, but could you possibly bring

Brother Bill Wright an improved sense of humor? He thinks what he says about me from the pulpit is hilarious, but completely misses the humor when I write about him.

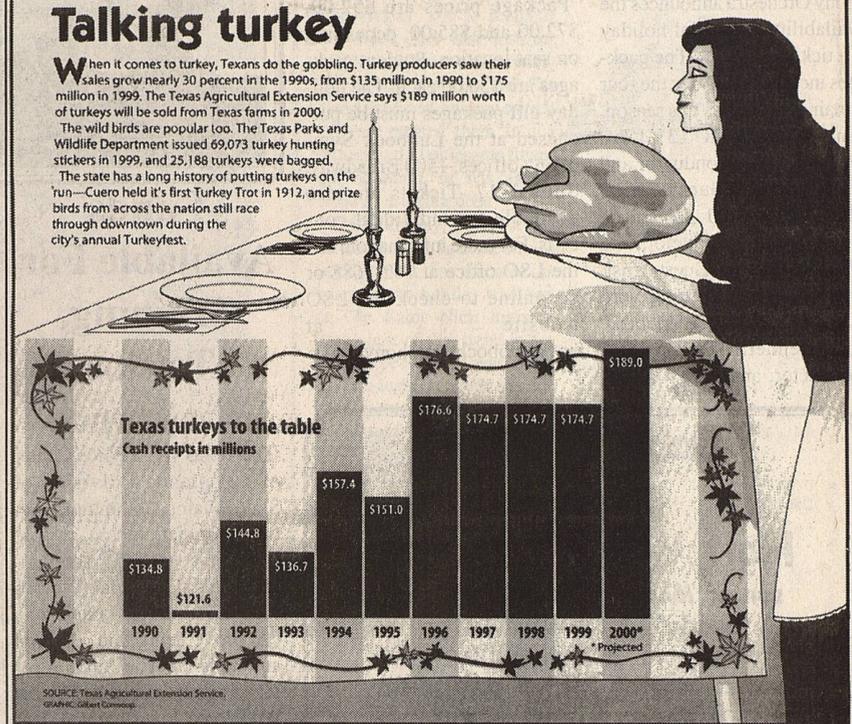
Also, please bring an extra bag of enlightenment to all the local business people; Make them realize the economy is good, and they should take advantage of it and advertise with us more!

Thanks from your biggest fan,
The Hack

Texas at a Glance

Talking turkey

When it comes to turkey, Texans do the gobbling. Turkey producers saw their sales grow nearly 30 percent in the 1990s, from \$135 million in 1990 to \$175 million in 1999. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service says \$189 million worth of turkeys will be sold from Texas farms in 2000. The wild birds are popular too. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued 69,073 turkey hunting stickers in 1999, and 25,188 turkeys were bagged. The state has a long history of putting turkeys on the run—Cuero held its first Turkey Trot in 1912, and prize birds from across the nation still race through downtown during the city's annual Turkeyfest.



Agricredit Acceptance LLC will offer the following repossessed equipment for sale to the highest bidder for cash. Equipment : LE Spider, Sprayer, s/n 4LCSEW164, and RHT-743, Dump Cart, s/n 743. Date of sale - December 27, 2000. Time of Sale - 10 AM. Place of Sale - Texas Equipment, 1/2 mile West on US Highway 82, Plains, Texas. The equipment will be sold AS IS, without warranty. We reserve the right to bid. For further information please contact Tracy Calhoun at 800-577-8504, Ext. 1487.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
Year Ended August 31, 2000

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Fund	98 August 31, 2000	97 August 31, 1999	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 5,103,684	\$ -	\$ 5,103,684	\$ 6,649,133
5800	State Program Revenues	385,173	44,370	429,543	386,801
5900	Federal Program Revenues	178,134	264,167	442,301	423,044
5030	Total Revenues	5,666,991	308,537	5,975,528	7,458,978
EXPENDITURES:					
0010	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	2,877,330	303,090	3,180,420	3,180,895
0020	Instruction and School Leadership	290,856	-	290,856	302,305
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	1,058,487	5,139	1,063,626	1,050,068
0040	Administrative Support Services	284,196	308	284,504	288,487
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	882,841	-	882,841	701,168
0060	Ancillary Services	3,758	-	3,758	6,282
0080	Capital Outlay	19,788	-	19,788	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	195,143	-	195,143	1,562,536
6030	Total Expenditures	5,612,399	308,537	5,920,936	7,091,741
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	54,592	-	54,592	367,237
7020	Other Resources	580	14,448	15,028	23,733
8030	Other (Uses)	-	(14,448)	(14,448)	(745)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other	55,172	-	55,172	390,225
0100	Fund Balance-September 1 (Beginning)	2,913,776	-	2,913,776	2,523,551
3000	Fund Balance-August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,968,948	\$ -	\$ 2,968,948	\$ 2,913,776

Executive Director of Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce for Denver City, Texas

Combined position of Executive Director of Denver City Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce. Opportunity to provide leadership to Board of Directors of both groups. Aggressive, future oriented entities seeking to have Executive Director who will be leader in work, focused on securing business opportunities and development for this West Texas community. Recently passed economic development tax and chamber monies will fund salary, travel expense and business development projects. Looking for person with ability to work with two Boards of Directors, travel to promote City and business opportunities, handle day to day leadership of Chamber and Economic Development Corporation. Will supervise one full time assistant and part time person. Prior experience, educational background and work experience will be considered. Professionalism, leadership, knowledge of business, background, enthusiasm, promotional skills and availability to travel are also factors. Salary will be competitive for area, job and expectations. May consider bonus incentive plans also. Submit resumes, references and recommendation letters prior to December 22nd, 2000. Parties selected for interviews will be notified prior to January 1, 2001. Interviews to be scheduled between January 1 and January 5th.

For more information, contact Myrl Slentz, Interim Chamber Director, Denver City, Texas, 806-592-5424. Mail, fax and/or e-mail resumes and up to three letters of recommendation plus up to five references to Denver City Chamber of Commerce, 120 North Main Street, Denver City, Texas 79323; Fax# 806-592-7613; E-Mail: dccoc@hiplains.net.