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# Cowboy Country

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# News



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## Giving Santa Claus A Helping Hand



These volunteers donated their time and muscles last Saturday morning, assembling food boxes and toys for seventeen deliveries of Christmas Assistance gifts to qualified needy here in Plains. The boxes contained canned goods, staple items, and a turkey or ham. A large sack of appropriate toys were included for the families with children. The Food Assistance program was again coordinated by County Treasurer Toni Jones, and Lowe's Market again supported the program. Shown above, frontrow, are Dene McDonnell, Chris Hansen, County Clerk Debbie Rushing, District Clerk Vicki Blundell, and Julia Lemley. Back Row, Toni Jones, Joe Rivera, Alex Barrientes, Jerry Dominguez, and City Administrator Ed Hansen. Not pictured, Terry Davis and Gary Dyer.

## Law enforcement cooperation nets four with serious charges

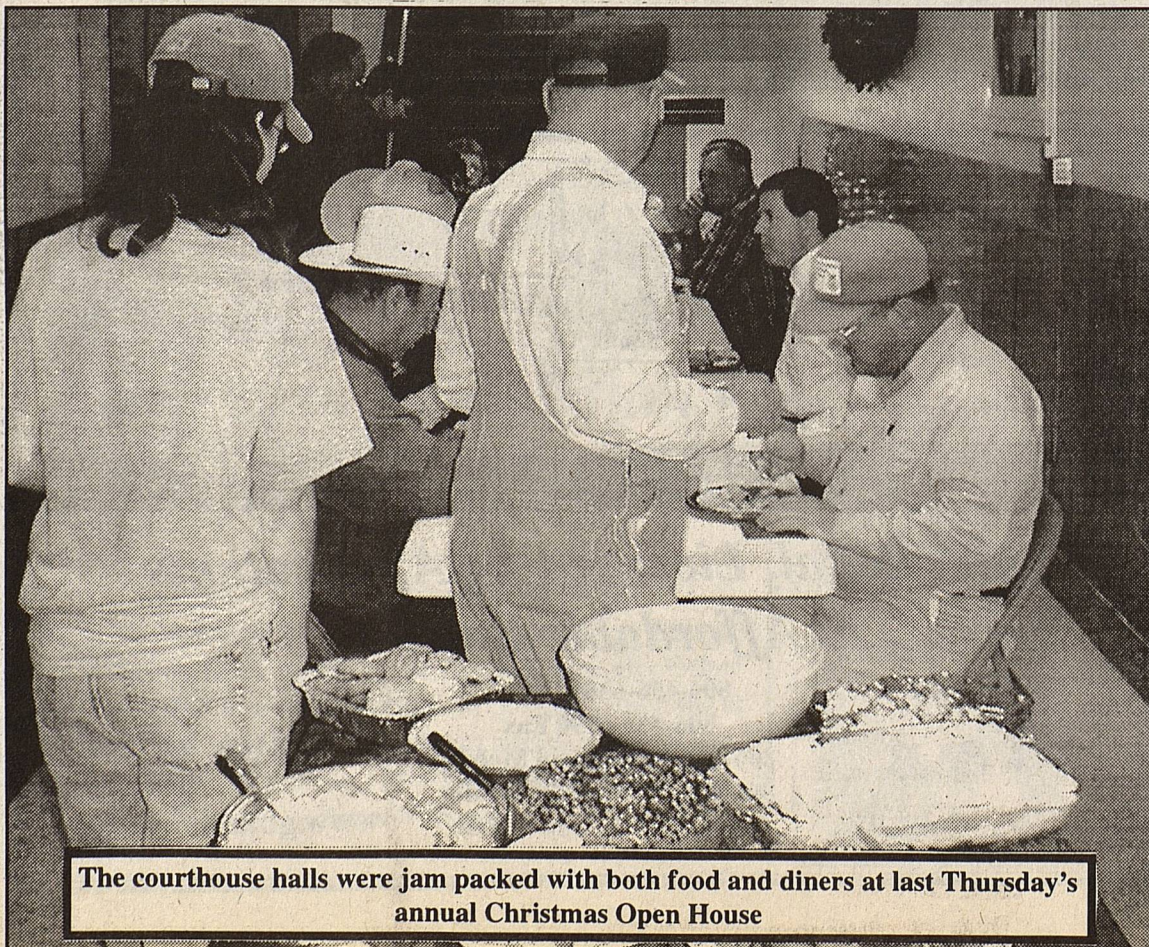
Late in the evening of November 28, four young Denver City men were busy at an ARCO warehouse north of Denver City. A vehicle was rammed into the door of the building allowing four burglars inside, where they became very busy gathering booty. They next shot the locks off utility service boxes on an Arco pickup. Their evenings work netted them an air compressor, portable generator, a beveling tool, tool boxes, tools, and chemical

sprays. Sheriff Don Corzine told CCN Deputy Kenley Powell was assigned as investigating officer on the case. Early the next morning, Mark Clevenger, 27, was arrested by Denver City police and charged with DWI. Jason Wayne Allen, 21, was arrested by Denver City Police that same afternoon.

On December 2, Gaines County officers, who had been investigating a burglary in Seminole, arrested Dale Ed-

ward Crider, 27, and Darwin Homer Leverett Jr., 23. By this time, Sheriff Corzine had assigned his full force of Deputies to the investigation. They began comparing notes with Denver City Police officers, and Gaines County officers seeking information which might help them with their investigation. Shown the vehicle in which local officers

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The courthouse halls were jam packed with both food and diners at last Thursday's annual Christmas Open House

### "ONE"

As the soot and ash rained down,  
We became one color.  
As we carried each other down the stairs of the burning building,  
We became one class.  
As we lit candles of waiting and hope,  
We became one generation.  
As the firefighters and police officers fought their way into the inferno,  
We became one gender.  
As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,  
We became one faith.  
As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement,  
We spoke one language.  
As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,  
We became one body.  
As we mourned together the great loss,  
We became one family.  
As we cried tears of grief and loss,  
We became one soul.  
As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes,  
We become one people.  
We are  
One color  
One class  
One generation  
One gender  
One faith  
One language  
One body  
One family  
One soul  
One people  
We are The Power of One.  
We are United.  
We are America.

## Criminal cases in District Court

Ten criminal cases were heard in District Court sessions December 17 and 19, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Jose Alejandro Loya pled guilty to DWI, third or more. A 10 year prison sentence was suspended and probated 10 years. He was fined \$1500 and assessed court costs of \$237. A cause of driving while license suspended was adjudicated. He must pay \$500 attorney's fee, serve 160 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings. He will remain in county jail for a period not to exceed 180 days, or until space is available in a substance abuse treatment facility, and complete

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## Plans being finalized for Chamber Banquet

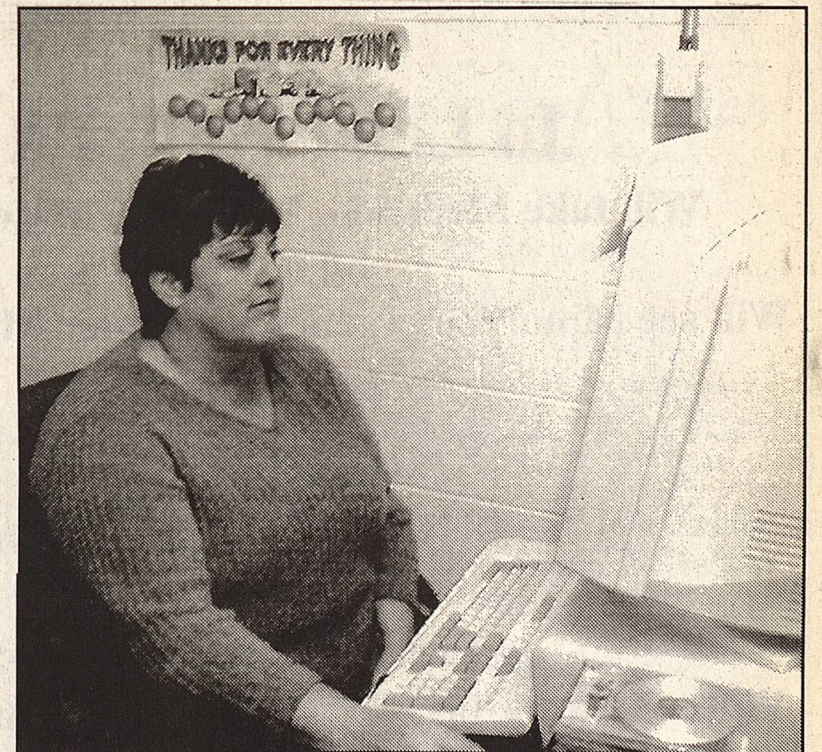
The Plans Chamber of Commerce is rapidly finalizing plans for its Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday, January 17. The Chamber officials are now contacting local business firms and individuals to help furnish door prizes for the event, and plans for the catered meal and guest speaker are in place.

In an effort to continue recognizing some of the outstanding individuals who have received their early education in the Plains School District, and gone on to higher education and successful personal lives and business careers, a 1963 Plains High School graduate will deliver the keynote address at the

banquet. A brief profile of this year's speaker and his achievements is featured on page two of this issue

The banquet will again be held in the school cafeteria at 7 P.M. Tickets at the door will be \$7.50, but can be purchased for \$7 at City Hall. If individuals wish to donate door prizes for the banquet, they may contact Gary Dyer, Carolyn Culwell, Travis Jones, Gary Walker, Ed Hansen, Dolores Davis, Johnnie Fitzgerald or any other Chamber member, or delivered to City Hall. Donors are asked to confirm their donations no later than Monday, January 14.

## PHS Coach named to Sports Hall of Fame



Jan Newland, a collegiate All-American basketball player, Larry Dawson, who gained fame on the football field almost fifty years ago, and Greg Sherwood, who won 174 games in a 23 year football coaching career, will be inducted into the 44th class of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame on February 17.

Newland, Head Coach of the Cowgirls basketball team here, was a two-time all-stater at Claude High School in the early 1970's. She led the Lady Mustangs to a pair of state titles. She played collegiately at Parsons College, and was a member of the U.S. Team that played at Lima, Peru, in 1973. She was also a member of that team in 1974, and transferred to William Penn College in Iowa. Newland was named a Kodak All-American in 1975, the first year Kodak named an All-American Team. She has served as head girls basketball coach here since 1998.

Dawson, a quarterback, led Stinnett to the 1956 Class 2A state championship, one year after Stinnett lost in the title game. He played collegiately at TCU, where he was a roommate of Dallas Cowboy great Bob Lilly. He was drafted by the Cowboys, but didn't play pro ball. Instead he opted to continue his rodeo career, and coached a number of years at the high school level. He is currently a farmer and rancher in Arnett, Oklahoma, and was honored as Cowboy Of The Year in 2000.

Sherwood's 23 year coaching career included stops at Dalhart, Liberal, Kan., Kermit, Spearman and Plainview. He compiled a record of 174-64-2 that included an appearance in the 1974 Class 2A state championship game. Spearman hadn't been to the playoffs since 1951 when he arrived there. The Lynx never lost a district game in his five seasons there. He became the Athletic Director for Lubbock ISD in 1998 before retiring last April.

## PHS Grad To Speak At Annual Chamber Banquet



Dr. Ernie Anderson, a 1963 graduate of Plains High School and nominee for the Texas Academy of General Dentistry's 2001 Dentist of the Year award last October, has accepted an invitation from the Plains Chamber of Commerce to be guest speaker at this year's annual banquet on January 17.

He recently furnished CCN extensive and impressive background material which led to his nomination for the lofty Dentist of the Year honor. A November article in an area issue of the Houston Chronicle featured a statement from Dr. Ralph Cooley, President of the Texas Academy; "This is the most prestigious award a dentist can win, because you are nominated by your peers. We look for not only a dentist who is outstanding in his profession, but also in the community, church and his family life."

Next week's issue of CCN will feature more information on Dr. Anderson.

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had already found some of the stolen ARCO goods, the Seminole officers said it matched the description of the vehicle they had been seeking and believed used in the burglary there. Sheriff Corzime said, "This is another very good example of the benefits of how law enforcement agencies working together can often lead to the apprehension of guys like these. Our officers, Kenley, Jerry Howard, Larry Murphree, Curtis Coffman, Inoe Valdez, and Nancy Baize shared information with the Denver City Police and the Seminole officers, and all three law agencies

helped put these four in jail."

Most of the stolen goods have been recovered, along with the rifle used to shoot locks off the tool boxes.

Corzime said the four were charged with burglary of a building, a state jail felony; Criminal mischief, over \$1,500, under \$20,000 damage, a 3rd degree felony; Burglary of a vehicle, Class A misdemeanor, and Engaging in organized criminal activity, a 2nd degree felony. Engaging in organized criminal activity can carry a \$10,000 fine, and possible 2 to 20 year prison sentence.

## Texas death row inmates still face "The Chair"

By MIKE COX  
Texas Press Association

LIVINGSTON — Even where death follows a mandated schedule, there is beauty.

Well-tended rose bushes line the sidewalk leading from the entrance of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Polunsky Unit to the first internal picket, as prison system employees and inmates call security control points. Two flowerbeds, one bordered by a five-point star and the other in the shape of Texas, decorate the grassy yard between the prison's two outer fences and its interior buildings.

Trustees — low-risk prisoners with good records — cultivate the flowers. Though still convicted criminals, the trustees who handle the gardening and other jobs are model citizens compared to the 449 men occupying 60-square-foot single-person cells in Building 12, better known as Death Row.

Beyond the landscaping, a visitor finds unintended irony: "Do the Right Thing" reads a large sign at the entrance to the administrative area of the prison. At the entrance to Death Row, the last stop before lethal injection for those convicted of not always doing the right thing, is another sign full of nuance: "Think Safety."

Safety always has been a consideration at TDCJ, but three years ago an inmate named Martin Gurule made prison officials even more safety conscious.

On Thanksgiving night in 1998, Gurule and six other Death Row inmates made it out of their cells in an escape attempt. Gurule succeeded in getting over two fences and off the unit, the first condemned man to do that in Texas in 64 years.

While his freedom was short-lived—he drowned shortly after escaping—a week went by before searchers found his body. The manhunt got national media attention.

The Gurule incident was the catalyst for a sweeping series of security changes at TDCJ only recently completed.

The first change was the agency's decision to move Death Row from the Ellis Unit, where it had been since 1965, to a newer facility on a 472-acre site five miles east of Livingston in Polk County.

Opened in the fall of 1993, the Polunsky Unit can accommodate 2,900 prisoners. As of late November, it held 2,779 inmates, including the men on Death Row.

When the decision was made to move Death Row, an area of the unit containing six pods—A through F—was retrofitted to accommodate the higher level of security necessary for condemned prisoners. Each pod has 84 cells. Prisoners facing execution were transferred to the new unit in June 1999.

This year, \$1,380,028 has been spent on Death Row security upgrades ranging from enclosure of visitation booths to installation of security covers over light fixtures.

Roughly one-fifth of that amount, \$369,750, went toward installation of the prison system's first electrified fence. The high fence surrounds Building 12. Contact with the fence, in addition to delivering a powerful but non-lethal jolt to anyone who touches it, triggers an alarm.

Another component of the Death Row security improvements is a piece of futuristic-looking equipment called B.O.S.S. for Body Orifice Scanning System.

B.O.S.S. looks like a space age version of Old Sparky, the electric chair Texas used from 1923 to 1964 to execute 361 people. Though the heavy oak chair has long since been retired to a museum on the courthouse square in Huntsville, condemned inmates about to take their last walk must first sit down in the new electronic chair.

Installed last summer, the chair is used to check for hidden objects on inmates entering or leaving Death Row. Another chair has been installed at the system's Mountain View unit at Gatesville, where Texas' seven condemned female prisoners are housed.

Housing death row inmates costs the state \$53.15 per day, per inmate, according to TDCJ spokesman Larry Todd.

A typical day on death row starts early. The kitchen captain oversees

breakfast preparation starting at 3 a.m. By 4 a.m., corrections officers begin delivering the meals in hot boxes. From 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., inmates may spend time in the recreation area and shower.

After 8 a.m., inmates may have visitors or see the medical staff if necessary. All inmates have access to reading, writing and legal materials. Work starts on lunch by 9:30 a.m., followed by dinner preparation at 3:30 p.m. It's lights out by 10 p.m. except for Saturdays, when prisoners are allowed to stay up until 11 p.m.

Death row inmates are divided into three risk levels, D1 to D3. The 17 prisoners in the D3 category are the hard cases.

"Those are the assaulters," Capt. Selester (cq) Bacon explained. "When you go to their cell, they are likely to throw body fluids, urine or feces at you or try to hurt you. The second level are the chronic rule breakers. The third level don't usually cause any problems."

But two officers in black protective vests, both equipped with canisters of pepper spray and one with a riot baton, always accompany all death row inmates when they are out of their cells.

Prisoners are handcuffed and their

legs shackled. And everything they do, they do individually.

Other than yelling between cells, no contact is allowed between inmates.

"Inmates with execution dates are kept under higher scrutiny," prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald explained. "The corrections officers keep a log of their activities. Starting 96 hours out (from their execution) they are checked every 15 minutes."

Currently, six inmates are in Pod A with pending execution dates. The next inmate scheduled to die is Vincent Cooks, 37, who was convicted in Dallas County. His date is Dec. 12, but he has had seven dates already.

When his time does come, he will be escorted from his cell and asked to sit in the B.O.S.S. chair. If no contraband objects are detected, he will be walked a short distance to a fenced sally port. From there, he will be driven with a protective escort to the Walls Unit in Huntsville.

Once at the Walls Unit, the State of Texas will bear its last expense associated with his case: \$86.08 worth of drugs that will bring unconsciousness and stop his respiration and heartbeat.

## Texas newspapers have 4.24 million combined circulation

Texas newspapers continued to follow national industry trends by experiencing moderate declines in circulation figures in 2001, but still combine to serve 4.24 million people statewide.

Texas Press Association reviewed circulation figures reported on each newspaper's postal form 3526, the statement of ownership, management and circulation filed each October with the U.S. Postal Service.

The informal survey compared the 2001 numbers to the 2000 figures and recorded whether each paper showed an increase or decreases in total paid circulation.

Daily newspapers experienced the biggest decline in 2001 with 66 percent or 61 of the dailies recording a decrease in circulation. Daily newspapers in Texas reported a combined 3.12 million circulation.

Weekly newspapers continued the downward trend but the number reporting a drop was not as large. Only 47 percent or 181 of the 380 weeklies reported a decline. Another 142 showed an increase, and 51 stayed the same. Weekly newspapers had a combined 843,747 circulation in 2001. \*\* CCN showed a slight increase

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## Santa Claus Visits The Library



Santa Claus made a special stop at the Yoakum County Library Wednesday, December 18. It was an opportunity for the boys and girls to visit with Santa, in case they had not met him before. Christmas cookies and juice were served to the visitor and kids by the Moms. Shown above, front row, Madison Davis, Peyton McWhirter, Mesa Davis, Arista and Braedon Davis, Bailey, Evan and Melissa Rios. Second row, Jo Lena and Gentry Wall, Matthew and Rosemary Garcia, Shannon and Amanda Dusek. Not pictured, Daniela Loya.

## Plains Sailor Continues Mission During Holidays

Story by Roland Ortis

The Holiday season is fast approaching...the time when twinkling lights and holiday decorations cover homes and neighborhoods. For many Americans it is also a time spent with friends and family, celebrating the holidays with traditional festivities.

But for some Americans, their friends and family will not be home for the holidays. They are the few who have made a sacrifice, protecting freedom and defending the country. Many Sailors, like Navy Seaman Jeremy S. Morphis, the 20 year old son of Jerry and Deborah Morphis of Plains, are stationed in Sasebo, Japan on the amphibious transport dock ship USS Juneau (LPD 10). As a seaman, Morphis maintains and repairs ship surfaces and deck equipment.

"We are America's 'front line'

of defense against any conflict in the Pacific or the Middle East, as well as ambassadors of good will to the Japanese," said Morphis, a 2000 graduate of Plains High School.

Instead of being home for the holidays, Morphis will be one of the approximately 24 naval officers and 396 Sailors aboard Juneau who will instead continue the Navy's mission of establishing stability and presenting a forward presence abroad.

Juneau, one of the Navy's 11 Austin class ships, is designed to conduct amphibious assaults by landing Marines with their equipment and supplies. The Marines are transported ashore by embarked landing craft, amphibious vehicles and helicopters. Weighing more than 17,000 tons and measuring 570 feet in length, the Juneau supports about 900 Marines.

These versatile ships are highly reliable, and equipped to defend against any potential enemy. These ships are armed with two 25mm MK 38 guns, two Phalanx weapons systems, and eight .50 caliber machine guns. They can also carry up to six CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters.

Sailors find that serving away from home can also provide new opportunities and rewards. "It is rewarding for me to be stationed in Japan and have the ability to help others in foreign ports," Morphis said.

The following donor names were not received in time to be included in last week's Operation Christmas Card thank you; Johnnie & Melba Fitzgerald, Ila Trout, Duane & Lattrell McDonnell, & Janelle Brantley

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the DWI repeat offender program. His attorney was Bill Helwig, and Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

Andres Adrain Alarcon pled guilty to burglary of a habitation. A 5 year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000 and make time payments on \$217 court costs. he must pay \$250 court appointed attorney fees and \$20 restitution to Cathy Sue Ferguson. He must attend weekly AA meetings. Jimmy Hammons was his attorney, and investigating officer was William Gardner, Denver City Police.

Jose Villalobos Quezada pled guilty to theft, over \$1500 but less than \$20,000. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500, and must pay \$302 court costs with time payments. He must serve 120 hours community service. Warren New was his attorney, and investigating officer was Deputy Inoe Valdez.

Tyree Lynn Duke, AKA Tyree Duke, pled true to a prior burglary of a building. He must work 25 hours additional community service, attend AA meetings twice weekly, and complete an eight hour anger management class provided by Women's Protective Service of Denver City, at his cost of \$25.

Jesus Herrera pled true and community supervision from a prior possession of cocaine cause was modified; He must complete the Texas Alternative Incarceration Program (TAIP), and attend AA (narcotics) meeting twice weekly.

Aida Dominguez Perez pled guilty to theft, \$1500 or more, less than \$20,000. She was sentenced to 364 days in state jail, suspended and probated 364 days. Time payments will pay \$197 court costs, and she must pay \$300 court appointed attorney fees. She must pay \$692 restitution to Calvin Bennett with joint and several liability total of \$2078 restitution. Paul Mansur was her attorney, and investigating officer was Lisa Switzer, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force. She must also per-

form 200 hours community service.

Jason Shawn Spurgeon pled guilty to unauthorized use of a vehicle. He was sentenced to 18 months in the State Jail Division, with credit for 124 days jail time served. He must pay \$242 court costs. Paul Mansur was his attorney, and investigating officer was Roger Holguin, D.C. Police.

Kelly Lynne Barber Pled guilty to possession of cocaine, less than one gram, a state jail felony. She was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. She was fined \$1500, must pay \$140 restitution and \$225 court costs. She must attend weekly AA (narcotics) meetings, serve 61 hours in jail, and perform 240 hours community service. Her attorney was Bill Helwig, and Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer.

Francisco L. Saenz pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A five year prison sentence was suspended and probated 5 years. He was fined \$1000 and will make time payments on \$238 court costs. He must serve 160 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, surrender his license 180 days, complete the TAIP program, and serve 8 days in jail. Warren New was his attorney, and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Alexander John Daniel Varel pled guilty to possession of Psilocin, more than one gram, less than four. A marijuana possession cause was adjudicated. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$242 court costs, serve 24 hours in jail, attend AA (narcotics) meetings weekly, complete the TAIP program, serve 200 hours community service, and pay \$140 restitution to DPS. Warren Tabor was his attorney, and Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

## Garden Club News

The Plains Garden Club met Monday, December 17 in the Library for their regular monthly meeting, with Kay Canon, President, presiding.

The District Zone meeting report was given.

After the business session a program with a film was shown featuring Butterfly Gardening.

The next meeting will be January 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Library.

Those attending were: Kay Canon, Dean Richardson, Ruby Sellers, Mary Lou Parks and Velma Dearing.

HINT: It's time to plant spring flowering bulbs, pansies, pinks, flowering cabbage and kale.

## Never too old to be young again

Over 50 and running out of New Year's resolutions? Resolve to be young again through an enjoyable but carefully planned exercise program.

According to experts at Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging, exercise is a key component in "healthy aging".

"People who begin exercising and remain in shape from an earlier point in life greatly increase their chances of having fewer and less debilitating health problems when they grow older," said Dr. George Taffet, an associate professor of medicine at Baylor. "However, individuals who start exercising later on in life can still reap tremendous physical benefits."

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's office, the key is to include at least 30 minutes of accumulated physical activity on most days of the week. Talk to your Doctor; he can help you plan a safe routine to meet your personal needs.

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# From The Hack

The government announcement of the approved federal fund settlement for all surviving families of those thousands who perished in the 9 - 11 attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon is already receiving vehement comment from the public, both favoring the measure, and damning the proposal.

Everything I have seen to date suggests surviving family members of the almost 3,000 dead in the carnage will receive, on average, \$1.5 million in cash benefits.

The hue and cry is already deafening - 'It's not enough for the loss of my husband, the provider for our two, three, maybe four surviving children.'

Until this moment, I had not realized how difficult it is to put a price tag on a human life. You either believe it is possible, or you know it is impossible.

Could my grandmothers accidental death be more lucrative than yours, were a federal policy be available for their death?

This is an issue which will torment us a long, long time, and questions about it are rampant; "I am a mother of three children whose dad perished in the towers... am I not qualified for more money than a mom with one child?" "I am a single survivor, with my band now dead, why can't I receive as much money as all the others?" I truly pity the administrators

of this mess. It leaves a hundred questions unanswered - Why shouldn't the family members of the Oklahoma bombing, an obvious terrorist event, be awarded funds for their loss? How about the Pan Am aircraft explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland ; Should those 200 plus victims families of a terrorist attack get \$1.5 million retroactive bucks?

To further the question, how about our 200 plus Marines death's in Beirut, victims of terrorism? How about \$1.5 mill for their survivors..And don't forget all the other deadly attacks on our armed forces the past few years. Should their families receive this financial Godsend?

Another possible scenario question - In all our past and present wars, our G.I.s were serving their country, well knowing the risk. If they were putting their lives on the line, doing their duty, shouldn't their families receive the same benefits as the WTA survivor families when they were killed? I know the answer to that - the government has always said no, they receive a pittance of insurance benefits.... ask a G.I.'s widow.

I'm sure all this is going to draw a rash of criticism. My heart bleeds for anyone losing loved ones in New York, Virginia or Pennsylvania that bad day. It also bleeds for more thousands who have perished in the aforementioned catastrophies. I hope our government will act after considering the fact, this is not the first, necessarily the ultimate Terrorist event - Let's have a bit of remembrance, and common sense about these settlements - I wager these acts of terrorism won't be the last.

Santa Claus will have, hopefully, visited your home by time you read this.

Your typist Dolores labored long typing, trying to decipher some of the elementary kids annual letters to Santa at the North Pole, and many of them gave us a warm laugh. Such as...

The kid concerned about his parents - Santa, please bring daddy a Corvette, Mommy some cooking stuff.

One tyke wasn't sure of Santa's knowledge... I would like a Barbie horse for Christmas, and if you don't know what a Barbie Horse is. It's a horse that goes with a Barbie.

This kid wanted what the Sec. of Defense always wants... I want army men that bend their legs and move their heads.

A little girl wanted a doll she would not always be fond of... I want a doll you can put markers on and you have a wiper to erase her.

One young lad cautioned Santa..... Have a safe trip. I don't have a chimney so come thru my front door.

Other letters were very descriptive... Thank you for the beautiful doll with the purple dress last year.. It looks like me.

Pure greed showed up in a few.... Have a safe trip. I want a wagen, a dolly a Borbe doll hous a dog and \$500.

Others a bit confusing... I would lick a doll house. I would lick a bog.

Some were explicit... I want a fake bull dog, soft one.

Many kept it brief and to the point... I want a lot of toys have been good!

One young lad was super impressed with Santa... Youe are so strong be cause you are Supper fast. The toys they Zoom! Many were friendly greetings... By the way how is

Rudolf? I cant whate till Christmas.

Many were marked by the terrorist war... I hope nobody gets hurt at the war. Help other children that dibt have part of their family. I want the walkitalkies the rest you could bring next year.

One was a bit condescending - You are old and cold but you are friendly.

Among the last requests of this young brother... and a trampoline and most of all to draw better than my brother.

A little girl mixed up her wish list .... I would like silky pajamas with Slug Bugs on them and No More Bombings!

We hope each and every child's wish list is fulfilled

Cheerfully stolen from Stephen Henry, Editor Levelland News Press; A couple were married, moved into their ranch home. The wife put a shoe box in the closet, and told her husband never to touch it. For fifty years, he honored her request. Both in declining health, putting their affairs in order, he opened the box, thinking it might hold something imporamt. Inside he found two croctched doilies and \$85,000. He took the box to his wife, and asked her about the contents. " My mother gave me that box the day we married," she explained. " She told me to make a doilie to ease my frustrations everytime I got mad at you."

The husband was touched, and asked, " Well what's the \$85,000 for?"

" Oh, that's the money I made selling the doilies."



## Yoakum County Grand Jury hands down 35 indictments

Convened November 29 and December 10, the Yoakum County Grand Jury returned 35 true bills of indictment on the following individuals:

Ruben Valentine Mauricio Jr., sexual assault, a second degree felony, \$35,000 bond, indecency with a child, sexual conduct, second degree felony, theft of firearm, state jail felony, \$2,000 bond.

Glen E. Noack, possession of controlled substance, Methamphetamine, less than one gram, state jail felony, \$5,000 bond.

Trease Thomas Young, a/k/a Trease Thomas Taylor, possession of controlled substance, Methamphetamine, less than one gram, state jail felony, \$3,000 bond. Engaging in organized criminal activity, first degree felony, \$7,500 bond.

Randy Gus Burkett, possession of controlled substance, Methamphetamine, less than one gram, state jail felony, \$3,000 bond.

James Lee Alexander, possession of controlled substance, Heroin less than one gram, state jail felony (enhanced to second degree felony punishment), \$3,000 bond. Manufacture/delivery of controlled substance, Methamphetamine over four grams less than 200 grams, first degree felony enhanced punishment, \$9,000 bond, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, third degree felony enhanced punishment, \$3,000 bond, engaging in organized criminal activity, first degree felony enhanced punishment.

Cynthia Elaine Watts, possession of controlled substance Methamphetamine over four grams, first degree felony enhanced punishment, engaging in organized criminal activity, enhanced punishment, manufacture/delivery of controlled substance, heron less than one gram, state jail felony. Michael James Mosley, engaging in organized criminal activity, first degree felony, \$40,000 bond.

Steven Keith Black, possession of controlled substance, Methamphetamine less than one gram, state jail felony, \$6,000 bond. Mark Dean Hix, possession of

controlled substance, Methamphetamine less than one gram, state jail felony, \$5,000 bond.

Larry Lynn Black, burglary of a building, second degree felony.

Janie Sanchez, abandoning or endanger child, second degree felony, \$5,000 bond.

Jeffery Shane Henderson, evading arrest/detention using vehicle, state jail felony, \$5,000 bond.

Pedro Salzar Martinez, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony.

Francisco L. Saenz, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, \$2,500 bond, prohibited substance in correctional facility, third degree felony, \$5,000 bond.

Aurelio Robert Sanchez, failure to appear, third degree felony, in custody in CA.

Larry Doyle James, 2 counts manufacture/delivery of controlled substance, Methamphetamine 400 grams or more, first degree felony.

Vidal Samaripas III, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, \$2,500 bond.

Erica Rose Howard, possession of controlled substance, Methamphetamine, less than one gram, state jail felony, \$6,500 bond.

Larry Lynn Black, possession of controlled substance, Methamphetamine, less than one gram, state jail felony, \$7,000 bond, 2 counts burglary of a building, second degree felony.

Tray Dan Field, possession of controlled substance, Cocaine, less than one gram, state jail felony, \$3,500 bond.

Oscar Silva Gonzalez, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, \$3,500 bond.

Jeffery Shane Henderson, aggravated assault against public servant, first degree felony, \$10,000 bond.

Richard Franklin Allen, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, third degree felony, \$2,500 bond.

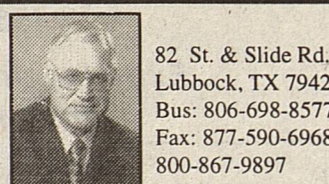
All bonds for felony indictments are set by Judge Kelly G. Moore. The state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

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