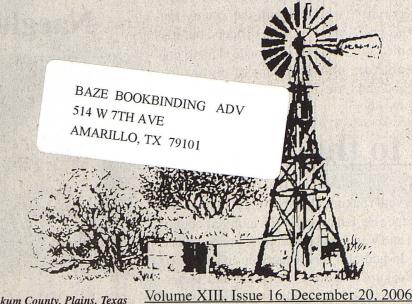


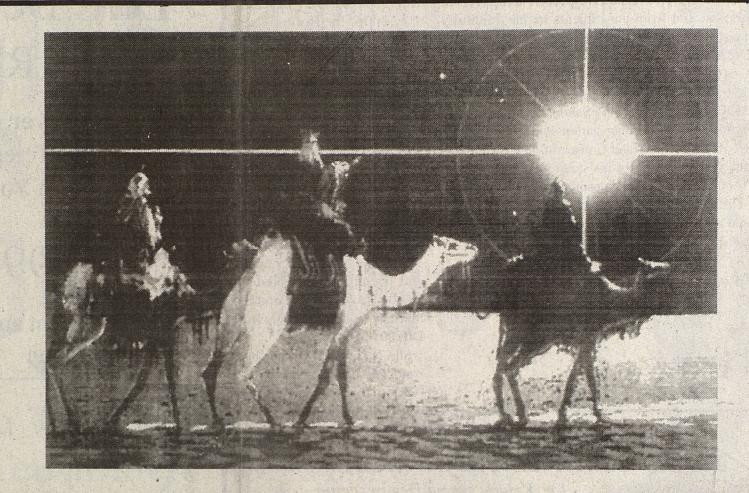
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The World



Criminal cases heard in District Court

Two cases were heard in District Court December 14, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal Dictrict Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Francisco L. Saenz pled true to the state's motion to revoke supervision from a prior third or more DWI cause. Supervision will be extended for six months, he will pay additional \$65 court costs and \$50 installments on \$250 court appointed attorney fees, plus \$50 monthly supervision fees. His attorney was Warren New.

Bruce Wayne Reed pled guilty to third or more DWI, third degree felony enhanced to second degree felony punishment. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated ten years. He must pay \$375 attorney fees, complete the DWI repeat offender program within 24 months, attend weekly AA meetings, and will report to Yoakum County Jail January 11 there to stay 180 days or until space is available in a substance abuse facility operated by Texas Department of Criminal Justice not more than one year or less than 90 days. His attorney was Warren New.

Commissioners in brief court session

Judi Blair, South Plains Public Health District, delivered a brief background report of on-site sewage facilities in the state. She said at one time the Texas Legislature mandated all sewage facilities be governed by the state, only to find the task too cumbersome. Their rules were then passed on to districts who adopted operating rules. Now, all districts in the state will operate sewage facilities under the same regulations, as will our and then the long drive home. county facilities.

Commissioner Jack Cobb reported a \$5000 cost-share grant for airport maintenance had been established between the county and state, similar to one approved recently for the Denver City

County Extension Agent Arlan Gentry delivered an annual report of County Extension projects. Fellow agent Debbie Pollard was called away from the meeting. He reported Agent Pollard's recent emphasis had been on diabetes and other health issues. There are currently over 300 cases of diabetes in the county. Pollard has issued reviews of the disease and prevention/treatments available here. Gentry reported on the years ag production. He reviewed a number of projects from the extension office involving local school districts, including 'Character Counts' and bike safety classes. He stated local teachers had reported results among their stud.nst had been impressive.

The Court approved replacement employment of Sheila Pierce as a dispatcher in the Sheriff office effective December 18, 2006.

Judge Brewer Steps Down After 20 Year Tenure

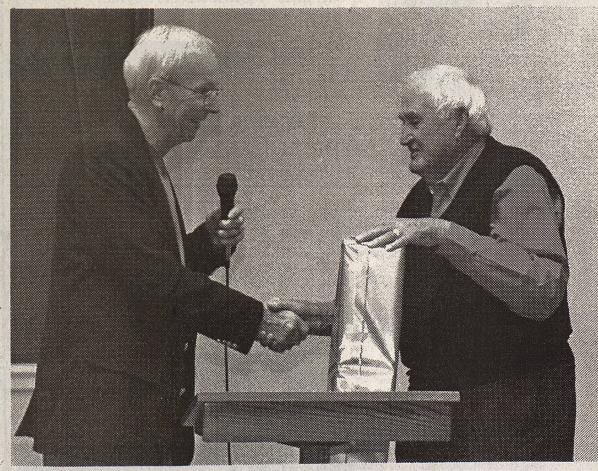
More than one hundred well wishers were on hand December 14 at the County Park Clubhouse to honor retiring County Judge Dallas Brewer. A number of them delivered their messages in the form of "friendly roasting" which the Judge took in full stride. A large number of his family made the trip to Denver City for the Judge's farewell honors.

Judge Brewer was elected to office in 1987, and has played an important role in Yoakum County over his twenty year term of service. A number of governmental representatives were present for the "singeing", but all testified to Brewer's willingness to serve his county and the many organizations he was active in. The current President of the Texas Association of Counties made a speedrun trip from College Station to be at the honorarium,

Emcee Bill Helwig and fellow attorney Warren New testified to the Judge's role as presiding officer in County Court, and praised his fairness to all sides in court proceedings.

During his tenure as county judge. Brewer was assisted by three office secretaries, and all Billie Blundell, Kay Swann the Judge.

game of golf, was presented election for construction of out- Jim Barron, recently elected



Recently elected Judge Jim Barron, left, presents retiring Judge Dallas Brewer with one of his "Favorite Tools", a new golf club

with a state of the art Callaway driver which created envy in all auduence golfers. He also paid the price by having oral darts thrown at his fondness of the game.

The Judge has been active in an impressive area of governmental positions and projects. three were in the audience. He played a role in the creation of Sandy Land Underground and current secretary Toni Water District; assisted in purhumorously stoked fires under tremendous savings; worked with 22 county judges to crefor the passion he feels for the MHMR; led the court in bond where he is Music Director.

patient medical facility, dialysis center and fitness center; helped create Yoakum County Connection: Served on many boards of Texas Association of Counties, planning committee for the Regional Water Plan; Chairman South Plains Health District; Board member West Texas MHMR and South Plains Community Action.

A number of present and Jones. Blundell and Jones both chasing land for the landfill and former commissioners were present for the honorarium, as well as members of his church Judge Brewer, well known ate the West Texas Center for in Denver City. Bethel Baptist.

County Judge to replace Brewer, took his turn stoking the fire under the judge. One remark included him exclaiming, "You know, Dallas, in the last twenty years you have taken a salary of over ONE MILLION DOLLARS from the county. Have you no remorse?" The answer was no.

The judge and his wife Barbara have been married 53 years, and have two daughters and four grandchildren, and a number were in the audience. enjoying his 'searing'.

> Turn To Page 2, JUDGE

From Page 1, Judge

The judge came to the podium ing experiences in my life. I at the conclusion of the party and expressed his appreciation have otherwise. I will miss for the opportunity to serve citizens of the county the past ployees and officers, but it's twenty years. He admitted he time to step aside. Thank you will probably miss the role he for being part of my memohas played so many years, and concluded the evening by say-

ing. " Being your judge has been one of the most rewardhave made friends I would not working with the county em-

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Dallas Brewer has served Yoakum County for 20 years in the position of County Judge. He has worked for a united county and particularly for soil and water conservation awareness, since he was a farmer first. In addition, his leadership has fostered the arts through the Yoakum County Connection and Watermelon Round Up. As a catalyst for cooperation, Judge Brewer has been a role model. He commands respect from his peers in county government and from constituents he has faithfully served. He cares about the past and has helped plan the county's 2007 CENTENNIAL.

But youth, past and present, owe udge Brewer the most THANKS! How many 4-H events has he attended; how many stock shows? How many Denver City School Board meetings? Who always introduced the learning stations and volunteered at the Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District Jamborees for fifth graders? Who led his stature and influence to the Summer Youth Arts Programs sponsored by Yoakum County Connection? His name is Dallas Brewer. He cares about kids. thus cares about our future. His vision, combined with honesty and integrity, inspires all to reach for a better tomorrow,

Linda Powell

Services for **Mary Jane** Naegle



Mary Jane Naegle, 38, of Hobbs, passed away December 10, 2006 in Hobbs, New Mexico. Mass of Christian burial was held Friday, December 15, 2006 at S acred Heart Catholic Church in Plains. Interment followed at Plains Yoakum County Cemetery. Rosary was recited at 7 PM Thursday, December 14 at Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs.

She was born November 19, 1968 in Denver City to Theodoro and Juanita Cordova. She enjoyed life and her family and friends. She worked for Hobbs Health Care, Good Samaritan Village and Dr. Ruiz Digestive Disease.

She is survived by her husband, Michael K. Naegel, son Adrian Cordova, daughters

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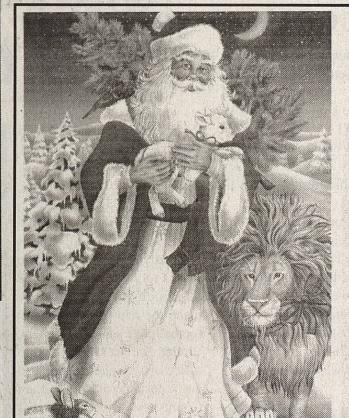
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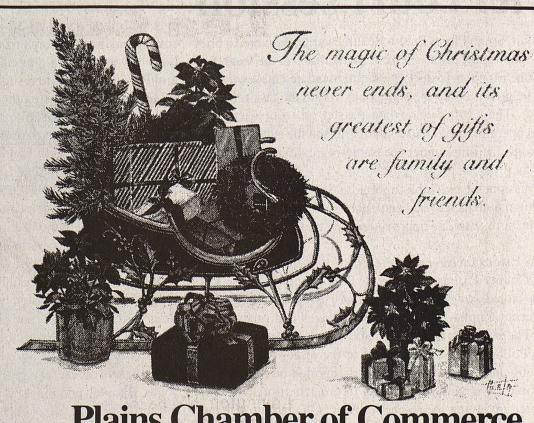
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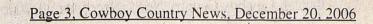
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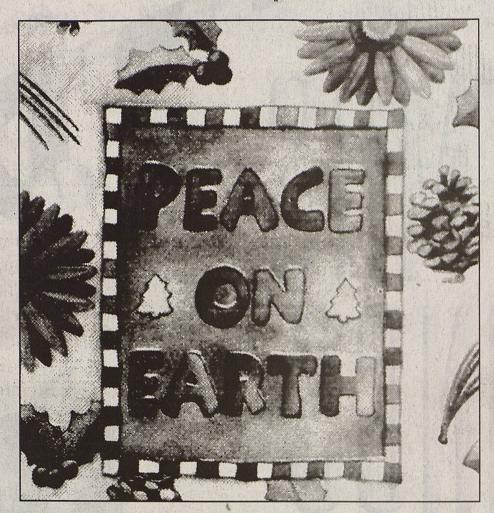
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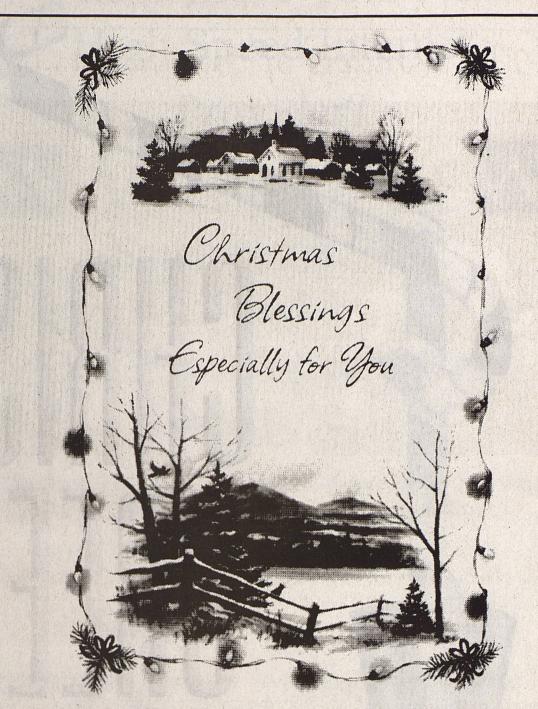
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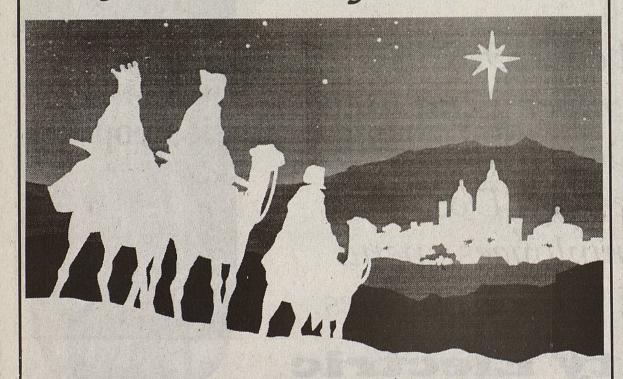


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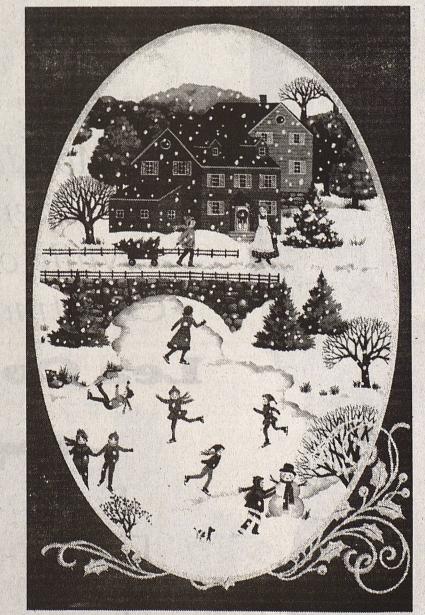
May Your Holidays Be Blessed



From the Board of Directors, Physicians and Employees of **Yoakum County Hospital** and Plains Family Health Clinic

> May the spirit of Christmas Shine in your heart all year!

! Merry Christmas!



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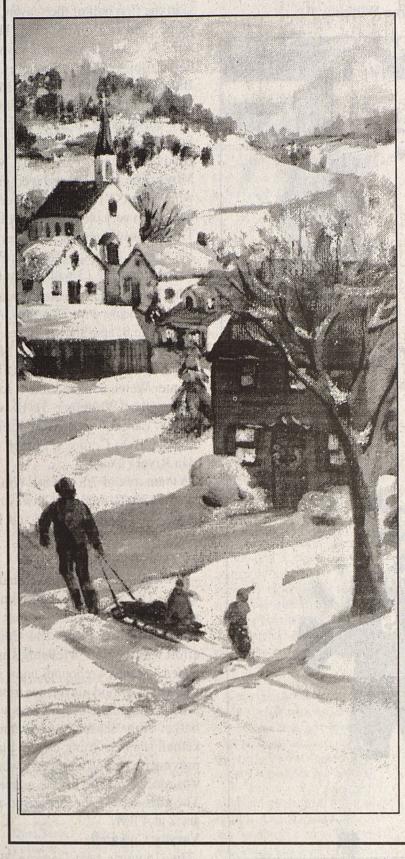
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Merry Christmas To All!!

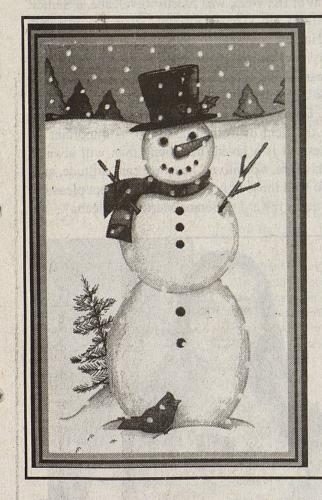


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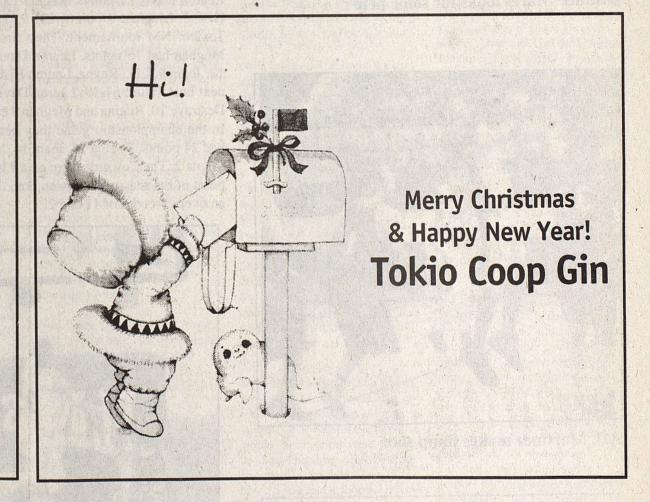
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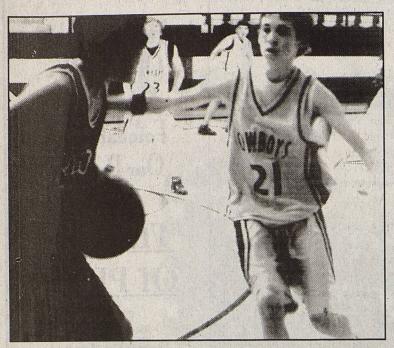


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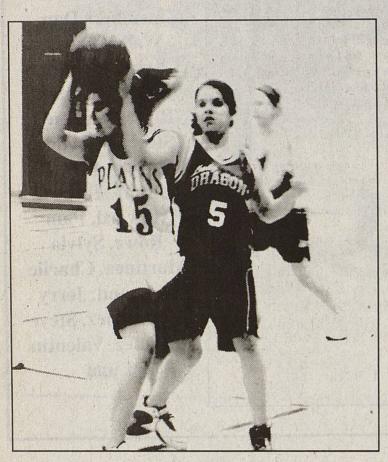
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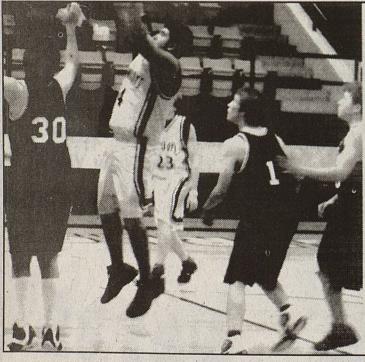
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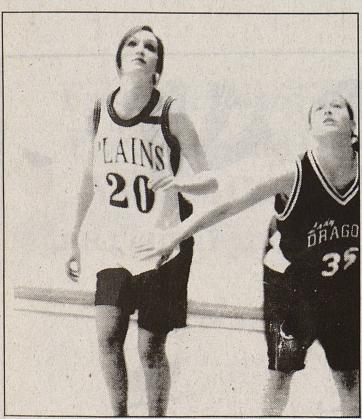
Kurt Alldredge eyes the ball



Jasmine Mares looks for some help



A.J. Martinez makes jump shot



Heather Parrott waits for ball to come down

PISD Athletics

Jr. High Girls Basketball

The Jr. High girls basketball teams have gotten off to a great start the first half of the season. The teams have played 3 home games and two on the road. The 7th girls have a record of 4 wins, I loss. The team consists of Brooke Boyles, Shelby Covarrubias, Bianca Corrales, Carolina Hernandez. Suzette Bonilla, Adriana Corrales and Mayra Cueto. They have defeated Seagraves, Morton and Whiteface; they suffered their first loss in a close game to Sundown, The 8th girls team consists of Stephanie Addison, Hannah Crump, Samantha DeLa Rosa. Gladys Gallegos, Paty Avila, Margarita Gomez and Rochelle Moya. The girls have played great games that resulted in one win against O'Donnell and four heartbreaking losses- the loses have been very close games with less than an eight point spread. The teams will resume play ater the Christmas break Thursday. January 11 at Seagraves. The Plains Jr. High tournament will be held January 13 with all four Jr. High teams involved.

The 7th boys demolished Whiteface 47-11. Dylan DeBusk topped scoring with 25 points, Andrew Conway had 9. Troy Alldredge 8, and Shawn Flores 5.

The 8th Wranglers bombed Morton 52-10. Jeffrey Barrientes led the way with 16 points, Dillan DeBusk 13, Jaaron Bell 8. Hunter Welch 6, Alan Lara 4, Jordan Rivera 3, Forrest Booth 2.

They beat Whiteface 51-18 with DeBusk scoring 15 points. Bell 8, Lara 6, Jaxon Bean, Jeffrey Barrientes and Bryan Berry 4 each, Theo Cordova, Forrest Booth, Michael Sainz and Jordan Rivera 2 each.

A team mix of 7th and 8th Wranglers downed Denver City 8th graders 30-21. Andrew Cinway had 11 points, Bryan Berry, Troy Alldredge, Mychal Sainz and Dylan DeBusk 4 each, Shawn Flores 3.

JV Cowgirls:

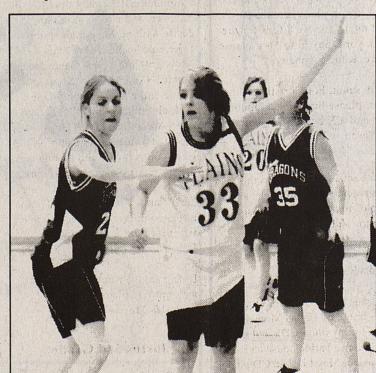
Dawson's girls traveled to Plains December 12 to be defeated 47-26. The rout was led by Kimber Williams with 15 points, 7 rebounds and 2 blocks, her best all-around performance of the season. Heather Parrot and Courtni Asebedo both helped the effort with 8 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals each. Jasmine Mares added 4 points, 4 rebounds and 4 steals. Abby Hernandez showed why she is a solid player, contributing 10 points, 5 rebounds and 8 steals. Highlight of the game when Marie Bahr scored her first basket of the season and her careeer. In her first season of basketball she is learning how to play the American game and improving daily. She has been a wonderful defesive harasser and it was nice to see her lift the goose egg from her scoring column. The girls are 5-4 for the season and face Wellman-Union January 2 at 4 PM.

Varsity Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls beat Dawson 78-59. Desiraye had 24 points, Lauren Davis 21 points, Regina 12, Reyna 8, Joani 6, Lauren Hise 3, Meghan 2 points, Liz 2. They next competed in the Texico, NM tournament. They first beat Dexter NM 75-49. Meghan had 16 points, Lauren Davis 16, Desiraye 14, Regina 12, Joani 9, Liz,, Reyna, Lauren Hise and Kimber 2 each. They next beat Tatum 61-19. Lauren Davis had 15 points, Joani and an overall record of 11 and 2.



Rudy Gonzales goes for layup



Kimber Williams wants the ball

JV Cowboys:

The younger Cowboys struggled with Anton, losing 54-15. Leading scorer was Jonathan Lira with 8 points:

They fared much better against Dawson, winning 41-28. Derek topped scoring with 16 points, Jonathan Lira had 7, and three other Wranglers had 4 each. Coach reported this was the team's best effort of the season.

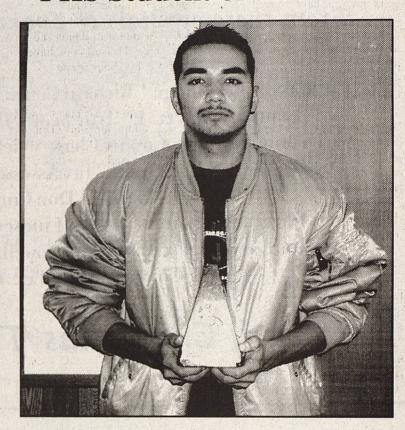
Varsity Cowboys:

The Cowboys downed Anton 54-47 in what coach Davis called their best overall game of the season. Landon Craft was top scorer with 14 points, followed by Zach Ramos 12, Scott Addison and Chris Gonzales 9, Rudy Gonzales 8, Elias Carrillo 8,

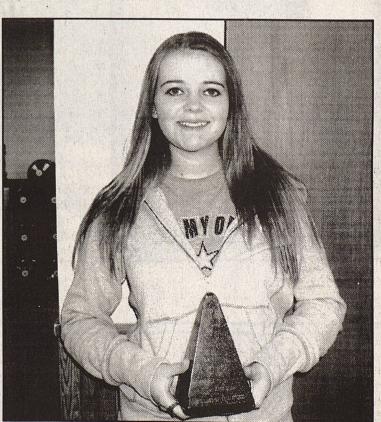
They next won over Dawson 73-30. Rudy topped scoring with 22, Landon 12, Scott 11, Chris 10, Zach 8, Chase Guetersloh 4, Addison and Elias 3.

In the Texico Tournament they first stopped Melrose 55-20, with Chris Gonzales scoring 12, Rudy 11, Zach and Landon 10, Scott 7, Chase 3, A.J. Martinez 2. In the semi-finals They downed Clovis 70-36. Chris had 15 points, Rudy 13, Zach 12, Landon 11, Scott 8, Elias 6, Chris Addison 3, Chase 2. In the Championship game they were stopped by Texico 51-35 to win the runnerup trophy. Zach managed 10 points, Scott, Rudy and Elias 6 each. Chris Gonzales 4, Landon 2.

PHS Student of the Week

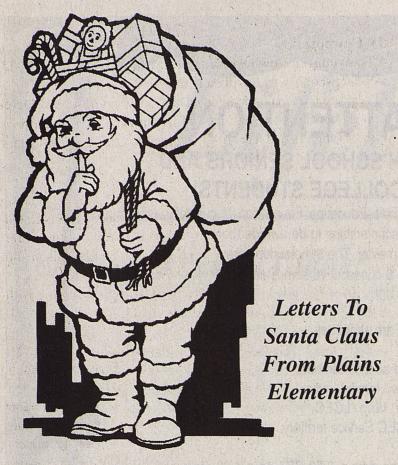


Dec. 11 Student of the Week was Mario Ruvalcaba, a Senior and the son of Mario and Mary Ruvalcaba, He was nominated by Mrs. Valerie Harvey, who said, "Vince Lombardi was quoted as saying "individual commitment to a group effort... that si what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work". This student is not concerned with individual Desiraye 10, Regina and Meghan 9 each, Reyna and Liz 4 each. praise and glory. He sees the bigger picture. He knowes being a In the championship game they beat Bovina 73-58. Desiraye team player, on the field or in the classroom, is important to had 24 points, Regina 16, Joani 14, Meghan 9, Lauren Davis 8, everyone's success. It is a given this young man will always Revna 2. The Cowgirls were on a 9 game winning streak at this have a smile on his face, a positive "I can, we can" attitude, and point of the season, have won both their tournaments and have a helping hand to lend those in need. It gives me great pleasure to present this week's reward to Senior Mario Ruvalcaba".



Dec. 18 Student of the Week is Erika Loewen, a senior and the daughter of John and Mary Loewen. She was nomoinated by Adam Jones, who said, "We teachers vote for a student of the week every week, and I'm sure the students wish the decision would not be up to the teachers but to the students. But even if they did this student would have been chosen anyway. She is a great student involved in many things. Not only do the teachers think she is a great student and person, the students think she is a great friend and student".

Happy Holidays To One & All!



Mrs. J. Ramos 1st Grade

Dear Santa, I have been really good this year have your elves been good? I hope everyone is safe for christmas. for Christmas I want a fire truck. May I have a pig book. My sister wants a princess Dora enyway hope you have a safe trip. From, Amanda

Dear Santa, haw is rudolph doing? I wont a game boy that ples can I have a game boy that comes with a Brat game. Erica Dear Santa, I wont a skatbord er the elfes I wont a stelckaj with resrs. I wont a pespe I wont a itindose. Isaiah

Santa Please may I have some toys? Y Do you wer a red soot? fire fly selfon! ninDen DO DS black! r2-D2! Xbox 36! tv spoj Bob sqerpens. ps Bryson

Santa Please may I have Ninten DS black. Please may I have fire flame selphone. dorck vadre gors Kasl.

Dear Santa, I hope for Santa people that with not Be with there famly for christmas. I want a american or just a set fo girl my twin clas oraset fo Brats thank you for the presents. Anna

Santa we get me XBOX 360 stanta you think can airplane too Adrian

I Love santa Do you hav a kander Motorcycle board American girlband and two black dog siuish good Luck. Valeia

Dear Santa, I hope for the people that wil not be with their family for Christmas. I want a American girl, or a my twin close, van that I have been wanting fire flise fone. I Love Christmas, thank you and have a stafe trip. Kennedy

Dear Santa. do you relly have reindeer? I want a jeep that I can rid in. Am i on the nate list, or am i on the nice List? Are you elf's being good too yes no. Makayla

dear Santa I wont too No if your elfs doing I wont a Robopet tecNopet tv xbox Vitoyas a Bab penguin A Bab rmnsherd Zoom box Eoosrs of liking mean Lucy the in cetubwubrpet. Angela

Dear Santa. Filfe selfonl. vadrproof woch, pesp. Braedon

Dear Santa. I wish to have a skatboard and a band and Rodopet ritey Henry Wieler. Love Henry. I Love you Santa.

hi Santa. Please may I have a Kitte cat and a Barbe and a Ber. Cynthia Carrasco

dear Santa I want a x-box 360. Robot. Star wars, car jeep for My Dad. skateboard. Bionickle Bat Man. From Brea

Mrs. Y. Ramos 1st Grade

Dear Santa. How are your reindeer? For Christmas I want 3 tractors and 3 trailers and 3 motorcycles. I would like a real house an Van for my family and a christmas tree, your friend Johna Krahn

Dear Santa, I hope that you stil have a Butterscoth horsie. My mom says that ther is no butterscoth horsie. what I whant foor Christmas braz damis and moon shoes. I wish I cook have a cute little dog. your friend Courtney Davis

Dear Santa, For christmas I would like a rul cumpootr, BaBy Bra, A scoodr, a Big thoc Bord with a thir I wunt a BaBy Clowew a BamBey Blancet. Your friend Raeann Morales

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Mis. claus. Happy New year. Santa and Mis. clous, for Christmas I would like, a puppy, a game for my nintendo DS. Your friend, Avery Garcia

Dear Santa, for Chistmas I want a atm and a bask of cats and some books. my brother wanted some games. How are your reindeer are thy good is on of them sick. Merry Christmas, Kaetlin Taylor

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas For Christmas I would like Game Boy and a fish. Your friend, Joel

Dear Santa, I would lik For Chiste contro lego game boyds and Lego star wars an edragon toy and ten knigths. your friend Evan Rios

Dear Santa, Merry Chritmas Rudolph. For Christmas I would like Lego, Star wars stuff and transformere. Your friend Matthew Hartman

Dear Santa, I wil be eat cros plains and at christmas I wil be eat Nonna's For Christmas I would like 3 different kinds of trans formers, romote control irplains, motorcycle. How is Rudolph. Merry Christmas. Zachary Harris

Dear Santa, how is your reindeer is it cold in the North Pole is Rudoph good. For Christmas I would like a BaBy and a BaBy Char with a BaBy Crib and a game Boy and a Steryo and some makeup. Love Jaicee. hope you Have a Merry Christmas. Jaicee Saxon

Dear Santa. Merry Chistmas. Haw is Rudolph doing fo Christmas? I would like a butterscotch pony and a brat doll, and a horse. Your friend Bailey Rice

Dear Santa. For Christmas I would like Gameboy a book to paint. Haoarey for Rudolph. Happy New Year. Israel Chavira

Dear Santa. Haow are you rudolph? For Christmas I would like a shirt, two dolls and a butterscotch pont. I will be in Mexico. Your friend. Mayra Martinez

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Mis. claus! For Christmas I would like a pink nintendo, a butterscotch pony, a brat doll that talks, and a brat. Love. Kinsey Michaleson

Dear Santa, I would like a kerioki and a puppy. Your friend. Ashlinn Peters

Dear Santa, I want a mega two t-Rex. And some dinosaur's. Alejandro

Mrs. McWhirter 2nd Grade

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year. I want ntndo DS and for my sister a big teedbear of winn the poo. For the ntndo DS please bring me games to with it. And for my sisters teedbear will you send some clos to go with it. I love to play a gtar but I don't have one so can you get me a gtar and a page so I can have some help. Love. Mesa Davis

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year, I want a little mordrsickl. Love Jaime Cueto

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year, I would like a soft tedy bear. And a ipod please. And a intindodeest. And a game for my intindodees. And a seede player. And say hi to the rainders please. And Mrs clos thant you. From Hannah Lowrey

Dear Santa. For Christmas this year, Please bring me a leapster ALMAX, And games for my leapster LMAX, Chapter books, And a Ipod, And a gatar, and a computer, and a intindo D.S., and the movie of High School Musical, and a sound box, and a lamp. and a clock, and a stareo, and for my Mom some errings, and for my Dad a walet, and for my brother tracters. Love, Sage Lovelace. Have a good Christmas and say Hi to all reindeer, and the evels.

Dear Santa, For Cristmas this year, I would love a Avatar game for my gamecube. And Leagues and maginetx and conects. Love. Samuel Cueto

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year, I want a xbox 360, nintindo DS PSP, gameboy pellet gun. Skiper eletric guitar zoombox and a machine gun, and a i-fish and a ipod can you get it for a tear drop away. One more thing a nintedo wii. Eric Sigala

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year, I wood like a PSP and I wood like a Star Wars, 3 lego nidyow game for PSP and 007 night fire and 007 Agent under fire for Both of those Games I want it for PSP and I wood like a 2 xbox Games and they are 007 Agent, under fire for Both of those Games. I want it for PSP and I wood like a 2 xbox Games and they are 007 nightfire and 007 agent underfire, and a CD player, and a ipod Specer it looks just like these. Peyton McWhirter

Dear Santa, For christmas I want this year I want a new house at Lubbuck and a ipod and if my famly dosent like Lubbock we will move to the oshen. Love David DelaRosa

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year, please bring me a ipod and Merry Christmas Santa and please bring my sister a Ntendo DS. and I would like a CD player. Love Jonathan

Dear Santa. For Christmas This year, you know what I want my sister likes this to a D.S gameboy. Would you please get that for her and me to and we a fens for the back yard. Say hi to Mrs. clause. Love. Kade Stephens

Dear Santa. For Christmas this vear, please bring me a Ditendo Wii and a X box 360. Jonathan Carrasco

Dear Santa. For Christmas this year. I want a now mautowsikele, and a eyeplod and for my brother spider man toy and a mowtow and for my sister a little moutow and a doll and for my mom som movies. Love. Yesika Ramos

Dear Santa. For Christmas this year. pleas bring me Hanna Montana game for my nitdow DS and I would like a barbie house and a barbie car. May I have a CD player and a high school musikle CD. I want a play dog and a play cat and an I-POD so I can listen to it at

a scarf with my name on it and a play bear with clows on it and books. Love. Leigha Williams

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year. I want is a Hummer H3 and mace it big and I want it red and black. And I want a little monster truck with a ramp and a grag and I want a man and I want some horns on my Hummer H3 and I want Zoom box that can stand upsid down and on the wall and I want Xbox 360. Love. Benny W.

Mrs. Eddleman 2nd Grade

Dear Santa. I love Santa. I want a XBOX 360. Love. Jaydon Lira

Dear Santa. I want a intando N.S. and I want a i-pod and I want a seede player and I want a little kitten and I want a phone. Anyways how are you Santa and how is Mrs. clas Santa. I hope she is fine anyways I want a getar. Love. Daniela Loya

Dear Santa Claus, How have you Been? are your reindeers OK? I want for christmas a little kitten doll for christmas why do you eat just cookies and milk? I don't want you to be fat. I just want you to be just the way you are becaus I like you and your wife any ways How is your wife? I herd that some people don't beleve you. The End! Love. Angelica Villarreal

Dear Santa. I want a bolling bel and som magnit's and a socrboll set and a socriboll and a litido DS. Love Hagen Lowrey

Dear Santa, thank you for the things you got me last year. What i whant is one thing it's a football It the one thing i whant so me and my brother can play catch! with it and my sister cos i won't too practis on my catching so i can git beder at it and i can do it in a game! and i can make a tuchdown. Love Steven Anna

Dear Santa, I want a rock and roll guatar and 3 games call twiter dance, trivea Pursuit The DvD game for kids and Scene it! junior. And I want Scene it? harry potter. and the packs of Scene it jounoir. harry poter, Disney, and Nick Scen it packs. I want a snow board. and I want a rock and roll Drum. Love. Bryce McWhirter

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a xBox 360 and a nitido DS and a nitido wii and a pick with pegs and Boxing glovs and getar hero 2 and a beonicol and a lego Batman and a playason 3 and a plastach 2 and a mp3 plaer and a ipod and a idog and I wont some cars a glow in the darke race trac a stichie spogBoB and sticit patric and a pear of shose and some coll outfits. Love Johnathon Anderson

Dear Santa, I want for Chrismas a itido DS that oredy has gams and a spongBoB game and I want a Diniso roBot with a reemot cintrs and a game Boy and a robot frog. Love. Eric Mejia

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a ipod for chrismas. And I would like a MX Game bike. And drums and the big action figure Der Devil. Love. Will Wilkins

Dear Santa, what I want for christmas is a Lego Batman, and a nintendo BDS and a doodle monster, and a lego bionicle castle with bionicle man action figer, and scene it DVD and a Xbox 360 and a new Game for a nintendo Game Cube. Sonic Game and a house for my Dog with christmas lights that can go every wear around my Dogs house and inside and a star on top of my dogs house and a bone and a Bear teddy Bear. Daniel Gomez

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want a real computer and a getar and tv. purse, and a christmas tree. Love. Lydia Enns

Dear Santa, I want a XBox 360 and a movie pleas Barnyard. Love Nicholas Moreno

Ms. Justus 3rd Grade

For Christmas I would like to get

school. Or for Christmas I want a Guitar so I can all kinds of songs for Christmas. I also would like games for my Game Boy so I can play in the car. I would like an MP3 player just because I like them. I need CD's for my CD player and a wide screen TV to watch. Bailey Rios

Dear Santa. I want a dog. and I want a new house and with the house I want windows. I also want a new bed and a real horse named buttscotch I want a sharsk and shamu beenbag and the Ds game Yoshise's Isrand. I also want an Ipod and a flat screen TV. Xbox 360's and playstaion3's. I want the fox and the hond 2, and I want a Xbox, a toy Raccoon, Moose, Bear, and squirrel toy. I also need a laptop. I know this is a lot of thing so if I only get a couple of them that's ok. Love. Sol Sosa

For Christmas I would like a cat and all the things I need to go with her. I also want a Brat named Cloe. I also want to see my dad! And Ipod and MP 3 player wold be nice to hav too. oh! And I want a dog that can get a long with my cat. That is all I want for christmas! Sincerely, Jessica Pena

Dear Santa, I would like an elimination chamber for christmas because my friends like wrestlers we will play with the wrestlers inside it. The elimination chamber is kind of like a cage match except you can get out. Sincerely. Marc Rincones

Brandon's wish list. I would want a X box and a DS and some game's to go with the DS and X box and a Game boy Avance SP with mario smash brother's and Dr. mario Remote controll race car and a ipod for my brother.

Brittany's Wish List. For Christmas I would like a MP3 player and headphones to go with it. I also would like a 22 rifle. I would like to also have a blue volleyball and the Nickelback CD. I'll have lots of fun with thes things. Sincerely. Brittany Michaleson

For Christmas I wish for a Play station 2 because it has Gaitar Hero and Guitar Hero 2. I also want to have raw vs smackdown 2007. I will have lots of fun playing them with my friends. From Dantz Debusk

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like to have an Ipod & a Nintendo DS. I would also like a brat doll & some new clothes. Maybe I would like to have a P&P, A new pair of Newbalance shoes would be nice. I would also like a happy family for Christmas. All these things would make a perfect Christmas. Sincerely. Jezebel Guerra

Dear Santa. I want a little baby boy puppy for Christmas. I also want a cage and a bed for my puppy. I also need some new clothes because nime are all torn up. I also need new school shoes and pencils. I would like a Game boy. Legos, and a football helmet. but most of all I want new clothes! Love. Bryson

Analyssa's Wish list 1. I would like a DS game and a nintendo DS. 2. I would like a Bratz diamond doll. 3. I would like a John Cema toy. 4. I would lide a Ipod. 5. I would like a laptop. 6. I would like a avidionow. 7, I would like a flatscreen TV. 8. I would like a XBox 360. 9. I would like one happy family.

Dear Santa. I would like a dog for Christmas. I will also need a cage for her. I want the dog to be a girl so I can name her Christmas. I will play with Christmas all the time. I also want some new sneeders and some new clothes. That is all I with for. Love. Griselda Loredo

I would like an Xbox 360 with remote controls That way will always keep me busy. I would also like just one tooth because it's almost been a year since I lost it! A cell phone would be good in case I get sick. These are the main things I would like to get for Christmas. From Eryn Hill

Dear Santa. I really want a Wii and I would also love a CD player. The only thing I really want is for Priscilla and Jasmine to spend more time with me instead of going to Richard's house and talking ont he phone with Rudy. I would also like a ret 1-Pod. X-Box 360 and a cellphone for emergencies! Marry Christmas Santa! Love always, Bethany Mares

Santa How are things in the North Pole. I want an ipod for Christmas. Madison Davis

Mrs. Steffens 3rd Grade

For Christmas i want to get a Gameboy miero and get M dragonball ZGt and get a PS2 and get destroy all himans and get a Game cube and get super smash brothers melee and mario kart and get a Xbox and get sims. Love all ways Ivan Parra

Dear Santa, I want Dirtbike and imp3 player and some nike shoes and a Xbox and I want the maine I want the Game Zombes and a new jacket intendo DS and I want a new gersey a saints gersey and for Gamer. Zombi's ice age the meltdown, raw vs smack down, street football for my xbox. have a great Christmas Santa, Blake Dominguez

Dear Santa. What I really want for Christmas is a Desighner's world, American Girl doll clothes for me and her, a new ruler just like the one I had on my desk. A new water bottle, a pink Nentindo DS, Dream Life, Bratz twister, and I want these things because those things are fun activities. For my playhouse carpet a little vacuum cleaner, electricity, paint for the walls, and another bed under mine, sheets for the beds, a t.v. and new games for my gameboy, and a gocart. And for the other people in the house, five big old blankets. P.S. I've been good, Makenzie Patton

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want some books. And a note pad. And a doll. And a eagle. And a ring. A barbie doll. And some more DS games. And some V smile games. And a chew toy for my dog. And a care bear for my sister. And a cowboy clock. And a indina. And some flag stuf. And some pichture books. And some coloring books. And some activite coloring book. And Fable decorachans. And computer games. And some neckles. Merry Christmas, Lexi Flores

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas, I want a cumputur. I want a labtop. I want a lamp for my mom. I want tools for my dad because he needs tools in the barn. I want a game boy moryoe because I like wayyo. I want an I pod. From Eva Wiebe





More Letters To Santa

Mrs. Steffens 3rd Grade

Dear Santa. I want a skuter and It has to be blue and some jollring and some games for the gameboy and the charger and a dog and I want to give my mom some jollring and some shoes and I wish my mom did not fill bad and I want to give my sister a dress and my Brother a game for his XBox and the outher people want they wnat and my brother I want to give them some clothers. Thank you and Mary Christmas, Yasmin Hernandez

Dear Santa, Make sure Jesus has a good birthday. Make sure everyone has a good Christmas. I want a Nintendo wii so when my friends come over we can play. I want dogz on Gameboy so my sister can play it. I want boxin on wii so me and my brother can fight. I want Vira pinata on Xbox. 360. I want thrillvill on Xbox. I want Blitz the League on Xbox 360. I want a Nintendo DS Lite Block. Yoshis I sland DS. Marie hoops 3 on 3 DS. Zootycoon 2 DS. Merry Christmas, Aaron Ramos

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a dirt bike, play station a game to go with it. A pet a dog, cat, fish, or a lizard. A computer with enternet. I want a nintendo DS with Yoshi's island ds. For the Playstation I want a memory card. I want xbox 360 with some games and mp3 player. Mery Christmas Love Lionel Contreras

Dear Santa Claus, I want a dog and a PS Panda cumputer and some earing and I want to get my freinds something like new shoes and a new games for ther DS and because their good freinds and some new shoes and a new bikes and a two neckless for them and I want something for my family a new car and some thing for my Grandma and Grandpaa neckles for yy Grandma. Merey Christmas Santa claus. Love Sieanna Sosa

Dear Santa, I want a Game Cube and I want a Game cube controler and Game cube Games like Mario sunshine and Mario party 7 and BomBerMan and Avatar the last airbender and super Mario smach Bros Melee and Super Mario Double Dash. Santa have a nice day at the north pole. Love, Trevor Lewis

Dear Santa. I wan't a Dart bike for crimiste and I wan't a big truck for crimise and I wan't a toy ariplane and a mout cantrovl mon ster truck and a mp3 player xbox for crismise and big mother trouckers game coud for crismise plasta shoin three and a dog for crismise another a want a toy hous for crismice and I want a not can trole big truck. Thankyou. Ty Berry

Dear Santa. I what, Bratz Dolls.
Baby Dolls. Makeup, rings.
Braclets. earrings, shorts. shoes.
pants. cell phone razor. Get Nails
done. Get Toe nails done. Puppy.
Game boy. Nentindo DS. I pod.
MP3 Player. Laptop Brate Silver
one. DreamLife. Love always.
Briana Hernandez P.S. Purse for my
mom. I been good.

Dear Santa claus. I want a nintedo DS that comes with a game that is Prinsses Peach and i want yoshy island and for my little sister a game boy that comes with the game Bratz for ever diminds and for my sister Mayra a ipod and for my mom i want a necles and a breslet and for my dad i ma going to give himm a colon and i ma going to give my brother a XBox

360 and a game Q and i will give Paty a fish and her sister i will give her a tiger picter and my ant a dog and my uncle i will give him a ipod and i will get my dog a shirt and a color. Love, Yazmin

Mrs. Hise 4th Grade

Dear Santa. Merry Christmas. I would injoy having a lime green ipod. Its shaped like a box itis black it is a gameboy. My mom always wanted a new cellphone so if you could would you please bring her a cellphone. My dad would love to have a pick up to drive and work in please. Probable blue and I can ride on a new bick. Clothes I would like to have so new shirts, skrite, pants. jacket. And most of all a good Christmas. Love. Alexis Berry

Dear Santa, Marry Christmas
Santa, for this Christmas I would
want a skatboard with a pop, a
PSP with all the thing for a PSP.
Long Horn thins, a farm with
sheep, cows, and lots of beautifull
horses that I could rid. Then I
would a new bike, clothes, shoes,
Ipod, presents for my teachers,
and my family, and a dog, a biger
room, and a present for all the
peopl I know. Love Perla, P.S.
say hi to everyone.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing fine. This Christmas I would like a DVD player that I could play my PS2 on. I would love to have a nintindo DS and a Skateboard. This year I would like PS2 Cords that I can use in the car. Would you get my sister and Mom some cloths and som jewelry. Will you please get my dad some Florida State things. Your friend, William Boyles

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like to have these things an ipod, nintendo DS nintendo games, new bike, dog toys for my dog. cloths, barbie hot tub van, gameboy games, new purse, earrings, horse trailor set, snow globe, ipod carrier, mini motorized lopez, madame Alexander doll, new blanket, the book Beauty, cellphone, barbie cloths. Texas Tech poster, coat, and a necklace. Your friend, Riley Farnest

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa. I wish I could have a gameboy and some shoxe. I would like a Ipod and a cellphone, cloths. Could you also bring me a laptop. Love Your friend, Miranda

Dear Santa Merry Christmas, tell rudof that I said hi for taking you to my house so you can give me my present. Santa I would like a bike. clothes and furry socks for Christmas. Your freind, Tania Gallegos

Dear Santa, For Christmas I love to have a plaistation 2 and clothes and for my brother a game boy advance and my little sister a doll and my big sister a celular and my mom and Dad some money. Your friend, Manuel Chavira

Dear Santa, These are the things I want for me and my family, first of all I want a Nintendo D.S. and for my mom a cat also for my bad I think a dog. Your freind.

Jonathan

Dear Santa. For Christmas I would like a real laptop and a guttar and new clothes and also new shoes for my mom and dad I would like you to bring them new clothes and shoes and happienes for my brothers a new shirts and a new red car for my sisters new clothes and braclets and rings for my cousins and aunts a shirt for my teachers a new shirt and a last thing for my whole family a new celephone please do this for me. Love. Your friend Elizabeth

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want to have a good Christmas. I want a laptop and a eyepot and a getor and a Lemo Bratz and a Bratz new kloes to and boots pertsorts. Your friend. Shamila Dear Santa. It would be nice if you could get me a PSP and give my mom some money to by a new car. Love. Brennan Whitzel

Dear Santa. What I whant for crismas is a gold rime Black Suv with whit flams and a bildin mp3 player. Sellphone. Belt and Shirt, and one for my bother. Sinsiey. Kenneth ps. say hello to comet and rodoff.

Dear Santa. Merry Christmas! Safor my sister. I want her to have lots & lots of bratz. Also for my brother Star war books & colectub for my dad to twistabel watch & for my mom Betty Boop collectible. Love, Myrical

Mrs. Taylor 4th Grade

Dear Mrs. Clause. Merry Christmas! Save some cookies for Santa. In school we have been learning division. For christmas I would like a picture cutter for my mama. I would also like a protable DVD player. I realy like to have a Hannah Montana DVD. Could you please fix my Memi's necklace? P.S. Tell Rudolph and all the other reindeer Hi for me. Love. Kasidee

Dear Santa, Mery Christmas! in school we have been lerning divishon. Fore christmas I wold like the avatar game. I wold also like smackdown vs. raw 2007. for my grand mother she wold like some glas angels. Your frend, Juan

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! For Christmas I would like you to bring me a star wars Legos x-ning and a jak and dexter the 4th. and one mor thing starvors clonetanbe. Love Trevor

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! In school we have been learning division. For Christmas I want a ipod and my brother want The Marine and my other brother wants Smackdown vs raw 2007. Your friend, Brennen

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! In school we have been learning grocery list broken record and diven. For Christmas I want smack down vs raw 2007. the wwe cage and for my cousin sol that hous that she want. Your truly Laz

Dear Santa, Marry Christmas! Be sure to tell Mrs. claus hellow from Me. In school, we have been learning brain storming it is fun. For Christmas, I would like you to bring me a princess or any kind of television but be shur it is a girl one OK, and a mexican disc. I also want crib that comes whith cool things. Love, Dora

Dear Santa, Mery Christmas! Be sure to tell Mrs. Claus hello from me. I would like to get a skateboard and a cheatgirled. I like for a new bed for it to be cushion. for my Mom she neds some clohs. Sinecerely yours friend Liz

Dear Mrs. Clause, Merry Christmas! Be sure to tell Mr. Clause hello form plains. I have been learning alot of neat stuff. I wish I made oral reading, this is my second letter to write to you and Mr. clause. I would like build-Abear clothes. I realy wish I made oral reading. Please hope this Christmas is great. I will leave Santa Clause some milk and cookies. My brother doesn't need an Xbox 360 cause my dad wont let him play as much as he wants to. Love. Halee Lowrey

Dear Santa. Merry. Christmas. Be sure to tell Mrs. Claus hellow from me. In school we have have been learning about a grocery list and a broken record. If you want leave me some cookies. For Christmas I would like you to bring me some lip gloss and I would like bracelest too and me and my little sister would like to have an Easy Bake and for my little sister I would like her to have a Baby Alive and my brother would like to have a Game boy and for my mom some new makup and for my dad a new sterio. Love. Iris



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Lifelines & Styles

Is There A Santa Claus?

Editors Note: The following column was first written by Francis P. Church, and originally appeared as an editorial in The NEW YORK SUN on September 21, 1897. I remember asking the above question when I was a VERY young boy, and my grandmother dug around in her closet and handed me a newsclipping of a copy of the original. The language is a bit stilted for our tastes to day. The message is still the same as it was in 1897.

Dear Editor:

I am eight years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West 95th Street, **New York City**

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



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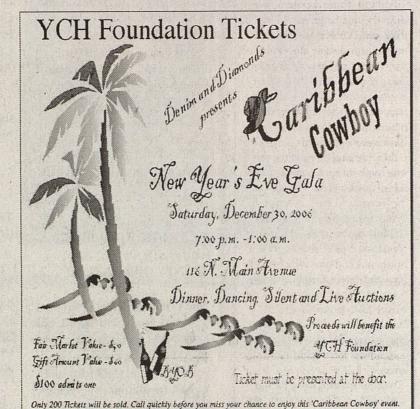


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Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the center and Merry Christmas! We at the center hope your holidays will be blessed and full of fun with family and friends. Try not to stress yourselves out too uch this Christmas. I know, it's so easy to do. I receievd a flyer from a friend I think is very appropriate for the holidays; 'What kind of Christmas PRESENCE will you get this year? No, we didn't misspell 'presents'. One might say God's presence is the best of all presents. 'You don't have to unwrap it. You don't have to assemble it. You don't have to take it back to the store because it's missing parts. Once you have it, you'll NEVER want to exchange it, upgrade it or be without it for a MOMENT!

It's not battery operated, but it will light up your life. It cost a lot but it's a free gift to you. God sent his presence in a way to not frighten or overwhelm us. He came as promised in the hebrew scriptures; 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

So, everyone reading this column should stop to think about the real meaning of Christmas. There are many in the U.S. who are trying to destroy Christmas and the real meaning behind it. Let us not allow that to happen! We need to stand up and be

Our center certainly celebrates Christmas as we decorate for the holidays and discuss Christmas with each other. We believe in the real meaning of Christmas...Jesus.

We heard Virgil McCalmon is not doing well and we send our love and prayers, and to Ann Greer who is currently undergoing chemo at Lubbock. We heard from Spencer Randolph's daughter who reported he is falling a lot and is now in a wheelchair. We certainly miss Spencert's smiling face and hope he is doing better.

Our center is still without a director although Ayde is amazing. She is holding the fort down for us and is always smiling and helpful. What a remarkable woman.

Our center is open at 10 am and some come early to exercise or play a game of pool. Our meals are served at 11:30 for seniors 60 and over and also for visitors, \$3 for seniors, \$4 for visitors. Our van will pickup seniors who can no longer drive, and we have van deliveries in Plains for those who qualify. Our center needs more people. If you are alone, instead of staying in a lonely house come to our center. You can visit with others and fill part of your day with fun and food. Stay warm, and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

STORYTIME AT THE YOAKUM COUNTY LIBRARY

Eighteen girls and boys attended Storytime at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, December 13, at 10 a.m. Following Toddlerobics and the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, the group sang "Hokey, Pokey," "If You're Happy and You Know It" and the "ABC Song." The group discussed the Christmas holiday and the many things done in preparation for this special time of the year. Books read were ABC CHRISTMAS and CHRISTMAS IS COMING. The group watched a video entitled VEGGIE TALES: THE TOY THAT SAVED CHRISTMAS. Everyone was reminded about the Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20 when one of Santa's helpers will drop by for a visit with anyone who wants to talk with him. Those attending were Braleigh Lowrey, Mallory Bunch, Jentry, Trenity and Asher Wall, Ellie and Cason Russell,

Ivey Davis, Devon Walker, Ranger and Raven Harvey, Kiersen Harris, Grace, JoAnna, and Jadon McAdams, Taryn, Brie and Delise Willis.

Storytime is held at 10 a.m. each Wednesday. Boys and

Plains, Texas

Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship 10:45 A.M. **Evening Program** 6:00 P.M.

From The Hack

It seems like I have spent a great deal of time the past week or so looking forward to, yet dreading, the Christmas season and everything that goes with it. I suspect there are virtual arnmies of people experiencing the same mental come. puzzle. It can be an absolutely beautiful experience, but it can also be a time of sorrow, worry and pain.

I turn the electronic talking heads on (It doesn't make much difference which network - they ALL employ talking heads) I am bombarded sue. When the first graders rewith bits of wisdom telling me the world is going downhill in letters, they really became a handcart.

One recurring news item makes me aware how dangerous our planet is. Our young military people, male and female, continue to remain in Harm's Way day and night. The casualty lists grow longer each day. Not just the dead, of course... their young, volunvirtally every day, and almost draped caskets.

pulses of our constituents so that night, flew for what Capitol to more effectively serve our God-Blest Nation", or similar Bovine Scatterings. war in Afghanistan continues, the powder keg which is Israel, continues to simmer.

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A real puzzler to me is our failure to acknowledge the fact the more radical leaders of the Islamic worls are totally dedicated to killing every nonmuslimon on this planet if they refuse orders in the Koran infidels who refuse mandates issued by the prophet will be offered up as sacrifices in 'Holy Jihads' as the Koran demands.

What a warm, fuzzy feeling that leaves in we non-muslims. I really believe we are at war with the Islamic extremists we just don't realize how deadly this conflict can be-

I am determined to find something this Season to make Virtually every evening when me smile. In fact, I already have. I visited our elementary campus last week to get some answers about the jillion or so Santa Clause letters in this isalized I was there about their intereted in this old man. Wondrous delight in small ones at Christmas makes you want to stick around for a few more.

I do recall a Christmas or two which were not quite so emotionally touching. In 1953 I lost a coin toss in my aircraft maintenance crew and was teered bodies continue to be picked to depart my rather maimed, scarred, torn apart cushy duty at Hickam Field on Oahu and visit the scenic is-3,000 have come home in flag land of Guam for five months TDY; The Navy calls that The political geniuses elected Temporary Duty - Enlisted to serve us are currently home pukes called it much worse. I for the Holidays, "feeling the boarded an old Navy DC-6 we will be ale to return to the seemed forty days and nights, finally landed and made my way to an opulent quanset hut quarters I would share for five The war in Iraq continues, the montsh with a dozen or so " fellow shipmates".....every single one of them out cold, snorsurrounded by nations dedi- ing away a monumental cated to the total destruction drunken party which I missed. of any and everything Jewish I crashed in my upper rack. came alive hours later, found a few sailors half-alive, asked what we would do the rest of the day. One burly looking boatswain mate type looked at me like I was a Martian, and muttered, "You worm, it's Christmas today, we're gonna get drunk again, what did you expect, a cookie and cream social?"

> I was not one to vote against the majority. We did. The next

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gally dead for several hours until our big bad Chief showed up to breathe life back into me. With his size 12 shoe. The next five months were truly memorable. I think.

This reminds me of a preacher. but I can't recall which one: A preacher dropped his sermon notes and his dog tore them up. He went into the pulpit, apologized to the congregation by saying "I'm very

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morning I was pronounced le-sorry, but today I just have no sermon. I'll just have to speak as the Lord directs me. But I promise I'll do much better next Sunday!"

Merry Christmas

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006, for the purchase of Unleaded and Diesel Fuel for all County Departments for Calendar Year 2007.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday. January 2, 2007.

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 896/ 456-7491 Ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID - FUEL' 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.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006, for the purchase of Gravel, Hot and Cold Mix, and Asphalt for all four (4) Precincts and Yoakum County Parks for Calendar Year 2007.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Wednesday, January 2, 2007

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/ 456-7491 Ext. 292 or PO Box 516. Plains, Texas 79355.

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

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday. December 28, 2006, for the PURCHASE of One (1) four door, 4x4 Pickup with or without trade-in of one (1) 1998 Chevrolet Pickupo for Precinct

Bid price will be paid from 2007 Budgeted Funds.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

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. To view trade-in. contact Ty Earl Powell, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 A M Thursday, December 28, 2006 for the SALE of One (1) 1998 Chevrolet Pickup for Precinct

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

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Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

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

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Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

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