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Santa pays us a pre-Christmas visit!



Santa arrives at Pioneer Plaza on siren blowing firetruck

The jolly old gent from the North Pole passed through Plains last Wednesday evening, on a preliminary visit to make sure all little boys and girls are being good, as they will soon be telling him in millions of letters. Some of the lucky kids here got to have a chat with Santa, and tell him well in advance what they desperately want for Christmas.

The annual tree lighting in Pioneer Plaza Park drew a large crowd, and when the lights came on at the park and courthouse across the street, there were many oohs and aaahs at the impressive sight.

The PHS Cowboy Band, directed by Ray Portillo, performed a medley of Christmas music, and the Biblical Christmas story was delivered by Tom Carter, Pastor of First United Methodist Church here.

The Plains Chamber of Commerce collected canned goods from children wanting to visit and have their picture taken with Santa Claus. The food will be used in the county's annual food drive for the needy. When the last child climbed down from Santa's lap, he was heard complaining about his sore legs.



This tiny sweetie was totally un-awed by Santa and the crowd

Making Christmas Brighter Girls learn, benefit from giving, sharing experience

Fourteen 4th through 6th grade girls, members of First Baptist Church's "Girls In Action" group, recently discovered first hand truth in the Biblical statement, "It is more blessed to give than receive".

The GA girls chose for their Christmas mission the "Operation Christmas Child" program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse of Boone, North Carolina. The parent organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of famed evangelist Billy Graham.

The girls first had to come up with a fund raising project. They chose to sponsor a spaghetti luncheon, which they helped prepare and serve. Over 300 community residents attended the luncheon, and the project netted \$1085 for their Christmas mission.

The girls next collected a large

number of shoe boxes, and their adult leaders carried the girls to Hobbs for a shopping spree at K-Mart and Wal Mart, both stores generously giving them a ten percent discount on their purchases.

They spent their money on gift items to go in the shoe boxes; toys, small games, all sorts of school supplies, hair brushes, combs, tooth paste, ball caps, hard candy, clothing.

The gifts were divided up, enough to fill 48 shoe boxes. The boxes were wrapped, and a five dollar bill was enclosed in each gift box.

The boxes were delivered to a church in Lubbock, added to that church's shoe boxes for the program, then the boxes were carried to another church in Amarillo. A truck eventually picked up 276 of the gift boxes, carrying them to Samaritan headquarters. The five dollar

bill was then removed, defraying part of the expense of including a bible and mission material in each box.

The gift boxes will be delivered before Christmas, along with thousands more from other churches and organizations and delivered to desperately needy and suffering around the world. In 1998, over 2 million 'Shoe Box' gifts were delivered to 55 nation's children in every continent on earth.

One of the young girls told us, "It feels nice to kinda be like a Santa Claus".

Adult women helping the girls included Debbie Steffens, Judy Addison, Sandy Craft, Dana Davis, Darla Welch, Cecilia Knight, Kay Canon, Linda Wright and Diane Bennett.



Front, Katie Winn, M'Leah McKenzie, Callie Howell, Adriana Ponce, Erica Loewen, Lisa Neufeld. Back, L'Shae Arnett, Amber Friesen, Joani Bell, Lauren Davis, Allison Friesen, Amy Crutcher. Not present for phot, Caitlin Carter, Desiraye Broome, and Nicole Culwell.

Hazardous hill being lowered on Airport Road



Pct. 3 employee Hershell Smith operating a dozer ripping up asphalt on road

The county road fronting the cemetery and leading to the county airport is undergoing a 'face lowering'. The portion of the road between the two cemetery entrances has long been a hazard for motorists entering or leaving the facility, the severe hump on the road obstructing the view either north or south.

Precinct 3 employees were busy last week ripping up the asphalt on the road, allowing motor graders to then gradually blade the road down some four feet between the entrances,

when it will then be resurfaced.

The project is now even more needed because of greatly increased traffic on the road. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication District office is located at the office, where 27 vehicles used by eradication personnel in the initial phase of the program were based. When the mapping, trapping and spraying program starts up next spring, even more vehicles will be using the road each day.

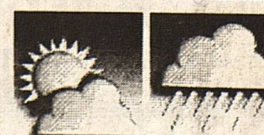
Denver City conveys property to county

Commissioner's Court heard a proposal Monday for the City of Denver City to deed to the county a small tract of land presently occupied by a Little League Baseball Field. The site is in the proximity of the radio tower jointly used by Denver City and the County Sheriff Department, featured in an article in last weeks CCN. The proposal was to have been made by Attorneys Warren New and Richard Clark, but both were involved in District Court business. Deeding the land to the county would convey ownership to the full tract of land the baseball field is located on. The court unanimously agreed to the conveyance.

Judge Brewer told the court a recent survey by a Loss Control Committee had revealed a number of county employees are not using vehicle safety belts. "This survey showed some 51 percent of our people aren't buckling up. That's down from a previous 55 percent, but we need all of them to comply with the law".

Forecasts

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

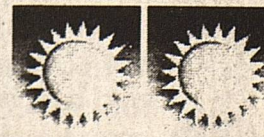


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Graveside Service Held For Willis Carnohan

Willis Lawrence Carnohan, 92 of Abilene, died Sunday, November 28, 1999, at a local care center.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm. Wednesday in the Elliott-Hammil Garden of memories with Rev. Glen Harlen of Wolfforth,tx. and Dr. Jeff Reid officiating.

Mr. Carnohan was born in Aledo,Tx, on March 19,1907. He lived in Tye and Big Country for several years. He worked for Dunigan Brothers for many years and was an independent oilfield pumper in Plains, Tx. for 35 years before his retirement. He returned to Abilene from Plains in 1995.

He married Allene Bursleson in Electra, Tx. on February 5,1948. She preceded him in death on December 9,1997. Mr. Carnohan was a member of the First Baptist Church in Plains,Tx. and a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Julson of Pioneer, California; a stepdaughter, Bette Scoggins of Abilene; a stepson,Jeff Smith of Lubbock; two sisters,Francis Kettle of Odessa and Dardanella Owens of Kilgore,Tx.Five grand children; and seven greatgrand children.Memorials may be sent to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene,Tx 79605

Final Rites Held For Ray Goodman

Services For Ray Goodman 73, of Plains,Texas were held Thursday,December 2, 1999 at First Assembly of God Church,Muleshoe,Tx. with Rev. Kevin Bruton, pastor of First Assembly of God Church Plains,Texas.Officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park, Muleshoe, Texas Rev. Goodman died Tuesday, November,30,1999 at his residents in Plains. He was born June 2,1926 in Indian Territory,Oklahoma. He married Naomi Gregory in Dallas,Texas on June 26 1958.

Mr. Goodman moved to Plains from Denton,Tex. in 1986 He was a 1943 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He was an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God. He was a veteran of World War II.Serving in the US Marine Corp. He attended Texas Tech and Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie,Texas. He served pastorats in North and West Texas Districts, Arizona and Colorado. Survivors ; Wife Naomi Three sons; Calvin Ray Goodman of Levelland,Tx. David Gregory Goodman of Sherman,Tx. and Gerald Douglas Goodman of San Angelo,Tx. Daughter; Vio;et Rene Shelton of Denton,Tx. Sisters; Johnnie Mae Kellison of Lockney,Tx. and Almola Maynard of Georgetown,Tx Brother; Henry Calvin Goodman of Aztec, NM. Five Grandchildren; Ryann,Brock and Andy Shelton, Riley and Kaylea Goodman.Casket Bearers were; Calvin Ray Goodman, David Gregoy Goodman, Gerald Douglas Goodman, Riley Austin Goodman, Huntley O Shelton III Brock Thomas Shelton, and Gregory Shelton.

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Grand Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On December 13, 1999 at 9:00 A.M.

A Grand Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on December 13, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

Plains and Tokio Residents: Joseph Michael Sainz, Juan Gandara, Jolene Taylor, Esmeralda H. Salas, Rosie S. Bitolas, Jesus A. Gonzalez, Jerry D. Howard, Jan Lester, Wayne Lee Davis, Terry Cordova, Elvira Mendias, Timmy L. Willis, Evaristo Moreno Flores, Sandra Smith Stephens, Ruby Kehl Hanna, Patricia Kay Johnson, Mary I. Moreno, Douglas Kent Welch, Karla Keen Bennett.

Denver City Residents: Keith Allen Scott, Jackie Will Kleam, Gloria Regalado Ramos, Glenn Laverne Trout, Rebecca Ann Burnip, Lidia Lerma Padilla, Calvin Gerald Ware, Sara Jynann Hernandez, Ettie Sue Hammett, Carl C. Johnson, Willie Gonzales, Efrén Delacruz Salazar, Justo R. Delossantos, Danny Ray Sellers, Guillermo Wiebe Friessen, Gerardo Tovar Lopez, Michael Richard Chard, Luoe Aguilar, Corinna Olympia Bryant, Rebecca Lynn Lehnert, Justin Shawn Mock, Eddie C. Randle, Jesse Garcia Yzaguirre, Gilbert Gonzales, Alfredo Lugo Rojo, Luis Rojo, Romana Alejos Escalante, Vera Lorraine Walker, Buran Taw McLeroy, Celina Ann Hernandez, Socorro Navarrette, Clifford C. Kyzer, Jesus Garcia, Jesus Gutierrez Marquez, Harlen R. Curry, Ray E. Marion, Ramon Ignacio Garcia, Karen Elizabeth Sanders, Gwen D. Connolly, Rachele Rane Williams, Debra O. Black, Jose Vasquez Barrientes, Deanna Butler Cothren.

****Please remember to report to the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains on Monday, December 13, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.****

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On December 14, 1999 at 9:00 A.M.

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Plains and Tokio Residents: Brigida Estrada Castillo, Royce Donnell Welch, Sherron Smith Smith, Paul Escobar, Nickie Jimenez, Raymond Crain, Nancy Delynn Chambliss, Gregorio Medina Gutierrez, Jeffery Lynn Redman, Javier Z. Lazos, Eva Mares Flores, Roy Roberto Salas, Renetta O'Quinn, Ricky D. Hartman, Vennum Fitzgerald, Kenneth C. Engle, Nancy Ann Whitzel, Valdemar A. Gonzales, B.G. Craft, Jose Gallegos Cueto, W.P. Turner, Dorris Ray Tuggle, M. Braden McWhirter, Alicia Alcorta Gomez, Darinda Darr McWhirter, Gloria Pando Urias.

Denver City Residents: April J. Stallings, Martha Taylor Harrel, Estella Galvan Mendoza, Fannie Harper O'Fallon, Ascencion Ayala Aguilar, Max Allen Littlefield, Christopher Thomas Alexander, Michael Ray Rodriguez, Irene Higgs, Eva Hamilton Prichard, John B. Clare, Lesa G. Wood, Louise S. Welch, John Edwon Archer, Edward Keith Blount, Alice Audrey Davison, Jeanie Renee Taylor, Kenneth Lee White, Solia Hernandez Robles, George Henry Reinert, Nadine Dolores Madden, Olga Rojo Larrea, Timothy Ray Reep, Lisa R. Brown, Terry Dale Henson, Troy Lynn Smith, Kimberly Gail Rodriguez, Pablo Eljio Davila, Sandra M. Burnip, Devona Rae Davis, Dana Smith Deaton, Joyce Trantham, Mack Alexander, Wilma Merideth, Dora Alicia Bocanegra, Susie Arriaga, Ernesto Villarreal, Gerardo Javier Figueroa, L. Howard Pollard, Stephen Bryant Johnson, John David Milligan, Anna Lee Taylor, Rebecca Diane Garate, Don Lewis Poe, Angie Benningfield, Dolores Ortega Yanez, Walter Louis Holland, Sharon K. Taylor, Darlene Nrown Harper, Jackie Donald Andrews, Pat Walser, Casey W. Clark, Navor Puente Rivas, Presentacion Gonzales, Timothy Jay McDaniel, Evelyn Knox, Gloria L. Kidd, Celia Hernandez, Guadalupe Perez Martinez, Concepcion Escamilla, Eddie D. Smith, Salvador Fernandez Martinez, Matilde Alarcon Cortez, Johnnie Ladell Martin, Amanda Leann Langehenning, Stanley Leo Daniel, Debra Drury Nevarez, Otilio Villegas Martinez, Bobby Gearld Gatewood, Ramona Stephenson, C.B. Windham, Yvette Bustamante Rivera, Ignacio Perez, Jorge Avalos, Julie Skov Stephens, Raul Ochoa Renteria, Diana Jean Reep, Gustave George Kawell, Wayne Harold Williams, Claudine Robinett, Reyes Carrillo Vazquez, Thomas Dewayne Merritt, Randy Lin Mullin, Lloyd Dale Boulter, Steve Taylor, Donald L. Corzine, Santos Ortega, Lee M. Kidd, Thomas Wayne Summers, Margie Doby Snider, Albert Alvino Matta, Toni Annette Ford, Norine Kay Bernal, Wanda Elaine Smith, Lizandro Irazoqui Galindo, Ricky Wayne Long, Karen Michele Cockrell, Nancy McClure Williams, Elvia V. Gonzales, Jennifer J. Navarro, Rick Arza Parker, Esrelle Lemons Ivie, Socorro Tarango Meza, Tammy Jones Esqueda, Alicia Terrazas Tarango, Scarlett Easteeam, Robina Lee Esquivel, Myrna Boulter, Beverly Prather, Janice Lee Burdick, Carla Ann Burns, Kirby Dean Rocca, Harold Melvin Brown, Michael J. Arrellano, Victor Dominquez, Jacob Lowen Hiebert, Patricia Folmar Sellers, Shannon Line Smith, Troy Beck, Jorge Arriola, F.L. Upchurch, Rosa Villalobos Parra, Billy Guillermo Romero, Mary Pride Hinkle, Jeffery Paul Tuttle, Brenda Tranatham Bailey.

****Please remember to report to the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.****

J P Court

December 3, 1999-The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding: Cases filed-90 traffic cases-4 felony cases.

Bonds set: 2 cases-Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing. Criminal mischief-\$1,000 bond. Driving while license suspended-\$500 bond. Assault causes bodily injury-\$1,500 bond. Possession of Marijuana-\$1,000 bond. Driving while intoxicated-\$1,000 bond.

Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Leticia Canon, a senior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Canon. She was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "Every morning I am greeted with a big smile by Leticia. She comes to class with a willingness to work. She's not afraid to ask questions, she takes notes without being told to, and she goes above and beyond my expectations on assignments. She never expects things to be given to her; she knows she must work diligently to accomplish her goals".

All learning at PHS isn't from books



Many of the activities in Vocational Ag classes at Plains High involve 'hands on' work, and often times those hands get dirty. The above photo shows a few of the Ag students of instructor Joe Pierce at work building a round hay bale trailer.

Chris Cleveland is shown operating a 'Plasma Cutter', a high tech device which in many jobs is replacing the old oxygen/acetylene cutting torch. The 'handle' of the device is hooked to a conventional electric welding ma-

chine. Placed on metal to be cut, an intense arc is struck, and compressed air shoots through the handle, blowing slag from the cut metal.

Pierce says the cutter makes a cleaner, more precise cut, and makes cutting intricate designs in metal much easier.

Students are also using a wire welder in their projects. The welder holds a pistol grip type handle with a small wire through the tip. When struck against metal to be welded, it arcs like a conventional welding rod, but compressed CO2

gas is blown through the tip, which seals off oxygen from the weld. Conventional welding rods are coated with a flux, which when burned with oxygen present forms 'slag', which must then be chipped or brushed off.

Pierce said students find the wire welder much simpler to operate than rod welding machines, and do better quality work.

Other students in background of photo are Colt Winn, Staci Tuggle and Jeremy Ponce.

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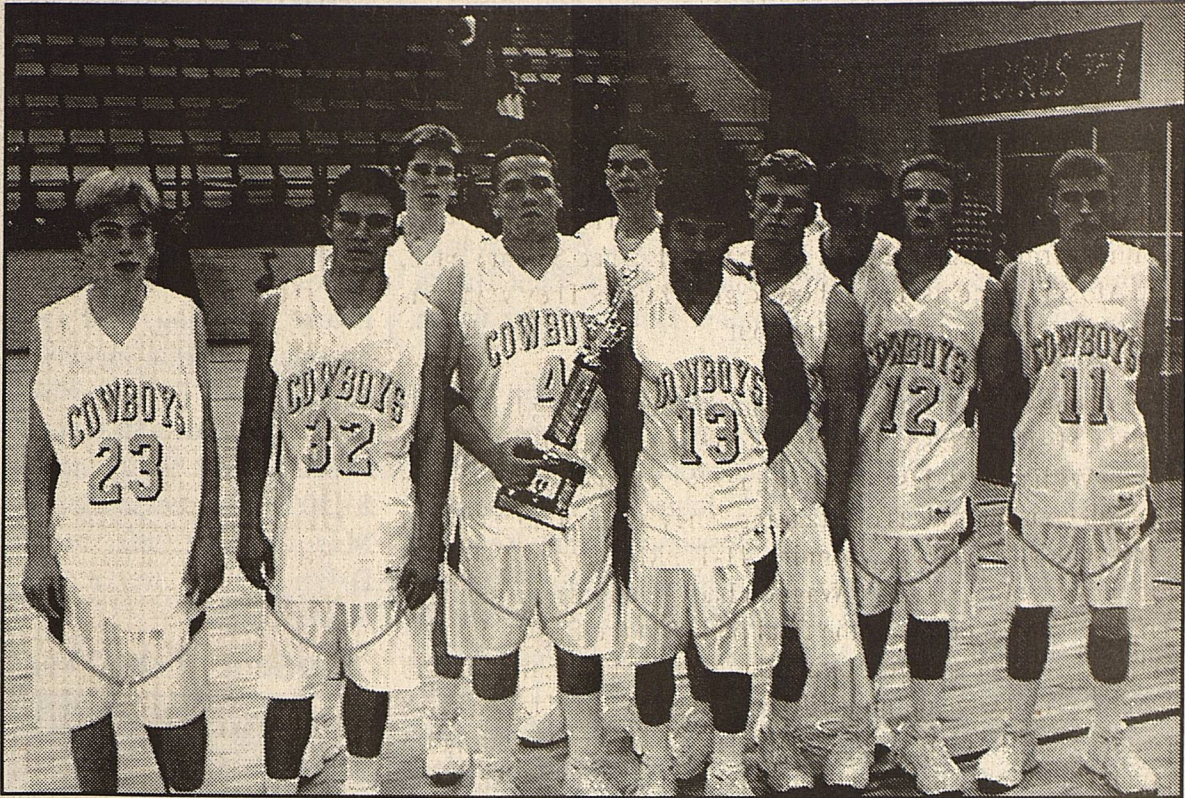
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First Yoakum County Shootout Action Scenes



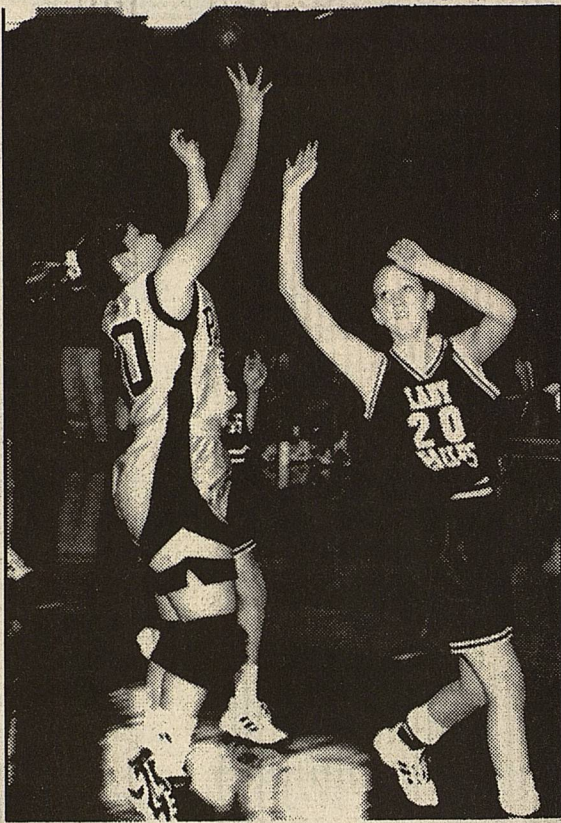
JV Cowgirls and Runner Up Plaque - Chelsi Wagnon, Makenzie Winn, Jessica Rodriguez, Arasley Luna, Chelsea Blount, Kayla Willis, Mandi Rogers.



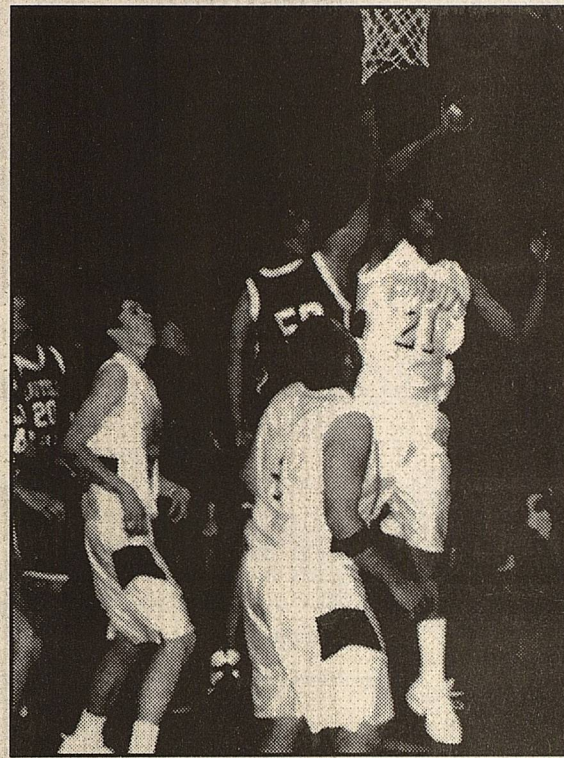
Varsity Cowboys finished second in big tournament - Front, Kelsey Blundell, Fermin Luna, Alex Tarango, David Luna. Back, Dustin Six, Justin Bennett, Brett Squyres, Jared Bell, Patrick McGinty, Aaron Cain. Josh Bell not in photo.



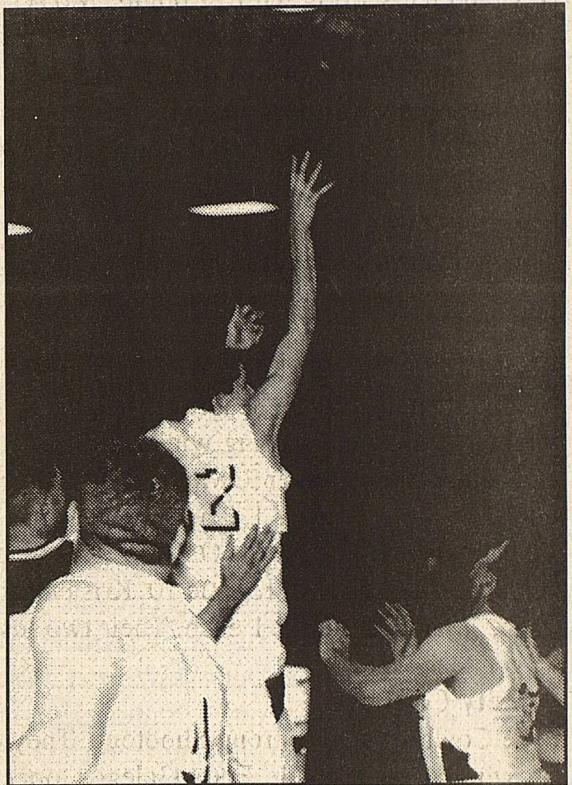
#13 Chelsea Blount with shot under the basket



Jessica Rodriguez sets and fires one



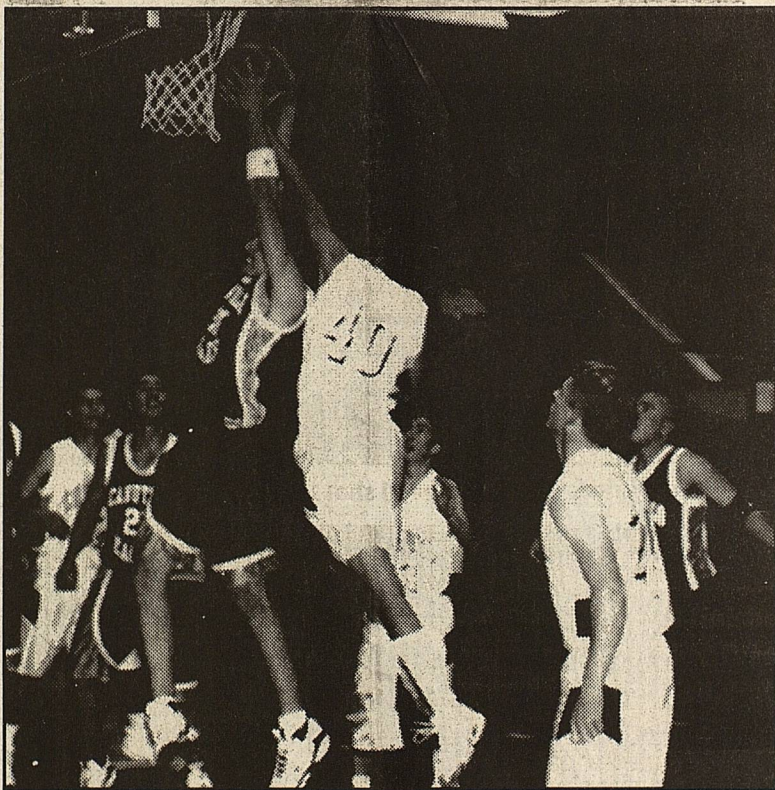
Eddy Gallegos, 21, battles Canutillo's big man



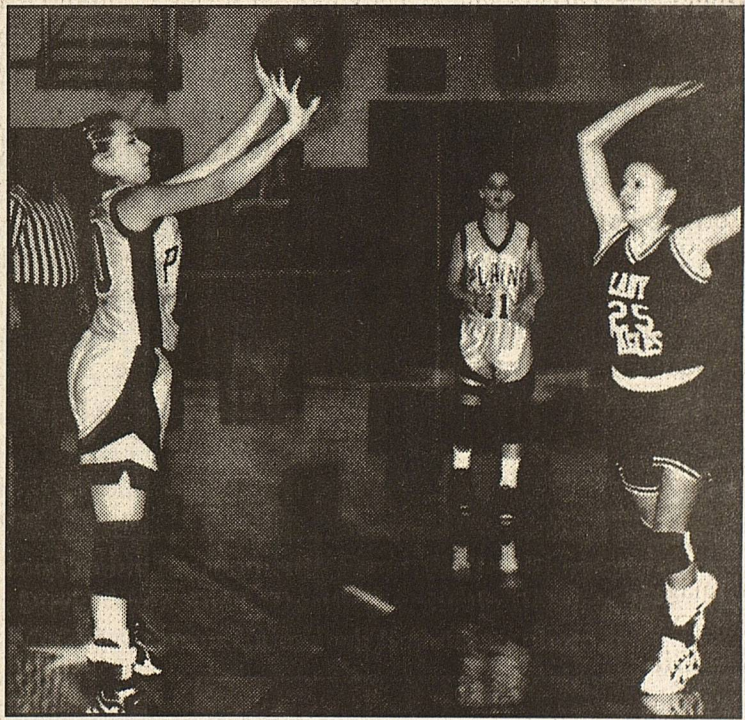
Dustin Six made this good shot



Kim Willis, 40, battles to get free and find some help



Justin Bennett, 40, battles Canutillo player for ball under the boards



Chelsi Wagnon launches a shot from the perimeter



Candace Bowers worked inside to make this shot



Bradley Palmer has to go high to launch this shot over Trinity's big guys



Cowgirl Jessica Flores drives past a Roosevelt Lady Eagle



Kristen Gray, 12, launches high shot over defender's hands

"Good Job" to all the Cowgirls and Cowboys !!

Shootout Summary

9th Cowgirls:

The youngest Cowgirls faced Roosevelt in their first game, and were downed 51-15 by a good, quick team. Keri Hansen managed 5 points, Allison Butler and Liz Wilmeth both had 4. Jill Gray, Elizabeth Clanahan and Jessica Knight were cited for their hustle, defense and rebounding. The girls came closer against Kermit, falling 28-22. Jessica and Liz had 6 points each, and Allison 4, and the team showed great hustle. They won consolation honors in the first Shootout.

JV Girls:

The young Cowgirls had a good tournament, beating Jal in their opener 50-11. Chelsea Blount led the scoring with 14 points, Kayla Willis had 9, Jessica Rodriguez 8. Coach said their hustle and full court press was outstanding. They again dominated in a game against Roosevelt, winning 41-17. Mackenzie Winn was top scorer with 13, Chelsi Wagnon had 11, and Kayla Willis 8. They scored 18 points in the final period to the Eagles 5.

The girls faced a large Lovington team for the championship Saturday, and were outgunned 55-34. Jessica and Chelsea had 8 points each, Chelsi Wagnon, Arasley Luna and Kayla had 5 points each to take the second place plaque - a great first Shootout effort.

JV Cowboys:

In their Shootout opener, the Cowboys dropped Jal 49-42. Jarod Newland led scoring with 17 points, Moises Gonzales had 11, Tanner Hamm 10. They next faced 3-A Brownfield, and were finally downed 58-53 in overtime. Jarod made 18 points, Moises 11, and Jeremy Morphis 10. In their final game, they fell to 3-A Denver City 58-42. The two leading scorers were Jarod 11, and Jeremy 10. Their season record is now 3 and 4.

Varsity Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls opened the Shootout with a loss to 3A Kermit, 45-39. They dominated rebounding, but only made 24% of their shots. Candace Bowers had 14 points, Kristen Gray 8, Krystle Blundell 7, Jessica Flores 5, Annaliesa O'Quinn 3, and Kim Willis 2. They took on Seagraves next and came out on top 44-41. Krystle led the scoring with 18, Candace had 7, Jessica 6, Kristen 5, Anne Palmer 3, Michaela Traweck and Kim Willis 2 each and Lexi Warren 1. They met a tough Lovington team in their finale and lost 57-31. Only six girls made the scoring column; Candace had 13, Krystle 10, Kristen and Tanya Vasquez 3 each, Jessica and Lexi 1 each. Their two losses were to much larger schools.

Varsity Cowboys:

The Cowboys had a strong Shootout. They opened with a 60-45 win over Roosevelt. Eddy Galegos topped scoring with 19 points, Patrick McGinty had 10, Josh Bell 6, Justin Bennett, Jared Bell and Alex Tarango 5 each, Dustin Six and Kelsey Blundell 4, David Luna 2. They faced a strong Canutillo team next, winning 49-45. Patrick and Fermin Luna had 10 points each, Josh 8, Justin 7, Jared 6, Eddy 4, Alex 3, Dustin 1. Justin pulled down 9 rebounds.

In the exciting Championship game, the Cowboys were finally downed by a good Whiteface crew in overtime, 76-71. Starters Eddy Gallegos and Dustin Six had to leave the game with injuries. Jared topped scoring with 17 points, Fermin had 12, Dustin 9, Alex 8, Patrick and Brett 7 each, Justin 5, Josh 4, David 2. Jared was also top rebounder with 12 grabs. The Cowboys received the second place trophy after the great game.

Junior High Basketball

7th Girls:

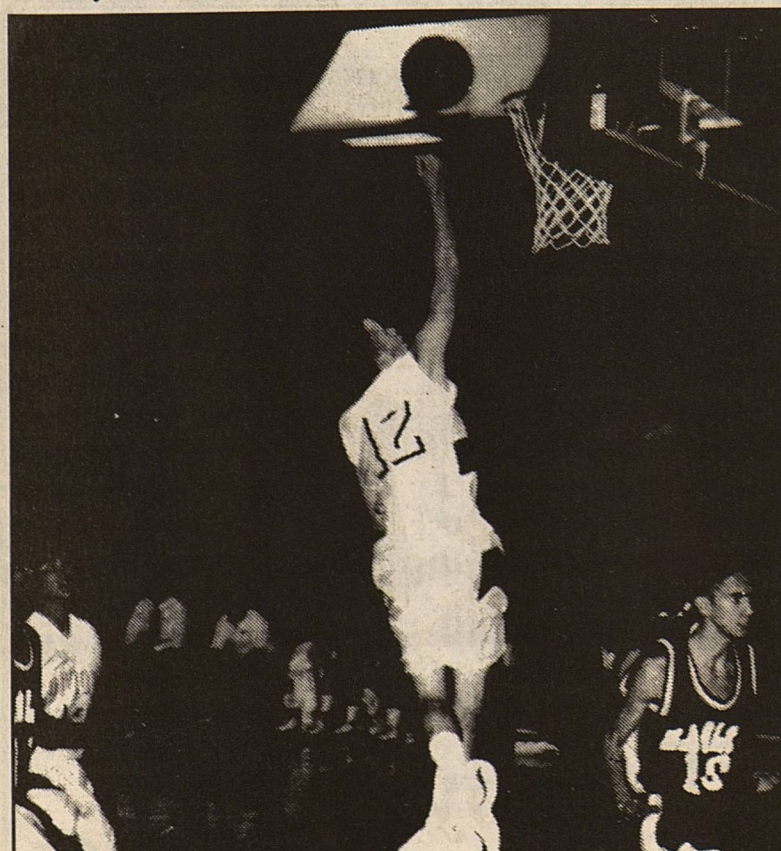
The 7th Lady Wranglers are improving, but still had trouble with Seagraves on November 29, falling 34-20. Sandra Gandara managed 7 points, Jamie Covarrubias 6, Kristian Morales 3, and Daniela Lazos and Mayra Flores, 2 each.

8th Girls:

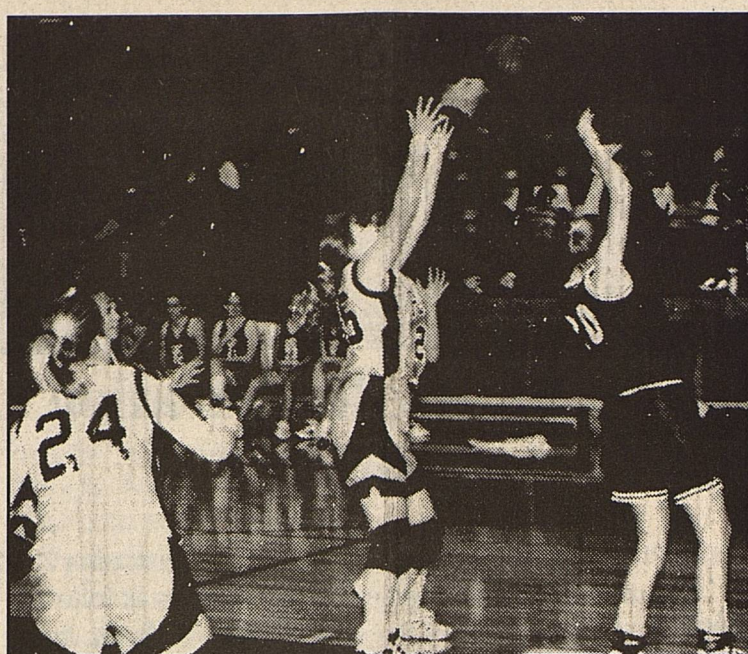
The older Lady Wranglers were also beaten by Seagraves 24-13. Sarah Martinez topped scorers with 6 points, Manuela Villegas, Moriah Traweck and Carmen Ponce 2 each, Kim Trent 1.

7th Boys:

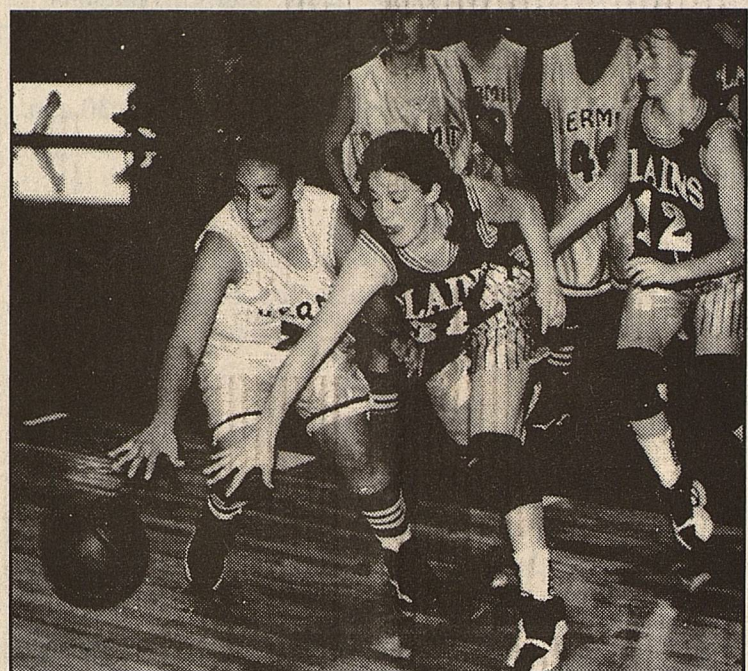
The 7th Wranglers outscored Seagraves 29-22. Evan Cain had 9 points, Scott Bruton and Daniel Parker had 6 each, Cody Flores 4, Kerry Sisson 2, Payton Bean and John Wagno 1 each. 8th Boys unavailable.



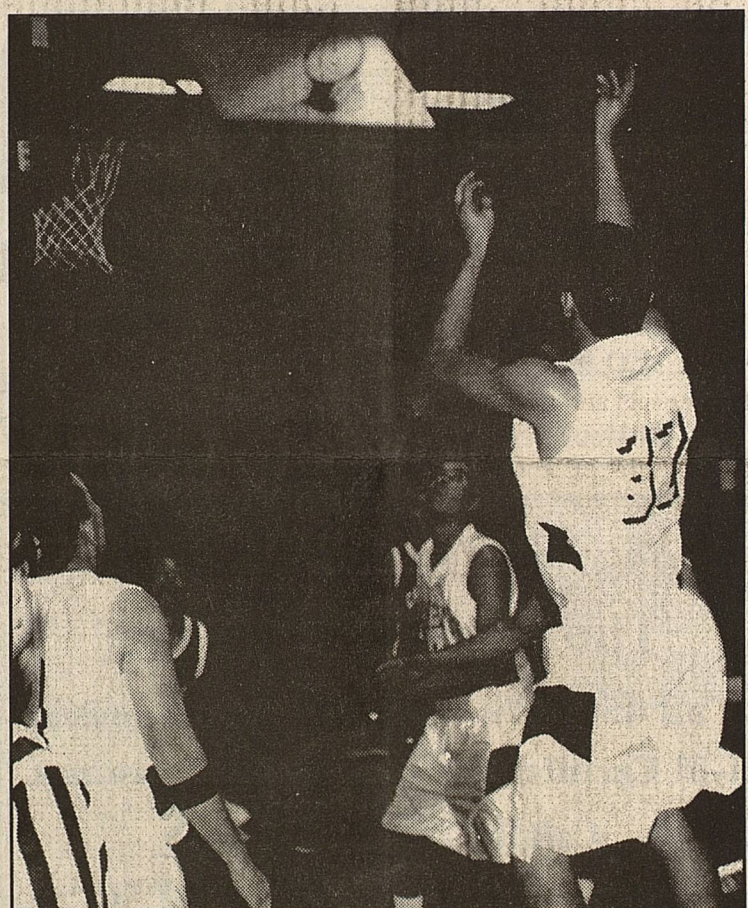
Patrick McGinty makes good layup shot



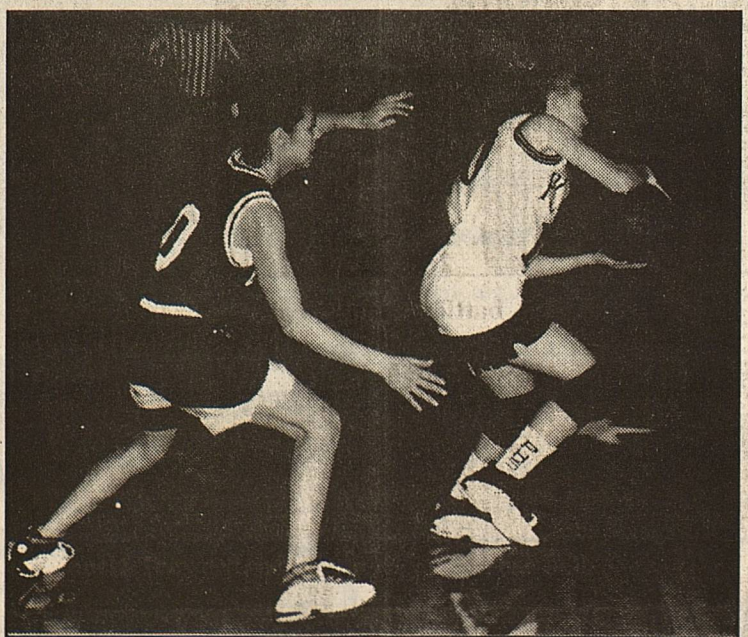
Kayla Willis, center, in battle for ball



Michaela Traweck, center, in race for loose ball



Fermin Luna, 32, lofts a good shot



Krystle Blundell works ball around defense



Anne Palmer tries to get inside

Math/Science team wins again

The PHS math/science team competed in a UIL practice meet at Seminole December 5, beating out eleven other teams for Sweepstakes honors again.

Individual performances included;

Seniors- Kristen Gray, 1st in NS, Cal, Math, Sci, Physics, 3rd Comp. Sci. Velvet Canada 3rd Cal, 5th Comp. Sci. Wendy Hernandez 8th Comp. Sci.

Kyle Sisson 4th Comp. Sci.

Juniors - Amanda Garcia 2nd NS, 5th Cal, 9th Math

Sophomores- Annaliesa O'Quinn 2nd NS, 2nd Cal, 8th Math

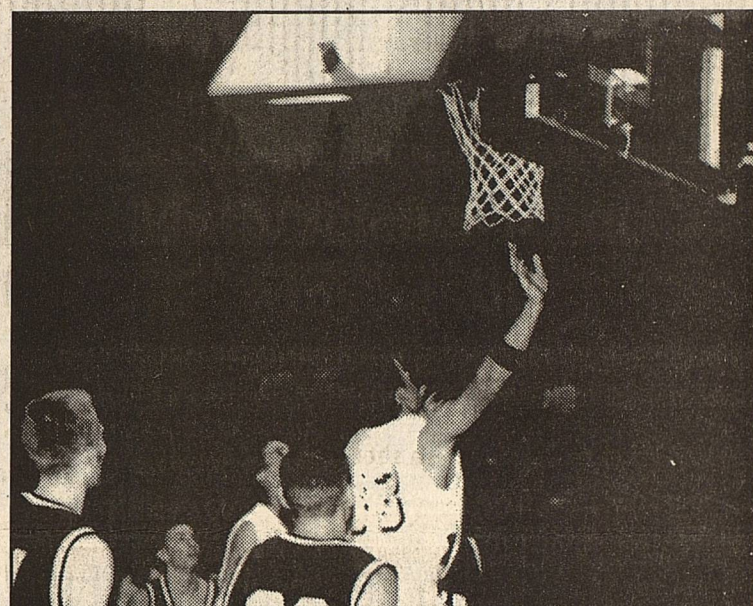
Frosh - Jordan Bean 5th NS, 3rd Cal, 3rd Mathm 1st Sci.

Jill Gray 1st NS, 1st Cal, 1st Math, 7th Sci.

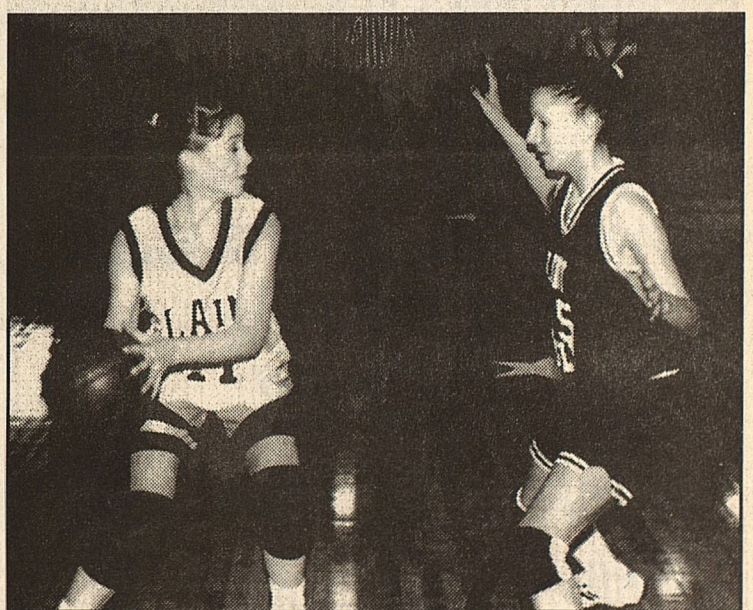
Elizabeth Wilmeth 10th Cal, 5th Math



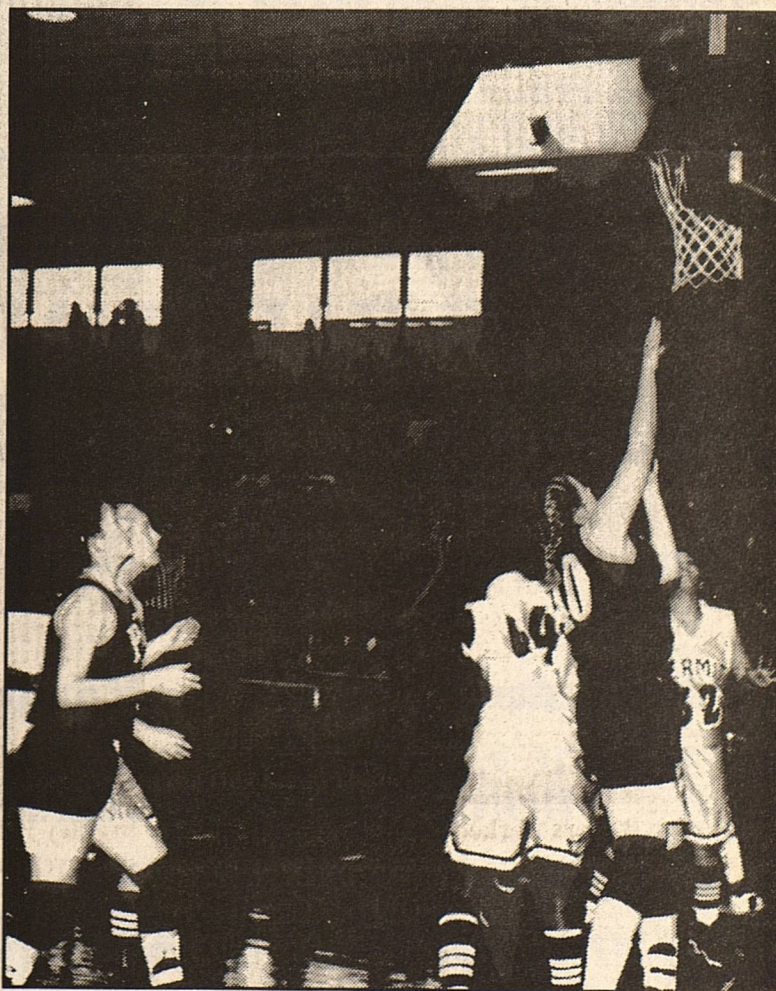
Chase Howell has problem with big guy



Josh Bell made this layup shot



Mackenzie Winn battles Eagle defender



Kim Willis, 40, works in for a shot, Candace Bowers, at left, moves in for rebound help

Lifelines & Styles

Senior Citizens Corner

News is scarce as rain around the Center. Everyone is glad to be back in the daily routine since Thanksgiving Holidays. Beans and cornbread tasted good after so much turkey. Some of our people traveled out of town but lot of the kids came home.

The flu bug seems to be hanging around.

Mildred Rawls is in San Angelo Hospital. We all wish her the best. Also Elaine Schneider is in the local Hospital recovering from surgery.

The Garage Sale is going on every day. The public is invited to come browse. Donations are also welcome. This is a fund raiser for the Center and all support is appreciated.

Remember our Memorial Fund. It's a nice way to remember loved ones on special days and always.

The big long hall is just great for walks out of the weather and the exercise equipment is available every day.

Come and enjoy the meals and the activities. It makes the day better.

See you next week,
Smitty



This family, especially the wee ones, were intranced by all the happenings at the Christmas tree lighting.

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SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main, Jan. 12 for returning students (enrolled in fall 99) 9-11 a.m.. (a-k), 1:30 p.m.. (l-z) and 7-7 p.m. open registration.

SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Ave., Jan. 13, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. (registration permit required).

Classes at all locations begin Jan. 18.

Late registration is Jan. 18-24.

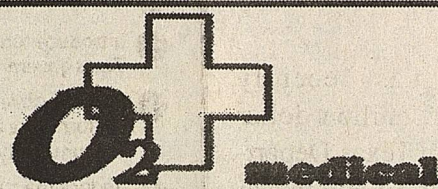
For more information, check out the College's website at spc.cc.tx.us or contact Spc. through Dec. 17 and beginning Jan. 3 at 806-894-9611, ext 2374, 747-0576, ext. 4606, or Reese campus at 885-3048, ext. 2902

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followed by a Birthday Party for JESUS.*

Filmtime

At filmtime on Wednesday, December 1st, we started the Christmas season by singing Christmas Carols, watching Christmas movies, and reading Christmas books. We had a special guest, Gunner, the boxer, come and helped read the story Claud the Dog's Christmas Book. Those attending were; Clayton Gass, Taya Hamilton, Autumn Friesen and Micah St. Romain.

Christmas Movies will be shown December 20th through December 23rd 10:00am - 11:30 am in the Heritage Room at the Yoakum County Library. Some of the movies we'll be watching are: Miracle at Moreaux, All I want For Christmas, Muppet's Christmas Carol, Mickey's Special Christmas, Christmas Messenger, and Miserable Merry Christmas.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of our Mother, the family of Ray Goodman wish to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many kindness, cards, flowers, gifts and food shared with us and our parents during our Father's illness and home going.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. (Numbers 7:24,25)

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Lea County Electric Board Votes To Return Over \$700,000 in Capital Credits

The trustees of Lea County Electric Cooperative recently approved the return of \$709,547.86 in patronage capital to its members who received service from the Cooperative during 1976. The credit represents one-half of the total capital credits allocated for 1976; the other half was refunded in December, 1998. The credits are allocated to members based on their energy consumption for the refund year. Checks are scheduled to be mailed on December 10.

Capital credits for a cooperative represents margins earned over and above expenses for a given year fiscal year. These margins are not returned immediately, but are instead retained by the Cooperative to issue its financial stability, to reduce or eliminate the need to finance debt, and to keep rates as low as possible.

"Our trustees are extremely pleased to be able to return these credits to our members," said Michael Dreyspring, General Manager of the Cooperative. "Our board is committed to providing all of our customers with real value through the supply of reliable, high quality power at competitive rates. The ability to return these credits to our members underscore the utility's strength as well as the benefit of membership", said Dreyspring. Members who have reached the age of 66 are reminded that they are eligible to receive immediate payment of their capital credits beginning with the year in which they turned 66. For more information contact the Cooperative at (800) 510-5232 or 396-3631.

Boll Weevil Count

NOV 29-Dec 3 Current		NOV 22-26 Previous	
Unit	Count	Unit	Count
713	312	713	2,707
714	908	714	3,482
715	784	715	2,441
716	2,078	716	2,887
717	1,824	717	2,896
718	5,811	718	32,576
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Marquee Monsters In Texas

New multiplex movie theaters are springing up all over Texas. And, like many of the movies they show, the theaters are big and getting bigger. On average, each theater has 14 to 16 screens and thousands of seats.

Overall, Texas has more than 2,200 screens, including more than 400 in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and nearly 400 in the Houston metropolitan area. The biggest are 30-screen theaters being built by AMC Entertainment Inc. in Grapevine, Mesquite and Houston.

From January through September 1999, Texas movie box offices drew more than \$327 million, an increase of 7.5 percent over the same period in 1998.

Texas based Cinemark USA is the biggest theater owner in the state with 827 screens in 61 the-

aters. This summer it opened a theater with 24 screens and 5,000 seats in its headquarters city, Plano.

The new construction is taking place in many of the state's mid-sized cities as well as the large metropolitan areas. The McAllen-Mission-Edinburgh area, for example, has 62 screens.

Movie ticket prices range from \$6 to \$7.50, with matinee admission from \$3.50 to \$4.50.

Following screen leading Dallas-FW Metroplex and Houston theater screens in other cities include San Antonio, 238, Austin, 184, El Paso, 78, Corpus Christi, 41, Amarillo 37, Lubbock 35, and Midland-Odessa, 32.

New Services Available At Yoakum County Hospital

Yoakum County Hospital is excited that they are now qualified to accept swingbed patients. "By offering this service," Rogers said "our patients will be able to stay in the hospital when necessary for therapy and other care for quicker recovery. Although it is of primary benefit to Medicare patients, Medicaid and other private insurance companies will utilize this service when benefits are available."

"Our physicians and staff have worked hard and have been supportive of this achievement."

"The basic concept," explained controller Clay Taylor, "is to be able to continue care once a person has improved beyond an acute medical condition. Most managed care

plans strive to have their patients discharged as soon as the patient's condition permits. With swingbed, patients can receive additional care that should result in quicker improvements in their recovery process."

Many patients who have had to stay in Lubbock and other hospital swingbed programs can now transfer to Denver City. The patient and family will no longer have the expense, hardship and inconvenience of having to travel out of town.

There are no additional charges to the patients when they are in the swingbed program in most cases. The program has received federal approval and is now in operation.

Millions for Texas Children Preventive Health Care Program

Maximus was recently awarded a 7.6 million dollar contract by the Texas Department of Health to administer outreach and informing activities for the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) in seven of the state's eleven public health regions. The term of the contract is for one year with options for an additional three years.

THSteps, formerly known as the Texas Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program (ESPD), is federally mandated preventive health care program that ensures Medicaid enrolled children have the opportunity to stay healthy through receipt of periodic medical and dental checkups and necessary treatment. The award represents the largest contract for ESPDT outreach services in the United States.

A major THSteps program function is to provide outreach to the eligible population of approximately 1.6 million in order to influence behavior to seek a medical or dental checkup.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas ranks first in economic impact from deer hunting

In 1998, deer hunting attracted more than 500,000 hunters and \$2.2 billion to the state's economy, making Texas national leader in economic impact.

This year, more than 567,000 hunting licenses have been issued, and although white-tailed deer hunters will see poor range conditions, they will be surprised by good antlers on deer statewide. Hunters in the Pineywoods, Panhandle, and west Cross Timbers may see superior bucks. Fawn prospects also look good.



SOURCE: Carol Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Texas: Wired up

Texas has the second highest number of Internet users in the United States, according to an in-depth survey conducted by CyberDialogue. With 4.6 million Internet users, Texas follows only California and has about a million more users than New York state. Still, Texas ranks 19th in the percentage of users. Austin leads the nation in percentage of wired residents. Dallas ranks 8th with

Houston 24th and San Antonio 44th. Internet users come in all ages in Texas. The over-50 crowd is the only group that didn't reach the million-user mark.

The study used 1997 U.S. Census data, which provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date information for cities and states, and the 1998 American Internet User Survey, which included in-depth interviews with 500 adults online and 500 not online.

Internet users in million

4.6	33%
3.6	27%
2.4	
2.2	
2.0	
1.9	
1.8	
1.8	
1.6	

Users by age in thousands

	Under 18	18-29	30-49	50+
Nationwide	18,473	17,288	31,412	12,800
Texas	1,759	1,485	2,481	691
Austin	94	143	258	37
Dallas	415	483	952	228
Houston	378	287	655	203
San Antonio	130	87	125	52

Cities with most users in thousands

Rank	City	Total users	Percent of population
1.	Austin	443	59%
2.	Denver	933	52
3.	Washington/Baltimore	2,700	50
4.	Nashville	490	49
5.	San Francisco	2,355	48
6.	Seattle	1,105	45
7.	Salt Lake City	393	45
8.	Dallas	1,671	44
24.	Houston	1,144	35
44.	San Antonio	265	25

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and CyberDialogue.

GRAPHIC: Gilbert Connors

From The Hack

A Pre-New Year Prediction; I would wager very serious bucks on this - by time New Years Eve rolls around, we will all be so sick and tired of having this Y2K stuff hammered into us there will be mass up-chucking around the planet. Unfortunately, I must also predict Y2K hype from every conceivable source will drastically increase as January 1 approaches. And I would also wager there will be many cases of genuine, sheer paranoia in scores of people before we throw our 1999 calendars away.

Okay, I'm not going to be guilty of throwing fuel on the

fire. I promise not to write any more about Y2K until it's a done deal. Probably. Possibly. Maybe. Perhaps. Chances are.

The poor guys and gals at NASA are really having problems with the Red Planet, Mars. Seems like everytime they try to mess with it, it costs about a zillion or so bucks and the experiment ends in failure. But did you catch the 5:30 pm CBS news Monday? Reporting on the failure of the Mars lander to call home, the program also featured about the goofiest looking character I've ever seen. OK, I know he can't help it if he looked like a Geek escaped from a carnival, but he was dressed to look like a group of kindergartners had chosen his wardrobe. I mean, this guy was weird!

Oddly enough, the commentator said he was either a nuclear physicist or astro-physicist, I don't recall which. OK, he was a genius, he still looked like a Geek to me. Any-

way, his theory is, Mars was once inhabited by some sort of creatures who were forced to move their stuff underground because of changing atmospheric conditions. Everytime we try to land some type craft, or do a close-up fly by, the underground people-creatures are offended, and destroy it.

The announcer went on to say the Geek's theory was supported by "other noted scientists". Then they showed on the screen an image of a fuzzy but discernible sort of face on the surface of Mars, apparently photographed numerous times.

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They referred back to the Geek, and his theory is, the face image was built by those former surface inhabitants, probably as homage to their favorite Deity.

The thing on the screen did look like a face - you could see dark spots where the eyes were, another dark spot for a mouth. To be visible to telescopes and cameras, it had to be a HUGE stone image.

You don't suppose.... surely not... surely the Polar Lander didn't get a bit off course, land in the image's mouth and get swallowed? Surely not.



These three young ladies, Stephanie Addison, Natalie Haynes and Amber Friesen, were first to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their want lists.

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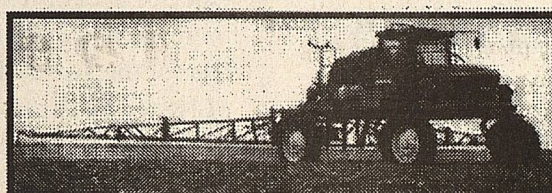
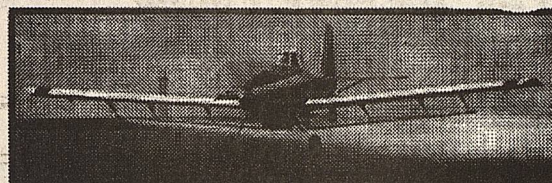
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