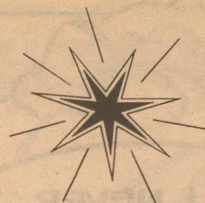


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For Your Information

On This Date

On this date in 1620 103 Mayflower pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. In 1898 scientists Pierre & Marie Curie discovered radium. In 1913 the first crossword puzzle (with 32 clues) was printed in New York World. In 1941 the last NFL drop kick for an extra point was scored by Ray McLean of the Chicago Bears. In 1989 the US invaded Panama and ousted General Manuel Noriega. Birthdays of note include 1879 Russian dictator Joseph Stalin; 1924 football coach Joe Paterno; 1935 talk show host Phil Donahue; 1940 rocker Frank Zappa; 1946 rocker (Beachboys) Carl Wilson; 1948 baseball player Dave Kingman; 1953 Indy-car racer Arie Luyendyk.



Lights, Camera, Courthouses

Texas has more historic courthouses than any other state in the union. Courthouses have been sites for various community events, and in more recent years, popular filming locations for major motion pictures and television movies.

In 1994, the Harris Co. courthouse in Houston was used in the movie "Pointman". The following year, the Wharton Co. courthouse made an appearance in the movie "Powder". In 1996, "Michael" was filmed, in part, at the Fayette Co. courthouse in LaGrange. The movie "Lone Star" featured the Maverick Co. Courthouse in Eagle Pass.



Holiday Trivia

The poinsettia, a traditional Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico where it is known as the "Flower of the Holy Night". It was first brought to America by Joel Poinsett in 1829.

In Syria, Christmas gifts are distributed by one of the Wise Men's camels. The gift-giving camel is said to have been the smallest one in the Wise Men's caravan.

George W. Bush officially elected President by Electoral College

Lt. Governor Perry to be sworn in as Governor today

Texas Governor George W. Bush officially became President-elect Bush on Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, when the nation's "Electoral College" met in the 50 state capitals and formally recorded their votes for president. Typically, the casting of Electoral College votes is a mere formality following a presidential election. However, this year's election was anything but typical.

Florida election officials found themselves in the national spotlight on November 8th, one day after the national election ended without a clear winner. As a statewide recount of Florida's presidential vote, followed by manual recounts in four Florida counties dragged on for weeks, lawyers representing Texas Governor George W. Bush, the Republican candidate, and Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic candidate, sparred in courtrooms

across the Sunshine State. Eventually the matter was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court which ruled last week that the manual recount of votes in selected Florida counties was unconstitutional.

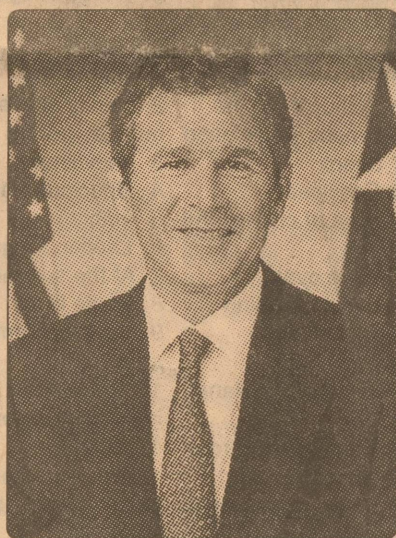
With the recount suspended, Gore conceded the election last week, despite the fact that he had won the popular vote nationwide. That left several Democratic party activists trying to persuade Republican electors to defect and vote for Gore. In the end, the only rogue elector was a Democrat from the District of Columbia who had been pledged to Gore but left her ballot blank as a protest against Washington's lack of representation in Congress.

Bush's inauguration will occur on January 20, 2001, at which time he will become the 43rd President of the United States. It should be

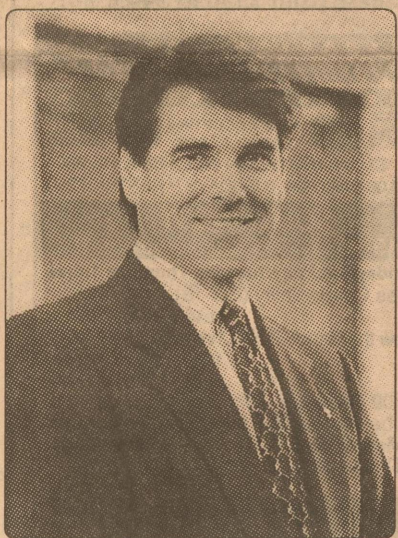
noted that he will be filling the same office vacated by his father George Bush, eight years ago. It is only the second time in U.S. history that a son followed his father in the presidency. The first occurrence was when John Quincy Adams, the sixth president, followed his father John Adams, the second President of the United States.

Bush's win will have a major impact in Texas politics as Lt. Governor Rick Perry will ascend to the Governor's mansion this afternoon. He is slated to take the oath of office at 3:00 p.m. following Bush's resignation as Texas Governor.

Perry, a native of Paint Creek in Haskell County, is in his first term as Lt. Governor. Prior to that he served eight years as Texas Agriculture Commissioner. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Perry served in the Texas Legislature from 1985-1990.



Success file photo
President-elect
George W. Bush



Success file photo
Lt. Governor
Rick Perry

Sheriff's Dept. reminder about unlocking cars

Sheriff David Doran this week repeated his previous announcement that his department will no longer be unlocking cars for citizens who have locked their keys inside, beginning on January 1, 2001. He says that anyone needing a vehicle unlocked after that date should contact one of the local wrecker services.



photo by Kathy Mankin

I've been a good girl this year — Brittany Galan managed to be the first youngster on Santa's lap last Sunday when the jolly old elf paid a visit to Eldorado. Several local children waited for Santa at the Gazebo on Main Street so that they could deliver their wish lists to him in person. Brittany is 5 years old and is the daughter of Juan and Chris Galan of Eldorado.

City residents to qualify for National Flood Insurance

Residents of the City of Eldorado will soon be able to purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. The Eldorado City Council cleared the way by voting Monday night to officially join the program.

In a specially called meeting, presided over by Mayor John Nikolauk, the council adopted an ordinance placing restrictions on construction in flood prone areas. They also adopted a resolution supporting the city's application for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

City Administrator Randy Man-kin explained that construction in flood prone areas, as delineated on

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Eagles place 20 players on 2-2A All-District football team

Twenty Eldorado Eagles were named to the 2-2A All-District Football Team this week.

Claiming spots on the 1st Team Offense were: Joey Bullard, running back; Kenny Covarrubiaz, wide receiver; Cole Pina, offensive lineman; and Rocky Robles, center. First Team Defense selections went to: Joey Bullard, defensive

back; Kenny Covarrubiaz, defensive back; Rocky Robles, defensive end; Isaac Saldivar, defensive lineman; and Clay Whitten, linebacker.

Joey Bullard was a unanimous selection to both the 1st Team Offense and 1st Team Defense.

Named to the 2nd Team Offense were: John Ray Espinosa,

running back; and Clay Whitten, offensive lineman.

Second Team Defense selections went to: Jason Brock, punter; David Elias, defensive end; and Juan Guzman, linebacker.

Honorable Mention honors went to: Ramon Barajas, defensive back; Jason Brock, quarterback; Matt Curtis, offensive lineman;

Ben Edmiston, linebacker; Benji Gonzalez, linebacker; Johnny Herrera, quarterback; Scott Homer, defensive lineman; Blake Leggett, running back; Leonel Medrano, Special Teams; Alfredo Munoz, kicker; and Michael Ramirez, tight end.

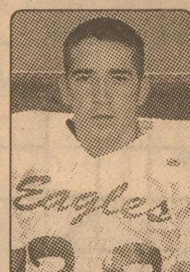
Bryce Williams of Sonora was named the District 2-2A MVP,

while Bill Renfro and Thomas Bloodworth, both of Sonora were named the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively.

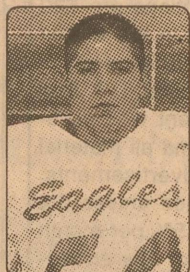
All-District honors are voted on each year by coaches from within the district. A coach may not, however, cast a vote for one of his own players.



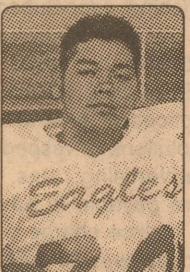
Joey Bullard
Senior
1st Team Off.
Running Back
1st Team Def.
Secondary



Kenny Covarrubiaz
Senior
1st Team Off.
Wide Receiver
1st Team Def.
Secondary



Rocky Robles
Senior
1st Team Off.
Center
1st Team Def.
Defensive End



Isaac Saldivar
Senior
1st Team Def.
Def. Lineman



Clay Whitten
Senior
1st Team Def.
Linebacker
2nd Team Off.
Off. Lineman



Cole Pina
Junior
1st Team Off.
Off. Lineman



Jason Brock
Senior
2nd Team Def.
Punter
Hon. Mention
Quarterback



John Ray Espinosa
Senior
2nd Team Off.
Running Back



David Elias
Junior
2nd Team Def.
Def. End



Juan Guzman
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2nd Team Def.
Linebacker



Matt Curtis
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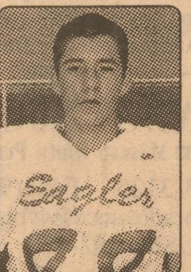
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Hon. Mention
Running Back



Alfredo Munoz
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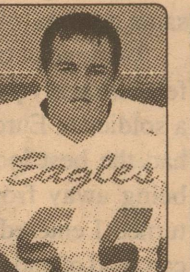
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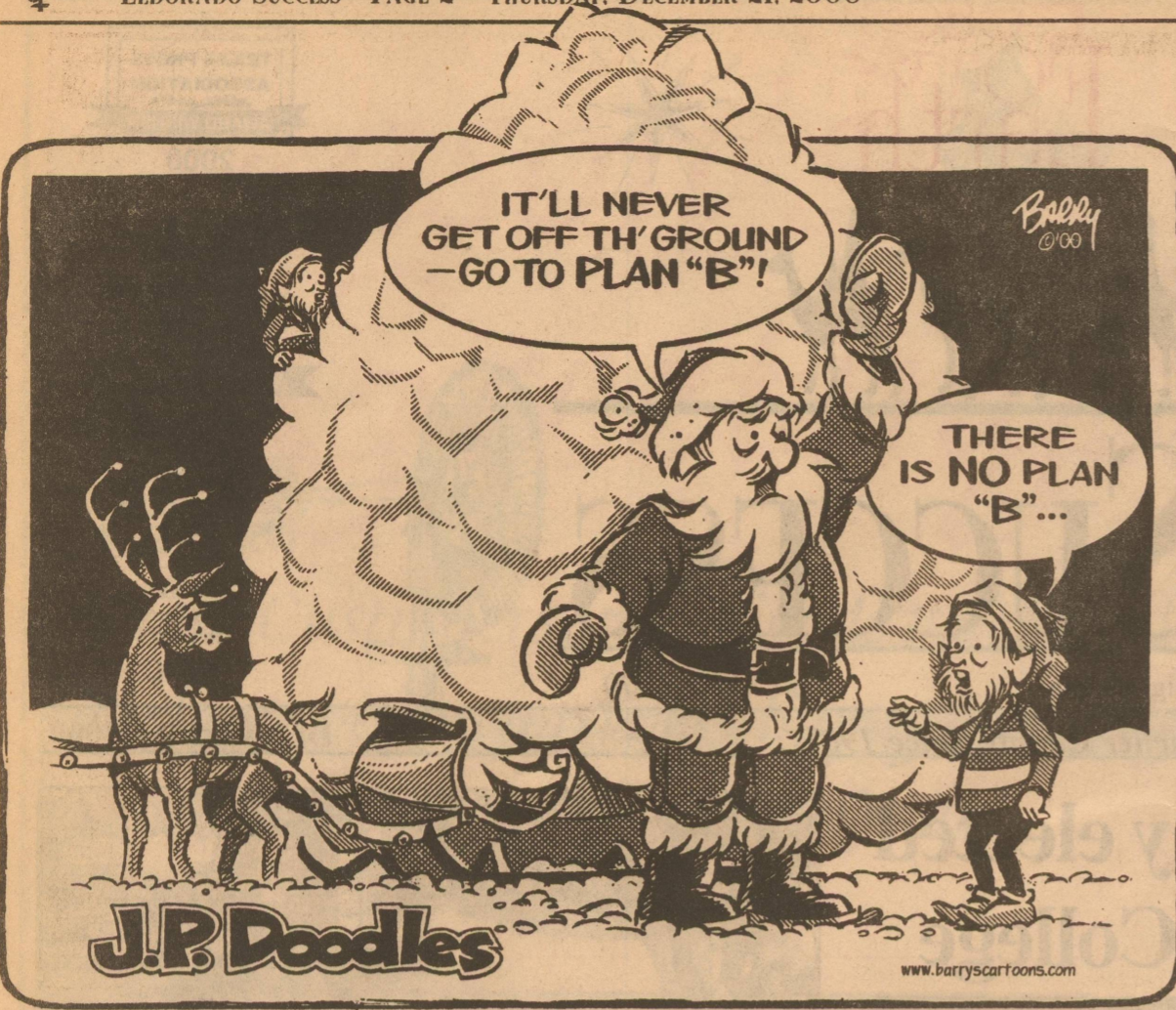
Michael Ramirez
Junior
Hon. Mention
Tight End

NOTICE

The Success office will be closed Friday, December 22 through Monday, January 1st for the holidays. The Success will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. News items may be left in the drop slot on the door. Please leave payments next door at Thorp's Laun-dry.

Thank You!

Memories of Christmas past



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Ask ten people on the street what Christmas means to them and you'll certainly get ten different replies. The holiday, it seems, evokes different emotional responses from people. While many view the holiday as a completely secular occasion, others see its deep religious significance. Looking back across the years, I find my Christmas experiences have ranged from one side of that spectrum to the other.

One of my earliest Christmas memories is of me desperately trying to go to sleep on Christmas Eve so that Santa Claus could come. That was always a struggle for me. With the passage of time, I think finally I understand why.

You see, my family usually spent Christmas Eve at the home of my grandparents where I would join

several members of the congregation went out of their way to welcome me to their church. One family invited me home for Christmas dinner, going to the point of insisting when I expressed reluctance.

Well, I did go home with that family and I thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas dinner. When it was over, they thanked me for coming. I had received the gift, yet they thanked me.

Another Christmas memory that comes to mind is of Kathy and I working late into the night to assemble a swing set in our yard in time for our daughter Sarah to find it on Christmas morning. It was freezing cold that night but we couldn't stop.

The next morning, after Sarah had opened her other gifts, we bundled her up and took her outside. I'll never forget the way her eyes lit up the instant she spotted the swing set.

Will this Christmas create even more memories? Probably.

Whether your Christmas memories are of family and friends or of far away places, I pray that each of you have a happy and joyous Christmas.

my numerous cousins in playing games and partaking of lots of holiday goodies. Think about it...you take a kid to a party where he gets all excited and overdoses on sugar, then you send him to bed with the warning that if he doesn't go to sleep Santa Claus won't come.

Another Christmas memory that stands out in my mind is of a church service in Lubbock. It was my first Christmas away from home and I was more than a bit homesick. Just a couple of blocks down the street from my apartment was a church with a sign advertising a special Christmas morning service. "Visitors Are Welcome" the sign promised, so I stopped and went in.

After an about an hour singing carols and hearing the Christmas story, I was feeling much better. On the way out of the sanctuary,

Politicking over Perry's successor begins in earnest

AUSTIN — Now that the presidential election has finally been settled, a lot more than Christmas shopping is going on in Austin.

As Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry and his staff begin working on his transition to governor, the politicking over who will be Perry's replacement will gear up in earnest.

Interestingly, when the Texas Senate picks Perry's successor, that person will get all the responsibilities and benefits that go with the job, but not the title of Lt. governor.

According to the state's Constitution, whoever the Senate elects to replace Perry will "perform the duties of lieutenant governor," but will not be called lieutenant governor. The formal job title is President of the Senate.

Want to see the Texas Legisla-

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



ture take favorable action on a bill you support? Contacting your House member or Senator is probably more effective than you might think.

Here's why: Except on the biggest of issues, lawmakers do not hear all that much from their constituents. (Given that only half of the electorate cast ballots in the presidential election, that should be no great surprise.)

So, assuming a lawmaker is going to vote the way his or her constituents want them to vote, reaching out to your elected representative is hugely important.

But, say the pros in the lobby-

ing business, citizens need to follow some sensible rules.

For one thing, they say, be brief. No long-winded arguments needed. Leave that to the pros. Members simply don't have the time for voluminous briefs from everyone with an opinion on an issue.

Secondly, be truthful in what you do say.

Thirdly, be pro-active rather than re-active. But temper that with patience. Sometimes it takes several sessions to get a particular piece of legislation enacted.

Finally, a super important point: Be responsive and respectful to legislative staffers. As in most organizations, the worker bees are the ones who really make things happen.

Have an idea for a project that would further water conservation along with food and aquaculture production in semi-arid areas?

If you do, you have until Jan. 2 to apply for research grants offered through the Texas Department of Agriculture by the Texas-Israel Exchange Grant Program. The program has \$1 million in grant funding available.

To gain funding, a proposal must involve both a researcher from Texas and Israel. The proposal needs to say how the research could benefit both the people of Texas and Israel. Also, there's a requirement that 50 percent matching funding be obtained from other sources.

For more information on grant proposal requirements, contact the

Department of Agriculture's Carol Funderburgh at 512-463-8536 or via email at:

cfunderb@agr.state.tx.us.

Effective New Year's Day, rate increases averaging 20 percent go into effect for Texans who receive health insurance through the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool.

The pool, which covers more than 11,000 Texans, is the third largest in the nation.

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Comments on the Fourth Estate

We have a new president. George W. Bush won. In the days after the election, the national news media devoted more coverage to the loser than to the winner.

The news media seem to be more democratic than republican. That really worries me. Not because I'm a strong party man. I'm not. I think blind party loyalty is dangerous. I'm worried because I grew up thinking the news media was supposed to report things fairly, without bias. I don't think that happened in the election coverage, especially during the post election process.

I wasn't worried about the fact that there was a recount of the vote and protests on both sides and lawyers trudging back and forth to the court room. That is America.

The three national network anchor people and several of the political analysts practically were in tears after Al Gore's concession speech. There was no question about who they wanted to win the election. It certainly wasn't the man who won. They hardly mentioned his name. CNN and its offshoots were also guilty of touting Gore over Bush.

Our country has just had a test of our true strength. In other countries, this delay in naming a president would probably have led to civil war and anarchy. As far as we know, not one life was lost because of disagreements and demonstrations about who would be

the leader of our country. And besides all that, we got to hear first hand justices of the supreme court debating the issue with attorneys and representatives from both parties. That was a rare occurrence.

Now that we are headed toward George W. Bush's inauguration we can concentrate on increasing our country's strength. Differences and strong opinions will not disappear. They are facts of life, things that come with being alive. But the media needs to be fair and impartial.

In the past, when our country has been threatened from outside, the differences are put aside and we all fight together. We have this time been threatened from inside and we need to once again put aside those differences and work together to build a greater nation.

It should be a significant moment in American history when the man who escorted George Bush into the White House will now escort George Bush's son into the same edifice.

The love of country is strong. I felt extremely patriotic when I was a soldier in Europe and felt that I had the best look at America by being away from it. When I returned I entered the most American field of endeavors: journalism. Shame on you, anchors...for letting your opinions show. America passed the test. But journalism failed.

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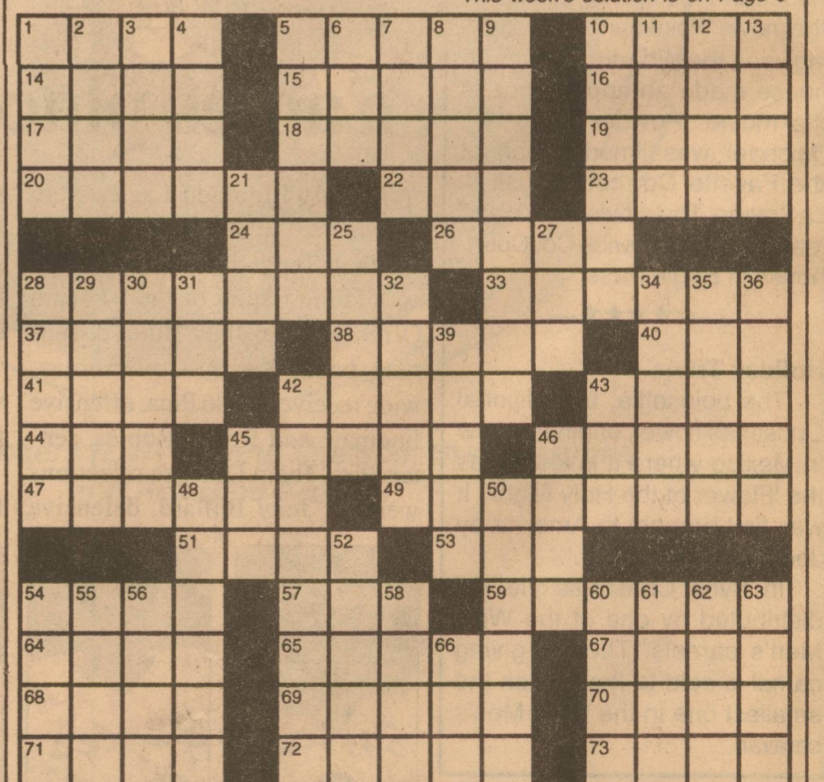
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14 Archaic preposition "to"
15 Heavy bamboo club
16 Exhibition for short
17 Decree
18 Lowed
19 Perceives by sight
20 Antecede
22 Dance step
23 Advance slowly
24 Conjunction used to connect words
26 Clupeid food fish
28 Bishop's throne
33 Emetic medication
37 Scent
38 Feckless
40 Type of cholesterol (abbr.)
41 Make over
42 Self replicating units of a chromosome
43 Tall New Zealand conifer
44 Metal bearing rock
45 Uproar
46 Large white gannet with black wing tips
47 Introduction to a story

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3 Headliner
4 Spacious handbag
5 Edible nut
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7 At the summit
8 Ratite birds
9 Near the center of a ship
10 Preposition indicating a comparison
11 Bullock
12 Design criteria for a piece of work (abbr.)
13 Snack
21 Greek goddess of the earth

25 More arid
27 Disposed
28 Joyful song celebrating the birth of Christ
29 Large west African tree
30 Delicate fern genus
31 Insurance group
32 Irritate
34 Spicy dish
35 Publicist
36 Adhered
39 Spooky
42 Shallow draft patrol vessels
43 Pole
45 Prevarication
46 Thick slice
48 Protestant layman who assists the minister
50 Puts up
52 Member of the lowest Hindu caste
54 Thrust
55 Circle of light
56 Norse deity known for his skill as an archer
58 Native of Thailand
60 Keg stopper
61 Knowledgeable out
62 Zero
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OBITUARIES

Jose Sosa

SWEETWATER — Jose C. Sosa, 73, of Houston died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at his residence. He was born Dec. 22, 1926, in Eldorado. A veteran of World War II, he was a sheep shearer. Survivors include two sons, Jose Sosa Jr. and Salvador Sosa of Dallas; a sister, Rosie Rodriguez of Houston; two brothers, John Sosa of Abilene and Sam Sosa of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alfonso Rodriguez

ELDORADO — Alfonso Siller Rodriguez died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, in a San Angelo hospital after a long struggle with diabetes. He was formerly a rancher and a devoted husband and family man. He is with the Lord and peace and rest are his inheritance. Survivors include two sons, Jose Angel Fuentes and Hector Rodriguez; his grandson, Jonathan Rodriguez; and personal friends, Enrique Robles and Osvaldo Hernandez.

Allen John "Jack" Hinton

BIG SPRING — Allen John "Jack" Hinton, 89, of Eldorado, Texas, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2000 in Veteran Administration Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas. He was cremated (his wish). Memorial services will be later. He was born April 26, 1911 in Pickens County, South Carolina near Easley, but grew up in E. Chattanooga, Tennessee. His parents were James Allen and Edna Jane (Johnson) Hinton. He served 7 years in the United States Navy, the last three years were during World War II. He was Chief Torpedoman. He was a member of the Christian Church and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3274, Hobbs, New Mexico. He was married to Florence Marie Nixon of Eldorado in Yuma, Arizona on May 4, 1940. He retired in 1973 from Amoco Oil and Gas Corp. after 27 years in Hobbs, New Mexico. Survivors include his wife, Florence; one daughter, Doris Hinton, Lord and husband, Robert "Bob" Lord of, Park City, Utah; two step-grandchildren, Robbie Lord of Durango, Colorado and David Lord of Arizona; ex-son-in-law, Doug Mahan of Bedford, Texas; and two step-great-grandchildren, Sophia Lord Kincade of Durango, Colorado and Payson Lord of Scottsdale, Arizona.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Comedy on stage — Bryan Sproul, Amy Green and Ben Edmiston will be appearing in the Way Off-Broadway Players production of "The Star-Spangled Girl" by Neil Simon. The show opens in the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater on Jan. 13, 2001.

WOBP presents "The Star-Spangled Girl" by Neil Simon

If you want to laugh and feel good about America, you will want to come see "The Star-Spangled Girl" by Neil Simon. The Way Off-Broadway Players will present this wonderful comedy on January 13, 14, 27 and again on February 24. The play is about two earnest young men, Bryan Sproul and Ben Edmiston who use their apartment as a publishing office for a "protest" magazine in San Francisco. Amy Green is an Olympic swimmer and all-American girl, who moves into another apartment on the same floor. She makes her first appearance paying a good neighbor visit to the combination home and office of the two publishers. The two young men are fielding telephone calls from the irate printer who wants to collect the money due him, and distracting the landlady from thoughts of back-rent with motorcycle rides and surfing expeditions. She is convinced that the two young men are editing a dangerously subversive magazine, while the real source of annoyance is that the wrong man is pressing his attentions on her. Happily this situation is reversed in time, as love and politics blend in a bubbling series of funny happenings, set forth with the masterly skill and inventiveness which have become the hallmarks of the Neil Simon comic style.

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To make the play even more special the pre-show entertainment, MC and Cast are all made up of high school seniors and one high school junior. This talented group has been performing for years and are seasoned veterans of the stage. They include four Eldorado High School seniors Matt Curtis, Ben Edmiston, Bryan Sproul, Amy Green and junior Mitzi Sessom. A newcomer to the theater is Sonnett Norman who will be working as a crew member.

Come and feel good about America. Tickets will can be obtained by calling 853-3411 or 853-3343.

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Wednesday, December 27
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookies, Juice, Milk
Thursday, December 28
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Milk
Friday, December 29
Fish Sticks, Herbed Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Dinner Rolls, Three Bean Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

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25th Katrina Gonzales, Stacy Page, Jesse Muniz, April Robinson, Wesley Jones, Michael Jenkins, Shirley Kessler
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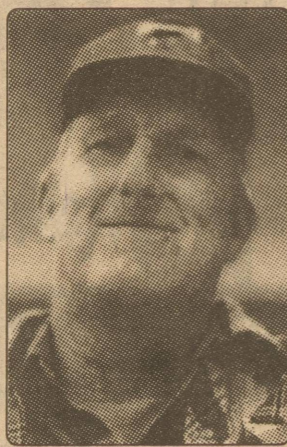
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VARSITY GIRLS

December 12, 2000
Eldorado 04-06-12-08=30
Ballinger 14-12-11-17=56
Tabitha Lloyd 8, Mitzi Sessom 7, Stacy Nicholson 7, Leigh Ann Neal 4, Christina Redish 2, Vanessa Gonzalez 2.

December 15, 2000
Eldorado 11-11-07-07=36
Robert Lee 05-12-15-07=39
Christina Redish 13, Stacy Nicholson 8, Vanessa Gonzalez 4, Mitzi Sessom 4, Leigh Ann Neal 3, Gentry Newman 2, Tabitha Lloyd 2. 3 Point Goals: Leigh Ann Neal (1).

December 18, 2000
Eldorado 16-12-11-15=54
Christoval 10-11-14-13=48
Stacy Nicholson 19, Mitzi Sessom 9, Gentry Newman 8, Christina Redish 6, Megan Poynor 5, Leigh Ann Neal 5, Vanessa Gonzalez 2. 3 Point Goals: Mitzi Sessom (1), Leigh Ann Neal (1).

8th GRADE BOYS

December 7, 2000
Eldorado 06-08-08-03=25
Grapecreek 07-07-10-08=32
Bryce Leggett 6, Lance Roberts 6, Logan Neal 11, Will Griffin 2. B Team: Eldorado 16, Grapecreek 4; Scoring: Ed Martinez 2, Simon Duran 4, Luis Hernandez 2, Norberto Moya 1, Nestor Hernandez 2, Tico Robles 5.

December 14, 2000
Eldorado 02-08-07-04=21
Sonora 14-06-10-10=40
Rigo Arispe 2, Ryan Cathey 2, Kolby Dombroski 2, Lance Roberts 4, Eric Garcia 4, Logan Neal 7, Ryan Cathey 2. B Team: Eldorado 20, Sonora 4. Scoring: Ed Martinez 2, Luis Hernandez 10, BJ Dacy 4, Tico Robles 4.

7th GRADE BOYS

December 7, 2000
Eldorado 11-07-05-01=24
Grapecreek XX-XX-XX-XX=26
Frank Edmiston 6, Jeremy Ussery 7, Caleb Nixon 2, Frank Wipff 2, Kyle Taylor 7. 3 Point Goals: Frank Edmiston (1).

December 14, 2000
Eldorado 07-06-13-13=39
Sonora XX-XX-XX-XX=17
Andrew Gonzales 4, Frank Edmiston 11, Diego Barrera 2, Patrick Chavez 11, Jeremy Ussery 2, Michael Hill 2, Caleb Nixon 3, Frank Wipff 4. 3 Point Goals: Caleb Nixon (1).



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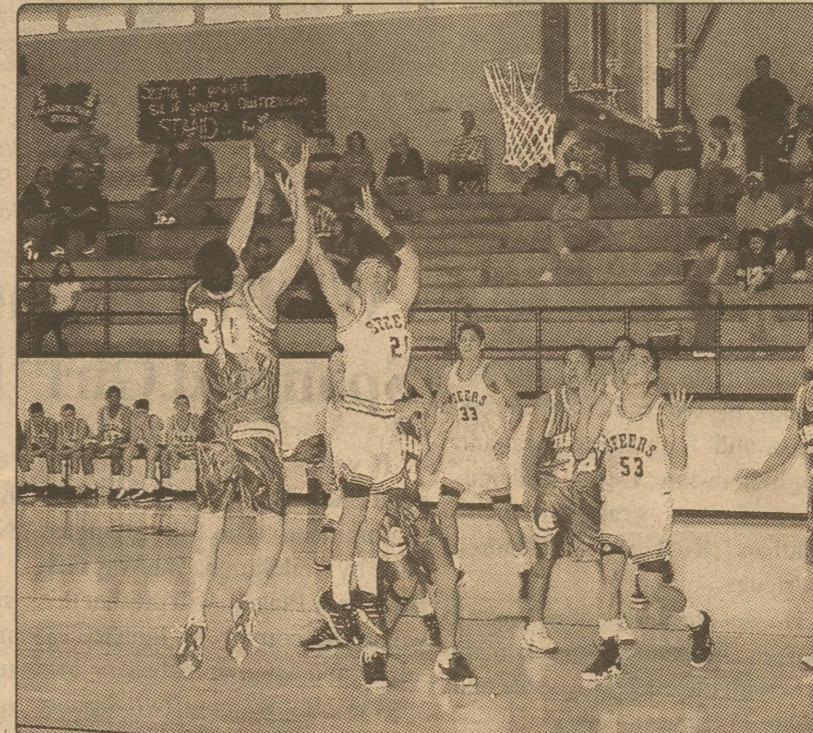


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Way up in the air — #30 Juan Munoz jumped high to pull down this rebound last week as the Eagles JV boys defeated Robert Lee's JV 25-16

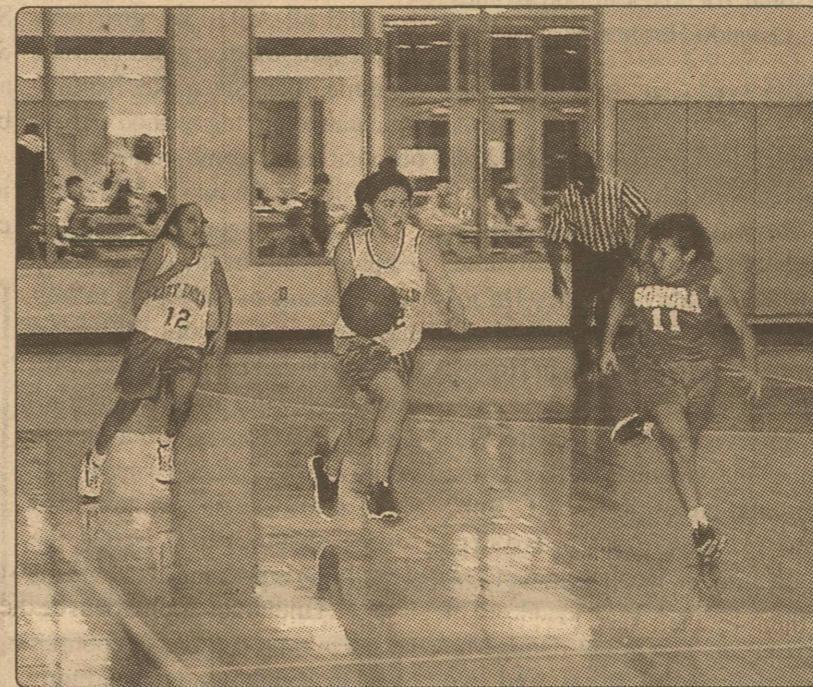


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Moving on — Karina Sanchez and Chelci Rodriguez brought the ball down court as Eldorado's 7th grade girls "B" team took on Sonora's 7th grade "B" team.

J.V. BOYS

December 12, 2000
Eldorado 12-07-10-16=45
Ballinger 16-13-12-07=48
Trey Chavez 2, Michael Adame 2, Bobby Phillips 3, Quisto Gonzalez 16, Juan Munoz 2, Phillip Martinez 5, Jordan Fay 13, J.L. Mankin. 3 Point Goals: Quisto Gonzalez (2), Phillip Martinez (3) and Jordan Fay (1).

December 15, 2000
Eldorado 06-10-04-05=25
Robert Lee 06-08-02-00=16
Jordan Fay 2, Bobby Phillips 5, Quisto Gonzalez 14, Leonel Medrano 3, Phillip Martinez 1. 3 Point Goals: Bobby Phillip (1).

December 18, 2000
Eldorado 15-12-16-09=52
Christoval 13-20-13-14=60
Trey Chavez 6, Leonel Medrano 2, Bobby Phillips 12, J.L. Mankin 8, Phillip Martinez 14, Quisto Gonzalez 10. 3 Point Goals: Trey Chavez (1), Bobby Phillips (1), Phillip Martinez (1).

7th GRADE GIRLS

December 7, 2000
Eldorado 02-10-06-04=22
Grapecreek 03-00-04-02=09
Maxie Holley 8, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Allison Reynolds 4, Rachel Joiner 2, Micaela Gonzales 4, Kali Roberts 4, Taylor Baker 2. B Team: Eldorado 6-Grapecreek 2. Scoring: Karina Sanchez 2, Taylor Baker 4.

December 14, 2000
Eldorado 06-09-04-03=22
Sonora 10-07-06-06=29
Maxie Holley 3, Chandra Wanoreck 4, Allison Reynolds 5, Rachel Joiner 2, Micaela Gonzales 4, Taylor Baker 2. B Team: Eldorado 4, Sonora 5 Scoring: Myra Robles 2 and Angela Fuentes 2.

8th GRADE GIRLS

December 14, 2000
Eldorado 06-05-00-00=11
Sonora 02-10-07-11=32
Brittany Sellers 6, Betsy Green 2, Sheryl Alexander 1, Serina Arispe 2.

Texas bird species Count grows to 620

AUSTIN, Texas — Two new species have been added to the list of birds found in Texas, bringing the nation-leading total to 620 bird species. A pair of buff-breasted flycatchers was found nesting in Jeff Davis County and a single blue mockingbird was sighted in Hidalgo County.

The buff-breasted flycatcher, a 5-inch cinnamon buff and brown bird found traditionally in the Mexican highlands, was previously known in the United States from a breeding population in Arizona. For the last two years, a pair has successfully nested in the Davis Mountains near Fort Davis.

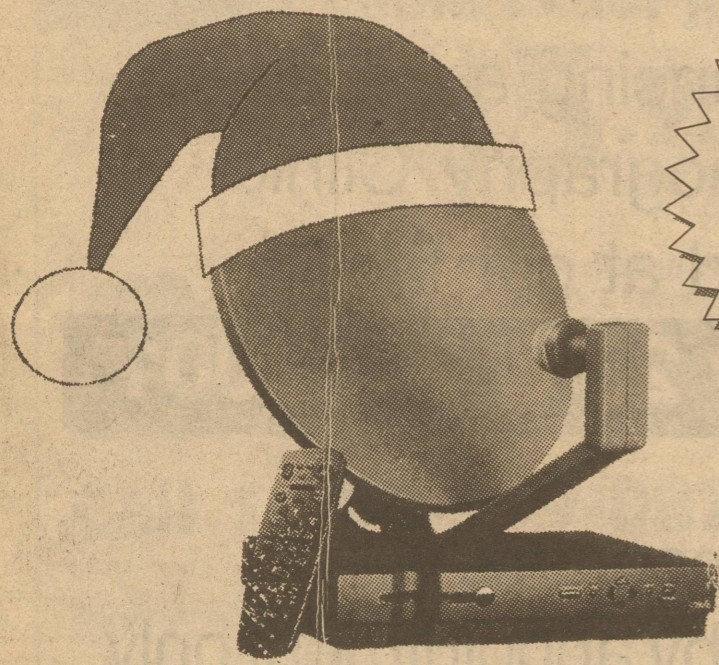
Birdwatching enthusiasts visiting Hidalgo County over the past year have been treated to another Mexican endemic, a blue mockingbird visiting a site in Weslaco. This distant relative of the Texas state bird is a 9.5-inch slate-blue bird with a black mask. Previous United States sightings include two accepted Arizona records and one accepted New Mexico bird.

The Texas Birds Records Committee makes final decisions on adding newly reported species to the official list of Texas birds. The committee evaluates data and documentation on reported bird species within the state. They also maintain an official database of species that are sighted on an average less than four times in one year. Comprised of some of the best-known birders in Texas, the TBRC is a standing committee of the Texas Ornithological Society.

The buff-breasted flycatcher and blue mockingbird, along with all other current and historic birds from Texas can be found in the fifth edition of "A Checklist of Texas Birds" from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The checklist is available by mail for a \$2.00 donation sent to Wildlife Diversity Branch, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

For more information about the Checklist of Texas Birds, call Mark Klym at (512) 389-4644 or visit the checklist page on TPW Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/wild/birds/txcchecklist/intro.htm>).

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Making beautiful music — Middle School band members concentrated on their music Sunday as assistant band director Ernest Bottlinger conducted the group during the annual Christmas Concert. The 6th Grade band began the concert, followed by the Middle School band and the Eldorado High School Band.

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1st Class stamp increasing to 34¢ Jan. 7

WASHINGTON — The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service announced recently that they would allow the recommended decision of the Postal Rate Commission to raise the price of a First Class letter to 34 cents "under protest." New rates for all classes of mail will begin on January 7, 2001. Postage for mailing this year's holiday cards and packages remains the same.

New 34-cent letter rate stamps

are already on sale. The first of the new stamps are marked "USA FIRST-CLASS". In later stamp printings, the phrase "FIRST-CLASS" will be replaced by the 34-cent amount. Over two billion one-cent stamps are already available for customers to use up supplies of older 33-cent stamps.

The new cost of mailing a two pound Priority Mail package increases to \$3.95, although a new

one pound rate is now also available at \$3.50. The cost of mailing a one half pound Express Mail package increases to \$12.25.

Overall, rates are rising 4.6 percent, although price increases vary some by class of mail in accordance with the legal mandate for each class of mail to cover its own cost. The cost of mailing a letter will increase from 33 to 34 cents. Each additional ounce will decrease from 22 cents to 21 cents. The cost of mailing a postcard will remain 20 cents. International rates will also rise on January 7.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

Members Dorothy Dacy, Flora Hubble, Linda Lindsey and Barbara Jackson met at the Schleicher County Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 to help residents address Christmas cards. Afterwards they met in the home of Mrs. Dacy for a short Business meeting and refreshments.

The annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Eagle Dairy Mart on December 19, 2000. After dinner members: Flora Hubble, Dor-

othy Dacy, Barbara Jackson, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Dorothy Clark and Mary Jenkins met in the home of Linda Lindsey to exchange Christmas gifts. Members always enjoy this annual tradition and are excited upon opening gifts given to them by their secret sister.

As a finale to the evening the hostesses: Mary Leigh Dunagan, Flora Hubble and Linda Lindsey served dessert and drinks to the group.

National Flood Insurance

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a map furnished by FEMA, must meet guidelines spelled out in the ordinance in order for the property to qualify for flood insurance.

In other business the council approved a holiday schedule for city employees during 2001. On hand for the meeting were Mayor John Nikolauk and council members Sherry Lux, Robert Bybee, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Richard Mendez. Council member Eddie Rodriguez was absent.

Extension Service offers Master Marketer Program

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is looking for a few good marketers who want to hone their marketing skills to a finer edge this winter and help their neighbors do the same. Persons interested in Extension's popular Master marketer program should reserve a place now for the January 17-18, 2001 session in the Taylor County Extension complex.

Master Marketer is a nationally recognized in-depth, intensive risk management education program that teaches participants to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production, and price risks. It then helps teach the skills and discipline necessary to execute the plan. The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks. It is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the United States.

The instructors are top professionals from industry and universities around the country. A wide range of topics are covered to let participants experience using the actual tools available for their own farm and ranch operations once they complete the course. The Abilene program's emphasis will be on cotton, wheat, and cattle enterprises.

Results of a two-year post survey of the 1998 Vernon Master Marketer program indicated that the program's tools and strategies helped producers increase their

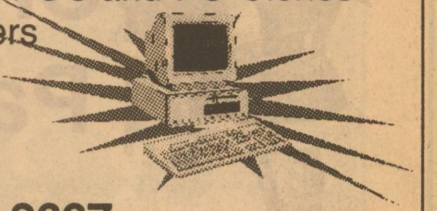
gross annual incomes by about eight percent (over \$32,900) on average.

Statewide demand for the program continues to grow and space limitations limit the Abilene session to only 50. The first two-day session will be January 17-18, 2001. The program's registration fee is \$250. Producers who complete the course are expected to work with their County Extension Agent in developing a marketing club. Most of the cost of the pro-

gram is covered by grants from sponsors including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Cotton Incorporated. Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can get more information by contacting their local County Extension Agent or calling Jason Johnson at (915) 653-4576. The deadline for registration is January 5, 2001.

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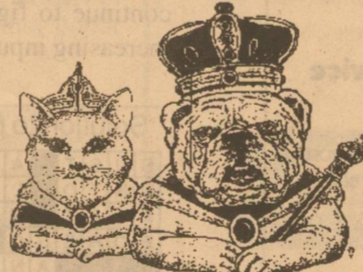
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Love, Landry Broome

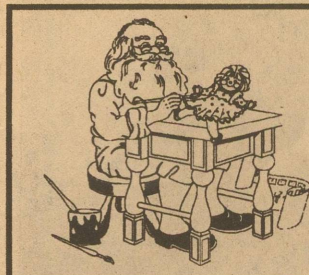
Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen with a washing machine and an iron. I need gloves and a scarf. happy Christmas!
Love, Addye Chatham
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Dear Santa,
I want a jeep with not stop batteries and no breaking.
Love, Junior Garcia



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I want a horse that is black. I want cards and a candy cane. Tell Rudolph to give me a deer.
Love, Sunni Cate McCormick

Dear Santa,
I want a play deer and a blue truck. Please bring Crystal a barbie.
Love, Jerry Pina

Dear Santa,
I want a hat for a little baby and clothes.
Love, Maria Rerez

Dear Santa,
I want a Kelly doll and a Water Lilly Baby. I want a Barbie jeep and a changing table. How is Rudolph doing?
Love, Ashley Sullivan

Mrs. Beach's Pre-K (afternoon) Class

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car and a play elephant. I want a watch with butterflies. I love you.
Love, Odette Barrientos

Dear Santa,
I want a doll with shoes and chongos. I want Blues Clues shoes.
Love, Jacqueline Castro

Dear Santa,
I want a poochie dog that sings and a scooter with a helmet.
Love, Abriana Islas

Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck and a coloring book, colors, and a box.
Love, Alex Landeros

Dear Santa,
I want an Eagle bike and a scooter with pads and a helmet. I need pedals for my scooter. I want an Eagle jacket and a stuffed Santa and reindeer.
Love, Colton Lively

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that has a hair dryer that I can color her hair with. I want a bicycle helmet and a car that I can

control and make it go.
Love, Macy Mikeska

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar and bike and a reindeer stocking. I want a lite brite set. Are your elves really working?
Love, Jackson O'Harrow

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Puff Girl bike. Are your reindeer O.K.? And I want a toy poodle. Are you O.K.?
Love, Kiarra Trevino

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a helmet and a bicycle for Christmas. And I want a cuddly bear and a Santa stocking.
Love, Felicity Wertman

Mrs. Curtis' First Grade Class

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. Please bring me a bike and a dragon ball, Z toy and a scooter. I will leave some candy for you.
Your Friend, Oscar Robles

Dear Santa, how is Rudolph?
Please bring me hot wheels track and two car. Can you bring my brthr a game.
Your friend,
Sean McCord

Dear Santa,
How are yor raders? Santa I wut to go to the north pow. Ples preg ne a ltynow 64 99 ples preg a plan and a scoodl.
Your friend, Ruben Vazquez

Dear Santa,
How are all yor Reindeer doing? Pleease ben me two scooders so my sistr can hav one. I am Making food for yor reindeer.
Your friend, C.J. Knutson

Dear Santa,
Are you cleaning your reindeers? Please bring me a cat and my two bruders a surprise.
Your friend, Roman Medrano

Dear Santa,
How are you Dear Santa? Please bring me a bike. Please bring me a Suit. Please bring me a sum shoes. Please bring me a hat. I will bring you sum cheese.

Thank you. Santa, Marissa Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? Please bring me sum close for my Barbe, a Bayb book and bring my sistr a doll. Thanke you santa.
Your friend, Clarissa Castro

Dear Santa,
I would like to give you a hug. Please bring me a game.
Your friend, I luv you Lorenzo Fuentes.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf dooing? My Buther wuns a chicker and my sister wuns a thetendo 64.
Your friend, Nancy Granados

Dear Santa,
How are your Raindeer today? Please bring me a toy and a scooter and a box of candy and a bear and a computer. Thank you for the stof.
Your friend, Ashby Ragsdale

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? How are your Randers and how is Mrs. Claus and your elves? Are they o.k.

Please bring me everthing and nry a scooter.
Your friend, Abby Fuentes

Mrs. Halbert's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Please send some snow! Say hi to the elfs for me. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and roodlf and dashr. pleas bring me a picrh of the elfs homes. I want you to get my mom a jool necles. my bruthr needs new firecrakrs. my sistr likes loshun. My dad needs some new Dvd mooves. I will leav some corn for The reindeer and cookes for you. Thank you!
Love, Evan Joiner

Dear Santa,
I wish you Merry Christmas! Please send some snow! Please give my granmaw a fialer pot and my bruthr sum drums and my grampo a toolbox and my mom a little flag and y Dad a wach and give me a little flag. Thank you! Please be careful.
Love, Christian Sanchez

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Deadlines near for USDA emergency assistance programs, new programs announced by FSA

Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director, Jan G. Wanoreck, reminds area farmers and ranchers of pending application deadlines for emergency assistance programs and announces recently developed new emergency programs.

"As area farmers and ranchers continue to fight Mother Nature, increasing input expenses and low

commodity prices, FSA continues to develop and deliver programs designed to alleviate these hardships. Through the existing programs and with the proposed new programs, USDA and FSA continue to recognize the farm community's need for support," said Wanoreck.

Applications deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

- 2000 Oilseeds Program: \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 2000 crops of certain oilseeds. Eligible oilseeds include canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans, and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 2, 2001.

- 2000 Crop Year Peanut Market Loss Assistance Program: An estimated \$61 million is available to partially compensate over 16,000 peanut producers for low commodity prices and increasing production costs. Application deadline is January 19, 2001.

- Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program: Approximately \$11 million in relief is available for farmers who suffered economic loss due to low prices during the 1999 marketing year. Application deadline is December 29, 2000.

- 2000 Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program: Approximately \$10 million is available to producers whose lamb carcasses meet minimum grade specifications. Application deadline is August 15, 2001.

Local USDA Farm Service Agency offices will also begin accepting applications soon for the following programs:

- 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP): Funds will be made avail-

able to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

- 2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP): An estimated \$438 million is available to producers for grazing losses due to weather related disasters. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

- Dairy Market Loss Assistance (DMLA III): Payments to operations that received assistance under DMLA II will be automatically issued to producers later this month. Payments will also be available to new operations and to operations that did not have 12 months of marketing established under DMLA II, and will be based on October 1999-September 2000 marketing. The four-week sign-up period for these producers will begin in late January, 2001.

- 2000 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): Up to \$10 million will be available to producers who lost livestock due to natural disaster, fire and anthrax. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

- Extension of the 1999 Livestock Indemnity Program/Contract Growers (CG-LIP): Program coverage of last year's CG-LIP will be extended through February 7, 2000. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

Producers should watch for new program announcements released from their local Farm Service Agency office. County Offices will receive national guidance regarding new programs delivery prior to program sign-up dates. Please contact the FSA office at 915/853-3535 for additional information about current program eligibility. New program eligibility and application information will be available in January.

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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On behalf of the employees at AEP-West Texas Utilities, we extend to you and your family our wishes for a season filled with warm, happy memories.



**Mrs. Halbert's
First Grade Class
(Continued From Page 6)**

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas!
Please send some snow!
I would like a jump rope and skooter and for my Mom and Dad a now caer!

Love, melissa Bullard

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas!
Please send some Snow! I would like a back pack

Love, Clarissa Gomez

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow! I would like a puppy and a trampoline.

Love, Polli Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow! I Would like a Back Pack. Please say Merry Christmas to Mom and Dad.

Love, Brianda Torres

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow! I would like a trampoline. Can you please bring me a Picture of your reindeer?

Love, Kyndal Broome

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow.
I would like a Angelic doll and a star-wish.

Love, Bridget Gentry

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow!
I would like a playstahon, scootr and a rabt.

Love, Eric Estrada

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow! I would like a bike and Scooder.

Love, Brooke Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow! I would like a pupys and say hi for me to Roodof. I will bring a carit for Roodof.

Love, Amanda Garcia

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some snow! I usno. I would like a bear pup and a nutcrakr. Hi Santa and Mrs. Klasus.

Love, Hagen Porras

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
please send some snow to play in! I would like a bear and a jump rope. My mommy and Dady want a perfume and denim shirt and a bone for my dog CC. I will leev you sum cookies and milk.

Love, Sierra Arispe

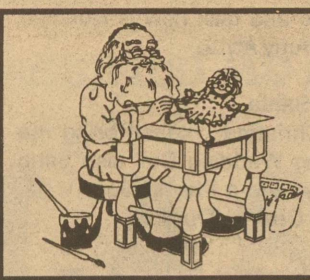
Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Please send some shiny white snow! Please get my dad some tools. And bring my mom some perfume. And my little brothr a wach. And a chain for my big brothr for his pants. and I want a robot.

Love, Austin Barajas

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas!
Please send me a green Scootr and a cowboy hat. I wood like a blak one. I also like a plane that flies. Thank you Santa.

Love, Allen Espinosa

**LETTERS
TO SANTA**



**Mrs. Gray's
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby born and Pokeman gameboy. Also a computer and a cot. And a glow sate. I will leave you some cookies. I also want a scooter.

Your friend, Dacy Whiddon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a basketball, hamster and a computer for my Mom for Christmas. I bin good at school.

Your friend,
Karina Granados

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Barbies, ring, suit, computer for Christmas. I will leave yellow cheese for you Merry Christmas?

Your friend, Melissa Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cat, a dog, and a hamster for Christmas. How are you doing Santa? I am games Thank you I'll leave you cookies for you.

Your friend, Brittany Arredondo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me meouchee and a gamboy color phoochee for Christmas. Merry Christmas. p.s. I forgot some gameboy color games.

Your friend, Colt Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dog, a rocket ship and ham stev- gameboy, Nintendo 64, computer, crayons for Christmas. How are you doing Santa? I am fine Thank you I'll leave you cookies

Your friend, Rico Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me remote controle heligote v playstation and a Snaxe hew playstation pokemon game boy nintendo 64 computer olmda cat.

thank you
Your friend, Brandon B. Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me remote control monster truck and ranch toys for Christmas. Santu Clas I ben so good at school I ben good at home thank you

Your friend, Ivan Cardenas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game little computer and Nintendo 64 playstation for Christmas. Thank you.

Your friend, John Galan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a, hamstar, with a, cage, and a computer for Christ-

mas. Mr. and Mrs. Claus I have been good at school.

Your friend, Canutita Acosta

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ring, dog and doll for Christmas. I hav Bin good at school.

Your friend, Diamantina Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie, Plane and a baby born and can you bring my bruther a new little computer But have I bin good for Christmas.

Your friend, Brianah Creek

**Mrs. Mikeska's
Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year so I want a, Game Boy Color, N64, Rugrats in Pris Playstation game and Rugrats for Game Boy Color. Also I want a gocart, and skateboard.

Love, Aaron Parsley

Dear Santa, I would like another 1 seater Murray gocart. Also, a Nintendo 64, remotecontrol air plan, and a 24 magnum gun and a Gamboy

Love, Colten Daniels

Dear Santa, I have been really good this year so plese bring me some toys. I want a Barbie Studio, a bike, a teddy bear, and a baby doll. How are your elfs?

Love, Samantha F. Brown

Dear Santa,
This year I want a scooter, a Playstation game that is blitz, some Pokemon cards, a Nintendo 64, and roller blades. I have been good.

Love, Eloy

Dear Santa,
I want a skatboard, Amazing Amy, and My Dream Baby, a dog, and a cat. How are your elfs? owe I hope my family gets to spend Christmas together. owe How are you?

Love, Jessica Sellers

Dear Santa,
This year I want a dirt bike. I also want all my family to celebrate Christmas. I also want a scooter and want a 22-250.

Love, Briley Ledbetter

Dear Santa,
I love your presents you have given me in the past years. I also love you. I have dunn rong this year but i still want a game boy.

Love, Ben Wipff

Dear Santa,
I will put milk and cookies under the tree. I want a Game boy, a

scooter and a Gateway with the Internet. I want my uncle Sam to be off on Christmas. Also I want my friend and her mom to get out of the hospital.

Love, Brenda Galan

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Nail Creation, a Dancing Debby, and a scooter for me, my sister, and brothers. I want it to snow in Mexico and in Eldorado. How are your reindeer? I have been good and bad this year.

Love, Deisy Aranda

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want house shoes, a bike, and a computer. I have been good and I want to Know if the elves are too. I hope it snowes because it is fun. I Like to make snowmen and angels.

Love, Kymberlin Kinsey

Dear Santa,
This year I want a scooter, a face car, andg Playstation. Get my mom somthing please.

Love, Chris Mejia

Dear Santa, I want a Game Boy, a Scooter, a Playstation, and a Nintendo 64. Also, I want it to snow for Christmas.

Love Nathan Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I want a guiar case and a hunting Knife and scabb rad.

Love, Robert Buchholz

Dear Santa,
I have been good. For Christmas I want books, a Barbie, CD's, Celebrate Jesus Birthday and I want my family to be together. Have a nice Christmas. Oh and how are the elvs?

Marci L. Minor

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A Holiday Tradition

What memories this season brings ... we hope your holidays are the happiest!

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To Our Dearest Friends,

*There is a list of folks we know all written in a book
And every year at Christmas time we go and take a look.
And that is when we realize that these names are a part
Not of the book they're written in, but of our very heart.
For each name stands for someone who has touched our
lives sometime
And in the meeting they've become the "rhythm of the rhyme."
We really feel we're composed of each remembered name
And while they may not be aware of feeling quite the same.
Our life is so much better than it was before they came!
For once that you have known someone, the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think our Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a list, forgotten in between.
For when we send a Christmas card that is addressed to you.
It is because you're on that list of folks we are indebted to.
And whether we have known you for many years or few.
In some way you have had a part in sharing things we do.
So every year when Christmas comes we just realize anew
The biggest gift that God can give is knowing folks like you.
We wish you all the very best this Holiday Season.*

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Merry Christmas

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**Mrs. O'Harrow's
Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a remote control motor cycle, and a trick bike, and a race car. Tell Rudolph Hi for me!!
Love, JR Martinez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a telescope, pokemon thunder pack, and a lap top. Don't get stuck in the chimney!
Love, Miles Mikeska

Dear Santa, This Christmas I would like A Trampoline and A Britney spears cd player, and a New nintendo 64 Games. Tell Rudolph hi for Me.
Love, Carli McAngus

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I Would like Batman CD, and legos Don't get me!
Love, Eric Loomis

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like Diva Starz, a Nelly cd, and a make up set. say Hi to the elves and Mrs. Claus.
Love, Abigail Ussery

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Barbie Jeep, a Barbie plane and Barbie house. Merry Christmas one and all!
Love, Rosa Hernandez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like a trampoline, scooter, and a bike. Don't get stuck in the chimney.
Love, Kaitlyn Bluford

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like Pokemon cards, Base Ball cards, and foot Ball. Don't get stuck in the chimney.
Love, Tyler Farmer

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like one of your elves, snow, and a big brother namd Tommy.
Don't let my dog bite you. Don't forget me!
Love, Holly Remero

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a nintendo set, nintendo game, and a drum set. I will leave cookies and carrots for you.
Love, Ashley Paulson

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like Nintendo 64, Playstation, a New bike. Don't get stuck in the chimney!
Love, Domingo Torres

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a four wheeler, TV, and a tell phone. Tell Comet and Prancer hi for me.
Love, Joshua Jurecek



**LETTERS
TO SANTA**

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like legos, Rescue Hero, and Army men. Say Hi to Mrs. Clause.
Love, Jorge Medrano

**Mrs. Sessom's
Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
For Christmas ples bring me a power ranger with a motor cycle. and dragon Bollz goau and one of the baggulys Batman with a sword. and a cape
Santa I am pooting the fire no
Love, John Espinosa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me scooter bike helmet.
Don't go down the chimney because there's Fire in the chimney. I love you Dear Santa,
Robert Chovez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me scooter bike helmet.
Don't go down the chimney be-

cause there's Fire in the chimney. I love you Dear Santa,
Robert Chovez

Dear Santa,
Plece bring me a dirt bike and a scooter and the jast thing i want is a computer.
How is Rubof and the other randers?
Love, Frank Gandar

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a computer and new shoes and new clothes. Also, bring me a scooter. Hello Santa have Rudolph been good and the elves to and I will leeve a snack on table and Merry Christmas Santa
Love, Rosy Iglesias

Dear Santa,
For Christmas Please bring me a Barbie Motor home. Also, bring me a Life game. I have been a good little girl this year I will LEEVE you a plate

of cookies and milk how is Rudolph Love, Amy Alvizo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a Dreiming Wedding Doll also bring me a bike, and a Play station.
Love, Cruzita Trujillo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a scooter, a bicycle, and a remote control car, Also a computer and I will leave you cheese.
Love, Zachary James Taylor

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a green scooter please Also, Celebration Barbie please and Also, a Santa beenie baby please I will leave you milk and cookeis how are your reindeer doing and how are you doing.
Love, Morgan Gillespie

I have been a little bit bad. Sorry!
Love, Torey Griggs
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a horse with a black mane and black hooves, Lots of make-up and fashion clothes!!
Oh! don't forget about a scooter. For my clothes I wear size 12... O.K.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas Please bring me Elbow pads an Knee pads Also please bring me Wrist pads. I will leave you Oreos and Milk.
Tate Evans
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a football, scooter, mariotenes. Santa I have been good and my brother has been good to.
Love, Jaymie O'Harrow

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy For Christmas Please bring me drums real drums with simbols and a play Station and a go cart Santa it's nice to meet you.
Love, Ruby Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl This year please bring me a pet bird and also I want a scooter Santa can you say hello to the elves and can you tak me on a ride on your sleigh?
Laura Garcia

Dear Santa,
For Chistmas please bring me a Street Blazer scooter. and a new roller blades and one more thing play station.
Love, Ashley Nicole Rojas

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Adopt a map in the name of your favorite relative or best friend, and his or her name will be placed on the General Land Office Web site in two places - on the Sponsor List and next to the map you choose. Donate \$500 or more and your honoree will receive a collector's copy of the map once it has been conserved, allowing you to get two gifts for the price of one.

And there's an added end-of-year bonus for you. Your donation is tax deductible.

Dewhurst kicked off the Adopt-A-Map program earlier this year, and it has been highly successful. So far, more than \$115,000 has been donated to have historical maps of Texas counties and the state professionally conserved and preserved for future generations. The first 16 maps currently are at the conservators, with another 55 to follow soon.

Once the maps are restored, the maps will be scanned and placed on the Internet for easier access by all Texans. Scanning the maps also will allow the Land Office to sell full-sized copies of them in the future.

There are maps of all 254 counties, as well as maps of the state, settlement colonies, some cities and the old districts that pre-date our current counties. Most of the nearly 500 maps in the program are one-of-a-kind manuscript maps, which means they are original hand-drawn art and have never been published or reproduced in quantity. The average cost of conserving one map is \$1,000, and conservation of all the maps will cost approximately \$500,000.

"Our history connects us to our future, and preserving this link will keep history flowing from past to present to future," Dewhurst said.

Under the Texas Natural Resources Code, the Land Office may accept donations from the public to conserve the maps. The donations are tax deductible.



The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

December 14 • Pearson, Cody Dean, male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

December 16 • Wysong, Joe Casey, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge, Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

• Martin, Steven Wayne, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, charge wanted on Tom Green Warrants. Transferred to Tom Green County.

December 17 • Buttery Jr., Edwin Boyntor, male age 54, arrested SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ozs.). Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.

REPORTS

December 12 • 7:42 p.m. Complainant had a weather report concerning highway conditions. Highway

department contacted about situation.

• 8:37 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary alarm had been set off.

December 13 • 1:15 a.m. Medical Center requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS1 responded.

• 8:41 a.m. Complainant reported her furnace was on fire. Two officers responded and Fire Chief. All was OK.

• 2:00 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of their house. Officer responded.

December 14 • 1:37 p.m. Complainant reported they needed an ambulance on Laredo Street. Officer and EMS responded.

• 6:30 p.m. Complainant reported loosing a black and gray plastic toolbox. Toolbox contained livestock drenching guns and livestock syringes.

December 15 • 9:54 a.m. Complainant reported they needed an officer to respond to a residence. Possible female subject trying to harm herself. Officer responded.

• 1:30 p.m. Complainant reported they had lost their dog on Wednesday night. Very small black/silver poodle. Answers to Jack.

December 16 • 4:27 a.m. Complainant reported that her boyfriend was having trouble breathing. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 8:45 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle. Possible drunk driver. Officer responded.

• 5:40 p.m. Complainant reported minors in a grey Isuzu drinking alcohol. Officer responded.

• 6:57 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on subject who had been in the hospital, but had already left for home. Officer found everything OK.

• 11:06 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to speak to their neighbors about loud music. Officer responded and music turned down.

December 17 • 12:24 a.m. Complainant requested an officer at their residence for a domestic dispute. Officer responded.

• 1:50 p.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer responded.

• 1:51 p.m. Report of a transformer fire at corner of Cottonwood and E. Murchison. Officers and Fire Chief responded.

• 5:50 p.m. Complainant requested an officer patrol hanger at airport for the night. Officer responded.

• 6:02 p.m. Complainant on S. Field Dr. reported house was full of smoke and could not locate the fire. Officers and Fire Department responded. Fire Chief advised the house was filled with smoke from the fireplace.

December 18 • 2:10 p.m. Complainant reported they needed an ambulance for a female in premature labor. EMS 1 responded.

• 3:12 p.m. Complainant on W. Murchison reported a burglary at residence. Officer responded.

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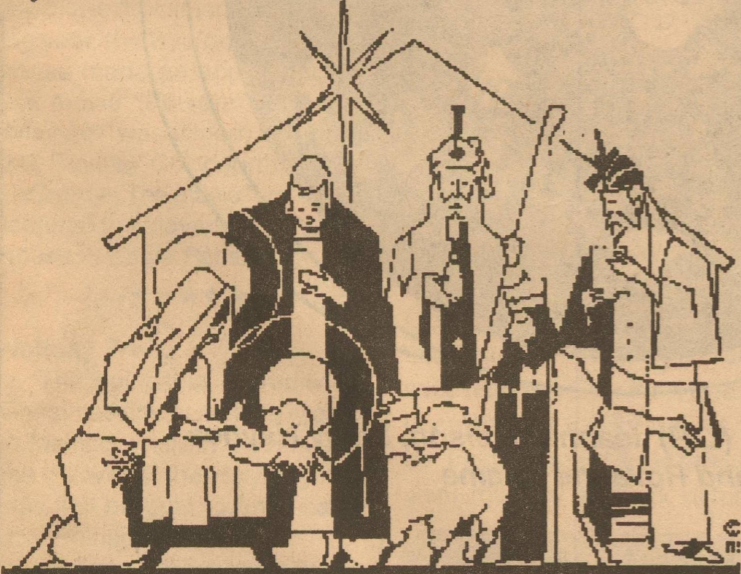
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Request is made for the Wade Lease, RRC ID Number 12283, in the Ramon (Leonard) Field in Schleicher County, RRC District 7C. This Field is located approximately 4 miles west of Eldorado.

Company contact for Pure Resources, L.P. is Laura Clepper, 915/498-8600.

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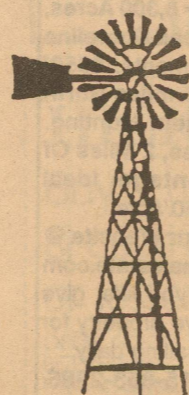


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