

Merry Christmas



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On this Holy Night centuries ago,
the Wise Men helped make the spirit
of love and giving a part of Christmas.
Let us keep it so.

Happy Holidays

From Staff and Correspondents

Joe - Lonnie

Herman - Estelle

PRESS POINTS
JOE BENNETT - PUBLISHER

As the season draws closer and closer we reflect on all the great things that the Good Lord has blessed us with again this year. Our friends and patrons have truly blessed us with their patronage, love, loyalty and support and we want everyone to know just how much we appreciate this. Jake (Lonnie) and I are very thankful for everything that has come our way this year and we sincerely hope you and yours have the greatest holiday season of your life and that the upcoming year will bless each of you with the best of everything.

We hope you have a truly Merry Christmas with your loved ones and that good health will bless your family for many more years to come.

We appreciate the support of the advertisers in Gorman and the area for making it possible for us to print this Special Christmas Edition. With out this fine support we could not possibly keep publishing the paper. We love you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

The weather is taking a turn into truly winter weather around here with the temperatures dropping and some very chilly winds. On Tuesday we are having temperatures in the lower 30's and a very cold chill factor. The weather is suppose to get worse day by day through Saturday. I guess we need some real winter, but I really don't like

TAX OFFICE CLOSING DATES

The Gorman School Tax Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from December 20th through January 1st.

Return receipts will be sent for taxes paid by mail during this period.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot describe how very grateful we are to everyone who had any part in the Benefit given for the Bobby Underwood Family. To Birdsong's for the meat, for the Lion's Club who lost sleep cooking it, for the ladies and churches who furnished the other food, for the ladies that helped serve the food and for each one that donated money we are so thankful. Our hearts are over flowing with love for each of you. Everyone has truly made us feel loved through all our grief.

We pray that God will truly Bless each of you.

The Bobby Underwood Family

it.

There was a very large crowd out to see ole Saint Nick on Saturday and get their pictures made with Santa and enjoy some goodies for the children. The event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was a huge success and the directors of the Chamber want to express their thanks to everyone for their participation. It was really great to see so many folks in Gorman seeing Santa and eating and shopping. Thanks again.

— J —

With the holidays coming we will all need to be on the lookout for the children since school will be dismissed for the holidays. Be extra careful because the children may not be as alert or looking out for traffic as they would otherwise. So be alert.

— J —
And Remember To Smile -- Because God Loves You!!!

Lady Panthers Win 5th Game By Defeating Rising Star

The Lady Panthers won their 5th game of the year by beating Rising Star 55 to 32.

In the first quarter the Lady Panthers outscored Rising Star 17 to 4. Mary Campbell made a 3 pointer and a bucket for 5 points. Sabrina Glasson made two buckets for 4 points. Marlana Guthery made three free throws. Samantha Stephens and Keri Scitern both made buckets. Kaycee Gilmore made a free throw.

The Lady Panthers scored 13 more points the second quarter. Mary had another 3 point and two free throws for 5 points. Marlana made 2 buckets for 4 points. Keri and Jennifer Shackelford both made a bucket in this quarter. The score was 30 to 10 at halftime in favor of the Lady Panthers.

Marlana made 4 free throws and two buckets for a total of 8 points in the third quarter. Jodi Norris would make a bucket and a free throw for 3 points. Sabrina and Mary both made a bucket to round out the scoring. The Lady Panthers scored 15 points to give a 45 to 19 lead.

In the last quarter 5 people scored a bucket. Keri, Sabrina, Jennifer, Kaycee and Marlana all scored in the last 8 minutes of play. The final score was 55 to 32.

Stats for the Rising Star Game
Keri Scitern - 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assists, 1 mistake caused
Paty Rodriguez - 1 rebound, 2 mistakes caused
Sabrina Glasson - 8 points, 5 rebounds, 3 mistakes caused
Jennifer Shackelford - 4 points, 2 rebounds
Jodi Norris - 3 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals, 1 assist, 3 mistakes caused
Mary Campbell - 12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists, 2 mistake caused
Samantha Stephens - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 mistake caused
Kaycee Gilmore - 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 mistakes caused
Marlana Guthery - 17 points, 15 rebounds, 4 steals, 6 mistakes caused

Junior Varsity Girls Win Six Straight

The Junior Varsity Girls won their sixth straight game by beating Rising Star 38 to 11.

In the first quarter the Junior Varsity girls scored 11 points, Ruth Reeves scored 7 points and Samantha Goode scored 4 points. The Junior Varsity girls led 11 to 0.

In the second quarter the J. V. Girls scored 12 more points. Sarah Reeves, Page Posey, Belinda Snider and Melissa Tarver all scored. The score was 23 to 3 at halftime.

Eight more points were scored in the third quarter. Alma Sanchez, Ruth, and Samantha were the ones who scored. The score was 31 to 5 going into the fourth quarter.

The last quarter saw the J. V. girls score 7 more points. These were scored by Sarah and Samantha. The Junior Varsity Girls still remain undefeated with this win.

Junior Varsity members are Alma Sanchez, Ruth Reeves, Sarah Reeves, Pam Osborne, Page Posey, Shawn McCauley, Belinda Snider, Melissa Tarver and Samantha Goode.

Panthers Place 2 On AP All-State List



Kris Carlton



Blake Guthery

The Gorman Panthers had two players named to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class A All-State Football Team, announced today.

Kris Carlton, 6-3, 245 lb. Senior was named on the First Team as an Offensive Lineman. He had 73 knockdowns, 15 clearing blocks on an offense that averaged 300 yards a game. He was also named as a Defensive Lineman on the Second Team list.

The other Panther on the list was Blake Guthery, 160 lb. Sophomore, who was named on the Honorable Mention as a Defensive Lineman.

Our Congratulations to these fine young men on their accomplishments.

The City Office of Gorman will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 24th and All Day Wednesday in observance of Christmas Day. Open as usual on Thursday. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

LETTERS TO SANTA:

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Santa:
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Olivia

KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

Ready or not, here comes the cold blast of winter. It is a little hard to adjust from 80 degrees down to degrees in the single digits in such a short time, but the weatherman tells us that it is what is coming, so we might as well get ready for it.

The beautiful Christmas Hymn "Silent Night" was rendered Acapella by Glynnda Bond, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Norma Webb gave the Foreign Mission emphasis. Visitors were James and Ruby Lee Kinser of Gorman and Sylvia Buchanan of Glen Heights, Tx.

There were two beautiful poinsettias - one in memory of Mrs. Berneice Rodgers sent by her family, and one from the Cecil Everton Family. Our thanks to them.

The Christmas program and supper at the Kokomo Baptist will be Wednesday night, December 18th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. I know that this is late notice for some, but the date had not been set in time for me to get it in last weeks news.

Santa will be there, so bring your little ones to talk to him.

Billie Jeanne Grisham and Kathy Skaggs of De Leon and Lucille Joiner of Stephenville visited with Mrs. Hope Joiner on Saturday.

Sylvia Buchanan of Glen Heights, Kelly Buchanan of Angleton and Tina Billingsley of Stephenville visited with Nancy Hendricks during the weekend. Others visiting in the Hendricks home were Allen Hayhurst of Stephenville, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant.

Nancy Hendricks received word on Friday that a nephew, Melvin Miller of Roswell, N.M. had passed away. His wife is the daughter of the late Bunk and Nola (Hendricks) Wheeler who were former residents of Kokomo. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Layne Morrow has been visiting with his grandparents, Paul and Imogene Norris and Naoma Morrow. Kathy and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Gene and Kay Snider, and Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville visited with Hazel Snider.

News is short this week. I guess everyone is busy with shopping and preparations for Christmas and didn't

have any news or was too busy to call it to me.

I want to wish everyone who reads this column a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" bless with happiness. And as we celebrate Christmas let us remember that "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season".

Willie R. Hines Laid To Rest Friday

Willie Rebecca Hines, 96, died Wednesday, December 11, 1996 in a local nursing home.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Eastland First Baptist Church with Dr. Tom Goodman, and the Revs. Sherl Taylor and Harry Grantz officiating. Burial was in Murray Cemetery, director by Bakker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hines was born in Long Branch and attended school in Pleasant Hill. She moved to the Carbon area in 1917 and Eastland in 1988. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was the widow of Henry Hines, whom she married in 1917 in Carbon.

Survivors include two daughters, Arlene McCurry of Eastland and Marjorie Adair of Huntsville; three sisters, Duluth Jackson, Arduth Been and Meredith Baze, all of Eastland; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We sincerely appreciate all the kindness and prayers bestowed on us by our friends in Gorman during our time of sorrow. God Bless You All.

The Family of "Chuck" Eaker

WORD OF THANKS

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank each of those who helped with Santa's visit on Saturday. A special thanks to Gene Foster, G. W. and Ann Maxfield, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Kathy Marlow, Shirley Eaves, the City of Gorman and the Fire Department Volunteers.

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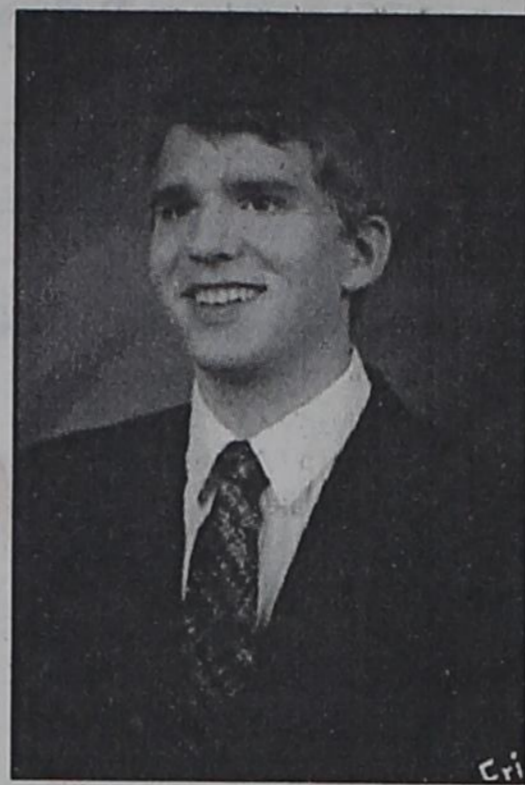
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Student of The Month At Eastland High School



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Sam Jones Laid To Rest Friday

Sam Jones, 83, of Hobbs, N.M., died December 10, 1996 in Hobbs.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday in Jefferson St. Church of Christ in Hobbs, N.M. with Minister Eli Borden and Minister Virgil Webb officiating. Burial was in Seminole South Cemetery, directed by Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Jones was born in Shields, Texas on September 15, 1913. he married Effie Mae Jones on April 25, 1936 in Breckenridge, Texas. He was well known in the ranching community, worked on the Taylor Ranch for 32 years. Was listed in the Lea Co. Cowboy Hall of Fame as well as the Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame. He was an elder for 17 years at Taylor Street Church of Christ and he was Proud To Be A Texan.

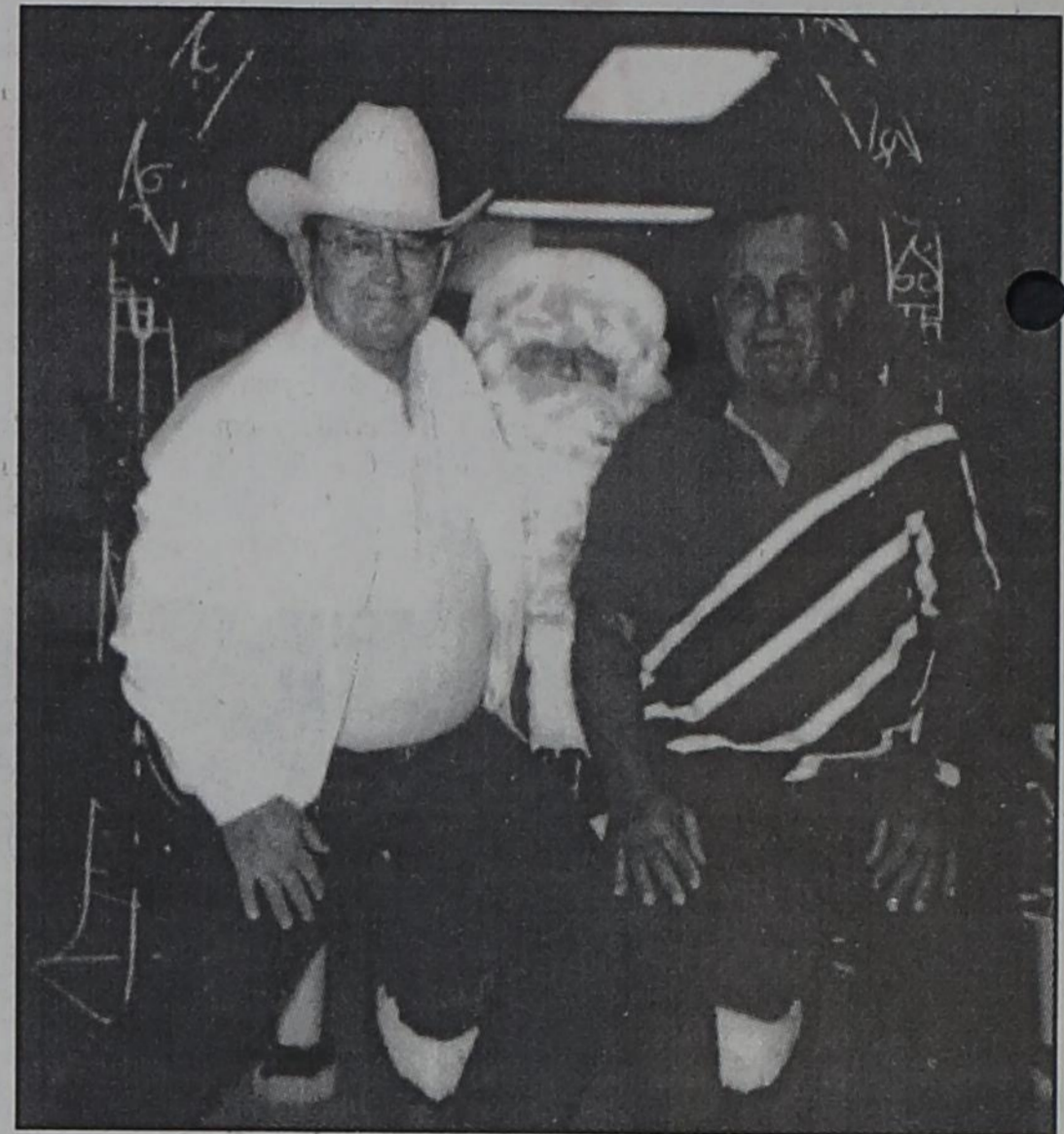
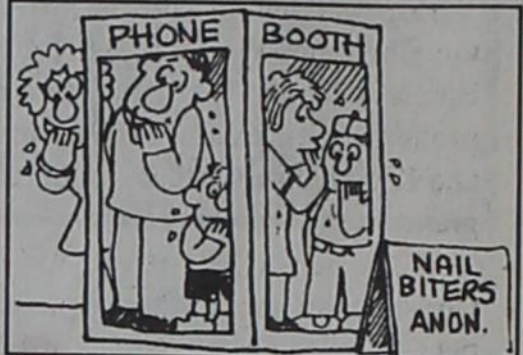
He is survived by his wife, Effie Mae Jones of Hobbs; two sons, Mike Jones of Gorman, Texas and Charles Jones of Midland, Texas; three daughters, Martha Whitman of Hobbs, N.M., Elaine Hood of Hobbs, and Teresa Jones of Sugarland, Texas; two brothers, Vernon Jones of Hobbs, and Elgin Jones of Mentone, Texas; one sister, Callie Newcomb of Leuders, Texas; nine grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by three brothers, W. S. Jones, Allen Jones, Carroll Jones, a grandson, Mark Roberts in 1995.

Memorial contributions may be made to the N.M. nChristian Children's Home in Portales, N.M. or Hospice of Lea Co.

ity, academics, achievement, and positive attitude. This award is sponsored by the Rotary, Kiwanis, and the Lions Club.

Eric Miears is the son of Bill and Judy Miears, grandson of James and Eula Miears and Jeanne Brown of College Station and great grandson of Bertha Gregory. He has been named Student of the Month for his accomplishments and involvement at Eastland High School. Eric has participated in basketball, golf, band, jazz band, senior play, and his is drum major for the Eastland Maverick Marching Band. He has been honored by the Eastland Kiwanis Club as Sophomore of the



Santa Has Two Big Visitors

Santa and two of his "Biggest" visitors. About 75 children visited with Santa as he visited in Gorman on Saturday night. The downtown area was covered with children and adults enjoying the activities.

Customer Notice

Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc. (Comanche County or the Company) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), Tariff Control No. 16573, seeking approval to implement rates, terms, and conditions for the following new, optional service offering: Directory Assistance Service - is a service whereby customers may request assistance in determining directory information. There will be an allowance of three (3) calls per month at no charge. Directory Assistance calls in excess of this allowance will be billed at \$3.00 per call. Call allowance are not transferable between accounts, nor can unused portions of the monthly allowance be credited to the customer's account in any other month service is rendered. The rates for Directory Assistance Service will not be applicable to calls placed from pay telephones or hospitals.

The Company also proposes to revise the following services: Returned Check Charge is assessed for each returned check or moneys not honored by a bank or depository. Local Pay Phone is a service using any coin, coinless, credit card reader, or cordless instrument that is accessible by members of the general public, provided that the user pays for local or toll calls on a per call basis; Maintenance of Service is used when service difficulty or trouble results from the customer-provided or maintained inside wire, jacks and/or equipment; and Past Due Balances is a one and one half percent (1 1/2%) finance charge applied monthly to any customer's unpaid balance (residence or business) which is twenty five days past the billing date.

In addition, Comanche County is proposing a minor rate increase for the basic access line rates currently charged to customers. The affected services are: Residence Access Line; Residence TelAssist; Business Access Line - 1 Party; Business Access Line - Semi-Public; Business Access Line - Rotary; and Business Access Line - PBX.

The proposed effective date for the new services is February 1, 1997. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$80,131 for the first year.

SERVICE	CURRENT		PROPOSED	
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Directory Assistance Service, 1-3 calls	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C
4 calls or more, per call	N/C	N/C	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30
Returned Check Charge	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Local Pay Phone	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25
Maintenance of Service	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Residence Access Line	\$ 7.40	N/A	\$ 8.00	N/A
Residence TelAssist	\$ 2.55	N/A	\$ 2.80	N/A
Business Access Line - 1 Party	N/A	\$10.90	N/A	\$11.75
Business Access Line - Semi-Public	N/A	\$17.25	N/A	\$18.50
Business Access Line - Rotary	N/A	\$17.25	N/A	\$18.50
Business Access Line - PBX	N/A	\$17.25	N/A	\$18.50
Past Due Balances	0%	5%	1.5%	1.5%

A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed by January 2, 1997 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Office at (512)936-7140 or (512)936-7136, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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CARBON NEWS

Week of December 9th

Euell and Jenise Allison attended the Christmas Program at the First Baptist Church at Eastland Sunday evening. Their grandchildren Nathan and Kimera Lowrie were in the program.

Ruth Knowles attended the Christmas Program at Mangum Baptist Church Saturday evening, where her great granddaughter had a part in it.

R. Lee McDaniel and Quida and Ervin Hummel along with the Super Seniors of Eastland went to Marshall and Jefferson on Friday and Saturday to see the Christmas lights and to tour several places of interest. They reported having a wonderful time.

Donald and Sybie Saverance of Abilene and Kay May of Stephenville attended the Dedication of the Community Center on Sunday afternoon and they visited with R. Lee McDaniel.

Congratulations goes out to Hope McGaha for having the winning ticket for the Polaris ATV from Ken

s Motorcycle Shop. The Eastland Lions Club sponsored the drawing.

Elizabeth Sandlin and C. O. Sandlin were in Abilene on Thursday to see about having knee surgery. She will have it soon. We wish her well.

A large crowd attended the Dedication Service at the Community Center, Sunday afternoon. It was a very impressive service.

John and La Tonne Rodgers attended the Basketball Tournament in Santa Anna Saturday and the Sidney Boys won second place.

Ima Brown of Gorman visited Billie Stacy on Sunday afternoon.

The peanut work is just about over, and everyone hopes for a better crop next year.

Let us all remember the reason for the Season that is before us. There are a lot of people out there that needs to be remembered and that is one way we can show our love for one another.

Week of December 16th

Attendance was low this morning at the Baptist Church. Several are out with colds and some are back that

Eastland Area Hay Show and Sale

Twenty-four (24) hay producers from around the county participated in the 1996 Eastland Area Hay Show and Sale on Saturday, December 7th. The Show is sponsored by the Eastland

has had them. We hope everyone gets to feeling better for the Christmas Holidays.

R. Lee McDaniel and Ruth Knowles went to Graham Friday evening with the group from Olden Baptist Church to the Living Christmas program "A Night To Remember." They said it was very impressive. It was the people of the First Baptist Church of Graham.

Beverly Sandlin and Aaron spent the weekend in Fort Worth with relatives.

Charles and Maxine Morgan spent the weekend in Briggs with Marty and Tara Morgan.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Willie Hines, who passed away last Wednesday in Eastland. She was a long time resident of Carbon, but moved to Eastland a few years ago.

Jessie Mangum is home after spending a week in the Eastland Memorial Hospital with pneumonia. We hope she continues to improve.

I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas holiday season.

Ag Boosters Association. Top award in the Coastal Division went to J. L. Cate of Eastland with his second cutting. This entry had a crude protein of 13.6% and the top physical score of 95. Reserve Coastal went to Royce McGaha of Carbon on his fourth cutting of hay. This entry tested 14.5% with a 90 physical score. The Chapion Sudan Bale went to R. G. "Buck" Wheat of Eastland with a 13.5% protein and a 90 physical score followed by Davy Vestal with a 12.5% protein and 85 physical score. Each of these winners will receive a full year's subscription to the Weekly Livestock Report paper. This paper is a valuable tool for beef and forage producers with weekly updates on events, prices and technology.

OTHER ENTRIES and protein in Coastal included: Alton Mitchell 10.6%, Jim McGaha 15.2%, Morris Underwood 12.8%, Daryl Eckert 6.8%, Jim Kennedy 13.3%, Russell Walker 12.5%, C. W. Williamson 7.1%, Weldon Tankersley Farms 10.4%, W. Cox 9.6%, Tommy Clayborn 7.4%, Burton Phillips 8.1%, and Bill Mears 9.5%.

Sudan Donors were Rodney Reynolds 5.6\$, Rawhide Livestock 8.2%, Clint Ferguson 10.1%.

Peanut Hay - Dicky Norris 7%. Other Hay donors with no tests were Jim Moylan, Jr. and Cecil Everton.

In all thirty-four (34) round bales

of hay sold from \$46 to \$21 per roll with an average of \$37.15; twenty-seven square bales sold from \$4.00 to \$3.25 per bale with an average of \$3.70.

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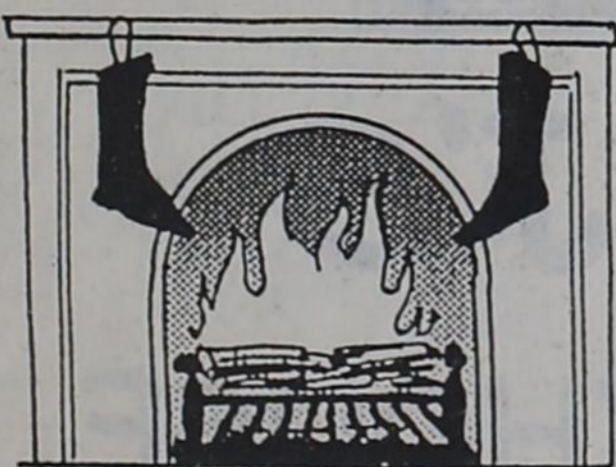
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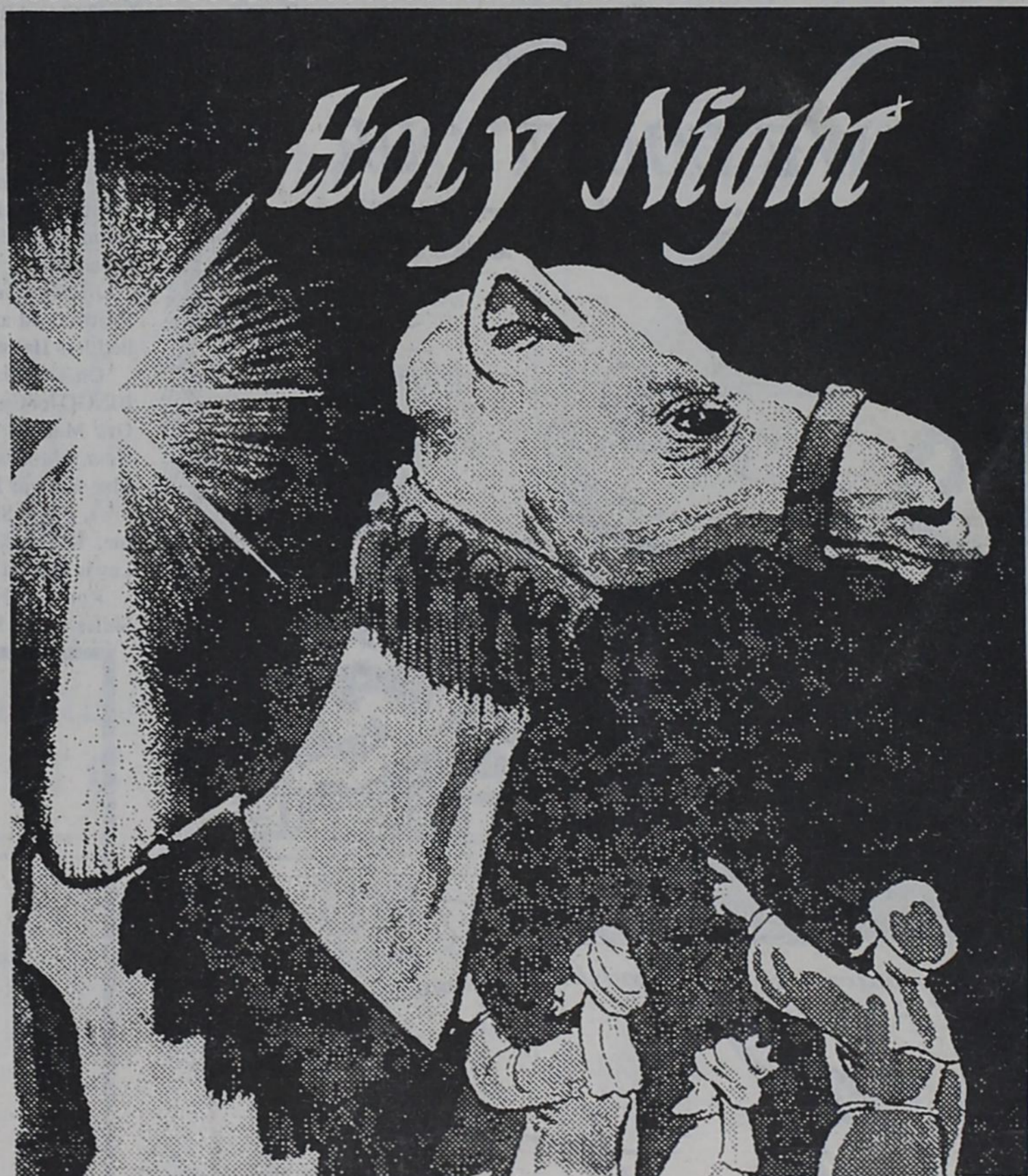
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A WORD FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello Everyone,
Well, It goes without saying how much we enjoyed the Youth Group from the Huckabay Baptist Church. I know that all of you were inspired as I was and we do hope that they will come again real soon.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very happy holiday season.

Remember the reason for the season — God Bless You.

Dean Christinan McNeill
The December Birthday Party will be a 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 26. Veno Hale's birthday is December 25th. **HUCKABAY BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP GIVES PROGRAM**

The Kokomo Baptist Church presented the Huckabay Baptist Church Youth Group on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. Clarence Wilson, pastor.

Under the direction of Dale and Kathy Collum, the program began with Woodrow Browning leading singing with Helen Browning at the piano. The Youth presented songs, scriptures, readings, prayers and a skit, "Trash or Treasures" and ending with the group going down the halls singing Christmas carols. Deane Christian McNeill, administration thanked the group for the beautiful program.

Coming from Huckabay Baptist Church were Dale and Kathy Collum, Matt and Scott Collum, Wendy Lowe, Kendra McLendon, Melody, McCoy, Jennifer Lowe, Lane Greenway, Phil Martin, Cullen McLendon, James Cehand, Andy Moreno, Jeremy Fron, Tony Smith, Jennifer King, Natalie Wofford, Jenifer Byers, Loren Shipman, Brian K. Rankin, Rachel Guest, Shirley McDonald, Jason Rankin and Sarah Voges.

Kokomo Baptist Church members were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Hope Joiner, Gene and Kay Snider, Dean McNeill, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Nancy Hendricks and Pat Graham. Residents were Jack and Mildred Bellows, Dorothy Beaty, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Varona Taylor, Ola Walker, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Ollie Halcomb were David

and Denna Halcomb, Bro. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville.

On Sunday morning Bro. Brent Lasater taught the Sunday School lesson for Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Leotis Meadows, Jimmy Morris, Varona Taylor and Ola Walker.

Visiting S. D. Gilmore and Effie Mae Brown were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Alpha Mae Andry, Louise Hollywood, Durwood Webb, Pat Hagood, Jack Bellows, Mary Ficklen of Desdemona.

The residents appreciated the beautiful red Christmas Door Knockers from the Huckabay Baptist Church.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison were Don Atchison of Fort Worth, Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Chesley Atchison, Ima Lee Bureson, Georgie Ann Iley and Eloise Lewis of Desdemona, Della Galloway and Velma Carr.

On Friday morning Ina Scitem had BINGO for Dorothy Beaty, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Leotis Meadows, Jimmy Morris, Ora Mae Atchison, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn and Ollie Halcomb.

Some of Inez Rogers guests were Lougene Norris of De Leon, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Ima Lee Bureson and Georgie Ann Iley of Desdemona, and Della Galloway and Fred Rogers.

Visiting Varona Taylor were Paula Lewis, Billy and Janda Taylor, Tracey Taylor, Bonnie Cox and Pauline Allen.

On Friday afternoon Ina Scitem had "Gift" BINGO for Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, Leotis Meadows, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Varona Taylor and Jimmy Morris.

Visiting Leta Richardson were Anna Rush, Estelle Ervin, Jo Etheredge, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks and Clarence and Leona Wilson.

Thanks to Sylva Buchanan for the good magazines.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were Faye Huff, Patsy McDowell of Ranger, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant,

Mayvis Lasater, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, and Chris Funderburk of De Leon.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson visited Ruby Vandergriff, Ola Walker, Lovenia Blair, Ozella Pulley and Ina Mae Tarrance.

We are happy to report Ruby Jones has returned from the De Leon Hospital.

Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Rodney and Ruth Spencer of San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Hope Joiner, Kay Snider, Ima Brown, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Jana Grice, Billie Stacy of Carbon, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay.

Some of Lorene Jay's guests were Brent and Jean Lasater, Mayvis Lasater and Hope Joiner.

On Monday morning Ina Scitem had "Questions and Answers About Christmas" for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown and Ora Mae Atchison.

Some of Mrs. Williams guests were Maxine Frasier and Chris Funderburk of De Leon, Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose, N.M., Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Hope Joiner, Durwood Webb, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Estelle Ervin, Anna Rush and Mayvis Lasater.

RUBY NOWLIN ENJOYS THANKSGIVING IN DE LEON

John and Chris Funderburk took Ruby Nowlin to their home in De Leon for Thanksgiving. Other guests were Fred, Ruth, Cheryl O'Mera of Atlanta, Ga., Nancy, Truman and Micha Hollard of Cabat, Ark., Lloyd and Laurene Nowlin of De Leon, Cindy Ferrell and children of Arkansas, David and Sandra Smith and children, Paula and children of Arlington.

Agnes Hodges proudly showed her beautiful red poinsetta that Jack and Kate Wheeler of Dallas gave to her for Christmas. Some of her guests have been Robert and Fran Parker of Granbury, Roy Parker, Jessie Woosley, ruthie Porter, Estelle Craddock, Nancy Hendricks and Mayvis Lasater.

Some of Jimmy Morris's guests were Huppy Morris, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Larry Morris and Paul Morris of Eastland.

Ina Scitem had BINGO on Monday for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Jimmy Morris, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Ava Rodgers, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Varona Taylor, Ozella Pulley, Dorothy Beaty, Leotis Meadows and Inez Rogers.

Betty Little visited Veno and Annie Hale.

Visiting Ruby Nowlin were John and Chris Funderburk, Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Ima Lee Bureson, Della

Forbus Among Fall

Nikki Warren Forbus, a Tarleton State University student from Gorman, was one of 75 students inducted during the fall semester into the

Galloway, Nancy Hendricks, Lloyd and Lourene Nowlin of Arlington, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Some of Iola Johnson's guests were Nell Sherman of Cisco, Della Galloway and Ina Reynolds of Carbon.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke played the Electric Keyboard and sang Christmas songs for Ora Mae Atchison, Jimmy Morris, Ava Rodgers, Varona Taylor, Frank Skiles, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Cynthia Earles and Georgie Whitlock.

Some of Skinnie Lewis's guests were Eloise Lewis, Jim and Karen Bureson, Philip, Donna, Robert and Sarah Lewis, Ima Lee Bureson, Georgie Ann Iley, all of Desdemona, Zane and Vickie Harris of Abilene and James and Norma Sharp of Dublin.

Those coming for the Sing-A-Long on Tuesday were Willo Rice, Zeld Jordan, Nancy Hendricks, Pat Graham, Nina Joiner and Della Galloway. Residents were Jack and Mildred Bellows, Varona Taylor, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Iola Johnson, Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison.

Cecil and Ann Funderburg, Sr., Cecil Funderburg, Jr., Debbie, Jason and James Hogan visited Lois.

On Wednesday morning Wilo Rice of Merriman Baptist Church brought Chapel for Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, S. D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Jack Bellows and Effie Mae Brown.

Patsy and Patsy Marie McDowell of Ranger, Matthew and Bo McDowell of Hamilton visited Richard McDowell.

For exercises on Wednesday residents made Christmas cards for love ones. They were Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Sylva Hodges were Rosetta Carlton of Carbon and Dianthia Dennis.

We appreciate the magazines, Foy Files of Dallas gave to the residents and for Barbara Tucker for delivering them to the residents.

G. A. Girls of First Baptist Church visiting on Wednesday evening were Melinda Seal, Lydia Royster, Kalyn Porter, C. J. McGlothlan, Brittnie Graham, Andra Files, Holly Abbe, and Shelia Wilkins.

Darrell and Pat Graham visited Jack and Mildred Bellows.

On Thursday Mary Ficklen came and read from "Marley's Ghost", A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens to Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, S. D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Veno Hale and Cynthia Earles and guest Nancy Hendricks. She served Peach and Cream Cake.

Jimmy and Vickie Hallmark of Brownwood and Irene Hallmark visited Jess Hallmark.

On Thursday, Ina Scitem had Gift BINGO for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, Jimmy Morris, S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Frank Skiles, Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Skinnie Lewis and Varona Taylor.

Ron and Nina Skiles and M. L. Skiles visited Frnak Skiles.

Inductees In TSU's Alpha Chi Chapter

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was recently named as Outstanding National Chapter.

University's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society.

Forbus, a graduate of Gorman High School, is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies at Tarleton. She is the daughter of Wesley and Linda Warren.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point averages must be 3.60 or better. The objectives of Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective service. Founded in 1922, the society has more than 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Alpha Chi represents the highest academic honor on any member campus and since its inception, over 255,000 students have been inducted.

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was established in the fall of 1968. There are seven regions across the country and Tarleton's chapter is a member of Region I which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico.

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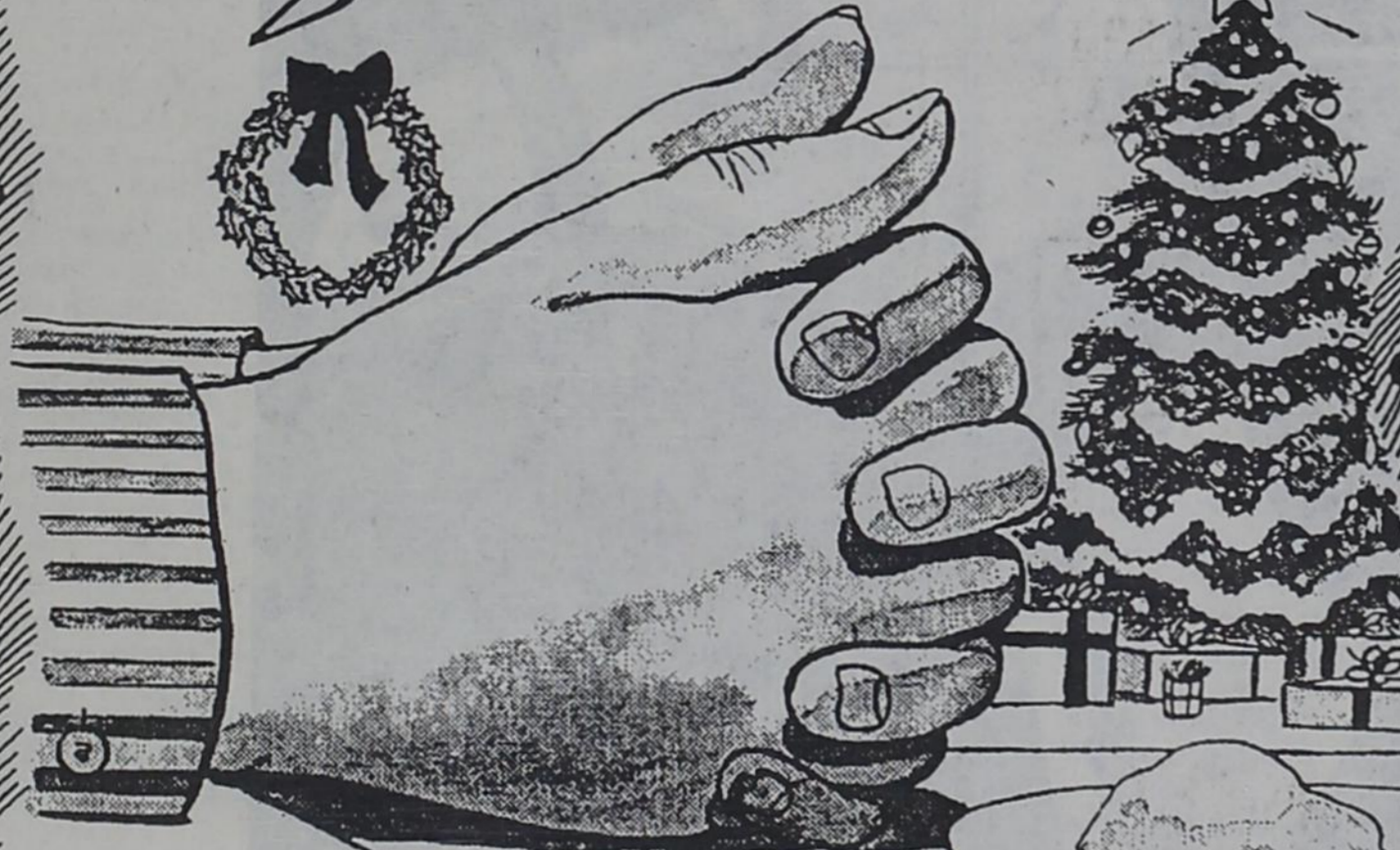


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Desdemona First Baptist Church presented a musical Christmas Cantata "On Christmas Day" last Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. The Choir was led

by Elwood Ragland with Karen Eaves at the piano. Those singing in the choir were Pug Guthery, Wayne Eaves, Joe Cummings, Joe Wortham, Sarah

Lewis, Misty Wortham, Donna Lewis, Paul Pittman, Helen Collum, Nell Ragland, Wilma Fay Iley, Freda Riggs, Dorothy Roberts and Jana Pittman. Others with speaking parts were Mike Riggs, Mary Riggs, Courtney Koonce, Chris Bates, Lisa Rainey, Shanana Kitchens and Chris Fox. There were several visitors for the morning service. The Cantata was enjoyed by all who attended.

Children's Christmas Program was presented on Sunday night, 6:00 p.m. at the Baptist Annex. Directed by Donna Lewis. Those taking parts were Misty Wortham, Lisa Rainey, Philip Lewis, Gil Cochrane, Selina Walker, Hunter Speck, Sarah Lewis, Brittany Shirley, Seth Cochrane, Veronica Walton, Lane Shirley, Hector de la Torre, Chris Bates, Bobby Walton and pianist, Nell Ragland. Gifts were exchanged, fruit bags presented to all children present and refreshments for everyone following the program.

COLIN GARCIA CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Colin Zane Garcia celebrated his 1st birthday on Monday night, December 9th in the home of his grandparents, Wayne and Karen Eaves in Desdemona. "Winnie the Pooh" birthday cake was served to those present - "Great" Grandparents, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Webb, Kandice Martin, Lorin Kaye Decker and Angela Creed all of Desdemona; Grandmother, Janie Garcia, "Great" Grandmother,

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Lilly Robio, Sabrina Vasquez, Octavia Vera and George Garcia all of De Leon.

Bob and Merlene Wisdom visited the weekend in Lovington, New Mexico with their daughter, Marsha Johnson, Billy and Chris.

W. T. and Eveyln Yardley, Ruth Daffron, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona - Charles and Sara Williams of Granbury - Debert and Fay Williams of Stephenville enjoyed a "Cousins" Christmas supper on Thursday, December 12 in the home of Leo and Eloise Williams.

Bob and Merlene Wisdom attended the funeral of her aunt Amanda Carr in Lamesa on Saturday, December 14. Burial was in the Lamesa Memorial Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Lance Corporal Scotty Walton who is serving in the United States Marines and stationed in Yuma, Arizona visited the past few days with his parents, Ronnie and Brenda Walton, Bobby, April, Jessica and Veronica.

"CHRISTMAS IS"

Christmas is family, festive food, Church Choirs singing, sleigh bells ringing, and shopping sprees galore, Friends, old and new visit.

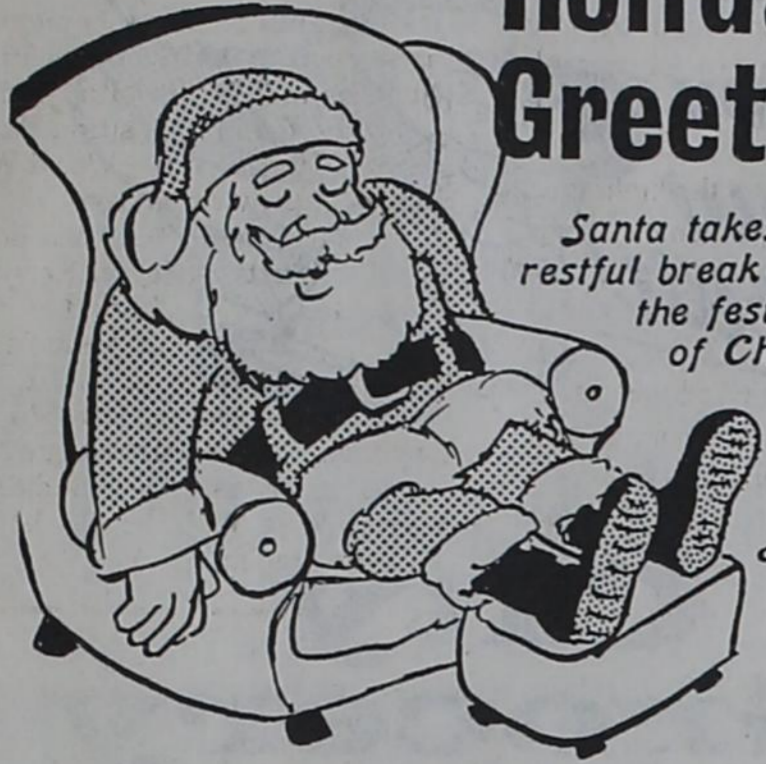
Christmas is Santa Claus, flying thru the night air, as he distributes Children's toys, Reindeers prance as he shouts, "Merry Christmas To All."

Christmas is red ribbons, green holly and pine boughs, decorating gift packages, But more than all of these, It's "Love" on Christ's birthday.

Poem written by Vivian Way Bonnie - Rosemead, California Submitted for print by Vonnie Guthery, reporter of the Desdemona News.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All Our Friends and Neighbors From Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Holiday Greetings

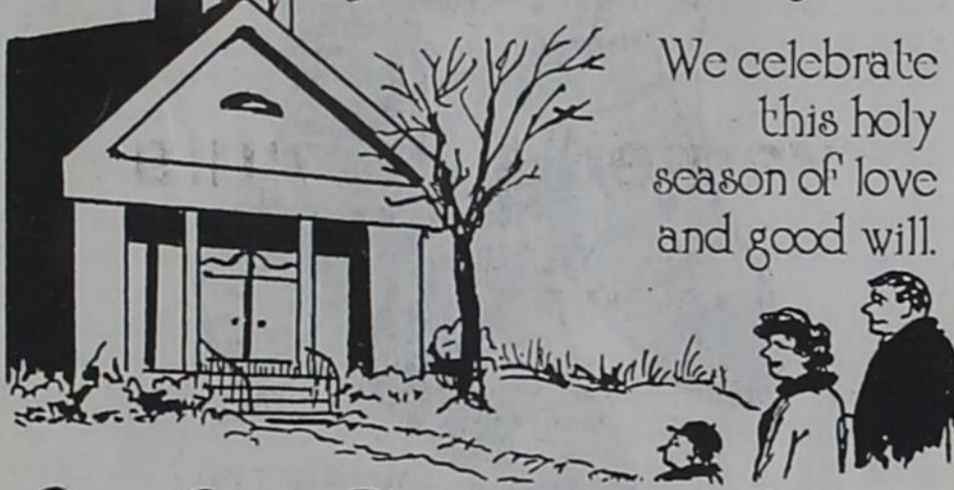


Santa takes a restful break from the festivities of Christmas. But he will revive after his nap!

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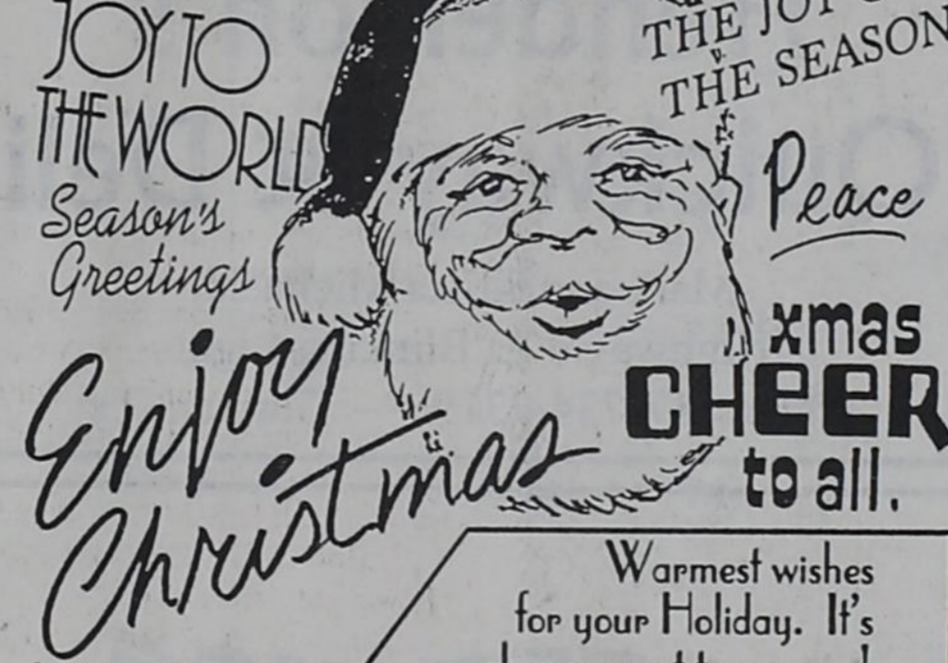
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(NAPS)—Some shows, it seems, really are meant to be tasted. Now, those starving for good television can tune into a terrific combination of some of America's most popular movies and great recipes based on the movies themselves.

Comedians Annabelle Gurwitch and Paul Gilmartin serve as the cooking and movie experts on *Dinner & a Movie*, on Friday Nights on TBS Superstation, now celebrating its 20th year. During each week's show, they give step-by-step recipes while watching and cleverly commenting on the movie.

They are occasionally joined by real stars, such as Kelsey Grammer, and a few not-so-real stars, usually imitated by comedian Tom Dorfmeister.

The recipes featured are created by top-rated chef Claud Mann and have included such delicacies as The Breakfast Club Sandwich (*The Breakfast Club*), Young and Naked Fishkabobs (*The Blue Lagoon*), Male Chauvinist Pig (9 to 5) and the Money Pit Fall Apart Pot Roast (*The Money Pit*).

For the holidays, there's a special showing of *A Christmas Story*, airs December 20th, 8:05 pm EST, accompanied by "Edible Fruit Cake...No Really," but you can get a jump on the occasion by following this recipe:

"Edible" Fruitcake...
No, Really

- For the "Fruit-" Part**
 1½ cups dried, diced apricots (½-inch chunks)
 1½ cups dried cranberries
 1½ cups golden raisins
 1 cup diced pineapple (½-inch chunks)
 ¼ cup Grand Marnier
 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
 1 cup coarsely chopped blanched almonds

- For the "-cake" Part**
 2 sticks butter, softened
 ½ cup light brown sugar
 1 cup confectioner's sugar
 Zest of 1 lemon, grated
 Zest of 2 oranges or tangerines, grated
 6 eggs, separated
 2 tsp vanilla extract
 ½ tsp almond extract
 2½ cups all-purpose flour
 ½ tsp salt
 1 tsp baking powder
 2 tsp ground cinnamon
 ½ tsp ground nutmeg
 ¼ tsp ground ginger

• Preheat oven to 250°F. Butter 2 9x5-inch loaf pans and line with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Butter the paper or foil and set aside.

• In a medium mixing bowl, combine the apricots, cranberries, golden raisins, pineapple, and Grand Marnier; stir well and set aside. In another mixing bowl, sift together the flour, salt, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. Add the chopped nuts and toss a few times.



You can enjoy dishing up delicious meals while watching delightful films with one great show.

• In a large mixing bowl, cream together the brown sugar, confectioner's sugar, and butter until fluffy and smooth. Blend in the egg yolks, one at a time, allowing each to incorporate before adding the next. Stir in the vanilla, almond extract, lemon zest, and orange zest.

• To the butter mixture, alternately fold in the flour mixture and the fruit mixture; stir until well blended. Beat the egg whites until soft peaks begin to form. A third at a time, fold the beaten egg whites into the batter.

• Pour half the batter into each of the prepared pans, filling them no more than 1 inch from the top. Smooth out the tops and bake about 2 hours. To see if the fruitcake is cooked through, insert a knife or skewer in the center. If the knife emerges clean, you might as well put in all the rest of your silver and clean it while you've got the chance. Cool in the pans for 30 minutes, turn out, and brush the tops and sides with a little Grand Marnier. Eat warm, or wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate. Yield: 2 9x5-inch fruitcakes.

• Note: If what you want is a fruitcake that can withstand the ravages of time better than yourself, double the Grand Marnier and add at least two cups of brandy or rum to the dried fruit. Soak for 24 hours before proceeding with recipe. (The next best thing to do is decide who in the family is worthy of inheriting these durable, fruity monoliths in years to come.)

You can also find more recipes and facts on the show on the Web at www.turner.com/dinnermovie.

Edna Smith's Christmas Party

The Edna Smith Class meet with Frankie Jo Shipman for our Christmas Supper and Business Meeting.

As always Frankie Jo's house was beautifully decorated and her kitchen was filled with all that good stuff that people gorge and enjoy. There was brisket and sandwiches plus all the other things, then dessert. It was all so good and we enjoyed it. Estelle asked the blessing.

Louise called the Business Meeting to order with Bonnie opening with prayer. Minutes were read and all reports given. There was no other business.

Estelle brought the devotional by reading from Luke 2 about the coming of the Saviour and there his birth. She also read a poem she had written "A

Christmas Gift" then another Christmas poem "It Must Have Been".

We adjourned to enjoy our Christmas tree and gifts.

Those present were Louise, Anna, Estelle, Geraldene, Beth, Bonnie, Martha, Gladys, and hostess Frankie Jo.



Merry Christmas

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- 10:30 POOLVILLE V. GORMAN
- 12:00 MIDWAY V. BRYSON
- 1:30 MIDWAY V. BRYSON
- 3:00 GORMAN V. LAKE COUNTRY
- 4:30 GORMAN V. LAKE COUNTRY
- 6:00 POOLVILLE V. MIDWAY
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FRIDAY

- 11:30 BRYSON V. LAKE COUNTRY
- 1:00 BRYSON V. LAKE COUNTRY
- 2:30 GORMAN V. MIDWAY

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6:00 POOLVILLE V. BRYSON

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7:30 POOLVILLE V. BRYSON

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SATURDAY

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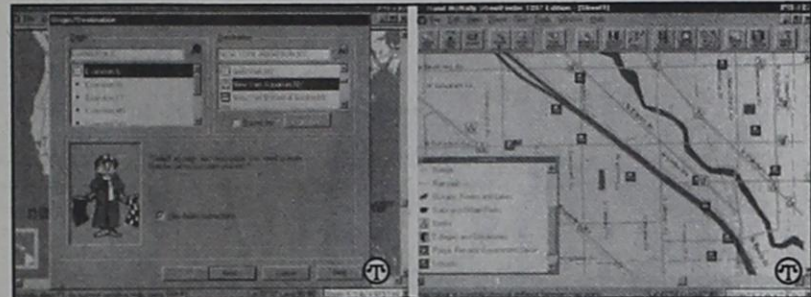
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Taking The Guesswork Out Of Getting There



Although getting there can be half the fun, getting lost is not. TripMaker and StreetFinder software from Rand McNally can make planning your trips far more pleasurable and reduce your chances of getting lost on the way.

(NAPS)—Holiday travel and shopping is stressful enough. This year, make it easier whether you're planning a trip for yourself, relatives or friends or looking for a fun gift—with Rand McNally's TripMaker and StreetFinder CD-ROMS. You can even create and print custom maps showing directions to a holiday party or find a store for last minute shopping.

Both TripMaker and StreetFinder 1997 Editions, the country's best selling trip planning and street atlas software, link seamlessly to the Internet to give you a world of customized travel information. You can check out online weather reports and construction information to plan the perfect holiday vacation or visit. Rand McNally Online also links you to Web sites related to the trip you want to take, or the place you are visiting, selected by Rand McNally's travel experts. No more expensive hours searching the Internet. TripMaker and StreetFinder do it for you.

TripMaker 1997 Edition contains more than 25,000 attractions, so you can see photos, panoramic views, and full-motion videos of points along the way to your holiday destinations—from skiing or camping to hotels, restaurants, kids activities, even complete national parks coverage. Its content and accuracy are unmatched.

TripMaker will plan your route the way you want it, suggest destinations and side trips, then print a custom itinerary. And, now through

the holidays, TripMaker lets you "bring home the memories" from your trip with two free rolls of 35mm film with every purchase.

Now, about those party invitations. StreetFinder 1997 Edition—the best selling street mapping CD-ROM, with the same comprehensive Internet links as TripMaker—lets you create driving or walking directions showing every turn, so your holiday guests can find the fun.

More than one million business listings can be searched, too, so you can find the one flower shop that still has poinsettias, or a store to buy a last-minute gift or card on the road.

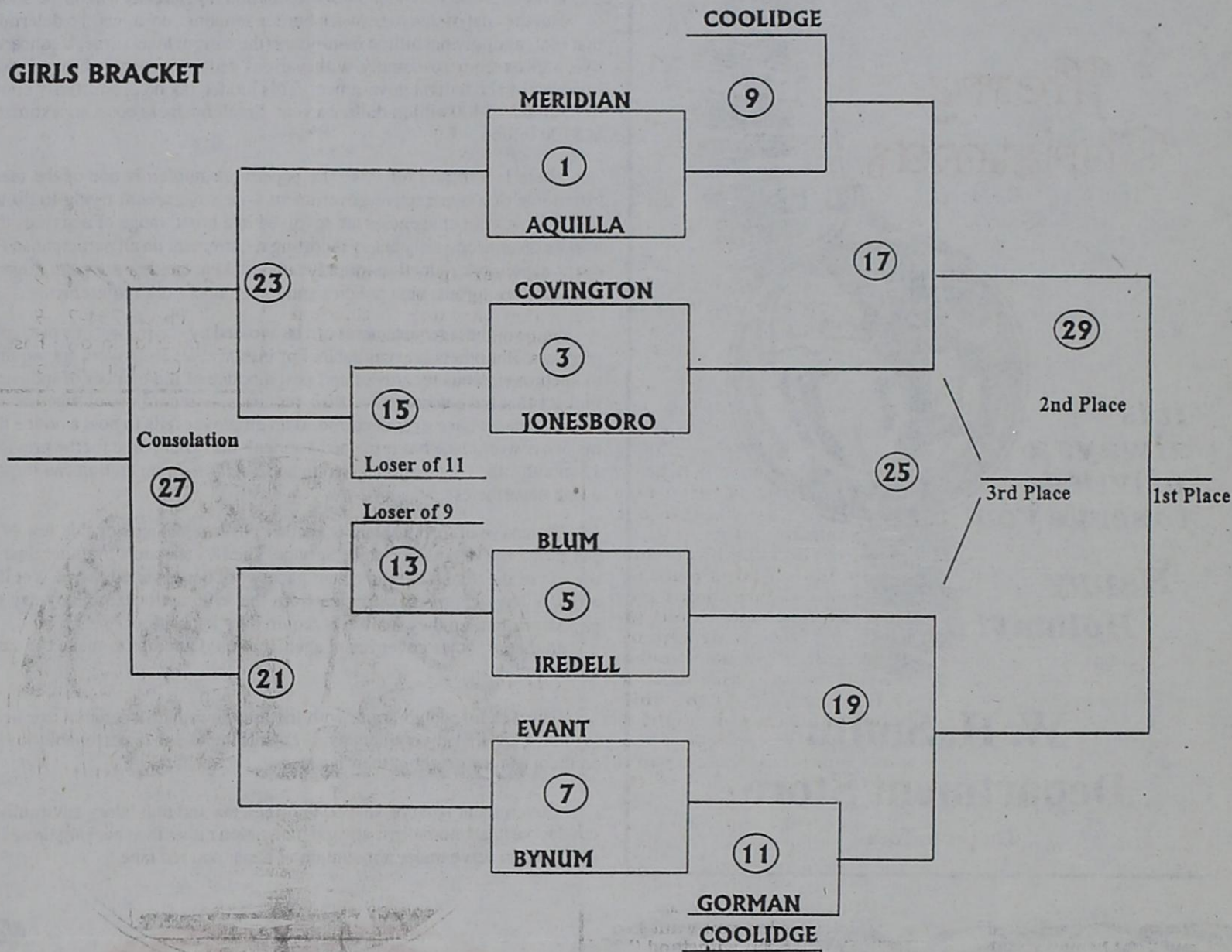
StreetFinder also features 47 different airport maps with detailed views of access roads, terminal locations, and parking and car rental lots to help cut the stress levels for holiday flights—incoming or outgoing.

Business travelers will love StreetFinder 1997 Edition as a gift. The exclusive AddressFinder feature makes it easy to instantly find an address in an unfamiliar city, and extensive city maps can be loaded directly into a laptop computer and carried along.

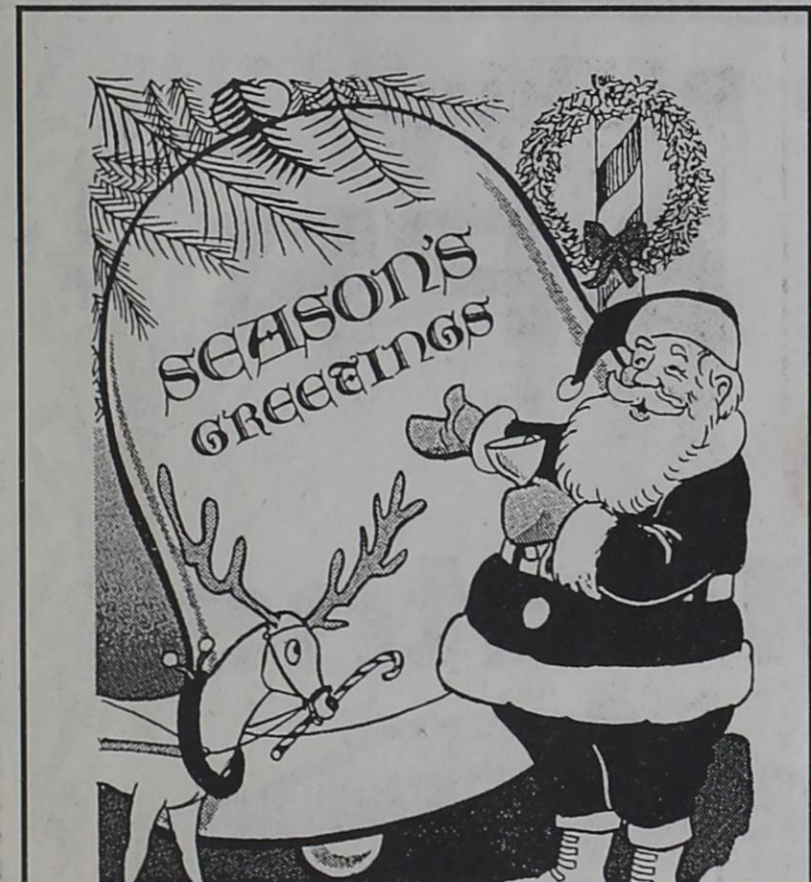
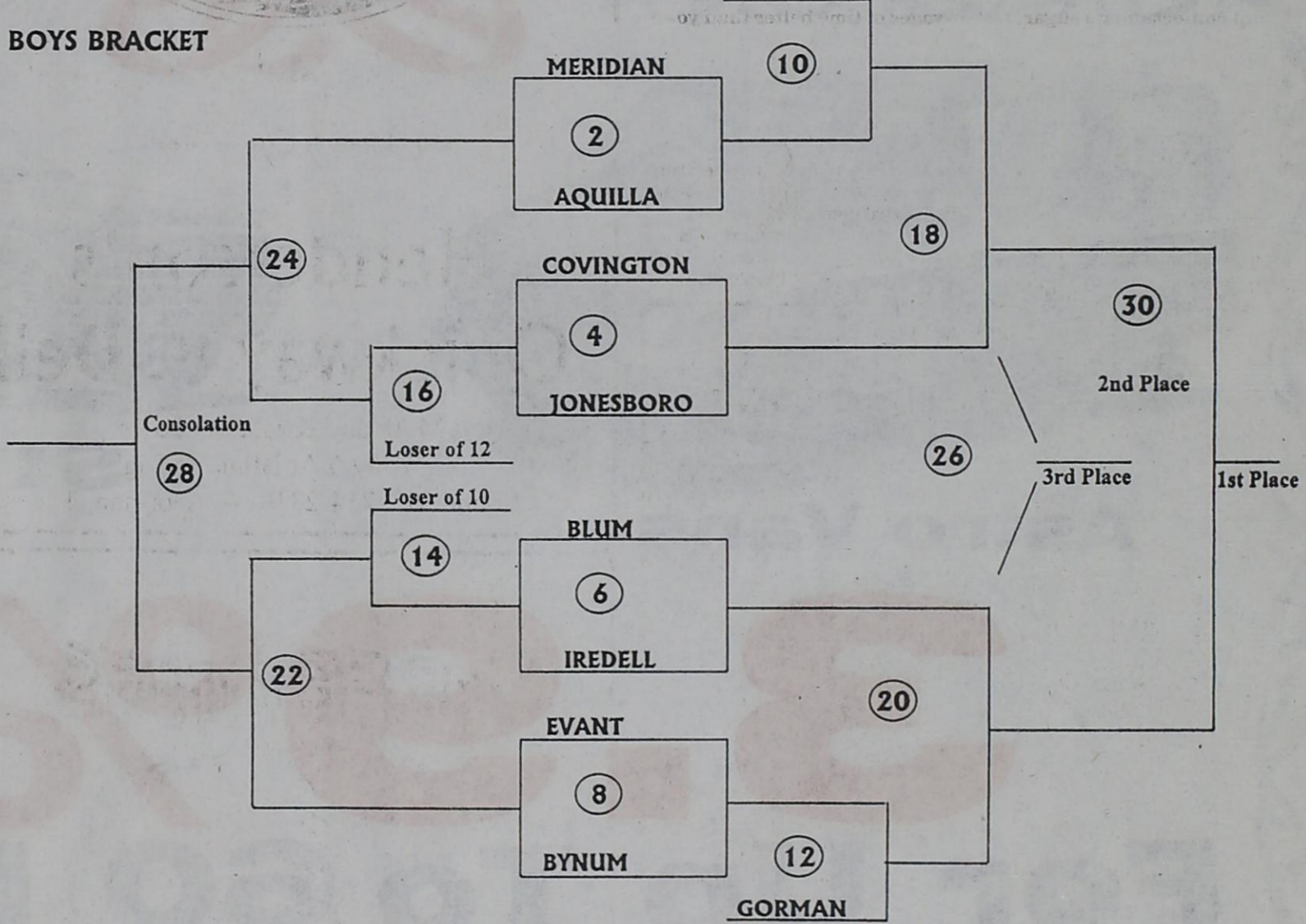
TripMaker and StreetFinder 1997 Editions are available wherever software is sold or directly from Rand McNally at 1-800/671-5006, (ext. 601). TripMaker 1997 Edition is \$39 and StreetFinder 1997 Edition is \$49. Both run under either Windows 3.1 or Win95.

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Local bookstores now carry *The New York Public Library Incredible Earth* (Wiley, \$12.95), the first in a series of books for young adults that reveal the most wondrous aspects of the universe in which we live. The book is also available by calling 1-800-225-5945.

Blimpie International, Inc., with more than 1,500 franchises in 45 states and three foreign countries was ranked 34th in the top 200 small businesses as determined by *Forbes* magazine. Shares are available on the NASDAQ national market system under the symbol BMPE.

Plastic grocery bags are being recycled into a wood-like material that is used to construct boat piers, decks, boardwalks, and even dance floors.

The Quarterly Review of Wines

has rated Tott's the number one California champagne under \$9 for three years in a row.

Young professionals are giving themselves the edge by opting for "power" ties, reports the Neckwear Association of America.

Some herbs may interact with prescribed medicines, procedures, or laboratory findings and may interfere with the study results or place the patient at risk for adverse effects, warn the experts at the National Institutes of Health.

Local bookstores now carry *How to Cook For Your Man and Still Want To Look At Him Naked* (Oxmoor House, \$8.95) a cookbook that teaches low-fat cooking in a light and romantic way. You can order it from 1-800-884-3935.

Toy cars, such as the adorable Freddy 4-Wheeler, are available at Chevron stations in December.



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Paper Trail

A bureaucrat's idea of cleaning up his files is to make a copy of every paper before he destroys it!

This counterproductive tendency is one of the primary concerns of large and small business alike. Not only do bureaucracies make copies of each document before shredding them, but they expect the rest of us to do the same.

Two years ago, the White House Conference on Small Business identified paperwork reduction as one of the top concerns of small business. Even before the conference convened, Congress had passed the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, designed to minimize the paperwork burden and ensure that government maximizes the usefulness of the information it requests. An earlier attempt, the 1980 Paperwork Reduction Act, already was on the books.

But the cost of this paperwork burden remains enormous. To determine that cost, multiply 6.8 billion man-hours (the current level) times a conservative \$50 an hour to comply with various federal paperwork regulations imposed by the federal government. This hidden tax on productivity comes to more than \$400 billion dollars a year. Small business costs are estimated at \$100 billion.

There is a reason for this. The paperwork burden is one of the many symptoms of a hyperactive government — a government trying to do too much. Government agencies are involved in a broad range of activities that impose an unnecessarily heavy reporting requirement on all participants. For every paperwork reduction initiative undertaken, another different government agency sprouts new policies and more paperwork requirements.

Some of these requirements can be avoided by staying out of a particular program. But others are inevitable. For instance, all employers are required to keep meticulous records of and post a notice of the number of industrial injuries that have occurred on their premises — regardless of whether any such accidents have ever occurred. If an employer fails to post a notice that his or her workplace has remained accident- and injury-free for the previous 12 months, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration can impose a fine nevertheless.

Indicative of this problem is another government agency that few of us can avoid: the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS accounts for more than 75 percent of the total 6.8 billion-hour paperwork burden cited above. Yet IRS officials have claimed exemption from the 1995 act because they say the paperwork burden they impose is required by legislation.

In theory, other government agencies could attempt to make the same dubious claim.

Few Texans would argue with the assertion that Americans are over-regulated and that government requirements impose an unreasonable burden on them as they go about their business.

Government must be shaped to offer a tax and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth and innovation rather than burying those it is supposed to serve under a mountain of paper and red tape.

Get The Paper That Works

(NAPS)—It may seem like a minute detail of office management, but choosing the "write" paper is an important component of the successful home office. Not only does it help ensure accuracy, reliability, and performance, it can be cost-effective.

A good office paper works with your office equipment and is designed to meet manufacturers' standards for printability, readability, toner retention, moisture content and strength. Loading inexpensive, low quality "budget" paper into a copier can be a false savings. While the initial cost may seem lower, the ultimate expense—realized only after tossing out crumpled misfed sheets and poorly produced or illegible documents as well as downtime—will be greater.

Low quality paper can do serious damage to sensitive office equipment—damage that requires either high maintenance costs, expensive repairs or even a cancellation of a service contract or replacement. In fact, industry research shows 20 percent of all service calls for automation equipment are direct results of using poor quality paper—or the wrong paper—for the task.



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Look for the following when choosing a copier paper for your home office: weight, smoothness, opacity, brightness, archival, recycled, watermark. Hammermill suggests the following papers for use in copy machines: Hammermill Fore DP, Hammermill Tidal DP, Hammermill Unity DP, and Hammermill Savings DP.

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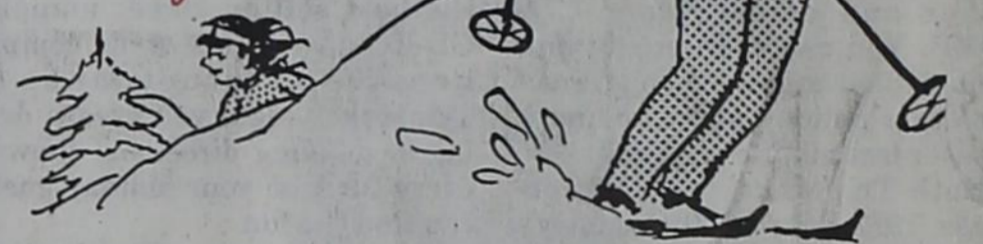
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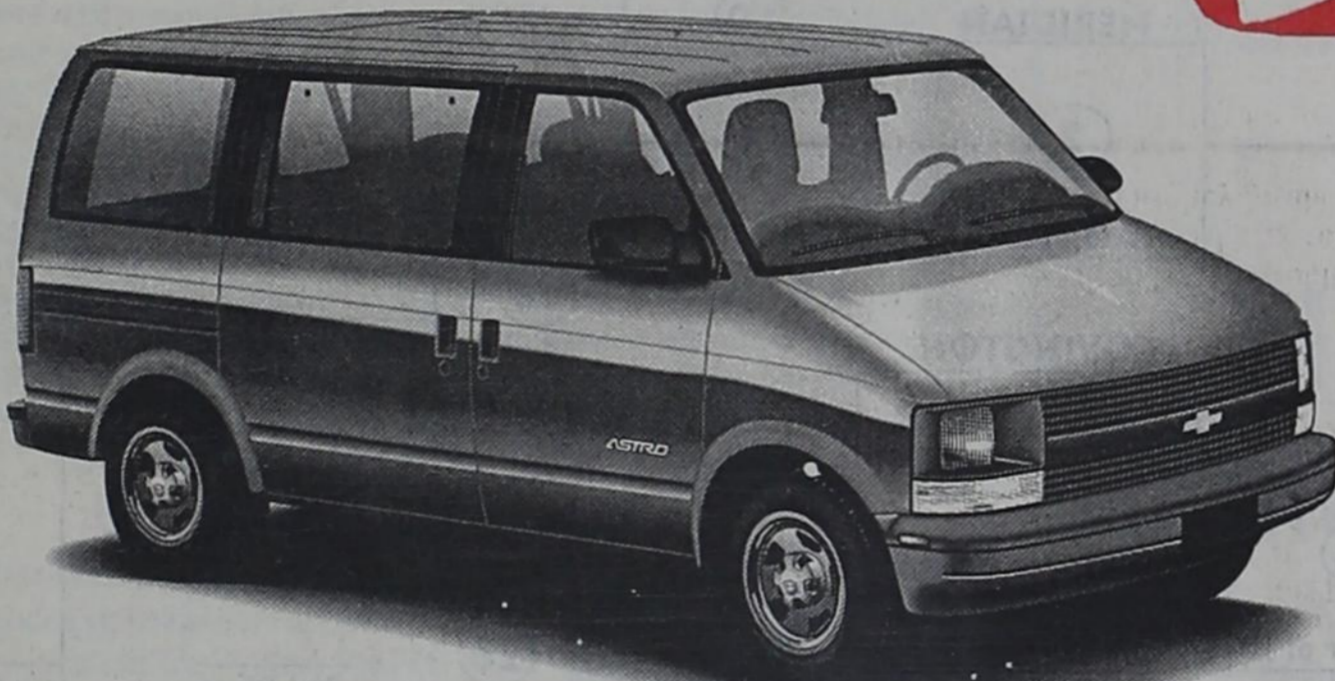
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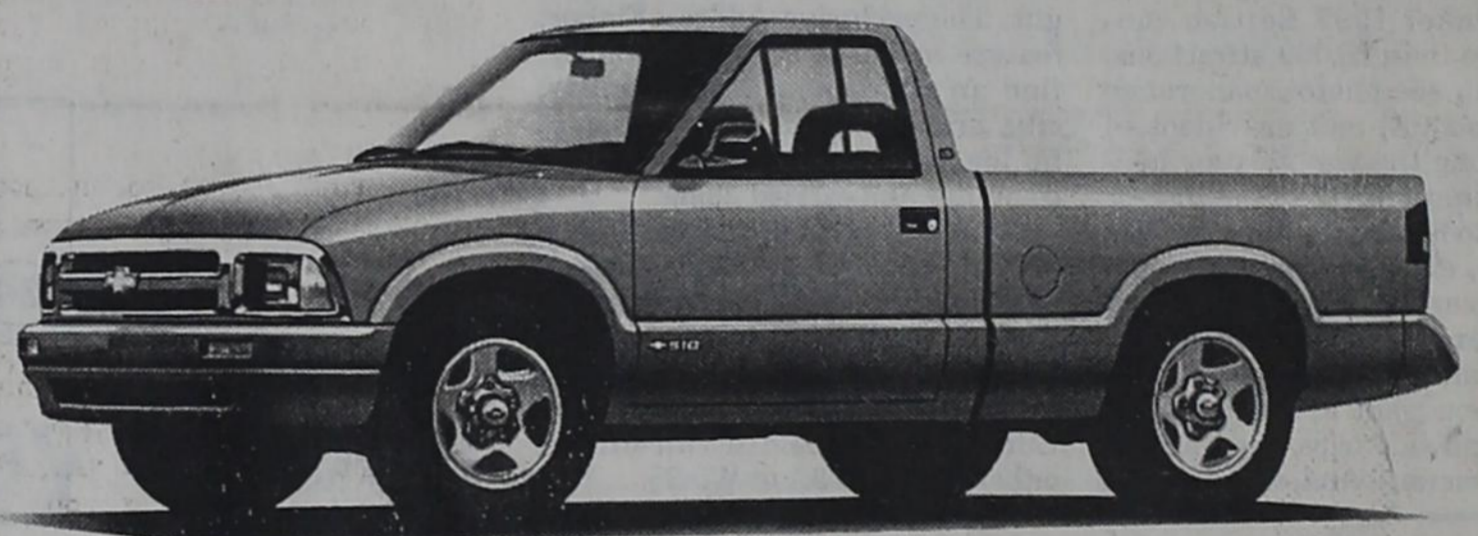
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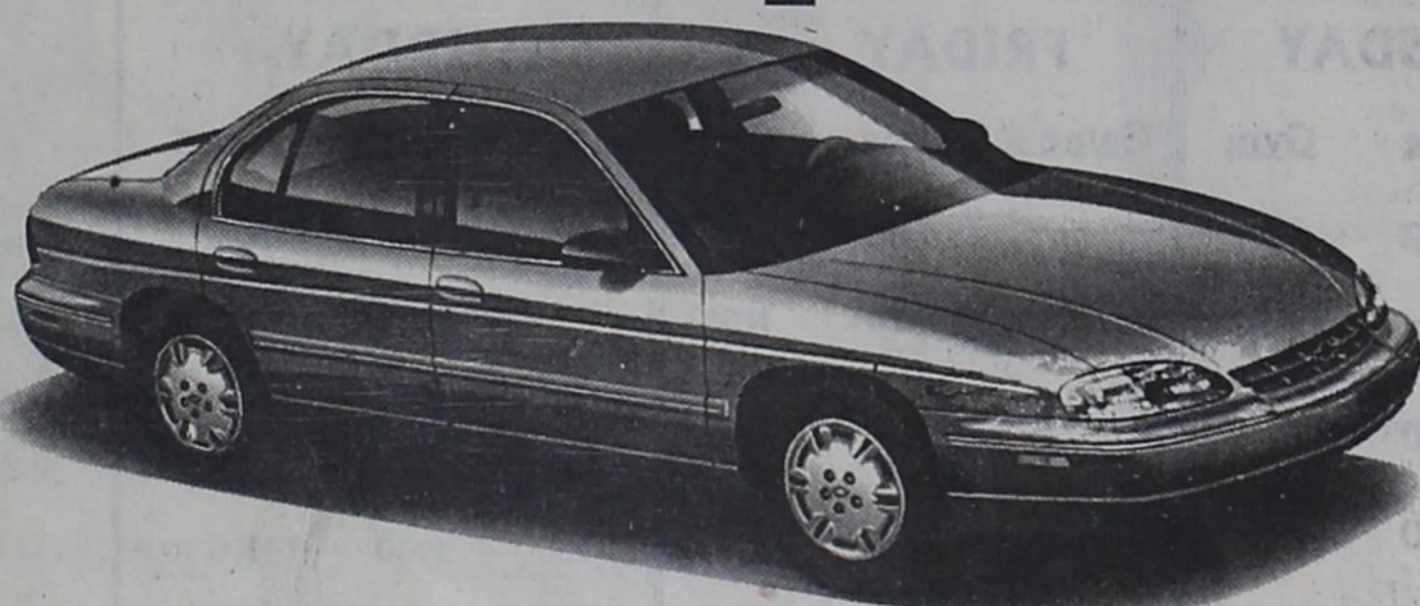


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