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"The People's Choice"

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Rule Chamber names winners

Winners of the Rule home and yard lighting contest are:

First place, James Marquis; second place, Leroy Wilson; third place, Joel Lane and honorable mention, Jack Coker and Karla Taylor.

Children winning the Christmas poster contest include:

Kindergarten: 1. Mathew Frazier, 2. Paul Nieto, 3. Taylor Flanary.

First grade: 1. Beca Raynes, 2. Brandon Cooper, 3. Lizzy Ewing.

Second grade: 1. Courtney Easterling, 2. Clay Morrow, 3. Heather Flores.

Third grade: 1. Kymbre Kupatt, 2. Elizabeth Benavides, 3. (tie) Ty Rhoads and Chanler Robertson.

Fourth grade: 1. Allison Petty, 2. Stephanie Threet, 3. Samantha Benavides.

Fifth grade: 1. Joseph Turner, 2. Ashley Davis, 3. Kate Rowan.

The contests were sponsored by the Rule Chamber of Commerce.

Basketball

Haskell
Boys 7th-8th-9th vs Eastland
Thurs., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.
at Eastland

JVG, VG-B vs Anson
Sat., Jan. 4, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
Tues., Jan. 7, 4 p.m.
at Stamford

Paint Creek
Paint Creek vs Aspermont
Fri., Jan. 3, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek JH vs Aspermont
Mon., Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m.
at Aspermont

Paint Creek vs Rule
Tues., Jan. 7, 5 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Food service training

Registration deadline for the Food Protection Management Training Program is Fri., Jan. 3 by 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in registering for the course and/or the certification exam or if you need more information, please call Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-FCS at (940) 864-2546. Completion of this course and a passing score on the exam fulfills Texas Department of Health's requirements to become a certified food manager. Effective March 1 each food establishment permitted by TDH will be required to employ a certified food manager.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Jan. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Jan. 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

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CHECKING THE LIST TWICE—Bill Steele and Ronnie Frierson check their list of recipients for the Goodfellows boxes on a chilly Christmas Eve morning. Members of the Haskell Fire Department, Haskell Lions Club and Haskell County Child Welfare Board packed and distributed 30 baskets containing food, toys and clothing to Haskell's needy families.

Lodges to install officers

Grand Vice President-Marketing Robert Buffington of the Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas, assisted by James Lowak of the Grand Lodge Laws Committee, will install officers from nine Old Glory area Hermann Sons lodges at 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. 11, at the Old Glory Hermann Sons Lodge Hall, Old Glory.

Leadership teams will also be installed from the Haskell Lodge No. 241.

Hermann Sons is a not-for-profit fraternal insurance society. Widely known for its volunteerism, Hermann Sons offers its members a variety of life insurance plans, annuity and IRA products plus other services.

Two German immigrants from New York organized the first Hermann Sons Lodge (Harmonia) in San Antonio in 1861. The Grand Lodge was formed in 1890.

The more than 76,000 members belong to one of 152 local lodges across Texas and have access to a wide range of fraternal benefits, including 34 tuition-free dance schools for its junior members age 3 through 17, a camp for its junior members age 9 through 13 and a retirement home. The youth camp and the retirement home are situated on a 330-acre tract near Comfort.

December sales tax payments up slightly

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$292.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments.

Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$196.8 million to Texas cities and \$16.8 million to Texas counties.

December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the

Comptroller in November. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.3 billion.

Haskell County had a 8.68 percent increase for December, 2002 of \$23,197.45 in comparison to \$21,342.95 for December 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$361,440.66 reflect a 3.33 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of

\$349,779.60.

The City of Haskell had a 7.93 percent increase for December, 2002 of \$21,633.85 in comparison to \$20,042.94 for December, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$337,861.33 reflect a 4.35 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$323,770.57.

The City of O'Brien had a 11.04 percent decrease for December, 2002 of \$27.21 in comparison to \$30.59 for December, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$797.76 reflect a 35.73 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$1,241.36.

The City of Rochester had a 96.63 percent increase for December, 2002

of \$601.85 in comparison to \$306.08 for December, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$6,722.74 reflect a 4.95 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$6,405.05.

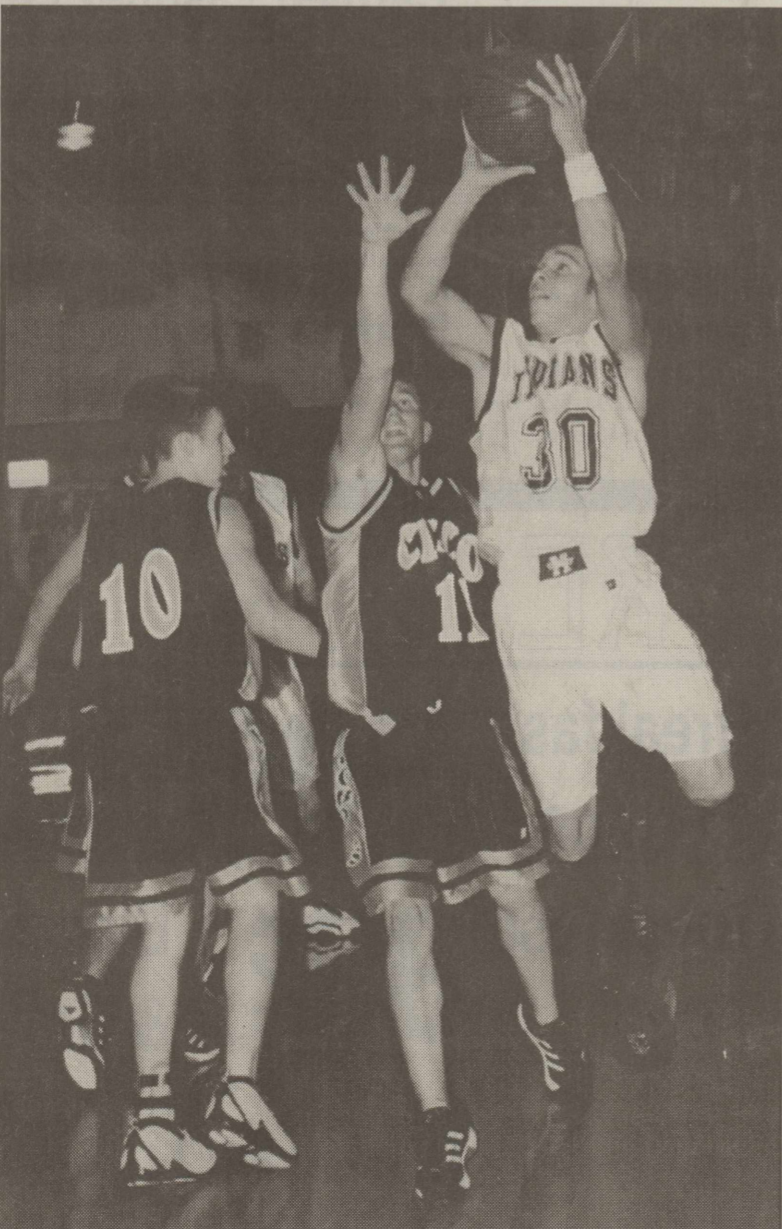
The City of Rule had a 1.09 percent increase for December, 2002 of \$895.56 in comparison to \$905.44 for December, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$14,503.19 reflect a 9.50 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$16,026.84.

The City of Weinert had a 32.67 percent decrease for December, 2002 of \$38.98 in comparison to \$57.90 for December, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$1,555.64 reflect a 33.39 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$2,335.78.

Goodfellows Donations

Anonymous.....	\$10.00
Mike and Teresa New.....	Bread
Total this week.....	\$10.00
Previous total.....	\$760.00
Total to date.....	\$770.00

A total of 30 baskets were delivered.



INDIANS WIN—Osiel Garcia (30) puts up two for the Indians. The Tribe defeated Cisco 69-19 during a game played Dec. 20.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



BOOK WEEK—Jane Powers reads a book to the students of Rhonda Hanson's second grade class during National Children's Book Week. Hanson is the daughter of Powers.

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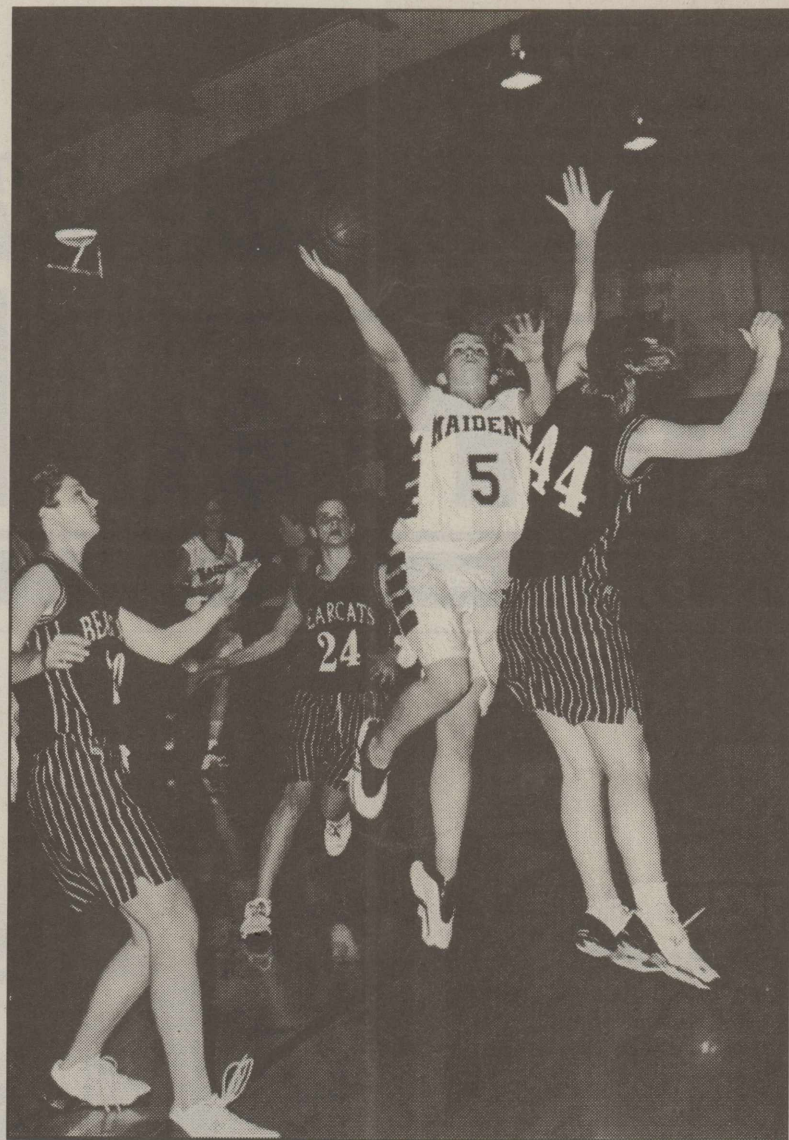
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MAIDENS SCORE—Calina Kendall (5) attempts to score for the Maidens during a game against Hawley played Dec. 17. The Maidens won the game 52-34.
Photo by Bill Blankenship



INDIANS SCORE—Indian Eddie Loyd (22) scores two points during the Vernon Tournament. Haskell lost the game to Memphis 60-63.
Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Haskell Co. Extension Agent
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Area Basketball scores

HAWLEY HOOPS CLASSIC

Girls
Haskell 40, Clyde 26
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 8, Rutkowski 4, Buerger 7, Bird 7, Hise 7, Harlan 4, Lindsey 2, Mays 1.

Haskell 56, Coleman 40
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 16, Buerger 14, Lindsey 11, Rutkowski 5, Mays 4, Wallace 3, Bird 2, Hise 1.

Haskell 48, Hawley 39
Girls Championship
Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 12, Wallace 10, Rutkowski 7, McKnight 6, Harlan 6, Kendall 5, Lindsey 2.

Tournament MVP: Monica Buerger. All tournament team honors: Calina Kendall and Britany Lindsey.

Boys
Haskell 61, Clyde 58
Scoring for Haskell: Goudeau 11, Hairgrove 11, Garcia 8, Webb 7, E. Loyd 7, B. Loyd 6, Burgess 6, G. Garcia 3, Mitchell 2.

Haskell 58, Cooper JV 52
Scoring for Haskell: Burgess 24, Goudeau 14, E. Loyd 7, Webb 5, Garcia 4, Mitchell 2.

Haskell 77, Hamlin 52
Boys Championship
Scoring for Haskell: Goudeau 18, Burgess 13, Webb 12, B. Loyd 7, Garcia 6, Mitchell 6, E. Loyd 6, Pena 5, Hairgrove 2, Garcia 2.

Tournament MVP: Leon Goudeau. All tournament team honors: Melvin Garcia and Ryan Burgess.

Girls
Rochester 46, Lueders-Avoca 23
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 20, Martinez 10, Brown 8, Martin 4, Ramos 2, Sanchez 2.

Boys
Rochester 65, Lueders-Avoca 60
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 27, Earle 16, Saucedo 12, Self 10.

Obituaries

Mamie E. Jones Watson

Memorial services for Mamie E. Jones Watson, 94, of Duncan, Okla. were held Sat., Dec. 28 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Duncan, Okla.

Mrs. Watson died Sat., Dec. 21.

Born Sept. 23, 1908 in Haskell; she was the daughter of Charles and Ethel Jones. She lived in Haskell until her marriage to James R. Watson in April 1956. He preceded her in death in 1979.

PD. NOTICE

Carmen Vasquez Luna

Funeral services for Carmen Vasquez Luna, 42 of Goree were held Mon., Dec. 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rhineland officiated by Father Leo. Burial followed at Rhineland Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Luna died Fri., Dec. 27 in Haskell.

Born Oct. 28, 1960 in O'Donnell, she was the daughter of Raymundo and Arcilia Vasquez. After graduating from Tahoka High School, she married Alvaro Luna Aug.

18, 1981 in Munday.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jessie Vasquez. Survivors include her husband, Alvaro Luna of Goree; one daughter, Amanda Luna of Wichita Falls; her parents, Raymundo and Arcilia Vasquez; two sisters, Pat Calvillo and Beatrice Gonzalez, both of Tahoka; and one brother, Luis Vasquez of Tahoka.

Memorials may be made to the Mothers Society of Rhineland.

PD. NOTICE

Ruth Maxine Ferguson

Funeral services for Ruth Maxine Ferguson, formerly of Lubbock and Haskell, are pending with Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Ferguson died Dec. 29 at Clearlake Hospital in Clearlake.

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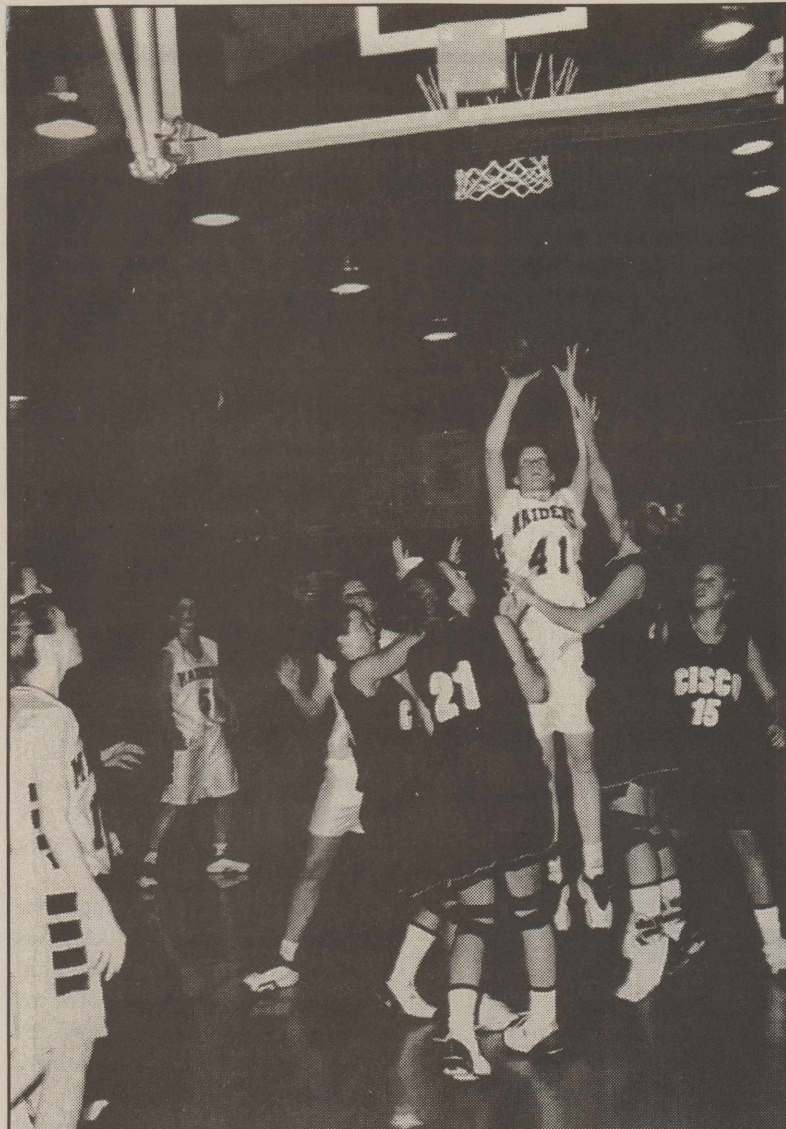
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TWO POINTS—Maiden Brittany Lindsey (41) scores two points for the Maidens in a game against Cisco played Dec. 20. The Maidens were defeated by a score of 57-26. Photo by Bill Blankenship



SECOND PLACE—Melvin Garcia (24) scores a lay-up during a game against Memphis. Haskell lost 60 to 63 in the game played during the Vernon Tournament. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Unintentional acetaminophen overdose is most common cause of acute liver failure

Unintentional acetaminophen overdose is the most common cause of acute liver failure in the United States, research from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas shows.

The scientists' finding appear in a recent issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

"This study is the first to prospectively characterize a large number of patients with acute liver failure," said Dr. William M. Lee, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern and the study's principal investigator. "Until recently, only limited data have been available on the causes and outcomes of acute liver failure because of its rarity and a lack of centralized data registry."

Earlier this year, a preliminary report based on the study prompted a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee to recommend stronger warning labels on over-the-counter pain medications and cold-and-cough remedies containing acetaminophen, an analgesic with potency similar to aspirin.

The study found that 39 percent of patients with acute liver failure, a rapidly progressive and frequently fatal disease that annually affects 2,000 people in the United States, were from acetaminophen overdose.

"We observed a much higher frequency of presumed acetaminophen overdose-related hepatotoxicity than previous reports," Lee said. "Unlike the United Kingdom, more than half of our patients with acetaminophen overdose were believed to have overdosed unintentionally, rather than during a suicide attempt."

Lee said a striking finding of the study was that 73 percent of the

patients were women.

"Whether women are innately more susceptible to acute liver failure or are taking more kinds of prescription and nonprescription drugs, and are therefore at a higher risk, remains to be determined," Lee said.

The three-year study looked at 308 patients with acute liver failure from 17 different liver care centers around the country. Lee and his colleagues found that 39 percent of cases were from acetaminophen overdose, and they also discovered that 13 percent were from idiosyncratic drug reactions; 12 percent were from viral hepatitis A and B; and 17 percent were of indeterminate cause.

"Acetaminophen is quite safe when taken accordingly to package recommendations," Lee said. "Eighty-three percent of our patients who developed acute liver failure had exceeded the daily maximum recommended dose of four grams."

While 68 percent of patients with acute liver failure related to acetaminophen overdose recovered with supportive care and 6 percent required transplantation, only 25 percent of patients with idiosyncratic drug reactions recovered and more than 50 percent required transplants once their nervous systems were damaged by liver function failure.

In 1997, Lee formed a consortium of liver centers, called the Acute Liver Failure Study Group, to increase research in this area. The scientific collaboration has made it possible for investigators to study the disease in greater depth.

Two former UT Southwestern researchers—Drs. George Ostapowicz and Frank Schiodt—also contributed to the study. Other collaborators are

from Baylor University Medical Center; the Mayo Clinic; Gold Coast Hospital in Southport, Australia; Northwestern University; and the universities of Michigan, Washington, California-Los Angeles,

California-San Francisco, Nebraska, and Pittsburgh.

This study was supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

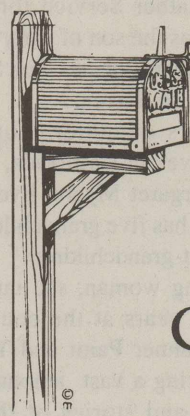
Births

Joseph and Caroline Toliver of Ballinger announce the birth of their son, Eric Joseph Toliver, born Dec. 18 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. He was 20 inches long.

Welcoming Eric home are Chelsea, age 5 and Marcus, age 2.

Grandparents are Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell and Alvin and Janice Niehues of Norton.

Great grandmothers are Mrs. Walter Niehues of Norton and Mrs. Mack Halfmann of Wall. Eric is Mrs. Halfmann's 109th great grandchild.



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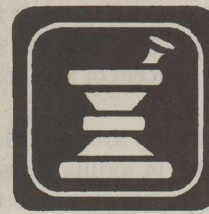
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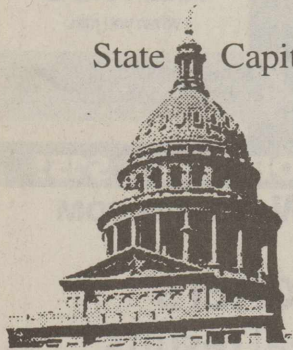
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Bill would add student to UT board

AUSTIN—A freshly-filed piece of legislation is merely a starting place, not a done deal by any means. Think of a bill just dropped into the proverbial hopper as someone's wish list.

Still, newly filed bills are interesting to read. And starting soon, a lot of people in Austin will make a living watching these bills very closely. Some they will want passed, others they will wish to have an early death.

Since pre-filing of legislation began in mid-November, only a few hundred bills have been filed. Here's a semi-random sampling:

Senate Bill 111 by Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, is a piece of legislation that might cause the late Frank Erwin, the legendarily-powerful chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents back in the 1970s, to return to life. Barrientos' bill would provide for the selection of a student as a member of UT's board of regents.

Since the creation of UT in the early 1880s, members of the nine-member board of regents have been political heavy hitters, people such as Erwin, Lady Bird Johnson or Tony Sanchez. Having a student on the board, while he or she couldn't single-handedly make anything happen, would certainly raise the interest level of its meetings.

Another interesting measure is House Bill 206, filed by Rep. Robert Puente, D-San Antonio, which would allow a river authority to adopt and enforce rules to limit or prohibit vehicle access to the beds and banks of state-owned waterways. In layman's language, the idea is to get all terrain vehicles off our riverbeds, which they are chewing up.

Finally, House Bill 139 by Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, would transfer ownership of the Odessa meteor crater to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Currently, this scene of an early-day visit of a large chunk of extraterrestrial metal is owned and maintained by Ector County. County

employees working at the site also would become state employees.

As the bill filing process continues, depending on a person's political and fiscal point of view, some measures will seem to have come from the same place the Odessa meteor did—outer space.

Calendar items...

Both houses of the Legislature convene at noon on Jan. 14. Though pre-filing of bills began on Nov. 12 (470 pieces of legislation had been filed by Dec. 23), lawmakers will be able to introduce legislation through March 14. After that time, only local or emergency bills can be filed.

Last day of the regular session will be June 2. After that date, the governor has 20 days to sign or veto bills. Those bills that do get signed, unless they have specific effective dates, become law on Sept. 1, 2003.

To put the bill-filing number in perspective, 8,847 pieces of legislation were filed during the last session. Of those, 4,631 were enrolled, with 82 vetoed. That was the highest number of vetoes in the last decade. Biggest year for bill-filing was during the 76th Legislature in 1999. That session, 8,919 measures were filed, 4,498 being enrolled and 33 being vetoed.

Retailers not too jolly...

The final numbers aren't in, but the preliminary indication is that retail sales during the Christmas shopping rush were still sluggish, despite all the advertising and sales. One barometer of consumer spending is state sales tax collections, which for September compared with September 2001 were down 0.8 of a percent.

Bet you don't know...

You probably know sorghum is a major Texas crop. The 2002 harvest accounted for 25 percent of the U.S. total.

The grain is used for livestock and fish feed, but also in tortilla chips, breakfast grits, cereal, beer, molasses and, what you probably never knew—Sheetrock. Only Kansas produces a larger annual crop than the Lone Star State, according to the Comptroller's Office, citing statistics from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in our family home near Weinert.

I am single and have two children.

I am a 1953 graduate of Weinert ISD and graduated from North Texas University with a BS in 1956.

No one knows that when I was not quite six years old, during a family nap time, I slipped matches and took them out to strike on the only bit of concrete on the place, which happened to be the floor of our brand new WPA outdoor toilet we were so proud of. In the process, a bushel basket of papers accidentally caught fire. In my panic I began screaming and trying to get out. But, a high wind had blown the door shut, causing the outside latch to close. Thanks to my big brother, who heard me and rescued me from the burning building, my life was saved.

My favorite TV offerings are CNN News and the History Channel. My favorite type of music is "early" country western and Christian. My favorite songs are "How Great Thou Art" and "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head."

I like to attend grandchildren's school and sports events, attend and watch college football on TV, watch Astro games, read and do cross stitch.

The last book I read was "Will's War," by Janice Woods Windle. I am now reading "Answered Prayers," by Danielle Steel.

My favorite place in Texas is the Hill Country. My favorite vacation spot in the world is a "toss-up" between the Canadian Rockies and the Island of Kauai, Hawaii.

My best quality is helping others. My worst quality is that I sometimes talk too much!

My greatest accomplishment is the birth of my two children and

seeing them happily married, successful and outstanding God-loving parents to my seven wonderful grandchildren.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is its warm-friendly people! Watch for this reader's identity soon.

Update

The last Mystery Reader we presented was Ernestine Herren.

Ernestine is the widow of Sam Herren, who served 52 years keeping a record of the daily weather in Haskell, and won awards from the National Weather Service for his work. He was the son of early day Haskell County residents, Col. Sam and Mrs. Louisa Herren.

Ernestine's daughter, Louisa Archibald, lives in California, and daughter Margaret Myers, lives in Arizona. She has five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

As a young woman, she taught school three years at the country schools of Tanner Paint and Tonk Creek, gathering a vast amount of information and stories of those times, which she has preserved in a complete history of Haskell County's country schools. The complete work was published by the *Haskell Free Press* some years ago, and is now housed in libraries, including those in Haskell and Abilene, the Dallas Genealogy Library and the West Texas Archives at Texas Tech University.

A few years ago she also researched and compiled a historical record of all the early Haskell County graveyards.

At 87 years old she is still interested in anything to do with history, and continues to gather information. One of her goals has been to compile a complete history

of the Haskell County early country churches, only three of which are left. However, she says she is not now up to the massive amount of time and energy it will involve to do so.

After raising her family, Ernestine worked ten years as an aide in the Haskell Head Start program.

She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, working many years teaching a class, serving as an elder and being active in the work of the Women of the Church group.

Thoughts for the New Year

As we come to the end of another year, there is always a time for looking back, recounting things done and undone, sometimes with a feeling of accomplishment and sometimes with regret. Before we write off the events of the past year, in our eagerness to begin planning those of the new year ahead, we might take time out to consider these thoughts of writer Howard Thurman.

"Blessings at Years End"

I remember with gratitude the fruits of the labors of others, which I have shared as a part of the normal experience of daily living.

I remember the beautiful things that I have seen, heard, and felt—some as a result of definite seeking on my part, and many that came unheralded into my path, warming my heart and rejoicing my spirit.

I remember the moments of distress that proved to be groundless and those that taught me profoundly about the evilness of evil and the goodness of good.

I remember the new people I have met, from whom I have caught glimpses of the meaning of my own life and the true character of human dignity.

I remember the dreams that haunted me during the year, keeping me ever mindful of goals and hopes which I did not realize but from which I drew inspiration to sustain my life and keep steady my purposes.

I remember the awareness of the spirit of God that sought me out in my aloneness and gave to me a sense of assurance that undercut my despair and confirmed my life with new courage and abiding hope.

Gin Report

December 23, 2002

Haskell	O'Brien	Rule	Weinert
Haskell Co-op Gin	5,423		
Haskell County Gin	3,248		
O'Brien Gin	10,851		
Rule Co-op Gin	3,915		
Sagerton Gin	2,500		
Griff's Gin	2,210		
Weinert Gin	4,723		
Total Bales	32,870		

Keeping an Eye on Texas

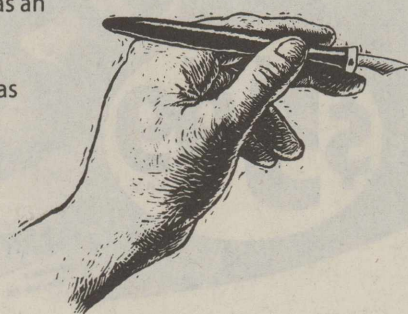
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SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the General Land Office.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
January 7, 1993

The Rev. Paul Cheatham will preach his final sermon Sunday as pastor of East Side Baptist Church. He and his family will leave Monday for their new home in Irving where he will become pastor of Hilltop Drive Baptist Church.

David Middleton has assumed duties as manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Wanda Dulaney, who retired Dec. 18, after serving as chamber manager for 12 years.

Fred Barnett of San Angelo has been elected president of the Texas Society of Emergency Medical Technicians. He is director of emergency medical services education at Angelo Community Hospital.

Betty Weise has been named Haskell County Auditor. Weise served 11 1/2 years as assistant to recently retired auditor Alene Collins.

20 Years Ago
January 6, 1983

A new Haskell County grand jury was impaneled Jan. 3. Grand jury members include: Virginia Jones, Larry Lefevre, Chesley Forehand, Earl Smith, Raymond Andrada, Patsy Silba, Jerry Cannon, Sue Guess, John Mark Trice, Mrs. Joe Cothron, Ruby Cockerell and Rod Townsend.

The Haskell County Junior Livestock Association held its annual bean and cornbread supper at the High School cafeteria.

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon. night. Judy Habes o Graham was the guest artist. She demonstrated painting with watercolors.

30 Years Ago
January 4, 1973

The Haskell FFA Chapter had five steers and six barrows and the County 4-H Chapter had 32 steers, six heifer and four barrows, competing in the 77th Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude G. Covey of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23, with a family dinner at home.

Mrs. Vern Foreman of Odessa formerly Charlotte Redwine, of Haskell was nominated for the Outstanding Citizen Award of Odessa by Lambda Alpha ESA.

40 Years Ago
January 3, 1963

Five outstanding students were chosen for Who's Who of Haskell High School including: Damele Baird, Bobby Herren, Sandra Letz, Bassett Owens and Lowell Wallace. Captain Winters George Hale Alderman received the Air Force commendation medal for meritorious service at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Lieutenant William Bailey Guess, Jr. of Weinert, was commissioned December 21, 1962, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

50 Years Ago
January 1, 1953

Royce Adkins, assumed the office of District Attorney of the 39th Judicial District. The district includes: Haskell, Throckmorton, Stonewall and Kent counties.

Velton Moore, operator of the Corner Gulf Station, purchased the City Taxi service.

Otto D. Waldrip of Haskell and Mrs. Delroy Huntsman of Rochester were new members of the bookkeeping staff at Haskell National Bank.

100 Years Ago
January 1, 1903

The Marcy school began with Professor T.L. Waldron principal and Miss Cecil Tucker Assistant. A good many farmers are still picking cotton and a full attendance at school is not expected until the crop is gathered.

Hugh Rogers left town to return to Dodge City, Kansas. J.F. Stephens got back from the Indian Territory. He reports flourishing times up there. W.J. Shaw, a hardware and implement man of Wichita Falls was here and had been visiting his brother in the west part of the county. He says we have a fine country and he believes that in a few years land will go up to \$20 an acre.

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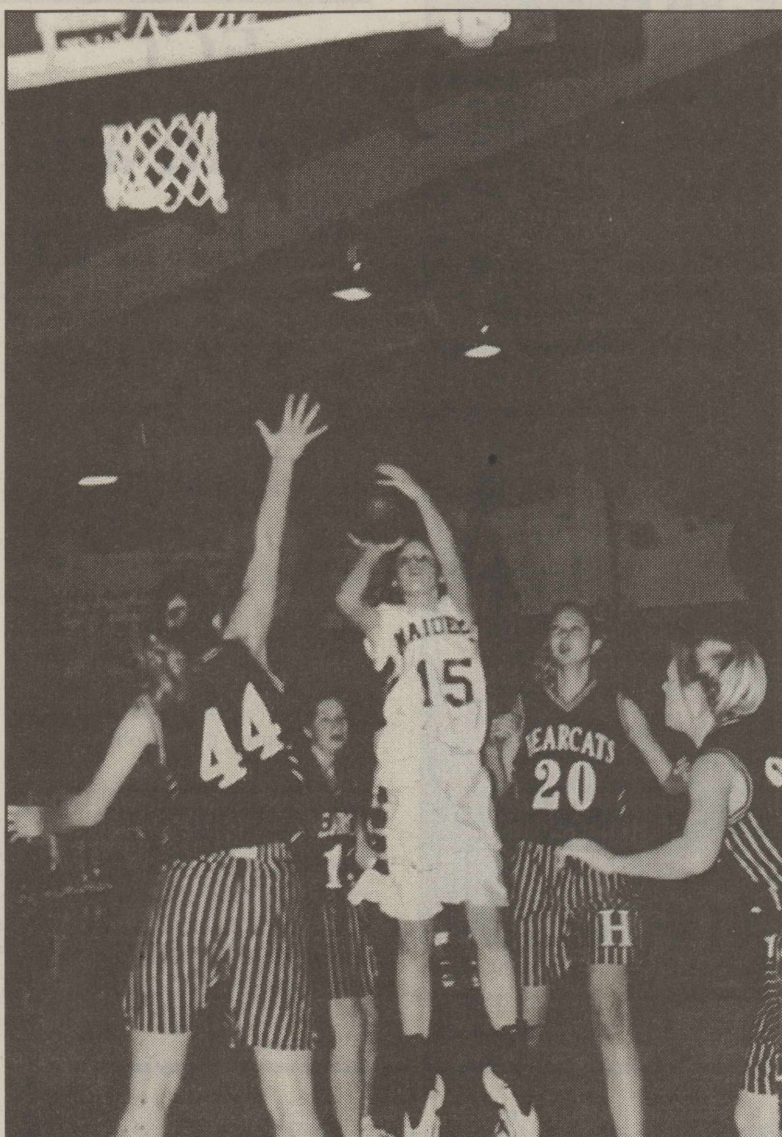


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MAIDENS SCORE—Maiden Monica Buerger (21) attempts a goal in a game against Cisco played Dec. 20. The Maidens were defeated by a score of 26-57.

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JUMP SHOT—Maiden Whitney Wallace sets up a jump shot during a game against Hawley played Dec. 17. The Maidens won the game by a score of 52-34.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR 2003 TAX CALENDAR

- Mark these dates as red letter days on your 2003 calendar if any of the following upcoming tax deadlines apply to you or your business.
- **January 15:** Due date for the fourth and final installment of 2002 estimated tax (unless you file your 2002 return and pay any balance due by January 31).
 - **January 31:** Employers must furnish 2002 W-2 statements to employees. 1099 information statements must be furnished to payees by banks, brokers and other payors.
 - **January 31:** Employers must generally file 2002 federal unemployment tax returns and pay any tax due.
 - **February 28:** Payors must file information returns, such as 1099s, with the IRS. (March 31 is the deadline if filing electronically.)
 - **February 28:** Employers must send W-2 copies to the Social Security Administration. (March 31 is the deadline if filing electronically.)
 - **March 3:** Farmers and fishermen who did not make 2002 estimated tax payments must file 2002 tax returns and pay taxes in full.
 - **March 17:** 2002 calendar-year corporation income tax returns are due.
 - **April 15:** Individual income tax returns for 2002 are due unless you file for an automatic extension. Taxes owed are due regardless of extension.
 - **April 15:** 2002 partnership returns are due.
 - **April 15:** 2002 annual gift tax returns are due.
 - **April 15:** Deadline for making your 2002 IRA contribution and 2002 education savings account contributions.
 - **April 15:** First installment of 2003 individual estimated tax is due.
 - **June 16:** Second installment of 2003 individual estimated tax is due.
 - **August 15:** Deadline for filing your 2002 individual tax return if you requested an extension of the April 15 filing deadline.
 - **September 15:** Third installment of 2003 individual estimated tax is due.
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Toy safety division warns of hazards

Thinking about getting a portable basketball hoop for the athlete in your family? Does your 10-year-old want to learn soap-making? Considering a baby walker or swing for your newest family member?

Some of these items, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), may have hidden hazards. A few simple precautions can help make toys safer for children. Awareness of dangers and prompt action protects buyers, sellers and children.

"Parents should not buy toys with small parts for children under three," said Annabelle Dillard with the TDH's Product Safety Division. "In addition, some toys can break,

exposing young children to the hazards of choking on small internal parts."

To find out if a small part on a toy is a choking hazard, parents can use a simple test. Take the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper. If the part can pass through the tube, it could choke a child.

In addition to safeguarding children from obvious hazards such as small parts and sharp edges, parents need to train their children to be aware of safety issues. Most adults know that electronics and water don't mix, but children may not recognize the dangers of electrical shock.

Many model kits and art kits contain paint and glue that require

knowing about proper use and adequate ventilation. Parents also should train older children to keep their toys away from younger siblings who may not know how to use them.

When selecting toys pay attention to labels. "Keep in mind the age and skill level of the child you're shopping for," said Dillard. "Look for age recommendations on the label such as 'Not recommended for children under 3.' A few months can make a difference in the skill level of a small child, so it's best not to give an 18-month-old child a toy designed for a 2-year-old."

TDH inspectors are concentrating on baby walkers, baby swings, stuffed toys, children's toys, ride-on toys and cars, bicycles and portable basketball hoops this year.

Recalls can occur for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, as can be the case with basketball hoops and bicycles, sharp edges can injure a child. Some items can be fixed using instructions from the manufacturer; others will need to be returned for repair or replacement.

Sometimes design flaws of inadequate assembly instructions can cause problems, as in the case of some baby swings that malfunction when assembled incorrectly. Some toy or craft kits such as soap-making kits have packaging that melts when

heated. Toys that require heating or microwaving can burn a child if not used properly.

Information on recalls and toy safety is available by calling the TDH Product Safety Division at 512-834-6773.

Angel food

The fourth annual Haskell soup kitchen will be Thurs., Jan. 2 at the Haskell Elementary cafeteria. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carry outs will be available for shut-ins by calling 864-3875. The meal is funded by donations from Souper Sunday, so there is no charge to anyone. The kitchen is sponsored by Haskell CISD and Haskell Co. Commissioners Court.

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Excessive thirst may signal serious disease

Now that scientific research has sent the old eight-glasses-of-water-a-day rule down the drain, devoted water guzzlers might be left wondering what to do.

The current advice is, as a recent soft-drink advertising campaign urged, "Obey your thirst." But many people have conditioned themselves to drink water constantly throughout the day, equaling or surpassing the 64-ounce total prescribed by the old and apparently unfounded-rule of thumb.

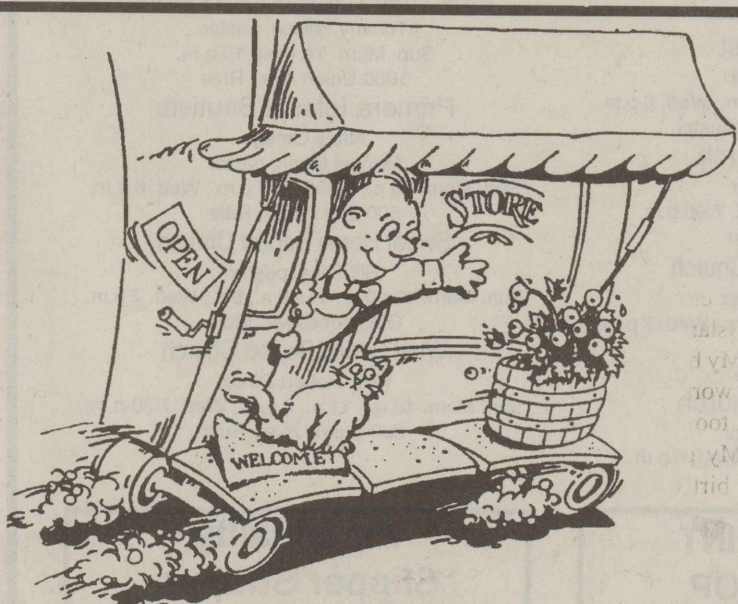
Dr. Robert Toto, a kidney specialist and professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says that while the old minimum standard is bogus, there's little reason to worry about drinking too much water.

"It's possible to drink so much

water that you intoxicate yourself, but you'd have to drink about 25 liters (about six gallons) of water a day," Toto says. "You'd practically have to put a hose in your mouth."

Drinking lots of water can be a sign of kidney-related diseases such as diabetes. Toto says that if a person drinks lots of water and experiences frequent urination, the key question is whether high water intake is driving the excessive urination or whether excessive urination is causing the person to be thirsty all the time. If it's the latter, medical tests are in order.

"We'll ask if a person is drinking all the time because they're thirsty or if it's just habit," Toto says. "If it's just habit, it is not likely to represent a serious disease."



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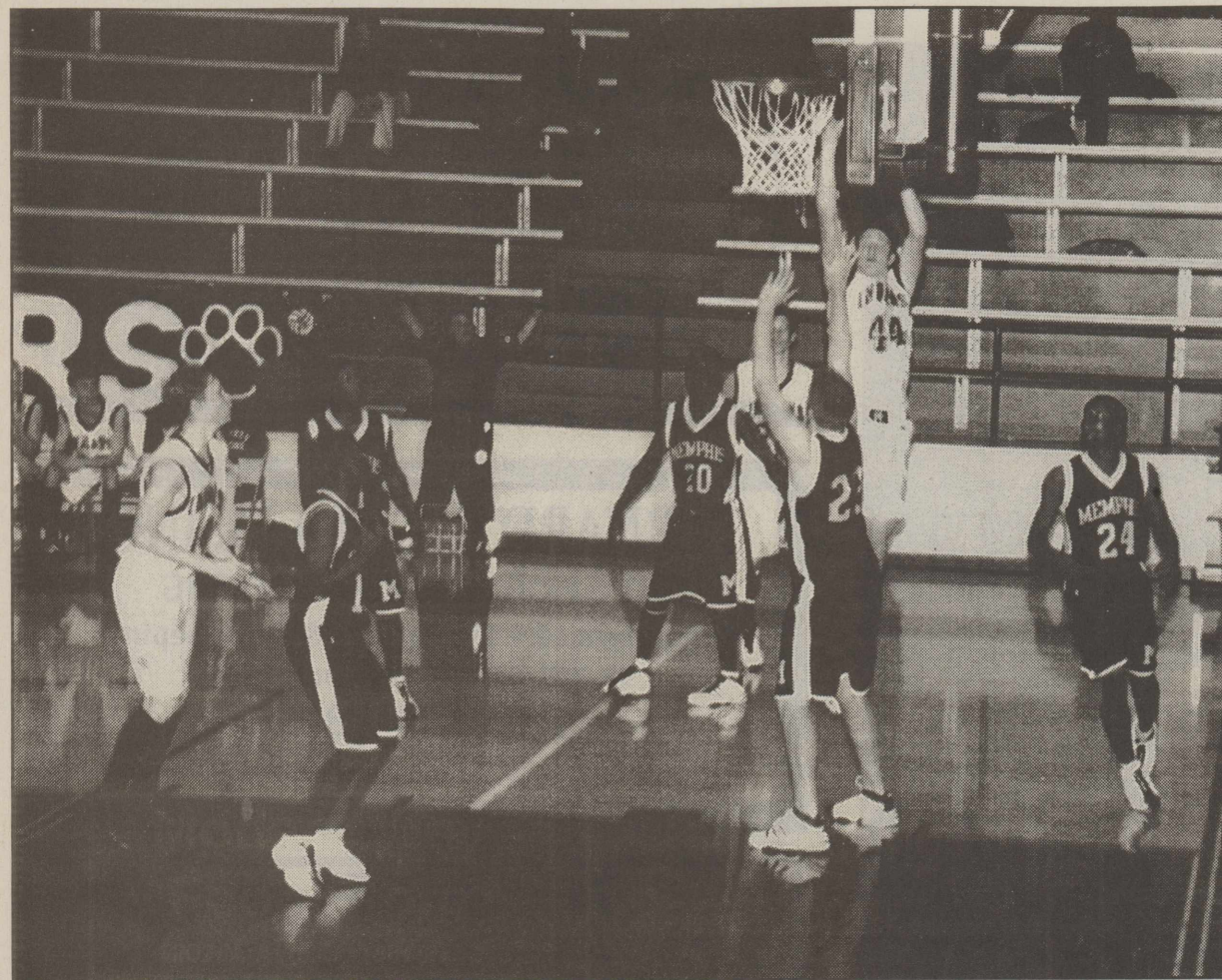
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INDIAN SCORING—Haskell's Ryan Burgess (44) scores another two count during a game against Memphis in the Vernon Tournament. The score was Haskell 60 and Memphis 63. Haskell placed second in the tournament.

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ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Jan. 6

Lunch—Beef and cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, pinto beans, garden salad, salsa/chips, Mexican bread pudding with lemon sauce, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 8

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

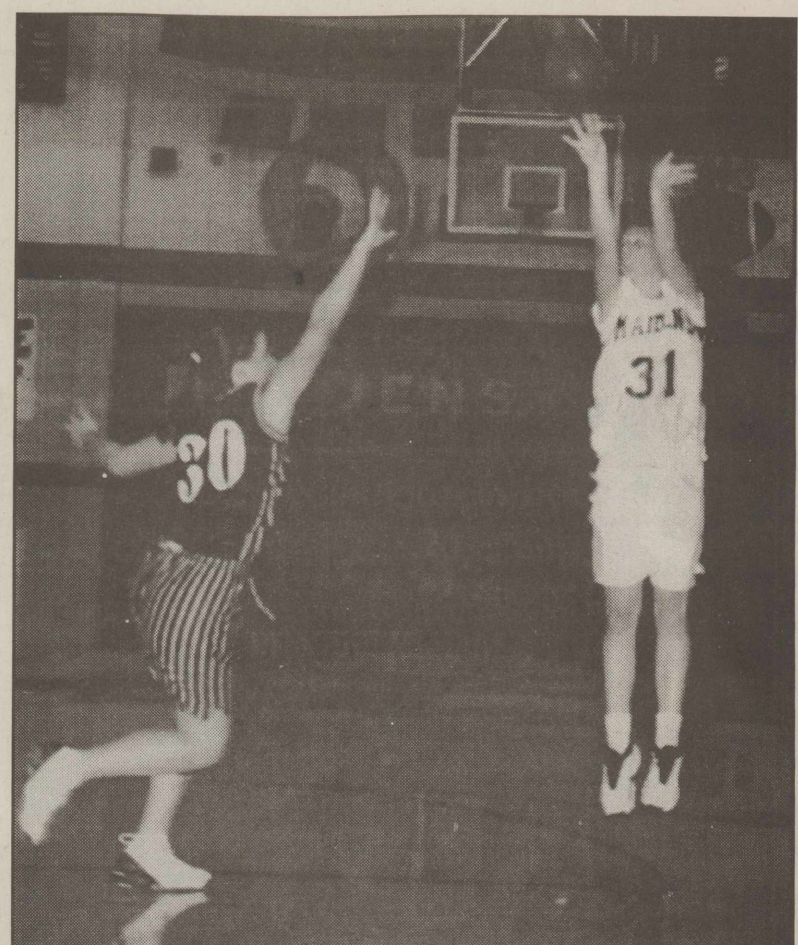
Gospel singing

Lunch—Oven fried chicken and gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, green beans, stewed tomatoes and okra, biscuits, plum cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Jan. 10

Lunch—Hamburger steak w/ brown gravy/onions, whipped potatoes, black eyed peas, buttered corn, yeast rolls, lemon refrigerated dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

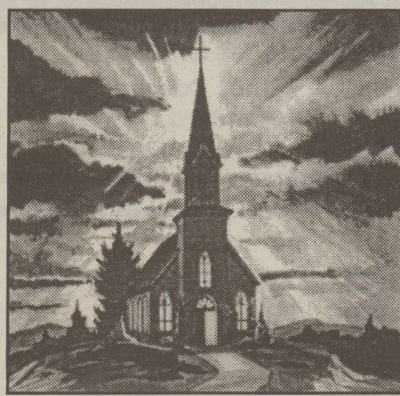
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



LONG SHOT—Brittany Bird (31) shoots a long shot in a game against Hawley on Dec. 17. The Maidens came away with a win of 52-34.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOUR RESOLUTIONS CAN'T HELP YOU UNLESS YOU KEEP THEM

A brand new year is underway,
And just one week ago today
You made a comprehensive list
Of what temptations to resist;
Along with projects to be done,
Including those not yet begun:
Like writing letters you've postponed,
To people whom you should have phoned.

You'll clean that closet out for sure,
And give those things to help the poor.
But most of all, you've vowed to heed
The lessons of your chosen creed,
And each and every Sabbath day
Attend the services and pray;
Then thank the Lord with all your heart
You gave this year a flying start.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Kyle Gullede, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Niessen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
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Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

January 6-10

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Breakfast pocket

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Sausage breakfast bagel

Friday: Poptart

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, corn, garlic bread, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Chili dog/cheese, tater tots, baby carrots/ranch dressing, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, cherry gelatin

Thursday: Beef and bean burrito, salsa/chips, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, brownies

Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle slice, French fries, orange wedges



Keeping an Eye on Texas

Mexico Water Debt

The South Texas Border region would have gained more than 3,000 jobs and nearly \$80 million in personal income in 2002 if Mexico had delivered over the last 10 years' the minimum amount of water required through a water-sharing treaty between Mexico and the United States.

Based on the treaty's guidelines, Mexico's failure to deliver an annual 350,000 acre feet of water to the U.S. has cost Texas some 448 billion gallons of water, resulting in more than 3,300 jobs and \$105.76 million in personal income not realized statewide in 2002.

Source: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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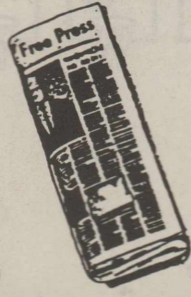
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Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2003). Cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portion of Taylor, Borden, Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 21, 2003. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212. 1-2c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE
A request has been received from Johnny W. Wilson to change the following described property: Block: All Bk. 18, address 600 South 12th, other description Highland Addition. The applicant proposes to use the property for mobile homes if zoning is achieved. The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on Jan. 24, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. 1c

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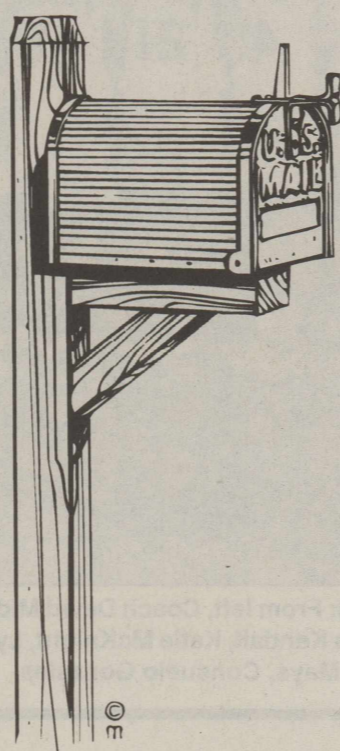
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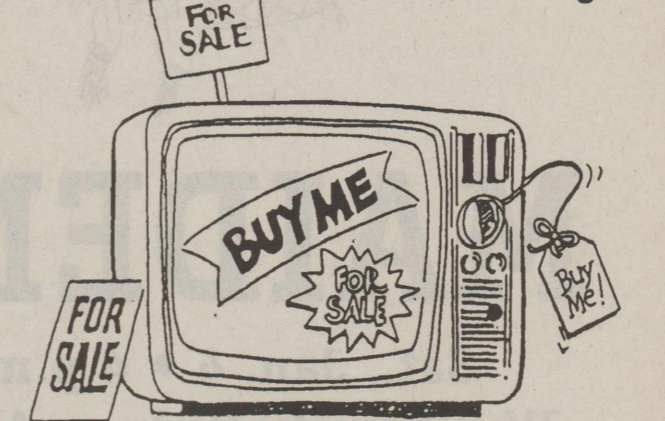
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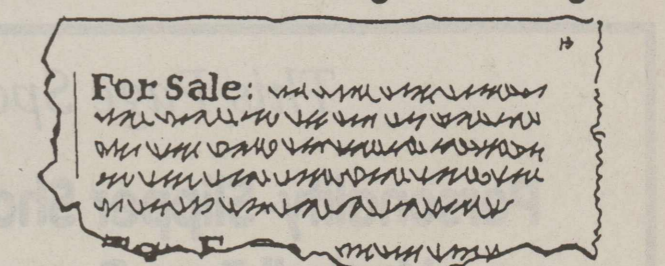
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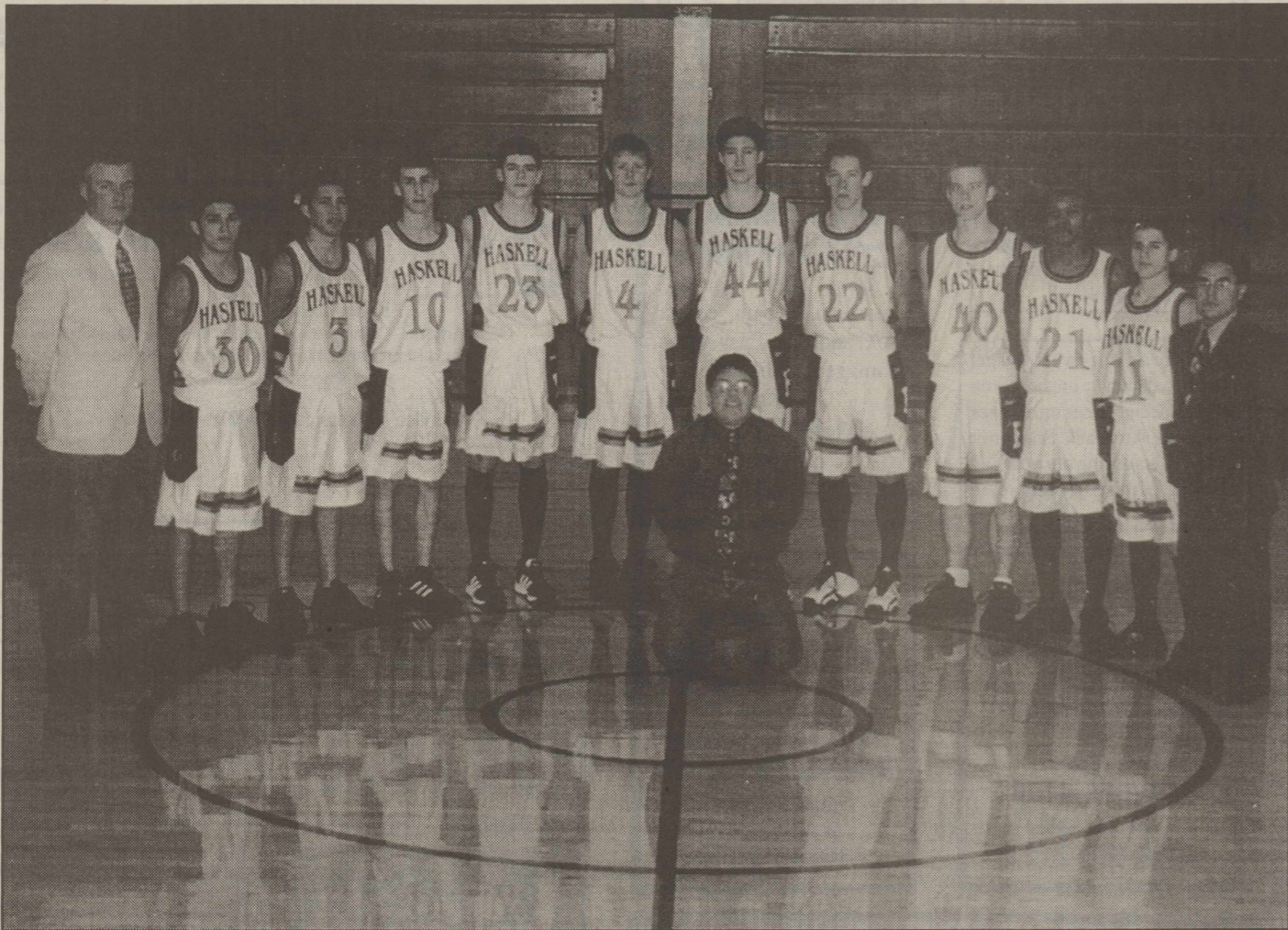


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