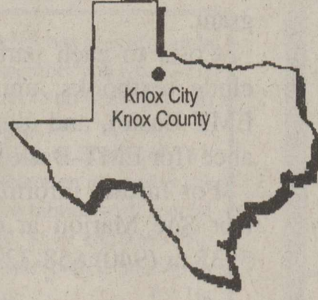


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## Roundball action heats up, District play begins January 19 at Paducah



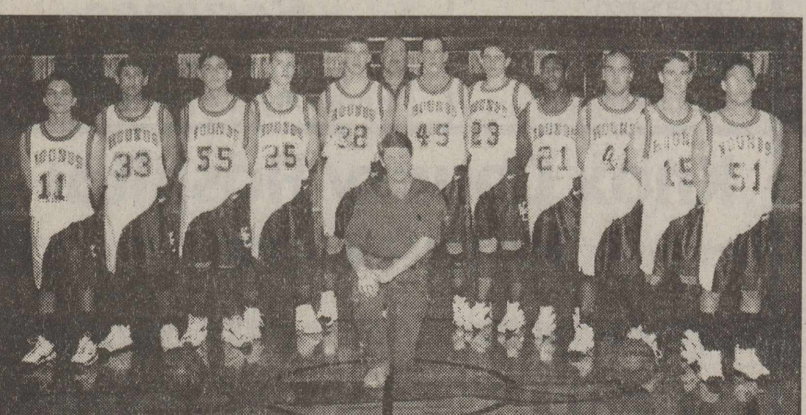
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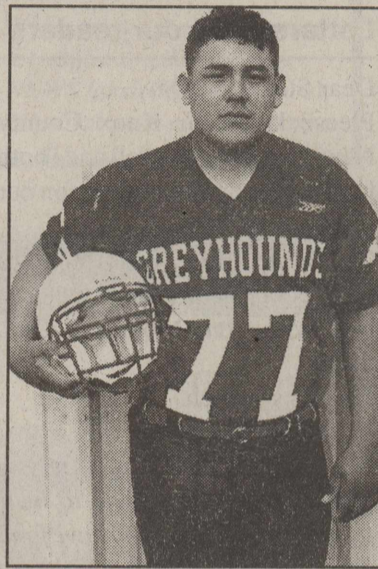
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KCHS Senior Aaron Sanchez

## Aaron Sanchez selected for Class A all-Big Country Team

Aaron Sanchez, a senior at Knox City High School, has been named to the Class A all-Big Country Football Team by the Abilene Reporter-News newspaper.

In a story that appeared in the Tuesday, January 2 edition of the Abilene based newspaper, players from the paper's coverage area were named to the defensive and offensive units. Listed as a 5 ft. 10 inch 225 pound Senior, Sanchez was selected for his ability on the defensive line.

Sanchez was also selected earlier this year as the All District Most Valuable Player on defense.

## Immunization clinic to visit Knox City this Thurs., Jan. 4

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic in Knox City at the Community Center / Housing Authority on Thursday, January 4, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Immunizations offered include DTaP, Hib, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella and Hepatitis B for infants as well as all school immunizations.

The Td immunization is available for all adults not having one in 10 years.

The Hepatitis series was required for Kindergarten entry this year and was required for 12 years old on August 1, 2000. Parents are asked to check their child's immunization record for this series.

The varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is available to anyone age 1 thru adulthood that has not had the chickenpox.

For those children in need of this immunization, parents are asked to call to reserve a dose as only the proper amount will be reserved.

Participants are asked to bring immunization records and social security numbers. A parent, adult family member or legal guardian must accompany a minor.



BIG COUNTRY HERO Audie Johnston, 85, of O'Brien fills each day with neighborly deeds. She is especially proud of her family, including her great-grandsons, the Wells quintuplets, shown with them at a recent family gathering. (Courtesy Photo)

## Good deeds keep O'Brien retiree busy

(Editor's Note: O'Brien resident Audie Johnston was honored by the Abilene Reporter-News last Thursday as one of their Big Country Heroes. This project featured folks who work tirelessly behind the scenes in local neighborhoods, civic clubs, schools and churches. We are running the Thursday, December 28, 2000, article in its entirety.)

By Ken Ellsworth  
Reporter-News Staff Writer

O'BRIEN - Any day that passes without doing a good deed is a bad day for Audie Johnston.

Fortunately for those she helps, Johnston has few bad days.

"Every day I try to do something for somebody," she said "It makes all the difference to me."

The 85-year-old woman keeps busy by being helpful literally night and day, a nonstop schedule that earned her selection as one of the Abilene Reporter-News "Big Country Heroes."

By day, Johnston gives free manicures at a nursing home in Knox City, picks up groceries and prescriptions for those who can no longer drive, and volunteers with the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at the Knox County Hospital and

with the Family and Community Education Club.

She drives shut-ins to high school football, baseball and basketball games, which she always attends, cheering vigorously.

Johnston manages the nursery during services at O'Brien's First Baptist Church, prepared food for church activities, does ironing and laundry for others, delivers others' utility payments and writes her weekly column, "The O'Brien News", for *The Knox County News*. She also serves as an election judge and participates in cancer and heart fundraisers and in blood drives.

Despite that tiring schedule, Johnston does not sleep well. When she is awake at night, she goes to work again, referring to the names on her prayer list.

"Then I'm rolling and tumbling and trying to get back to sleep and praying," she said, laughing.

When morning comes, she rises, again looking for action.

"Too much of the time I don't have enough to do," she said. "I want to go somewhere and do something." That is what she has always done.

Johnston's family moved to O'Brien in northern Haskell

County when she was 9.

She went to school and picked and hoed cotton.

When she was a high school senior, she married Sam Johnston, who owned an automobile business and farmed. He died in 1985.

The couple had seven children. While raising them, Johnston continued to work in the cotton fields, pulling her first infant son through the rows behind her on an empty sack.

Later, she worked in diners, filling stations, the school lunchroom and numerous dry good stores.

She drove cotton samples to Abilene and sold Avon and World Book Encyclopedias.

Since retiring 13 years ago, Johnston has been volunteering nearly full-time and attending to her considerable family: 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Among her great-grandsons are the 1-year-old Wells quintuplets of Lubbock.

Still, Johnston complains of boredom.

"I just need to be doing something," she said.

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## USDA reminds farmers to sign up for programs, announces dates for new emergency programs

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

"As area farmers and ranchers continue to fight Mother Nature, increasing input expenses and low commodity prices, FSA continues to develop and deliver programs designed to alleviate these

hardships. Through the existing programs and with the propose new programs, USDA and FSA continue to recognize the farm community's need for support," Rector said.

Application deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

• 2000 Oilseeds Program: \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 2000 crops of certain oilseeds. Eligible oilseeds include

canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans, and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 12, 2001.

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

See USDA, Page Two

## Start the New Year with a new career

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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
**Wesley Holland, Pastor**  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
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- FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
**Paul Chambers, Pastor**  
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## VRJC to sponsor EMS class in KC

Vernon Regional Junior College has received a grant for Emergency Medical Services education and is sponsoring a class in Knox City beginning January 2001.

Certifications for Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) along with an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic completion will be available for interested persons. Tuition will be covered by the grant.

Costs to each participant include textbooks, uniforms (for EMT-Basic), and clinical insurance (for EMT-Basic).

For further information, contact Sue Marion at (940) 658-3535 or (940) 658-3294.

## Two indictments are returned in Knox Co.

Two indictments were returned by the Knox County Grand Jury meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2000, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Indicted was Kimberly Renee Smith, 22, of Merkel, Texas, for Intoxicated Manslaughter; and Robert Lee Thomas, 63, of Munday for Aggravated Sexual Assault and Indecency with a Child.

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## USDA reminds farmers

(From Page One)

deadline is February 1, 2001.

• Flood Compensation Program: \$24 million is available to producers to help offset losses due to land inundated with floodwaters. Application deadline is January 19, 2001.

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

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

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

- 2000 Crop Disaster Program

(CDP): Funds will be made available to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

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

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

- 2000 Livestock Indemnity

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

• Extension of the 1000 Livestock Indemnity Program / Contract Growers (CG-LIP): Program coverage of last year's CG-LIP will be extended through February 7, 2000. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

Producers should watch for new program announcement released from their local Farm Service Agency office. County Offices will receive national guidance regarding new program delivery prior to program sign-up dates. Please contact the FSA at (940) 658-3537 for additional information about current program eligibility.

New program eligibility and application information will be available in January.

## Letters from our readers

Dear Stacy and Dave, Please keep our Knox County News coming. Claudell and I both look forward to keeping up on our friends over there.

"Hello" to Billye Bess. We still have good memories of happenings with your Mom and Dad, Stacy.

Thanks so much.

Your friends at Vera,

Mary and Claudell Bratcher

(Editor's Note: So good to hear from you, Mary. We too have fond memories of the times we shared together. Come see us sometime, Stacy)

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Toys were donated by many. Some groups donating were the Knox County Hospital staff, the 4-H Kids, the Old Hens Cub and the parade entries. The Citizens Bank donated a turkey to each family and Lawrence Bros. IGA donated flour and eggs.

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# All dressed up for the new year



THESE YOUNG LADIES dressed up for the holidays and appear ready to welcome the new year in style! Attending a holiday 'Dress Up' Tea Party at the Art Stall and Frame Shop in downtown Knoxville, Robin Ray, Kelsey O'Toole and Haleigh O'Toole are the children of Don & Christie Ray of Canada, and granddaughters of Jerry and Susie Ray of Knoxville. (NEWS digital photo)

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Here and There - Renda and Walter Carlton of Weatherford, Marti and James Grisham of Stephenville, Jodi and Eric Sprinkle of Wellington, Casey Carlton and fiancée Marneva of Arlington, Toni Carlton of Angelo State, John, Gena, Josh and Jaqi Trice of Alvord, Ruthie, Bob and Matthew Acree celebrated Christmas Saturday, December 23, with Bro. and Mrs. Bill Trice.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot had Christmas with their daughter Cathy and husband Gary and son Derrick in Shallowater. They always enjoy a good Christmas eating and visiting.

Visiting with me and enjoying Christmas and visiting were Freddy and Shirley James of

Shallowater, Don, Marilyn and Lance Johnston of Slaton, Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview and John and Nancy Johnston and Kim, Traci, Taylor, John and Kelly Walker of Haltom, Louisiana. Most of them had a pretty rough time getting back on account of the weather.

Veeta Reid spent Christmas with her daughter, Angelia and husband and son Sam in Fort Worth. Seeing children enjoying Christmas is always lots of fun.

Spending Christmas with Rose Marie and son Jimmy Johnston were Rose's daughter Shirley Hill and husband Gary and daughters Jessica and Alyssa of Bowie.

O'Brien Baptist Church was the church that held services at Brazos Valley Care Home in KC Sunday. There were around 20 patients that were brought out for the service. Bro. Bill Trice did the Bible study and Don Roberts and LaUna Hester did the music. George Hodges and I helped with the song service.

Vivian Hendrix returned home Saturday night after spending the Christmas holidays in Wichita Falls with her daughter LeNear

and other relatives.

Beatrice Ellis and son David Ellis of San Angelo spent Christmas in Dallas with children and grandchildren and really had a good Christmas.

Spending the weekend with Adelle Herring over the weekend were Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday, Aderle and Doris Herring and Rebecca and Sam of Junction, Pansy, Andy and Tami, Haley and Austin of Lubbock. Ranzy got to spend one night at home with them from the Brazos Valley Care Home at Knoxville.

John Lippard enjoyed having some of his children home for Christmas. Those that were there were Johnette Tibbetts and granddaughter of Rochester and Nancy and husband Mark Lippard and wife and children, all of Oklahoma.

J.M. and Susan Emerson had a good Christmas with their sons and wives, Justin and Jennifer of Lubbock, Jay, Connie and Ashlyn of Abilene and Jr. and Myra Reeves and John Lippard. They all enjoyed a good meal and a good visit.

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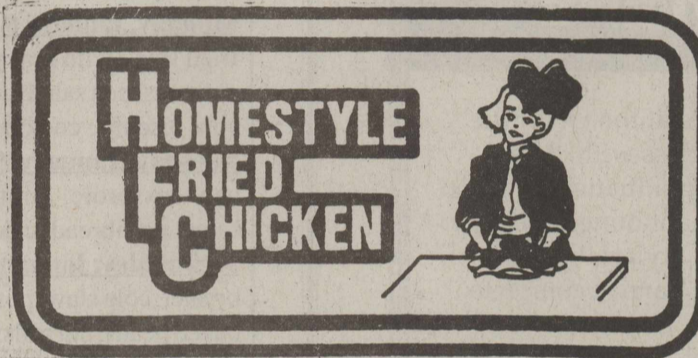
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Friday, December 29

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Varsity Boys  
Knox City 64, Roby 39  
Hernandez 9, Walton 3, G Roberson 2, Grimsley 4, Rocha 14, K. Green 18, Speck 8, Burkham 1, Carver 5.

## KC Circle Club to meet Tuesday

The KC Circle Club will meet Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Ramona Helms, 208 North Fourth in Knoxville.

Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, will present the program, "Are your dogs barking?"

Members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.

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The Journal of the Am. Medical Assn. says more than nine million people over 65 are taking medications that are potentially harmful. In appropriate use of medications is most common among those 80 to 84.

Thanks to each of you who sent cards, flowers and food or lifted us in prayer during the loss of Dale's mother. We appreciate each and every expression of sympathy shown to us and ask God's blessings on each of you.

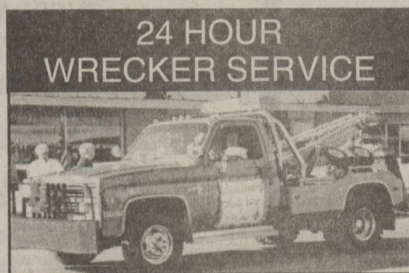
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JESUS video project is set for March 2001

The JESUS Video Project of Texas remains on target to begin mailing the JESUS Video to Texas residences the last week of March 2001 in conjunction with the Easter season. Two other mailings are scheduled in 2001 during July and October.

Already being called the "greatest evangelistic effort ever" in the state of Texas, the Project is set to mail over 1,000,000 videos for Easter.

The Goal of the JESUS Video Project of Texas is to mail the JESUS Video, an 83-minute movie portraying the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to all 8.4 million residences and to engage churches to work together in their local communities.



Aging center lunch menus

January 8th thru 12th

**Monday, January 8** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, pea salad, corn on the cob, biscuits, cookies.

**Tuesday, January 9** - Mexican casserole, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cake.

**Wednesday, January 10** - Beef brisket, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, hot rolls, pudding.

**Thursday, January 11** - Fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, salad, light bread, cobbler.

**Friday, January 12** - German sausage, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, salad, cornbread, peaches with topping.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Well, we did make it through Y2K and the year 2000 and as I write this only a few hours remain before 2001 greets us. There's been sadness, sorrow and then some pleasant happenings this past year. Let's hope for a good one coming up. Surely last week was a mess. Rain, snow, ice and lots of cold temps was the order of the day (or I should say week). It certainly put a lot of traffic on hold. Lots of travelers got stranded either here and needing to get home or away and needing to get back to Benjamin. Either way, it did present an inconvenience. We surely do take good roads and "bearable temps" for granted in our part of the world, don't we? And today (Sunday) we have another winter-like day with us. North wind, rain and just generally unpleasant.

Outside of the weather, there's really not much going on. With school out, most of the kids are sort of at loose ends. Of course, Christmas vacation is nearly over and it'll be "business as usual" around here in a day or so. I was sort of excited Wednesday morning while watching the Today show. Saw a man standing in the group (outside of where the program is aired from) with a sign which read "Hello - Munday, Texas". No idea who it was. His sign had his face hid but it was sort of neat to see a sign like that on national TV. Wonder who else saw it.

Here 'N There - Dorothy Spikes had an interesting Christmas trip to her daughter, Penny's at Nash, Tx. That's near Texarkana. Dorothy got in on the ice storm. Said trees were falling all over the place from the heavy ice buildup. No electricity, heat, etc. A day or so after the storm hit they managed to get to some of Penny's friends who used gas for heating and cooking so fared a little better after the initial "disaster". Dorothy came home Saturday. Penny took her to Sherman where her son Guy and family of Seymour met her and brought her home. Said Benjamin sure looked good to her when she got in.

Christmas guests of Jack and Mary Young were Jackie Jr. and Cindy Young of Nacogdoches and Debbie, Barry and Trevor Neil and Dusty Collins of Haltom City.

Earlene Meinzer had her sons, Rick, Patsy and Trapper of Rhineland and Wyman, Hunter and Pate of Benjamin and Selinda Seidenberger of Hamlin on Christmas day.

Christmas guests of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon were Brandi and Rick Vasquez and Kayla and Courtney Hacker of Knox City and Jack (Corky) Barker of Tuscon., Arizona. Jonnie's Saturday guests were Mary Stephens of Lubbock and Mary's son David, who resides in California.

Keith, Pam and Casey Conner of Big Spring, Kim Moore and daughters of Spur, Stephanie and Bob Brannan of Lubbock Ray and Blaine Bradley of Guthrie and Michele, Jimmy and Caleb Barrientez and Clay Conner of Benjamin were Christmas guests of Hazel Stockton and Bud Conner.

Janet and Gary Reed, Clay Conner and Michele, Jimmy and Caleb Barrientez had Christmas with Janet's mom, Edith Broach in Lubbock, the Saturday before Christmas.

I spent Christmas in Childress. We had our dinner and gift exchange on Christmas eve and when I got up on Christmas morning I sure was glad. That solid sheet of ice surely didn't put one in much of a "party mood". I busied myself to getting ready to come home and did just that. The ice quit at Quanah and just rain the rest of the way but had I waited much longer, I would have had a slippery ride the entire way.

Mary and Randy Whitsett and family of Gallup, NM, spent last week with her mom, Gertrude Brannan. They, too, had a treacherous trip down but made it OK and returned home Friday. Bob and Stephanie Brannan also visited them.

Peggy Shropshire of New Deal visited me Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas guests of Charles and Joy Jones were David Jones of Runaway Bay, Ishmael and Sheila Jones and family of Vernon and Peggy and Walter Hertel of Munday. Also Bobby Trainham of Benjamin. Billy Trainham of Lubbock visited a few days before Christmas and Billy's daughter Cindy and her husband of Dallas came by Thursday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele and family of Arlington visited Mike and Tammy Lyles and family Saturday. Steele was coach here last year.

Don Hertel's Christmas guests were his sons and families, Kent and Elizabeth of Coppell; Craig and Donna of Gainsville and Scott, Donna and Megan of Dallas.

Guests of Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon were Sue Terry

and children, Summer and Jake of Dallas; Oscar and Shannon Gideon, Ariel and Damon of Silver City, NM; and Carlos and Lana Mendoza, Colton, Valerie and Sydney of Seymour.

Visitors in the home of Kenneth and Jessie Roberts during Christmas were Gaye and Ken Roberts of Wichita Falls, Donnie, Diane and Angela Roberts of O'Brien, Phil, Rebekah, Paige and Peyton Boone of Trent, Tim, Trish and Tyler Johnson of Haskell, Zeke Duke and his fiancée Amanda Terpening of Lubbock, Rachel Duke of Wichita Falls, Mark Roberts and a friend Jana of Nacogdoches, and Pam and Dennis Duke, Bea Parks and Lucy Mings of Benjamin.

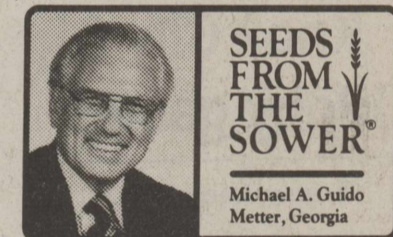
Joe and Sharazan Riggins and family had guests during the holidays which included Brandy Riggins of South Plains College in Levelland, Billy Riggins of St. Mary's, GA; Beth and Fred Killough of Potosi and Joe and Joy Riggins of Rule.

Nancy and Fred McCreger spent their Christmas vacation with their son and his wife, Chris and Nancy in Freising, Germany. Freising is near Munich.

Leroy and Gloria West were in Aspermont Sunday for a late Christmas with their daughter Betty Parker and family. Leroy and Gloria had Christmas with their Benjamin kids, Debbie Clower and family of Christmas Eve. Other holiday visitors of Debbie and family were Karen and Jimmy Hudgens and children, Trey and Nicole of Wichita Falls.

Roger Bohannon, who is working in Colorado Springs, Colorado, spent Christmas with homefolks. His wife, Betty, returned to Colorado Springs with him where she will remain until his job is completed there. They do not know how long that will be.

I'm sure there's lots of holiday news I have missed. Give me a call - I'll get it next week.



A fellow was asked, "Do you have any dependents?" "No, sir," he answered. "But you have a wife," said the officer. "Yeah," he admitted, "but she ain't dependable."

Are you? There are many whom God can count, but not many whom He can count on.

God is looking for people He can count on - who'll not criticize circumstances but will change conditions, who'll not build barriers but will remove roadblocks, who'll not produce excuses but will perform exploits, who'll not give up but will go on.

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Years ago a railroad offered a prize of twenty-five hundred dollars to the person who'd suggest the three best words to be used at railroad crossings.

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Stop playing with sin. It ends in death. The Bible says, "Sin, when it is finished, brings forth death." "Look to Me for salvation," cried our Lord. "For I am God; there is no other."

Listen to His invitation - "Come to Me." Then He promises, "Him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out."

These instructions are simple. You'll heed them, won't you?

Getting Back On Track After the Holidays

Did you spend more than you had anticipated this holiday season? You're probably not alone. But rest assured, reality will soon set in when you receive your first bill. For many, frenzied holiday spending has pushed them into a serious and troublesome financial situation, or has aggravated an existing debt.

Unfortunately, this story is all too familiar. In some circles holiday debt has become as much of the holiday tradition as Ole Saint Nick himself. Being part of this trend is not wise, especially if you don't have enough money to pay for both current living expenses and yesterday's indulgences.

To keep from carrying this debt through the same time next year, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas recommends these guidelines to get back on track:

- Make a plan to pay off debt. Create a budget and stick to it.
- If you are having problems making payments, contact creditors immediately about alternative, more manageable plans.
- Stop charging. Pay off balances each month or if debt



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has accumulated, pay more than the minimum due.

- Use your debit card instead of your credit cards for purchases. By deducting money straight from your bank account you bypass the chance of racking up a big balance on your card.
- Make savings a priority and put those saved dollars toward reducing your debt. As little as \$5 a month adds up.
- Get rid of the "buy now, pay later" attitude.
- Keep records of all purchases and payments.
- Reliable credit counselors can assist you at little to no cost. Be aware of scams that charge big fees for services you can do on your own.

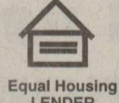
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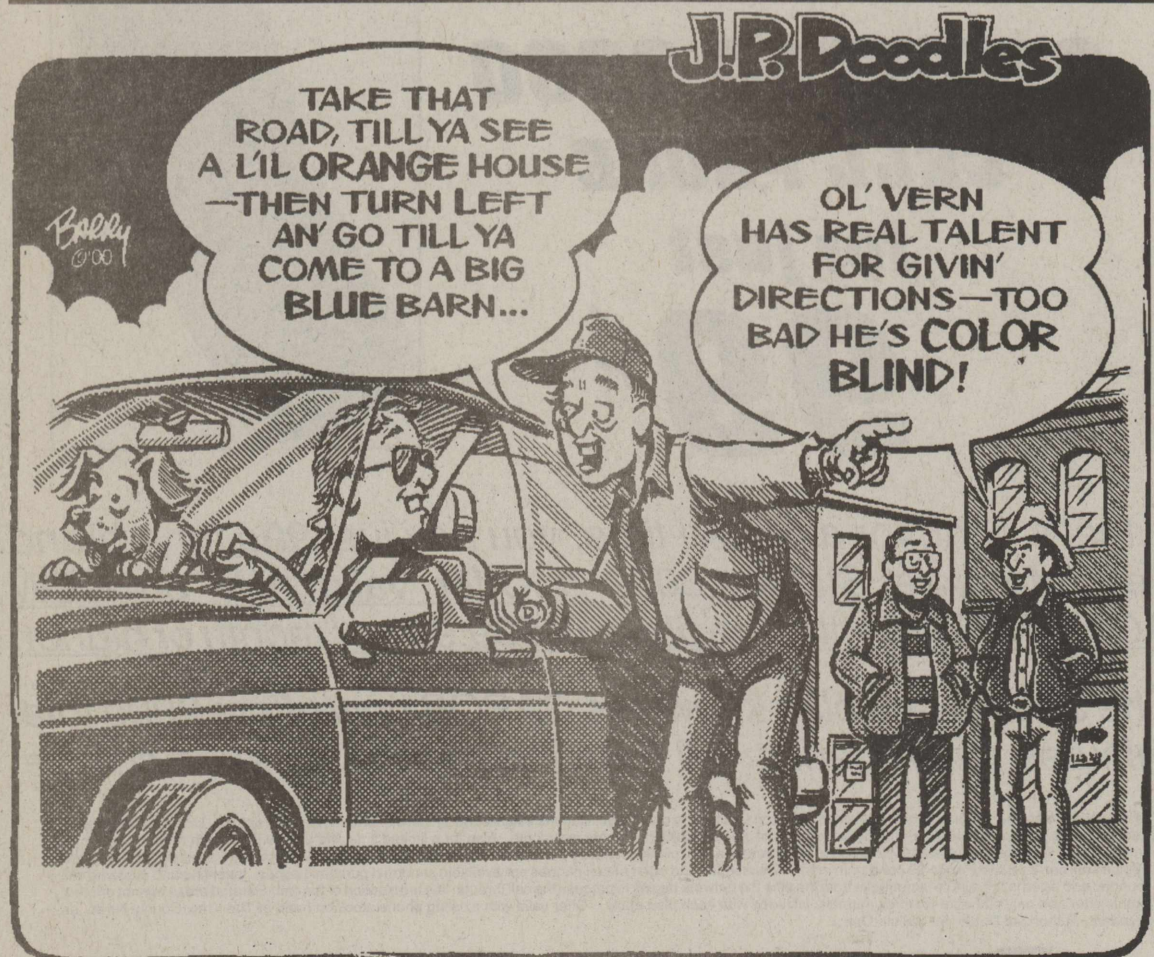
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TAFAs Loan Guaranty Program provided a guaranty to a local bank for operating capital to help the company meet its increasing sales demand.

The new facility allowed the company to expand its fajita, barbecue and ready-to-eat meal operation. The company now has 150 employees and is doing business with major grocery store chains and food distributors.

Not too many financial success stories are as, well, tasty as this one. But there are plenty more to tell. Businesses across Texas have benefited from the Loan Guaranty Program. At a time when loan eligibility and interest rates may not always favor a small food processor or beginning agricultural producer, this program has stepped in and offered a hand to a friend in need.

With transportation, telecommunication, water and housing challenges, rural Texas businesses are seeking low-interest loans and creative ways to stay afloat and turn profits. TAFAs finance programs reach out to rural Texas to give producers and businesses the assistance they need to stay in operation or pursue new avenues.

The Loan Guaranty Program can boost a local economy by providing a loan guaranty of up to 90 percent, not to exceed \$5 million, to a lender for an agribusiness. The program is geared toward businesses that are innovative, diversified, or involved in value-added production, processing, marketing, or exporting of an agricultural product.

TAFAs programs create partnerships between farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and lenders. This not only boosts spirits and strengthens pocketbooks, but also helps the overall agricultural industry and rural communities of Texas.

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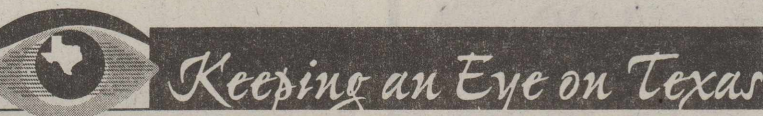


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State	2001 Sales Forecast	Increase from 2000
Texas	\$22.6 billion	6.7%
Louisiana	4.1 billion	6.3
Oklahoma	3.3 billion	5.3
Arkansas	2.1 billion	5.2

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), the National Restaurant Association.

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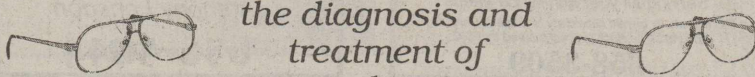
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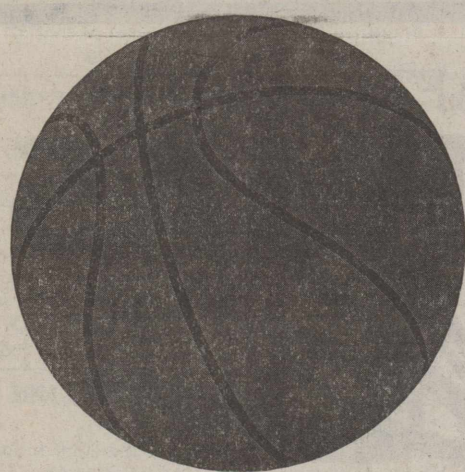
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