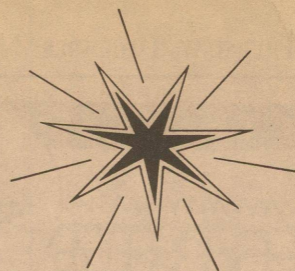
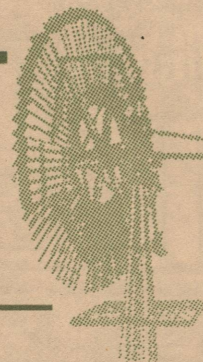


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SCISD closes Middle and High School campuses

Public forum set Tuesday, Dec. 29th

Following an incident two weeks ago involving students with a firearm on school property, Schleicher County I.S.D. trustees voted Thursday evening, December 17th to close the Middle School and High School campuses. The meeting, originally scheduled for the previous Monday, had been rescheduled when Supt. Hal Porter was called out of town due to a family illness. Numerous parents and concerned citizens were on hand for the meeting and expressed their concerns to the school board.

After hearing Supt. Porter's recommendation that the two campuses be closed and comments from several parents expressing concern for their children's safety, the board voted unanimously to close the two campuses beginning Jan. 4, 1999. High School and Middle School students will be required to remain on campus for the

entire school day and will not be allowed to leave for lunch.

Most of the citizens present for the meeting were parents of Middle School students. One such was Bill Hodges who told the board that he supported the school administration and local law enforcement in their efforts at addressing student discipline. Hodges said he was impressed with the new juvenile probation officer Gary Smith. He had harsh words, however, for Judge Curt Steib. "He just released those juveniles back into the community," Hodges said. "My thought on this deal is zero-tolerance. People who commit these kind of things don't need to be given a chance to repeat."

Vikki Cathey suggested the school make a greater effort in communicating with parents about problems at school. "I didn't real-

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Ho Ho Ho — Tres Whitten, 2½ year-old son of Steven and Mondee Whitten was first in line to sit on Santa's lap. The St. Nick was escorted into town last Friday by members of the Ft. Concho cavalry living history unity. He was the guest of honor at the Christmas on Main Street celebration.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Christmas Trivia

The song "Jingle Bells" was written in 1857 as a celebratory song for Thanksgiving. Its author James Pierpont originally titled the song "One Horse Open Sleigh".

Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in 1895. The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles.

December 25th has seen lots of historic events through the centuries. Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in on Christmas Day. In legend, King Arthur was said to have removed his sword Excalibur from a stone on Christmas Day.

When visiting Finland, Santa leaves his sleigh behind and rides on a goat named Ukko.

Holiday Deadline

The Eldorado Success asks its advertisers to please note that the deadline for the Dec. 31st edition will be at 5:00 p.m. on the preceding Monday. Call 853-3125 to place your New Year's greeting!

On this Date

On this date in 1818 Franz Gruber of Oberndorf, Germany, composed the music for "Silent Night". In 1871 Verdi's opera "Aida" had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt as part of the festivities celebrating the opening of the Suez Canal. In 1889 Daniel Stover and William Hance invented the back-pedal safety brake for bicycles. In 1948 midnight Mass was televised for the first time from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. In 1953 "Dragnet" became the first TV program to be sponsored. In 1985 Cuban dictator Fidel Castro announced he was giving up cigars.

Birthdays of note include: 1809 frontiersman Kit (Christopher) Carson; 1905 industrialist and recluse Howard Hughes; 1922 actress Ava Gardner; 1946 football great "Mean" Joe Green.

Texas Football

Davey O'Brien of TCU was the first Texan to gain great fame in football when he won the Heisman Trophy. Since that time five others have duplicated the feat, including Ricky Williams of University of Texas this year.

In all, 27 Texans have been named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. 16 of those came from the Dallas Cowboys, 7 from the Houston Oilers and 4 from the Dallas Texans which later became the Kansas City Chiefs.



photo by Randy Mankin

Engine #38 — The newest addition to the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department's fleet arrived in town late Tuesday afternoon. Engine #38 will be placed in service as soon as firefighters outfit the unit with hoses and other equipment. Joey Jones, Jerry Felver, Oscar Martinez, James Mack Holley and George Lumpkin traveled to Louisiana to take delivery of the new pumper truck. They also trained on the unit before returning with it to Eldorado.

Ag economist joins Extension Service

SAN ANGELO — Dr. Jason Johnson will become the new District 7 Economist-Management with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service here effective January 1, 1999.

Due to space limitations in San Angelo's Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, the new economist will be headquartered in Angelo State University's Management, Instruction and Research Center (MIR Center).

Johnson transfers to San Angelo from a similar position in Weslaco. His major programming emphasis will focus on production economics, risk management, agribusiness management and marketing, and family financial man-

agement.

Johnson holds bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech University at Lubbock and a master's degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge,

Louisiana. For the past two years Johnson's primary responsibilities have dealt with farm marketing, financial and risk management education, and production cost esti-

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Chamber of Commerce's annual membership drive

The Chamber of Commerce is currently having its annual membership drive. If you would like to become a member and you have not received a membership mailing, please contact Connie Andrews at 853-2576. Dues range from \$15.00 to \$500.00. Donations will also be

accepted. A letter of 1998 accomplishments can be obtained at Mittel Insurance or a copy can be mailed to you at your request.

The Chamber's annual banquet will be January 11th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meal tickets are \$10.00 each. Please join us!

FROM CHRISTMAS PAST: PEACE AND HARMONY

by Mella Russell McCallum

Editor's note: The following story first appeared in the Eldorado Success on December 23, 1932. It touched our hearts and we include it here for your consideration.

As He sorted the outgoing mail the postmaster of Eldorado whistled softly to find a letter with the startling inscription:

* * * * *
God,
* Heaven,
* Sky.
* * * * *

He laid it aside. Then, when the mail and gone, he adjusted his thick spectacles and sat down to examine the contents of this unusual communication. This is what he read:

Dear God—I hope you will excuse me for writing to you. My brother Joe says I got a nerve to do it but I found out already that you

got to have nerve in this world. Please excuse that last, but, honest, it's true just the same.

Now don't think that a meer child is writing this. I am past eleven and in high six when I get time to go to school. Brother Joe says I ought to write to Santa Claus instead of you. But between you and me there isn't any. So I thot I'd address you direct. I spose I reely ought to pray it but it's too noisy at our house for such praying so I take my pen in hand.

It's about Christmas I want to tell you. Now don't imagin I'm asking for any toys. All I want is a little peece and harmony at our house. My father drives a team for the West Texas Lumber Co. Of course you know that but I thot I'd remind you. He's not a meer teamdriver tho. He's reely a cabinetmaker. But the men in the shop told the boss that my father drinks like a fish and so the boss wont

have him inside and keeps him just driving. Now I don't deny pa drinks, God. Its perfectly true. You probly saw him knock over the dinner table Sunday and spill the stew. But honest to goodness, God, he wouldn't drink if the boss would given him a chance. When he was working in the shop at Gobleville and got desunt pay he never drank. He was sober as you are, honest. So if you could infoonce the boss to take pa in I know youd never be sorry for it.

The other thing I want to ask you is please to fix it so my big sister Thelma can get married. Shes got one peach of a feller believe me. And its a rotten sham he cant make enuf to marry on. You know he hangs around the Sheriff's office for a small pittance and you know he ought to be allowed more. I think yull think so too, God, for ma says a better boy never lived than J.R. nr one more industrious.

Thelma would marry him on what he has but ma says no it aint right to start so handy capped and ma ought to know if anybody.

That's all, God. But maybe being so busy youd like to have me tell you something about us pusionly. It will save you looking us up speshal. Well theres ma and pa then Thelma then me and the Sonny, my little brother. Don't you think Sonny is a pretty name? We live in the San Angelo Telephone Co. building and ma keeps our house reel nice considering, and us reel clean. Thelma works at the switch board for a little money, but I dont ask you to get her more wages for all she wants is to marry J.R. Thelma helps ma after work hours and I will endeavor to do her share when she is married and away.

As I said befor we dont want toys but just peece and harmony for Christmas and I hope youll find

it in your power to get it for us.

Yours very corjally,
MARY LEE TAYLOR

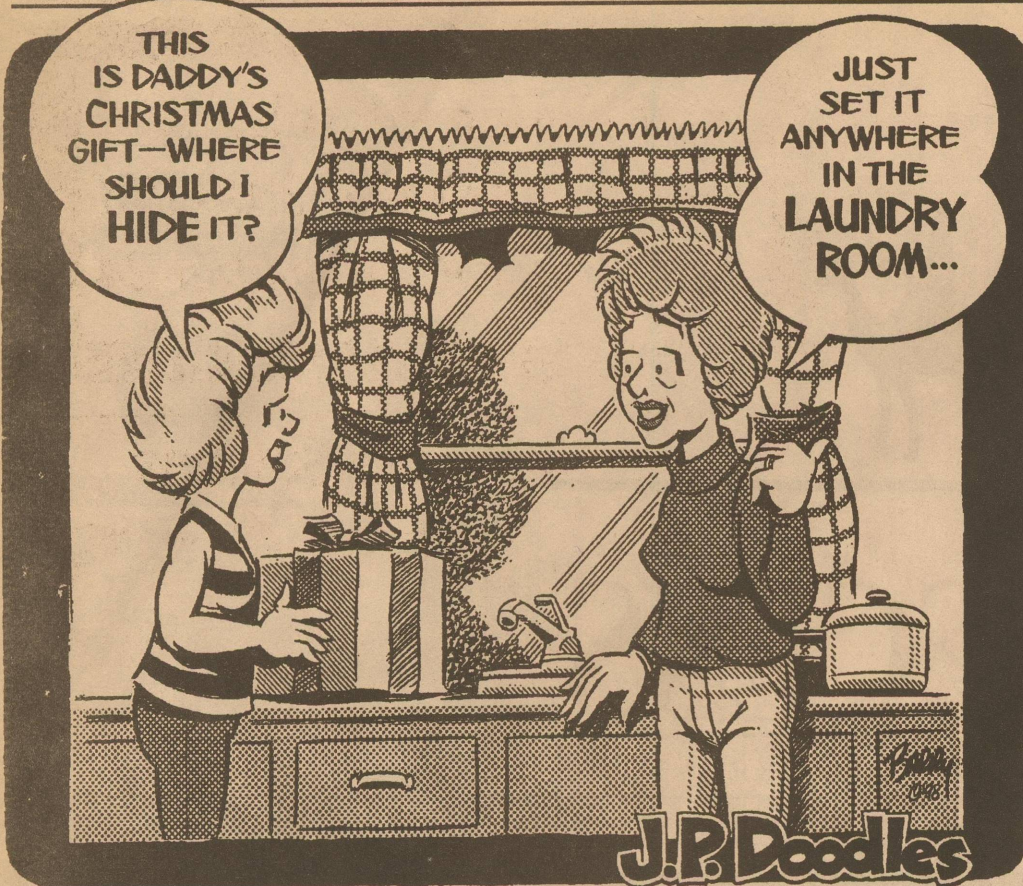
Eldorado, Texas, Dec. 20, 1932. P.S.--Pa means well please remember. Hes natchurly kind.

The post master did not read the letter continuously. Twice he had to take off his thick spectacles and wipe his twinkly little eyes with a big handkerchief. "Dear me, how extraordinary," he remarked at last. "How very extraordinary. I dont think He ought to feel offended by suchsincerity."

Just then some people came in for stamps, and then the mail arrived, and, what with one thing and another, the post master at Eldorado was busy all the morning. But Mary Lee's letter stuck in his thoughts.

It ws his custom to go out for lunch at 12:30, while his niece re-

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To: Honorable Lamar Smith
U.S. Representative
21st District of Texas

Dear Congressman Smith:

I watched with interest in recent weeks as the U.S. House of Representatives took up the question of President Clinton's impeachment. I was particularly interested in your service on the House Judiciary Committee and the votes you cast last Saturday when the House impeached the President. It isn't often that we in rural West Texas have the opportunity to watch our elected representatives in action.

Sir, I doubt any of us will ever know the strain you have been under. I know you well enough to understand that you take your oath of office very seriously. It could not have been easy to vote to impeach the President. But, it had to be done.

Our founding fathers understood that a mechanism to discipline a president was necessary. That's why they included impeachment in the Constitution. Likewise, they recognized it would be, by its very nature, a highly political process.

Some in recent days have argued that since impeachment is a political instrument it should not be wielded except in cases of extreme danger to the republic. I submit that the President's lies under oath subverted the rule of law and jeopardized the principles on which this nation was founded. Having rejected

despotic rule in 1776 we shouldn't be willing to overlook it in 1998.

Regardless of what anyone thinks of Paula Jones, the charge she leveled at President Clinton was serious. She didn't deserve to be called "trailer house trash" by the President's lawyers. Neither did she deserve to win a huge settlement simply because she made an allegation. Instead, what Paula Jones deserved is exactly what we all should reasonably expect, a day in court.

It is noteworthy that President Clinton signed the very law which allows women charging sexual harassment to investigate the background of their alleged harasser. He praised the law right up to the moment it was used against him.

I've heard it argued that Paula Jones' legal team laid a perjury trap for the President. That may be so, but no one made him step in it. He chose to do that on his own, with full knowledge that he was denying Paula Jones her opportunity to legally pursue witnesses in support of her case.

All this happened before any of us had ever heard of Monica Lewinsky or

the now infamous blue cocktail dress. The ensuing months brought even more revelations...and more perjury.

Last week I had a conversation with a woman who said there is no comparison between President Clinton's problems and those which brought down President Nixon. She argued that Nixon was a criminal and that Bill Clinton's transgressions were of a personal nature. I disagree.

Perjury is a crime. Crimes are committed by criminals. And, crimes committed by sitting presidents are not subject to our courts due to the separation of powers outlined in our Constitution. Impeachment was and is the only recourse.

But, the lady was correct in one sense. Nixon cannot be compared to Clinton. However devoid of personal honor Nixon may have been, in the end he did the right thing and resigned before he was impeached. Bill Clinton couldn't and wouldn't resign.

Congressman, you did the right thing. Ignoring the national opinion polls, you placed responsibility above privilege and integrity above expediency. While your decision may not be popular at the moment, history, I think, will smile on you.

Your actions have been called partisan in the press and your motives have been questioned. I, however, see you as a patriot and a champion for the rule of law. Thank you, sir, for doing the right thing even when it isn't popular.

Sincerely,
Randy Mankin



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Christmas Office Party in the Barnyard

At the Christmas office party in the barnyard on the farm,
The domesticated Dilberts were dispensing wit and charm.
The fermented grain made scholars out of even dullest fowl,
Though it's hard to take a chicken seriously,
Even when he's speaking owl.

Sheep were bunched like secretaries, sipping wine, comparing notes,
'bout the latest in-house romance and, like always, blamed the goats.
While the sheep dog and the llama were discussing coyotehood,
And why they liked the N.R.A. and would belong if animals could,
And why it's so misunderstood.

Cows were gathered round the milk bowl with the union Galloway
Who was trying to convince them they should strike for higher hay.
The more they drank the more they plotted out their smartest moves,
But they finally gave the plan up cause its hard to hold a picket sign,
If all you've got is cloven hooves.

By then the pigs had made a mess of all the hors d'oeuvre trays,
"We're unappreciated swine - You think we live our days
Just eat and drink and wallow but WE have yearnings, too!
We aspire to upper management, maybe even Vice President in charge
of rooting, (it was mostly moonshine talkin') Put a pig in sales now!
It was all this discontentment that had got them feelin' blue.

Farmer Brown announced the bonus like he did most every year.
They could all take Christmas Day off which was greeted with a cheer.
They had tried to guess the bonus, but like always they could not,
Everytime they were astounded and surprised which some might
think was silly---Because it was the same thing every Christmas,
But, like always they forgot.

As the sun set on the barnyard everybody got depressed,
Just another office party that would fade into the rest.
Till the rooster's inspiration saved this ponderous December,
When he caught the big tom turkey weaving slightly underneath the
mistletoe, mistook him for a piñata and nearly took his head off with
a fence stay, causing a small laceration on the snood but as
memories will attest,
Made this a Christmas to remember.

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The Texas Van Gogh

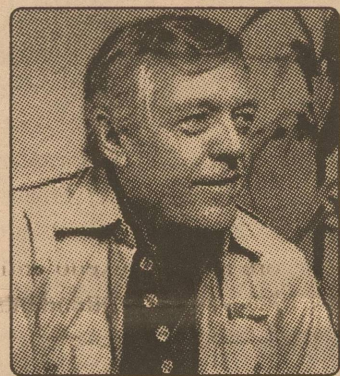
A building in Van Horn has a wall that looks like a Van Gogh painting. The building is the residence and gallery of Ran Horn, and artist and handy man. When he's not doing yard work, he is painting pictures. Some of his paintings are copies of works by Van Gogh. Others are done in the Van Gogh Style. Ran will sell you what looks like a Van Gogh painting for \$159. The price includes a frame and shipping.

Four years ago he sold all his paintings with a guarantee. He told buyers he would buy the paintings back at double what they paid for them if they weren't satisfied.

Only one person took him up on his offer. That was a commission piece he did for a young person. It was a painting of a toy.

With the Van Gogh exhibit now touring the country, Ran's

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

business has increased. He has received much media exposure. He is running an ad in the New Yorker magazine. He hopes to go see the Van Gogh exhibit when it gets to Los Angeles in January.

Ran Horn would like to paint about twenty murals of Van Gogh's

work on buildings in Van Horn, like the one on his gallery.

He is an ex-missionary who took up art about four years ago when he was in an art store that sold copies of famous paintings. "They have a process where their paintings give you the feel of the old masters," says Ran. "They're exact reproductions. I thought I'd like to do that, but do it in oil, on real canvas, really doing it stroke by stroke."

He began considering the great artists, trying to pick one that he would like to emulate. "I chose Vincent," says Ran. "When you mention artists, it's very likely people are going to think Van Gogh."

Vincent Van Gogh is probably the most famous artist in history. Recently one of his paintings sold for 65 million dollars.

Ran, who was born in Odessa,

paints topics of his choice: old men, Dallas Cowboys, street scenes, whatever he feels like painting. But all his works look like they were done by Van Gogh.

He has about 120 paintings in his gallery. "My mama has ten, I've probably sold about fifty and given away about twenty-five, so I've painted around two hundred paintings so far. Vincent cranked out about a thousand. I would like to do at least that."

Vincent Van Gogh sold only one painting while he was alive. He painted just ten years and died at the age of 37. Ran is 45 years old. His paintings are not quite in the Van Gogh price range. "I can do a painting at 30 cents a square inch. Van Gogh's are worth about a hundred thousand dollars a square inch."

Ran has had his gallery in Van Horn just over a year.

Child support collections role to remain AG's

AUSTIN — Child support collections should, for the next two years, remain the responsibility of the attorney general's office, the state Sunset Advisory Commission recommended last week.

Attorney General-elect John Cornyn, who described the agency's collections record as "dismal," will succeed Attorney General Dan Morales in January.

"We want to give the new attorney general time to come in and decide what needs to be done," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, chairman of the commission that reviews the operation of state agencies.

Morales' management of the child support division has been criticized for alleged failure to collect and distribute court-ordered support payments.

The Legislature last year asked the Sunset Advisory Commission to study and make a recommendation whether child support enforcement should be stripped from the attorney general's office's array of duties and placed under the purview of a separate agency.

Texas had 1.1 million child support cases for which the state collected \$757 million in child support payments in 1997-98, according to the attorney general's office.

State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Cornyn Wants Tobacco Suit Info

Attorney General-elect Cornyn wants some answers about the deal private lawyers struck to represent the state in its tobacco lawsuit.

Cornyn said he thinks more than \$3 billion is an unreasonable amount of money to be paid. Cigarette makers have agreed to a settlement with the state for an estimated \$17 billion dollars.

Cornyn also said he'll take a close look at an agreement Attorney General Morales made with Houston lawyer Marc Murr, whose role in the settlement, Morales said, is worth more than \$1 million.

Recycling Info Site Opens

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission recently

launched an online interactive system for mapping data on recycling in Texas.

The agency's Recycling Markets Information System (RMIS) allows buyers, sellers and researchers to display recycling data they select on a map and/or in tabular form on this web site:

<http://arroyo.geo.swt.edu>

Comment from the public is encouraged by the agency, with the goal of finding more uses for recyclable material while reducing waste that would otherwise be tossed into landfills.

Other Highlights

• State Farm Insurance, the biggest auto insurance company in Texas, has filed lawsuits seeking \$14 million in damages from nine people accused of staging accidents across the state between 1992 and 1997.

• To compete in the technological marketplace, Texas needs more "flagship" universities to augment the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University. Last week, six Texas university chancellors said the Legislature should do what it takes to make more schools emerge as top-tier research institutions.

• The Federal Emergency Management Agency has closed or is closing disaster relief centers in cities including San Antonio, New

Braunfels, Wharton, Gonzales and Seguin. FEMA accepted almost 23,000 requests for emergency housing aid in the past two months and approved \$21 million in grants to flood victims.

• State officials announced last week the launching of the toll free, 24-hour Texas Youth Hotline (1-800-210-2278) for teens and families to call for counseling and referrals in times of domestic crises.

• University of Texas regent Tom Hicks and his business partner Charles Tate last week revealed themselves as the donors of a manuscript to UT. The memoir by Jose Enrique de la Peña alleges Davy Crockett was executed after the fall of the Alamo.

• Last week, guards combed all 80 state prisons, 26 drug-treatment centers and state jails in a Texas prison systemwide lockdown. A perceived increase in contraband, weapons and gang activity, coupled with the recent escape — but subsequent death — of a death row inmate, prompted the intensive, pre-holiday search.

• An internal investigation by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has concluded that Martin Gurule had no help from the outside during his breakout from death row last week. Gurule was found dead of drowning near the TDCJ's Ellis Unit in Huntsville.

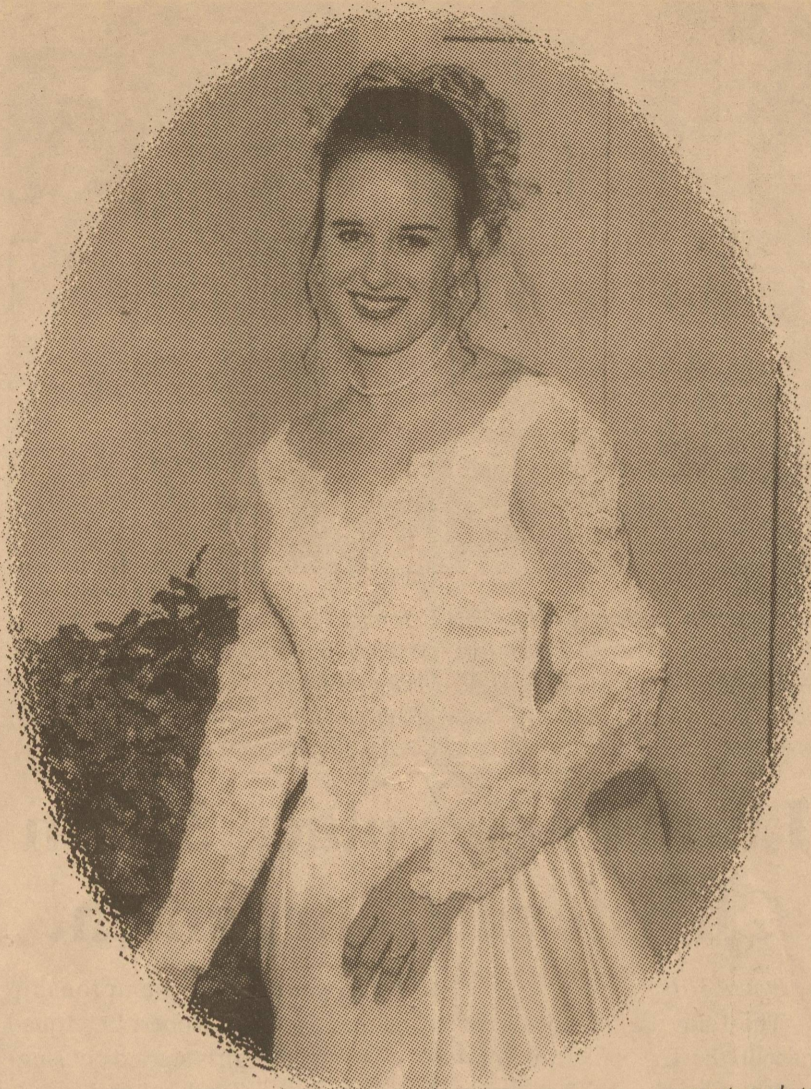
OBITUARIES

Ethel McKinney Evans

Ethel McKinney Evans, 93, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at Baptist Memorials Nursing Home. Services were held Monday, Dec. 21, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Ethel was born July 26, 1905, the daughter of Emma Rice and William Carrel McKinney. She married Paul B. Evans of Eldorado on Sept. 20, 1937. She worked as a waitress for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two brothers, Harmon and Troy McKinney.

Survivors include her son, Marvin Lee Hawkins and his wife, Louise, and her daughter, Millie Hohmann of San Angelo; five grandchildren, Ouida Hahn and husband, Elwin, Cindy Wojtek, Wally Hohmann and wife, Karla, Diane Barnett and husband, Bart, all of San Angelo and Paula Gillespie and her husband, Campbell, of Norman, Okla.; nine great-grandchildren, Jeremy and Josh Hahn, Brooke and Brittney Wojtek, Crystin and Trey Hohmann, all of San Angelo, and Abbey, Shelby and Jillian Gillespie of Norman, Okla.



Mrs. Bernie L. Allemeier

Wink/Allemeier are wed

Jenny Elaine Wink, daughter of Harvey and Shari Wink, married Lt. Bernie L. Allemeier on Saturday, December 19, 1998 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Parish located at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. Lt. Allemeier is the son of Marshall and Norma Conner of Bracketville, Texas.

Father Linn Harbour officiated the double ring ceremony held at 10:00 a.m. The bride wore the traditional white gown and carried her grandmother's blue hanky and her mothers white Bible. Her attendants wore navy blue floor length two piece dresses and carried a single white rose. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a navy blue vest. His attendants were attired similar.

The Maid of Honor was Alisha Wink, sister of the bride, from San Angelo, Ashley James, from San Angelo, Lisa Ledbetter from Austin and Judy Carson, sister of the groom, from Sterling, Virginia. The Best Man was Jason Kneupper from San Angelo, and the groomsmen were Jason Steelman, from Chicago, Illinois, Owen Brandt, from Bracketville and Joseph Wink, brother of the bride from Eldorado. Heather Hughes from Sonora did the honors of being the flower girl.

Guests were ushered in by Pete Pape and Jason Timbrook, both from San Angelo.

The bride was escorted in by here father. The "Wedding Song" was sung by the bride's cousin, Randy Gartman and was accompanied by Gale Pierce of San Angelo. The reception was held at the Fireman's Hall located at Lake Nasworthy. A meal of bris-

ket and trimmings were served by her Uncles and various cousins served the traditional bride and groom cake made by Kim-et Nelson. After a dance, the couple left for Ruidosa, New Mexico. They will reside in Columbus, Mississippi in June.

The bride is an Eldorado High School graduate and is currently doing her internship at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. The groom graduated from Bracket High and from Angelo State University. He is currently stationed at Alamogordo, New Mexico in the United States Air Force. He will attend pilot training in Columbus, Mississippi in June.

Happy Jack Farmer

BALLINGER — Happy Jack Farmer, 68, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998, at his residence. Graveside services were held Sunday, Dec. 20, in Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Winford Gore officiating. Arrangements were by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born May 14, 1930, in Ballinger to Fred Lee Farmer and Gertrude Maurine Wilson. He married Virginia Mountz Oct. 26, 1947, in Pharr. He was a general contractor and served in the National Guard for eight years. Jack bragged that he was 68 years old and had never received a ticket.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Foy. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Farmer of Ballinger;

two sons, Jack Farmer and wife, Dorothy, of United Arab Emirates and Mike Farmer and wife, Martha, of Grandview; two daughters, Sherry Wink and husband, Harvey, of Eldorado and Dimmie Mason and husband, Freddy, of Veribest; a brother, Bob Farmer and wife, Irene, of Ballinger; a sister, Anna Jean Jones of Ballinger; nine grandchildren, Ginger Killough, Krystal Farmer, Jenny Wink, Alisha Wink, Joseph Wink, Michael Farmer, Ryan Farmer, Cody Mason and Whitney Mason; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.

BIRTHDAYS

- December**
24th Joyce Whitten, Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Jennifer Cheatham
25th April Robinson, Sonny Dean, D'Ann Kuhlmann, Heliodoro Sanchez, Makenzie McCravey, Justina Saunders
26th Ashley N. Ramos, Victor Pina, Irene Reynolds
27th Veronica Ussery, Ashby Ragsdale, Jim Chancellor, Garrett Lux, Juan Sanchez
28th Ruby Nell Farris, Dee Jay Garvin, Tracy Sellers, Kate Kuhlmann, Abigail Ussery, Juan Sanchez
29th Cynthia Caldwell, Laura Hill, Howard Ledbetter, Allison Reynolds
30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Briley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford, Tip Finley
31st Christy Arendt, Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton, Douglas Ray Box
January
1st Rosalio Rocha, Donnie Overstreet, Dexter Jay, Mack Redish, Emily Newman, Tico Robles
2nd Nadia L. Santellano

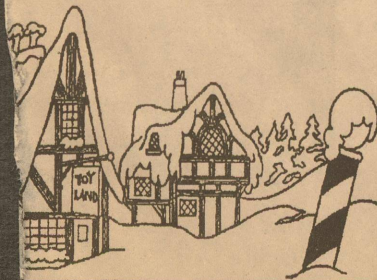
ANNIVERSARIES

- December**
23rd Orland & Dorothy Harris
24th Robert & Pansie Jay
25th Claude & Jessie Jenkins
26th John & Rita Meador, Bob & Stacy Page
28th Danny & Janet Curtis, Joe & Sonja Key, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Roubison, Shari & Harvey Wink
29th Sam & Cynthia Caldwell
30th Lynn & Christy Meador, Tim & Jan Blair, Allen and Jean Kuykendall
January
2nd Chris & Chris McCravey

Merry Christmas

Wishing You and Yours A Happy Holiday

Earl & Sarah Yates



It's A Girl!

Richard and Robbie Heald are thrilled to announce the newest member of their growing family. Chelsey London Page arrived early December 8th, 1998 weighing 5 pounds and 3 ounces in San Angelo.

She is welcomed into our family by four cousins and her two big brothers Austin and Kade. And her loving parents Angie Heald and Jerry Gutierrez.

Rehab '99 update

By Mabel Freitag and Committee

"Thank you" for your early donations to Rehab. This will be the 9th year for our Schleicher County West Texas Rehab Telethon. Each year you have kept us on top of surrounding counties, hope we can keep up the "good work."

As is years past, we will be at Southwest Texas Electric Coop from 6:00 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, January 9th. Come by for a visit and cup of coffee, the same volunteers will be on duty this year.

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Bringing home the gold — The Eldorado Eagles showed off the 1st Place Trophy they won at the Toe Nail Trail Tournament last week. Team members include (L-R) Michael Mayo, Dusty Nolen, Joey Bullard, Joseph Wink, Casey Poyner and Anthony Pina. (Not present) William Robledo and Kenny Covarrubiaz.

Eagles win Toe Nail Trail basketball tournament

by David Hill

The Eldorado Eagles came away from the Toe Nail Trail Tournament in Christoval with a first place trophy. EHS' record for the season climbs to 6 wins and 3 losses. Eldorado defeated Veribest, Mason, and Christoval. The championship game between the Eagles and Christoval went into double overtime. The entire team really stepped up and played. They did a lot of good things in the tournament that have been troubling this young Eagle team.

Defensively the Eagles have

been very consistent while the offense is starting to show signs of life as EHS scored 98, 61, and 75 points in the tournament. They made better decisions and passed the ball much better along with shooting the ball very well. The Eagles have had very good success from the 3 point line. Michael Mayo was named tournament MVP and Will Robledo and Anthony Pina were named to the All Tournament team. Pina also won the free throw championship.

The Eagles will take up play again after the winter break.

Lady Eagles place 2nd in Christoval Tournament

by David Hill

The Lady Eagles took second place in the Toe Nail Trail Tournament in Christoval. They defeated Veribest, Christoval, and Cornerstone Christian School, before losing to Robert Lee in the finals. The record for the year is now 8 wins and 5 losses. EHS held opponents to under 20 points in two ball games while having excellent games offensively. The Lady Eagles had their best offensive showings in back to back games scoring 68 and 69 points respectively.

EHS lost the championship game to a tough Robert Lee squad 47 to 48. The girls started out sluggishly and fell behind early trailing by 9 at the half. The Lady Eagles fought back in the second half taking the lead into the final 5 seconds before Robert Lee got the winning bucket. Coach Harris stated, "The girls really needed played well during the tournament and showed a lot of heart in the final, just coming up short at the buzzer."

The Lady Eagles will resume play after the winter break.

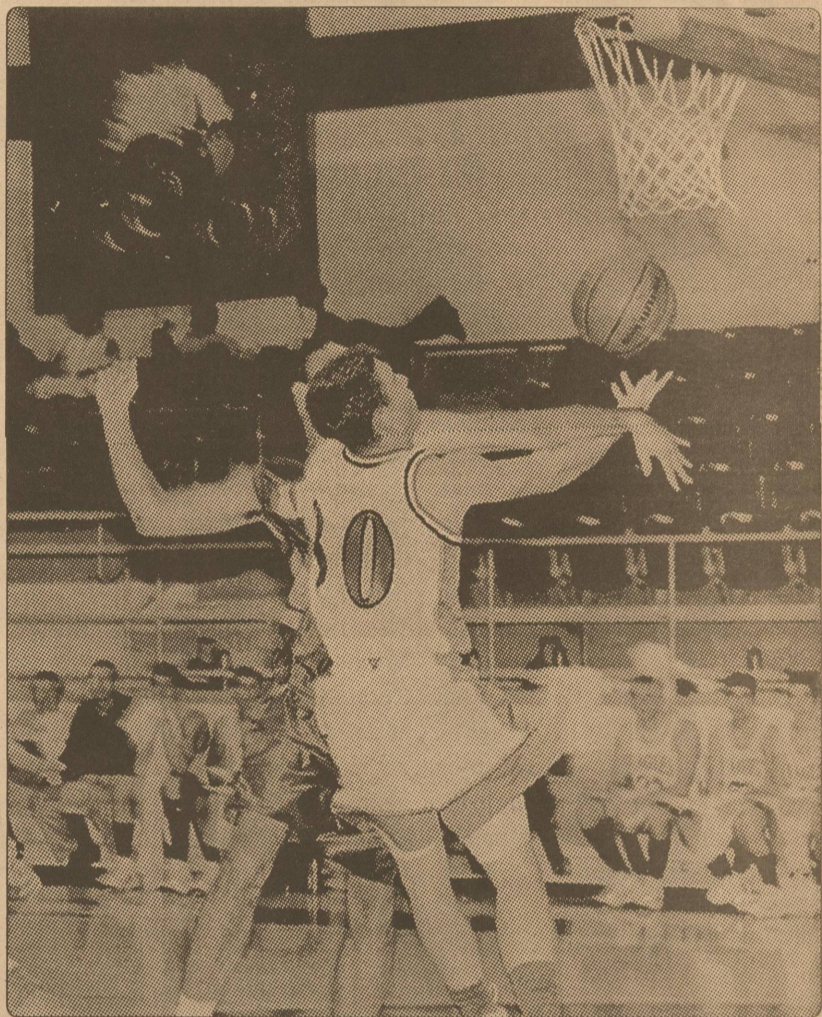


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That's a foul — #30 Casey Poyner drove to the bucket and drew a foul during the Eldorado Eagles win over Rocksprings recently



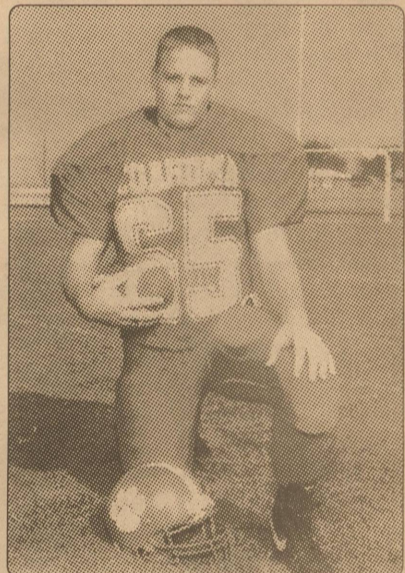
photo by Kathy Mankin
Movin' on — Vanessa Gonzalez brought the ball down court for the Lady Eagles recently as they took on the Rocksprings Lady Angoras.

Samuels named to ASU Dean's List

Sabrina Samuels of Eldorado, granddaughter of Eugene and Faye Gibson, was named to the Dean's List as Angelo State University for the Fall semester with a 3.6 grade point average.

Samuels, who marched with the ASU Ram Band this year as a member of the color guard, was seriously injured in a head-on crash north of Christoval on May 29th. She recovered quickly and began classes on time. Her family credits her surviving the wreck to the fact that she was wearing a seat belt. The speedy recovery they credit to the countless prayers of friends and neighbors.

Newton on 3-2A All-District team



courtesy photo
Bobby Newton

Bobby Newton of Coahoma, son of Donnie and Donna Newton was named to the District 3-2A 2nd Team All-District offensive squad. Newton, a 6' 1" 190 lb. senior, played center for the Coahoma Bulldogs this year. Newton grew up in Eldorado where he played football for the Eagles until his family moved to Coahoma two years ago.

Newton's team finished 3-7 on the year but competed in a very strong district with Stanton, Seagraves and Post, all of which advanced deep into the playoffs this year.

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From Christmas Past: Peace and Harmony

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lieved him. To-da he left very promptly, with the remark that he might be gone all afternoon. First he ate his usual bowl of crackers and milk. Then he sat there at the lunch counter, thinking, for half an hour. At last he arose, clapped his hat on firmly, and set out. "I dont thinke God will find it amiss to have a little human assistance on this job," he chuckled.

He went at once to the office of the West Texas Lumber Co. "Hello, Clarence", he greeted the man in the office. "Does a man named Taylor work here?"

"Driver," grunted Knight, "Drinks."

"Don't blame him," declared the post master, "So would you, if your couldn't get a job at your own trade."

"What do you mean," Mr. Atkins.

"Taylor's a cabinet maker, not a teamster. Why don't you put him where he belongs?"

"Drinks, I tell you!"

"Give him a chance, Clarence. I'll bet he won't drink when he's working at his trade, and getting his rightful wages."

"Say, did he come whinning around you?"

"Lord, no, Clarence. I never set eyes on the man!"

"Then what in blazes"--

"Here!" The postmaster shoved Mary Lee's letter into Clarence Knight's hand. "You're a square man, Clarence, Read that."

"Well, I'm ding-busted," said Clarence Knight softly, as he laid the letter down. "All right, Mr. Atkins, you win. I'll take him in-

side, for the regular wage, as long as he's steady."

Then the post master visited Orville Conner, the Sheriff.

He went in and told Orville about the letter and handed it to him to read.

And so a third pair of human eyes persued the missive that was meant for God.

"The poor little kid," muttered Orville Conner. "Smart, too, to write that!--So my boy wants to get married. Well, by George, he can, if I can help him any!-- 'The poor little kid!-- 'Peace and Harmony'-eh, A.J.?" The Sheriff wiped his eyes frankly.

Mr. Atkins went on down the street to the City Variety Store and stepped inside. "She didn't ask for 'em, but I'm pretty certain He won't mind," he told himself.

Nothing else exciting happened at the post office till the day after Christmas. Then another celestially addressed envelope came into the postmaster's hand.

"Dear God:" it read. "Please except the thanks of the whole Taylor family. We had a grand Christmas with turkey and all and plenty of peece and harmony. Thelma and J.R. were married Crismas eve and they are going to live with Mr. and Mrs. Conner. He is a nice man Mr. Conner is and he gave J.R. a nice allowance. Mr. Knight is a nice man too a rough diamond ma says. Pa hasn't drank since he was took inside and ma says she sure wont. It was awful kind of you to send all the toys and things too. I kind of hoped you would, God. The books and clothes for me are grand.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Christmas spirit — Youth from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church prepared and distributed holiday meals for their elderly neighbors Tuesday. Pictured above are Christine Adame, Tabitha Lloyd, Susie Rojas, Cristie Jo Belman, Andrea Robles, John Ray Espinosa, Elibeth Montalvo, Melissa Mejia, Raymon Ray Barajas, Leonel Medrano, Blake Leggett, Cole Pina and Jimmy Joe Rodriguez.

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School board closes Middle and High School campuses

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ize this was a possibility in Eldorado," Cathey said of the juveniles arrested for having a firearm at school.

Supt. Porter distributed to board members information concerning both campuses absence and tardy rates. He pointed to the elevated numbers occurring after lunch. "Some of the kids are leaving for lunch and not coming back," Porter said. "Others are returning late and we are concerned about some of the things they are being exposed to when they leave campus."

Trustee Phil McCormick noted that the difference in morning and afternoon absences averaged only one per day and questioned the need to close the high school campus. "I'm not a proponent of a closed campus, never have been and probably never will be," stated McCormick. He went on to say that the school needed to target its response on the "10 percent or less" of kids causing the problems. "It may be harder to sit on all of them than take care of the problems we have with a few," McCormick continued.

Board President Ilse Williams asked if a plan could be implemented to allow High School students to earn the privilege of leaving the campus for lunch. Supt. Porter said that just such a plan was being studied. However, he continued to recommend closing both campuses for the time being.

"All kids are vulnerable to influences you don't want them to have," Porter said. "I'm concerned about the association with drugs and students associating

with one another on a gender basis." He told the board that postponing the campus closure would lessen its impact on the students.

Trustees then directed questions about closing the campuses to Middle School Principal Julie Griffin and High School Principal Ken Newman.

"I can handle it," Griffin stated. "We already keep 5th and 6th grade on campus so it won't be a big problem. It may create a few problems but solve some others."

Ken Newman noted the change would mean a lot of work for his staff, "We can do it but it will mean having staff on hand to supervise during lunch."

At that point trustee Berta Nicholson made the motion to close both campuses till further notice and leave the details to Supt. Hal Porter. William Edmiston seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Later in the meeting it was decided to call a special meeting to discuss the campus closings with the public. That meeting is slated for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29th in the Administration Building Multi-Purpose Room.

Before continuing with other business, the board entered into an executive session and met with Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe concerning individual students. Upon emerging into open session, the board reviewed and approved the district's financial reports as presented by Loretta Edmiston. They also approved the minutes of a meeting held Nov. 9, 1998.

Next the board discussed and

approved the hiring of a part-time security guard. The guard will patrol the school grounds at random hours. "The hours will be known only to me," Supt. Porter told the group.

The board then went back into executive session for the discussion of personnel performance. They emerged into open session without taking action on the matter.

Supt. Porter then updated trustees on the district's request for a waiver for the wheelchair lifts in Eagle Gym. He noted the school's appeal had been taken up by the State Dept. of Licensing. "I think they'll grant the waiver retroactively and allow us to pay a fee for late filing," Porter said.

When asked if architect Gary Donaldson would be paying the fee/fine Porter replied. "We hope he will pay it in good faith."

Next, the board reviewed a letter from trustee Ruby Minor in which she tendered her resignation as the trustee for Single Member District 5. Ilse Williams

pointed out that new laws require elected officials to remain in office until their replacements are sworn in and urged the board not to accept the resignation at that time.

Discussion then focused on whether or not to appoint someone to fill Minor's vacant seat or to wait until May and allow voters to fill the unexpired term. Trustee Berta Nicholson commented that appointing a replacement would give them an "upper hand" in the May election. Trustee Eddie Albin agreed saying that he worried the board would be perceived as "hand picking someone."

Phil McCormick offered a motion, seconded by William Edmiston, to call a special election in May to fill the vacancy. The motion passed with Edmiston, McCormick, Steve Sessom and Berta Nicholson voting in favor. Ilse Williams and Eddie Albin opposed the measure.

The trustees then reviewed and approved an accountability proposal for the district's Alternative Education Program. They also authorized the school to auction away some of its unneeded property.

The board voted to accept a technology grant for a video center and heard a proposal from the Austin law firm of Powell, Chance & Leone for legal services. Before adjourning the trustees entered into a self-evaluation session.

Hill accepts management position

David Hill has accepted a District Sales Coordination position with AFLAC beginning January 1, 1999. AFLAC, located in Columbus, Georgia, is a Fortune 500® company and the world leader in supplemental insurance. Hill has been with the company since 1994 and has qualified for numerous awards with the company including Rookie of the Year, Fireball Series, 3 Silver Key Clubs, 1 Bronze Key Club, 2 National Conventions, and State Convention each of his four years, as well as being in the top 25 producing associates statewide 3 of 4 years.

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All the way from the North Pole — Santa's reindeer received some assistance from the Ft. Concho Cavalry last Friday when they escorted St. Nick into Eldorado for the Christmas on Main Street celebration. The 3rd and 4th grade choir were entertaining the audience with their rendition of "Here Comes Santa Claus" just as the jolly ol' elf rounded the corner at Gillis and S. Main Street. Santa took time to hear youngster's Christmas requests before returning to the North Pole to pack his sleigh.

Nelson named to Dean's List

Kristal Nelson daughter of Kim-et and Steve Nelson of Eldorado was named to the President's List at Frank Phillips Jr. College in recognition of her 4.0 grade average for the fall semester. Nelson serves as President of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Eta Iota Chapter.

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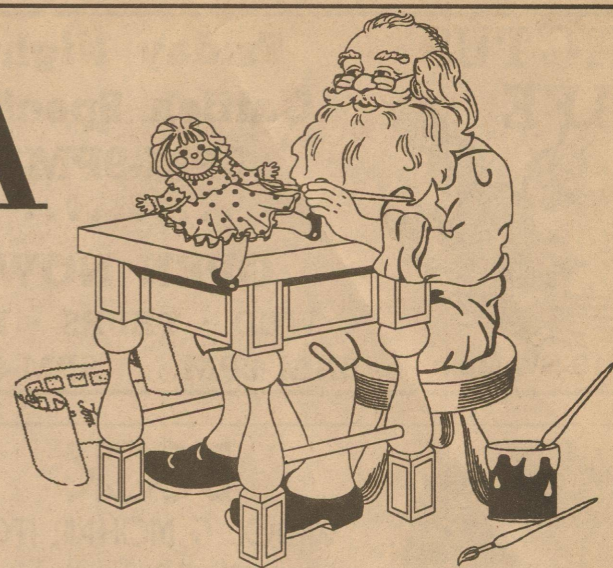
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Marcos Medrano

Dear Santa,
Please let it snow and snow! May I have a baseball and bat and a fire truck. I made a cupcake for you!
Love, Shane Young

Dear Santa,
I want to find a puppy in my stocking. I want a toy soldier with a gun. Mom would like a kitten. Dad needs a gun. I wish you could bring lots of snow.
Luv, Dylan Wilson

Dear Santa,
My sister and I would love a poodle a Barbie car. I would like to have my own room. My Dad needs a new nintendo ya me. My Mom wants jewelry. Me wants a brown and black puppy. I will leave cookies for you.
Love, Jacey Sellers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer. My sister wants a Tigger That bounces.
I love you, Aubrey Martinez

Dear Santa,
My brother would like a little puppy. I would like to have a kitten. I wish it would snow!
Love, Victoria Ann Garza

Dear Santa,
May I have a Barbie and a bear? My Mom wants a ring and my Dad a watch. I will leave cookies for you. I love you!
Adriana Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would love to have a doll a cat my mom wants an angel. Dad wants tools.
Clarissa Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want to give Rudolph a big hug! I want to give you a new Santa Suit. I would like a free movie pass. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for Rudolph.
Love, Austin Whitten

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a projeter gun I want to give Rudolph a great big hug! Dadze needs a new watch, please. Enjoy the cookies and milk Santa!
Love, Wes Brown

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog. We want a batman toy please.
I Love you, Juan Martniez

Dear Santa,
May I please have a puppy My brother want a batman toy Do you have a kitten for me?
Love, Hervey Solis

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

Dear Santa,
Give me a Kitty for Christmas. Please bring my mom a diadiamond ring. Get my dad a da ring too.
Love Shelsea Rojas

Dear Santa,
How is it the North bw! Mrs clause? I want a redsgot tod hors. I want a yellow dog. I want a cat
Love Jim Chadwick

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player for Christmas. I also want a remote controlled car. Wovd you bring my Moma diamond necklace? Bring my dad a brand new car. How is Mrs. Claus? Meristmas
Love, Samantha Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I want a dairy for christmas. My mom wants a candlestick. My dad would like new tools for his work. My big sister will want a new video

game. My little sister would like new baby toys for christmas. Santa, how are your elve?
Love Maureen Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control airplane. wants a Oakley hat for Chrismear. My dad wants a mule beer shoulder mounted and my mom wants a biamond ring. Ho cold is it at tre North Pole?
Luve Garret Lux

Dear Santa,
My brother wants some trucks and cars. I want a pink bike for Christmas. please get my mom a ring and my dad a macnine. Can you bring my sister a radio? Santa car you bring any baby brother a car, and an airplan?
Love Leslie Arispe

Dear Santa
Will you please bring me a for Christmas. Bring my grandma a house. I want a Fun Nailtoo. I want you to bring My MoM a bracelet with a diamond to and brocetet for My stepmom With her name on it. Merry Christmas Santa
love Kadie Niblett

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa and Mrs. Clause. Thanks for all of the toys. This year boat to sail in the water when I take a bath. My brother wants pretend things to play doctor. Bring my mom a calendar and my dad a toolbox.
Love, Gregory Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mr. Clause doing this winter? How are Rudolf and all the other raindeer doing? I would like a remote control monster truck and a blue bike. I also want wrestler toy. Merry christmas!
love Juan Medrano

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I wnat a Leaggo too. Get my dad a truck. Get my moma a nutcracker. I want a small soldier toy. How is Rudolf? I want a puppy. I want a cat and a little elf toy.
Love Junior Trujillo

How are you and your elves doind? My mom wants a new refrigejtor for Christmas. My brother wnat anther wrestdler toy. I want a new bat cave. Merry Christmas
Loves Dylan Dombroski

**Mrs. Curtis'
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? Like I would like a remote control airplan. Please, bring my cousins a sudmarine remote control.
Love Me. Marty Powell

Dear Santa,
I love you! I would like a remote control car. Please bring my brother some race cars. Happy New year!
love, Bailey Minor

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? Would you bring me a computer? Please bring my mom a cellular phone. Good luck Santa!
love Timothy Cuevas.

Dear Santa,
How is Vixen? I would like a bike. Please bring my mom a bike, too. Merry Christmas! Happy New Years!
love, Anthony Mata

Dear Santa,
How aree you? I would like you to bring me a computer. Please bring my sister a CD. I hope you go to all of the children.
love, Patricia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Are you feeling well? I would like for you to bring me a doll. Please bring my mom a ring. Good luck Santa.
love Alex

Dear Santa,
How is Vixen? I would like for you to bring me a remote control car. Please bring my mom a necklace. Merry Christmas. I hope you have a good time Santa. I hope

you hava a good time Santa. I hope there are lots of good kids.
Kevin Freeman

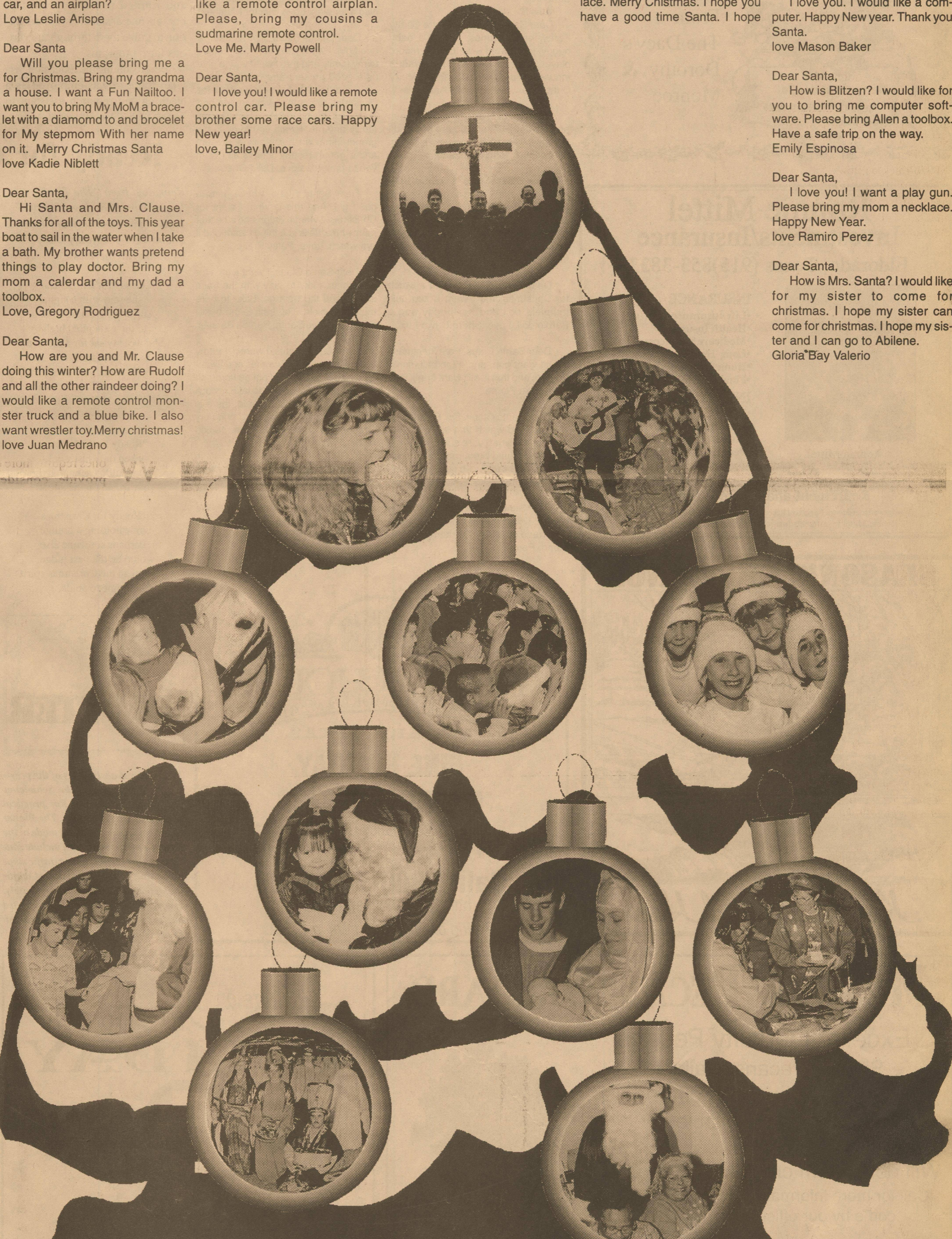
Dear Santa,
I love you! I would like a computer. Please bring my mom a ring. Merry Christmas.
love, Martha

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a computer. Happy New year. Thank you Santa.
love Mason Baker

Dear Santa,
How is Blitzen? I would like for you to bring me computer software. Please bring Allen a toolbox. Have a safe trip on the way.
Emily Espinosa

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a play gun. Please bring my mom a necklace. Happy New Year.
love Ramiro Perez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa? I would like for my sister to come for christmas. I hope my sister can come for christmas. I hope my sister and I can go to Abilene.
Gloria Bay Valerio



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Santa letters from 1963

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Dear Santa, you are a very sweet man. When Christmas comes I will leave a cup of coffee for you. Tell Mrs. Santa hello. Love, LeAnne Cawley.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle for Christmas and a watch, too. That's all I want for Christmas. Love, Virginia Gauna, Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus, I have Ben a good girl. Please bring me a watch, a bike basket and a baton. Merry Christmas to you all. Love Paula Prater.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Ken doll and Midge. I want the Ken doll and Midge blonde headed. I make a srait a report card. I have been a good girl. And I want a Barbie and Ken case. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. With love, Mary Lynn Sanders.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Chatty Kathy for Christmas. I want a baby buggy, too. I want a watch and record player. I want a Ken doll, too. Want a mouse trap game, too. I wish you Merry Christmas. Love, Priscilla Ann Holsey.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a BB gun and a watch, I hope you are fine and I hope you bring a BB gun and a watch. Your friend, Johnny Lozano.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a transistor radio and I want a machine gun. My love, Mike Manning.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a BB gun, and a ball and a bat for Christmas. Your friend, Harvey Hill.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a watch for Christmas and I want a ken doll, thumiela doll and her buggy and a Barbie doll. Love, Sherri Dawn Lux.

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would want gun, and a football, some toy cars and that is all I want thank you. Love Mike Flores.

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want a good watch that shines in the dark, and a little TV. it's sure I won't get one, but I would like a road racing car, and some bbs for by bb gun, and some underwear for sister. Love, Mark Calk.

Dear Santa, I want a electric battale wagon, I can't wait till Christmas. hope you have a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Peter F. Case.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll for Christmas and a bicycle. I want a bracelet too. And I want four pet fish. Plese bring me a dollhouse. Will you please bring me a pet dog and a pet cat. Love Loann Nixon.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have automatic twenty-two please and a chess game too. The thing I would like best is a cannon that shoots out balls. Love, John Rae Powell.

Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old an in the third grade. I would like to have a Electric Football set, Missile firing Tank, King Zor, Telephone Set, Race Car set, Gun Rack and a Airplane that drops bombs. Love, Lonnie Reynolds.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll house, a walking doll, and some green and white pedle pushers, I want a doll buggy. With love, Phyllis Kay Sauer.

Dear Santa, will you please bring me a football and when you come and pleas bring it to me and a big toy train with some toys in it and a football, and also a air plan. Love, Hector Martinez.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I want you to bring a present to my family and me. I want you to give us a good present and to bring me a girl's watch. I hve been waiting for Christmas to come, I want to see you and see if you have the presents for my family and me. I want you to bring my grandmother an her family a present and a good present. That is all I want you to bring us Love, Delia Guerrero.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. And this is what I want for Christmas. I want a baton and a basket for my bike. This is a thing I want and it is a watch. Love, Patsy Prater.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a train for Christmas. I like to play with the train. like to see the train go. I like to here the train whisle. The train is the best I like of toy. Love Santa, Ramon Barajas.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Tammy doll but not all of her clothes and I want a nurse set too. We wil not be home on Christmas so I want you to take my doll to Sentinal, Okla., and Santa, there is one more thing I want you to bring my Grandpa, a comb and brush. Jenice Rowe.

Dear Santa Claus, On Christmas we are haveing a Christmas party. We are going to decorate a tree and put a star on the top of the Christmas tree. We are going to put some presents in the tabel and I would like to have a bickl. your friend. Eva Hill.

Johnson new Ag Economist

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mates for over 30 South Texas crop and livestock enterprises. He's worked daily with a highly diverse group of agricultural producers, commodity organizations, crop insurance entities, ag lenders, USDA personnel, and elected officials.

Most recently, he was requested by Rick Perry, Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner, to assimilate ideas and plans for streamlining the Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan process. This report was submitted to local and state government officials and USDA FSA administrators and to Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. In two years of declared natural disasters, Johnson has worked to ensure that various government agencies were aware of the Rio Grande Valley's agricultural situation. He also gave traditional and limited resource producers one-on-one assistance and education to guide them through the various farm programs.

Before joining the Extension Service, Johnson was employed as a teaching and research assistant in Texas Tech's Department of Ag Eco-

nomics. His teaching assignments included classes in introduction to ag economics, price theory, and ag marketing. His research involved cotton, grain sorghum, corn, and wheat production strategy evaluation.

While working on his master's degree at LSU, Johnson served as a research associate in the school's ag economics department. He was involved with budgets used to benefit the Louisiana sugar cane production and processing business.

The new economist holds memberships in the American Agricultural Economics Association, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Southwestern Social Science Association, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Johnson is a fifth-generation cattle producer and a third generation educator originally from Jacksboro. He and his wife, Jennifer, will live in San Angelo.

Due to budget constraints, District 7 has not had an economist since the retirement of Robert Kensing over ten years ago. Kensing currently ranches in the Menard area.

Ready for Christmas?

Reprinted from "The Torch" December 1998 Magazine of Beta Sigma International Phi Submitted by Dorothy Dacy by Janis Kliethermes

In a heart that is selfish and filled with pride?"

"Ready for Christmas, you've worked that is true, But you did those things that you wanted to do. Ready for Christmas, your circle is small, Why, you are not ready for Christmas at all!"

She awoke with a start and a cry of despair; "There's so little time, and I've still to prepare! I think I'm beginning to see what you mean, To be ready is more than a house swept clean."

"Yes, more than the giving of gifts and a tree, It's the heart swept clean that we all need to see, A heart that is free from bitterness and sin, Ready for Christmas, and its spirit to begin."

"Ready for Christmas," she said with a sigh, And she gave a last touch to the gifts piled high. She wearily sat for a moment and read, 'Til soon, very soon, she was nodding her head.

Then quietly spoke a voice in her dream; "Ready for Christmas, when only last week- You wouldn't acknowledge your friend on the street."

"Ready for Christmas while holding a grudge? Perhaps someone else would be the best judge." "How can the Christmas spirit come to abide,

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THE BLOTTER

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

ARRESTS

12/13/98 Ramirez, Juan M., male age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Assault Class A. Released on \$2,000 bond.

REPORTS

12/17/98 Disturbance - Complainant reported a possible fight. Officers responded to call, all OK.

Complainant reported to Sheriff's Office that there was a subject at local convenience store that was not allowed on the property.

Complainant on Depot Street called and advised the Sheriff's Office that their cross that was covered with Christmas lights had been stolen along with some lights that were in their tree. Estimated value \$50.

12/19/98 Suspicious Person - Complainant advised there is a male subject 6 to 7 miles on South Hwy 277 attempting to hitchhike.

Complainant reported a large water leak behind City Hall. On call employee was contacted.

Complainant stated that there was a vehicle about 14 miles North just off the shoulder of the road coming South. Stated that vehicle may be a hazard to other vehicles. Was not sure if the driver was passed out or asleep.

12/20/98 Complainant on Doris Ave. called needing to speak to an officer concerning a break in. Things taken that they noticed immediately were T.V., VCR, Caps, Travel Bag. Window was also broken.

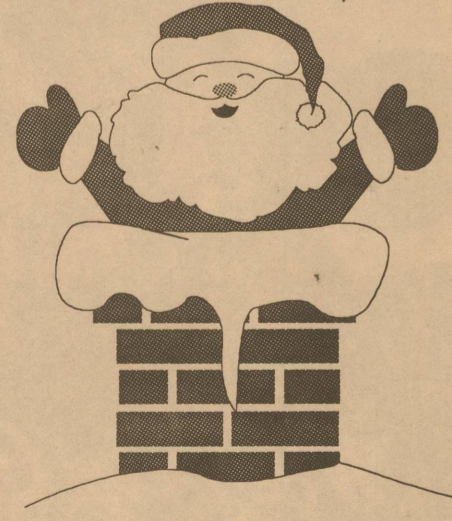
12/21/98 Complainant reported a barn on fire out on Highway West. County Road 119. Officer and Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched.

Assault - Complainant call 911 to report that husband had slapped wife. Officer responded to call. Arrested one male subject on Class A Assault.

Request for Ambulance - Complainant stated that they needed an ambulance on County Road 429 for a transfer to the medical center.

12/22/98 Complainant advise their smoke alarm has been beeping intermittently since 7:00 last evening. The alarm is electrical, not battery powered. No smoke notice by complainant. Subject is scared by power outages occurring city wide due to weather. Officer dispatched to check out alarm.

Have a "Ho Ho Ho" **HOLIDAY**



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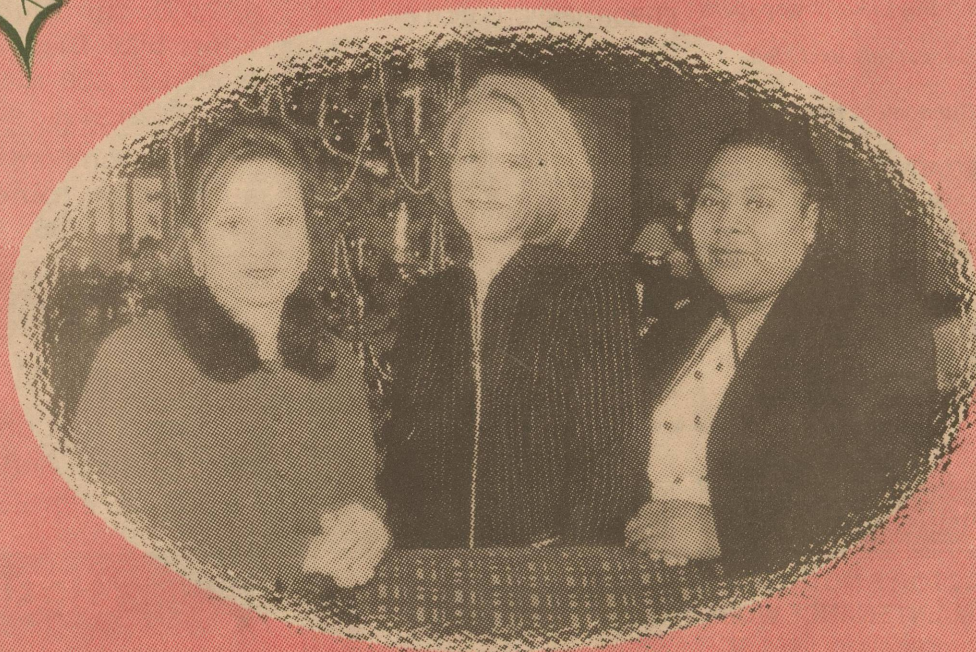
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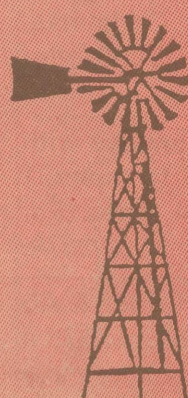


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