





### Our Sympathy

#### Irene Georgia Hicks

ELDORADO - Irene Georgia Hicks, 88, of San Angelo and formerly of Eldorado passed away Monday, December 5, 1994 in San Angelo.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 7, 1994 in the Eldorado Cemetery with David Templeton, pastor of the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ officiating under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Irene was born July 13, 1906 in Williamson County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. Irene was married to Ed Hicks, who preceded her in death on March 14, 1987 and was also preceded by her son, Kenneth on April 20, 1978.

She is survived by three daughters, Margaret Alderman, Colleen Hook and her husband, Bill, and Joyce Hicks all of San Angelo; one daughter in law, June Hicks Panzer; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild who lovingly called her "Old Granny".

Grandchildren are Jace and Cheryl Alderman, Jerry and Deana Alderman, Kim and Ron Dooley, Kelly and Craig Driver, Derrie and

Micky Collins, Jamie and Toney Tharp and Jill and Jason Jones. Pallbearers were her grandsons.

#### N.J. Minatra

ABILENE - N.J. Minatra, 81, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994, at his residence.

Services were held Tuesday, December 6, 1994 in Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home chapel. Burial followed in Tuscola Cemetery.

He was born in Tuscola and lived in Abilene since 1950. He was a heavy equipment operator and yard manager for G.F. Rhodes Drilling Co. from 1950 until 1993 and was a member of Cedar Gap Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Nora Minatra of Abilene; four sons, Kenneth Leo Minatra of Del Rio, James Russell Minatra of Clyde, Roger Minatra of Oklahoma City and Pat H. Minatra of Abilene; two brothers, Billy Joe Minatra of Seguin and Jerry Minatra of Alabama; three sisters, Betty Baber of Coleman, and Juanita Neighbor and Jessie Cantrell, both of California; 16 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

## Bodie Gilstrap Will Undergo Surgery



Bodie Gilstrap

Eldorado's own, Bodie Gilstrap, a student at Texas A&M University is slated to undergo kidney surgery this week. His parents, Hymie and Carolyn Gilstrap will travel to College Station and go with Bodie to Texas Medical Center in Houston where the surgery will be performed.

On July 29, 1989, Bodie was severely injured when the pickup he was driving overturned. He was thrown from the vehicle which then rolled over him. He suffered spinal cord damage which left him

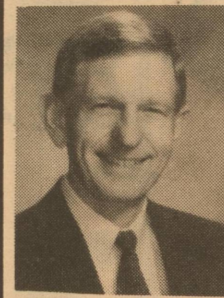
paralyzed from the neck down. Despite the adversity, Bodie has continued to pursue his dreams and is now a sophomore at Texas A&M. He is proud to be an Aggie and looks forward to returning to College Station after recuperating from this procedure.

According to Richard Sterling, a Bodie Gilstrap Fund has been established at First National Bank of Eldorado. All contributions will help defray the costs associated with Bodie's hospitalization.

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### Dr. Peaslee's Office Moving Soon!

Changes in the organization of Schleicher County Hospital led to closure of the pediatric clinic on December 12, 1994.

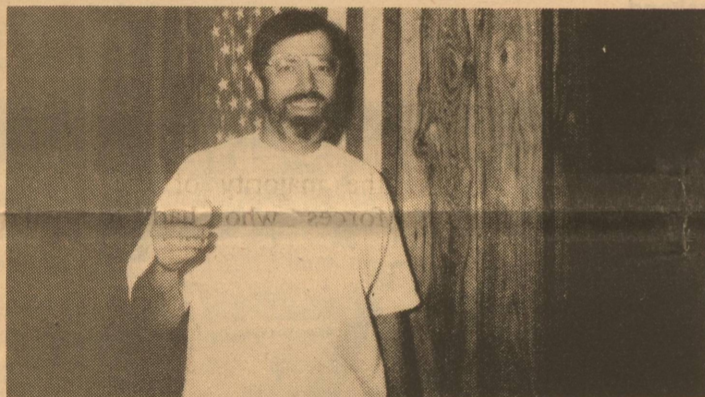
Due to short notice received, our new facility will not be fully operational by that time. Please excuse us while we rush to prepare. We anticipate the need for a Christmas "work vacation" (to build and relocate) from December 13 - January 1st.

Our new location will be 411 S. Hackberry, Eldorado. Call 853-3153 for directions

We hope to continue to enjoy providing your healthcare in our new clinic for many years to come.

### Cartwright Makes Hole-In One

## Golf Play Day



Pictured above is Jon Cartwright with his favorite golf ball. Jon made a hole-in-one with the ball on the first hole during Eldorado Golf Club's Play Day last Sunday

submitted by Mabel Freitag

The weather was beautiful and everyone was in a golf playing mood this past Sunday for our regular Play Day. Isn't very often that we can play golf in 80 degree weather the 4th of December.

We had a great turn-out. Nineteen players enjoyed the beautiful afternoon. Tip Van Court, Zack Monroe and Frank Haines joined us from Christoval.

Jon Cartwright was over-joyed with his "Hole-in-One" on Number 1. It makes a happy afternoon for all of us when one of our players makes a Hole-in-One!

57 - 1st Place: Jon Cartwright, John Pitts, Victor Belman and Lewis Martinez.

61 - 2nd Place: Steve Snelson, Bill Freitag and Red Foley.

62 - 3rd Place: Danny Halbert, Wayne McGinnis and Rick Griffin won a card play-off with Tip Van Court, Maria Robles and Gordon Jones.

We all need to stop and count our many blessings this Holiday season that we have such a wonderful community, with our nice Churches, Schools, Hospital,

### Historical Society Meets

Submitted by Ruth Barbee  
The Historical Society met the 5th of December for their monthly meeting. The Business meeting was called to order by the President Bobbie Sanders.

The minutes were read by Ethel Etheredge with a good report. The Treasures Report was given by Mabel Freitag. 13 women attended with one man Rev. Hawley Wolfe. The membership drive was read by Charlene Edmiston. Rev. Hawley Wolfe spoke to us on the history concerning the Woolen Mill and fixing up the museum.

### Eldorado Woman's Club Parade of Homes



Shown above are the beautiful fireplace and Christmas tree in the home of Harold and Charlotte Steele. The Steele's home will be one of four open for tours during the Eldorado Wonan's Club Parade of Homes.

The Eldorado Woman's Club is again sponsoring its annual Parade of Homes. The tour which yearly coincides with the holiday season is set this year for Sunday, Dec. 11th from 2-5 pm. and will visit 4 local families.

This year's Parade of Homes features the homes of Jay Ray & Julie Holley (rock home on the right just north of the Eldorado city limits on Old Mertzon Road), Toni & Bill Sudduth (605 North Street), Harris & Jackie Napier (12 miles east of Eldorado on Highway 190) and Harold & Charlotte Steele (10 E. Fields Ave.).

Tickets for the tour will be

available at each of the homes and there is no specified order for the tour. Refreshments will be served at the Harold Steele home at 10 E. Fields Ave.

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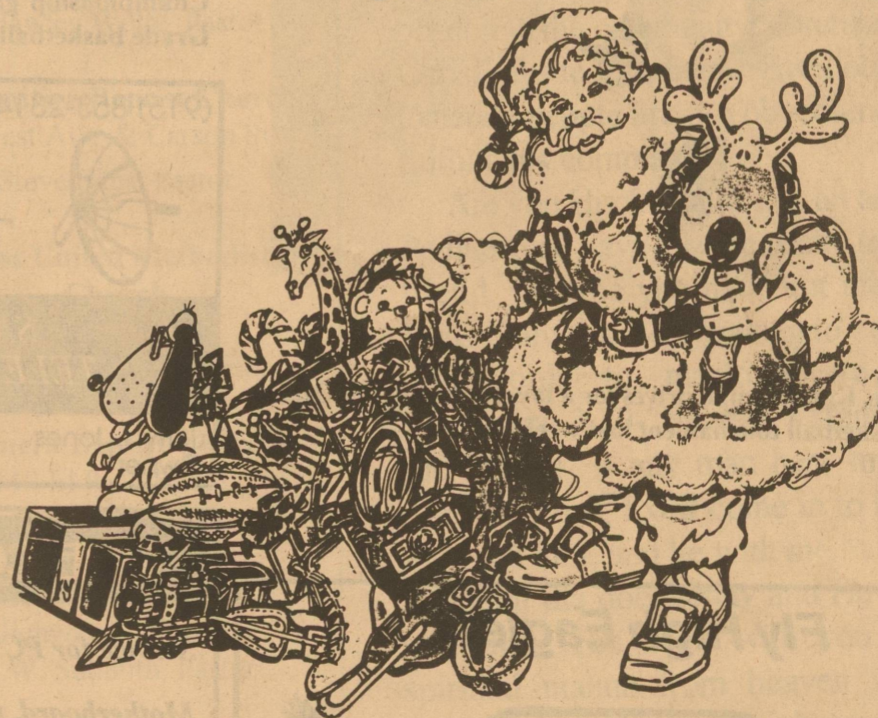
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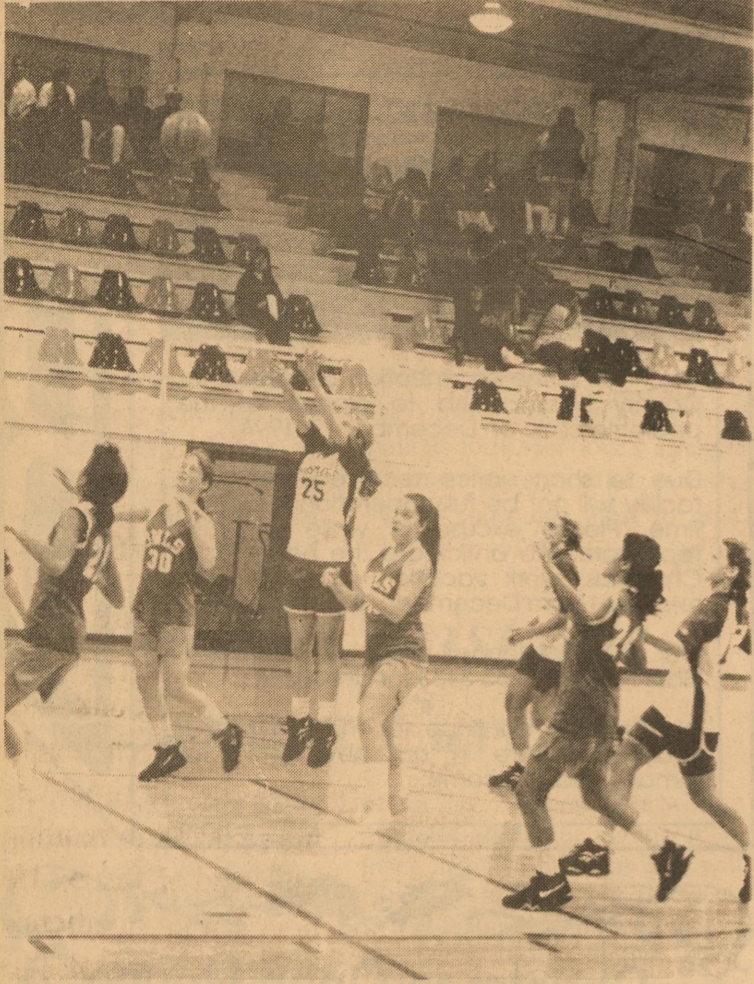


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# Eagle's View



Above, Tamra Sedden lofts a shot during the Ozona 7th Grade basketball tournament last weekend.



Shown above, Jennah Richters moves the ball in close against the McCamey Badgers during the Ozona 7th Grade basketball tournament last weekend.



Shown above, Michael Mayo puts up a shot over an Ozona Lion defender during the Ozona 7th Grade basketball tournament last weekend.



Pictured above, Kasey Griffin drives for a lay-up during the Ozona 7th Grade basketball tournament last weekend.



Above, Casey Poynor brings the ball down court in the Championship game against the Ozona Lions in the Ozona 7th Grade basketball tournament last weekend.



Above, Cory Lloyd shoots a free throw during the Ozona 7th Grade basketball tournament last weekend.

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## Donaldson Duo In California

On November 2-4, 1994, Chauncey and Sabrina Donaldson competed in the twenty-sixth World Junior Frisbee Championships in Anaheim, California. This was the first time that both competed together in the finals. Chauncey and Sabrina are the grandchildren of Clara Mae Donaldson of Eldorado, Texas. They are the children of Kathy Donaldson of Arvada, Colorado.

Sabrina, age 13, placed third in disc golf, narrowly missing the second-place position. She took fourth in distance competition throwing for a total of 238 feet. Overall, Sabrina came in eighth place and won a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. She is looking forward to next year's event and promises to do much better.

Chauncey, age 15, defended last year's champion title in the overall competition winning a \$1000 U.S. Savings Bond. He threw 499'4" in distance leaving no one the chance to come close to his throw. Another first-place victory came when the MTA

(maximum time aloft) competition occurred. (MTA is when you throw a frisbee at an angle into the air and catching it with one hand.)

This was Chauncey's last year to compete as next year he will be over the age limit. However, Chauncey may return to help staff the event in the near future.

Both Chauncey and Sabrina had a wonderful time seeing friends from past events and making new friends from all over the United States. Part of the event was held at Knots Berry Farm in Buena Park. Free time to ride the theme park and ride the rides was given on Thursday and Saturday. According to Chauncey's coach, Geoff Hungerford, "they (Knots Berry Farm) put Chauncey's name on a seat on one of the roller coaster rides because he kept getting back in line." Well, not really, but it would be kind of neat.

Congratulations Chauncey and Sabrina for a job well done and wishing Sabrina good luck for next year's event.

## SCISD Weather Plans

This week, the Schleicher County Independent School District announced plans for dealing with bad weather situations in the upcoming winter months. The following television and radio stations will be alerted as soon as possible to notify parents of cancellations, or changes in the beginning of the school day: Radio KGKL 97.5 San Angelo, KIXY 94.7 San Angelo and KELI 98.7 San Angelo. TV will be KLST Channel 8, San Angelo.

School officials urge parents to be mindful of the weather and tune in to these broadcast stations when the weather is questionable. Also, parents should bear in mind that buses will run later than usual during bad weather. This can be true even at the end of the school day if there is a possibility of ice or snow on the road.

## Perry Says, "Select a Texas Christmas Tree"

AUSTIN - 'Tis the season to choose and cut your own Texas Christmas tree. You'll get a good buy and enjoy a family outing when you visit one of the nearly 130 tree farms listed in the "1994 Texas Christmas Tree Growers' Directory." The directory is available free from the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said about 300,000 trees, mainly Virginia and Afghan pines, are ready to be cut on tree farms across the state. Most farms open the Friday after Thanksgiving.

East Texas has the largest concentration, followed by Central and North Central Texas. A few are scattered in the Coastal Bend, South Texas and High Plains regions. The majority are choose-and-cut operations, many offering activities such as hayrides, picnicking grounds and gift shopping. A small percentage of the trees are sold on lots.

"If you can't get to a farm, the next best thing is buying a pre-cut Texas tree," Perry said. "No matter where you buy a Texas tree, it will stay fresher and last longer because it is cut later than trees shipped from out of state."

Perry said Texas trees usually cost less too. Last year a 5-1/2 to 6-foot tree averaged about \$26, with prices at choose-and-cut farms starting at about \$15.

Alan Dreesen of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said Texas-grown Virginia pines have been known to hold up for three months if given proper care. He said Afghan pines will last about as long. Both varieties are grown to compete with popular Scotch pines and are similar in appearance. Small numbers of Leyland cypress and eastern red cedar are also raised.

To keep trees as fresh as possible, take yours home immediately after purchase. Make a fresh cut in the trunk at least one-half inch from the bottom to allow for water intake. Place the tree in a bucket of water and store it in the shade.

When setting the tree up, use a stand that holds water. Keep the

tree away from heat vents, fireplaces or southern-exposure windows where it can dry out quickly. Check the water daily and refill as necessary to maintain freshness and fragrance.

Perry reminds consumers that fresh trees can be recycled friendly to the environment. He recommends calling your local parks and recreation department, nurseries or service organizations for information on the nearest tree-recycling program.

For a free copy of the "1994 Texas Christmas Tree Growers' Directory," write or call the Texas Department of Agriculture, Marketing and Agribusiness Development, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-7555, or your closest TDA regional office. Copies are also available from local county offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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*Dorothy's Movie Time*  
by Dorothy Dacy

My movie for you this week is an inspiring love story. It is "When a Man Loves a Woman" starring Andy Garcia and Meg Ryan. It is rated "R" due to adult subject matter.

When you love someone, it is through the good times, through the bad times, its for all times. Andy Garcia (The Godfather, Part II) and Meg Ryan (Sleepless in Seattle) prove this to be true as they portray a loving, passionate couple. Alice and Michael have a wonderful marriage, two beautiful girls, and a perfect life. But then their stable marriage is rocked by Alice's increasing dependence on alcohol. Forced to go through all the steps of detox and AA meetings, Alice doesn't appreciate her helpful, understanding husband

and Michael doesn't have a clue as to how to overcome the challenge of living with an alcoholic. Through this strife, they discover a renewed sense of love and commitment.

This is a story of fiery passion and the enduring power of love. In my opinion, Ryan and Garcia give Oscar-caliber performances. Check this film out and celebrate the strength of love, hope and the human spirit.

"When a Man Loves a Woman" is available at Meyer's.

Until next week: Measure your life by loss instead of gain; not by the wine drunk, but in the wine poured forth, for love's strength stands in love's sacrifice; and who suffers most has most to give. Quoted from "Apples of Gold".

## Country Christmas At Sonora Caverns

The Caverns of Sonora would like to invite you to our 1st Annual Country Christmas on Saturday, December 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We will be featuring elf-guided tours from 9:00-5:00 p.m. 35 craft booths will be open from 9:30 to 6:00 p.m. Many crafts will be available: painting on bushel gourds, ceramic dolls, Discovery Town, earrings, t-shirts, wrap shirts, bandanna collars, hand painted glassware, denim totebags, puppet babies, pouting babies, crocheted hand-work, quilts, quilt-racks, leather goods, lighted ceramics, Sand Babies, Christmas floral designs, sterling silver, Christmas decorations, covered photo albums, etched glassware, Christmas door stops, and lots of handmade goodies.

A Western Santa will be on the grounds during the morning and we'll have a Traditional Santa part

of the day. Wagon rides will be available during the afternoon. A living, singing Christmas Tree will entertain from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will feature a community choir directed by Dennis Pharris, which will present excerpts from the Contada, Rose of Bethlehem. The Christmas Tree will also feature the Sonora High School Choir and a humorous Christmas story by Cowboy Poet Biscuits O'Bryan.

30,000 Christmas lights will light up the sky, while area youths participate in a living nativity scene. The Caverns Candy-Apple and Chocolate Fudge Factory will feature stew and cornbread lunch, gift baskets, baked goods, and other homemade confections.

Caverns of Sonora is located 7 miles south of Interstate 10, Exit 392, West of Sonora, Texas. For more information call 915/387-3105 or 915/387-6507.

# LEGALMATTERS

BY TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

For many children, the holiday season means three things: toys, toys and more toys. However, holiday happiness can turn to tragedy if parents buy unsafe goods. While most toys are safe, too many children are injured each year as a result of playing with defective or unsafe toys.

### WHAT THE LAW SAYS ABOUT SAFE TOYS

Under two federal statutes, the Hazardous Substance Act and the Consumer Product Safety Act, toy companies must manufacture their products to meet regulations set by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The law bans small parts in new toys intended for children under 3. The ban includes removable small eyes and noses on stuffed toys and dolls, and small, removable squeakers on squeeze toys.

Manufacturers may be liable for accidents that occur because their products are unsafe or fail to carry needed warnings. Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, our office has filed several lawsuits on behalf of consumers to obtain changes in unsafe products, or to force manufacturers to provide warnings on their products.

Last year, for example, our litigation succeeded in requiring all shopping-cart manufacturers in Texas to equip carts with seat belts for children. The change was necessary: statistics show that falls from shopping carts are the leading cause of head injuries among children. We obtained an agreement requiring warnings and modifications on baby walkers because children who use them near stairs and steps can be injured in falls.

### CHOOSE WITH CARE

When making your purchases, read all labels for safety information, and heed all warnings. Sales

representatives or store managers often can give you safety tips or steer you in the right direction.

Also, do not overlook the manufacturer's recommendations on age-appropriateness. Something perfectly harmless for an 8-year-old may not be safe in the hands of a toddler. Although sharing is a good quality, sometimes it may be necessary to teach older children to keep their things away from younger siblings.

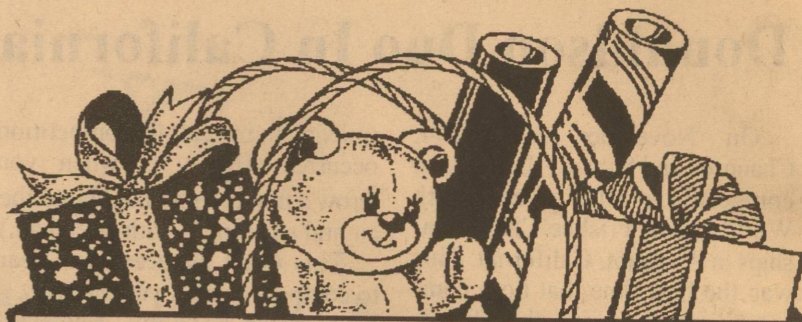
Babies are especially vulnerable because of their habit of putting things in their mouths. It's their way of exploring the world around them. Infant toys, rattles, squeeze toys, and teething should be too big to swallow. Toy balloons are especially dangerous: more children have suffocated on uninflated balloons and pieces of broken balloons than on any other type of toy.

### AVOID POINTY BITS

Look for quality design and construction in all toys for all ages. Be sure that garments and other fabric products are flame retardant and resistant, and that they contain no toxic materials. Also, stuffed toys and dolls should be made of washable and hygienic materials.

Be wary of toys with sharp edges, small parts and sharp points. According to regulation, new toys intended for children under 8 should be free of sharp glass and metal edges. And do not forget that over time, toys may break, exposing sharp edges and leaving parts small enough to be swallowed or to become lodged in a child's windpipe, ears or nose.

For more information or to report a hazardous toy or product, call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission hotline at (800) 638-2772. Be a smart consumer. Choose your children's toys carefully, and have a wonderful holiday.



The Sonora Merchants Association would like to invite you to experience **A Sonora Christmas**

**Thursday, December 8th**

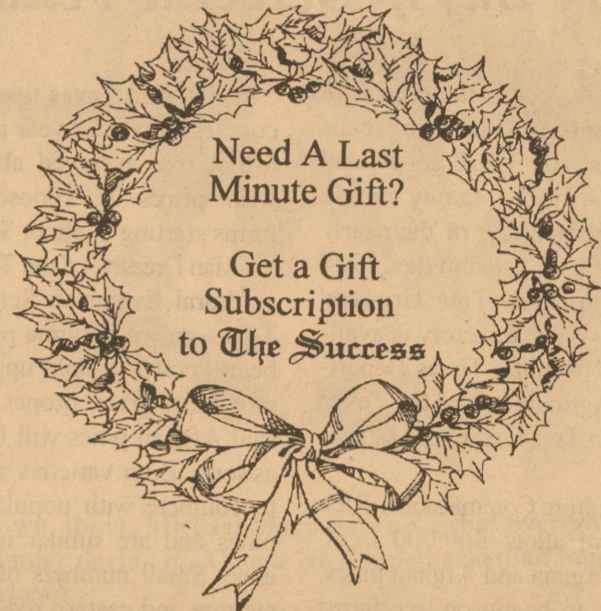
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**Saturday, December 10th**

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