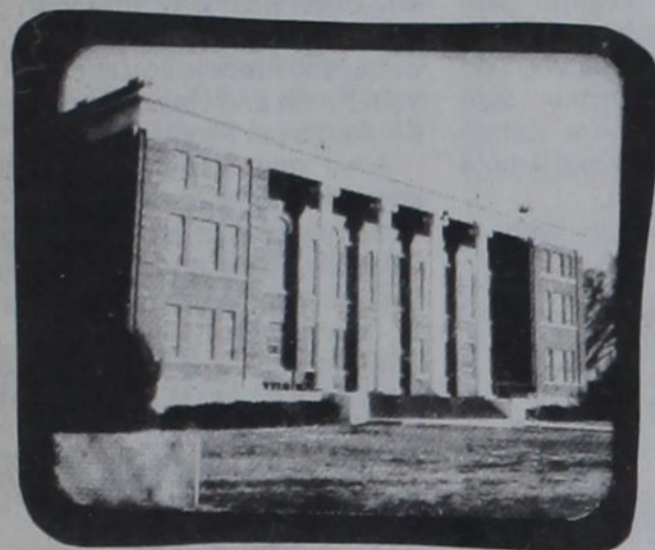


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Times Office Staff:
 Louis & Barbara Stas
 Jennifer and Mother Stas
 Ed & Patricia Forrester
 Bill & Tonya Finsterwald
 Randy and Brandon
 The Kenneth Nelson Family



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FOURTH, FINAL DRAWING SET FOR FRIDAY

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

The Wheeler County Sheriff's office is sponsoring a "Toys for Tots" drive. The purpose of the project is to provide toys for youngsters who would otherwise be without gifts on Christmas.

The people of Wheeler county are asked to share with those less fortunate—toys, new or used (clean and useable).

Barrels for depositing of toys have been placed at the First National Bank in Wheeler and at the Sheriff's office.

The Wheeler Salvation Army Service Unit will help with the drive again this year.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
 By Louis C. Stas

We were in error last week. The First National Bank in Wheeler will be open today and will be closed all day Friday, Christmas Eve.

Speaking of First National, their open house was a success; those refreshments deserved more than a sample. Ravonda Hardcastle gets the credit for the preparing of the treats. She needs to give lessons and I need to be a student.

And, today, Thursday, we can partake of Christmas goodies at The First State Bank of Mobeetie open house. I think we should probably visit both locations to make sure we get to sample everything. Maybe some of them deserve a second try. Anyway, we need to greet all the employees.

Just to be on the safe side—both banks are Member FDIC.

On the subject of Mobeetie, LaVern Scribner is going to celebrate her 100th birthday Saturday, January 1. She may be one of the county's oldest citizens, but she is certainly not old at heart.

Don't forget the "Cash" drawing Friday. A little extra cash always comes in handy this time of year.

Liz (Lovell) came home Sunday night for a short (two day) visit and we did enjoy it. She has been working in Morrison, Okla., since graduation and this was her first visit. I think she wanted to make sure she got the right kind of candy.

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NOTICE

To receive credit for annual payments in 1993 that are due Farmers Home Adm. on 1-1-94, they must be received in the Pampa FmHA office no later than 2:00 p.m. on 12-30-93.

WEATHER

DATE	DAY	Lo	Hi	Pre
12-15	Wed.	23	38	0.00
12-16	Thurs	30	45	0.00
12-17	Fri.	22	49	0.00
12-18	Sat.	22	47	0.00
12-19	Sun.	24	50	0.00
12-20	Mon.	26	45	0.16
12-21	Tues.	25	50	0.00
Low for the year:		02-17	08	
High for the year:		07-24	104	
Total moisture for month:			0.33	
Total for year:			15.61*	
Total Snow:			00"	

Courtesy: KPDR-FM Radio

\$400 'CASH' TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO EIGHT LUCKY WHEELER SHOPPERS

The fourth and final of the four Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' Drawings will be held Saturday, December 24, 1993. During the month of December a total of \$1500.00 will be divided into 58 envelopes for the individuals who shopped in Wheeler. \$300 was given away Saturday, December 2 and \$400 was given away both Saturdays, December 9 and 16. \$400 will be given away Friday, December 24.

The time of the drawing for Friday will be 2:30 and the amount to be handed out will be \$400. Eight people will have a few extra dollars to spend on those last minute Christmas items. The 'money' will be divided 4-\$25's, 2-\$50's and 2-\$100's.

The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers for the support you have given them during the year and give you a chance to share the profits.

Merchants began giving tickets on Friday, November 26. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each dollar spent, you will receive an additional ticket—up to 500 tickets per purchase.

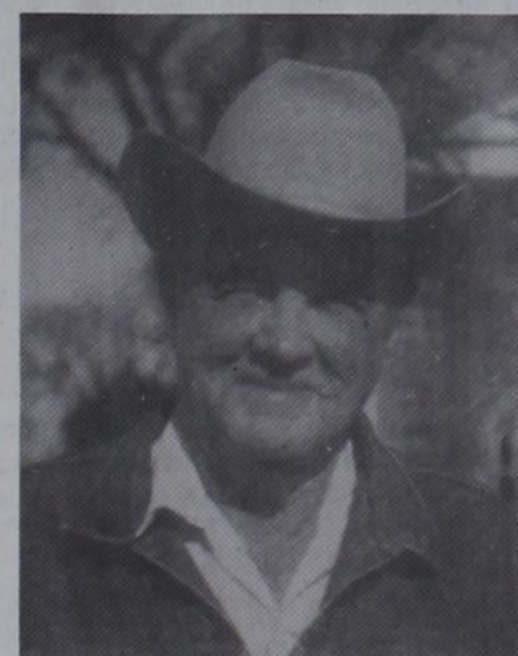
Four drawings will be held. The first three drawings were held on Saturday, December 2, 9 & 16; the fourth and final drawing will be held Friday, December 24.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

Remember each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each dollar of the purchase value—up to a maximum of \$500.

DOYLE RAMSEY SEEKS RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1



Doyle Ramsey

New Arrival

Erika Ellison would like to announce the arrival of her new baby brother, Garrett Benjamin, born December 8th. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Edwin and Melanie Ellison of Wheeler. Grandparents are Bennie and Connie Reeves and Joe and Ann Ellison of Wheeler. Great-grandparents are Ruby Beshears, Ray and Mae Brazael of Wheeler and D.B. and Ruth Ellison of Sayre and Beta Craig of Portales N.M. Great great grandmother is Mary Purdue of Haskell, Ok.

1993 All-District Volleyball Team Announced

The 1-1A All-District Volleyball Team has been announced for the 1993 year. Players named to the First Team are Andrea Dukas (Ft. Elliott), Lindsey Fillingim (Ft. Elliott), Shelly Hunt (Ft. Elliott), Missy Laverty (Ft. Elliott), Shawna Lock (Lefors) and Lisa Smith (Kelton). Members of the Second Team are Brandi Conner (Kelton), Kelli Crockett (Kelton), Jana Durovcova (Lefors), Jamey James (Ft. Elliott), Caaron

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Those merchants sponsoring the drawing and giving tickets are: After Hours Video, Albert's Shamrock Service Station, Appearances, Bob's Tackle Shop, Burton Ford-Mercury, Inc., Cross Car Center, Five Frankenbery's Texaco, General Store, Hyland's Pharmacy, I-Need-A-Gift-Shop, Johnny's Shamrock Service, L. & F. Repair, Lee Hardware and Furni-

CASE NAMED ALL-STATE

Corey Case has been named second-team, all-state at defensive back on The Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A All-State Football Team. Case was originally nominated for the all-state linebacker, but was listed at defensive back in the ballots distributed by The Associated Press and given to voters at newspapers across Texas.

Case led the Mustangs in assisted tackles with 129. He had 28 solo tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Case also made the All-District 2-2A first team at linebacker.

ture, Marshall Discount Auto, McIlhany Dry Goods, Thriftway, V. & S. Variety, Videos & Moore, Wheeler Flower & Gift Shop and Wheeler Lumber Yard.

Those sponsoring the drawing but not giving tickets are: Dr. Larry Barbour, Britt Ranch, Canadian Production Credit, Steve Emmert-Attorney at Law, First National Bank in Wheeler-Member FDIC, First State Bank in Wheeler-Member FDIC, GTE of the Southwest, H & R Block, High Plains Natural Gas Co., KPDR Radio, Charles Kuntz-C.P.A., Maxey's Steakhouse, Dr. Louie Mendiola, McCain's Auto Body, McCasland-Smith Insurance Agency, Parkview Hospital, R & M Car Wash, Dr. Mike Smith, Southwestern Public Service, Sparlin's Restaurant, Speedi-Mart, The Wheeler Times, Steve Walker—Mr. Barbeque, Ware Chevrolet, Wheeler Care Center, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler Redi-Mix, Wheeler TV Systems, Wheeler Vet Clinic and Wright Funeral Home.

Wheeler finished with a 5-4-1 record and was the district's No. 2 playoff seed. The Mustangs were eliminated in the bi-district round.



Corey Case

WHEELER LIVESTOCK BOOSTERS OFFER TRIPS

Wheeler Livestock Boosters will give away two 3 Day-2 Night Midweek trip for 2 to Las Vegas. Donation tickets are available for \$10 and \$50. A \$10 dollar donation will make you eligible for a trip for 2, and will be drawn for on January 16, 1994. For a \$50. Donation you will receive a steak dinner for two, and a chance on a midweek trip for 2 to Las Vegas Drawing for this trip will be held on January 23, 1994.



"OUR TOWN" Tree Ornaments: Remember, the Wheeler Chamber still has the Christmas Tree Ornaments for only \$10. Featured on the ornament this year are the present high school and the old high school. They make an excellent gift; even the 'hard to shop for'. The ornaments can be purchased at the Chamber office, Hyland's, Lee Hardware & Furniture, Appearances & V&S Variety to name a few.

Seventeen Lucky Wheeler Shoppers Win 'Cash'

The number of people "standing around" waiting for their name to be drawn at the third of the Chamber of Commerce 'cash' drawings Saturday, December 18, remained about the same with the temperature at 45 degrees.

Six tickets drawn were not claimed. Cathy Burrell, Suzy Galutia and T. A. Taylor were not present to receive their \$10 in Wheeler 'Cash'. NeVante Richerson did not arrive in time to claim his \$25. Melinda Whorton did not come forward when her name was drawn for \$50 as was Ralph Smotherman's ticket for \$50 unclaimed.

In giving out the ten \$10 envelopes Saturday, December 18, Dan Langdon has his name drawn twice and received \$20. Other \$10 winners were Ryan Duncan, J. L. Smith, Marsha McDowell, Rebekah Morrison, Wanda Williams, Kathrine Holt, Bill Brickley and R. D. Underwood. R. D. Underwood was reported to be hunting pheasants; his wife claimed the envelope.

The \$25 envelopes went to Bill Ridgway, Danial Blocker and Ninja Gallardo.

Those receiving \$50 envelopes were Erick Rocha and Naomi Speck. Michelle Moore was present to claim the big win of the day, the \$100 envelope.

Thanks to Lyndon Loyd for serving as the announcer, Rickey Pfeil and KPDR-FM for carrying the drawing on the radio and Charlie Finsterwald for furnishing the pickup with the hopper and helping with the drawing.

Remember, the final of the four drawing will be held Friday, December 24, at 2:30.

HOLIDAY POSTAL HOURS

The Wheeler Post Office will close at 1:00 P.M. December 24, 1993. Please pick-up Parcel Packages by 1:00 P.M.—Ada Lou Lester, Postmaster

KENT SIMS SEEKS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO OFFICE OF DIST. JUDGE

Judge M. Kent Sims, 31st Judicial District Judge, a lifelong resident of Wheeler County has announced his candidacy for re-election to the office of District Judge, subject to the Democratic primary in March.

Judge Sims has served as 31st District Judge since being elected in 1990 and states that "I have worked diligently for the past three years attending to the many diverse issues brought to my court. These controversies have involved private individuals, corporations, state government, criminal matters and individual rights as well as public policy. Throughout all of these, my efforts have been to follow the law and merit the trust you have placed in me." As well as handling the controversies through court cases Sims points out that the many administrative duties of a District Judge, such as serving on five juvenile boards, being chairman of the adult probation departments, appointing county auditors and other duties have kept him extremely busy while not on the bench.

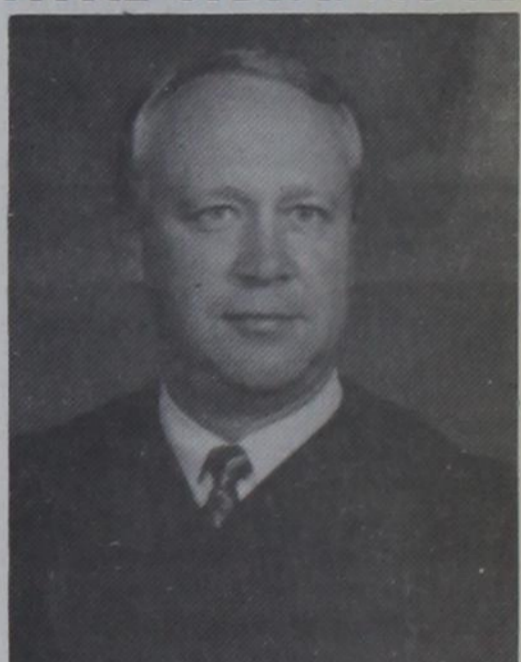
Judge Sims has also received State recognition from his peers, being selected to serve as a faculty member of the College for new Judges for the State of Texas in 1992 and 1993. Sims was also on the curriculum committee for the State Judicial Section meeting in 1993 and most recently has been elected by the membership of over 950 State Judges, to the Board of Directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, the State organization in charge of the education for all State Judges.

BRADY MEADOWS ASKS VOTERS SUPPORT IN CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1

Brady F. Meadows announces his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, North Wheeler County, Precinct # 1.

Mr. Meadows was born and raised in Wheeler County. He attended Briscoe School, volunteered for the United States Army in December, 1961, and served until 1963. He has been an active member of the American Legion for 15 years. He married Mary Holt in 1966, and they have three sons, Robert of Amarillo, Stephen of San Angelo, and Mitchell of Wheeler. Brady has owned and operated Meadows Water Well Service and Supply for the past 18 years.

Mr. Meadows believes in a fair and honest judicial system and would like to have the opportunity to serve the people of North Wheeler County. He asks for your vote and support in the March Democratic Primary election. Pd. Pol. Ad. Treas. Brady F. Meadows, Box 511, Wheeler, TX 79096.

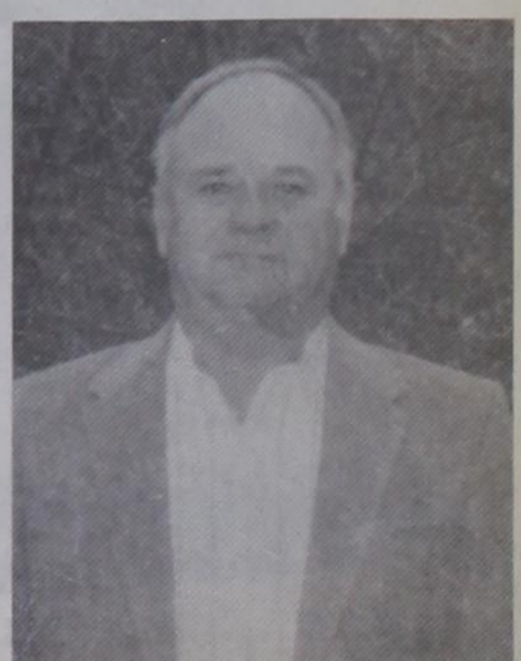


Judge M. Kent Sims

Sims is the son of Mrs. Lyndon H. Sims and the late Lyndon H. Sims of Wheeler. Kent and wife, Andrea, have four daughters, Angelique, Gayla, Anissa and Stacy. After receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1969, he then received his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Tech in May 1972, set up his office in Wheeler, and continued to practice locally until being elected to the bench.

Judge Sims is active in civic and church activities, having served as President of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, President of Wheeler Kiwanis club and is very active in all aspects of the United Methodist

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BRADY MEADOWS

Mobeetie News

By Melba Corcoran

Happy Birthday to Wade Hathaway, Martha Meek and Bobby Ka Greene on Dec. 23. To Harrell Hooker on Dec. 24 to Debbie Stinnett and Jean Shugart on Dec. 25. To Nancy Shelton, Chase Miller and Porter Rogers on Dec. 26. To Pearl Darby and Tommy Corcoran Dec. 27. To Sue Harrison, and Chris Fillingim on Dec. 28. To Andy Maslek, Kimberly Winter, Maurine Brotherton, Pauline Helley and Joe Vann on Dec. 29.

Happy Anniversary to Bobby and Mary Risner on Dec. 23, To Rick and Janet Hefner and Mike and Dalena Freeman on Dec. 24. To Melvin and Fay Farrar on Dec. 26. To Garland and Charlene Dukes on Dec. 27. To Danny and Mary Nelson and Raymond and Isabel Moore on Dec. 29.

Our sympathy goes out to the family Pauline Shelton Wolfe.

Tamara Helley spend a few days in the Wheeler Hospital. We are glad she is home now.

Willene Burke visited Sunday in Reydok OK with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Barker.

Those enjoying supper with C.W. and Melba Corcoran was Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Killeen, Tx., and William Burch, Christopher, Teyler and Caitlyn of Wheeler.

Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Killeen and Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Sunday in Wheeler with Verna Corcoran, Pauline and Earl Barnes and Jeff and Margaret Corcoran, Jessie, Coby and Lacey.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes visited Sunday night with Gary and Marilyn Grimes and Kendra Amarillo and Donnie and D'Wam Morales Devin.

Alvern and Doree Hutchison of Wheeler visited, Orville Greenhouse Sunday afternoon.

Lonnie Trout of Miami visited Ella Trout. Lindsey Mason of Amarillo visited Ella Trout.

Dorothy Beck of Lefors visited Monday with Mary Ruth Morris and Gary.

Those enjoying early Christmas Sunday in Amarillo with Bill and Marlene Scott were Leslie Harrison, Elk City, Ok, Pauline Hooker, Gene and Sue Harrison, Inez Moore and Justin Helley.

Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody and Justin of Oklahoma City is spending the week with Pete and Sue Sietz.

Those visiting Sunday with Jud and Lorene Rector was Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Killian and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Those eating dinner Monday with Dale and Melba Corcoran were Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Killeen and Barry and Terri Corcoran, Justin and Cody of Oklahoma City.

John and Alan Parker and Melody of Pampa ate supper Sunday with Ray and Velma Forbes.

Bud and Carol Scribner and friend of Olton visited over the weekend with Laverne Scribner.

Bill and Dutch Scribner of Pampa visited Lavern Scribner.

Plans are under way for the Come and Go Birthday Party, Jan. 1 at the Hospitably Room of the First State Bank for Laverne Scribner. She will be 100 on Jan. 1. She ask no gifts please.

Hugh Bailey of Mobeetie and Bill Bailey of Pampa visited Monday with Jap and Alice Bailey.

Jap and Alice Bailey went to Pampa Sat. Jap stayed with Sue Glover while Alice shopped.

Aline Corse brought Jap and Alice Bailey a box from the Methodist Church. Alice said they sure enjoy it and wanted to thank everyone.

Calvin and Leola Stuart recently attended the Christmas Party for Panhandle Community Services in Amarillo. Then shopped and visited with Randy and Julie Stuart, Zack and Jessie.

Last week Calvin and Leola Stuart went to Fort Worth to Hud Training. They came back up to Greenville, McKinney and Bonham court houses checking on family trees. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Castle Friday and Fred and Edith Castle on Sat. in Shameon. Then in Erick Ok with Glad Richardson and Dean and Guy Richardson.

Calvin and Leola Stuart shopped Monday in Pampa.

Those visiting Monday night with

Jud and Lorene Rector was William and Patricia Burch, Christopher, Tyler and Caitlyn of Wheeler, Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Killeen and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Mt. View Quilting Club

The Mt. View Quilting Club met Thursday at Totty School House for their Christmas party. Those attending were guest Ema Lee Washington

of Pampa and Members: Lottie Reynolds, Flora Mae Kelley, Audrey Seitz, Orville Greenhouse, Betty Haines, Eva Webb, Martha Meek, Bulah Grimes, Estelle Hodges, Edit Cross, laNell Riggs and Willene Burke.

Wegefarth County

Clay County was organized in 1873 and was part of the 10th Judicial District and that in May of the same year

C. Wegefarth president of the Emigrant Aid and Supply Co. was honored by having a county created by Legislature, named for him and he was authorized to locate the county seat. The article said that Wegefarth county comprised Wheeler, Gray, Donley and Collingsworth Counties. Another article said it was the south half of Wheeler and Gray all of Collingsworth and Donley and the North Half of Hall and Childress Counties. Wherever it was located the surveying of the 54 counties in 1876 wiped it out and in July 1879, after Wheeler Co. was organized, the 10th Judicial District included the 27 Panhandle Counties. February 15, 1881 the 10th District "Went South" and the



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Wheeler, town of friendship and pride

27 Panhandle Counties became the 35 Judicial District.

"The 1874 and 1875 editions of "The History of Texas" by J.H. Morphis both have the same map showing Wegefarth County as—"Bounded on the East by 100th Meridian from where this meridian is intersected by Red River, North to the intersection of Sweetwater Creek then west approximately 60 miles, then South the same distance the East approximately 25

miles to an intersection with Red River and thence to its intersection with 100th Meridian. This would be the North Half of Hall and Childress E2/3 of Donley all of Collingsworth and almost all of Gray and Wheeler Counties.

This interesting Article came from "Memory Cups of Panhandle Memories" by Millie Jones Porter. If you get a change read the book. I checked it out of Amarillo Public Library.

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ALLISON NEWS

By Christine Gilmer

Psalm 111:1-2: "Praise Ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that pleasure therein."

A cold winter morning here in Allison this Monday morning, but no moisture.

"Thanks" to Juanita Boydston for taking care of the Allison news while I was away, I appreciate it, Juanita, and I also appreciate Ruby Craig keeping check on my home. Thanks, Ruby.

Last Tuesday Bob and Lou Cornell met William Cornell at Clinton and together they traveled to Oklahoma City for the funeral service of Steve Cornell. So sorry to hear of Steve's death; he was killed in a car accident. Our sympathy is for the family and relatives.

Ruby Craig's overnight guest last Friday was Taner McWhorter from Wheeler. Lisa Farmer, Ryan, Matthew and Cory from Pampa was Saturday over night guests and went home Sunday morning. I spent three weeks at Amarillo with my daughter, Johnnie Harrison, who had colon surgery December first. She is now home slowly improving. I returned home last Saturday.

Opal and Juanita Boydston shopped in Wheeler last Friday.

Roma and Billy Brown was in Amarillo last Wednesday for Billy to see the doctor. She got a good report. Recently Roma and Billy attended a Natural Gas Pipeline Christmas supper at Weatherford, Okla.

Peggy Chandler and Jennie Walker went to Wheeler and visited Gertie Cornell several different days at the Care Center.

Recently May Bell Childress went with Connie Davis, Mandy and Joe to Berger and visited her son and wife, Shot and Opal Childress.

Julie Boydston, Angie Huff and Judi Cornell of Allison took the youth group from the Baptist Church to the Cheyenne United Methodist and First Baptist Church Combined Choir Cantata. Afterwards they had refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cordell. Judi's 83-year-old dad and her brother, Jack, performed in the musical.

Bill and Kay Donaldson and Katie Donaldson went through Panhandle last Sunday on their way to Amarillo and picked up Jackie and Daranda Lewis to attend a Christmas program at the First Assembly of God in Amarillo, Bill and Kay's grandchildren, Ashley and Brett Donaldson were in the Christmas program.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer and Mabel Parker went to Canadian last Monday and visited the plant nursery there, and from there they went to Miami and ate dinner.

Effie Hays spent the Thanksgiving Holidays in Amarillo with her sister, Virginia Ramling.

Last week, Edna May's granddaughter and family, Carrie and Thomas Franklin, Tom and Amie from Amarillo and also Thomas' brother, Johnnie Franklin, spent Saturday and Saturday night with Edna and went home Sunday. Edith Donaldson and Edna May went to Cheyenne last Friday and ate dinner.

Recently Vance and Caroline Boydston and Kyle spent some time at Lubbock with Kevin Boydston. Vance also got a checkup with his doctor and got a good report. Last weekend guest

with Vance and Caroline and Kyle were Kevin Boydston and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker, Joy and Michelle from Lubbock.

Eddy and Wanda Walker and Jonathon and Justin's weekend guests were Kevin and Melissa Fleming and Meagan from Lufkin. Others there also last Saturday evening were Clifton and Louise Boydston, Ray and Arlene Nokes and Pearl Harrison.

Bruce and Pearl Harrison went to

Elk City last Wednesday and spent the night with Vivian Wallace and attended church with her Wednesday night and came home Thursday. Bruce and Pearl's Sunday afternoon guests were Lucille Males from Durham, Okla., and Freddie Lou and Jack M from Fritch and Hershel and Jean Sanford from Higgins.

Allen and Nadine Reynolds, Loyd and Nona Jones went to Pampa last Sunday and ate lunch together. Recently Allen and Nadine went to Levelland and visited Nadine's brother, W. T. and wife.

(Marginal Note) Will you rejoice the birth of a King? Or just in the time of Christmas will bring?

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Card of Thanks

Whenever you see Don and I you will be seeing what a miracle has done for us. With Don giving me a "gift" in sharing his kidney with me.

with all the prayers offered up for me for us and our healing, that so many of you let us know that we were in your prayers. We are so grateful we want to say "Thank you" for your love and concern, all the cards, prayer gifts, flowers, visits and food shared with us and we do appreciate all of it.

Let me encourage each of you to consider signing your drivers license that you would be an organ donor. There are so many people on waiting list for donors that could live longer productive healthy lives if given "a chance of Life".

Thank You,
La June & Don Alexander

Meals on Wheels MENU

December 27-31, 1993

MONDAY: Pork fritters, mashed potatoes, sweetkraut, green beans, Fruit Treats.

TUESDAY: Pinto beans with ham, fried potatoes, onion slices, fruit cocktail, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY: Fried chicken, blackeyed peas, brussel sprouts, pineapple cream pudding.

THURSDAY: Roast beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, yogurt, hot rolls.

FRIDAY: Battered veal cutlets, navy beans, buttered spinach, fruit cocktail, cake.

(Menu subject to change)

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Wheeler Church of Christ

Congregational Concerns:

On this coming Thursday night, December 23rd, a ninetieth birthday reception will be held for Ruby Pendleton. This reception will be held at Maxey's at 7:30 P.M.

An area-wide worship service will be held in the Amarillo Civic Center at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday afternoon, December 26th. This worship service will be conducted by some of the churches of Christ in Amarillo.

A letter has been received from Ben Ed Hillhouse, the Chairman of the Board of Sandhill Estates. In his letter, Ben Ed included an announcement which reported that a site had been selected for the proposed area retirement center. If you would like to read this announcement, it is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

The telephone number for Malcolm and Karla Belote is 826-3023.

Mary White continues to have some serious health problems. She is confined to her home in Mobeetie.

Jimmy Selby, the father of Kathleen Frankenbery, is hospitalized in St. Anthony in Amarillo, recovering from surgery. His condition has improved and he may be released later this week.

From the Minister's Desk:

Loran Harper, the minister of the Lawndale Church of Christ in Amarillo, recently wrote a bulletin article that was entitled, "Tis The Season." This article read:—

The Christmas holiday season is an interesting season of the year.

To some it is a great family time with gifts, decorations, the traditional Christmas tree, candy, stockings, and all the other fun things.

However, this is also the time for the year when some people are unhappy. Those who have lost loved ones may feel that loss more acutely during the holidays. Other may have lost their jobs and have little to share with those they love.

For others the holiday season may mean more expense on an already stretched family budget. Some are facing a holiday of loneliness for a variety of reasons. So, the holiday season is a source of great joy for some, but of sorrow and sadness for others.

May I suggest a few things to make this a special holiday for you and your family.

Emphasize the blessing of being a family. Do special things as a family. The memories of these times will be more precious than gifts.

Be sensitive to those who are lonely and include them in your family times.

Remember that "it is more blessed to give than receive." Look for opportunities to be a blessing to others. Herein is real joy.

If you have reason to be sad, place your emphasis on spending time with people who are happy. Such people can lift your spirits.

Remember that small inexpensive gifts express love as much as more expensive gifts. It really is the thought that counts.

Though Christmas is a biblical holiday, in our culture "Tis the season to be jolly!" Let's enjoy this special time and help others find joy as well.

Bill Morrison, Minister
Church of Christ
Wheeler, Texas

Services:

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd. in Wheeler, Texas.

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SWEETWATER NEWS
By Mrs. Joe Flowers

Very Merry Christmas to you, not forget we are celebrating hday of the Christ Child. After years His teachings are still around the world. If all mankind ust observe the Golden Rule, ld bet along in peace and har-

Clause has come twice this Think we must have been pretty Tuesday, I heard a noise and to see the Ryder truck driving are was a package in the door ur grandkids, Ginger and Ken quis. Among the goodies were eeze dried foods like the astro- te. Then on Wednesday, here oe's brother Paul and wife Rosa rman. They had several pack- frozen fish they'd caught and ad, cookies, and candy. We d a nice visit. still having eye troubles. Had rurs of tests yesterday and an st today. We sure hope and e trouble can be found. He's pretty hard year. 5 inch of rain Sunday along with ang wind that blew our elec- way for several hours. All the and VC went blank. The clocks much trouble but David and I

really strained our brains getting the VCR back on so we could tape our soaps while we were gone. Joe couldn't see to help us any. Lights came on about nine and I watched some of E.T. Maybe they will show it again soon so I can see all of it. The Mayfield Club met with Birdie Whipkey for the Christmas program. They were saddened by the loss of two members, Leona Miller and Anice Hinchey in the past two weeks. Those present were Mary Bollen, Loretha Roper, Wanda Guenzel, and Lena Luman. In the hospital this week were lona Miller, Virginia Miller, Randy Stoll, Laveda Shelton, Isabel Street, and Jewel Wilcox. I sure have enjoyed all the Christmas cards especially those that had a little note. Had a call from Pauline Killingsworth of Wheeler to see how we are doing.

There was another wreck west of Sweetwater this week. Was told one was Carol Hanks' daughter Susan and the other a Mrs. Wallace from Wheeler. Serious injuries. When we were out west once, we came to a state where a cross marked the spot of each auto accident fatality. Gave a person a creepy enough feeling to slow him down a little. Maybe that is what we need. Our school board members are unopposed this year. I read they have discovered the reason Johnny can't read is that we hire more and spend more money on bus drivers, cooks, janitors,

counsellors, and such than we do on teachers. Quite a few proud parents and patrons went to Cheyenne to see our Junior teams play. Both teams won. Here is a bonafide recipe that I like very much. Aunt Birdie's Nine Day Slaw. Chop 4 lbs. cabbage, 2 sweet peppers, 2 onions. Grated carrots, celery and such are optional. Mix in 2 cups sugar. Bring 1 cup vinegar, half cup salad oil, 2 tbs. sugar, 2 tbs. salt to a boil and pour over the cabbage mix. Stir well and store in refrigerator in covered bowl. Will keep two or three weeks. Makes about a gallon. We lost a lot of friends this week. Services were Tuesday at St. Matthews Church for George Nigh, 90. He was always giving me a little gift. Burial was in the Fairlawn Cemetery. Services were at Sayre Baptist Church for Edna Moses. She was one of my faithful readers. Burial was in Sayre Doxey Cemetery. Services for Hope Conrad, 97, were at the Reydon Community Building. Always enjoyed Hope and her news. Burial was in the White Rose Cemetery. Services were at the Erick Baptist Church for Raymond Brinkley. Back in 1947, when we blew away, we didn't have a cellar. Raymond and his dad came out and soon remedied that. After all those years, that concrete cellar is in good shape. Burial was in the Erick Cemetery. Services were at Texola Baptist

Church for Clyde Lewis, 90. We met him and Faye some 50 years ago in Dr. Devanney's office. He was an uncle of our Billy Doss. Burial was in the Texola Cemetery. The Erick Kitchen Bank went to Grand Home Tuesday. We had a good time but really missed Jack. Lynette served

GAGEBY NEWS
By Verna Fillingim

I Corinthians 15:55, 57
"O death, where is thy sting?
Oh grave, where is thy victory?
Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Happy Birthday to Nancy Shelton on December 26, Pearl Darby on December 27, Sue Harrison and Chris Fillingim on Dec. 28, Andy Maslik, Kimberly Winter, Maurine Brotherton, and Pauline Hefley on Dec. 29, James Red, Mike Wash, Elva Wood, T.J. Cole and Isabel Moore on Dec. 30, Liz Shipp, and Martha Helton on Dec. 31, Larry Horn, Bill Finsterwald, Randy Barr and Jeanette Jahnel on Jan. 1. Laverne Scribner will be 100 years old Jan. 1, 1994.

cakes shaped like Christmas trees. Said she was up all night making them. Ha. They and the punch really hit the spot. Bank Folks were Basil and Billy Doss, Betty Brothers, Lillian Foshee, Bessie Perkins, Leonard Taylor, Hazel Francis, Murray Orgain, Richard Crawford, Roy Swagger. We three and Ole Five String. We visited with a lot of folks in town, Editha Hildebrand, Bertie and Buster Coffey, Brenda Smulcer, Irene Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cobb, Olin and Maxine Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Hunter, Dean Krober, Dr. Irene Lam, Hansford and Alma Counts. Sherman Wilson, Texoma, and Eva Cotts, Sayre visited Friday with Dovie Wilson, Ed and Eileen Logan. Sherman and Wanda lost their little 7 month old grandson Connor Wilson recently. Keith and Kelly's son. Talked to my brother Hank Haag of Little Rock. He'd been in the hospital but doing better now.

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David and Winnie Gilmer and Davy, Venson and Fay Smith, Walter and Patricia Hand and Monty went to Canyon Sunday to an early Christmas with several relatives at the home of Maurine Thomas. Remember Maurine in your prayers as she has cancer. Fat Childress had to reschedule his surgery to Jan. 4 because of being sick with the flu. Keep praying for him.

We welcome Roy and Judy Moran to Briscoe and twin sons Bryan and Bradley, who are twelve and in the seventh grade at Fort Elliott. They live in the Waters Rock house. He works for ANR Gas CO. They came from Fritch where they have relatives. Kenneth and Lou Dean Douthit were expecting their family all in for News Years instead of Christmas.

I'd been thinking of this poem, but couldn't remember much of it. Found it in a magazine.
"What can I give Him, (Jesus)
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would give him a lamb;
If I were a wiseman,
I'd sure do my part—
But what I can give Him,
I give my heart."
"Give Jesus your heart this Christmas, and the season will surely be filled with joy."

There will be a very special party Saturday, January 1 at Mobeetie Bank to Celebrate Laverne Scribner's 100th birthday!! From 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Everyone invited She is one dear and special lady. She was able to be out to the Mobeetie Methodist Christmas Dinner Sunday 19th. She didn't pig out, but did enjoy seeing everyone.

Good to visit with family and friends at Florence George's funeral. Carlene (George) and Bobby Curlee and three of their 4 children and a grandchild were there from Ackworth, Georgia. She is still a very sweet and beautiful lady. Such a lovely spirit. Good to visit with my ex-teacher Edith Stubbs Rankin. She is still so beautiful and trim and no wrinkles hardly, a perky lady. Good to see Jerry and Bridgette Rankin and Leigh and Beth from Colorado and Arthur Rankin and others. There was a very good program at Ft. Elliott Elementary Thursday night. They sang so well, and even got the audience to participate with signs and singing of 12 days of Christmas. Fun. Pam Jones was in charge. Kids had fun and did so well but I couldn't keep up with the signs.

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ALLISON SCHOOL SANTA LETTERS

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I have roller blades? I would so like a Baby Rock and Roll, a t bike, and a bigger bike. And I would like for my grandpa and grandma to come and visit.

Love,
Krista Hall

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo game, a y gun, a play sword, a regular e basketball, and a real watch. Please bring my sisters something.

Love,
Russell Lohberger

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a dune buggy, a Might Max Skull Mountain, a Slimenator, a pack attack, and a key force truck. I've been a good boy all year. Also bring a new watch for my dad, and a necklace for my mom.

Love,
Tyler Copeland

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote-control car, a voice repeater, a remote-control robot, roller blades and a land stock car. I love you very much, Santa.

Love,
Jason Boydston

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring a remote-control dinosaur? I would also like to have a real live puppy, a toy car, a Jurassic Park truck, and a long-neck dinosaur. Please bring my brothers something too.

Love,
Isaac Jackson

Dear Santa,
Because I've been a good girl, I would like some walkie-talkies, a bike, play dishes, a desk, and a blow dryer. My sister, Julie, also wants a walkie-talkie and a Barbie. Jennifer would like a desk, too.

Love,
Jessica Tilley

Dear Santa,
I would like a power shooter, a bike, a key force truck, a D-Force helicopter and cars, and a hot shot game. Please bring my brother a bike, too.

Love,
Azriel Krulik

Dear Santa,
I would like a key force truck, leggos, a Robo-Cop 3 that talks, a set of fighting trols, and a pump squirt gun. Please leave a gift for my mom and dad.

Love,
Andrew Ingersoll

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby check-up, some new clothes, pink lipstick that shows up, a Barbie whose hair changes colors, and a Barbie jeep. Please bring my brother, Cody, a talking, walking robot. Also for my mom, please bring a musical card.

Love,
Sabrina Dupont

ALLISON SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph's nose still red? I hope so. I would like a September birth stone ring. I like any kind of Polly Pocket. Please bring me a "Littlest Pet Shop". I hope my sister's, my brother's, and my stocking are full.

Love,
Laura Lohberger

Dear Santa,
Santa, I have been a very good girl. I want some boots and jeans. I want a cowgirl shirt. Have a safe trip!

Love,
Jenny Helton

Dear Santa,
How is the weather at the North

Pole? I really want a baby doll that will cry and a waterbed. Also, I want a new dresser. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Katie Donaldson

Dear Santa,
How are you. Can I have a new football? Will you bring me a "Walkman" and a new toy truck? I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Jimmy Alan Lane



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ALLISON KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you a whole lot. Please bring me a power shooter and key force. Leave things in my stocking too. Please!

Merry Christmas,
Josiah Krulik

Dear Santa Claus,
My name Shealee and I have been so good. Please bring me a little puppy with black and white spots.

Merry Christmas,
Shealee Phillips

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Giggles and Go and a Barbie car. I have a very good girl and want you to please come to my house.

Merry Christmas,
Jessica Helton

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Amy and I am in Kindergarten. I have been a very good girl this year. Please leave at my house a baby you feed and change its diapers. My brother wants a toy too. He is trying hard to be good. Thank you very much for coming to see me.

Merry Christmas,
Amy Rae Kilewer

Dear Santa Claus,
I am writing this letter to let you know that I have been a good boy. I would like a gun and football outfit. I need school shoes and clothes too. I need a Jurassic Park dinosaur that runs around biting things also. I could use a new teddy bear too.

Merry Christmas,
J.W. Lane

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Vanessa Lee Huff and I am five years old. Please bring me a Baby Alive so I can feed her and give her drinks. Please bring my mom a little pencil that lights up.

Merry Christmas,
Vanessa Huff

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THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa,
I would like a basketball. I would like a Fisher Price Tournament Table. I would like a football. I would like any surprises.

From,
Hadley Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I would like to have 12 Inch G.I. Joes, a basketball, new rollerblades, hiking boots, clothes, Sega Genesis, Sonic the Hedgehog, StarFox, Joe Montana, Thunder Strike 20, guitar, 18 speed bike, working tool set, and a c.d. player.

Your friend,
Tristan Rose

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Dear Santa,
I want a Thunder Strike 20, I want Sonic the Hedgehog II. I want a Dart board and some darts too. But the thing I want most of all is a real good kicking ball that is made to last and can be aired up again.

Love,
Benjamin Howard

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy and a black and white paint horse. I'd like a parrot and Aladdin and Jasmine dolls. That's all I want, santa.

Your friend,
Cassi Brown

Dear Santa,

I want Hollywood hair Barbie and a trampoline. I also want a bicycle.

Your friend,
Flor Gallardo

Dear Santa,

I want a locket, watch, puppy, cat, flashlight, fish, new glasses, Sally Secrets, Gak, and Play Dough.

Love,
Brittney Mick

P.S. And a ring. Have a nice Christmas.

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike. I want a Sonic the Hedgehog game, a typewriter, a rifle, and that's all!

I love Santa,
Travis Heath Carr

Dear Santa,

I would like a 12 speed. I would like any kind of game and some Gak.

Your friend,
Amy Osborne

Dear Santa,

I would like a two twenty two rifle, Sonic the Hedgehog, and a watch.

Your friend,
Josh Bryant

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Nintendo, Mario Brothers II, some pairs of shoes, and a lot of candy canes. I love them. Please bring me a soccer ball.

Your friend,
Erica Trevino

Dear Santa,

I will like a B.B. gun, a Sega with a Joe Montana tape, and Sonic the Hedgehog.

Your friend,
Julio Salas

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega and some games to go with it. I also want a color T.V. and that is all I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Dagen Moore

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Sally Secrets, and the threemagic nursery triplets. I want Super Mario Brothers, and earrings, and bows in my stocking.

Love,
Lyndi Finsterwald

P.S. I want a watch too.

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega Genesis, Jurassic Park animals.

Your friend,
Chris Gallagher

Dear Santa,

I would like a Fisher Price Tournament Table, and a catcher suit the chest pads, shin guards, face mask, helmet, and mitt.

From,
Tyler Lewis

Dear Santa,

I want a pool table. December 6, 1993. I want a Nintendo, a football game, some roller blades, A pellet gun, A Dallas Cowboys helmet, my own Christmas tree, and Gak splat.

Your friend,
Chris Newsom

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a piano and a doll that walks. I want a real pup. And I want a Santa Claus hat. And I want a music player.

Love,
Janet Kuntz

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I would like to have for Christmas a Quiz Wiz, Aladdin the movie, or anything you think I would want.

Your friend,
Drew Emmert

Gageby

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Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Lena Durant, mother of Donna Walsler, who died Saturday.

The political climate in Hemphill County is heating up with candidates scurrying around to get 50 signatures who will vote for them to save a \$600 filing fee. Some running for Commissioner of Precinct 4 are Lee Young and Mike Arrington on the Republican ticket and Nick Thomas on Democratic ticket. Steve Rader and Ed Culver are running for Commissioner Precinct 2 and Davene Hendershot for County and District Clerk.

Correction: Davy Gilmer and Monty Hand went to Amherst last weekend with David and Winnie Gilmer to see Julie Gilmer.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year to Jewell Holloman and Stan and Jean Pollack in Maryland. God bless you everyone. Hope all are well.

So nice to see all the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations everywhere. Especially nice outside lighting at Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwalds and Kelly and Edith Corss homes.

"Beautiful faces are they that wear the light of a pleasant spirit there. Beautiful hands are they that do deeds that are noble, good and true. Beautiful feet are they that go swiftly to lighten another's woe."

We had some good games at Samnorwood Tuesday night. Fort Elliott varsity boys won 75 to 45 (I wonder how Samnorwood ever beat Kelton Saturday night to be first in the tournament). Our girls won 54 to 31. Our J.V. boys lost. Exciting games at Wheeler Friday night, very close. Fort Elliott boys won 47-39 but girls lost 52-56. All played very well, especially considering the height disadvantage. Nice to see Shellie Ogle and cousin Andrea Hershenrader, there are many fans. Congratulations to Rodney and Cindy Sweet of Borger on the birth of their new baby boy born Dec. 13 at Amarillo. He is welcomed by brothers Jessie Ray and Logan and grandparents Ray and Pat Hudson of Perryton.

"Oh, Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us today. Cast our our sin and enter in, Be born in us today."

We had a good program at Gageby Church Sunday night, although several were out because of sickness. Also a film, "Homecoming Christmas" with singing by Many Gospel Greats hosted by Bill and Gloria Gaither was shown. Very beautiful Thanks to Gageby youth for sacking treats, passing cards, etc.

We enjoyed gong over to Mobeattie Methodist Sunday morning to hear Gary Jahnel preach and enjoyed their

delicious Christmas dinner at church.

David and Rita Pearson and Dallas and Lindsey went to Hallettsville Sunday, to visit Jerry and Marion Lackey and Jeffrey and Pat and Christy Steffik and baby for a few days. They had got to see that new baby.

Oden and Lois Hudson went to Amarillo Saturday to help Ma Mary celebrate her 93rd birthday. Ma Mary was put in the Family Center Hospital Friday with congestion in her lungs. She was doing better and expecting to go home soon.

Tony Griffin is home and looking good. Has quite a scar where they cut his throat" to clean out an artery. It's several inches long.

Nice to see several people at the Dairy Queen Monday night. Bob and Evangeline Wills. Bevard and Diane Dukes and Andrea and Todd Baize, Mrs. Ralph Hovey and son Terry and his wife Terri and two lively boys, Kathy and Hector Badillo and Hector Hank, Joe and Melba Darnell, Jackie Kirkpatrick.

So nice to meet William and Vickey Cornell and Katie, Sarah and Jeremy for lunch in Elk City Saturday and a good visit. Also visited with Chris Fillingim. Nice to see Gay Purcell and Lori Baird and Charity, Jane Dukes and Stacie, Fat and Wanda Childress in Elk City.

Nice to have Bob Ratliff and Keith come down and visit awhile Saturday night. Should have gotten Keith to help me put up the artificial Christmas Tree. Keith is in the band. They plan to have a concert for Canadian Elementary band at 3:00 Jan. 31, Sunday. Hope we can go. The Ratliffs are expecting JoAnn Witcher and Brewere from Iowa, Timm and Melody Rodgers and Gage (Timm is in the army in Kentucky). Kevin and Pam Ratliff, Sue Reams and other relatives. Sue Ratliff has some time off from nursing school, but is working at Hemphill County Hospital.

R.L. and Rozena Zybach attended the Adult Sunday School class of Christian Center's Christmas Party Monday night at the Earl and Betty Husted home in Wheeler. Finger foods were served and games played. They had a good time.

Granddaughter Hilary McPherson from Dumas answered the phone at Eddie and Helen George's Tuesday. She is spending a few days and will really brighten things up for them.

Charles and La Jo Crownover and Jodie, Londa and Terri plan to spend Christmas Day with his folks, Frank and Bess Crownover at Canyon. On Sunday 26th, Willa and E.G. Fillingim plan to have all their family home.

Rosalie Keelin was hoping to have



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Wheeler, town of friendship and

most of her family home for Christmas and Joey and Risa Keelin were driving up from Pasadena with their family.

We are expecting Lee and Ester Brown from Skellytown to spend Thursday night with us.

Daryle Perry preached at Briscoe Sunday at the Community Church.

R.L. and Rozena Zybach's family got together at their house last Sunday to celebrate Melody Goad and Josh Purcell's birthdays.

Elizabeth and David Hale each had a new adventure at Pampa Tuesday when an Amarillo doctor came and cut their wisdom teeth out. Hope they do really well.

Alice Kelley really celebrated her

"39th" birthday in style Sunday family all sent to church at B with her and took her out to eat Irish Inn at Shamrock. Ones besides Alice and E.O. were beth and Lewis Meers and C (who goes to college at Evange lege in Springville, Mo.) Dian Glenn Rose and Kelley and S nah from Bogota, Columbia, J Johnson and Jered and Kirby Morse, Linda and Steve Thoma Bethany from Marline Texas. is band director and Linda te remedial reading. The Roses Thomases will be here through mas.

"God be with you till we meet a

mas Eve and decorate it. Some they would use green crape strips and wrap the limbs to make tree green. That was really fixing The parents brought gifts for the family. But what if there was a elor or an unmarried school teach the community? My mother's would have been broken if person's name was not called c Santa Claus. She would always up apples or oranges for every boy or man she knew, handker the women, and take extra ones in case she saw someone pre that might be without a family. she'd put a tag on the extra and it on the tree. (How quaint doe sound? Maybe so. But it was rea everybody felt like somebody.) had been to the Christmas Tree, were always a few reserved gifts, fruit and candy for Santa to lea each child.

Oh, Christmas was great in 1 days. We had chicken with dre and gravy, spiced peach pickles, s potatoes, green beans, fruit sala angelfood cake and boiled cresa dessert with whipped (real) crea you notice most everything on menu was produced on our farm bought sugar, coffee and flour. corn meal was made from corn ca to a village about 10 miles away ground into meal. All this was co on a big iron stove in our kitchen b mother; without conveniences, while taking care of a housef Children. Now that is what I ca "good ole days". We were all ha Melinda and Tim Whorton ma business trip to Dumas and Am Saturday.

Lydia Guthrie of Elk City spen weekend with us.

Mona Gwinn and her mother, N Luttrell have recently spent two w visiting with children and grand dren in Austin and other places in ares.

On Tuesday, Melinda travel Amarillo to get her brother, Joe Gut who flew in from an Army bas Germany. He will spend his le visiting with relatives in this are. expect Steve and Pattie of Aust arrive in the wee hours of Thur morning. They and probably Joe drive to Borger Thursday, P.M. to an aunt. All the family is expecte be with us on Friday P.M.

Merry Christmas to Everybo

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M Elliott Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
This is what I want for Christmas.
Surprise my own Christmas

Your friend,
Mara Hefley

Dear Santa,
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This is what I want for Christmas.

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Trey Wood

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
This is what I want for Christmas.
A cowboy hat and robot. Size 7.
Your friend,
Jason Reed

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
This is what I want for Christmas.
Skates. Size 12 1/2.
Your friend,
Clayton May

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
This is what I want for Christmas.
Life Sized Barbie. My own Christmas.
Your friend,
Sara Woodward

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
This is what I want for Christmas.
Skates for Christmas, a play jeep for Christmas and The end.
Your friend, Love,
Andrea Hathaway

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year.
Please can I have a sling shot.
Thank You.
Love,
Steven Kephart

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.
This is what I want for Christmas.
Pony surprise and Rabbit surprise.
Your friend,
Stormy Reeves

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year.

May your Holiday Season
be filled with
Joy, Friendship, Love, and Peace.
THE THOMAS AGENCY
Delbert and Jane

This is what I want for Christmas. Toy chain saw and safe the gun alley.
Your friend,
Josh Couch

MISC.
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me the biggest Lego pirate set and a baseball mit. For my family we need a school desk and a school chair.
Thank you, Santa,
XOXOXO, Colby
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Mac Donalds Maker, a sled, a turtle van, and turtles.
Love,
Caleb Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a Rockin-roll Baby, a sled, a rifle, a stuffed reindeer.
Love,
Sarah Zybach

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a picture of you and all the elvs and Mrs. Santa and a make-up-set. My dad needs a new tool box and my mom needs some Lady Stetson. My brother Matt needs a comic book set and my brother Collin needs a card set. My Dog Frank needs dog chuwys.
Love XOXOXO,
Holly McCurley
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
Randi Lyn would like for you to bring her a camera. A real one. Maybe pink. She's been sorta good.
Your friend,
Randi Lyn Barr

Dear Santa,
May I please, please for once have a skateboard, roller-blades, jacket, four wheeler, Dallas Cowboy hat, walkman for once. Thank You, I hope. I will leave cookies and milk and carrot's like last year. Thank you!
Your friend,
Mark E. Helton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a dream phone and a picture of your if you have the chance and for my sister a new baby. Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Chrystal
XXOOXXOO

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me some make-up and a barbie doll. Bring my brothers a water gun.
Thank you, Santa
Love
Jeannie James
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a toy robot and 3 new Nintendo tapes. A remote-control-race-car-set and a tow laser gun with 3 different sounds, and a laser suit and helmet. Have a happy holiday.
Your friend,
Cody James

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I will leave you cookies, a Reeses and milk. What I want for Christmas is a computer, roller-blades, a Barbie, ear phone-cd-player, cds and clothes. See you at the mall. Thanks! Have a nice Christmas! Ho!Ho!Ho!
Future elf,
Jackie Dukes

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will leave you some cookies, milk and carrots. Can I please have a choo-choo train with tracks, remote control car and walkie-talkies. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Matthew Scott Helton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. So, could you please leave me a small toy ketten, a sweat suit, and few surprises?
I don't want very much because I have a lot of toys all ready.
Thank you. Have a happy holiday.
Future elf,
Tamera Hartline

From all of us to all of you... a wish for a very Merry Christmas!

Rain Bow Monograms
Charles, Margaret, Darin, James & Janet Kuntz

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Dr. Larry & Fredericka Barbour & Staff

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Merry Christmas!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your stockings be filled with love and cheer, as we thank you for a successful year.

Wheeler Lumber Company

WARMEST WISHES

Here's to a bright and beautiful season.

Claudine's Beauty Shop

At this wonderful and magical time of the year, our thoughts turn to those who have made our progress possible. Thank you, dear and loyal friends, for your continued patronage and goodwill.

Merry Christmas!

McCain's Auto Body
Bob, Gwen, Cristen, Cory & Brooke

FT. ELLIOTT SCHOOL SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would really like to have a little toy kitten that purrs, a kitty surprise, a breakable doll called: "Kitty Love." And another breakable doll called: "Ballerena". I would really like to have a Persian kitten. I've always wanted one. I will leave you cookies and milk. I hope you have a good Christmas! And I hope you have a good year, too. P.S. And don't freeze!

Ha!Ha! Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Gricia Morrison

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a new baseball, teddy bear and for my little sister would you please bring her a barbie set and for my mom a new couch, and for my dad a new tool set. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Patty Woodward
2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claws,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a baby Alive and a crying baby. Bring my Dad a red pen.

Thank you, Santa. XXX
Love and kisses,
Savannah Estes
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Dinosaur Rex, a fire truck, turtles, and a red remote-control car.

Love,
Michael McLaughlin

Dear Santa,
This year I want you to put nothing but micromachines in my stock-

ing this year. Also my mom knows what I want but one thing I would really like if you got me a 277 piece

Delux farm set.
Justin Hefley

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a C.D. player. I want a pomaranyam Dog. I want a new Bed. I want a hamster to myself.
Samatha Rowe

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a pink beanbag chair and a C.D. stereo player and a porcelain doll and white sports car for everyone in my family. Thank You For Your Time!! Merry Christmas!!!
Casey Zybach

Dear Santa,
I would like 5 model cars. A magic 8 ball, an 8 speed bike, a new basketball. Don't forget to fill my 2 stockings. MERRY CHRISTMAS Santa!!
Love,
Monty Hand

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a nento, elect guitar and a swis army knife, Happy Hollisten Books, Candy and a machine gun, C.D. player that is what I want for Christmas.
Aaron Hartline

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. I also want a midow game called doctor mario. I also want a Sega Genis. and a free trip to Hawaii. And a real horse. A new home in the country and to do better in school.
Your friend,
Shana Reeves

Dear Santa,
Can you bring a remote control car for me and I would like a dodgers cape and a dodgers bat suit. That is all I what for cressmus.
George Reeves

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be nice this year. For Christmas I would like a new nintendo and games such as Gunsmoke, punchout, wrestling. And I would like a pair of skates.
Love,
Jason Hathaway

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please can I have a Minnie Mouse watch, dresses, magic tricks, fish and some surprizes? Thank you.
P.S. I hope all of us have a great Christmas.
Your helper,
Melissa Kephart

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year and I would like some things. I would like a 4x4, Poliroid 4-Wheeler and golf bag and clubs also a football and jersey and shoulder pads. A little pickup with a gooseneck trailer and a new wagen and some metal and some wheels. Thanks for the presents Santa, If I get them.
Love,
Seth Meadows

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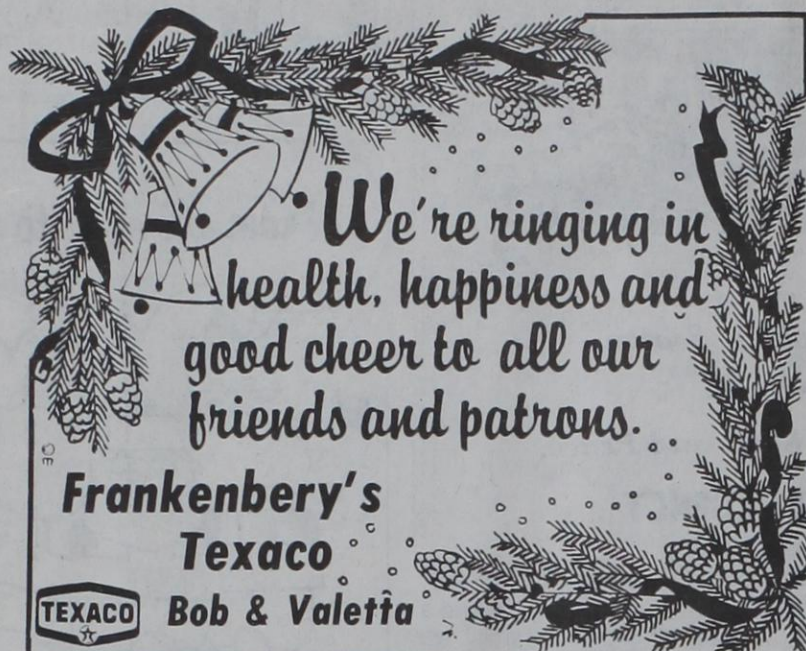
Dear Santa,
I want a black and green 1994 Ranger Bass Boat, so my dad and Darren can go fishing. I would also like some Barney stuff, and some big trucks.
Love,
Clinton Bradstreet

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. I would like some Barbie dolls, nintendo games, skates, L.A. Gear Light shoes and some clothes.
Please give my Mamaw and Aunt Jerrie a kiss for me. I love them very much.
Michelle Williams
(8 years old
Lynchburg, Va.)

Dear Santa,
I talk all the time but I am a good girl most of the time. I would like some Barbie dolls like my sister, some new shoes, computer games and a pink air plane so I can fly to Texas to see my Mamaw and Aunt Jerrie.
Melissa Williams
(3 years old
Lynchburg, Va.)

Dear Santa,
I am going to send a card to you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. I have been a good girl. I want a big doll house, Legos, some make-up, and a caboodle. I will leave some milk and cookies and carrots for you.
Love,
Ellisabeth Johnson
(Age 4, Mobeetie)

Dear Santa,
My name is Frankie. I'm 5 years old.
I would like a doll, fire truck, game's, some new clouths and a Ech-N-Schach.
I love you,
Frankie Griffin



We're ringing in health, happiness and good cheer to all our friends and patrons.

Frankenbery's Texaco
Bob & Valetia



Happy Christmas
Friendship comes in all shapes and sizes here, and to all our friends, we wish you Christmas joy... all thru the coming year!

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From all of us, to all of you we send our very best wishes this holiday season.

Lee Hardware & Furniture



Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I would like a set of headphone-walkie-talkies and a remote control car with a power boost engine. I hope you and your elves have a very, very nice year.
Love,
Ryan May

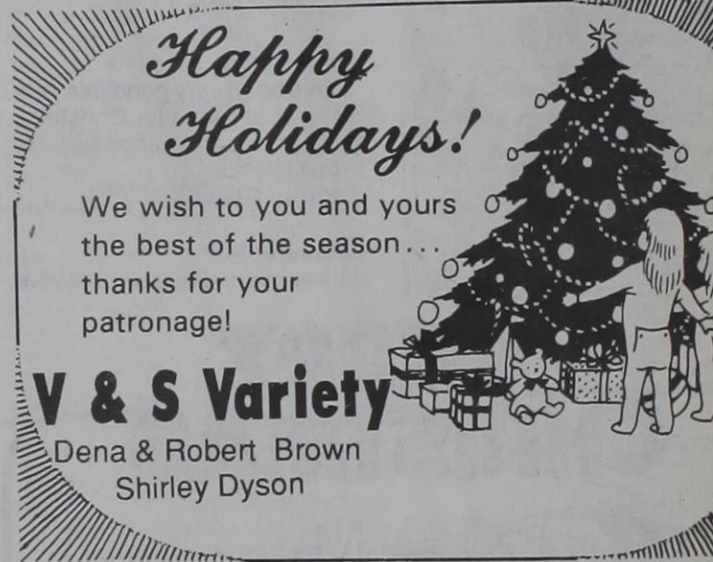
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I like a Game Boy. And a wa a four wheeler. Please bring me on Christmas Eve. I Santa I will leave you some ies and milk for you. OK? you have a merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ronnie James



REJOICE!

Let every heart be filled with gladness

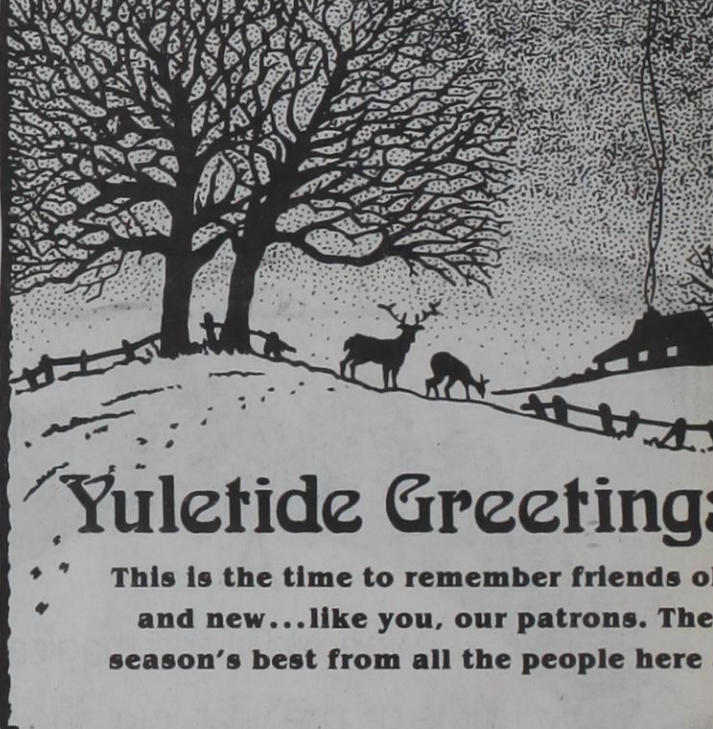
Steve, Gwen, Kara,
Jordan & Drew Emmer



Happy Holidays!

We wish to you and yours the best of the season... thanks for your patronage!

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Dena & Robert Brown
Shirley Dyson



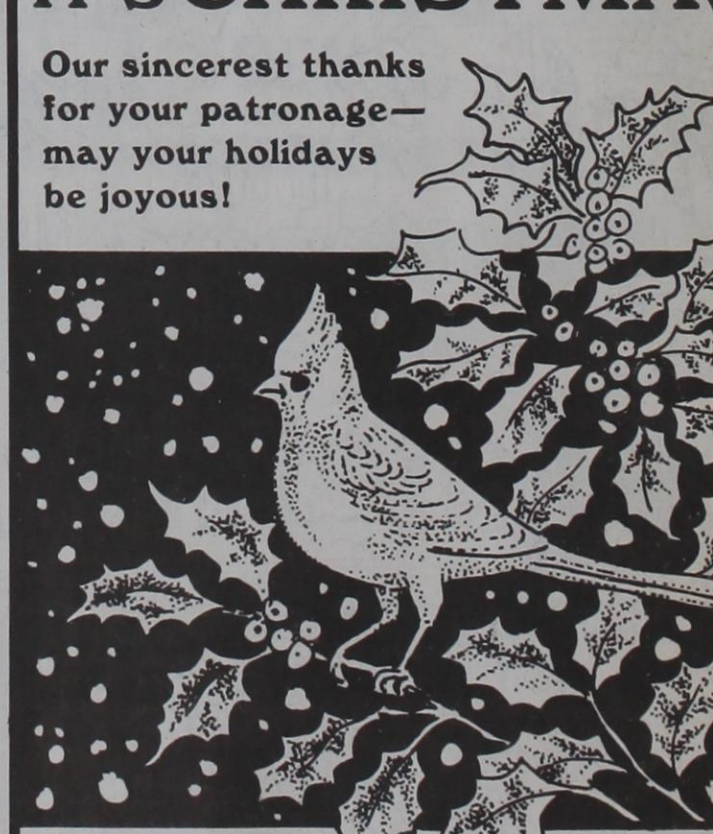
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May everyone have a joyous and safe journey whether coming or going. God's blessings to each and everyone.

Our Love in Christ

The Kinnard's

Henry & Phyllis, Tonya & Jim Talley,
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Monty, Stacie and Courtney



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the beauty of this season renew each heart with hope.

Dr. Louie L. Mendiola & Family and Staff

WHEELER SCHOOL SANTA LETTERS

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy I want a turtle and I want a turtle.
Love,
Bobbie Graves

Dear Santa, My name is James I have been a good little boy. So has my sister. I want The Talking Battleship And Joe F 16 And G.I. JOE Hall of Fame.
Love,
James Kidd

Dear Santa, My name is Sierra. I have been a good girl this year. I want a cat, a Barbie doll and jewelry and a teddy bear and a new coat.
Love,
Sierra Atherton

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa, My name is Leandra I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I want a boom box and a digital watch and a Barbie doll and a necklace.
Love,
Leandra Lister

Dear Santa, I want a beebee gun and a water gun. My Name is Eric. I have been a good boy I love you Santa. You are a nice person. I like you.
Love,
Eric Slotton

Dear Santa, My name is Bob. I have been a good boy this year. I want a beebee gun.
Love,
Bob Kilpatrick

Dear Santa, My name is Melanie. I have been a good little girl and want a barbie doll and a makeup kit.
The End,
Melanie Wilcox

THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa, Hello my name is Evan. I have been a good boy this year. I wish I could have a remote control car, race car, radio a bunch of trolls and tapes.
Love,
Evan Reed

Dear Santa, My name is Angie. I have been a good girl this year. I want Bike, dog, computer, and will you buy me a radio that sounds good. And I will leave some cookies. My sisters are nice.
Love,
Angie Cornish

KELTON FOURTH GRADE

Dear Santa, I have been very, very, very good. I want a motorcycle, knife,

remote control plane, and computer.
Love,
Nathan

Dear Santa, My Name is Tristian Eckert. I am in fourth grade. I'm glad I get to write to you. I've been good this year. I hope I get everything I want. I'm sorry I haven't gotten to see you. Well this is what I want for Christmas, a horse, hair things, a radio, trolls, tapes, and a lot of other things but I can't think of any other things.
Love,
Tristian Eckert

Dear Santa, I want many different presents. I really want a jacket, gak, Outlaw, bed, shirts. My name is Nino Lopex. My sisters are good. My address is Rt. 1 Box 85 A in Shamrock, TX. And I wish love to every body and my family. And I've ben a very, very, very, good, good boy.
Love,
Nino Lopez

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a pretty good boy. Would you please bring me a firetruck and some new tractors and plows to play with. Also, I like to eat, so please remember to put some goodies in my sticking.
Thank you,
Cody Selby
(2 years old)

Dear Santa Clause, I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me some new toys to play with. Also, be sure to bring something fun for my brother, so he doesn't take all my new toys away, ok. I love you.
Chelsea Selby
(8 months)

Dear Santa, I want a bear that can sing, a baby that walks and that I can rock. I want a bunch of candy, too. My daddy wants a hundred dollars.
Your friend,
Megan Horn

Dear Santa, I want a surprise and a bunch of candy. I want some rollerblades. And other things.
Your friend,
Larry Lee Horn

Dear Santa, I would like a tractor and a BIG truck. I might sit on your lap next year.
Love,
Brandon Finsterwald
(2 years old)

Dear Santa, I want a bear that sings, too!
Love,
Sarah Horn

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year, and I hope you bring me lots of presents! And please bring my dog BoBo a big bone so he won't chew on Mom's shoes.
Love,
Matraca Bradstreet

Dear Santa, I love you. Tell Rudolph I love him too. Please bring me a Nerf Missile Storm, a Jurassic Park set, a race car set, and a Micro Van City.
Love,
Ethan Tyree
(Age 4)

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? Please bring me an Ice Tickle Bear, dress up clothes, a stereo, and a My Baby All Gone. Please put something in our stockings at home.
Love,
Courtney Tyree
(Age 7)

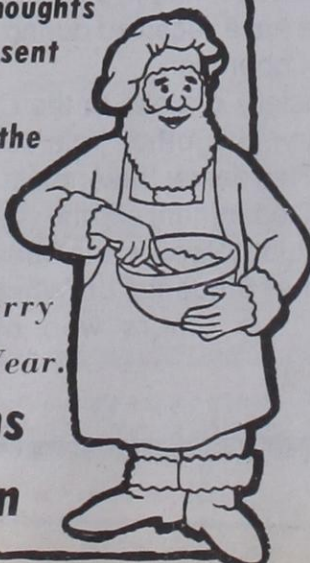
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I would like a doll house and some Legos. I will leave milk and cookies out for you.
Love,
Anna-Rebecca Johnson
(Age 2, Mobeetie)

Dear Friends,
With the holiday season comes thoughts of sharing our blessings of the present and hopes for the future with you.

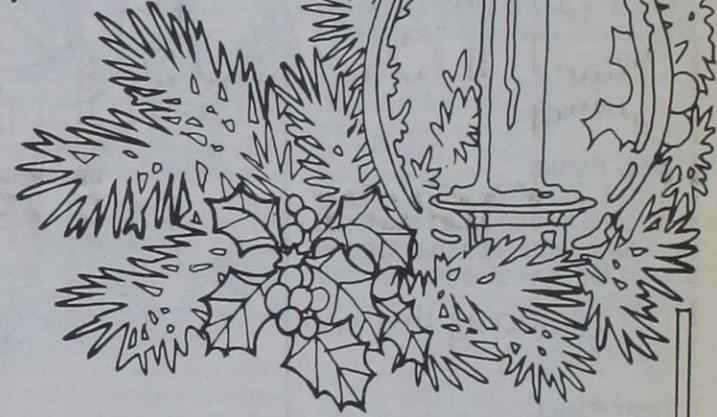
We count among our blessings the privilege of serving you. Our hopes for the future is that we may continue to serve you.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**The Sparlins
Faye & Glen**



HOLIDAY Memories



As we think back on Christmases of long ago, it makes us appreciate our many blessings. Happy holidays!

Vise Energy
John C. & Rosemary

Season's Greetings To All

During the Christmas season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who helped us through the year. And in the spirit we say, thank you and best wishes for a wonderful holiday.

CROSS CAR CENTER

David & Kathleen,
Michelle, Monica & Dale, Roger & Cindy, Stuart, Ann Marie, Christopher, Joseph, Sarah, Hallee & Rachael



We thank you all for your valued support.

Christmas is a time for caring, loving, sharing.

Production Credit Association
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Merry Christmas

The friendship of those we serve is the basis for our success.

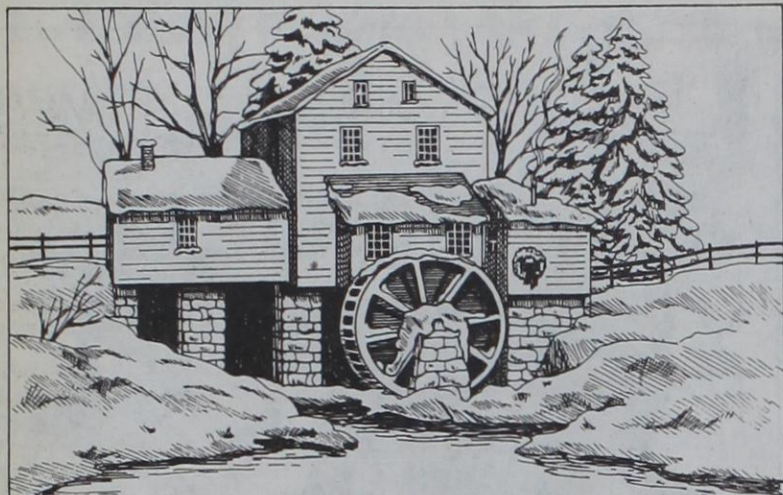
Thanks, all.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Ed & Patricia Forrester

WHEELER SCHOOL SANTA LETTERS

MRS. BATTON'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that has a headband. I will leave milk and cookies. I want erings for Chritmas. And I want a coloring book. And I want A little puppy.

Love,
Savanna

Dear Santa,
I want my size Barbie doll for Christmas. I am going to leave cookies and Milk for you.

I have ben good.
Love,
Jandle

Dear Santa,
I want a television. I am going to leave cookies and milk for you on the table.

My sister wants a big big bed. I want a truck that goes zoom-zoom.

Love,
Clint

Dear Santa,
I want a medicine doll. I'm going to leave cookies and some milk on the table. I have bin a good girl. i wood like some new crayons.

Love,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader. I want a Nintendo, a ninja turtle tape and I want a batman tape. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Carl

Dear Santa,
I Want a horse for my brother. I want a ninja turtle tape.

Love,
Hector

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Family talking doll house. I also want a barbie jeep. If mi mother will make some christmas cookies for Santa and for the reindeer.

I Love Santa,
Nancy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the present you gave me last year. Will you bring me this year a barbie with a hors.

Love,
Saharay

Dear Santa,
I would like a magic wand doll. I would like a babye get well doll. I would Like my brother to have a teddy bear.

I would Like a real kitten too. I am going to leave Christmas cookies. i would Like my sister a real kitten too.

Love,
Amber

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wot a nies Jeep. I am being good? I will Lee v Cooz and milc

Love,
Dustln



Best wishes and our sincere gratitude for a cheer-filled holiday season.

Darve & Sammie Atherton

Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.



Thanks for your continuing support.

Ware Chevrolet-Buick-Olds-Pontiac
S. Hwy. 83

Play Basket Ballanda Phone. Jarod Scott

and a waterbed. Thank You, Leslie Weaver

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, computer, magical doll, baby gigles and go.

Love,
Savannah Hampton

Dear Santa,
I want a home run derby, Crash dummy, Nintendo Game, and Dulin Dude. Grape Escape.

Love,
Cameron Burton

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, Barbie house, hot tub, sand box, flexiblocks, TV,

Dear Santa,
I want a football and a helmet.

Dear Santa,

PEACE ON EARTH



May this Christmas see fulfillment of prosperity and brotherhood for all mankind. Our thanks to you, loyal friends, for your continued patronage.

Wheeler Redi-Mix
R. J. & Georgia Smith



come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! How the shepherds of Bethlehem must have rejoiced when they first saw the newborn Babe... we wish their joy to you and yours!

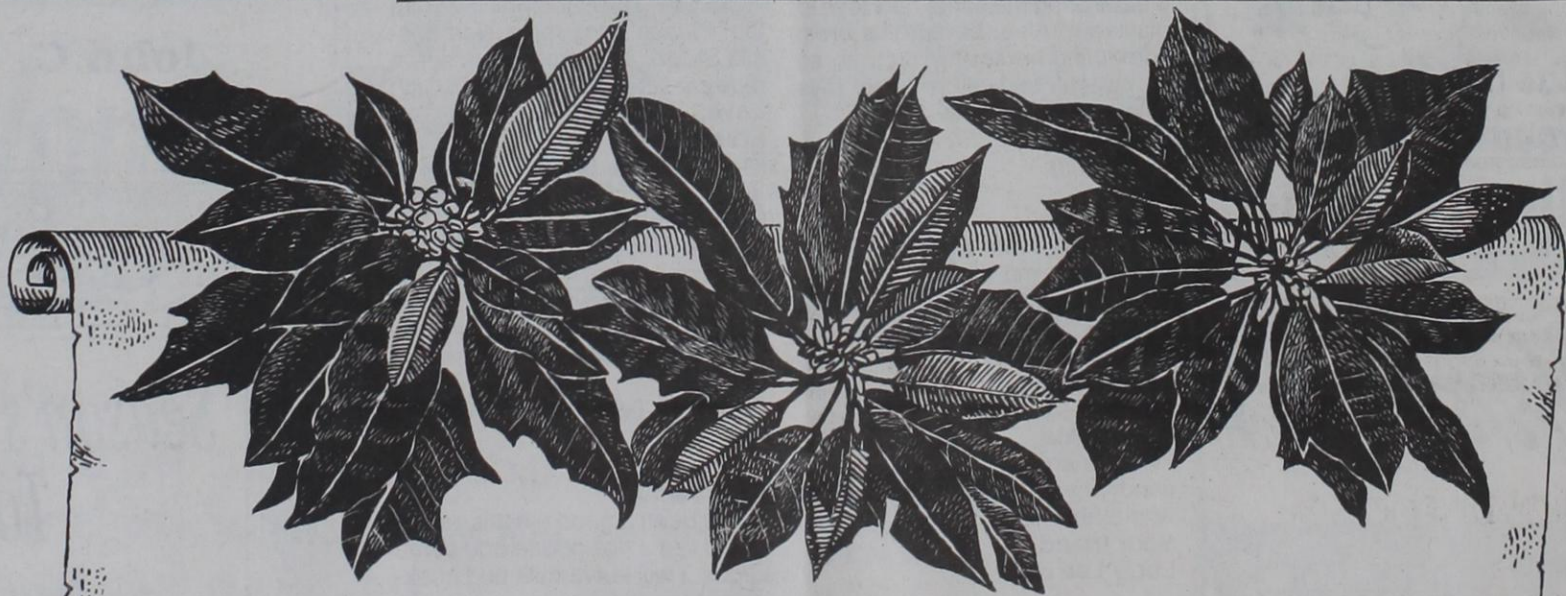
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assistance in times of need or unusual circumstances.

We also wish to thank the ministers and churches who fill such an important place in the spiritual guidance of the Residents.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
We Wish You All A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR



THE WHEELER TIME

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Wheeler, town of friendship and...

Home For The Holidays

May the many blessings of the season visit you and your family this Christmas.



Jim & Beth Alvey

Also I want a football suit and I would like to go to a cowboy game.

Love,
Landon Sams

On Christmas I want cloth toy walking dog, and crolling

Love,
Amy

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a pa skates, a gun, a 4-wheeler wagon and some new shoes clothes.

Love,
Justin Lee

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a "My Barbie", this year.

Love,
Brook Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a b and a bike.

Love,
Yuri Soto

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. I want nintendo tape, Karate Kid

Love,
Erick Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want My size Barbie, S The hedgehog 2, Walky Talk Pony Surprise.

Love,
Rachel Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a electric Football ga I want a bike. I want a bo game.

Love,
Jarrod Hanning

Dear Santa,
I want brbe, a baby get w book, brne,

Luv,
Melissa Diera

SANTA LETTER

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. I would some Barbie dolls, ninte games, skates, L.A. Gear L shoes and some clothes. Please give my Mamaw and A Jerrie a kiss for me. I love th very much.

Michelle Williams
(8 years old
Lynchburg, Va.)

Dear Santa,
I talk all the time but I am a g girl most of the time. I would some Barbie dolls like my sis some new shoes, computer ga and a pink air plane so I can f Texas to see my Mamaw and Jerrie.

Melissa Williams
(3 years old
Lynchburg, Va.)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



May you enjoy the gifts of friendship, joy and love this Christmas

Hibler Implement Co.
Lee, Pam, Joannie & Mike

**WHEELER
SANTA LETTERS
(THIRD GRADE)**

Dear Santa.
How are your reindeer? I like Christmas, Santa. I like red, white and green, because these are the Christmas colors. I like clothes for Christmas and a pair of tennis shoes that light up. I want to be happy. Be my friend.
**Your friend,
Blanca Lopez**

Dear Santa.
How are the reindeer? How is Claus and you? I have been good girl. I want these things the Ghost Charlotte's web, Alvin and the chipmunks, and Rudolph. I want a candy cane, a light, lotion, and suckers. I wait until Christmas because it's the Best time of the year.
**Your friend,
Pamela Ann Murphy**

Dear Santa.
How are you and the Mrs.'s. I've been a good boy so far. I want a color T.V. that goes up in the wall, a lot of video games, a phone, Keby's Pinball Machine from Gameboy. The most I want for Christmas is my sister and my sister to move back

to Wheeler so we can be a big family again. That's all I want for Christmas. You can bring me whatever you want. Oh, I want a sega Genises.

**Your friend,
Evan Watts**

Dear Santa.
Hi, how are your reindeer? How are your elves and Mrs. Claus? Are they doing fine? I am. I don't think I have been good this year! On, my first six weeks I made all A's. On, my second six weeks I made two B's and the rest A's. Santa will you please come and see me and bring me anything you want to bring me.
**Your friend,
Kenzie Watkins**

Dear Santa.
Hello how are you? Is Rudolph ok? I'm ok, For Christmas I want a Ncca Football, a Joe Montana card, Some football cards, a Kansas City chiefcap, a 49ers cap a Dallas cowboy cap, and a sega.
**Your friend,
Juan Salas**

Dear Santa.
I've been a good boy. My brother has been a bad. he hit me in the arm. I want some roller blades, a sound system, some legos, lots of candy, money, some batteries, boots that lace up, some clothes, and a play gun.
**Your friend,
Andrew Hampton**

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

In Luke 2: 10-11, the Bible says that an angel said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." When Jesus came into the world, God said it would be **GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY**. It never ceases to amaze me, though, how people can call bad news good news. Some people that are Christians believe and teach that the Lord may bring into your life tragedy, sickness, and trouble because that is His way of showing love and concern for you. Those things have never brought me great joy and they are not good tidings. When my mother-in-law was tragically and instantly killed, the telephone caller did not say, "I have some good tidings of great joy for you." It wasn't good news. It was bad news. It wasn't great joy. It was grief and sadness. However, some people believe that things like that are from the Lord. They believe that God knows best and chooses in His Sovereignty to take loved ones in that way. Everybody with common sense knows that tragedies like that are bad tidings of no joy, but most religious people blame God for it. You don't hear religious people saying anything about the human error involved (unless they decide to sue somebody). Instead, you hear religious folks talking about the ways of God being above our ways. Jesus did not come to bring bad things into our lives and call them good. He is not perved. He believes the things we consider harmful and bad are harmful and bad. Some Christians will say such things as, "God only gives good things, but from His point of view, cancer or heart trouble may be good for me." If that is the way God thinks about it, why did this baby in the manger grow up and start healing people? Why did He bless people with deliverance from pain and suffering? Why do we see Him healing all the time in the pages of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John instead of making people sicker? If God really wants people to hurt and be filled with disease, why wouldn't Jesus know that? I could show you in your Bible at least a dozen times where it says Jesus healed them all. We have 5 pages of typed verses of "Healing Scriptures" which we send out to anyone who requests them. These verses are not in the Bible to just take up space and give you more to read. They mean what they say. If God didn't want to heal you and me, He certainly didn't have to say it in the Bible. Nobody backed Him into a corner and forced His hand. He is the one who decided to reveal Himself as a Healer. He said His name was Jehovah Raipha, which means "The Lord that Healeth Thee." He is the one who placed our sicknesses as well as our sins on Jesus at the cross of Calvary. He bore our sicknesses at the same time that he bore our sins and for the same reason. That is, as our Substitute. He bore them in our place that we might not have to.

That is why the Savior came. He came to bring **GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY** to all people. Good tidings meant setting us free from sins and from sicknesses. He said in Luke 4:18 that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him because He was anointed to announce healing to the brokenhearted, deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, and liberty to them that were bruised, crushed, or broken. Because Jesus came, I can announce good news to you just like the angel did. A Savior from sin and a Savior from sickness has come. If you believe and receive that message, you will have great joy because that is what the good tidings brings, and because of it, we can all have a very Merry Christmas.

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**Your friend,
Jennifer Andis**

Dear Santa.
Hi, how are your reindeer? I have been good. How is Mrs. Claus? I'm doing good. Santa, how are you? I hope you come to see me this year. Santa, I would like a TV, VCR, radio, and a Game boy. My brother is a little mean too. I'm doing good in school too. I've been making A's, B's, and some C's.
**Your friend,
Kandra Gaines**

Dear Santa.
I would like a real guitar, a motorcycle and game boy. Please bring some presents for Daddy, MaMa, brothers and sister.
Thank you.
**Your Friend,
Jeret Moore**
P.S. Don't forget batteries.

Dear Santa.
I Love you. How is Mrs. Claus, Santa? How is Rudolph, Santa? Are the rest of the reindeer fine? Are your elves fine? Are they still working hard? I bet they are. Well, I've been thinking about an electric guitar.
**Your friend,
James Kuntz**

Dear Santa.
Santa, how is Mrs. Claus? I am fine. I know what I am getting for Christmas. If you don't have time to come it is all right if you don't come.
**Your friend,
Ryan Duncan**

QUAIL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE AWAY PAIR OF OSTRICHES OR EMUS

The Quail Volunteer Fire Department announces the beginning of a fund-raising effort that will highlight the raffle of a pair of 3 month old rattles (ostrich or emu), a current value of about \$8,000. The birds are being donated by the Quail Ostrich Farm. The money raised will go toward the purchase of new fire-fighting equipment for the department. The giveaway will take place Saturday, July 2, 1994 at the Quail Community Building at 7:00 p.m. with a hamburger cookout and ice cream feast also planned.

The volunteer department is called upon numerous times during the year to fight fires not only in our county but also in neighboring counties. Most fires are in grassland but vehicle and structure fires have also been fought by the department during the past year. One of the primary needs of the department is equipment that can carry more water capacity to the scene of the fire.

A goal has been set to raise \$30,000. Other means of fund-raising such as grants and matching funds are also being pursued, besides the ticket donations. Tickets are to be had for a \$10.00 donation. A person may contact any member of the volunteer department, call one of the following numbers (806) 447-2567/5778/5519, or write to: Quail Volunteer Fire Department, Box 24, TX 79251. The Quail Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit organization.

Sims (from Page 1)

Church of Wheeler. Sims served as Wheeler County Judge in 1974 and served as County Attorney from April 1977 until 1990. Judge Sims is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Center for the Judiciary and Judicial Section of The State Bar. Sims has attended The National Judicial College as well as various seminars and schools in order to stay abreast of the many changes in our state laws and to seek ways to be a better judge.

In his announcement, Sims emphasized his desire to continue to serve the people of the 31st Judicial District as Judge. Sims considers himself a Conservative Democrat and stressed that he has enjoyed and will continue working with the people and all officials throughout the District. "It has been an honor to serve as 31st District Judge for the last three years. Many of you helped me in my election in 1990, and I now ask you and all the voters of the 31st Judicial District for your help and support in this election."

Chat (from Page 1)

William Thomas from El Reno, Okla., came Monday, late; we played cards until 2 a.m. Yes William, we enjoyed your visit also.

Remember, A subscription to *The Wheeler Times* makes an excellent Christmas gift; you will be remembered 52 times through the year. We intend to close the office at noon Thursday.

Season's Greetings to one and all. I hope your wishes for the season are fulfilled.

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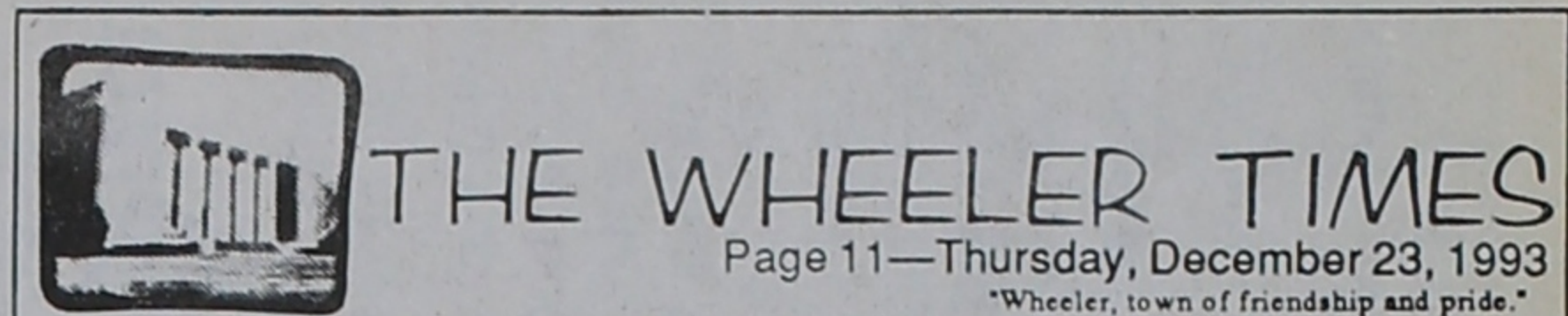
Court Records (from Page 4)

Blk M-1, S1/2 Sec 51, Blk M-1.
DT—Larry J. Finsterwald, et ux to Katherine Finsterwald, et vir, 12-23-92, S1/2 Sec 61, Blk A-4, 144.75 acs Sec 50, S1/2 Sec 51, Blk M-1.
D—Katherine Finsterwald, et al to Joel E. Finsterwald, 12-23-92, Sec 62, Blk A-4, Exc 7 ac.
DT—Joel E. Finsterwald, et ux to Katherine Finsterwald, et vir, 12-23-92, Sec 62, Blk A-4, Exc. 7 ac.
D—Larry J. Finsterwald, et al to Judy L. Woollard, 12-23-92, Sec 51, Blk A-4.
DT—Judy L. Woollard, et vir to Larry J. Finsterwald, et al, 12-23-92, Sec 51, Blk A-4.
P OF ATTY—Melinda Hagy to J.B. Lane, 10-27-93.
C/C PROBATE—Lorraine Nichols Bronston to Ex-Parte, 1-22-93.
RDT—First City Texas Houston NA, et al to Parker & Parsley Development Company, 11-22-93, See Instrument.
ASSIGN OVERRID ROYALTY—Madison Energy Partners to Haven Petroleum Partners LP, 3-18-93, W1/2 Sec 34, Blk A-3.
ASSIGN OVERRID ROYALTY—Lloyd Petroleum Corporation to Haven Petroleum Partners LP, 3-18-93, W1/2 Sec 34, Blk A-3.
AOL—Beacon Partners to Haven Petroleum Partners LP, 4-27-92, Pt Sec 10, Blk 2, B&B Survey.
AOL—Asset Recovery Associates II to Haven Petroleum Partners LP, 3-18-93, Pt Sec 10, Blk 2, B&B Survey.
ASSIGN OVERRID ROYALTY—Asset Recovery Associates, et al to Haven Petroleum Partners LP, 3-18-93, Sec 27, Blk A-208, Sec 43, Blk A-216.
ASSIGN OVERRID ROYALTY—Lloyd Petroleum Corporation to Haven Petroleum Partners LP, 3-18-93, SW1/4 Sec 38, Blk A-3.
OL—Norman K. Stewart to Hanna Oil Properties Inc., 10-13-93, Sec 19, Camp Co School Land.

Commissioners' Court November Meetings Minutes

The Wheeler County Commissioner Court met in Regular Session, November 8, 1993, with Judge Wendell Morgan presiding. Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Billie V. Atherton, Hubert Moore and Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioners precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Steve Emmert-County Attorney; Ron Gowdy-County Auditor; Doyle Ramsey-Justice of Peace.
Court was opened with a prayer offered by Hubert Moore.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Hubert Moore made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to approve the Minutes from the October 11th and October 25th, 1993 court meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.
ACCEPTANCE OF JUSTICE OF PEACE REPORTS
Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Bill Atherton to accept the Justice of Peace reports for October as follows: Doyle Ramsey-\$1,114.50 and Herbert Stacy-\$6,054.5. Motion carried Unanimously.
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT
Bill Atherton made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to pay the bills as approved and found listed in Volume 10 page 295 of the Minutes of Accounts Allowed in the County Clerks office. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS
Hubert Moore made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to accept and approve the time sheets for the hourly employees as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
CANVASS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION APPROVED
Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to accept the canvass of the November Constitutional Amendment election as prepared by Margaret Dorman, County Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.
RICHARD KINCANNON-road concerns
Richard Kincannon met with the Court to discuss concerns he has with the south Wheeler County area. No action taken.
AUCTION OF SALVAGE ITEMS SET
Bill Atherton made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to authorize and set an auction date of November 20, 1993 for salvage items belonging to Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDS MANAGEMENT REPORT
Margaret Dorman, County Clerk, gave an up-date to the Court on the Records Management work she is doing in the office and gave a balance of the fees collected to date. No action taken.
MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK
WENDELL MORGAN, COUNTY JUDGE
The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Special Session with Judge Wendell Morgan presiding. Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Bill Atherton, Hubert Moore and Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioners precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Ron Gowdy-County Auditor; and Jimmy Adams-Sheriff.
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT
Bill Atherton made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to pay the bills as approved and found

From the errors of others a wise man corrects his own.
—Pubilius Syrus



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OL—Pacific Enterprises ABS Corporation to Hanna Oil Properties Inc., 10-18-93, Sec 19, Camp Co School Land.
OL—B&G Operating LTD to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 10-14-93, Sec 19, Camp Co School Land.
John M. Shelton III Company to Hanna Oil Properties Inc., 10-14-93, Sec 19, Camp Co. School Land.
OL—Betty Jim Shelton McBride to Hanna Oil Properties Inc., 10-14-93, Sec 19, Camp Co School Land.
OL—Charles F. Doornbos Revocable Trust to Hanna Oil Properties Inc., 10-14-93, Sec 19, Camp Co School.
OL—Marilyn Steed Stafford to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 9-15-93, Sec 19, Camp Co School.
MD—FBGA Services Inc to Wildflower Production Company Inc., 11-30-93, SE1/4 Sec 69, Blk A-5.
MD—FBGA Services Inc to Wildflower Production Company Inc., 11-30-93, See Instrument.
DT—Wildflower Production Co Inc to South Plains Bank, 12-8-93, See Instrument.
DT—Rex Fuller, et al to South Plains Bank, 12-8-93, See Instrument.
DECEMBER 15, 1993
POF ATTY—Florence M. B. George to Jerry Rankin, et al, 12-8-93.
OL—Edward S. Wilkins to Concord Resources, 6-8-92, N1/2 Sec 7, Blk A-2.
OL—Frances Fell Malone to Concord Royalty, 10-15-93, 1.575 ac Sec 39, Blk A-3.
OL—Elizabeth Fell Oven to Concord Royalty, 10-20-93, 1.575 ac Sec 39, Blk A-3.
TRUSTEE OL—Amarillo National Bank, Trustee to Concord Royalty, 8-16-93, Sec 40, Blk A-3.
OL—Roberta Elaine Russell to Con-

cord Royalty, 9-1-93, Sec 40, Blk A-3.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent District School to Alicia P. Garza, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent School District to Gregoria Garza, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent School District I to Lisa Jernigan, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent School District to Michael Dale O'Gorman, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent School District to Jerry Palmer, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent School District to Roger Chase, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent School District to Bobby L. Holmes, 11-10-93.
A OF JUDG—Shamrock Independent District School to Debbie Latham, 11-10-93.
AFF—Bruce B. Burrell to Ellen Joy Bentley, et ux, 12-13-93.
TDT—Lubbock Homes Inc. to Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 12-10-93, 400 ac Sec 31, Blk A-5.
DT—Sharon Thompson, et al to Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 12-14-93, 400 ac Sec 31, Blk A-5.
CORR DT—Ramona J. Gray to United States of America, 11-10-93, Lot 4, Blk 6, Parklane Addition Wheeler.
DISTRICT CLERK'S FILINGS
#9891—The State of Texas vs. Golvier Bentley Malcomb, Principal, et al, 11-10-93, Judgement Nisi.
#9892—Sidney Claude Aston and Tella Rose Milburn, 11-12-93, Waiver of 72 Hour Waiting Period.
#9893—In Interest of Minor Child, 11-19-93, Name Change.
Yellowhouse Machinery-\$74,849.00;
Yellowhouse Machinery-\$76,375.00 and West Texas Equipment-\$73,113.00 for a new front-end loader.
Hubert Moore made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to accept the bid from Yellowhouse Machinery in the amount of \$74,849.00 for one new front-end loader with front locking differential. Motion carried unanimously.

Western Vo-Tech Spring Night Classes Scheduled

The Adult Education Division of Western Oklahoma Vocational Technical school is accepting enrollment for **SPRING** Training and Development classes at Sayre and Burns Flat, **STARTING** the week of **JANUARY 3RD**. Office will be closed from December 20 thru January 2. Classes start the week of January 17th, enrollment hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Spring Brochures are being mailed out during Christmas break. LOOK FOR THE SPRING BROCHURE THE LAST OF DECEMBER, 1993.
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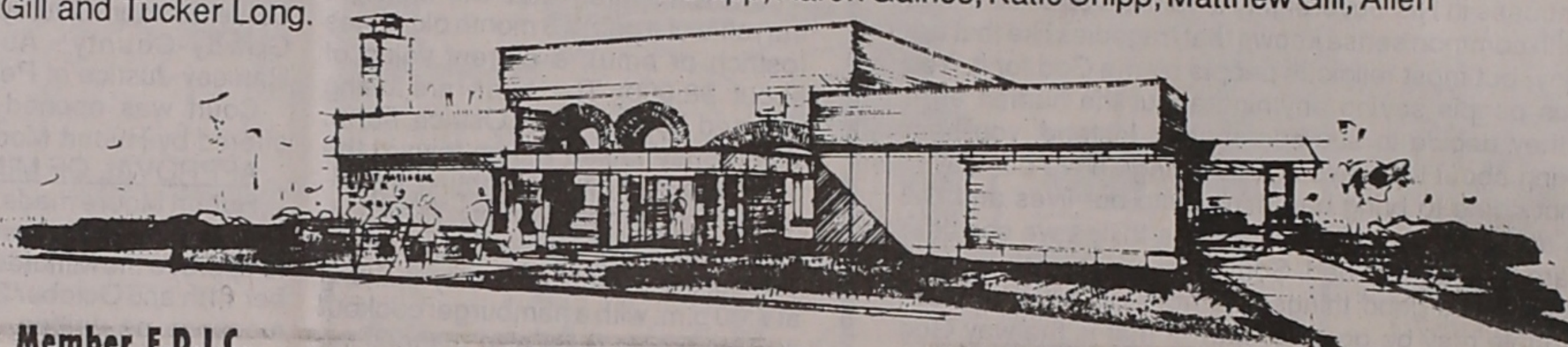
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Love,
Joe Don Glassey

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, a fancy dress, a computer and a good Christmas day for my family.
Love,
Taryn Matthes

Dear Santa,
I would like a little puppy, a

Nintendo, and a good Christmas for all and for all a good night sleep.
Love,
Megan Ford

Dear Santa,
I would like a helmet, and kneepads and shoulder pads and hippads.
Love,
Nic Gaines

Dear Santa,
I would like a Super Soaker 2000, and a ten speed bike a trampoline, and some arrows.
Love,
Josh Miller

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a computer and a Kidpix Disk. Oh I would also like a Nintendo.
Love,
Jordan Chelsea Brooks

Dear Santa,
I would like an electric guitar, a set of drums, a dirtbike, I would like \$2,000.
Love,
James Chapman

Dear Santa,
I would like a tape of Aladdin, pair of boots, puppy and a "My size Barbie."
Love,
Adriana Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like a T.V. and a great Christmas.
Love,
Brad Masters

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sega Genis and a big screen T.V., a trapoline and some drums.
Love,
Dustin Lee White

Dear Santa,
I want a My Size Barbie. Also, I would like a pair of pants and a ring. Finally, I would like a T.V.
Love,
Bianca Emiliano

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo for Christmas and a bicycle. Also, I would

like a Barbie and a Baby-Feel-So-Right.
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I want a Bike, and a troll, a sled, a Dog named Sandy.
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Dustin Hampton

Dear Santa,
Santa I want lots of things. A baby alive, boom box, phone in my own room, T.V., bike, rollerblades, live size Barbie, gak, baby laugh and giggle, I will leave cookies. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Andrea Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy panda, bamao, a book about pandas, a boom box, a Frankinstine fix me, a six whee-

race car, an old timer knife, creepy crawler, gak, copy machine, pen, and a cut cuddie St. Bernard puppy.
Robert Brown

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car and a C.D. player.
Santos Salas

Dear Santa,
Here are the things I would like to have. Bow wow boutique, Baby walk 'n roll, Magic nursery fuss & giggle triplets, newborn baby alive, playskool dollhouse with furniture and convertible, clothes, colore etch a sketch, wedding fashion plates, fantasy place build & decorate, a computer, dream phone game, super nintendo controll set and some games, stretch armstrong, hot wheels criss cross set, gak.
Have a merry Cristmas, please try no to get stuck in the snow.
Karny Meadows

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I want gac, TV, VCR, radio, boom box, Claw out law with G Wheels, CD player, moonshoes, creepy crawlers, puppy, colors, jersy.
Trenton Gaines

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Please bring me a football. And a cd player. And my own game boy and my own four-wheeler. I hop you have a Merry Christmas.
Joe Meraz

Dear Santa,
I want a live size Barbi, a Burping Babi, a radio, a pair of skates, a dog and a cat, a ride form you, some clothes, a VCR and a clock for my mom. Mary Christmas Santa.
Cassy Delgado

SANTA LETTERS

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1993 Oklahoma deer harvest sets record

Oklahoma deer hunters have set another harvest record, based on the official count completed recently by officials with the state's department of wildlife conservation.

Michael Shaw, Wildlife Department game research supervisor said through the end of the deer gun season, hunters had harvested 54,464, a substantial increase from last year's record of 50,412. "That's not counting some books kept by department personnel and any harvest during the late archery season, which runs through the end of the year," he said.

"That is already 4,000 more deer than the record total of all three

seasons types last year," he added. "With the high numbers of animals we still have out there and the deer kills that will be turned in eventually from other department personnel, I'll go out on a limb and predict that our final total harvest this year will be around 57,000 animals."

During the 1993 season, gun hunters harvested 38,076 deer, up about 6,500 from last year. Primitive hunters harvested 9,795, up from 8,343 last year and archery hunters so far harvest 6,593—a slight increase over last year's 6,568.

Final harvest figures should be available by mid-January.

Deficiency payments to total \$1.1 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says about \$1.1 billion in deficiency payments will be made to eligible producers of the 1993 wheat, barley and oats crops.

Wheat producers will receive about \$940 million, barley producers about \$125 million and oat producers an estimated \$5 million.

The payments, which started last week, are being made in cash through Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service county offices.

Deficiency payments are made under the 1993 wheat, barley and oats programs when the national weighted average market prices received by producers during the first five months of the marketing year are below established target price levels.

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Your Health

by Lester L. Coleman, M.D.
Three basic problems beset males in relationship to their prostate. The first is prostatitis. This is a low-grade infection or inflammation of the prostate. Almost always, it is readily controlled by any one of the antibiotics now available.

The second is benign prostatic hyperplasia which means a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland. This condition affects most men if they live long enough. It can be said to be a natural part of the process of growing older. This condition, referred to as BPH, is controlled in a number of ways. Some new drugs are said to reduce the size of the prostate and thus may eliminate the need for surgery. In those cases that are not controlled by drugs, a surgical procedure is quite remarkable and many benefits accrue from it.

The third disease is cancer of the prostate which affects about 10 percent of men. Up to now, cancer of the prostate unfortunately was not readily diagnosed until it was almost too late and complications had already occurred. Now the remarkable gift of science is that a test if now available called the PSA test which measures a substance known as the prostate-specific-antigen. This PSA test in conjunction with a rectal examination of the prostate can determine if indeed a cancer exists. If it does, it can now be controlled and cured by the use of surgery or the use of x-ray treatment.

Prostate cancer which for years threatened the lives of men when undetected can now be recognized early, treated early and can result in a complete cure.

In the last years, the advances in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the prostate have reduced tremendously the life-threatening results of unrecognized cancer of the prostate.

USDA Sees Rebound in Farmers' Net Income

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. farmers' net cash income for 1994 is expected to range between \$55 billion and \$62 billion, compared with the \$59 billion forecast for 1993.

The Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service said, however, the net farm income should rebound from its 1993 drop.

"The structure and composition of farming through the rest of the decade is expected to be similar to that of today," the agency said in a situation and outlook summary on agricultural income and finance.

"Off-farm sources will continue to provide the major portion of the average household's income," the report said.

Receipts for all crops, except cotton and tobacco, are expected to rise in 1994, it said. Feed grain receipts, led by corn, also are forecast to rise.

Total receipts for livestock may fall slightly, the report said. Red-meat receipts are expected to be steady to slightly higher.

After dropping in 1992, red meat prices recovered in 1993. For 1994, cattle prices could fall slightly, but hog prices are forecast up.

Milk prices are forecast down nearly \$1 per hundred pounds for 1994, more than offsetting an expected increase in production.

"Wheat and feed grain payments are forecast down for 1994," the research paper said. "Disaster payments will play a major role in determining the level of total payments."

Disaster payments totaled nearly \$1 billion in 1993 and an additional \$2 billion has been authorized for flood and drought relief. Most of the \$2 billion should be paid in 1994, the report said.

"Direct payments of \$8 billion to \$12 billion forecast for 1994 will continue to provide 4 percent to 6 percent of gross cash income," it said.

Cash expenses for 1994 are forecast at \$130 billion to \$137 billion, up only 2 to 3 percent from 1993.

"Feed prices are rising due to this year's short

crops," the report said. "Livestock numbers also are rising, which will generate increased feed expenses. Partially offsetting higher feed expenses will be lower feeder livestock prices. Expenses for most other inputs are forecast up, including interest, which had been falling in recent years."

Windbreaks will protect cattle, equipment in winter

A few well-placed rows or clumps of trees can mean money to cattlemen.

The use of trees as windbreaks can reduce the chilling effects of winter winds and stress factors on cattle. Cattle protected by windbreaks will have an average gain of 35 pounds per animal during a mild winter and lose 10 pounds less per animal during a severe winter. This is because the windbreaks reduce air flow and allow the cattle greater efficiency in converting feed to weight gain.

Cattlemen in Western Oklahoma say unprotected herds lose 50 to 70 pounds per head during severe winters.

Another important function of a well-placed windbreak is its ability to prevent snow from blocking the many lanes, roadways, feed bunks, sorting and working areas, feed storage areas, and in general, the entire area where tractors, trucks and other machinery must be able to operate seven days a week.

When cattle are not protected from blowing and drifting snow, it is sometimes impossible to get the proper daily feed ration to the animals. This too, can add to the lost weight gains and resulting economic loss in unprotected cattle.

Oklahoma residents can obtain low-cost tree and shrub seedlings for establishing and maintaining windbreaks and other conservation plantings in the state. They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Forestry Services, Box 1919, Burns Flat, Okla., 73624-1919.

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DALLAS (AP)—Texas A&M scientists think they have taken an important first step toward countering aphids that have been causing extensive damage to the state's pecan crop.

Texas pecan production, valued at about \$39 million annually, occurs in most regions of the state and represents 20 percent of the nation's total pecan crop, second only to Georgia.

But in Georgia, the aphids are kept in check by large numbers of ladybugs who feed on them.

If it's good enough for Georgia, it's good enough for Texas, at least in this case.

Texas A&M entomologists Allen Knutson and Bill Ree made a trip to Georgia last month and collected 12,000 ladybugs, formally known as Harmonia lady beetles, to bring back to Texas via commercial airplane.

The ladybugs will hibernate in refrigerators, 1,000 per carton, at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Dallas until their release next spring to feed on aphids that attack pecans.

"Our only opportunity to capture such large numbers of beetles was during three or four days in November

when they congregate around overwintering sites," Knutson said.

"These migrations only occur on warm, sunny days, so we kept changing our travel plans until weather forecasts for Georgia appeared favorable for beetle flights."

Knutson and Ree, both specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will place the beneficial insects in pecan "nursery sites" next spring in 10 locations in Texas, hoping they quickly begin to feed on yellow pecan aphids.

The Texas Pecan Growers Association will assist

in choosing the sites to evaluate how the Harmonias adjust to varying Texas climates.

The alternative to collecting Harmonia in Georgia and releasing them in Texas, Knutson said, was to rear them in greenhouses and labs. It is a costly, labor-intensive process.

The Harmonia ladybug was imported from Japan and released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture about 15 years ago. Scientists recently discovered that the ladybug

had become established there.

The Harmonias are similar in size to other common ladybugs but distinctive in appearance because of white markings around the eyes that look like goggles. Their color varies from light orange to the familiar deep red, and there may be no spots or as many as 18.

The bugs will rest up from their trip, needing only an occasional misting of water during the winter.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Knutson gave them a water misting and let them "exercise" by removing them from the refrigerator long enough to warm up, get a drink and move around a bit.

"We hope the released beetles will multiply and become established in Texas," Knutson said.

"If the Harmonia lady beetle establishes as well here as in other states ... they'll be natural residents of Texas, helping to control aphids on trees and shrubs."

TELETYPE Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending December 9

The latest USDA Supply/Demand report released Dec. 9 was regarded by the trade mostly as a non-event and failed to overshadow bullish technicals which took futures to new highs earlier in the five-day trading period. As a result of the rally, sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on the TELCOT electronic marketing system skyrocketed on Dec. 7, posting the third-highest daily volume ever.

USDA on Dec. 9 pegged the 1993-94 U.S. cotton crop at 16.284 million bales, down slightly from its Nov. 1 forecast of 16.297 million. The figure was closely in line with industry expectations, which had averaged around 16.289 million bales in a survey prior to the report. USDA's U.S. ending stocks forecast remained unchanged from November at 4.9 million bales. The agency's forecast for domestic mill use and exports also remained unchanged, at 10.3 million bales and 5.9 million bales, respectively.

An expected boost in the Texas cotton production estimate failed to materialize, as USDA left its forecast at 5.2 million bales, unchanged from November. Oklahoma production was trimmed from 270,000 bales in November to 265,000 bales in this month's estimate.

Although the USDA estimate met the industry's expectations of being near unchanged, a certain amount of anticipation surrounded the report as market watchers have an eye toward its effects on USDA's final acreage reduction program (ARP) set-aside rate. USDA Nov. 1 issued a preliminary set-aside of 17.5 percent and is required to release its final figure by Jan. 1. Many in the industry expect

USDA to lower the final ARP rate after the December estimates. But, several factors play into setting an ARP rate that will result in a 30 percent stocks-to-use ratio as recommended in the U.S. farm bill. These include making projections about exports, domestic consumption and non-program acres; and, one source also points to government budgetary concerns.

USDA pegged world production at 81.19 million bales, down from 82.59 million a month ago. The agency's forecast for world ending stocks decreased to 33.69 million bales from 34.01 million projected in the November report.

One noteworthy item in the USDA crop report was a much lower-than-expected reduction in the Chinese cotton production estimate. Widespread ideas prior to the report were that USDA would cut Chinese production by more than it actually did. The agency pegged the Chinese crop at 18.5 million bales, down just 500,000 bales from last month.

This was one factor cited as analysts expected the USDA report to be bearish to neutral for cotton futures. But, this was the only fundamental development in a week governed by bullish technical factors. These factors resulted in gains on Dec. 7 which spread the gap between the adjusted world price (AWP) and futures to around the 22-cent level, its widest at this point in the season in years.

As a result, trading that day on the TELCOT electronic marketing system reached fever-pitch; and, when the dust settled, 83,443 bales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton had been sold. The Dec. 7 TELCOT sales figure was the third-highest of

all time, surpassed by 86,421 bales one day in July of 1986; and, by a whopping 385,599 bales in February of 1989—the largest one-day turnover ever in any spot market in the world. Sales on TELCOT for the five-day trading period totaled 219,230 bales; more than twice that of the previous week and the highest of any five-day trading period thus far this season.

But, what goes up must come down. Sources expected buyers to become less aggressive in their purchases into the next trading week, faced with one of the largest AWP increases since February. USDA on Dec. 9 issued an AWP effective through the week ending Dec. 16 of 44.19 cents per pound. The figure reflected a jump of 133 points from the previous week, with a resulting producer option payment of 816 points.

Another USDA report released Dec. 9 reflected a mild reversal in what has been a persistently dismal export picture. According to the agency, 1993-94 export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 2 rose a net 2,800 bales. Sales to featured buyers Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, Indonesia, Turkey, South Korea and China were partially offset by cancellations to unknown destinations.

Earlier in the week, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service reported harvest of the state's cotton crop was 91 percent complete, ahead of 79 percent a year ago and 78 percent on average. Some producers on the Texas High Plains reported post-harvest land preparation was underway on a limited scale, but progress was impeded by dry soils.

FENDING OFF FRAUD: Note the following four statements and see if you can recognize what they actually stand for:

1. The bank official corrects an error in your account.
2. The egg and you.
3. The Good Samaritan, the victim, and the accomplice.
4. The Distracted and the Exterminated.

These are headings for some of the frauds and con games perpetrated mostly on older folks who have either just cashed checks or made a withdrawal at their banks. According to police sources, these frauds are rising around the country, and their numbers would probably be even larger if everyone reported these crimes.

The first heading refers to one of the oldest frauds in the con game repertoire. A bank customer leaves with a sum of money. A con artist posing as a bank official, says there was an error in the transaction and it must be corrected immediately to avoid problems in the depositor's account. He needs both the receipt and the money to make the correction, and will then return with the money when the correction is made. Needless to say, once he has the money, he simply disappears.

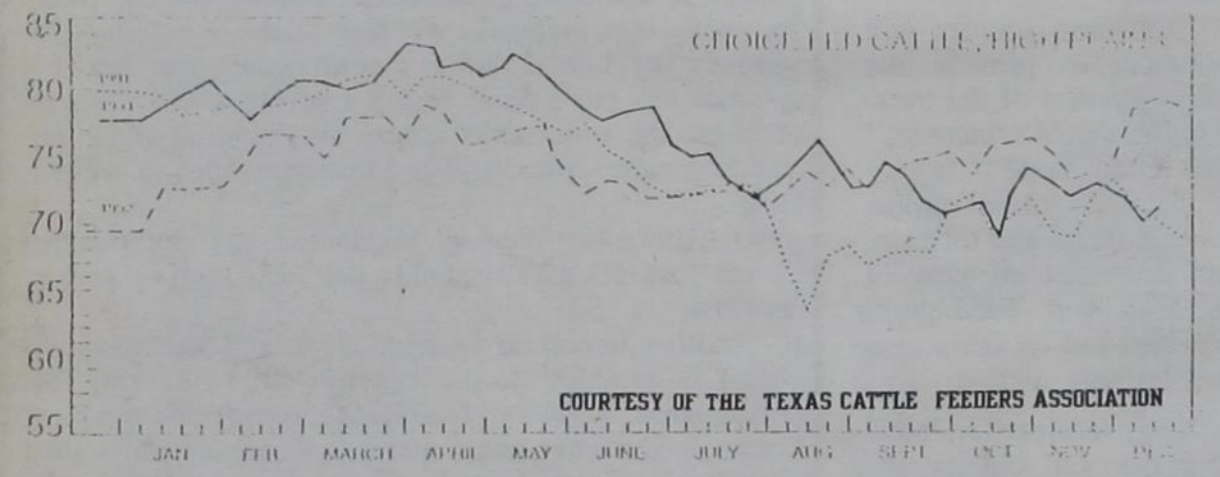
The second fraud involves a con artist splashing an egg or other material on the victim who has just withdrawn money or cashed a check. While the victim deals with this sudden assault her bag or his wallet is quickly snatched by an accomplice.

In the third instance, when the potential victim leaves the bank, a con artist suddenly doubles up in pain, and as the victim or "mark" offers to help, an accomplice helps

in the fourth instance, when a customer leaves the bank, she or he is suddenly confronted by someone asking questions or engaging in small talk, while the accomplice snatches the bank customer's purse or wallet.

Older people are the preferred potential victims for at least three reasons: They tend to be more trusting; they are less likely to chase down the pickpocket or purse snatcher; and they're also less likely to make a complaint.

However, the police say it's absolutely essential that if you're the victim of a fraud that you report it. There's always a chance that you can identify the culprit or culprits and help catch them and save others from this experience. Remember, no one blames you for being defrauded. So don't let shame or pride keep you from helping to take one more criminal off the streets.



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Top 10 Movies

1. Sister Act 2 starring Whoopi Goldberg
2. Mrs. Doubtfire Robin Williams
3. The Pelican Brief Julia Roberts
4. A Perfect World Kevin Costner
5. Addams Family Values Raul Julia
6. Beethoven's 2nd Charles Grodin
7. The Three Musketeers Kiefer Sutherland
8. Carlito's Way Al Pacino
9. My Life Nicole Kidman
10. The Piano Harvey Keitel

Top C&W Singles

1. Tanya Tucker "Soon" (Liberty) Last Week: No. 3
2. Doug Supernaw "I Don't Call Him Daddy" (BNA) No. 7
3. Dvight Yoakam "Fast As You" (Reprise/Warner) No. 4
4. Trisha Yearwood "The Song Remembers When" (MCA) No. 5
5. Doug Stone "I Never Knew Love" (Epic) No. 11
6. Sammy Kershaw "Queen Of My Double Wide Trailer" (Mercury) No. 6
7. Faith Hill "Wild One" (Warner) No. 10
8. Sawyer Brown "The Boys & Me" (Curb Album Cut) No. 8
9. Wynonna "Is It Over Yet" (Curb/MCA) No. 9
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Major changes proposed for beef industry

PHOENIX—The Long Range Planning Task Force, appointed by the four national organizations representing the United States beef industry, announced Dec. 10, findings and recommendations from its 10-month study of industry challenges and opportunities.

"The U.S. beef industry has, for too long, been focused inwardly," said Rob Adams of Chicago, chairman of the task force. "We have been production-driven, not consumer-driven," he said. "We have demonstrated neither the ability nor the inclination to respond adequately to consumer signals in the marketplace. This task force was charged with developing a long-range plan and structure for the industry that will enable us to better meet consumer demands and expectations."

A key part of the plan is a set of eight leverage points that will require specific actions in order to achieve desired results. Another recommendation is the formation of a new unified industry organization that will be lean, responsive and efficient and will maximize the industry's ability to address the leverage points.

The unified organization would handle the functions now carried out by four existing national organizations—the Beef Industry Council of the Meat Board, Cattleman's Meat Board, the National Cattleman's Association and the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

"Developing this plan required that we fairly and honestly identify and assess current challenges facing the beef industry, as well as opportunities for growth," Adams said. "It also demands that we make recommendations to ensure the most effective and efficient use of human and financial resources in the future."

The plan's leverage points are:

Beef Quality and Consistency—Reducing consumer dissatisfaction and increasing the amount of branded, case-ready beef.

Domestic Marketing—Improving consumer price and value perceptions and stopping the decline in the market share of beef.

International Marketing—Issue Management—Managing disruptive issues and speaking with one voice on government and other issues.

Public Relations—Presenting a positive image of cattlemen and increasing consumer confidence in beef.

Production Efficiency—Making beef more price-competitive.

Producer/Packer Alliances—Increasing cooperation with packers.

Strategic Alliances—Developing efficiency-improving arrangements among two or more businesses in the production chain.

"When you look at what has happened to beef compared to its competition, the need for change is even more dramatic," Adams said. "In the past 10 years, the average amount of all meat consumed per person per year increased 20 pounds, but beef's share of the total dropped 10 pounds. Average spending per person for all meat increased nearly 20 percent, but beef spending increased only 2 percent—or much less than the rate of inflation. On a per capita basis, the amount of money spent on poultry increased nearly 100 percent. Pork, an increasingly tough competitor, experienced an increase of 25 percent. The pork industry has declared that pork will be the 'meat of choice' in the year 2000.

Reasons for beef's slippage include inadequate and inconsistent quality, lack of product development and innovation, the public's diet-health and environmental concerns, attacks by activists and critics, ill-advised government laws and regulations, and beef's lagging rate of efficiency improvement.

Problems within the industry included an "island mentality" and adversarial relationship among industry segments, hurting the industry's ability to focus on consumers.

Recognizing the need for a unified effort to overcome both internal and external industry problems, the elected producer leaders of the four national organizations last year formed the Long Range Planning Task Force. The checkoff-funded task force's charter was to develop a long-range strategic plan focusing on domestic marketing, inter-organizational marketing, issues management, efficient and effective use of industry resources and industry governance.

The task force concluded that the current organizational structure presents numerous impediments to overall success of the industry:

1. The industry doesn't have a single, unified plan

with measurable objectives and results;

2. Multiple organizations and boards result in inefficient utilization of time and resources;

3. There is confusion over who is the primary spokesman for the industry on various issues;

4. Coordination and cooperation among state and national organizations are lacking.

The Task Force analyzed the current industry organizations and found that they did not include the structural criteria of focus, coordination, control and cost effectiveness necessary to achieve "outcomes," or objectives, in the plan.

The long-range plan calls for uniting organizational resources in order to help achieve desired outcomes. The combined financial resources of the new organization would include dues, checkoff dollars and other sources of income.

One goal would be to take out waste and overlap, cut down on bureaucracy, reduce overhead and improve efficiency and effectiveness. The industry would speak with just one voice; it would have one clearly defined plan of action, with measurable objectives; and accountability for results would be clear.

Adams said that beef's total share of consumer spending for red meat and poultry had dropped from almost 60 percent in 1980, to less than 50 percent in 1992. "This represents a decrease of \$9 billion at the retail level and \$5 billion per year at the producer level—an amount equal to \$200 per fed animal with current numbers marketed.

"The industry needs to make changes now, while it is relatively strong. We have seen the restructuring and

cost reduction that industrial America has done to improve efficiency and regain market share," he said. "We must do the same things in our industry and in our industry organizations. The pork and poultry industries either already have or are moving toward unified national organizations. We cannot compete effectively unless we also restructure, unify our efforts and get more bang for every buck going into organizations and programs."

The plan calls for appointment of an Oversight Committee, which includes representatives of the four organizations involved, to begin work on unifying the organizations, implementing the plan and developing the new structure.

The timetable calls for approval of the new organizational structure by early 1995 and having the new organization in operation by mid-1995.

Members of the task force were: Adams; Tobin Armstrong, Armstrong, Texas; Burke Healey, Davis, Okla.; Buck Bell Jr., Summertown, S.C.; Linda Davis, Cimarron, N.M.; Bill Engelbrecht, Henry, Ill.; Robert Foster, Middlebury, Vt.; Joe Hampton, Windsor, Ill.; Mardie Hanson, Cowdrey, Colo.; Virgil Huseman, Ellsworth, Kan.; Jack Maddux, Waunetta, Neb.; James Mullis, Corwith, Iowa; Roger Stubber, Bowman, N.D. and Gordon Van Vleck, Plymouth, Calif. Facilitator was Rich Shuler, West Des Moines, Iowa and the project leader was Earl Peterson of Denver. Executive officers of the four organizations involved served as liaison representatives.

Arsonist blamed for deaths of racehorses

LUBBOCK (AP)—Someone deliberately set the fire at Lubbock Downs on Nov. 30 in which eight quarterhorses burned to death, fire officials say.

"The state fire marshal's office has concluded its preliminary report, and the evidence points to arson," Lubbock County Sheriff's Capt. Bill Drewell said.

"Evidence found during and after the fire, and then later examined, points to the fact that some sort of flammable material was used to ignite the fire in the barn."

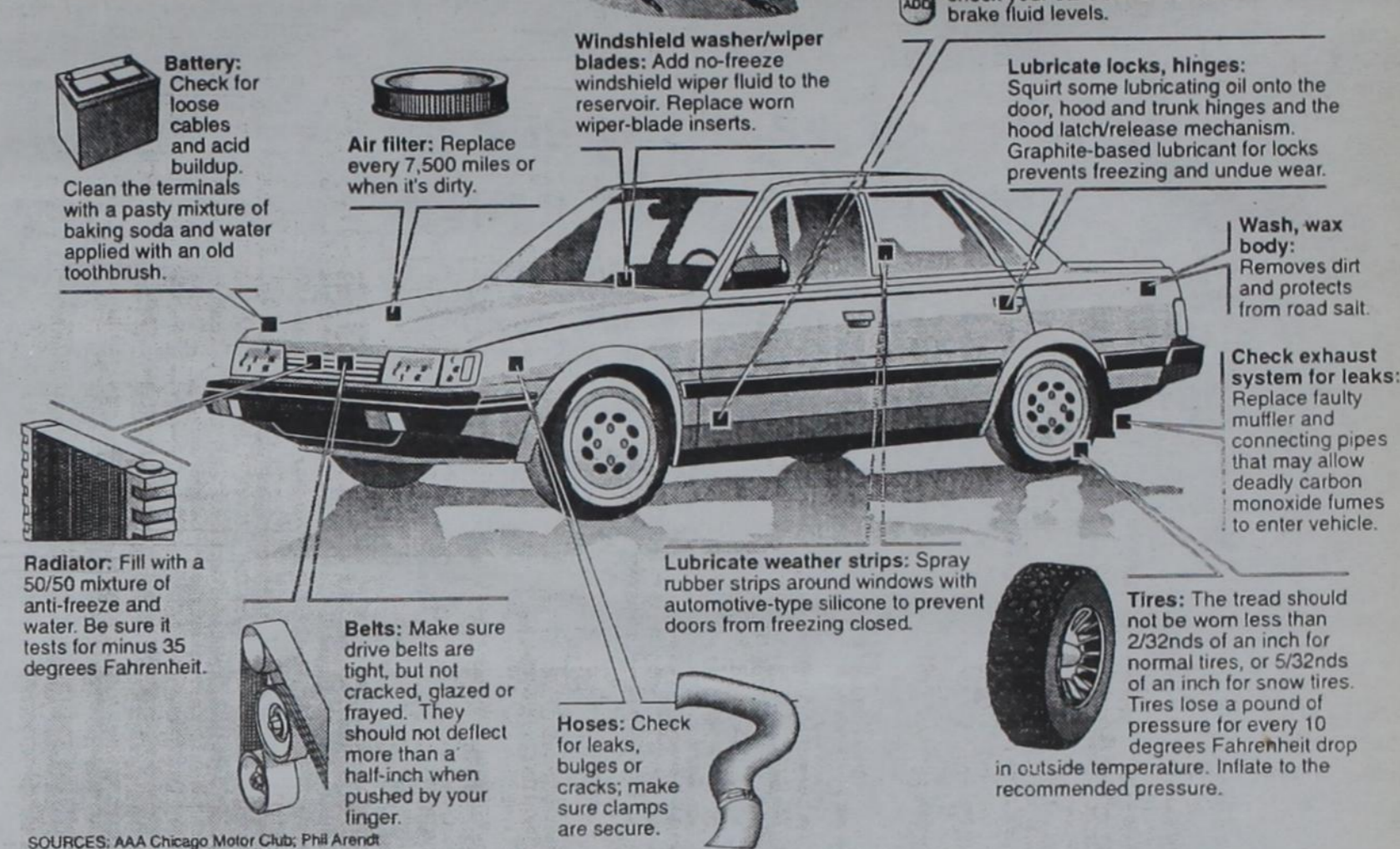
Drewell said several pieces of burned rags were found at the scene.

The horses were trapped inside the flaming barn while firefighters from the volunteer fire department in the nearby community of Woodrow, 10 miles south of Lubbock, battled the nighttime blaze.

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Top 10 Singles

1. Bryan Adams/Rod Stewart/Sting "All For Love" (A&M) Last Week: No. 3
2. Michael Bolton "Said I Loved You...But I Lied" (Columbia) No. 2
3. Mariah Carey "Hero" (Columbia) No. 1
4. 2Pac "Keep Ya Head Up" (Interscope) No. 4
5. The Cranberries "Linger" (Island/PLG) No. 5
6. Color Me Badd "Time And Chance" (Giant) No. 6
7. 10,000 Maniacs "Because The Night" (Elektra) No. 7
8. Jodeci "Cry For You" (Up-town/MCA) No. 21
9. K7 "Come Baby Come" (Tommy Boy) No. 11
10. Toni Braxton "Breathe Again" (Laface/Arista) No. 8

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Tuning In

by Sally Stone

IN FOCUS: Eugene Byrd, one of the stars of the SHOWTIME series, "Chris Cross," has much to celebrate as 1993 runs down and 1994 begins. "I just finished my first semester at college," he says, "and it went very well."

He's also pleased at the way things are going with his "Chris Cross" character, Oliver Cross. "At first, he was a role I was playing. But after a while, I began to find that we were becoming more alike," Byrd said. "I guess when you play someone long enough, the writers find things in you that they can give to your character. I'm also glad that he's sort of," Eugene laughed, "well, maturing. I can certainly identify with that."

Eugene was born in Philadelphia. His acting career began when he was not quite 8. He did commercials, and then landed a role in the Harrison Ford film, "Witness." Unfortunately, he wound up on the cutting room floor. But the 10-year-old, though a bit chastened, went on to compile an enviable credits list for one so young. Over the years, he's worked on such shows as "Cosby," "Sesame Street," "Another World," "H.E.L.P." (which also starred Wesley Snipes) and a slew of films. He writes poetry, reads science fiction, and enjoys playing basketball and football. Asked what he would do if he couldn't act or write, "I'd probably become a psychologist," he said.

Eugene Byrd plans to major in drama in college. Asked if his teachers expect more of him because he's already an established actor, Eugene said, "I would say my teachers expect me to do my best. And that's what I always try to do. I feel that's how we evolve; we go from what we consider our best at one point and then find that we can do better."

DIAL TONES: Catch Will Smith in the new film, "Six Degrees of Separation." The star of "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" is brilliant as a charming con artist who poses as Sidney Poitier's son. The film also stars Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing.

Expect several mid-season replacements to be rushed in once the holidays are over. Some will move in before the Winter Olympics; others will come on screen soon after.

R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



Top Video Rentals

1. Sliver starring Sharon Stone (Paramount — Rated-R) Last Week: No. 4
2. Cliffhanger Sylvester Stallone (Columbia TriStar — R) New Entry
3. Free Willy Jason James Richter (Warner — PG) No. 6
4. Indecent Proposal Robert Redford (Paramount — R) No. 2
5. Dennis The Menace Mason Gamble (Warner — PG) No. 3
6. Posse Mario Van Peebles (PolyGram Video — R) No. 4
7. Born Yesterday Melanie Griffith (Hollywood Home Video — PG) No. 5
8. The Sandlot James Earl Jones (Fox Video — PG) No. 9
9. Groundhog Day Bill Murray (Columbia TriStar — PG) No. 10
10. Weekend At Bernie's II Andrew McCarthy (Columbia TriStar — R) No. 8
11. Falling Down Michael Douglas (Warner — R) No. 7
12. Lost In Yonkers Richard Dreyfuss (Columbia TriStar — PG) New Entry
13. Point Of No Return Bridget Fonda (Warner — R) No. 11
14. Scent Of A Woman Al Pacino (MCA/Universal — R) No. 13
15. The Dark Half Timothy Hutton (Orion — R) No. 12
16. Three Of Hearts William Baldwin (Columbia TriStar — R) No. 17
17. Cop And A Half Burt Reynolds (MCA/Universal — PG) No. 15
18. National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 Emilio Estevez (Columbia TriStar — PG-13) No. 14
19. Alive Ethan Hawke (Touchstone — R) No. 18
20. Aladdin Walt Disney Home Video — G) No. 16



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Travel

by Fielding R. Wilson

AND THE WINNER IS? — Without a doubt in 1993 TWA re-established itself as one of America's best airlines. It was just a few years ago that the airline was left for dead by industry insiders and on the verge of going under. However, a complete restructuring of the airline now makes TWA the best way to fly.

Many changes have occurred for the airline once owned by the late Howard Hughes. For starters, and most importantly, there's comfort. TWA's new comfort class (which is economy) has the most legroom in the sky. In fact, now on all TWA wide-body jets there is a foot rest as well. And comfort just doesn't mean your seating arrangements. TWA's employees make flying a really enjoyable experience especially for flyers — like myself — who are nervous on take-offs, in-flight, and on landings. Flight-attendants are top-notch and very attentive which unfortunately cannot be said for some other domestic carriers. In addition, the cockpit crew is very friendly, outlining routes, answering questions, updating weather conditions, and pointing out interesting sights while in-flight.

Here are just a few of the improvements that I have noticed, making TWA the most enjoyable way to fly:

- * Faster check-ins at most major airports — most notably at two of their hubs (St. Louis and JFK in New York).
- * Faster and more organized baggage pickups — most notably at LaGuardia in New York and in Phoenix and San Francisco.
- * The addition of a great hub in Atlanta, Georgia.
- * Quicker east-to-west and west-to-east connections out of its St. Louis hub.
- * One of the best frequent-flyer programs available today.

- * TWA offers bonus frequent-flyer miles not just in the air, but when you stay at such hotels as Marriott, Inter-Continental, Forte, Doubletree and Adams' Mark. In addition, frequent flyers earn mileage from home as well. TWA has two programs set up with Metromedia Communications Corporation and Sprint telephone services for mileage awards for every long distance telephone call you make.
- * Fantastic "Getaway Vacations" deals offered by TWA, especially to Hawaii.
- * I rate their TWA Getaway credit card the best in the business.
- * Most domestic airlines now charge \$4 for a cocktail — TWA charges \$2.
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Of course, all airlines experience delays due to equipment troubles, airport traffic and, most notably, the weather. However, once again, TWA comes through. Twice in 1993 I experienced these problems. Once a 727 aircraft bound to Orlando, Florida from LaGuardia had equipment problems and the flight was canceled. However, TWA put me immediately on another airline and I arrived only one hour later than my original scheduled arrival time in Orlando. On another flight during the year, bound from Orlando to New York the weather in the midwest wreaked havoc with flights bound west to east and my flight was canceled since it could not get to Florida. Once again, TWA put me on another airline and I arrived only two hours later than planned.

1993 was a great year for TWA and while other carriers are having their troubles as 1994 approaches, TWA appears to be only getting better and better.

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Cotton harvest ahead of schedule

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 1993 U.S. cotton harvest has progressed ahead of schedule and is complete or nearly complete in all states, according to the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

As of Nov. 23, it said, 92 percent of the cotton crop was harvested, compared with 83 percent last year and a five-year average of 85 percent.

States nearing completion include New Mexico, 79 percent complete; Texas, 83 percent; and Oklahoma, 85 percent. They were well ahead of their averages.

Before Dec. 1, there were 13.6 million bales of cotton that had been ginned, up from 12.9 million bales in 1992.

The 1993 crop is estimated at 6.3 million bales. Based on that estimate, 83 percent of the crop has been ginned, compared with 80 percent in 1992, the report said.

Cotton consumption for the first three months of the season totaled 2.67 million bales, and mill use was expected to reach 2.79 million bales by the end of October.

"Since August-October consumption is below the seasonal expectations, mill use will have to strengthen in the coming months to reach the current 1993-94

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estimate," it said. "Although holiday slow-downs are expected to be reflected in the next two consumption reports, mill

business continues good for most cotton products, particularly denims, housewares and industrials."

Cost of gain dependant on rate of cattle gain

The temptation to buy stocker calves early in anticipation of wheat pasture is almost irresistible at times.

Indeed, most of the time there is enough cost savings to make this a sound strategy.

What must be remembered however, is that ownership costs and average daily gain is the single most important factor in decreasing the breakeven point. Here are figures that illustrates this clearly:

Daily gain	Cost of gain	Sale Wt.	Breakeven
.75#	\$1.31	543.25	115.61
1.50#	.66	686.50	91.49
2.00#	.49	782.00	80.31

These figures represent 400 pound steers purchased Aug. 30, to be grazed through March 10. The figures suggest that each 10 pound gain per day, per animal, increase will reduce the breakeven by \$3.21 per hundred weight.

Wheat is wonderful forage, but research has yet to be able to get cattle to consistently gain much over two pounds per day on good wheat pasture.

There may be more profit opportunity in cattle fed to gain between 1 1/2 and 2 pounds per day during the first 60 days of ownership than those cattle fed to "maintain" until wheat pasture arrives.

Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

- SAN FRANCISCO 49ers**
1. Name the first head coach ever to lead the 49ers to a 10-game winning NFL season.
 2. Name the first 49er back to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season.
 3. Before moving into Candlestick Park in 1971, what was the name of the 49ers' home stadium?
 4. Name the last 49er rusher to have back-to-back 1,000-plus yard seasons.
 5. Who holds the 49er single season record with 347 completed passes?
 6. Who has the most lifetime 49er field goals?
 7. Who holds the 49er record with 40 field goals in a season?
 8. Who led the 49ers in QB sacks in 1992?

Sports Quiz Answers

1. In 1970, Dick Nolan 10-3-1; 2. In 1953, Joe Perry 1,018; 3. Kezar; 4. Roger Craig in 1988-89; 5. In 1979, Steve DeBerg; 6. Ray Werschling with 190; 7. In 1953, Gordy Soltau; 8. Tim Harris with 17

Dieting with chocolate

Chocolate treats can fit into a weight loss diet, according to Dr. R. N. Podell, medical director of a weight management hospital in New Jersey.

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CONNIE SELLECCA: TAKING A NEW CHANCE

by Sally Stone
It's a good thing I don't get to talk to Connie Sellecca too often in the course of doing these stories. If I did, it would absolutely spoil me. The lady is so forthcoming, and so delightful, she makes what is actually part of my work seem like a visit with a good friend.

The occasion this time was to chat about her new CBS series, "Second Chances," which debuted a few weeks ago. Connie plays Dianne Benedict, a devoted public defender who tries to be the ideal wife, mother, and successful professional, and finds that a "perfect" state is something best left to grammar because it's just not possible with human beings.

And that's something to which the Bronx-born actress can attest. Although she has a very busy career schedule — she produces as well as acts ("I'm developing a new project for CBS which I plan to do on my next hiatus") and also has a long-term deal with Montgomery Ward for her own line of clothing, jewelry, accessories and intimate apparel — she says, "I had to learn that it's impossible to give 100 percent of yourself to everything in your life. You can't give 100 percent to your child, and expect to do the same with your work. It doesn't work that way. You have to make choices about the priorities in your life. Also, there's nothing wrong in admitting to yourself that you are not a super woman."

Connie recalls that back in the 1970s, "It was women who felt that being 'just' something wasn't enough. They were the ones who used the 'just' word and made it seem as if there was something wrong if you came under their category of being 'just' a housewife or 'just' a mother, or 'just' a career woman who wasn't really interested in her family. As a result, many of us thought we had to be everything so that we wouldn't be 'just' something. I feel we've begun to see that that's not the way it has to be. I feel we've begun to accept that it's perfectly all right to be whatever we want to be when it suits our needs and not some standard set by someone else."

One of those recent choices was cutting her long, lustrous hair which won her a long-running commercial with a hair-care company. "So many people I knew were very unhappy about it," she said. "But I had come to the point where I wanted to do it. It was a very freeing experience. And I haven't regretted it one day. I have

to say, though, that when I decided to have it cut, I asked someone I really trusted to do it. When I said, 'Cut it all off,' and although he knew it was what I wanted, he was afraid to do it. He kept cutting in short increments, stopping each time to make sure that I really wanted him to go on. As a result," she laughed, "when the cut hair was swept up, it was in these short pieces and not in the long length I had hoped to save."

The Bronx-born actress who started her career as a fashion model made her TV movie debut in "The Bermuda Depths" opposite Burl Ives and Carl Weathers. She made her TV series debut in "Flying High," followed by "Beyond Westworld" and the co-starring role in the long-running series, "The Greatest American Hero."



Some of her films include "She's Dressed to Kill" with Jessica Walters and Eleanor Parker, "The Last Fling," co-starring John Ritter, "Downpayment on Murder," with Ben Gazzara, and "House of Secrets and Lies" which she also produced.

Sellecca also co-starred in the miniseries, "Brotherhood of the Rose" with Peter Strauss and Robert Mitchum, and in "People Like Us," based on the Dominican Dunne novel of the same name.

Most fans know her from her role in "Hotel" which ran for five years. She also starred in the CBS romantic comedy series, "P.S. I Love U."

As for "Second Chances," she says, "I agreed to do it for several reasons. One is that it was created and produced by Lynn Marie Latham and Bernard Lechowick who also created and produced 'Homefront.' I also loved the script they wrote and I spent several hours with them and came away completely assured that I would be in very good hands with them. And I have to say, they haven't let me down. I also liked the fact that my character,

like a charm. Celia K., Madison, Wis.

to be in these short pieces and not in the long length I had hoped to save."

Dianne Benedict, is a Public Defender."

The other stars of "Second Chances" include Matt Salinger, Ronny Cox, Megan Porter, Fellows who plays Dianne's sister, Kate Benedict, Jennifer Lopez, Michelle Phillips, and Ray Wise. Sellecca describes Dianne as a woman caught up "... in what I used to call, the Super-Woman syndrome," she said. "It's not enough to do everything, as we said before, but you have to be the best at what you do. She seems to have it all: the husband, an 8-year-old son, and the career. But then it all begins to fall apart. Her husband is murdered and she has to remake her life. She's a strong woman but her challenges are enormous. She has to put her life back together again. Of course, as we all know, it never gets put back to the way it was. So you have to make adjustments to that reality, as Dianne finds herself doing."

"However," Connie added, "that's not to say the new reality is any less than the old one. Sometimes it's better."

If Connie Sellecca sounds as if she knows whereof she speaks, that's not surprising. She was a divorced mother of a young son when her "second chance" at happiness came in the person of the affable and multi-talented John Tesh, the host of "Entertainment Tonight," and the gifted composer and musician. The two married a few years ago, and share their home with her 12-year-old son, Gib.

Recently, John Tesh was honored with a star on Hollywood Boulevard for his achievements in music. Asked when she expected to have her star on the famous walkway, Connie laughed. "Well, I was told that day that they might save me a spot right next to John's. So, maybe that will happen sooner than I had dared to expect."

"I'm very proud of John," Connie said. "It's been a great year for him. His new album went gold and so many wonderful things have been happening for him. He deserves them all."

Several months ago, someone who knew John Tesh well described him as that rare and fine combination of a man who is strong enough to be gentle. I couldn't wait to ask Connie Sellecca who co-hosts the infomercial, "Hidden Keys" with John, if that were true, and now was my chance.

Her answer was brief, but very much to the point. "Absolutely." ©1993 by King Features Synd.

Top R&B/Soul

1. Jodeci "Cry For You" (Uptown) Last Week: No. 4
2. Mariah Carey "Hero" (Columbia) No. 2
3. Color Me Badd "Time And Chance" (Giant/Reprise) No. 3
4. Domino "Ghetto Jam" (Outburst/RAL/Chaos) No. 8
5. Queen Latifah "U.N.I.T.Y." (Motown) No. 11
6. Snoop Doggy Dogg "What's My Name" (Death Row/Interscope/Atlantic) No. 6
7. Hi-Five "Never Should've Let You Go" (Jive) No. 12
8. Freddie Jackson "Make Love Easy" (RCA) No. 13
9. Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly "The Morning After" (Wamer) No. 14
10. Ice Cube "Really Dope" (Priority) No. 18

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Entertainment Extra by Evelyn Ludvigson

Q. Is it true that Anthony Hopkins couldn't wait to finish the movie, "Shadowlands," because he couldn't stand working with his co-star, Debra Winger? Also, I believe I saw "Shadowlands" on television, or am I mixing it up with another show? Gina B.

A. Let's put it this way: Ms. Winger, though a brilliant actor — some believe she may win an Oscar for her work in "A Dangerous Woman" — does have a tendency to come on strong and some people don't appreciate it. Apparently, when she met Sir Anthony, he had already been briefed that she could be difficult. But according to insiders, the two worked well together, and before too long, she referred to him as her soulmate. Ever the picture of British (well, Welsh) discretion, Hopkins wasn't as effusive in his description of their relationship but, at least, had nothing negative to say about her.

Q. I had anticipated that Madonna's new motion picture, "Dangerous Games," with Harvey Keitel was going to be a winner. Why is it such a flop at the box office? Lance P.

A. According to sources, Madonna would not promote the film due to the fact that, in her opinion, a lot of her good scenes were edited out of the flick. As of this writing, Madonna has made no public statement about the picture while on her world "Girlie Tour."

Q. I can't believe Jackie Onassis would frown on Darryl Hannah because of the way she dresses. There must be another reason. Mary B.

A. I can't believe it either. But friends close to Jackie say Darryl's grooming hasn't helped her win any points with John, Jr.'s mother. Apparently, in the last few weeks, John has been seen with another young woman named Carolyn Bessette who is a public relations executive for a major American designer. Whether she's more than a friend is, at this point, something no one will confirm or deny. P.S. If all it takes to win Jackie's approval is grooming, the well-turned out Ms. Bessette would win hands down.

Q. A friend of mine heard a rumor that actor Richard Gere, who is married to supermodel Cindy Crawford, is gay. Could this be true? Alexandra B.

A. There is no truth to the rumor that Richard Gere is gay. It is true though that the actor has refused to answer questions regarding whether he is heterosexual or homosexual. According to the actor, "To deny being gay gives credence to the idea that there's something wrong with it, and there's nothing wrong with it." Gere and Crawford are happily married and they are contemplating starting a family. Gere is 44 and Crawford is a smashing 27.

Q. I thought Whoopi Goldberg

wasn't going to do a sequel to "Sister Act," so what changed her mind? Carolyn Anne J.



A. Money. Whoopi very openly will tell you that a very large amount of money convinced her to make "Sister Act 2." Industry sources estimate that the talented actress reportedly took in \$7 million for the sequel.

Q. How has Richard Lewis and Don Rickles' new sitcom, "Daddy Dearest," fared on FOX? Candice V.

A. No. However, Dolly fans will be thrilled to know that the star has a deal with CBS for her own sitcom to air next fall titled "Dixie's Fixin's."

Q. Is Dolly Parton going the route of a lot of today's stars and planning on her own talk show? Kaye B.

A. No. However, Dolly fans will be thrilled to know that the star has a deal with CBS for her own sitcom to air next fall titled "Dixie's Fixin's."

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ASK EVELYN
A. Dubbed by critics as "the worst show on television," FOX has officially canceled the program. There's good news, though, for fans of "Mel-

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rose Place" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" as FOX has renewed both programs through the 1994-95 television season.

Q. When I was a kid, Gene Autry movies were my favorites. I recently read that he was planning to make a television program. Please let me know if this is true and when it will happen. Incidentally, my name is Gene but I wasn't named for Autry. It was just one of those coincidences. Gene B.

A. The big event happens on January 1 on "Hec Haw," which can be seen on TNN (The Nashville Network). The Statler Brothers will sing a tribute in honor of the "Singing Cowboy." Viewers will also see a 1979 episode of "Hec Haw" in which Autry discusses his 1949 mega-hit single, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," which sold over 12 million copies. Autry also pays a tribute to his hometown of Tioga, Texas during the program.

For those who don't know very much about him, before World War II, Autry was the most popular movie star in the world. When the war started, he joined the Air Force and rose to the rank of sergeant. When he returned after the war, he began to shift his interests into ranching (he named his spread the Flying A as a tribute to his Air Force service), business, and sports. He bought a major league baseball franchise and invested in other sports interests.

Have a question? Send it to Evelyn Ludvigson, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.
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Dear Dex by Dexter Dyer

DEAR DEX:
Not too long ago, my brother lost his wife to a tragic, unexpected accident. She was only 29 and left behind two very young children. Since that time, my brother has been drinking heavily and is neglecting the children. As his older sister, I have tried to do everything I could to help.

I, too, am raising a family and while I take his children in as much as possible, I can't realistically have them all the time. My husband and I don't have enough room and we are barely making ends meet as it is. Also, I feel strongly that they need their father more than ever at this time.

Prior to this tragedy, my brother was a wonderful, responsible father. I can understand that he has to grieve, but I can't understand how he could neglect his children. If anything, they should give him the will to get on with his life. Instead, it seems they make him more upset.

What can I say to make my brother shape up and get over this? I would hate to see his children taken away from him because of his drinking. If it came to that, somehow my husband and I would find a way to take care of them. However, I want to see my brother well again.

LOVING SIS:
Your brother does need help. In this case, I think what's known as an "intervention" is necessary. This is where concerned friends and family confront him in a loving way and tell him how he's behaving and how it's affecting his children. Then you can suggest he get professional help, both for his drinking and for his inability to cope with his loss. While he's getting this help, perhaps you and your family can work something out to care for his two children. Good luck to all concerned.

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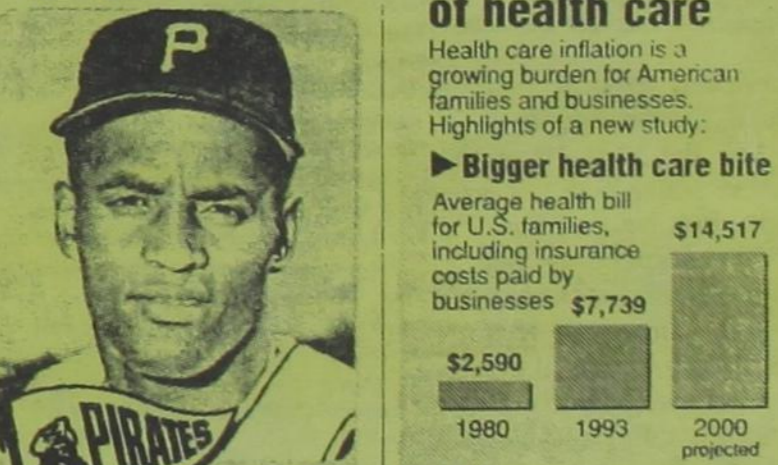
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