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Basketball games

HASKELL
JV-V G-B vs Quannah
Tues., Jan. 3, 4 p.m.
at Quannah

PAINT CREEK
JV-V G, VB vs Guthrie
Tues., Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
at Guthrie

RULE
JV-V G-B vs Paducah
Tues., Jan. 3, 4 p.m.
at Paducah

Calendar

Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued for Haskell County. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis.

Fireworks banned

A fireworks ban has been issued for Haskell County. All fireworks are banned except for public displays that are approved by the office of the County Judge. The Jim Hollingsworth public display has that approval. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis.

GED classes

GED classes are underway at Haskell Elementary, Room 19, 306 S. Ave. G on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Testing is required to determine a student's level of knowledge. \$25 scholarships are available for as long as the money lasts. Classes are small and teaching is given on an individual basis.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Jan. 2 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Fund established

An account to assist the family of Thelma Kilgore, a lifetime caregiver to many, with medical bills and funeral expenses has been established in her memory at Haskell National Bank.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Flood donations

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance is collecting monetary donations for local flood relief. Donations may be made to P.O. Box 441, Haskell, Texas 79521. 100% of these donations will go directly to help the local flood victims.

Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured for children.

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LIBRARY TREAT—Being served at the "Cappuccino Bar" hosted by the Haskell Library during the celebration of National Book Week, are Meredith Harvey and Michael

Gordy. Several 6th graders from Haskell Elementary helped host the event along with K-12 SCP School Community Partnership Grant.

Approved fireworks display to ring in new year

The seventh annual W.E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display, sponsored by the Haskell County Historical Commission and approved by the Haskell Co. Judge's office, will be held Sat., Dec. 31. The event will again begin at 9:00 p.m., at the request of many who are sleepy by midnight.

The large load of fireworks will be set off by Jim Hollingsworth, his son-in-law, Scott Burgess, and Jim's grandchildren, on the Hollingsworth farm between Rule and Rochester, located five miles west of Hwy. 6, at the intersection of FM 2407 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of County Road 146 on thirty acres of land especially prepared for the event due to dry weather conditions. Parking along FM 2407 for a mile east of County Road 146 will provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

The annual custom of the

celebration began in 1999, when a local article was published about Jim and his grandfather, William Edward Hollingsworth's discussion in 1944 about the change of the century that would be coming, and the celebrations that it would bring.

The five-year-old boy was heartbroken to know that his beloved grandfather would not be with him fifty years later, to witness the

coming in of a new century. Jim vowed to celebrate in honor of his grandfather, nevertheless.

News wires picked up the story, and the article triggered an overwhelming response among area grandparents. The older generation brought their grandchildren to witness the fireworks party Jim threw honoring his grandfather's memory, a half century after their talk. The

roads were lined triple deep for miles around, as the crowd swelled to hundreds of people.

Now, each New Year's Eve, Jim Hollingsworth feels the presence of his granddad during the annual fireworks celebration. He invites everyone out to view the display, which will begin at 9:00 p.m., Sat., Dec. 31.

Stocks, Shaw recognized at FD banquet

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department met Mon., Dec. 19 for their final meeting of the year and annual banquet.

Honored guests included spouses, retired firemen, firemen's widows, County officials, City officials, law enforcement and ambulance personnel.

The meeting was presided over by

Fire Chief Bill Steele and Asst. Chief Jerry Stocks.

The department is staffed with nineteen members. 116 calls were answered in 2005 including 14 to assist EMS with landing zones and accident scenes, 40 wildfires, 15 structure calls, 1 hazmat call and 46 others (cotton modules, bees, tank batteries, etc.).

Receiving service pins for five years were Mathew Cunningham and Randall Martin. Danny Stocks

received a pin for ten years of service.

Recognized for missing no meetings, drills or work details were Brian Scifres, A.J. Shaw and Randy Shaw.

Departments members voted Danny Stocks as the Workhorse of the Year. Randy Shaw was the fireman with the most training hours received in 2005.

Named as Firefighter of the Year was Randy Shaw, a 24 year veteran.

Price increases Jan. 1

Significant increases in the costs of printing and postage, as well as other operating expenses, will cause price increases, beginning on the first of January, for the Haskell Free Press.

To continue bringing a quality publication, it is necessary to increase the price of a single copy issue of the *Haskell Free Press* to 75 cents, the first increase since 1991.

Full year subscription rates for Haskell County will be \$25.00, and for out of county, \$34.00. This rate has not been changed since 1996.

Display and classified advertising rates will also increase on Jan. 1.

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Wildfires burn over 600 acres

Approximately 600 acres, mostly east of Haskell, were burned Mon., Dec. 26 in Haskell County involving four separate wildfires, according to Bill Steele, Haskell Fire Chief.

An additional 75 acres were burned in the early morning hours Tuesday east of Haskell in approximately the same area that acreage burned on Monday.

Haskell crews used two trucks, a haul truck, trac vehicle and tanker; and were joined by one truck each from Munday, Paint Creek, Rochester, Weinert and Seymour Fire Departments; and Knox City and Throckmorton Departments supplied two truck each in mutual aid efforts.

Haskell suffered losses of at least seven truck tires, plus the loss of brake lines on one of the brush trucks due to the rough terrain. Brush truck damages were still being assessed early Tuesday morning.

Steele reminds residents to be vigilant in regards to fire safety. Wildfires can be started and get out of hand very quickly with the existing low humidity and dry conditions.

Hunters cautioned about fires

The holidays will see an increase in hunters taking to the fields and pastures in pursuit of wild game. In most of areas of west Texas, these same pastures and fields are tender dry and hunters are cautioned to be extremely careful with all outdoor fire use. Extra caution with warming fires, campfires and proper disposal of smoking materials is definitely needed to prevent wildfires.

Ron Perry, fire prevention specialist with the Texas Forest Service also warns that catalytic converters can also set high grass and weeds on fire. He also stress to check mufflers on power generators and make sure the spark arrestor is operating properly.

"When leaving camp to hunt, make sure your camp fire is out. In recent years several hunters across our state have come back to find their camp and surrounding pastures burning due to unattended camp fires," Perry said.

The Texas Forest Service along with area fire departments are stressing the following safety points:

- Build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small and extinguish them cold to the touch before leaving them unattended.

- Never transport a grill or mobile barbecue pit with live embers.

- Dispose of smoking materials properly, either by using your vehicle ashtray or by crushing smokes and matches dead out in bare mineral soil.

- Avoid parking or driving where dry grass and weeds can come into contact with the hot pollution control equipment under your vehicle.

- Make sure that mufflers on all power equipment are in good working condition.

Proper use of fire safety practices will help all outdoor users have safer and more enjoyable outdoor experiences.

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Blueberries considered 'super food'

Blueberries continue to top the charts as one of the best choices to include in a healthy diet. Considered a "super food," blueberries are full of disease-fighting and anti-aging properties. They also help promote urinary tract health.

"Blueberries are one of many examples of the benefit of selecting very colorful fruits and vegetables," says Dr. Jo Ann Carson, professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "The rich blue-purple color comes from the flavonoid anthocyanin. It offers powerful antioxidant benefits."

Another compound, ellagic acid, has been shown to help prevent cancer cell growth. Recent studies also have demonstrated that blueberries may help reduce LDL, or "bad" cholesterol.

Nutritionally, blueberries provide a good source of vitamin C and fiber. Watching your weight? Blueberries are low in calories and high in taste. Add 1/2 cup of blueberries to your daily meal plan to help meet your five-a-day recommended servings of fruits and vegetables.

Ways to get your daily dose of delicious blueberries include:

- Shake it up! Blueberries, soy or skim milk, and crushed ice make a healthy smoothie treat.

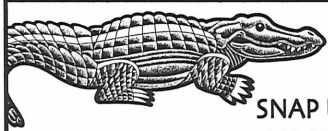
- Great garnish! Sprinkle berries on top of your favorite hot or cold cereal in the morning.

- Perfect parfaits! Layer frozen yogurt and blueberries in a tall glass for a colorful desert.

- Batter up! Blueberry muffins or pancakes are a great way to start the day.

- Fruit fusion! Cut a cantaloupe in half and fill it with blueberries. Top it off with a dab of your favorite yogurt.

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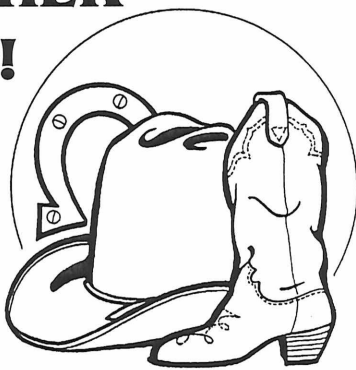
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Obituaries

Thelma Lee (Bennett) Kilgore



THELMA KILGORE

Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Lee (Bennett) Kilgore, 73, of Haskell will be held Fri., Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. J.W. Hansen officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Visitation will be held Thurs., Dec. 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kilgore died Sat., Dec. 24 at her residence.

She was a private sitter for 20 years and was a member of Greater

Independent Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce A. Kilgore of Haskell; four sons, Curtis Kilgore and Christ H. Kilgore, both of Haskell, Lawrence C. Kilgore and Ray L. Kilgore, both of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; four brothers, Manuel Bennett of Old Washington, Lord Bennett of Haskell and Melvin Jones and Howard Randle, both of Fort Worth.

Memorials may be made for her medical and funeral expenses c/o Haskell National Bank, 601 N. First, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Dennis Michael Risinger

Funeral services for Dennis Michael Risinger, 30, of Haskell were held Fri., Dec. 23 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Mr. Risinger died Tues., Dec. 20, after a courageous battle with alcoholism.

He graduated from Belton High school in May 1994 and Southwest Texas State University in May 1999 with a degree in Plant and Soil Science. He loved his work as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-National Resources Conservation Service. An avid outdoorsman, he was arguably the best fisherman in the family. He

often said his best times were spent canoeing on the San Marcos River. He enjoyed song writing and playing guitar. He cared deeply for family and friends and relished the times they all spent together. He was loved by all that knew him and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife, Amber Risinger and daughter, Tori Solis, both of Haskell; father, Mike Risinger and wife, Susan of Belton; mother, Rosie Wilde and husband, John of Munday; sister, Sara Minan and husband, Jose of Austin; grandmother Zoy Risinger of Knox City; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. PD. NOTICE

Jenella Scifres Pemberton

Graveside services for Jenella Scifres Pemberton, 73, of Ringling, Oklahoma were held Tues., Dec. 27 at Ringling Memorial Cemetery in Ringling, Oklahoma with Rev. Dan Standifer and Rev. Mike Raines officiating. Services were under the direction of Alexander Funeral Home of Ringling, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Pemberton died Sat., Dec. 24 at Healdton, Oklahoma.

Born Sept. 11, 1932 in Abilene, she was the daughter of the late George Robert and Justine Jewell (Rich) Couch. She married Darrell L. Scifres March 2, 1951 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1975. She then married Lee Roy 'Hutton' Pemberton June 7, 1993 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was raised in Weinert where she graduated from high school in 1950. She came to Ringling in 1960 and had worked for several businesses in Ringling including Guy Dillon and John Bogle

Propane from which she retired in 1992. She was an active member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church for the last 45 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Couch in 1966 and Justine Couch Nov. 10, 1984; and husband, D.L. Scifres, Oct. 9, 1975.

Survivors include her husband, Hutton Pemberton of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Kelly Scifres of Ringling, Oklahoma; daughter and son-in-law, Raynell and Larry Coley of Ringling, Oklahoma; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cecil Ray Anderson, Sherle Lockwood, Guy Dillon, Dale Rich, J.C. Awtrey and Butch Scifres.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe David Walker, Charlie James, Everett McLain, Harry Goodman and Dr. Stephen Treadwell. PD. NOTICE

Knox County museum 'Friends' plan fund-raisers to match grant

In the fall of 2004, the Friends of Knox County Historical Commission had raised enough money to build a

shell for a county museum building. A decision was made to use the available money to lay a foundation and floor, put up walls, a roof, and install doors and windows.

No money would be available for the necessary electrical work, plumbing, interior structures, offices or bathrooms. But "stepping out in faith" the building that had been talked about for decades would be started.

An unexpected challenge grant promised an award of \$30,000, if the Friends and people of Knox County would raise \$60,000. The grant project would furnish the necessary funds to compete the interior work.

The Knox County History book, published in 1966, brought about the idea for the museum. After 40 years, the money to build the "shell" of the

building had been raised. Now, the challenge grant asked that more money be raised in 18 months than had been raised in the four previous decades.

The challenge grant and its requirements will help complete the interior of the building and allow plans for the next phase to go forward which include planning and building exhibits and programs for the museum.

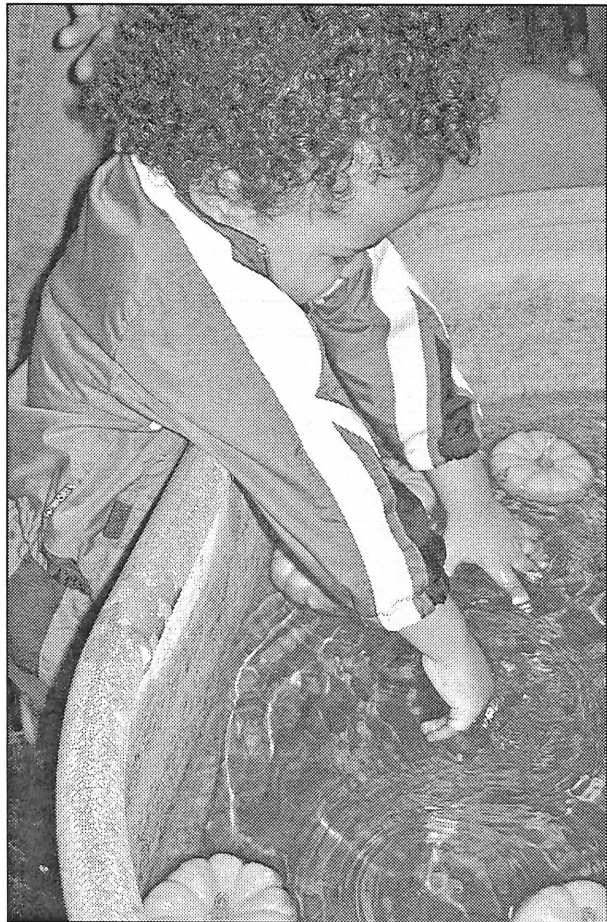
More fund-raisers are planned to help raise the money for the grant challenge. Upcoming events include the annual barbecue Feb. 5 and an Imitation Stats concert Feb. 12. More events are in the future, so continued support of the museum and its projects are encouraged.

*Go Maidens!
Go Indians!*

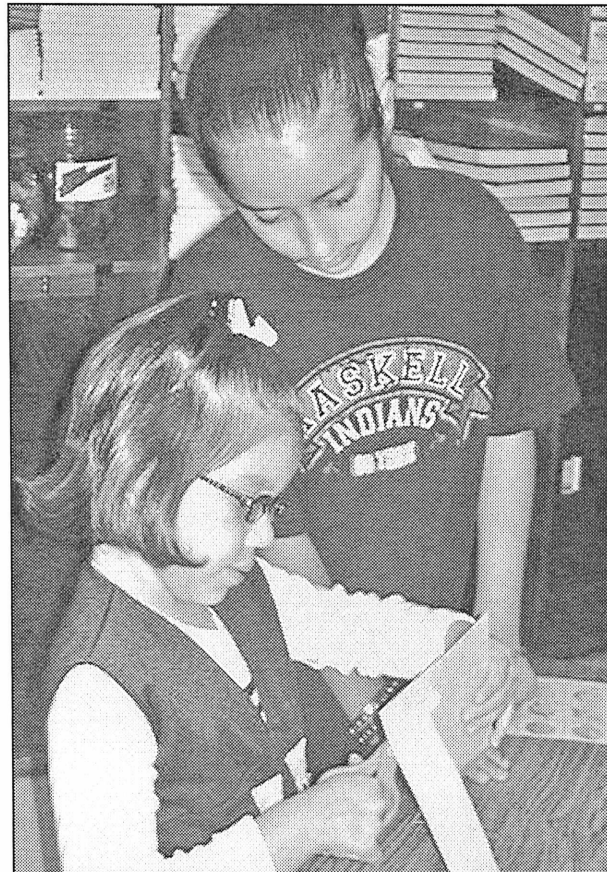


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FESTIVAL FUN—Devin Llewellyn enjoys playing in the water as much as "Picking a Pumpkin" at the Fall Festival at Haskell Elementary, Nov. 1. His sister, C'Era, attends school, and along with her family, enjoyed a night of fun. PIE (Partners in Education) and K-12 SCP School Partnership Grant provided entertainment and a chance for families to spend quality time together at school.



A GAME OF LEARNING—Cassidy Rios watches as first grader, Natalie Contreras, makes her Planet Concentration game. The activity was part of the "What's My Name?" service learning project that Haskell Elementary 5th graders designed. The game taught 1st graders the names of the planets so they would be well informed before visiting the Morgan Jones Planetarium in Abilene.



FRANCIS MOELLER
Francis Moeller to celebrate 80th birthday

Francis Moeller, lifetime Haskell County resident, will celebrate her 80th birthday Sat., Dec. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. with a reception hosted by her family at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Born Dec. 27, 1925 in Haskell County, she is the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Kretschmer) Moeller.

She resides at Rice Springs Care Home.

Durhams celebrate anniversary

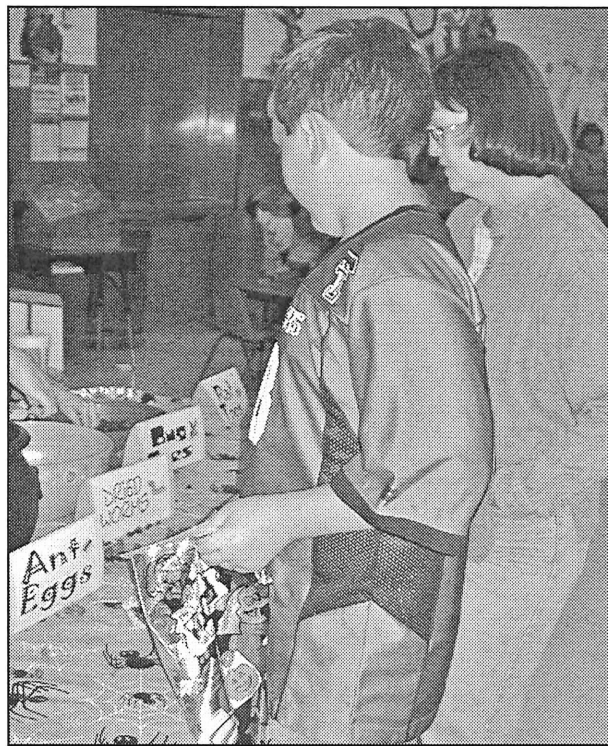
Mr. and Mrs. Rogers L. Durham Sr., of Portland, Indiana celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Wed., Dec. 28.

The former Janice Durick and Rogers Durham were married Dec. 28, 1955 at the First Christian Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa by his father, Philip Durham, minister of the church.

Rogers Durham served the Christian Church in Haskell from 1960-64. He is retired from Ebco Industries and the Christian Ministry. Janice Durham is retired from AEP/I&M and Manpower, Inc.

The couple have three children: Rogers Jr. of Portland, Indiana; Stephen and wife, Amy of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; and Sarah and husband, Anthony Crabtree of Muncie, Indiana; and three grandchildren.

The couple celebrated in September with a trip of Mackinac Island and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



MONSTER MUNCHING—Hunter Jordan and grandmother, Deanna Jordan, stop for a tasty monster snack during the recent Haskell Elementary Fall Festival sponsored by PIE (Partners in Education) and K-12 SCP School Community Partnership Grant.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 2-6 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Muffin
Wednesday: Cereal, Munchie kids mix
Thursday: Sausage/biscuit
Friday: Cinnamon glazed French toast

Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of

entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, sliced peaches
Thursday: Corndogs, ranch style beans, macaroni and cheese, fresh fruit

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, strawberry or raspberry go-gurt.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 2-6 Breakfast
Juice and milk served daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal or toast
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal or toast

Lunch
Monday: No school

Tuesday: Burritos, refried beans, corn, fruit cups
Wednesday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, apple crisp
Thursday: Stew, cornbread, salad, chocolate cake
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, pickles, tator tots, pudding

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Open government, Internet posting laws go into effect Jan. 1
AUSTIN—Most of the new laws passed by the Texas Legislature last session went into effect Sept. 1, but a dozen or so will take effect Jan. 1. Two of those new laws stand out because of their educational and civic nature.

The first—written and carried through the legislative process as S.B. 286 by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio—requires local, regional and statewide elected and appointed office holders, and certain others who handle citizen requests for public information, to take at least two hours of open government training.

Officials in office before Jan. 1 will have one year to complete the required training. Officials who are elected or appointed after Jan. 1 will have only 90 days to complete the required training, according to Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The training consists of a one-hour course on the Texas Open Meetings Act and a one-hour course on the Texas Public Information Act. Public access to the training videos is available online at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Internet posting requirement
Also effective Jan. 1, a new law will heighten public awareness of and access to the political process via the Internet.

S.B. 1133 by Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen, requires governmental bodies to post notice of open meetings on their official Web sites (if they have one). The law also requires the posting of a complete meeting agenda, along with the meeting notice.

Governmental bodies that must comply include:

- Economic development corporations;
- Municipalities;
- Counties;
- School districts; and
- Junior colleges or junior college districts.

In 2005 and previous years, governmental bodies were required to post notices of their open meetings in a place convenient to the public, which was interpreted as attaching a sheet of paper to a bulletin board, an office window or a courthouse door. Now the Internet must be considered “a place convenient to the public.”

High-speed Internet to spread

Many more Texans will become much more aware of the Legislature’s successful effort to deregulate the communications industry in 2005 with the advent of broadband over powerlines, or simply, “BPL” in 2006.

Energy company TXU and CURRENT Communications announced plans to make “broadband” available to some 2 million residents and businesses in or near the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

For voice, video and high-speed Internet access via existing powerlines, subscribers will use a special adapter that plugs into a standard electrical outlet. Transmission speeds are said to be much faster than through fiber optics cable.

BPL is expected to compete with other industries offering a conduit for communications, news and entertainment.

TXU Electric Delivery and CURRENT expect to begin deploying the BPL network in the coming year.

Tobacco pact aimed at kids
Filling station/convenience stores operating in Texas under the Conoco, Phillips 66 and “76” trademarks must work harder to stop young Texans who try to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products.

ConocoPhillips reached a court agreement with Texas and 39 other states to stop marketing and selling tobacco products and paraphernalia to minors.

Among requirements detailed in the agreement are employee training, compliance checks, warning signs and the adoption of methods to prevent the use of fake identification cards.

Attorney General Abbott has worked Texas into similar agreements with 7-Eleven, Wal-Mart, BP Amoco, Walgreens and Exxon Mobil.

UT loses bid to run Los Alamos
The University of Texas at Austin and Lockheed submitted a bid to take over as operator of the National Nuclear Laboratory in the mountains of New Mexico, but lost Dec. 21 to the University of California and Bechtel National Inc. The contract was worth an estimated \$2 billion a year for seven years, with an option for up to 20 years.



Weather Whys

Famous Blizzards

Q: What are some of the country’s worst blizzards?

A: You can find several, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

“Buffalo, New York, had a blizzard that paralyzed the city for days in 1999, and Denver had a similar situation in 1997 and Boston suffered terrible blizzard conditions in 1978,” he reports.

“Chicago had two of the worst-ever blizzards in 1979 and one in 1967. The ‘67 blizzard totaled 23 inches of snow with drifts up to 9 feet and the city was virtually shut down for days, with city officials estimating that 75 million tons of snow fell. At least 60 people died, many of them from heart attacks while shoveling snow. Although records tend to be sketchy, perhaps the country’s worst blizzard occurred in 1888. In parts of the Midwest, the temperature fell 74 degrees to minus 28 within hours and the Colorado River froze solid throughout much of Texas. That blizzard killed 238 people.”

Q: How strong is a storm before it’s classified as a blizzard?

A: There are some specific requirements, McRoberts adds.

“In meteorological terms, a blizzard is a severe storm that has below freezing temperatures, winds of at least 35 miles per hour and heavy snowfall, with visibility reduced to no less than one-fourth of a mile,” he explains.

“All of these conditions have to last at least three hours. So just a heavy snowfall is not always a blizzard. They occur most often in the Great Plains, North Central U.S. and parts of the Northeast.”

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 28, 1995

Keith Mullins, grandson of Winnie Sherman and the late Alvin Sherman of Haskell, football coach at Hale Center, was named Class 2A All-South Plains Coach of the Year.

Tim Weise of Haskell, Tom Turner, Kristi Jones and Wes Jones of Rule, voting delegates from Haskell County Farm Bureau participated in the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Corpus Christi.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and Frances Weise hosted a celebration in honor of their parents 50th wedding anniversary at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

A special going-away reception was held for Randy McLelland, the Youth Minister at First Baptist Church.

20 Years Ago December 26, 1985

Bill Stewart, son of Ernest L. Stewart of Haskell, was promoted to the position of vice president-sales of Richardson-Vicks Home Care Products Division.

Gil Richardson of Richardson Truck and Tractor of Haskell attended the Parks Conference and Trade Fair in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Therwhanger were honored at a reception at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago December 25, 1975

The Rule Bobcats defeated Lueders-Avoca in both girls and boys games in the District 26-B play. The Rule boys won with the score of 71-60. Jerry Tumlinson led in Rule’s scoring with 26 points. In the girls play, the score was 49-22. Norva Lehmann led with 24 points.

J.C. Davis Jr., son of the late Doctor and Mrs. Cora Davis of Rule, who has served as chief of the attorney general’s state and county division for 33 years, was guest of honor at Attorney General John Hill’s annual office staff Christmas party.

Terry Lynn Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sanders of Weinert, received the master of divinity degree during the commencement exercises in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Theological Seminary.

Timothy Cole Kreger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kreger of Haskell, received the Bachelor of Music

Education at Tarleton State University.

Rule placed four players on the All-District 5-B football squad and placed one player on both offense and defense. Members placing were Robert Ace Turner on both offense and defense; Johnny Baitz, Johnny Menchaca and Leonard Rhoads.

40 Years Ago December 30, 1965

Malcolm E. LeMay, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Caddell of Weinert, was promoted to technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Haskell’s Perry Turnbow with 21 shots was the big gun as the Indians waxed the Merkel Badgers, 49-36 in non-conference basketball play.

Rule’s Larry LeFevre was placed on both the offensive and defensive district teams while W.L. Wolf was placed on the offensive team.

Stephen Denton, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Denton of Rule and art student at West Texas State University, had his art work featured in an Art Show in the Fine Arts Lounge of the Fine Arts Building on the college campus.

Major Houston C. Cross, son of Mrs. M.O. Brinlee of Haskell, was awarded the oak leaf cluster to the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Hickam, AFB, Hawaii.

Jenny Dulaney was chosen Haskell junior high football sweetheart and Lee Pippin was chosen football hero.

50 Years Ago December 29, 1955

H.R. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Crawford of Haskell and student at University of Texas, was awarded a Fellowship in chemical engineering by Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Richard A. Stewart, Haskell student at Texas Tech, was one of five cadets in the ROTC rifle team of the college to be presented Marksmanship Medals.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Burton of Haskell, won first place in the exterior division of the Home Christmas Lighting Contest in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Franks, residents of Haskell County for the past 45 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home with two of their seven children, Mrs. George Bailey of California and Marshall Franks of Kermit, attending.

Mrs. J.B. Doty of Paint Creek and her brothers and sisters hosted a golden wedding reception for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee. Z Watts of Avoca.

100 Years Ago December 30, 1905

The young folks enjoyed themselves at a party at Mr. and Mrs. Wat Fitzgerald’s house.

D.W. Fields of the Marcy neighborhood stated that some of the farmers in his section were offering \$1.40 per hundred for cotton picking and that there are still hundreds of acres that haven’t been touched.

Maggie Pierson and Sibyl Collins, as a committee for the purpose, collected and sent to Buckner Orphans Home slightly more than \$20, contributed as a Christmas gift.

Lon Gardner, who was in town from the Rule neighborhood told us he had picked 21 bales of cotton and believes he will get three more.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

What You Should Know About Giving Out Your Social Security Number

With identity theft on the rise, consumers are becoming much more cautious about freely providing their personal information. One particularly sensitive part of your identity is your Social Security number (SSN). Many Texans call my office wanting to know when and where they are required to give out their SSN.

The question we receive most often on this subject is, “Can a private business ask for my Social Security number?” The answer is yes. The law does not prohibit a business from asking for your SSN; however, you do not have to provide it to them.

You are not legally bound to provide your SSN to private businesses—including health care providers and insurers—unless you are involved in a transaction in which the Internal Revenue Service requires notification. Be aware, though, that in such cases the business can refuse to provide you with their products or services if you fail to provide the number.

If a business insists that you provide your SSN and you feel this is not justified, you may want to ask for a supervisor or manager to discuss your concerns. If the company is unwilling to budge, you may want to consider taking your business elsewhere.

Be aware that while federal law does not forbid a business from asking for your SSN, it does mandate that the business protect your SSN after it has taken it. If you do decide to provide your SSN to a private business, be sure to familiarize yourself with the company’s privacy

policy. Citizens also inquire about government agencies and whether or not they have the right to ask for your SSN. Federal law does compel government agencies to ask for your SSN in certain instances.

For instance, certain government agencies, including taxing authorities, human resource offices and state departments of motor vehicles, can require your Social Security number as mandated by federal law.

Federal law does provide protections when you are required to divulge your SSN. The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that all government agencies that request SSN’s provide a disclosure statement on the form. The statement explains whether you’re required to provide your Social Security number or if it is optional. Additionally, the document detail show your SSN will be used.

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget provides guidance and oversight regarding the Privacy Act of 1974. You can read the Act on the U.S. Department of Justice website at www.usdoj.gov.

The Privacy Act also provides that you cannot be denied government benefits or services if you refuse to disclose your SSN, if the disclosure is not required by federal law or if the disclosure is to an agency which has been using SSN’s previous to January 1975. You can read about other exceptions on www.usdoj.gov.

If you are asked to give your SSN to a government agency and no disclosure statement is included on the form, you may want to cite the Privacy Act and contact your U.S. congressman or senators.

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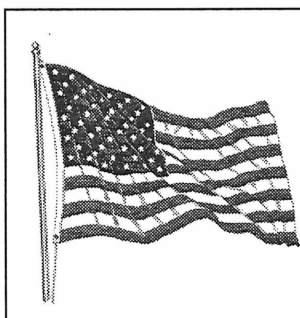
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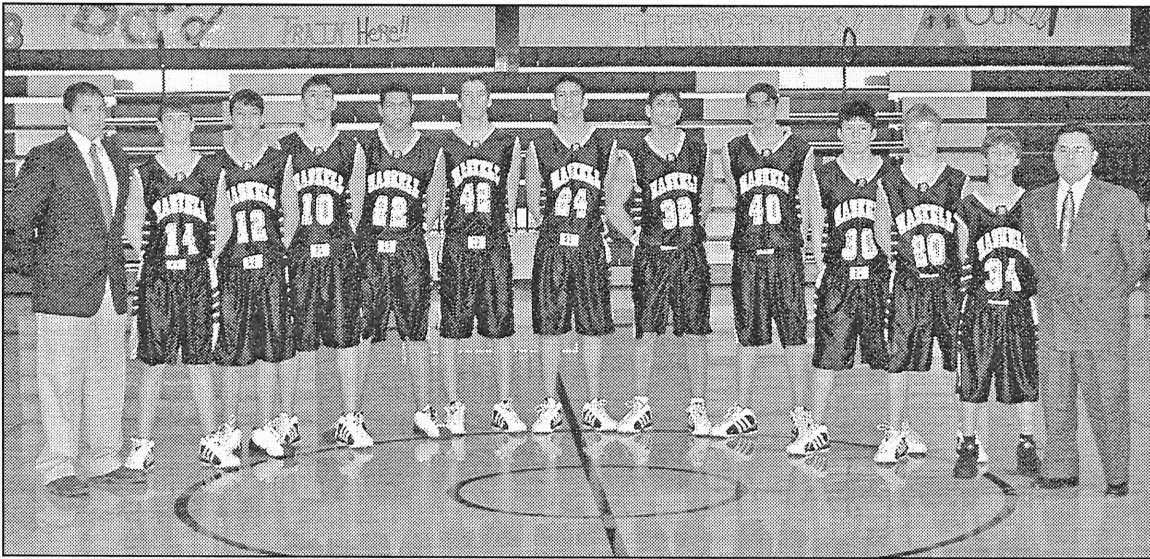


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Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach LoLo Martinez, Weston Rutkowski, A.J. Alvarez, Derek Agraz, D.J. McCulloch, Jeremy Sorrells, Augustene Lara, Vicente Castillo, Miquel Chavez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams, John English and Coach Toby Villa.
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Tues., Jan. 3 • 4 p.m.
JV & Varsity Boys vs Quanah at Quanah

Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Mollie McKnight, Jasmine Thomas, Roxanne Chavez and Lindsay Pannell; middle, Kimberly Medford, Lacey Peiser, Samantha Rodriguez and Robbyn Tribbey; back, Victoria Armenta and Kerri Newton.
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SHADOW MEASURING—Selena Rojas and Travon Dessivius use their measuring skills to find the size of their shadows. The activity was a reinforcement of linear measurement, using the metric system. Service learning between older and younger students provides enrichment as well as leadership and character building of all students.



MAKING LIFE CHOICES—Paint Creek ISD students in grades 7-12 enjoyed a contemporary musical program promoting abstinence, drug prevention, and making good choices, presented by STRAIGHTWAY, a group from the Houston area.

This Week's Devotional Message:



IT'S ABOUT TIME – FOR FAITH TO AMKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

How soon the days and years will pass
We know beyond a doubt;
Like sand within the hourglass,
The time is running out.
Of course we can't reduce its speed,
But to a great extent,
By doing any kindly deed
It can be wisely spent.

In church, your faith will show you how
To make each moment last
Enough to do some good right now,
Before it joins the past.
You'll learn you have to much to give,
As time alone will tell;
And so, it's not how LONG you live;
What matters is, how WELL!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

New Vision Family Worship Center
Dan Kinjorski, pastor
864-3465
Sun. 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Renniegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

Cross of Christ Fellowship
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-5404
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
455 CR 410, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

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

First Baptist Church
Jim Davis, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Clovis Dever
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

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

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

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

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

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

First United Methodist Church
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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

—PAINT CREEK—

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Area basketball scores

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| Girls | Boys |
| Rule 46, Jayton 24 | Haskell 38, Throckmorton 32 |
| Scoring for Rule: Ky. Scheets 13, Smith 12, A. Lisle 7, Miller 7, Ke. Scheets 4, Lehmann 2, Brannan 1. | Scoring for Haskell: Lara 10, Chavez 9, McCulloch 8, Adams 6, Sorrells 4, Rutkowski 1. |
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| | Rule 70, Jayton 46 |
| | Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 21, Brown 16, Simpson 9, Kittley 7, Dudensing 7, Pace 6, Price 2, C. Flores 2. |

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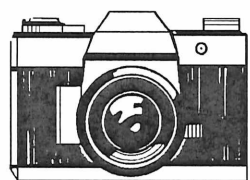
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c/o: Isaac M. Castro, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 608, 212 S. Central, Hamlin, Texas 79520.
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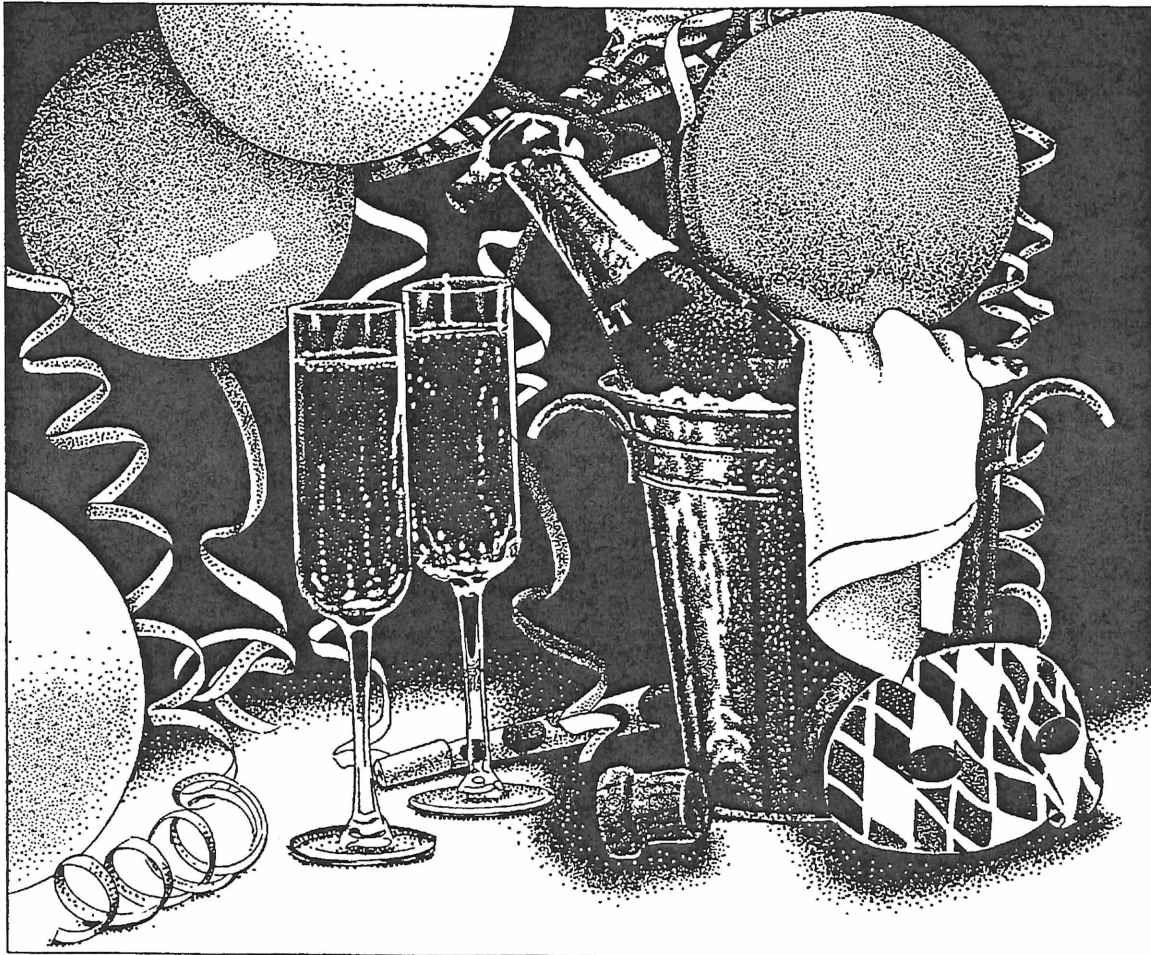
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