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By Nanalee Nichols
A Progress? Report!

I believe I have had more comments on my column about what it is like to be wheelchair confined than any I've written in some time.

People have said they are going to keep in mind the point that we try not to stare and end up totally ignoring someone with a disability, which is worse.

Readers have said they never considered that just because there is a Handicapped Accessible sign things might not be easy for someone with a problem.

And, lots of good folks have expressed their sympathy over my temporary (it better be) incapacity.

Well, I've graduated, in a way, to a walker. Tried the crutches, found out that they don't work well with a painful, partly functioning knee and a no-weight-on-it-at-all foot which are on different legs. Nearly pitched myself headfirst through a doorway and put them away to go back to the walker, which makes me feel like I'm 110 years old, at least.

Like the wheel chair, the walker has given me a new view and a new sympathy for those who use it.

While I can clean house (except I can't figure out how to run the vacuum) from a wheel chair, I cannot do a single thing from a walker.

I mean, it is impossible to carry a glass or cup of liquid, a book, paper, or anything at all while hobbling around with the metal contraption!

I can carry clothes if I am willing to drape them on the crossbar and put up with them sliding off three or four times before reaching my destination.

I can't straighten up and look people in the eye, and I feel rather conspicuous as I stump into a room.

But, I can get to places I can't in the wheelchair, and it does save my poor, overloaded saint of a husband from having to load and unload a wheelchair every time I leave the house.

I know they make baskets for walkers, my mother used to have one. But even with that it was hard to carry a glass of water without sloshing it over the edge, and most things tend to fall out of the basket as it is moving.

No, I now share a new sympathy for people who must use one all the time. Hopefully, next week I will have endured my six weeks with no weight on the foot, and can begin walking on it again. You should have seen the look on my face when the doctor said "well, we'll x-ray it then, sometimes they take an extra two weeks". I don't want to hear this! I mean I REALLY don't want to hear this.

GED test date changed

GED testing at Paris Junior College will resume January 22 following the holidays and spring registration.

Registration packets must be received by the PJC counseling department on the Paris campus no later than 5 p.m. January 20.

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Please share your
Christmas memories
with readers



Please send us your memories of Christmas. This is the third year for this. We publish various memories from Christmas' past that people sent in. They received a wonderful response. Again this year we are offering. First place winner will receive a photograph album and certificate of achievement, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. First through 4th places will be published and all others will be published if the space is available.

The memories do not have to be very far in the past...last Christmas would be just fine! They do not have to be long, or dramatic, just a recollection of a favorite holiday past.

Please send them in, you might win a prize, and certificate, and you will definitely bring pleasure to readers.

Send your memories by December 8th to:
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The Community Christmas Service will be held
Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the
First Presbyterian Church in Deport.
Everyone is invited to attend this
special holiday service.

Papers on sale now

December 1st is the beginning of the annual paper sale. The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale through December 31st at \$2 off their regular price.

That makes the already inexpensive papers even better value.

They make a great Christmas gift, to parents and grandparents with kids in school, to the elderly who want to keep up with what is going on in the immediate world around them, and, of course, to yourself.

At less than 29 cents a week, locally, or 34 cents a week elsewhere it is a tremendous value.

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Blossom Charter subscribers are entitled to an additional \$1 off their paper.

All gift subscriptions will be published in the paper during the big Christmas edition.

People 'n Things

Mr. David Winkley of Detroit has announced that tours are now being given of his Santa Shop in Detroit. Please call for an appointment beforehand. Please call 903-674-2312 for an appointment.

Broadway Junction Band will play Friday night, December 12th at the Pattonville Community Center and VFD. They will play Saturday at the Chicota CC.

Pattonville VFD will have a business meeting Monday the 15th.

The Prairiland ISD has released the dates for the Christmas holiday early dismissal schedule.

Classes on the Prairiland campus will be released at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17 and Thursday, December 18. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5 at 8:15 a.m.

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Cunningham Christmas program planned

The Christmas Story will be presented through scripture, drama and singing at the Cunningham Community Center (Weather permitting) Sunday night, December 14, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. You are invited to join your friends in Cunningham for a cup of hot chocolate and merriment as we celebrate the reason for the season.

David Teague recalls some things in Deport

David Teague was in the Deport Times this past week and shared a few memories with us.

He recalled attending a Toby Show when a small boy in Deport. There was a salesman in the audience selling bottles of a product which would grease the door handle to cure illnesses. He says every few minutes the salesman would call out to the man on the stage "sold out doc, send me some more doins'".

He says there was a man on main street who moved an automobile by tying a rope onto the bumper of the car, and pulling it with his teeth!

He was born in Pattonville, and lived in Deport for a number of years as a child.

Names needed for reunion

Reunion plans are being made and classmates would like to know the where abouts of several class members. If you know anything about any of the list of names below please contact Sandra Ham Jeffus at 509 Bardfield, Garland, TX 75041-5126 or Juanita Wright Taylor at Rt. 1, Box 69 A, Deport, TX 75435

The list is: Shirley Buchanan, Billy W. Anderson, Charles Hobbs, Virginia Phifer, James Ripley, Quida Ann Westbrook (Mrs. Mack Humphrie), Wesley Joplin, Georgia Kincaid, Ralph Lynch, Tommy Mitchell Ruth Holmes.



CITY PARTY-the Deport City Council, employees and guests enjoyed a meal and fellowship Monday night in place of their regular December meeting. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Deport Christmas Parade is Friday, Dec. 12th

The Deport Christmas Parade will be held on December 12th at 1:30 p.m. Entries should assemble at the park at 12:30 p.m. to begin lining up and judging will be held at 1:00 p.m.

First, second and third place ribbons and cash awards will be given in Floats, Pickups, Car and Miscellaneous categories.

Santa will be on hand to delight young and old, and everyone is urged to come enjoy this annual event that adds so much to the community's spirit and pleasure in the holidays.



GLENDIA WISE, extension agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service out of Lamar County visited with 6th and 7th period Home Economics students in Sandra Graves classes on Wednesday, December 3, 1997. She gave a Christmas demonstration on Interior Design and Clothing to the Prairiland classes.



PRAIRILAND FFA GREENHAND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM placed second at the district competition at PJC recently. They competed on December 6 at the area competition at Mt. Pleasant. Pictured left to right is Amy Hicks, Jennifer Taylor, Malynnda Thompson and Cy Guthrie. Seated is Crystal Davis, Toni Clarkson and Renea Moreland.



Country Cooking

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking Column, call 982-5829 or 652-4205. Look for us on the Internet!
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Liz Irwin

This week's recipes deal with something that is great for the holidays... **CANDY!!!** These recipes are fun to make and also good... maybe not good for you... but, they are good! With the introduction of the microwave in home kitchens, candy making is made much simpler. It now takes less time to melt various ingredients now and you are much less likely to burn them also! Yea right! Nothing like the scorched smell of butter and milk wafting through your living room... especially if you have company coming in the next few minutes!

Anyway, have some fun with it... let the kids help... in fact, let the whole family help. You will probably have a giant mess, but you will have fun making that mess... I guarantee it!

Orange Balls is a concoction of frozen orange juice, crushed vanilla wafers and pecans rolled in powdered sugar. The kids always wanted a white Christmas!

Date-Nut Candy is a favorite of everyone. Now you can buy dates already chopped... no more sticky knives and cutting boards!

Peanut Clusters are great snack foods for everyone. Simple recipe too... just melt, stir and let set!

White Trash—once you start on this, you can't stop. Can also use Peanut Butter Captain Crunch.

Microwave Peanut Patties—Here is one of those microwave recipes. Remember everyone's oven varies, so you will need to adjust to your own temperatures.

Butterscotch Candy—A mixture of butterscotch morsels, nuts and shoestring potatoes. So easy to make too!

Falbright News

by Betty Rodgers
Call 652-6051

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno spent Wednesday with Jimmy King. Betty Rodgers and Monte Rodgers visited Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burgess in Dallas Sunday. Monte also attended the Gun and Knife Show there.

Mr. Worth Baker is in Bogata's Red River Healthcare Center for a few days.

Dick King took his mother Jimmy King to Mt. Pleasant Friday and they had lunch and kept her eye appointment with the doctor.

Mrs. Ethel Eps visited her sister, Bernice Conlan, in Clarksville on Wednesday and helped her celebrate her 89th birthday.

Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon came for a visit with his mother, Ethel Epps on Monday.

Red River County Roots



This week's query is from Kathryn Langston, P.O. Box 418, Lavco, TX, 75166. She has located a photograph taken by the W.W. Crockett Studio in Clarksville and the names on the back are Betty Godind and ? and Mrs. Foster. If anyone thinks these people may be connected to their family, she would like to hear from them.

If you would like to write to Mrs. Langston, please do so at the above address.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society at P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX.

Life is meant for learning, enjoyment and accomplishment. Have fun living it every day and you will be able to accomplish more personally, and with others...

Positive Outlook by Vera Hill

Is it the flu or some other "bug"

With all the "bugs" going around during winter, many sick people mistakenly think they have influenza. That may lead them to think the flu shots they got are not working.

"Lots of people get colds in the winter and mistakenly think they have influenza," said Dr. Wendy Keitel of the Influenza Research Center at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine.

Cold-like symptoms can be produced by many viruses circulating this time of year, such as rhino-, corona-, parainfluenza-, respiratory syncytial-, adeno-, and other viruses.

Any of these can cause typical upper-respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, watery eyes and nasal obstruction, Keitel said. In fact, a mild case of influenza can also produce such symptoms.

Although other infections can be associated with flu-like illness, few if any have the same impact in the community as influenza. Not only can symptoms of influenza be severe, making you feel much worse than a cold ever could, but influenza complications can lead to death. As many as 20,000 people, most of them elderly, die each year in the U.S. from flu complications, chiefly pneumonia.

"Sometimes people will avoid getting flu shots," Keitel said, "because they are convinced that they caught influenza from the shot last year."

Actually, they are likely associating the flu shot with a coincidental illness caused by some other infection.

"The danger in such thinking is that people who really need flu shots will not get them," Keitel said. "The elderly and people with heart and lung disease, in particular, should get flu shots annually because they are among the people most at risk for possible deadly complications."

The flu vaccine is not 100 percent effective, but your chances of avoiding the flu and its complications are significantly higher with the shot than without it.

Mrs. Hester Lee Keith dies December 4

Mrs. Hester Lee Keith, age 72, formerly of Pasadena, died Thursday, December 4 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6 in the chapel of Red River Healthcare Center with the Rev. Rick Holeman officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Keith was born March 5, 1925 in Red River County, the daughter of Homer and Ethel Shows Kennedy. She married John N. Keith on August 9, 1945. He died May 27, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Babb of Houston; a son, Brian Keith of Pasadena; one brother, Charles Kennedy of Deer Park; three grandchildren, Christopher Wayne Babb of Deer Park, Brandon Neal Keith and Jeremy Adam Keith, both of Baytown; one great-grandson, Christopher Jonathan Babb and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlin Cierra Babb, both of Deer Park.

Roxton plans tour of homes for Dec. 13

The Roxton Community Development Committee will sponsor a Twilight Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 13, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$5.00 per person and will be sold at each of the Tour Homes.

For more information please call 903-346-3311 or 903-346-3989.



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Orange Balls

1 pound bag vanilla wafers
1 stick butter
1 small can frozen orange juice
1 box powdered sugar
1 cup chopped pecans

Crush wafers until fine. Melt butter. Mix with orange juice. Mix dry ingredients in large bowl. Mix with liquid. Shape into small balls, size of walnut. Roll into powdered sugar. Place on wax paper to harden.

Date-Nut Roll

2 cups sugar
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup chopped dates
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped nuts

Combine sugar, milk and butter in heavy saucepan; blend thoroughly. Place over low heat. Stir until sugar is dissolved and mixture is boiling moderately. Cover, cook for three minutes. Remove cover. Remove crystals from side of pan with damp cloth. Cook to soft-ball stage.; add dates. Remove from heat. Add vanilla. Cool, without stirring, to lukewarm. Beat until very thick. Add finely chopped nuts, knead until smooth. Divide into three equal parts; shape each into a roll. Coat each roll with 1/2 cup nuts. Chill; cut into 1/2 inch slices.

Peanut Clusters

1-6 ounce package chocolate chips
2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 cup Spanish peanuts

Melt chocolate chips. Add milk, vanilla and peanuts; mix well. Drop by spoonful onto a buttered cookie sheet or waxed paper.

White Trash

2 cups Rice Krispies cereal
2 cups Captain Crunch cereal
2 cups broken pretzels
2 cups salted nuts
1 package white almond bark

Combine first 4 ingredients. Melt almond bark and pour over cereal mixture; mix well. Drop on waxed paper.

Microwave Peanut Patties

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
dash salt
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1-1/2 cup raw panuts
1 tablespoon margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
2-3 drops red food coloring

Combine sugar, water, salt and corn syrup in 2-quart glass bowl. Bring to a boil for 3 minutes. Stir and add peanutss. Cook 9-11 minutes more or until soft ball stage. (234 degrees) Remove and add margarine, vanilla and coloring. Cool and beat until creamy. Drop by spoonful onto cookie sheet.

Butterscotch Candy

3-6 ounce packages butterscotch morsels
2 heaping tablespoons peanut butter
1 can peanuts
1 can shoestring potatoes

Melt butterscotch morsels and peanut butter in double broiler. Add peanuts and shoestring potatoes. Drop by spoonful onto waxed paper.

If you know of a good holiday cook or just have some good holiday recipes, send them to me in care of the paper. We would love to have them!

Save the Sinuses- Somebody has turned on the heat!

By Donna Hildebrand

It's that time of the year again. When your hands and any visible epidermal covering begins to look like The Wrath! Or at least the nearby desert. Your sinuses look and feel the same!

The solution is quite simple. Water it! Just as the ivy on the icebox is dried out, so is some of your body tissues. I'm not medical, but this was told to me by a doctor. To add necessary moisture: Yes, drink more fluid, the good-for-you fluids— more the

better. And use some sort of device to put moisture back into the air. Humidifier, pot of water on top of the old wood stove or a closely watched vaporizer.

Did you know that if your house shocks you, (not in looks) when you touch the light switch or walk across the carpet and reach out and touch someone, this is the sign that there is a moisture deficiency in your atmosphere. For Sinus Sake, do something about it!

Christmas is scheduled at Maxey House

General and Mrs. Sam Bell Maxey's house at 812 S. Church Street in Paris is decorated for the holidays. The outside of the home is decorated with wreaths of magnolia, pine and cedar. The library and dining room are decorated in accents of green and ivory.

Members of the Ninth Texas Infantry reenactment group from the Metroplex will escort visitors from the front sidewalk into the house. The Texas, Confederate First National, Bragg, Polk and Richmond Type IV flag will be flying over the house.

The upstairs bedrooms and hallway will exhibit dresses, tuxedo, accessories and toys of the Maxey's and their kin. Marilda Denton Maxey's maroon silk taffeta dress, circa 1884; and black silk twill and velvet hat she wore to Grover Cleveland's presidential inauguration.

Sunday, December 14 from 1 to 5 p.m., a tour and refreshments will be offered. Live entertainment by some of Paris' local artists will keep you in the holiday spirit. Fee for the tour is \$1.00 per person.

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Web Tracks

By Dave Seber A Column For Those Interested In Or Learning About The Internet

Farmers now have data available to them from 24 satellites originally developed for the Pentagon. In 1998, NASA will launch 2 more satellites and private companies are planning more satellites that can analyze a parcel as small as a square yard.

"Precision Agriculture" uses lasers, satellites, computers and various monitoring systems to bring the latest science to farming. A computerized fertilizer system can automatically spread the exact amount of fertilizer needed using a global positioning system receiver on a tractor. This system uses data from infrared satellite photos, historic yields, soil moisture and the slope of the land in a computer program.

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Holiday lighting hints from TNMP

Holiday lighting is one of the brightest features of this festive season. It also is a potentially dangerous one. Texas-New Mexico Power Company offers the following suggestions to make your lighting both attractive and safe.

Do not place the tree too close to heat sources such as space heaters or fireplaces, and avoid using an open heat source, such as candles, on the tree.

Lights and extension cords should be tested for safety and bear the Underwriters' Laboratories or UL label.

Always check lights for damage, such as exposed wires, loose prongs and cracked or broken sockets.

Make sure the power is off when stringing lights.

Use indoor lights and outdoor lights

in the proper places. Outdoor lights should be waterproof and should be fastened to trees or structures to prevent damage by winds.

Do not overload extension cords or light strings. Three sets of lights on an extension cord should be the maximum amount. Avoid connecting large light sets through miniature light sets. And before decorating, check light sets for smoking and melting by placing on a nonflammable surface and plugging in for 10 to 15 minutes.

Avoid using electric lights on a metallic tree, which can become charged with electricity through faulty wiring. Consider using colored spotlights above or beside the tree instead.

Indoor lights should be securely

attached to trees, and bulbs should not be in direct contact with needles or branches.


Unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.

Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles.

At the end of the season, careful packing will avoid damage to lights and wiring for next year's use.

Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby for emergency purposes.

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Schelly Currin with fiance Michael Byrd

Currin-Byrd engagement announced

Bobby Dorothy of Dallas and Claude Currin of Paris announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Schelly Currin, to Michael Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Byrd of Deport.

Schelly and Mike extend an invitation to all their friends and relatives to join them for the ceremony on December 20 at 7:00 in the evening. The ceremony will take place at the American Legion Hall in Deport.

Open House is December 19

The Red River Valley Girl Scout Council is hosting a Christmas open house on Friday, December 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Girl Scouts, families, volunteers and other interested individuals are invited to tour the facility, meet informally with staff members and learn more about Girl Scouting opportuni-

ties in the Red River Valley.

The Red River Valley Girl Scout Council covers Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties in Oklahoma and Camp, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus counties in Texas.



(Staff Photo)

PRAIRILAND FHA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH-Virgie White and Frankye Young of Blossom enjoyed the "goodies" at the annual Christmas Bruch hosted by the FHA of Prairiland.

AMI meeting set

The next meeting of the Association for the Mentally Ill will be December 15 at 6:30 p.m. for the consumers support group, followed by the Christmas party for family and consumers at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited. If you or someone you know has a mental illness, come to the meetings so that you can realize you are not alone. For information, call 524-3493 or d856-5124.



Irene Walker is honored on birthday

Irene Walker of Deport was recently honored with a birthday party at the hoem of her daughter, Dorothy Edzards of Paris.

A birthday cake and other finger foods and drinks were served. The house was decorated with balloons, posters and banners. Irene was presented a scrapbook containing mementoes, enlarged pictures, letters and cards from friends and relatives.

Those attending were Doc and

Joyce Gatlin of Denison, John and Susan Pettit, Ashley and Brittany of DeSoto, Mark and Lisa Gatlin, Melanie and Bryan of Flint, John and Karen Slavik, Erin and Matthew of DeSoto, Inez and Coy Knox of Sherman, Jan Temples of McKinney, Robert and Kay Raper of Aledo, David Edzards of Paris, Rickey and Mary Ann Franklin of Paris, Patsy Ward of Paris, Artis and Dorothy Edzards of Paris.

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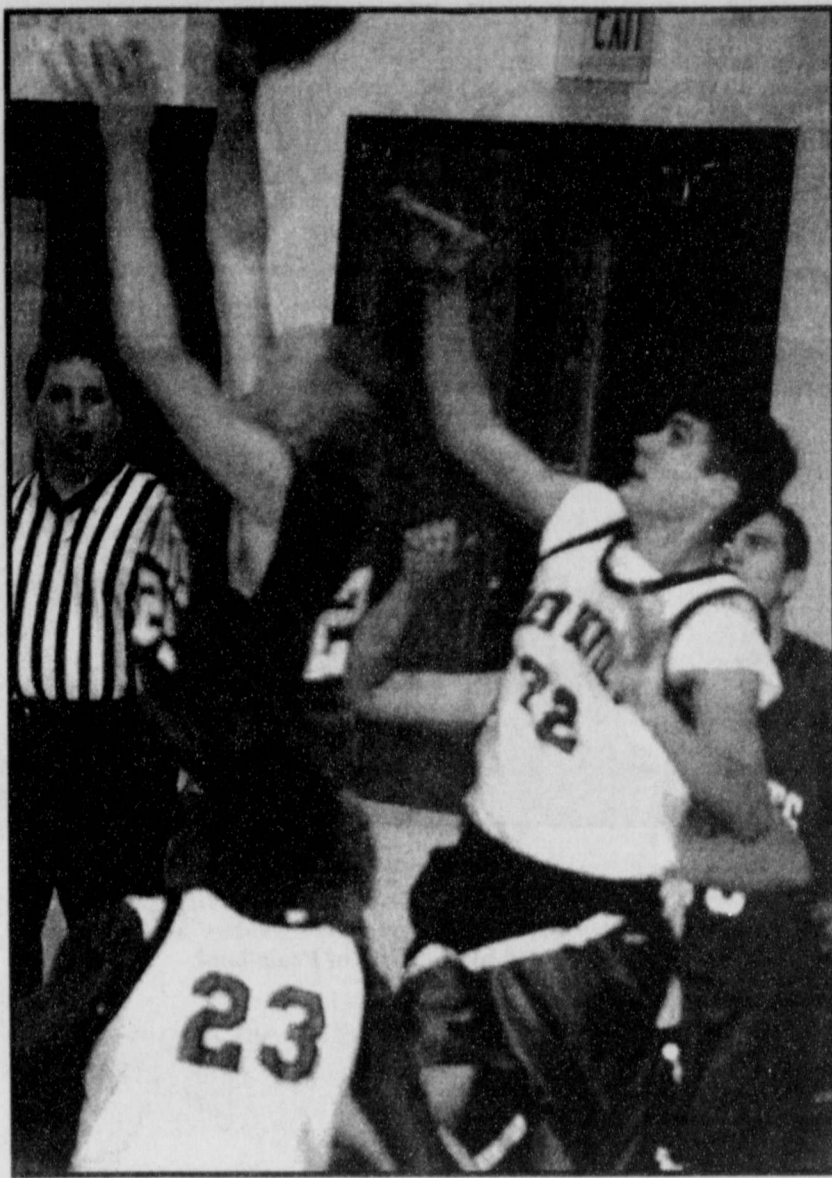
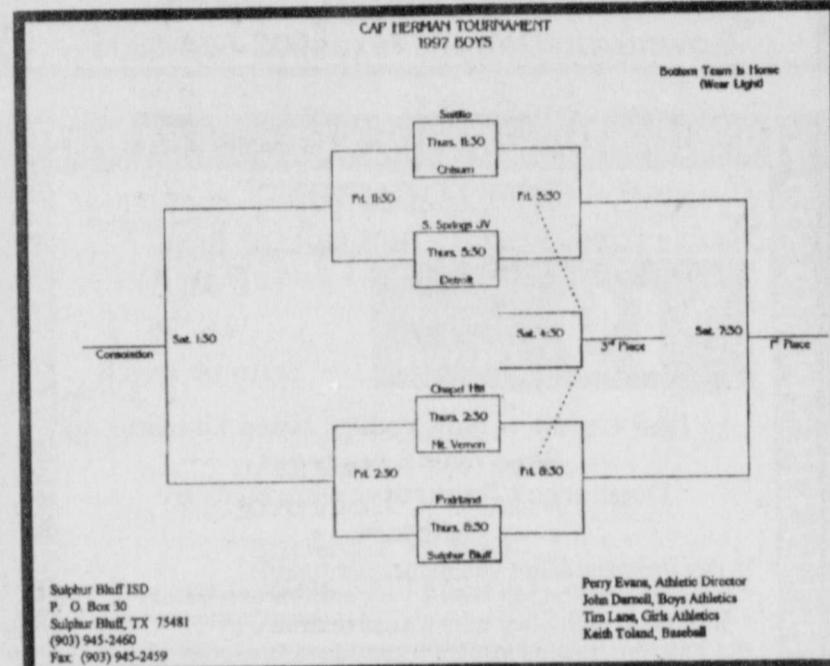
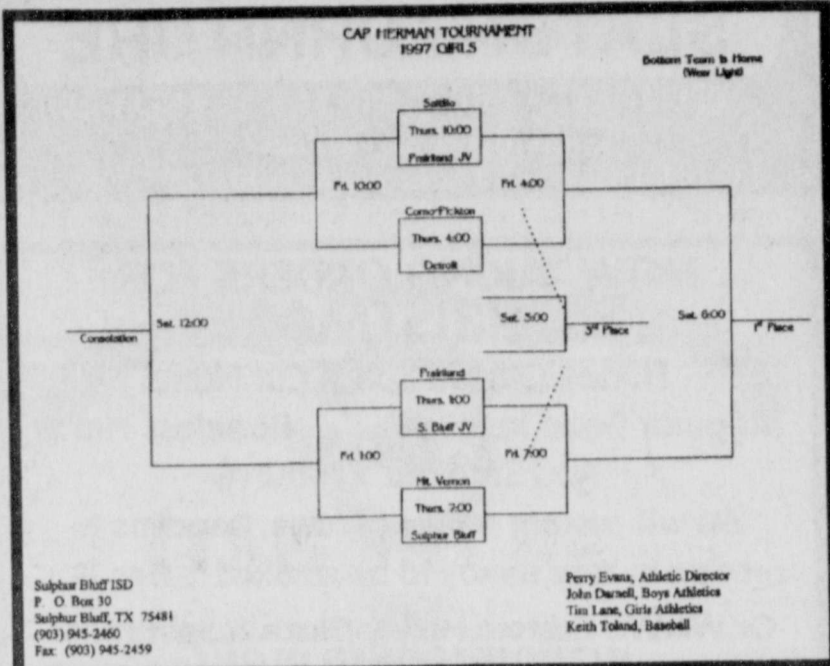


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TREY GIFFORD dunks the ball in last week's Detroit Tournament action against the Red Devils from Chapel Hill.

Lady Pats take third in Detroit Tourney

In the first tournament action of the season in Detroit, the Lady Patriots came out sluggish on Friday night, December 5 after taking a bye on Thursday night. With several team transitions taking place at Prairiland, the girls have not yet hit their stride for this season.

The smaller, quick Roxton team hit the floor and kept up with their defensive game on Friday night to defeat the ladies 50-42. The trailed 7-13 in the first quarter and went into halftime still trailing 18-26. What appeared to be a low scoring game up to halftime remained throughout the third and fourth quarters, with the Lady Patriots not being able to connect with the net. Christy Patterson played one of her usual defensive games grabbing the rebounds and stealing the ball from the Lady Lions of Roxton. Kim Gibson hit the only try shot during this match while the girls could only

manage 15 of their 27 free shots with their 21 fouls.

Katha Crawford was high with 11. Brandie Upchurch hit for 8 along with Patterson. Gibson went in for 7. Cari Irwin 4. Felicia Taylor and Tammy Nichols had two each.

Saturday afternoon action saw the girls fare better against Avery as they beat them soundly 84-42. Most of this was due to Upchurch's monster 38 points with seven of these being trey shots. When Upchurch is on, nobody can stop her. Patterson was second in command with 14.

The girls drew 28 fouls hitting only 15-31.

Gibson was 8 for the night. Nichols 4, Crystal Davis, Stacy Harrison and Irwin 4 each. Taylor had 3 and Crawford 2.

The JV and Varsity ladies will travel to Sulphur Bluff for their annual tournament there.

Patriots take first win in Detroit Tourney

The Patriots have to be credited with guts and determination this basketball season. With only one win under their belt, they still hit the floor and give every team their all regardless of the outcome.

In first round play of the Detroit Tournament on Thursday, December 4, the Pats went up against Mt. Vernon, who had defeated them earlier, a week ago. With mighty determination, the boys took the win 88-80. The team drew 21 fouls hitting 23 for 35. David Ford had three-three pointers along with two from Jackie Davidson.

Trey Gifford was high with 28 points. Ford hit for 19, Ryan Cope had 14 and Davidson had 13. Chris Hudson and Lucas Roddy each hit

for 5 with Daniel Sepulveda going in for 4.

Boy's Consolation match ended up with the Patriots taking a last minute loss to Chapel Hill 48-54. The entire game was close with Prairiland keeping the lead in the 1st quarter 15-12, but losing it in the 2nd by three points to Chapel Hill 23-20.

In the third, the Pats came out strong with 15 points to lead 35-34, but lost in the fourth 48-54.

16 fouls were drawn with the Pats hitting 10-13. Davidson hit four treys and Cope hit one.

Davidson was high for the night with 14, while Ford went for 9, Roddy and Gifford 8, Cope 7 and Ben Miller 2.

Deport Pats win consolation in tourney

The Deport Patriots participated in a tournament at North Hopkins last weekend, winning 2 out of 3 for Consolation.

In the first game, against Winfield, the Patriots came out on top 49 to 24. Charlie Lawrence led the scoring with 21 points. Brad Hunt followed with 12, Stoney Musgrove with 6 and Harley Skidmore with 4. Scoring two points each were Chris Basinger, Chance Bankhead, and Lucas Miller.

In the second game, Deport fell to North Hopkins 38 to 44. Lucas Miller had high score with four 3-pointers and another basket for a total of 14 points. Stoney Musgrove and Charlie Lawrence each scored 9 points. Brad Hunt scored 4.

Detroit 49 to 19. Charlie Lawrence scored 17 points, Brad Hunt 10, and Harley Skidmore had 8. Lucas Miller scored 6, while Stoney Musgrove and Scotty Nichols each had 4.

Lady Patriots defeat Mt. Vernon

The Lady Patriots, through excellent defensive effort, avenged an earlier loss to Mt. Vernon by defeating them 45-41 Tuesday night at Prairiland.

The Lady Pats were down 20-24 at halftime and 33-35 at the end of the third period, but fought back to claim the victory. Brandie Upchurch led the way with 17 pints and Felicia Taylor nabbed eight rebounds. The entire team was cited for their excellent defensive play. The Lady Patriots will play in the Cap Herman Basketball Tournament at Sulphur Bluff beginning Thursday.

Prairiland's JV team plays Saltillo at 10:00 a.m. and the varsity team plays Sulphur Bluff at 1:00 p.m.

The Prairiland JV team lost to Mt. Vernon Tuesday night. They played hard and showed much improvement but fell 27-33.

Melissa Steinkamp led the scoring with 9 points while Laura Oliver had 6 points.

Lady Patriots claim 3rd place at Detroit Tournament

The Lady Patriots won one and lost one in the Detroit Tournament last weekend to earn third place.

After drawing a first bye, the Patriots played Roxton in the semi-finals and fell 42-50.

The Lady Patriots then played Avery on Saturday and defeated them 84-42 with Brandie Upchurch connecting on 7 of 11 attempts from the 3 point line. Upchurch was named to the all tournament team.

Stats vs. Mt. Vernon

| Name | Reb. | Steals | Assts. | F Throws | 2 pts. | 2 pts. Total |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|
| Brandie Upchurch | 7 | 3 | 2 | 6/14 | 1 | 3 |
| Tammy Nichols | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Stacy Harrison | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Crystal Davis | 1 | 1 | 0/2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cari Irwin | 2 | 2 | 2/2 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Katha Crawford | 6 | 3 | 3/4 | 3 | 9 | 9 |
| Kim Gibson | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Christy Patterson | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2/4 | 2 | 6 |

Stats vs. Roxton

| Name | Reb. | Steals | Assts. | F Throws | 2 pts. | 2 pts. Total |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|
| Brandie Upchurch | 3 | 1 | 2/2 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| Tammy Nichols | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Stacy Harrison | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Crystal Davis | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Cari Irwin | 10 | 3 | 27 | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| Katha Crawford | 8 | 4 | 3/6 | 4 | 11 | 11 |
| Kim Gibson | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3/4 | 1 | 1 |
| Christy Patterson | 2 | 9 | 5 | 5/8 | 2 | 6 |
| Felicia Taylor | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Stats vs. Avery

| Name | Reb. | Steals | Assts. | F Throws | 2 pts. | 2 pts. Total |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|
| Brandie Upchurch | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3/4 | 8 | 7 |
| Tammy Nichols | 2 | 2 | 3/4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Stacy Harrison | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2/6 | 1 | 1 |
| Crystal Davis | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2/6 | 1 | 1 |
| Cari Irwin | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2/4 | 1 | 1 |
| Katha Crawford | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Kim Gibson | 3 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Christy Patterson | 6 | 7 | 3 | 2/4 | 6 | 1 |
| Felicia Taylor | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1/3 | 1 | 1 |

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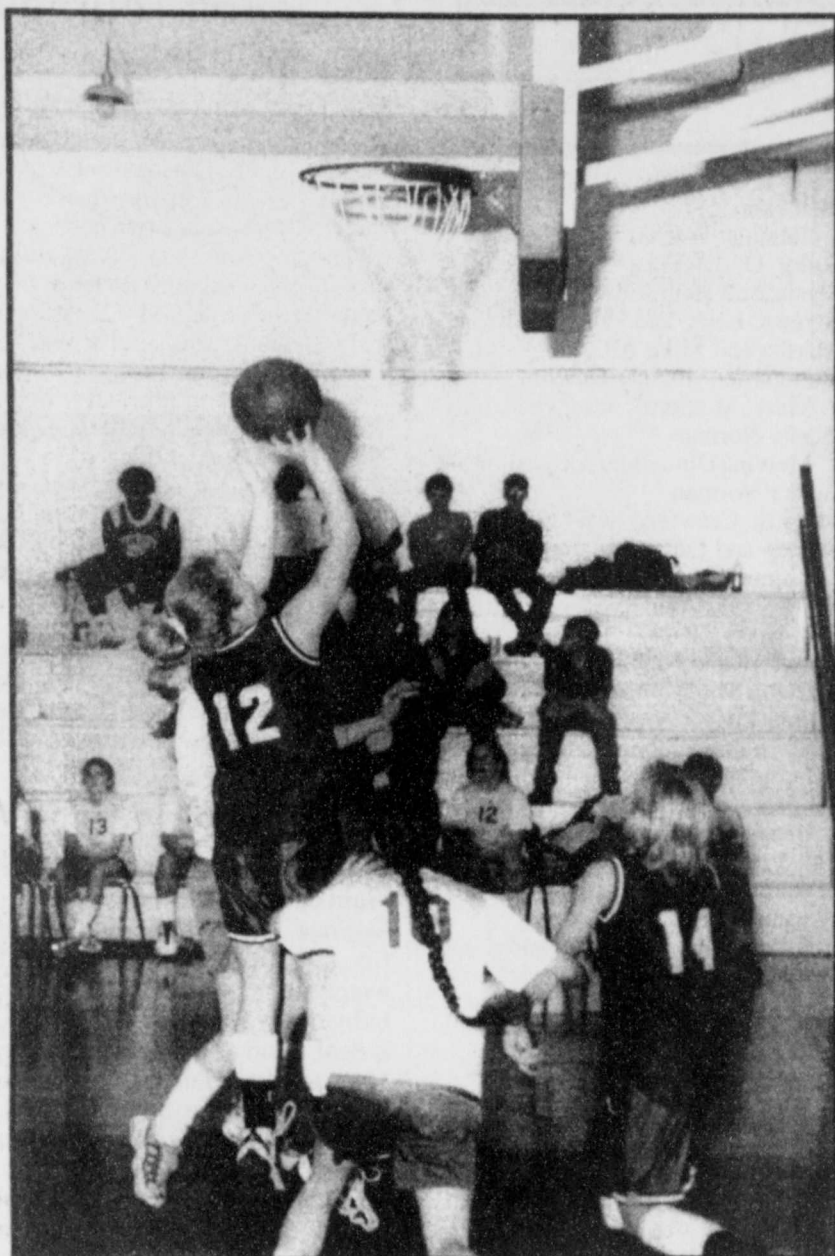
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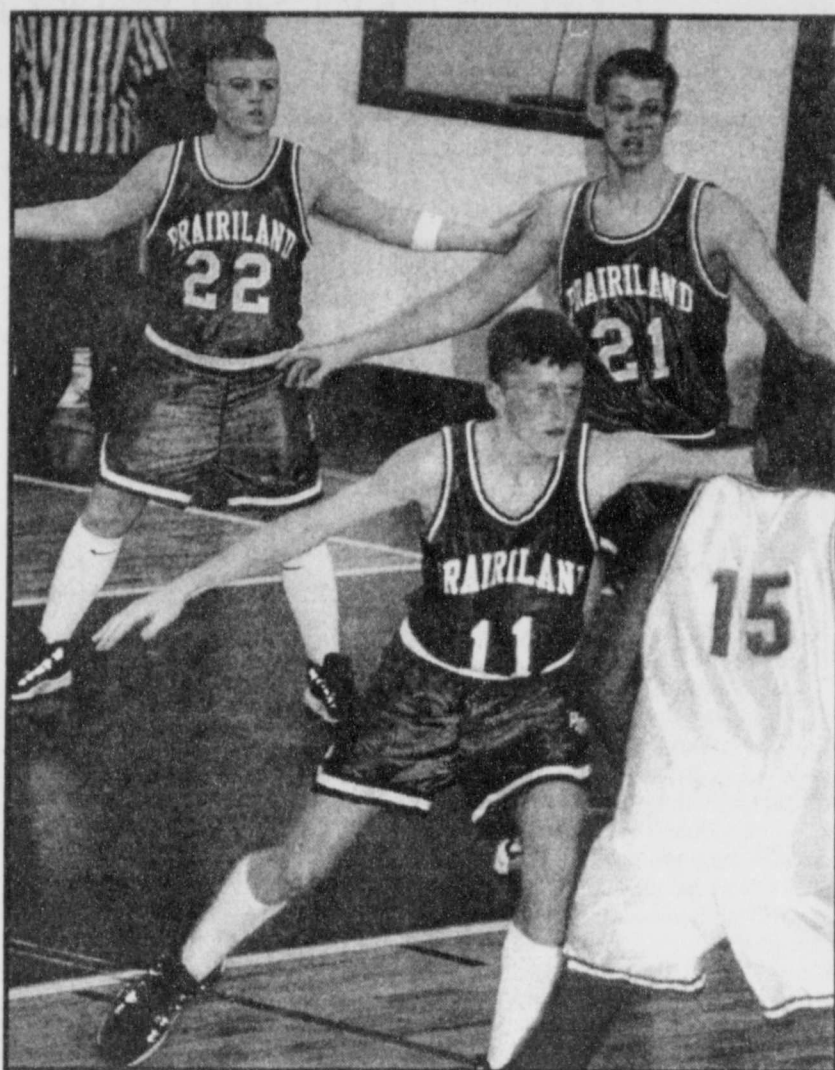
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DEPORT LADY PATRIOT, Kami Hudson goes up for the layup in basketball action at the Eagle gym in Detroit recently. Hudson has been top scorer for the ladies in the last few games.




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PATRIOT DEFENSE of the goal was the main objective in this Chapel Hill JV game last Tuesday night. Pictured is #22-Matt Basinger, #21-Josh Smith and #11-Brandon Hudson.



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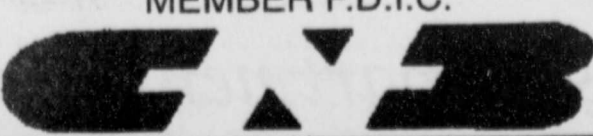
DEPORT PATRIOT, BRAD HUNT goes in for the points in recent action against the Jr. High Eagles from Detroit.



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The Spellbinder's Gift, in memory of Shelton Kennedy by Mona Childres, Charles and Jenita Baker.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul in memory of Billy Babb by Sam and Daphnia Downs.

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Cowboys Have Always Been My Heroes and Little League, in memory of Mack Fodge, donated by Blossom Feed Store. Joe Montana, in memory of Mack Fodge, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Davenport.

Shaq Attaq! in memory of Jerry Ford donated by Charles and Jenita Baker.

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Sacred Hoops, in memory of Jerry Ford, donated by Prairiland C.I.S.D. Administration and School Board; Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections, in memory of Jerry Ford, donated by Jerry and Dorothy Richey.

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The Boxing Album, in memory of Jerry Ford, donated by Prairiland High School Faculty.

The Inaugural Addresses of Presidents, donated by Rivercrest High School Student Council.

Another Season: A Coaches Story of Raising an Exceptional Son, donated by Cooper I.S.D. Student Council.

Deport Nursing Home News

By Candy Larkin

Bro. Freddy Burden provided Bible Study Tuesday. Also on that day 13 residents came out for toss-um. First went to Johnnie Warren, Angie Smith, Terry McDowra, Lucy Blount, Mary Matthews, Nina Hale and Harold Norris!

Thursday Bro. George Rape provided a Bible Study lesson.

Bro. Dewey Ward provided music Thursday.

On Friday activity director attended a meeting in Mt. Pleasant.

Friday we had a movie and popcorn, a Bill and Gloria Gather movie provided by Bill & Barbara Biggerstaff.

Monday we played dominoes, and had bingo with 23 residents.

Thanks to all our volunteers who are taking their time.

Our Christmas Party Dance will be Monday, December 15th. Our King and Queen will be crowned then.

Leroy and County Rebels will play and it will begin at 6:30 p.m.

If weather permits the residents will go to Marshall to enjoy the Christmas Lights.

On the 18th residents will enjoy their gifts, eats and music provided by all the churches.

Mamie Fletcher was visited by Lila Screws, Jane Rhoades, Donnie Larkin, Bren Screws, Dennis Fletcher, Jimmy Fletcher.

Milow Hume was visited by Stasha Hume and Sam Ward.

Jane Rhoades was visited by Lila Screws.

David Geer was visited by Cecil Allen, Schelly Byrd, Cecil Allen.

Buck Frazier and William Geer.

Edith Franklin was visited by Warren F. Allen and Schelly Byrd.

Lena Powell was visited by Sue and Corbin, Brittany, Darla and Jnaice.

Raymond Wright's visitor was Cecil Allen.

Terry McDowra was visited by Cecil Allen and Schelly Byrd.

Don O'Dea was visited by Cecil Allen, Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff and Schelly Byrd.

Genivieve Humphrey was visited by Pam Humphrey, Candy Larkin and Schelly Byrd.

George Dockins was visited L.D. Dockins, Joe Dockins, L.K. Beal all of Clarksville.

FLOY Sparks was visited by Peggy Parsons, Nina Sparks, Monda, Cecil Allen, Jim and Evelyn Haddock of Rockwall and Cecil Allen.

Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil Allen.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Cecil Allen, Monda Fults, Peggy Parsons and Cecil Allen.

Angie Smith's visits were Buck Frazier, Donald, Larry, Dynetta, Askmo, and Sissy Smith, Sue Goley, Larry and Shirley Haskell, Dale Smith, Ruth Ann, Tammy and family and four children.

Jenny Woodard was visited by Teddy Igo of Sherman.

Raymond and Aubrey Hignight were visited by Sara and John Starks, Sue Carrell and Nanie Ham.

Brodie Bell and Reecie Kelsey were visited by Sue Carrell and Nanie Ham.

Dorthea Jensen was visited by Kathy Jenkins.

Sara Gilmer was visited by Marline, Dewey, Sarena Owens.

Norma Williams was visited by Rickey Williams.

Viola Barham was visited by Candy, Donnie, Chad Larkin, Kare Tittsworth, Courtney Holiday and Ella Tittsworth.

Grace Griffin was visited by Wynell Gilbreath.

Nina Hale was visited by Nanie Bell Ham.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Ruby D. Blevins, Linnie Bailey, Nanie Bell Ham, Edwin Davis, Lila Screws, Larry and Edith Crawford, Martha and Mike AIGHareeb, Alice Bumgarner, Johnnie Dawson.

Mary Matthews was visited by Bocky Norman.

Melvina Dinwiddie was visited by Bocky Norman.

Edith Crawford was visited by Shirley and Larry Crawford.

Linnie Bailey was visited by Alice Bumgarner, Ann Sanders, Cristina and Mary, Ruby Blevins, Larry Crawford and Johnnie Dawson.

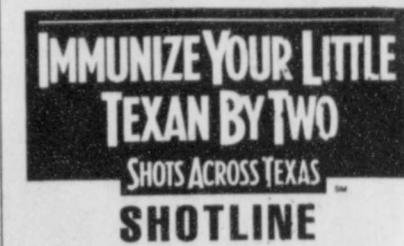
Cletus Thomas was visited by Faye Burns, Lucy Cooper, Inez Luttrell, Beal Thomas, Johnnie Dawson.

Lucy Blount was visited by Ann Sanders.

Betty Gardner was visited by Pat Talley.

Audie Reed was visited by Glenda Watson.

Dean Boulware was visited by Jodie and Juanita Boulware.



Q. What are the complications of childhood diseases like measles, mumps and whooping cough?

A. Childhood diseases are definitely not child's play. Measles can cause pneumonia, deafness, brain damage or death. Rubella or German Measles is a mild illness for children, but a pregnant woman who gets it may lose her baby or give birth to a child who is deaf, blind or has brain damage. Mumps can result in an inflammation of the brain or spinal cord. Diphtheria kills one of every ten to twenty people who get it. Whooping cough (or pertussis) can cause pneumonia, convulsions or swelling of the brain (encephalitis). Tetanus (or lock-jaw) kills four of ten people who get it. Hib causes meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the spinal cord and brain), resulting in brain damage or death. Hepatitis B is a serious disease that can lead to liver cancer, cirrhosis and death. And there is no cure for polio, which can cause permanent paralysis of arms or legs.

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Pointers On Pets

Facts About Pet Food

(NAPS)—You can usually easily tell when a pet has been fed table scraps regularly: When his human companions eat, he becomes a little beggar.

What's worse, though, about feeding your cat or dog table scraps is that scraps are not as nutritionally sound for pets as are foods packaged specifically for them. Nutritional deficiencies resulting from poor diets often contribute to health problems and can even shorten an animal's life span.

Humans and pets have very different nutritional needs. Unlike foods prepared for humans, commercially prepared pet foods are formulated to provide a complete diet, including proteins, fat, vitamins and minerals in the correct proportion and balance. Pet food manufacturers start with the premise that their food—plus water—will be the animal's sole diet and that no other food is required. Adding table scraps throws your pet's diet out of balance.

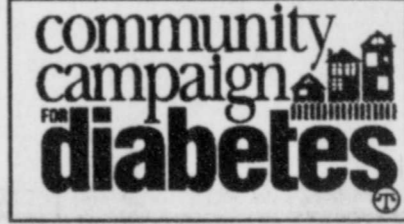
Most commercial producers of pet foods have advanced research

facilities to evaluate the nutritional efficacy, palatability, safety and practicality of their products. A constant effort is made to improve existing products and develop new, high-quality commercial foods using the most modern knowledge of pets' nutritional requirements.

Another mistake to avoid is feeding dog food to a cat. Cats need twice as much protein as dogs, and more fat than dogs or people.

For more information about proper nutrition for your pet, ask a breeder or veterinarian which commercial pet foods are right for your dog's or cat's age, weight, activity level and special needs.

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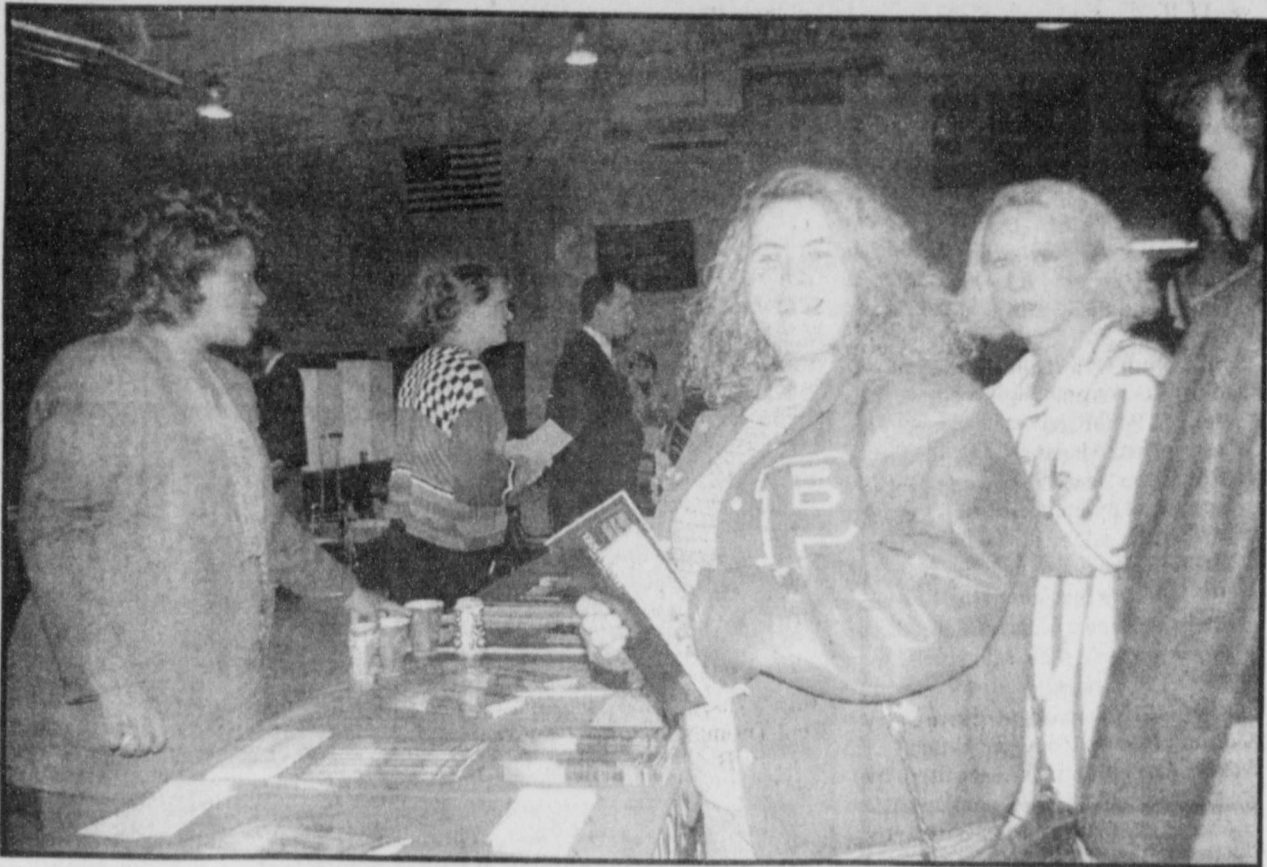
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SENIOR DAY AT PJC was well attended from seniors from surrounding schools. Several colleges and universities were on hand to offer information to the students. Pictured is Kadonna Jackson and Amanda Wherely of Prairiland.



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WARD'S CHAPEL-Back row is Silas Dewey Gibbs-teacher. These pictures were sent in by Venita Oldfield in hopes that someone from this area might be able to identify them. If you can, please contact Geraldine Gibbs Joslin, 2117 Lansdowne, Garland 75040.

FAMILY FINANCES

Make 1998 A "Rewarding" Experience

(NAPS)—If you're like most people, you want to be smart about how you spend money throughout 1998. One helpful tool could be as close as your wallet or purse. It's your consumer rewards card (you know, that punch-card for free merchandise, or that swipe-card that lets you rack up points toward future purchases).

However, it's not good enough to just have a card—you've got to use it. Consumer reward programs-expert Richard A. Dunn, vice president at Minneapolis-based Carlson Marketing, offers this simple advice to help you earn your "just rewards" in the coming year.

Know What It Takes To Get In—And Stay In

Ask yourself, "Will I stay interested?" Some consumer reward programs offer free membership to anyone (Hallmark Gold Crown® Card loyalty program). Some charge a small fee (Sam Goody and Musicland Replay®). Others are by invitation only or require the use of their credit card (Neiman Marcus InCircle®). Some are a hybrid, offering free membership and points for purchases, but with extra points awarded for using their credit card (Eddie Bauer Rewards®).

Know What You're Getting

Ask yourself, "Is there real value here for me?" It's not enough anymore to calculate the discount value of a program. The better ones have gone beyond discounts to offer such things as member-only products, sneak previews and free shipping, or other special treatment "for members only." The Hallmark Gold Crown® Card loyalty program, for example, gives members advance notice of new products and store events, as well as reward certificates and special offers. Or, if you spend enough in one year with Neiman Marcus, you can take home a free Arabian horse.

Reward Those Who Reward You

Resist the urge to join every rewards program you encounter. Instead, visit the businesses you really like and say, "I shop here a lot, and I plan to be a customer for a long time. How do you reward people like me?" If they can't answer, consider taking your business somewhere that shows its appreciation.

"The key is to remember shopping has its rewards," Dunn says. "You have to make purchasing decisions every day, so following these guidelines, you can reward yourself for doing what you already love—shopping at your favorite stores."

For more information on consumer reward programs, visit the Hallmark Web site at www.hallmark.com. For the Hallmark Gold Crown store nearest you, call 1-800-HALLMARK.

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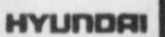
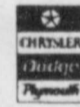


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Katie Womack, research scientist for the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), at Texas A&M University said they have been collecting safety belt data in 18 Texas cities since 1985. She said the 1995 estimate of a 71.75 percent usage rate of safety belts is based statewide on front seat passengers.

One factor in determining who wears a safety belt more often is the fact that car occupants wear their safety belts more often than pick-up occupants, Womack said. Urban areas alone have a higher restraint estimate of 73.3 percent.

"Females, both drivers and passengers, are more likely to be wearing their safety belts, than males," she said. "This is a difference of about 10 percent, and this has been fairly consistent over time. Age is also a factor. As people get older, they also tend to wear their belts more often."

Accountants cast as detectives in novel

COLLEGE STATION — Armed only with pencil, paper and a hand-held calculator, a new breed of accountants is dispelling the traditional image of their profession as dull bean-counters wearing long-sleeve shirts and green eyeshades.

Leading the charge are Larry Crumbley and Stanley Kratchman, accounting professors in Texas A&M's College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business.

In their recently released novel "Deadly Art Puzzle: Accounting for Murder," Crumbley and Kratchman follow a retired certified public accountant and part-time professor as he tracks down a murderer, using the skills of forensic accounting.

"Forensic accountants are the private eyes of the business world," said Crumbley, who has written six other accounting novels under the pen name Iris Weil Collett. "A normal accountant acts like a watchdog, but a forensic accountant is trained to act like a bloodhound."

The number of forensic accountants is growing, he said. They are often called into cases involving fraud to dissect financial statements and locate hidden assets, he explained. Accountants for the Internal Revenue Service use their forensic skills to track down and prosecute delinquent taxpayers.

"Tree of Hope" ceremony to be held December 18

On December 18, the Lamar County Attorney's Office will host the first annual "Tree of Hope" ceremony dedicated to crime victims and their family and friends. The ceremony will be held on the 2nd floor of the Lamar County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following. The public is invited to attend.

The purpose of the "Tree of Hope" ceremony is to provide support encouragement and renewed hope to victims and to the family and friends of victims and to provide a time to remember those lives that have been lost or injured by crime, particularly violent crime. It is also hoped that the public awareness will be raised concerning victims, victims' issues and available victim services. County Attorney Kerye Ashmore believes that "this will be an opportunity for the community to take a few minutes to remember those whose lives have been affected by crime."

Some of those speaking at the ceremony will be Judge Jim Lovett, Sixth

District Judge, Cleonne Drake, Director of the Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Martha Duke, a victim advocate whose daughter was murdered in 1988 and Joe Tuttle, Lamar County Sheriff's Deputy and a friend of slain Paris Police Officer David Roberts. Choir members from Prairiland High School are also expected to sing. The ceremony will culminate with adorning a Christmas tree with hearts by family and friends of victims. Each heart will bear the name of a victim that the heart represents.

According to Kelly Byrum, Victim Coordinator for the Lamar County Attorney's Office, "Many times this is a difficult time of the year for victims of crime and their family. I hope that this ceremony will bring renewed hope for these people and will be an opportunity to inform the community of the victim services available through the County Attorney's Office and others who work with crime victims."

Red River County Sheriff's Report

November 30-December 6

November 30: Family disturbance in Annona; disturbance in Detroit; female arrested on charge of attempted murder; male arrested on charge of attempted murder; criminal mischief in Madras; inmate released with arrangements to pay fine.

December 1: Inmate released to Lamar County; inmate released per district judge; report of missing person; report of burglary of habitation on Hwy. 37 south.

December 2: Suspicious person on Hwy. 37 south; forgery in Detroit; cattle complaint in Annona; male arrested on charge of bond surrender/criminal trespass; male arrested on charge of DWI.

December 3: Minor accident on FM1159; prowler in Bogata; male arrested on charge of violation of probation; female arrested on charge of tampering with government records; male arrested on violation of probation and capias pro fine x 2; male arrested on charge of violation

of parole; male arrested on warrant from Bexar County; welfare concern in Avery.

December 4: Criminal mischief; male arrested on charge of violation of probation; female arrested on charge of tampering with governmental records; male arrested on charge of theft; report of terroristic threat in Bogata; burglary in Detroit; report of welfare concern on Hwy. 82 West.

December 5: Frequent patrol in Annona; theft on FM410 north; welfare concern in Bogata; activated alarm in Detroit; assault in Avery; male arrested on charge of assault family violence and forgery.

December 6: Cattle complaint in Annona; suspicious person in Avery; possible DWI in Annona; family disturbance in Whiterock; theft in Annona; male arrested on charge of DWI, no driver's license, no liability insurance and fail to maintain a single lane of traffic.

AMERICA'S HEROES

Man Of Action Prevents Ecological Disaster

(NAPS)—The most valiant heroes frequently rise from among the ranks of everyday citizens.

Take Philip Carpenter of Barbourville, Virginia. A forest warden with the Virginia Department of Forestry, Carpenter sprang into action to contain and ultimately extinguish a chemical fire that had gotten out of control.

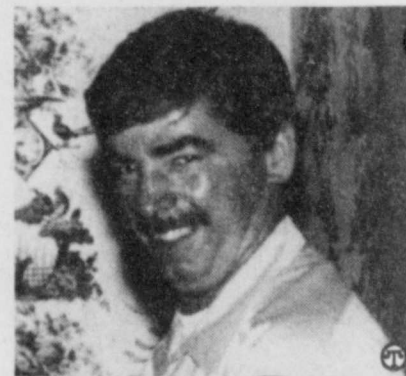
During a routine helicopter spraying operation last year, a fire ignited from a fuel leak and a spark from an electric motor in a contractor's support truck. The truck, carrying thousands of gallons of liquid herbicide and 400 gallons of aviation fuel, became surrounded by flames, with no access to the fuel cutoff valve.

Carpenter and the truck driver tried to control the fire with their all-purpose extinguishers to no avail. When that failed, Carpenter resorted to his only other option: the 90 gallons of water and three quarts of Class A foam in his Forestry Department truck.

"I knew that Class A foam wasn't what you'd use on that kind of fire, but a voice told me it would work," Carpenter said.

The foam suppressed the flames, and Carpenter was able to interrupt the fuel stream enough for the truck driver to reach the cutoff valve. Without the fuel source, the flames died quickly.

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Virginia Forest Warden Phillip Carpenter's quick thinking and action in preventing an environmental disaster earned him the first STIHL National Forestry Heroism Award.

disaster, Carpenter became the first recipient of the STIHL National Forestry Heroism Award.

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American Viewpoints



All great men come out of the middle classes.

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Helen and Ty Parsons of Rowlett, Drew and Leah Boren, Morgan Searls and Keith and Peggy Parsons were in Paris for the Christmas Parade on Saturday morning.

Keith Parsons was honored with a family dinner and birthday party in his home on Sunday. Helping him celebrate were Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah and Peggy Parsons. Greg Parsons and family called to wish him a happy birthday.

Loise and Buster Crossland were visited by Howard Higdon and James Day and Louise visited Wilma Crossland.

Bill and Ruby Blevins' visitor

Monday was Mickey Keener. Linnie Bailey and Ruby visited Alice Bumgarner Saturday.

James and Vivian Day's guest Sunday was Jimmy Day of Sulphur Springs.

Broadway Junction will play Friday night December 12th at the Pattonville community center.

Jesse and Frances Anderson attend Phillips Lighting retirement party. Also they spent the weekend with Carol Reid and family at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Pattonville VFD will have a business meeting Monday the Dec. 15th. Don't forget!

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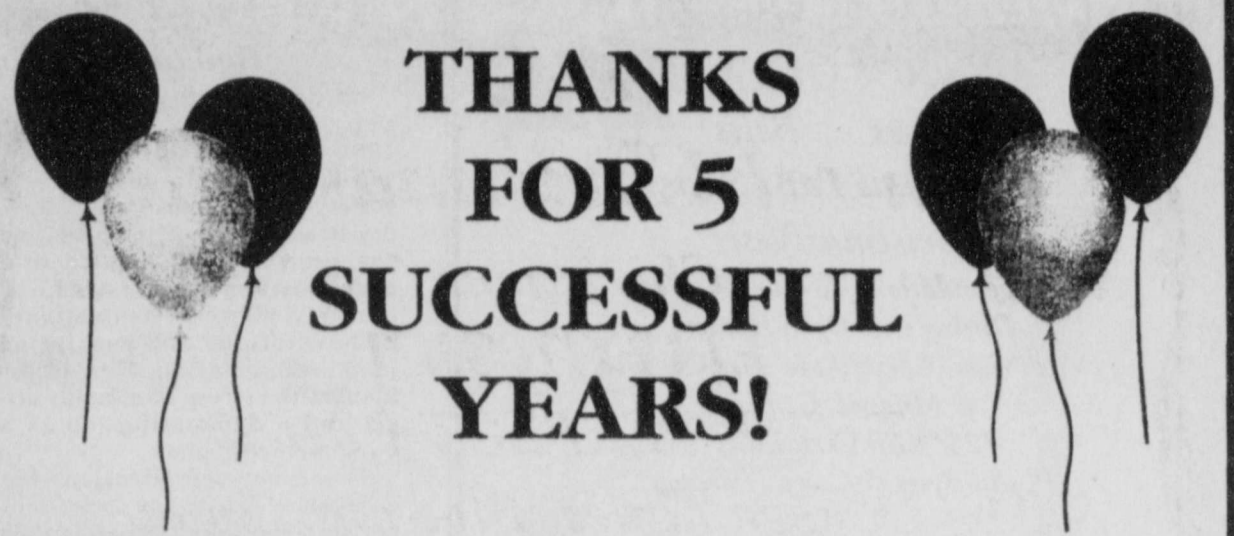
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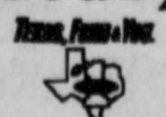
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NEWS OF HEALTH

Beware Of Sjögren's Syndrome

(NAPS)—An otherwise healthy, active mother of six, had the flu in 1986 and never felt well afterwards. She began developing a variety of symptoms—a mouth so dry it was difficult to speak and eat; unusually frequent dental problems; dry, gritty eyes and blurry vision; swollen salivary glands; fatigue and paralyzing joint inflammation. Her doctor thought the stress of a family crisis and a demanding job as a nurse were to blame.



When her complications became more severe, her doctor sent her to a specialist. Finally, after nearly six years of painful, debilitating symptoms, she was diagnosed with Sjögren's (SHOW-grens) syndrome. Eventually, she developed related difficulties with balance and concentration. In 1993, memory problems forced her to leave her job.

Her story is typical of Sjögren's syndrome patients. Because many doctors are unfamiliar with the disease, most sufferers remain undiagnosed and untreated for an average of six years. Sjögren's affects more than one million people in the United States, and women account for more than 90 percent of diagnosed cases.

"Sjögren's syndrome is a debilitating disease that is poorly diagnosed and undertreated," said Ann L. Parke, M.D., professor of medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Sjögren's syndrome is a chronic, inflammatory disease that damages the moisture-producing

glands, particularly the salivary glands, causing patients to suffer from dry eyes and mouth. Sjögren's syndrome patients also have a greater risk for developing other autoimmune diseases, such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. There is no known cure, but symptoms can be managed.

The U.S. Public Health Services Office on Women's Health lists Sjögren's syndrome, along with other autoimmune diseases, as an important and neglected health issue affecting American women. As a class of illnesses, autoimmune diseases are the fourth leading cause of disability in women, with an annual cost to the nation of an estimated \$86 billion.

The Arthritis Foundation has a free brochure on Sjögren's syndrome available from 1-800-283-7800 or www.arthritis.org. There are two national patient support organizations for Sjögren's syndrome: The Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, Inc. (1-800-4-SJOGREN; or www.sjogren.co) and the National Sjögren's Syndrome Association (1-800-395-6772; www.sjogrens.org).

Water Quality Association Helps Consumers Match Treatment Options To Individual Needs

(NAPS)—Few things are as important to our day-to-day lives as water. Yet according to the 1997 National Consumer Water Quality Survey, three-quarters of American adults are concerned about the quality of their household water supply. For those consumers, the Water Quality Association (WQA) recommends a few simple steps to help unravel the mysteries of their tap.

• Have your water tested. There are a number of options consumers can take to determine the quality of their household water supply:

— To gauge the hardness of household water and other aesthetics, consumers can call a WQA Certified Water Specialist. (Certified water specialists are trained in proper installation and/or manufacturing of water treatment devices.) Consumers also can purchase an in-home test to gauge the hardness of water and the presence of some minerals.

— To detect health contaminants, consumers can call their water utility company to request a list of contaminants that exist in the local water supply. Or, to have your home's tap water tested for specific contaminants, contact your water utility company which will work with a state-approved lab to test water for health-related contaminants. (An in-home test is not appropriate for detecting health contaminants.)

• Understand your water treatment options. Research which water treatment device you need before you buy. To help you match the proper treatment technology to your specific concerns, talk with a certified water quality

specialist. Then, check products' capabilities, warranties, maintenance provisions and general operating instructions. Also look for the Water Quality Association Gold Seal on products, which indicates a product has been thoroughly tested and meets industry performance standards. For health-related contaminants, look for seals from the Underwriters Laboratories or the National Sanitation Foundation.

• Don't let price be the only factor. When compared to the potential damage that contaminated water can cause to your water system or your health, water treatment products are relatively inexpensive. In addition to price, also consider the product capacities, special features and company services.

The Water Quality Association is an international trade association representing retailers, dealers, manufacturers and suppliers in the household, commercial, industrial and small system water treatment industry. WQA oversees the Certified Water Specialist program designed to protect the public by helping consumers identify individuals in the water treatment industry who have demonstrated a certified level of professional expertise and are dedicated to high professional standards. WQA members are expected to adhere to the association's Code of Ethics.

Consumers interested in learning more about water treatment options or the Water Quality Association and its members can call WQA at 800/749-0234 or visit WQA's Web site at <http://www.wqa.org>.

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and on Sunday, dinner guests were Dea Bonham of Sumner, Ruth Denison of Paris, Betty and Carlys Denison, Warren Denison and Doug Alsbrook.

John Filkins of Oklahoma took Janet Filkins to the doctor Friday. Earl, Ernie, Carla, Courtney and Brit-

tany Filkins visited Janet Saturday. They celebrated Ernie's 10 year anniversary. She also received two phone calls from her sister in Nevada and Rodney in Michigan.

Jessie, Carla, Courtney Filkins, Sissy, Matt and Jeff Smith, Earl and John Filkins visited Janet Filkins Sunday.

The Deport Cub Scouts held their



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monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church Thursday. They performed skits and received their awards. Afterwards they enjoyed refreshments.

Visitors of Shorty Ballard Sunday were Johnny McGill and family of Daingerfield.

Jay Upchurch and Joe Cunningham of Norman, OK were visitors of Jay's cousin, Thelma Warren, Friday.

Sybil Evans of Austin visited Reba Temple Thursday night.

Santa Claus was a visitor of Methodist Church Sunday.

Jimmy Langley, Patti Robinson, Chris Dennis, Tammy Currier and Antonie Hagood had dinner in Paris Saturday.

Recent visitors of Buck and Ann Roberts were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lollar of Fairfield Bay, AR.

Mary Mantooth and Angel and Rachael Yarbrough helped Nanalee trim her Christmas Tree Friday, then Thomas and Nanalee, Mary, Angel and Rachael went to Paris to eat and look at Christmas lights.

Sunday visitors of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were Sandra Jeffus and Jeff Jeffus. Jeff stayed for dinner that night.

Luther Burchinal of Modesto, California, called on the phone and visited with Purna Haydock after seeing her photo in the Deport Times last week.

Nannie Bell Ham, Nell Shull, Sandra Jeffus, Kathy Bruno, Wanda Bradley and Juavance Carpenter went to Marshall Saturday to see the Christmas Lights. They report that they are lovely.



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 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
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Sunday Darold and Ida Mae Norwood went to Sheila Norwood's Christmas Part in Denton.

James and Pat Norwood went to Longview and Marshall Saturday to see the Christmas Lights and do some shopping. They enjoyed a meal at the Red Lobster. Their grandchildren spent Sunday with them.

Dean Ogden from Longview visited from Wednesday through Thursday and Andrew Bazhaw visited from Friday to Sunday with Lorette Pynes.

Weekend visitors of Joyce and Johnny Smith were Monica and Jamie Smith. Joyce attended the funeral of her nephew, Jimmy D. Kelly, Monday. He died Friday.

Scotty and Rodney Norwood were in Ada, Oklahoma this weekend attending the Battle of The Breeds Coon Hunt.

Colton Ingram spent Friday night with Suzie and Talma Norwood.

Cindy Anderson spent Saturday in Sherman with Don and Annie Daniel of Atlas and Brenda Daniel of Sumner.

James and Pat West from Roxton, Andrea, Connor and Will Reed from Dodd City and Rex West from Roxton visited Rickey and Linda Anderson Friday night and ate fish and Nanny's Place.

Vicki Davis and Marie Watson enjoyed lunch at the Lonesome Dove in Deport on Thursday.

Alma Morwood was dismissed from the McCuiston Hospital on Thursday after being admitted for

low blood pressure on Tuesday. She is doing well at the Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Velma Cox has returned home after two weeks. She visited Gordon and Jan Cox's family of Alvarado on Thanksgiving Day. They had Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown, Cecil Barter of Jacksonville, Florida, Betty Kuntz of Buffalo, New York and Jo of West Virginia, Rager and Kathy Baxter of Allen and Morris Cox of Dallas played games and took pictures.

Velma visited Clara and Charlie Devlin of Garland, Vera Cox, Charlie, Freddie, Helen and David Taylor of Ft. Worth and Morris Cox of Dallas.

Morris Cox of Dallas spent the day Saturday with Velma Cox.

Lunche guest Saturday of Lucy Fowler were Delano Dunlap and Talma Joe Fowler.

Jeff and Heath Kennedy and their families spent Sunday with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.

Having Sunday lunch with Jane O'Neal were Carla, Andrea, Kara, Arron, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston.

Having lunch Sunday with Geneva Norwood were her children and families and her mother, Marie Watson.

Georgina Oates spent the weekend in Branson, Missouri with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Nut and Brad.

Sunday night guest of Rickey and Linda Anderson were Tommy and Evelyn Pressley, Carlos and Wendy Ordorica and Cord.

Merry Christmas
 Happy New Year

Prairiland
 Calendar of Events
 Week of December 15

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15JVB, VB at Clarksville, 5:00
 17 1st Semester Exams
 Dismiss 1:15
 18 1st Semester Exams
 Dismiss 1:15
 End of third six weeks
 19 Faculty Workday
 JVG, VG, VB vs. Chapel Hill, Here, 5:30
 5th Quarter Christmas Party



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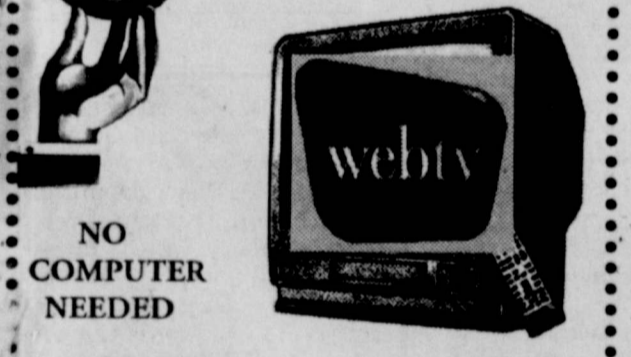
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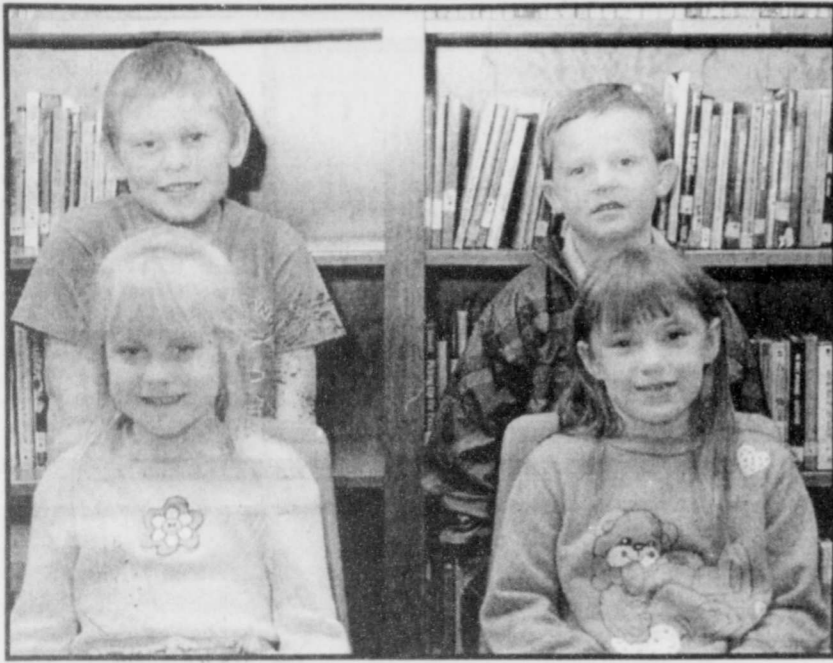
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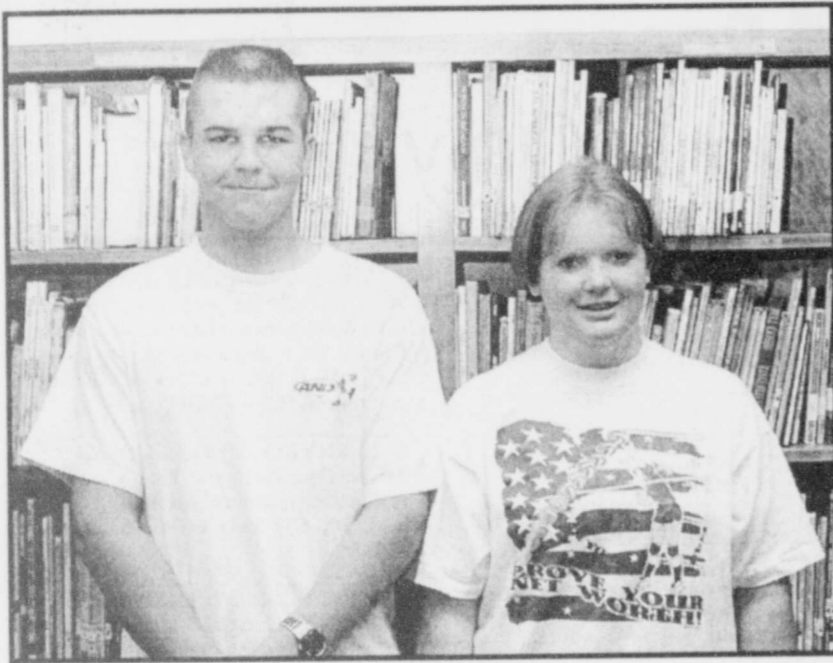


KINDERGARTEN ROYALTY on the Deport Campus is Lily Norwood (K-1) and Ashely Thomas (K-2) and Chase Stogsdill (K-2) and Dylan Cathey (K-1).



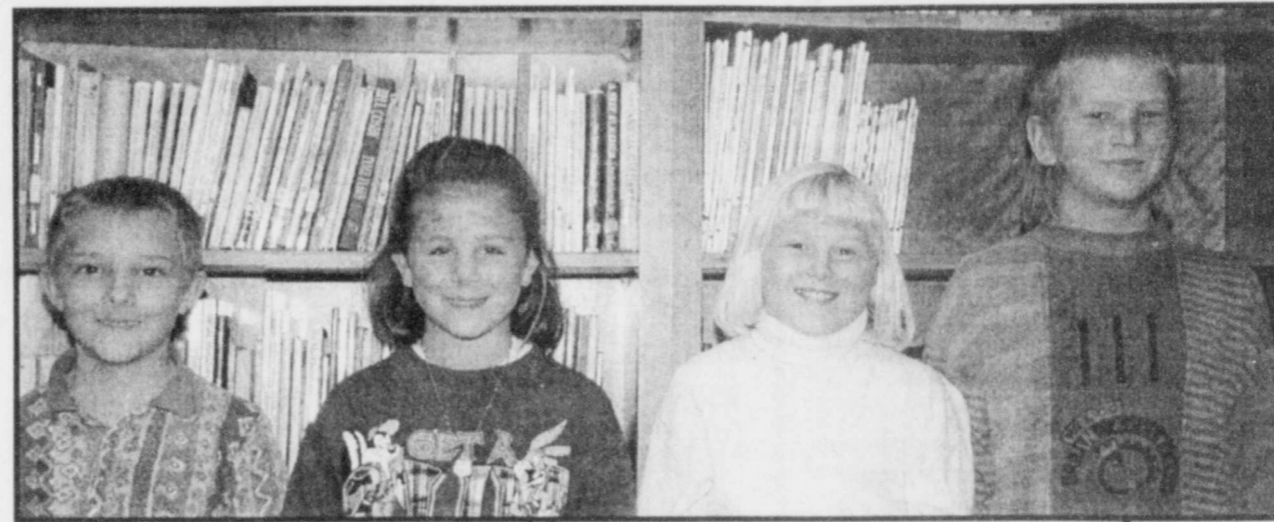
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CHRISTMAS QUEENS AND KINGS at Deport Elementary are back row Brett Watson and Jenna Patterson of 1-1, Trey Towers and Courtney Hargrove of 1-2. Front row is John Francis and Kayshia Ballard of 2-1 and Ben Dickerson and Susan Anderson of 2-2.



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8TH GRADE CHRISTMAS KING AND QUEEN on the Deport campus is Brad Hunt and Hollie Allen.



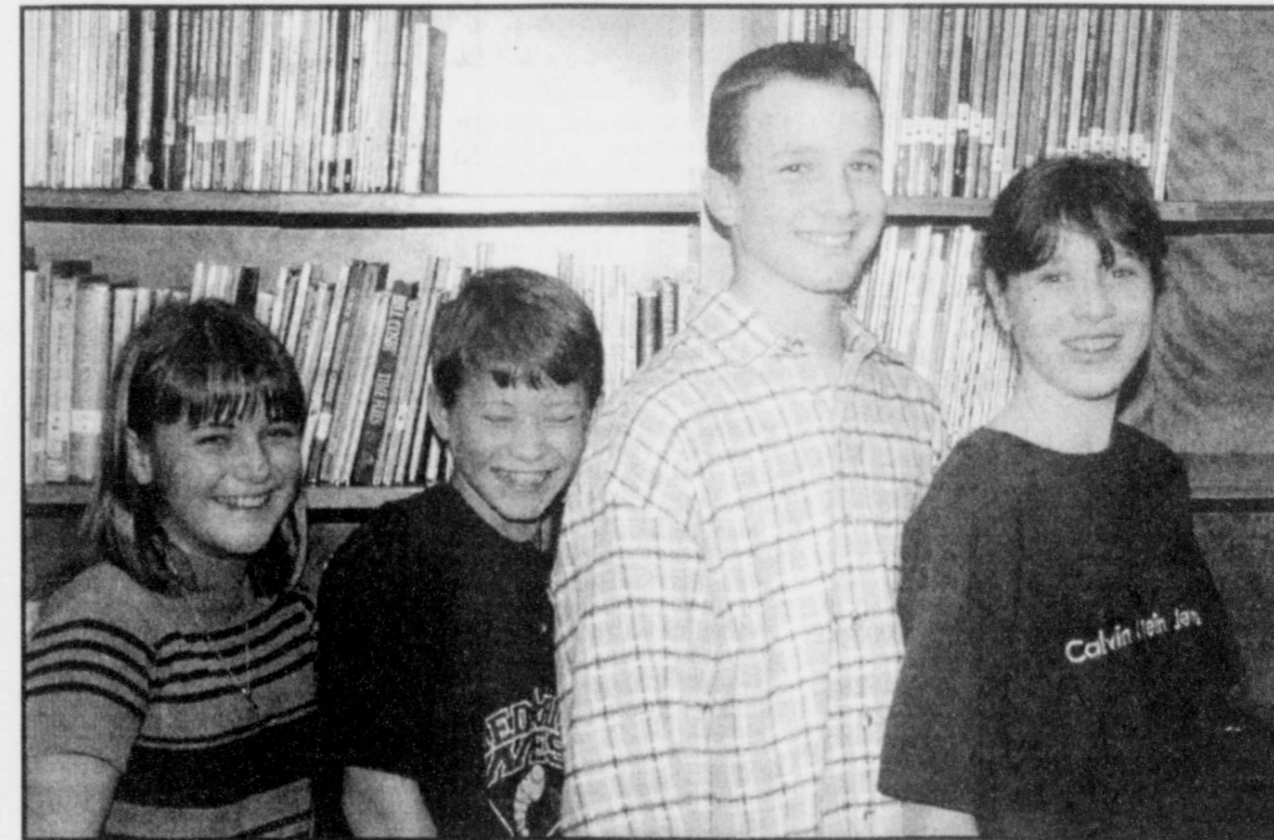
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CHRISTMAS QUEENS AND KINGS from the 3rd grade on the Deport campus is Chris Parker and Lacie Cole of 3-1 and Danbri Mitchell and Joseph Filkins of 3-2.



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CHRISTMAS QUEENS AND KINGS on the Deport campus for 1997 from the 4th and 5th grade this year are left to right is Whitney Brook and Randy Hoover 5-1 and Drew Boren and Rachel Murdock of 5-2. Seated is Leah Borne and Lance Ballard of 4-2 and Kyle Kinslow and Amber Sugg of 4-2.



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6TH AND 7TH Christmas Royalty on the Deport campus is left to right Heather Barnes and Aaron Arrasmith (6th) and Burke Burnett and Leslie Davis (7th).

Milton News
By Mattylu Upchurch

Tony Ellis, grandson of Frank and Edna Lee who has been in Baylor Hospital for some time hopes to be brought to the Lee's home this week for further recuperation.

Eran and Mary Yoder gave a surprise birthday party for Shasta Riley Sunday.

Chris and Traci Chipman and sons went to the Christmas parade and shopping Paris Saturday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee returned home Monday after visiting her brother and wife, Thomas Ray and Nancy Harvey of Port Neches and friends Kathy and Glen Ferguson of Galveston.

Nathan Yoder spent the weekend with his mother in Paris.

Chris and Traci Chipman, Riley and Conner had lunch Sunday with his mother in Paris.

Chris and Traci Chipman, Riley and Conner had lunch Sunday with George and Carol Newberry of Paris.

Bob and Buena Marshall attended a family dinner Friday night at the home of Sybil Harbison of Paris.

Mary Yoder and Shasta Riley went to Detroit Saturday to watch Prairieland Lady Patriots play in the tournament.

\$1.7 million in refunds remains unclaimed

A total of 3,329 North Texans have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season.

The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,727,002 million in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$22,657. Nationwide, nearly 100,000 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1995 refunds which total about \$62.6 million.

These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. People often move without giving the IRS their new address. Incorrect names and addresses are other common reasons why refunds are returned to the IRS.



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Methodist Seniors hold luncheon and toy collection

The Deport United Methodist Church Seniors had a covered dish luncheon Tuesday. Twenty five were in attendance. Gifts to be given for CHANCE in Paris were accepted.

Some of the members stayed to play games.

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