





# OBITUARIES

## Mary E. Christian



ELDORADO — Mary E. Christian went to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 17, 1999. Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado with Dr. R. Byron Orand officiating. Interment followed in the Eldorado Cemetery. Pallbearers were Norman Smith, Rick Stricklan, Allen Lemons, Ronnie Mittel, Jeff Fennern and Pat Ragsdale. Musical selections were played by Carol Orand. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mary was born on Oct. 28, 1913, in La Grange, Ga., to Charles and Molly Estes. She attended

school in La Grange and the University of Georgia. She met Joe Muller while he was working at a Georgia textile factory and they were married in 1939. Shortly thereafter, they moved back to Eldorado and built and operated West Texas Woolen Mills until it was sold in 1963.

Even though she had been away from Georgia since the '30s, you could still hear a trace of her Georgia accent. She was a talented musician and was organist at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado for many years. Mary was an avid and competitive duplicate bridge player and traveled around the state playing in tournaments.

Mary is survived by her son, Joe Charles and wife, Judy, of Eldorado; grandchildren, Anne Michelle Christian of Denver, Joseph Michael Christian and wife, Heather, of Norman, Okla.; and her constant companion, "Miss Dollie." She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Muller in 1997.

The family wishes to express its gratitude to Shelly Fennern for her many years of dedicated service as a caregiver to Mary and Joe Muller.

## "Chief" Ray Crazywolf

ELDORADO — "Chief" Ray Crazywolf, went home to be with his Lord Tuesday, December 21, after a brief illness. A graveside service was held that day in Eldorado Cemetery with Dr. Byron Orand officiating. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Chief was a member of the Sioux Nation, having been born on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and saw action in the

Pacific theater during World War II.

After working for Dow Chemical, Chief retired and spent several years on the road. He settled in Eldorado in the 1980's and had been a fixture in the community ever since.

Chief was a member of Community Baptist Church where he attended as faithfully as his declining health would allow.

Chief will be missed by all those who came to know and love him.

## Joel Keith Tucker

BIG SPRINGS — Joel Keith Tucker, 30 was killed in a work related accident on Wednesday, December 15, 1999, in McKinney. Services were held on Saturday, December 18, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

Keith was born on April 15, 1969, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, to Roger and Martha Tucker. They relocated to Big Spring in August of 1970, Keith attended schools in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1988. While in school, he was active in Key Club, FFA and the National Honor Society. He also earned his Eagle Scout Award and while a senior earned several merit scholarships which he used to obtain a Bachelor's Degree from Tarleton State University. During college he became active in the rodeo club and was an officer. He continued his involvement in rodeos by working for Harry Vold, a contractor from Pueblo, Colo. Keith

worked part time producing rodeos on his own for the past few years. He loved the outdoors and working with people. He worked in industrial construction trades in Odessa and in the Fort Worth area. He was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: his parents, Roger and Martha Tucker of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law and nephew, Rex, Amy and Jaxon Tucker, all of Midland; and aunt and uncle, Myrt and Curt Overby of Plentywood, Montana; and uncle, Tom Tucker of Honduras and his grandfather, Jessie Monroe Tucker of Gordon.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, E.H. and Wilma Topliffe and Bertha Tucker.

The family suggests memorials to the Boy Scout Troop 5, c/o First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy, Big Spring; the Justin Cowboys in Crisis Fund through the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

## Rehab plans annual telethon

Eldorado volunteers, led by Mabel Freitag, will be among friends of West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones on January 8 during Rehab's 30th annual telethon.

To be set up at Southwest Texas Electric Coop, Eldorado's phone bank will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Donors may call 853-2544 to make a pledge or go by the Coop to visit with volunteers and made a donation in person. Also, advance donations may be made prior to January 8.

"We hope everyone will participate - either by mailing an advance gift if you're going to be unable to call the night of the telethon or by calling in your pledge during the show," said Mrs. Freitag.

Country singer Ricky Skaggs will be the featured entertainer for Rehab 2000. Which will be aired on 10 television stations, including KLST - TV in San Angelo from 7 p.m. to midnight. Joining Skaggs will be Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension and Rehab telethon regulars Peter Marshall, Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule, Anacani and Arthur Duncan.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon includes an auction of about 200 items ranging from agriculture products to travel pack-

ages, a hot tub, go-kart, paintings, automotive accessories and many more. Items can be seen - and bids placed - on the Internet beginning December 27 and continuing until midnight, January 8. The web site is [www.wtrc.com](http://www.wtrc.com).

"Rehab 2000 is a critical fundraising event for the Rehab Center, so I encourage all out friends to call in a pledge as well as join the bidding in our great auction items," said Jim Pethis, president of WTRC.

Pethis also announced that West Texas Utilities Co. and American Airlines have stepped forward with generous advance gifts to the telethon. "We're very grateful to these two corporate friends for helping us kick off this campaign and for challenging the rest of us to follow their lead in making Rehab 2000 a great success," Pethis concluded.



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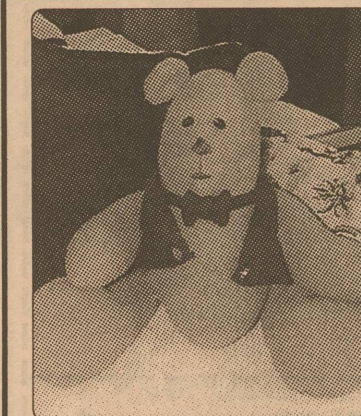
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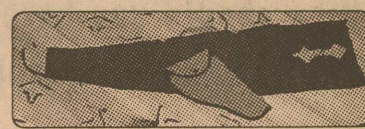


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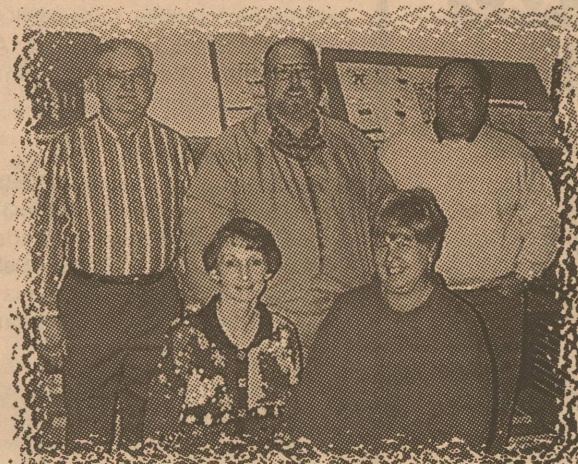
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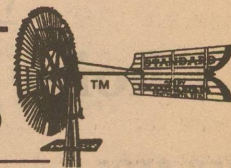
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  - 26th Ashley N. Ramos, Victor Pina, Irene Reynolds
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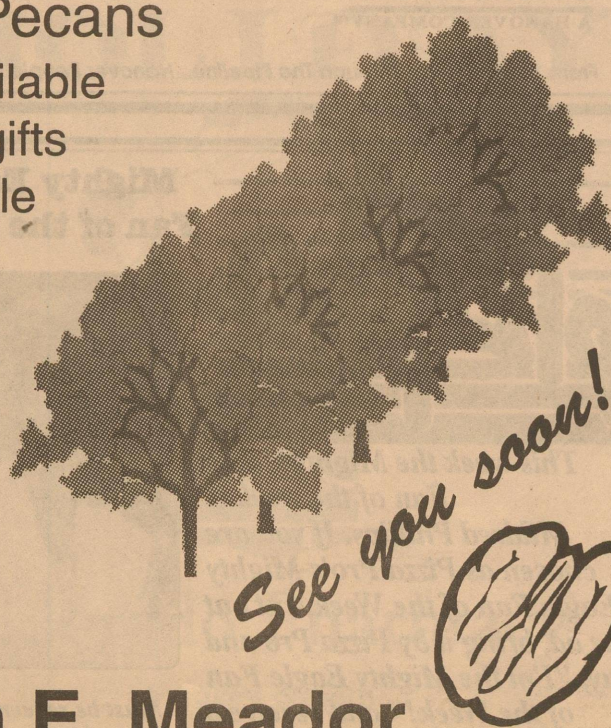
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**Hometown athletes** — Former Eldorado Eagles, (L-R) Reagan Bownds and Ty Williams, were recognized last Friday night during a brief ceremony in Eagle Gym. Bownds won numerous honors while playing defensive back for the Texas Tech Red Raiders. He graduates from Tech this month. Williams won the Division II NCAA National Championship in Shot Put for the Angelo State Rams earlier this year. He has since received a full scholarship to Texas Tech and will be continuing his education in Lubbock.

**7th Grade Girls**

December 6, 1999  
Eldorado, Texas

Eldorado 04-06-17-09=26  
Iraan 08-09-06-07=30

Betsy Green 12; Serina Arispe 2; Amanda Figueroa 2; Lindsey Schwiening 2; Brittny Sellers 2; Katey Lively 4; Jessica Robertson 2. Also playing were Ashton Murr, Sheryl Alexander, and Emily Newman.

December 13, 1999  
Eldorado 02-02-02-02=08  
Ozona 09-07-13-08=37

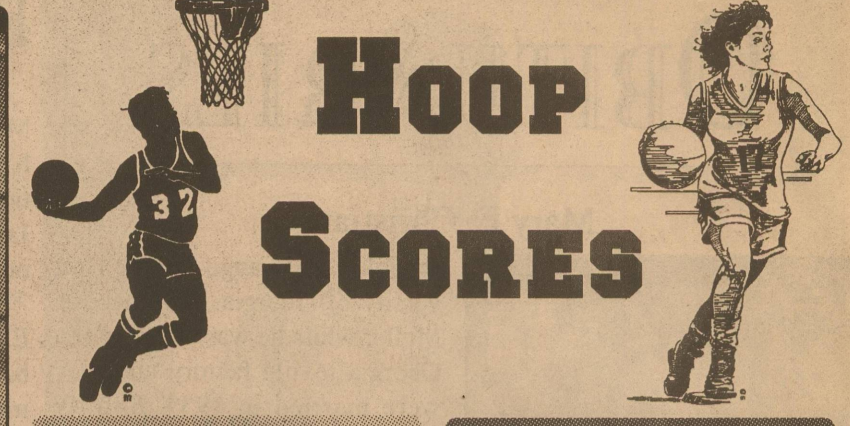
Serina Arispe 2; Sheryl Alexander 2; Lindsey Schwiening 2; Brittny Sellers 2; Jessica Robertson 4. Also playing were Ashton Murr, Amanda Figueroa, Katey Blair.

**JV Girls**

November 30, 1999  
Blackwell, Texas

Eldorado 10-17-08-12=47  
Rocksprings 04-03-03-00=10

Marina Lozano 4, Courtney Brown 2, Hannah Robledo 9, Courtney Sauer 2, Mayci Schwiening 4, Samantha Smith 16, Martha Lively 2, Amanda Wanoreck 4.



**Hoop Scores**

**JV Girls**

December 13, 1999  
Menard, Texas

Eldorado 07-18-18-09=50  
Menard 06-08-07-11=32

Hannah Robledo 6; Courtney Sauer 3; Mitzi Sessom 12; Toni Martin 2; Samantha Smith 14; Martha Lively 5; Blake Snelson 2; Amanda Wanoreck 5. Hannah Robledo scored 6 points and 7 steals and Mitzi Sessom had 4 steals, 3 assists, 7 rebounds and scored 12 points.

Coach Cooper stated " I am very proud of the way the girls played. We had a rough time at the Iraan Tournament, losing all 3 of our games, but we bounced back really well. Our next opponent will be Robert Lee.

**Eagles J.V.**

December 2, 1999  
Grapecreek Tournament

Eldorado 24-10-16-20=90  
Lee Junior High 09-07-00-14=30

Ramon Barajas, 8; Johnny Arispe (1) 3 point goal, 7; Manuel Hernandez, 6; Wesley Jones (1) 3 point goal, 8; Quisto Gonzalez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 12; Daniel Mata, 11; Leonel Medrano, 4; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Benji Gonzalez, 8.

December 3, 1999  
Grapecreek Tournament

Eldorado 13-09-31-07=60  
Glen Fisher JH 10-16-05-11=41

Ramon Barajas (1) 3 point goal, 10; Johnny Arispe, 5; Manuel Hernandez (1) 3 point goal, 9; Wesley Jones (1) 3 point goal, 7; Thomas Ballew, 8; Daniel Mata, 5; Leonel Medrano, 2; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Benji Gonzalez, 12. Also playing Quisto Gonzalez and Hector Adame.

**Eagles J.V.**

November 22, 1999  
Eldorado, Texas

Eldorado 19-09-15-16=59  
Ballinger 10-03-12-21=46

Ramon Barajas, 12; Johnny Arispe, 7; Manuel Hernandez (2) 3 point goals, 8; Wesley Jones, 10; Quisto Gonzalez, 4; Thomas Ballew, 2; Daniel Mata, 5; Jimmy Rodriguez (1) 3 point goal, 7; Benji Gonzalez, 4. Also playing Leonel Medrano.

November 23, 1999  
Eldorado, Texas

Eldorado 10-17-11-15=53  
Water Valley 04-09-00-05=18

Ramon Barajas (1) 3 point goal, 15; Johnny Arispe, 4; Manuel Hernandez, 4; Wesley Jones (2) 3 point goals, 8; Quisto Gonzalez (1) 3 point goal, 3; Daniel Mata, 4; Jimmy Rodriguez, 1; Benji Gonzalez, 14. Also playing Thomas Ballew and Leonel Medrano.

November 30, 1999  
Rocksprings, Texas

Eldorado 16-22-25-9=72  
Rocksprings 08-03-05-04=22

Ramon Barajas, 14; Johnny Arispe, 2; Wesley Jones, 5; Thomas Ballew (1) 3 point goal, 20; Daniel Mata, 14; Leonel Medrano, 6; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Benji Gonzalez, 4. Also playing Manuel Hernandez and Quisto Gonzalez.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Runner down under — Eldorado's Sammy Cabrera is well known at cross country track meets across Texas. He will be traveling to Australia next summer to run in the "Down Under International Games." He has already raised part of the \$2,600.00 necessary to take the trip and will be seeking donations to help pay the remainder.

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**Tuesday, December 28th**  
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday, December 29th**  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Rolls, Sugar Cookies, Milk

**Thursday, December 30th**  
Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Carrots, Wheat Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

**Friday, December 31st**  
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Gus Hinojosa 406 Popular Street	Jimmy Aguilar 216 West Doris Avenue
Elpidio Torres 305 E. Doris Avenue	Billy McCravey 510 North Divide
Abby Ussery 708 East Street	Josh Hastings 507 East Murchinson Avenue
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	Rooster Jackson 312 South Cottonwood

## Eldorado's "Mr. Santa" spread joy throughout West Texas

*Editor's note: Christmas spirit has long been a part of Eldorado. For years, one Eldorado man, Edwin Jackson, saw to it that others shared the joy he felt at Christmas time. The following story about Jackson first appeared in the Dec. 15, 1988 edition of The Eldorado Success. It is reprinted here for your enjoyment.*

by Rene Calcote

Christmas brings to memory, a kind hearted, generous person of yesteryear, known as "Mr. Santa Claus" to many residents of the West Texas area. "Mr. Santa" spent two weeks every Christmas spreading the spirit of love and sharing in many West Texas towns.

He began his journey with the American Legion Christmas party in Eldorado. He appeared impressively authentic, wearing his red suit ordered from New York.

His transportation was a bright red station wagon equipped with dolls, trains on tracks, and carousels. The cold Texas air was filled with beautiful Christmas music, that flowed from "Mr. Santa's" homemade P.A. system. It was a sight to behold!

The station wagon "sleigh" was kept in a barn, hidden all year until the magic time of appearance, the Christmas season. Fuel for his "sleigh" was no problem, as Gulf Oil had issued him a credit card with just the name, "Santa Claus".

In Austin, one year, Lyndon Johnson followed him all over town trying to find out who he 'really' was. They had a long chat, but Mr. Santa did not reveal his true identity. "Word was Mr. Johnson traced his license number because he later received a beautiful tie from President Johnson from the White House.

Many bright eyed children watched in awe when "Mr. Santa" drove his little red "Sleigh" into town enchanting them with gifts and candy.

"Mr. Santa" usually entertained large groups of children and adults, but a lot of times he would go to see shut-ins, special friends,



courtesy photo

**Chrysler Powered Santa** — Eldorado's Edwin Jackson, "Mr. Santa" posed with the 1956 "Power Style" Chrysler station wagon he used to deliver toys to children throughout West Texas.

or maybe just some one that looked like they needed a kind word. Once on his way back home, in Eldorado, after his two week journey he noticed a small farm house. He stopped and went to the door. An old man answered the door, quiet surprised, and said, after a pause, "Well Santa I sure am glad to see you - come on in." He called Ma to come see who was there. He then introduced Santa to his retarded daughter. They agreed this was the best Christmas they had ever had.

Christmas eve every year brought Mr. Santa Claus, Edwin Jackson, back home to his family, exhausted and happy.

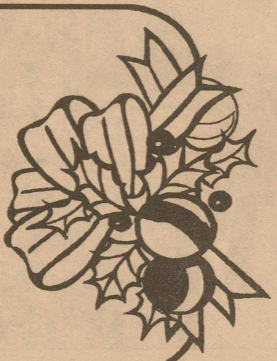
"Mr. Santa Claus" Edwin Jackson died April 5, 1964, but his memory lives on in the hearts of many.

### Methodists plan Christmas Eve candlelight service

The congregation of the First United Methodist Church invites everyone to join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Friday, December 24, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the FUMC Sanctuary.

Please bring your family and friends and join us for this special service as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

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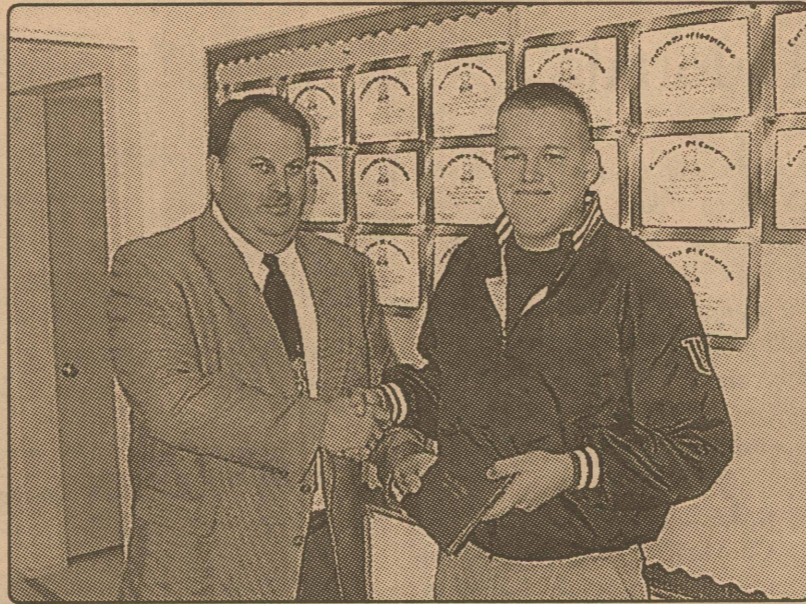
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**Merry Christmas**



**Shaw's Motel**

Edith Shaw  
Christine Hodges



*photo by Randy Mankin*  
**Congratulations**—Bob Wanoreck, Principal of SCISD's Alternative Education Program campus presented John M. Anthony a high school diploma on Wednesday, December 17. Anthony plans to move to Kansas where he will work. He plans to attend college in the near future.

## Are you Y2K prepared?

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 notes on its website that, since its power system is interconnected with utilities across the nation, no guarantees can be made.

The American Red Cross thinks the best advice for those concerned about Y2K is to prepare for it like any unforeseen disaster. Maintain some "common sense supplies" that will serve in the event of storm, flood or other disaster. Among those supplies are:

- a battery operated radio
- a flashlight
- a first aid kit
- a supply of drinking water in plastic containers...three gallons of water per person.
- a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- food for infants
- prescription drugs such as heart and high blood pressure medications and insulin
- denture needs
- contact lenses, supplies and extra eye glasses.
- a large, covered trash container

- a duffle bag
- vitamins
- non-prescription drugs
- antiseptic
- a thermometer
- a supply of paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- a non-electric can opener and a utility knife
- cash or travelers checks, including pocket change
- a fire extinguisher
- plastic sheeting
- personal hygiene products such as soap, toilet paper and moistened towelettes
- warm clothing and bedding

Y2K is the hot topic of conversation these days and some are predicting gloom and doom. Who knows, two weeks from now we may all be talking about what a dud it was. But, just in case, a few common sense precautions seem to be the safe bet.

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## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

On December 20, 1999 Old Man Winter had come to Eldorado as members of Xi Xi Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their annual Christmas dinner at Casa Arispe restaurant.

The weather outside was cold, but inside Casa Arispe spirits were warm as the ladies visited in the very beautiful decorated room. Red table covers, candles and a decorated Christmas tree gave the room a festive appearance.

After dinner the ten members went to the home of Delmer and Barbara Jackson where hostesses Rosemary Ridgeway and Nancy McCray served punch and a delicious chocolate cake. There was also hot spiced tea prepared by

hostess Barbara Jackson and a fire in the fireplace to warm those who were cold from the 30 something temperature outside.

The highlight of the Christmas celebration was a secret sister gift exchange. After the gifts were opened each revealed who their secret sister had been and drew names for 2000.

Oth members present were: Kim-et Nelson, Mary Jenkins, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Dorothy Clark, Flora Hubble, Linda Lindsey and Dorothy Dacy.

Barbara Jackson reported that she had drawn a boy and girl name from the angel tree at 1st Community Federal Credit Union and bought and delivered the gifts the prior week.



*courtesy photo*  
**Another nice rack** — Lee Morrison of San Angelo, grandson of Hal and Jeri Whitten shows off a 9-point buck he killed last week on his grandparents ranch.

## DPS urges caution over holidays

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- 61 percent of the Christmas fatalities weren't wearing seatbelts.
- 35 percent of the fatal crashes during the New Year's holiday were related to alcohol.
- 11 percent of the New Year's fatalities weren't wearing seatbelts.

This year's New Year's Eve

celebrations may bring out even more people than other years, and drivers should be aware of other drivers around them.

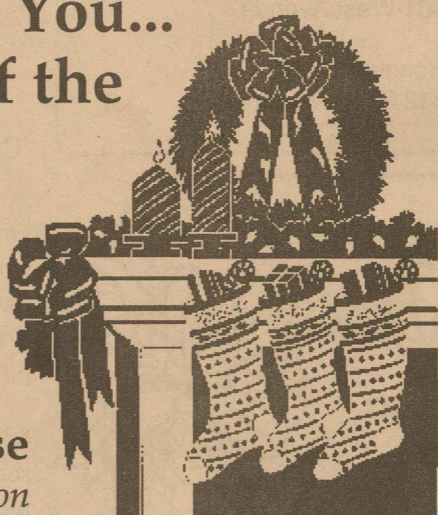
"There may be many impaired drivers out on the roads New Year's Eve," Thomas said. "DPS will have all available troopers on the roads to look for drunk drivers. We need the public's help, too. If you see someone who looks like they're driving drunk, call 911 if you have access to a cellular phone and you can safely make the call."

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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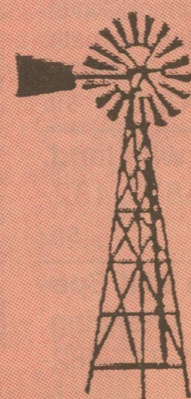


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