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Briefs

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Jan. 2nd from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Education Center at the corner of 4th & Chestnut. Please bring child's immunization records to clinic, along with any medical cards. For more information, call 325-754-4935.

Early Deadlines
The *Colorado City Record* will have early deadlines next week also, due to the upcoming New Year's holiday. Deadlines for next week's paper have been pushed back to Monday at 10 a.m. That means anyone wanting to submit anything for next week's paper should do so by Monday, December 31, at 10 a.m. Thank you!

Livestock Show
The Mitchell County Livestock Show will be held Jan. 10-12 at the county's ag barn, west of downtown Colorado City. For more information on show times, see story on page 3.

City Closure
Westbrook City Hall will be closed through January 1 for holidays and vacation.

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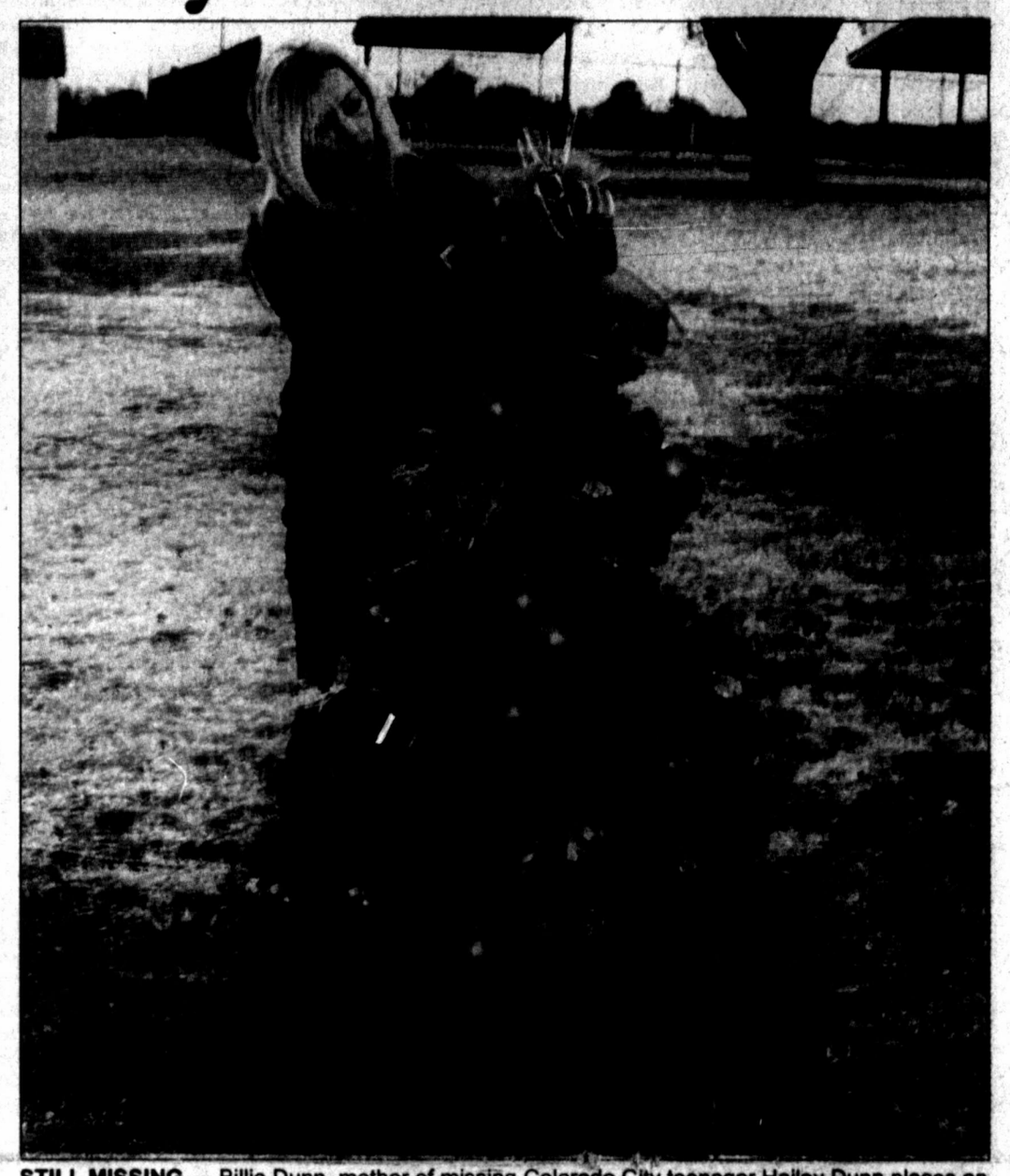
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City marks somber anniversary

Hailey Dunn now missing for two years



STILL MISSING — Billie Dunn, mother of missing Colorado City teenager Hailey Dunn places an angel on the top of a Christmas tree at Ruddick Park during a candlelit vigil to mark the two-year anniversary of the day she went missing.

It was a somber day Saturday as more than 40 people quietly found their way to the western-most pavilion at Ruddick Park for a vigil marking the second anniversary of the disappearance of Colorado City's missing cheerleader, Hailey Dunn. The then-13-year-old was last seen December 27, 2010, as she left her home on Chestnut Street, walking to a friend's house, a house authorities say she never reached.

The actual anniversary of Hailey's disappearance will be marked by a "walk of faith" at 3:15 p.m. Thursday. According to event organizer Holly Jenkins, people wearing pink flip flops, as Hailey did, will walk from the house where she lived to her father's house and then to her friend's house, where tracking dogs lost her scent. Jenkins, who helped search for Hailey, said the walk takes about 20 minutes.

"Anybody can walk with us," she said. "The walk will be held each year until we know something. She deserves for us to hope for the best."

Saturday in Ruddick Park, friends and family joined Billie Dunn for the candle-lit vigil, as each placed ornaments on a small Christmas tree, already decorated with Hailey Dunn's favorite colors of purple and blue.

This year will make the second Christmas Billie Dunn has been through without Hailey with her.

"We didn't celebrate Christmas last year," Billie Dunn said. "This year I am going to stay in Snyder with my brothers and my mom. We'll celebrate Christmas there, exchanging gifts, but on Christmas day, my son and I will probably be driving back to Austin."

Billie Dunn's son, David, is 18 years old now and lives with her in Austin. When asked if she intended to go by her former home in Colorado City, Dunn said it was too difficult.

"The last vigil, her birthday vigil in August, we had at the house," Dunn explained. "It just really breaks my heart looking at that house where we were all a family at, and now it's just a broken home. There's just me and David left, basically. I have a hard time going by there."

When asked if she had any doubts her daughter Hailey would return home someday, Billie Dunn said she still had hope.

"I have no doubt she will be found," the missing girl's mother said as the tears began to form in the corners of her eyes, "and I am still hopeful I am going to get her back alive."

Hoover named interim city manager

In a called meeting of the City Council of the City of Colorado City Friday evening, a short-staffed council appointed David Hoover as the city's interim city manager after the resignation of Fabio Angell.

For the second week in a row, the entirety of the meeting was conducted behind closed doors in an executive session of the council, though it was a meeting which almost did not happen.

At 5 p.m., when the meeting was scheduled, only Mayor Carol Sue Dakan and council member Andrew Fuller were present. However, phone calls to council members Ed Blake and Marcelo Alvarez Jr. got the necessary bodies around the table for a quorum and allowed the proceedings to continue as planned.

Hoover had recently taken over the vacated public works director position, while still running his own department in code enforcement. When asked if he would be expected now to cover three lists of job responsibilities, council member Fuller was fervent with hope.

"I feel like since he has been in public works for some time now and our situation right now without a city manager, he has the experience to fill the position on an interim basis," Fuller said. "One

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Bynum cashes big at National Finals Rodeo

Mention rodeo and most people imagine 3,000 pound bulls dancing a tangled tango with a downed cowboy, while the bullfighters do their best to cut in. But there are other events which take place within a rodeo that do not always make the news broadcast, but Colorado City resident Bradley Bynum has shown that they deserve their place in at the top as well. Bynum, who splits his time living with sister Terra Gernantz and her husband Joseph in Colorado City and the family ranch in Sterling City, was ranked 14th in the country as a calf roper when he headed into the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas this month. He turned in a time of 7.2 seconds

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SOMETHING RARE IN RODEO WORLD — Colorado City resident Bradley Bynum recorded a rare 6.9 second time during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas this month. Bynum's efforts at the annual star-studded event propelled him from a 14th place world ranking to 7th place in just 10 days.

Mitchell County joins 3-county court at law

In a called meeting Friday morning, the Mitchell County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution declaring Mitchell County would take part in a three-county court at law along with Nolan and Fisher Counties.

District Judge Glen Harrison, along with Nolan County Judge David Hall, was on hand to answer any questions the county may have had on the issue, while all the while, insisting it was a win-win situation.

"We have looked over this repeatedly and cannot see where anything which would stop us

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LOCAL NEWS

Carrizo Springs offers glimpse of city's future

CARRIZO SPRINGS (AP) – Dulce Garcia, 32, left a government-subsidized apartment a year ago, moving with her three children, including one with severe disabilities, into her brother's small, one-story house.

She thought the arrangement would be short-lived but now her family has been "doubled up" for a year.

Garcia's kids are among a rising population of students in the Carrizo Springs Consolidated Independent School District who are living in temporary or substandard housing. The number of district students considered homeless under federal law has increased from 85 to more than 200 in just one year, as a housing shortage caused by the area's oil and gas boom pushes rents ever higher.

"Some local families are living where there's no electricity. Some where there's no running water," district Superintendent Deborah Dobie said.

Many others have moved in with family members living in public housing units, who risk eviction if discovered, she said.

The rise in homeless students is just one worry facing school districts, such as Carrizo Springs, that sit in the heart of the oil- and gas-rich Eagle Ford Shale region.

Dobie said she's seeing more migrant students and more who speak only Spanish, posing new challenges for the district's six schools. Students who move around a lot can miss big chunks of the curriculum because different schools don't necessarily cover material in the same order. Previous schools might not send records for weeks, at which point, the families could be gearing up to move again, following the pipeline.

"They don't know if they're coming back or not. It all depends on the dad's job. They stay behind," said Aracelia Hernandez, a bilingual teacher at Carrizo Springs Elementary School.

Serving the needs of a highly mobile population presents other difficulties, especially in a district with just 2,428 students. As an example, Dobie cited a transfer student who had attended school in a special unit for students with behavioral issues.

"We didn't have one," she said. "We had to establish one. That cost us about $60,000, and they were gone in four months."

The district is understaffed as well.

Employees such as bus drivers, cafeteria workers and custodians are hard to hire and retain because the district can't compete with higher pay in the oil field, and housing is tough to come by.

In neighboring Cotulla ISD, Superintendent Jack Seals said he isn't seeing the kind of changes in student demographics that Dobie describes, but inflated wages and a lack of affordable housing have made hiring difficult there as well.

As superintendent, Seals lives in a district-owned house called a teacherage.

Behind him, a small, ramshackle house rents for $4,500 a month, he said, noting that eight oilfield workers lived there at one time.

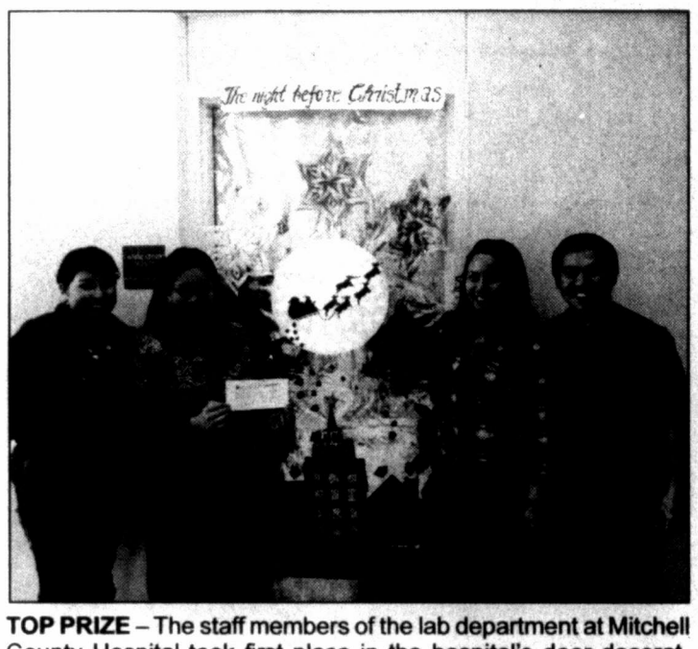
"Our teachers can't afford this kind of thing," Seals said. "Their gross is not even $4,500."

He takes pains to ensure that new hires understand the situation after one teacher signed a contract, but then resigned before the school year started, unable to find suitable housing.

Some Cotulla district employees now live in trailers on district property, renting hookups from the district.

In Carrizo Springs, a half-dozen teachers live in RV parks, including Jef Kerrigan, 54, who lives in a 1977 camper van that he spent weeks decking out with vintage 1960s shelf paper, bright paint and a poster that reads:

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TOP PRIZE – The staff members of the lab department at Mitchell County Hospital took first place in the hospital's door decorating contest. Shown from left to right are: Amanda Rivera, Jean Dagondon, Abigail Pupos and Gregorio Paradero. Not pictured are Francis Macalalag and Louisa Mercado.



SO CLOSE – Amanda Rivera (left) is seen presenting the $50 prize for second place in the door decorating contest at MCHD to Jennifer Hale in the physical therapy/cardiac rehabilitation department.

OBITUARIES

Don L. Graham
1956-2012

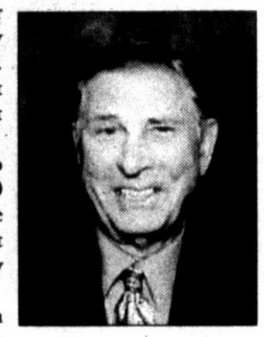
ROSCOE – Don L. Graham, age 55, died on December 22, 2012, at Hendrick Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 27, 2012 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Brian Brownlow officiating. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Mr. Graham was born December 23, 1956, in Sweetwater. He was a graduate of Loraine High School in 1975 and attended Texas Tech University for three years. He married Sandra Kay Hale August 15, 1981, in Panhandle. Don worked for the Texas Department of Public Safety for 28 years before retiring in December of 2006. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Graham of Roscoe; a son, Cody Graham of Canyon; his parents, Doris and Donald Graham of Loraine; nieces, Tina Sims and husband, Brandon, of Borger, Lisa Shepard and husband, Tyler, of Houston, Erin Graham of Denton; nephews, Ryan Graham of Colorado City, Shawn Graham of Kingwood; father-in-law, Shirley Hale of Pampa; brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Susie Dwight of Pampa; uncle, Bobby Graham and wife, Wanza, of Loraine; aunts, Shirley Graham of Loraine, Evely Landra of San Antonio and Laveda Brooks of Burleson; four great-nephews; one great-niece; and several cousins.

Pallbearers will be Wes Williams, Daniel Garcia, Dan Dwight, Gary Williams, Gary Ward and Allan McIntire.

Price Morris
1929-2012



MARBLE FALLS – Price Morris, age 83, after months of struggling with an illness, passed away December 19, 2012, with his family by his side. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Marble Falls on December 29, 2012 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ross Chandler officiating.

Price was born January 15, 1929 in Colorado City. He worked in the oil industry for over 40 years. He retired in 1993 and moved to Marble Falls in 1995. Price served as an active deacon at the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls for many years. Price and Jean were married for 62 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Morris; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Pam Morris; two grandsons, Steven Morris and Michael Morris; and sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Charles Dockrey.

Memorials may be made to Seton Hospice or First Baptist Church of Marble Falls. Condolences may be offered at www.clementswilcoxfuneralhome.com.

Hodges Lee Mays
1932-2012



COLORADO CITY – Hodges Lee Mays, age 80, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at his residence in Colorado City. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 22, 2012, at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Colorado City with Rev. Jesse Hooper officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Mays was born on July 20, 1932, in Leona. He was a retired railroad worker and previous bricklayer.

Survivors include one daughter, Pauline Rucker of Arlington; one son, Alton Ausbie of Colorado City; five sisters and one brother-in-law, Betty Mayes, Ellie Mae Moore, and Rosie Hubbard, all of Midland, Dorothy Steadham of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Lula May and Rev. H.R. Fleetwood of Farmington, New Mexico; one brother, Wendell Mayes of Abilene; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Booker and Texanner Mays; one son, Hubert Green; one grandson, Lemarcus Bell; one great-grandchild, Julian Parker; and 17 brothers and sisters.

Narzee Browne
1921-2012



COLORADO CITY – Mrs. Narzee Browne, age 91, died Monday morning, December 24, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 28th in the Colorado City Cemetery with Truman Stinson officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

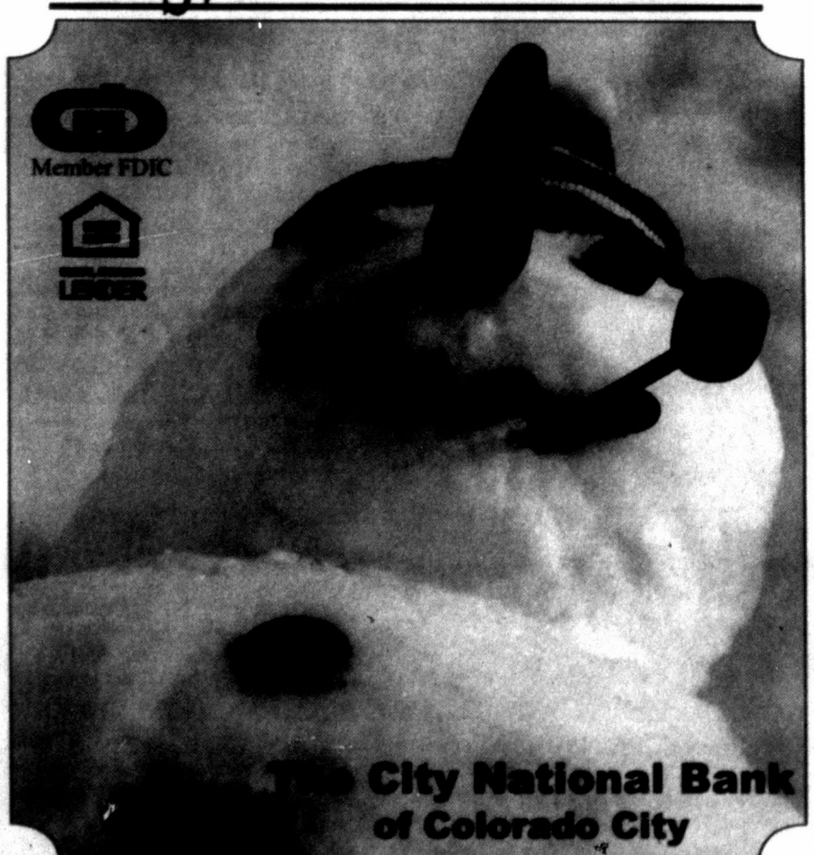
Mrs. Browne was born March 29, 1921 in Elmdale to Hollie and Jewel Bryan Rowland and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1937. She married Ellis Browne on August 6, 1938, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on February 17, 1999. She was a homemaker and attended the Westbrook Church of Christ.

She is survived by a son, Jimmy and wife, Leona Browne, of Colorado City; a daughter-in-law, Nelda Browne Linscomb of Junction; a brother, Bryan Rowland of Colorado City; a sister, Jo Beth Baumann of Loraine; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

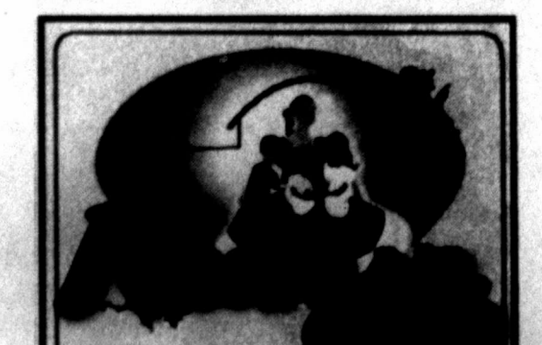
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LOCAL NEWS

Area schools among those with emergency plan on file with state

According to the attorney general's office, a sad, possibly disastrous trend is running through Texas schools. According to a recent press release, 78 Texas school districts either have failed to submit state-mandated safety plans in the event of a mass shooting or have filed ones that are too incomplete to be useful, Attorney General Greg Abbott said on Dec. 17.

None of the schools in Mitchell County were on the list. In order to file the report with the attorney general's office, school districts are required to hire an outside firm to run an audit on the district's plan. Then, the district is allowed to submit the required plan. Colorado, Loraine and Westbrook ISD's have all three complied with this, receiving favorable nods from their respective audits.

His finding came three days after Gov. Rick Perry ordered a statewide review to ensure Texas schools are prepared to handle attacks such as the one in Newtown, Conn., that left 26 people dead, including 20 children.

"There's nothing we can do to bring back the loss of life of the school children in Connecticut," Abbott said at a news conference. "There is, however, something we can do to make sure schoolchildren in Texas will not meet a similar fate."

Abbott released a list of those failing to comply, which included Beaumont Independent School District. But many of the rest of the districts were small or very rural, or both.

Asked if $5.4 billion in cuts to public education and grant programs approved by the Texas Legislature last year might have made it more difficult for small districts to comply, Abbott noted, "I think the school in Connecticut was a smaller school."

"It doesn't matter if a school district is very small," he said. "The danger their students face is very large."

The state education code requires all of Texas' 1,025 total school districts to submit safety audits that must be updated every three years and include plans on what to do in case of a school shooter or other catastrophes. The list of districts that have failed to comply was compiled by the Texas School Safety Center, which was created in 1999 in the aftermath of the Columbine shootings in Colorado and promotes school safety.

Abbott said he issued a letter to the districts in violation explaining "the absolute necessity" to comply immediately. The attorney general said he reviewed state law and had not found any mechanism whereby districts that fail to produce adequate safety plans could face sanctions, though he intends to keep looking. But he also said that he hoped simply calling attention to the issue would prompt those districts to act.

"As we have all observed, coming up with a plan in the midst of a shooting incident is a recipe for complete disaster," Abbott said. "The only way these schools can do everything possible to try to achieve the highest level of safety for their students is to have a detailed plan in place, and then practice that plan in the event that a shooter does come on campus."

Perry asked Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams to ensure that all Texas schools are prepared to execute plans to secure the safety of students and staff.

In a letter to school districts statewide, Williams said Texas law requires them to have emergency plans that "address mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery," while including emergency-response training for district employees, mandatory school drills and exercises on how to respond to an emergency, and bolstering coordination with law enforcement and other first responders.

At his news conference, Abbot was asked if teachers or other school personnel should be permitted to carry guns, and he noted that some districts around the state – like Harrold Independent School District in North Texas – already allow that. But, he added, that would be a matter for the state Legislature when it reconvenes Jan. 8.

"You can be assured that, in the aftermath of what happened in Connecticut, these legislators care dearly about the lives of students at their schools," Abbott said, "and they will evaluate all possible measures that are necessary to protect those lives."



LEADING THE WAY — Colorado Middle School principal Mark Merrell leads students out of the middle school last week, as the campus conducted a practice lock down and evacuation drill.

Livestock show slated Jan. 10-12

As the year ends and a new one begins, preparations are well under way for the 76th annual Mitchell County Livestock Show. The event will be held January 10-12, 2013 at the Mitchell County rodeo grounds, located on Business I-20, and will be dedicated to the memory of Frank Brownfield and Douglas Bell.

The Mitchell County Livestock Association provides Mitchell County students the opportunity to win approximately $6,000 in scholarships.

Both the Lions Club and the Brylenn Jo Stone Memorial Scholarships will present $500 to exhibiting seniors.

Rick Alvarez and Judy Honeycutt will present a $2,500 Raymond Fuller Memorial Scholarship to a senior exhibiting in the livestock show.

The Virginia Fuller Memorial Scholarship of $2,500 will be awarded to a Mitchell County high school senior. The recipient does not have to participate in the livestock show to be eligible.

Additional awards include the Rookie Top Hand award presented by Browne Bros. Inc to a first year exhibitor, the Top Hand award presented by Brodie and Malarie Harris to the exhibitor who, by decision of the show committee, makes the top hand and contributes most to the success of the show, and the Overall Showmanship award sponsored by RJR Livestock-Senter Brothers for the top showmanship exhibitor showing in two or more divisions. The Overall Showmanship award will be presented by the Mitchell County 4-H and FFA Livestock Association and the winner must own an animal shown in at least one division.

All animals will be required to be in the barn by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, with the weighing to begin at 5 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 11, the show starts at 9 a.m. for hogs, goats, the Peewee goat show, lambs, heifers and steers.

The premium sale will start setting up at 9 a.m. Saturday and will lead up to the buyers' meal. The meal, prepared by Matt Syler and Brandon Hale and sponsored by Lonestar Ag Credit in Sweetwater, will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The awards will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, with the premium sale beginning immediately afterward at 1 p.m.

This year's directors are President Brodie Harris, Vice-President Jim Cogburn, Secretary Dee Roach, Treasurer Teresa Beckmeyer, Finance Chairman Jeremy Strain and Premium Sale Chairman Dalton Maddox.

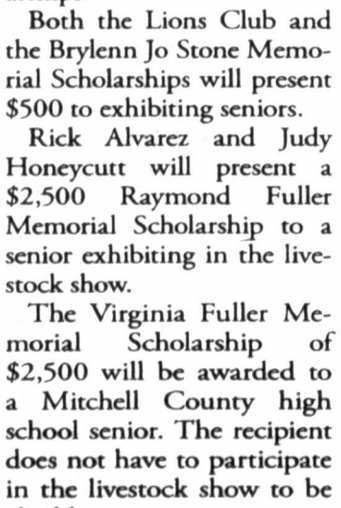
Advisors are Mitchell County vocational ag teachers Robin Senter (Colorado City), Jennifer Morris (Colorado City), Duffy Galloway (Loraine), David Bray (Westbrook) and Mitchell County Extension Agent Robert Ferguson.

Livestock superintendents and assistants will be Larry Don Dawson and Robert Cox in the cattle division, Nub Morris and Donald Smith in the sheep category, Mike Hill and Jeff Ellis in the swine department and Mike Jordan and Tommy Morris for the goat category.

This year's judge for swine, steers, goats, sheep and heifers will be Irasmo (IZZY) Cardenas from Floresville.







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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The angel walked with a limp

A tired old lady in a small East Texas town had two daughters and a son. The son had not been home for 20 years. He was a cab driver in Houston.

The lady's three offspring had fought each other for most of their lives.

While they were growing up, the older daughter and the son ganged up on the younger girl. They locked her in closets, told her she was adopted and would seldom let her run around with them.

One day the older daughter was talking to her mother and asked her what she wanted for Christmas.

"I'd just love to have my three children here in my house for Christmas dinner and not be fussing," the mother replied.

While driving his cab in Houston one day, the son saw a woman walking with a limp. She was crossing the street in front of his cab.

She had trouble getting onto the curb, so he got out of his cab and helped her. He stood beside his vehicle and watched her walk slowly and painfully down the sidewalk.

His eyes followed her a long while, long enough for traffic to back up behind him. Some irate drivers let him know what they thought about him just standing there in the middle of the street. Several horns honked.

He got back in his cab and drove straight to his mother's house, 200 miles away.

It was Christmas Eve.

He got to his mother's house to find his two sisters tending to their ailing mother. They prepared a substantial meal and all sat down together. The meal was a success. The son and his sisters hugged each other, talked about the past, laughed with their mother and had a good time. There was no fussing. The son gave his mother his telephone number.

After the dinner, the three returned to their homes.

The next day the mother died. One of the sisters found the brother's telephone number and he was able to help his sisters bury their mother.

The son said he thought the woman who limped across the street in front of his cab was an angel.

The three are no longer estranged. They call each other frequently and talk in loving terms about their mother and growing up together. They joke about some of their childhood pranks.

And the brother remembers that angel.

Stop the insanity, Colorado City

By Robert Griffin

First and foremost, I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. With the sudden realization our schools are not as safe as we would like them, the resignation of our city manager and the hint of the world's ending last Friday, there was reason for many of us to worry instead of celebrating.

I hope you chose the latter. I hope you all gathered with family and friends and enjoyed each other's company until it made you sicker than that last piece of pie – the one you just had to have, no matter how much your wife warned you that you didn't need it. Or, was that just my Christmas?

Also during the time since our last edition, I had the responsibility of taking a few pictures at the Hailey Dunn vigil, marking the two-year anniversary of her disappearance in 2010. The gathering, which took place at Ruddick Park Saturday, gave a glimpse of another example of hardship which has found its way into Colorado City recently.

You have been through a lot. I guess my question would be how much more can you take? After Fabio Angell resigned, city council member Keith Hiser said this town was "resilient and would bounce back," but there has to be a limit.

It is with this in mind that I tell you what I think might not be a bad idea. While I think David Hoover was a great choice for an interim city manager, I believe he would be an even better choice for a permanent city manager. Let's be honest with each other here – what do we really expect to find while looking for a leader from a strange land?

I see Hoover as a man who stepped up when the city needed someone to take over the public works department.

He never asked to replace himself in code enforcement, simply saying the position would be handled the same as it had before. This means he would continue to do it, along with his new duties. Friday night, when he was again asked to step up and help the city out, he never hesitated, taking on the added responsibilities in stride, never asking who would replace him at code enforcement and public works.

Do we really think we can find someone who is willing to sacrifice more for this city than Hoover, simply by combing the colleges and trade magazines? Have you met the man?

At some point, this city needs to stop the bleeding and let the healing begin. I personally believe Hoover should be recognized as more than the *Hello Kitty* band aid we have been using him for. He is one of our own and his actions have shown a commitment to this city which is beyond contestation.

We need to stop dreaming there is a man or woman out there somewhere who has never heard of Colorado City, but who would be willing to put our needs first. Do you think that man exists, someone who is unaware of how many city managers we have gone through in the last few years, someone who would abandon their own home to come here because they care about us?

I think I would come closer to trusting a man who has already proven he cares about this city, someone who would undoubtedly do his very best to make decisions with the city's best interest in mind. I think I would come closer to trusting a man like Hoover than anybody else we might stumble across during this trying time for our city.

Over the last year, I have made it a point to stay out of the political battles within this city, but at some point, even the most well-disciplined writer will get to the point where his heart will defeat his desires to simply remain a part of the background. What we are suggesting, advertising for another city manager, has been done before...and again before that. Insanity has most frequently been defined as: doing the same thing repeatedly, while expecting a different result.

Come on Colorado City, let's stop the insanity.

ANSWER MAN

BY DR. LARRY FITZGERALD

Q: Is celebrating Christmas found in the Bible? Should we celebrate it?

A: For years, many Christians have celebrated Christmas. Some have not. Some only in a limited way.

Following the tradition of Oliver Cromwell and his 17th century brand of Puritanism, some 21st century Christians refuse any association with the holiday other than attending religious services. Still others ban Christmas events all together, claiming that they were of pagan origin. They put up no lights or tree or wreaths and give no presents. In churches led by such people, to read anything about the birth of Christ in December could cause a preacher to lose his job.

What are the facts about Christmas? First, we do not know when Christ was born. However, the date, December 25, was chosen by the church in Italy. It is believed by some historians that this date was chosen in an effort to compete with the pagan Saturnalia festival. However, it has been pointed out that the date of this festival was December 21. Other historians point out that the "Festival of the Lights" (Hanukkah) began on the 25th of the Jewish month roughly corresponding to the Roman December. First called the "Feast of the Nativity," the Christmas custom spread to Egypt by 432 and to England by the end of the sixth century. By the end of the eighth century, the celebration had spread all the way to Scandinavia.

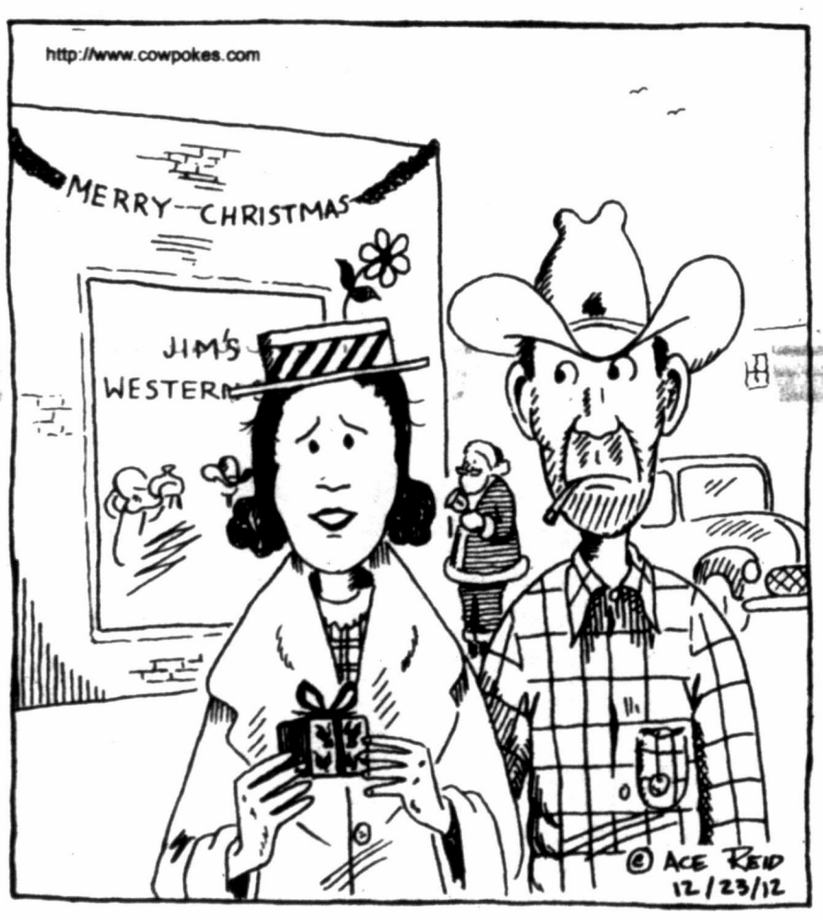
Is Christmas a religious "holy day" found in the Bible? No. In fact, people of the first century apparently didn't celebrate anyone's birthday. However, the Bible does point out that if individuals want to keep a day special, it's their choice (Romans 14:5-6).

However, whether or not you choose to celebrate December 25, there is one fact that cannot be disputed – Jesus was born.

To ask questions send an email to drfitz3@aol.com. We will do our best to find an answer for you.

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By Ace Reid



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In last week's edition of the *Record*, a letter to the editor from Janie Pfeuffer was published. In the letter, she stated that her wallet had been stolen out of her purse on Sunday, December 9th.

On Friday, December 21st, Pfeuffer called the *Record* office and reported that her faith in humanity had been somewhat restored. Daniel and Betty Sanchez found Pfeuffer's wallet in a trash can at the carwash located across the street from Fuller Foods.

The Sanchez's were kind enough to return the wallet to Pfeuffer, and everything inside the wallet was intact except for the cash which had been removed.

Pfeuffer was so excited to get her wallet containing her person information back in her possession, she called the *Record* to say how happy she is and that there are still good people in this world.

Thank you, Daniel and Betty Sanchez, and merry Christmas to you!

WEATHER WHYS

Q: Sometimes you hear of something called St. Elmo's Fire. What is it?

A: It's one of nature's more unusual displays, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. When skies are stormy and lightning is present, St. Elmo's Fire can occur. "It's an electrical discharge in the air and instead of appearing like a lightning bolt, it appears like a glow around an object, especially tall ones like church steeples or masts on ships," he explains. "It is scientifically known as a corona or point discharge, where the electrical field strength reaches 1,000 volts per centimeter. It can only occur during an electrical storm. When a thunderstorm occurs, the air between the clouds and the ground can become statically charged, resulting in a 'glow discharge.' It's different from lightning in that it is continuous and its glow around an object can last for several minutes. It's the same principle used to create fluorescent tube lighting."

Q: Has it been around a long time?

A: For thousands of years, but it has been called different names and described in many ways, adds McRoberts. It is named after Saint Elmo, the patron saint of sailors. St. Elmo's Fire was mentioned in one of Julius Caesar's "Commentaries," also in Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" and other works, and Ben Franklin noticed its appearance around steeples during his experiments with lightning. "It's usually described as a blue or bluish-white glow attached to an object, and sometimes this gives off a very eerie, ghost-like appearance," he adds. "Sailors considered it a good omen. Today, it can also appear on the wings of airplanes and propellers, and it can disrupt radio transmission. It sounds like a hissing noise on radio receivers, according to many pilots."

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LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY

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from doing what we would like to do," Judge Harrison said. "We have shown it to our state representatives as well and they cannot see any problems."

The proposed multi-county court at law, basically, would allow the county's court system to use the same infrastructure as the district court, allowing a fluid exchange of judges between the three counties. In addition, the three counties would each receive $75,000 of state-issued federal funds as a way of repaying the county's court costs. Based on populations from the three counties, after expenses, Mitchell County could expect to retain approximately $20,000 of the payment from the state. But it still has to be presented to the Texas legislature.

One main concern voiced by the commissioners was what would happen if the government stopped this payment, would the county still be responsible for the extra $50,000 in fees and costs?

"Is there something in this which would allow us to opt out if that happens?" Jeremy Strain asked Harrison. "I mean it sounds good now, but what if the state changes the structure of the statutes which are already in place? Can we get out of it?"

Harrison assured Strain and the other commissioners that the county would, in fact, have an option of exiting the group if unfavorable changes were made, and the court unanimously approved the resolution.

In other business, the court awarded a contract to Andrews and Foster for drilling two test wells for the county's desal project. The company came in as the lowest of three bidders, with a total bid for the two wells at $38,076. The bid would cover the drilling of one two-inch well and one eight-inch well, with the possibility of restructuring the bid if the eight-inch well comes in good.

According to Sue Young with the Board of Economic Development, the wells will be drilled on land the county is in the process of buying with a grant.

"The other party is ready to sign at this point," she told the court, "but the state will not let us do that until the first well is drilled. January 8 is when the driller would like to come and get started."

As Young was concluding her report on the county's test wells, she was asked by Commissioner Jesse Munoz how everything else was going and if she had any other updates for the court.

"Um, yes. Right now it looks like we have three hotels looking to come to the county, up from the two we were expecting," she told the court. "And we have a pretty good idea where the new power plant will be going, but we cannot say where exactly at this point."

"Do we have any news about the infrastructure on the hotels which might be getting worked on?" Commissioner Strain asked.

"It is getting worked on," she answered. Young said she had been talking to Donna Madrid and David Hoover about the infrastructure inside the city limits, since they were the interim city managers Friday.

"One of the hotels will not be in the city limits," she said. "Visiting with this third company about whether Loraine's infrastructure could handle a hotel, they tell me they are ready to get going and they can handle anything we need."

As Young finished her report, County Judge Ray Mayo joked that he would like to see a Holiday Inn in Loraine. Whether it will be a Holiday Inn or not remains to be seen, but the communication lines are open and it looks like Loraine could in fact be getting a hotel.

In other business, the court approved the payment of the county's payroll in the amount of $64,450.09, as well as the monthly bills in the amount of $108,260.24.

HOOVER

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of our concerns was that Hoover would be taking on a lot, but he does have a lot of help. There are a lot of people that can step up and help Mr. Hoover with code enforcement and public works. He's got a lot of good people at his disposal."

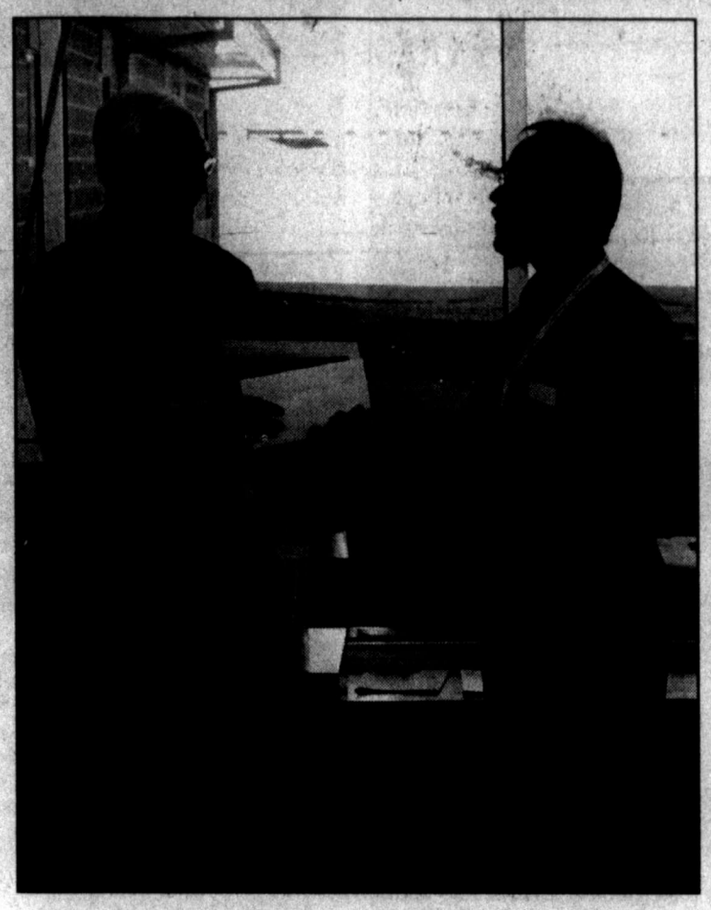
Hoover agreed to take on the interim position, which comes with a salary equivalent to $55,000 per year, without question.

"I am willing to do whatever is needed of me in this city," Hoover said.

After the last-minute meeting Friday evening before the holidays, with council members Sammy Contreras, Keith Hiser and Sue Mason absent, Mayor Dakan spoke of the council's decision to appoint Hoover to the position.

"This was a unanimous decision," Mayor Dakan said. "Mr. Hoover was the only choice offered for the temporary position in tonight's meeting."

The mayor said the council would not meet again until January 15, and at that point, they would discuss advertising for a new city manager.



GOING TO BE MISSED — Scooter McGaha (left) accepts a plaque of appreciation from Mitchell County Hospital District CEO Robbie Dewberry at a retirement ceremony held in McGaha's honor last week.

RODEO

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in the eighth round of the national Finaks and then an almost unheard of 6.9 in the ninth round. But as rare as the six-second time was, Bynum had to settle for a tie in the round as Clint Robinson hit the same mark.

Bynum's seventh place finish, in his first trip to the finals in Las Vegas, earned him $69,109 during the 10-day event, raising his earnings to $132,949 for the year. In addition, he obliterated his 14th place world standings and took his rightful place, now ranked seventh in the world.

The National Finals Rodeo was held Dec. 6-15 in Las Vegas.

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EXHIBIT C-3

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Other Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES			
5700	Local and intermediate sources	$ 4,761,690	$ 213,260	$ 4,974,950
5800	State program revenues	5,255,538	28,112	5,283,650
5900	Federal program revenues		1,618,127	1,618,127
5020	Total Revenues	10,017,228	1,859,499	11,876,727
	EXPENDITURES			
	Current:			
0011	Instruction	4,475,463	726,123	5,201,586
0012	Instructional resources & media	94,937		94,937
0013	Curriculum development	68,979	22,942	91,921
0021	Instructional leadership	216,028	742	216,770
0023	School leadership	491,872	1,370	493,242
0031	Guidance, counseling, & evaluation	209,323	16,962	226,285
0032	Social work services		13,624	13,624
0033	Health services	44,712		44,712
0034	Student (pupil) transportation	181,707		181,707
0035	Food service		510,255	510,255
0036	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	644,673	30,790	675,463
0041	General administration	274,521		274,521
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	1,494,662	117,020	1,611,682
0052	Security and monitoring services	3,178		3,178
0053	Data processing services	236,295	5,265	241,560
0061	Community services	2,438		2,438
0071	Debt service - principal on long term debt	306,334		306,334
0072	Debt service - interest on long term debt	89,319		89,319
0081	Facilities acquisition & construction	99,532	602,050	701,582
0093	Payments to fiscal agent/member districts	120,265		120,265
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	75,040		75,040
6030	Total Expenditures	9,129,278	2,047,143	11,176,421
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	887,950	(187,644)	700,306
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)			
7912	Sale of real & personal property	26,181		26,181
7914	Noncurrent loans	(1,898)		(1,898)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	24,283		24,283
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	912,233	(187,644)	724,589
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	4,633,919	463,012	5,096,931
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	$ 5,546,152	$ 275,368	$ 5,821,520

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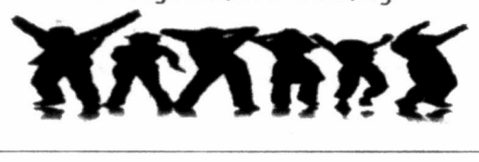


WHERE'S MY OFFICE? — Loraine superintendent Travis Edwards (left) listens as Dale Murphree of BTC walks him through the new school building in Loraine. The construction behind the two men will soon be the locker rooms for the athletes.

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Loraine ISD ahead of safety push

In last week's edition of the *Colorado City Record*, the Colorado ISD's emergency response plans were examined, as the matter grabbed national headlines after the shooting in Connecticut. This week, the *Record* took a look at Loraine ISD and their ongoing transformation from a small, outdated school district to a brand new facility, one superintendent Travis Edwards hopes to be in by August.

"If everything goes according to planned, we could be in our new facilities in time to start the 2013-2014 school year," Edwards said. "It has been a long time coming and we are really looking forward to the advantages the new buildings will offer our students."

Loraine ISD, led by Edwards back in May, passed a $13 million school bond and one of the main selling points had been the safety of the students, as there are currently many points of entrance within the district.

"A lot of the things everyone is scrambling to get done now, after the shooting, we were already working on," Edwards said. "The new school will have a single entrance point which will require students and all visitors to go through an area monitored by the office staff."

In addition, the new facilities will rely on the Raptor visitor monitoring system. This top of the line security system will take a visitors identification card and can instantly tell the school district if there are any concerns about letting the person inside. It displays federal warrants, as well as any prior arrests for any crime relating to children. But Loraine is not waiting for the new building to focus on their students' safety.

"We are already requiring that visitors turn in their identification in order to obtain a pass to enter the facility," Edwards said. "This way, they cannot exit through another door, as they will have to return to the office to retrieve their identification. Safety of the students has always been a high priority here at Loraine ISD and we intend to take that resolve into the future. Sure, there really is not a foolproof system available, but we intend to do everything we possibly can to come as close as we can. It's that important."

Edwards said that the doors which currently have student traffic, will have an adult present when the doors are open.

Edwards said he felt fairly confident about the district's ability to monitor and protect its students, based solely on the low number of students and low student to teacher ratio, but he said the administrative staff at Loraine was still considering the option used at Hutchinson Elementary in Colorado City. He said the district may go ahead and lock the front doors and require visitors to phone the school to be let into the building.

"We don't want it to be a huge inconvenience," Edwards said, "but we have the ultimate responsibility to protect our kids."

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2013; 6:00 P.M.
COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER,
157 W. 2ND, COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The City Council of the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on January 15th, 2013, to discuss a request from Tom Whitesides for a Street Abandonment of E. 24th Street between Hemphill Street and Watson Street in Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this request. The City Council Meeting will be held on January 15, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Adjacent Property Owners and Individuals residing within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

Signed
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PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2013; 6:00 P.M.
COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER
157 W. 2ND ST., COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The Zoning Commission for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on January 8, 2013 to discuss a request of Mitchell County BOED/ B & W Joint Venture LLC to rezone the South ½ of Block 8 of J. L. Hart Addition to the City of Colorado City, Mitchell County Texas. (2100 Block of Oak and Walnut Street) Mitchell County BOED/ B & W Joint Venture LLC request that the property in question be rezoned from Zone "R3" which is a Multi - Family District to Zone "C2" which is an Commercial Business District. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this rezoning request. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will then be placed on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Individuals residing within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

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SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Harris' class has been enjoying getting ready for Christmas. We have decorated ornaments, participated in the Christmas Program, and had Jingles (the elf on our shelf) visiting to report all of our great behavior back to Santa! Those pictured are: (back row, l-r) Frankie Bretz, Adisson Espinoza, Nate Wooddell, Abby Wood, Nicholas Ornelas, Izaya Vanderslice, River Gonzales (middle row) Teresa Burciago, Ismael Aguirre, Kadence Eades, Emiliano Martinez, Rogelio Duenez, Mia Cruz, Aiden Sullivan; (front row) Lexi Moore, Jzen DeLaPaz, Gabby Hernandez, and Xenia Quiroz.

Relay for Life planning annual event

Local volunteers and representatives from the American Cancer Society are diligently working on the 16th Annual Relay for Life of Mitchell County. This year, things will be a little different beginning with the time of year the event is held.

The event will revert back to an all-night occasion, but this time it will be held on the campus of Mitchell County Hospital. The relay will kick-off at 7 p.m. on April 12, 2013, with the Survivor's Lap. After the Survivor's Lap, the community is invited to attend a barbeque supper.

After dark, luminaria bags will line the track. The bags are available for purchase in memory of those that have lost their battle or to honor those still fighting. Then, families, teams and individuals will walk or run throughout the night to fight back against cancer.

There will be plenty of fun games and entertainment to keep everyone engaged and entertained until closing ceremonies at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 13th.

All proceeds from the Relay for Life allow the American Cancer Society to fund life-saving cancer research, education, advocacy and provide local patient services, such as gas cards, lodging, wigs and Personal Health Manager portfolios, just to name a few. In fact, in the last year alone, the American Cancer Society provided over 65 services to 39 patients right here in Mitchell County.

Relay representatives need the support of the community to make Relay for Life a success. Sponsors are being sought, as well as teams to participate in the event. Sponsorship is available on many levels, and can include prominent placement on the back of the t-shirts that will be distributed to all participants. The deadline to be included in this advertising is March 18, 2013. For more information about sponsorship, contact Sponsor Chair Karen Holman at 728-3431, ext. 7104.

Those wanting more information about forming a team or how to get involved, call Relay Chairman Cliff Shiller at 728-3431, ext. 7187 or ACS Relay for Life Staff Partner Amy Carnes at 325-672-3705. Teams, participants and survivors can register on the website: www.relayforlife.org/ColoradoCityTx.

Lady Bulldogs take loss

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs, led by top points earner Kristen Harris, took a beating last week when they ran into Cornerstone. The Lady Bulldogs were forced to watch as Cornerstone took a 35-11 halftime score and run it up to a 57-27 final mark.

The girls had their best quarter after the break, scoring 11 points in the third frame, while holding Cornerstone to 12, but they were unable to cage the Lady Lions for the rest of the match.



TO BETTER ARREST YOU WITH — The construction of the new law enforcement center in Colorado City is still ongoing, but passersby can get a good look at what the final project might look like once it is finished.

Loraine middle school girls hit the hardwood

The Loraine middle school Lady Bulldogs are off and running on the new basketball season, getting some great experience to help them along the way in their basketball pursuits.

The girls have not managed a win yet this season, but that does not mean they are not starting to come around. In losses to Ira and Highland, the girls put up nine points per game, with Jessica Lambaren accounting for 17 of the 18 points. Chelsi Gee scored one point in the loss to Ira, while Lambaren scored all nine of Loraine's points against Highland.

Lambaren scored four points in losses to Hermleigh, Westbrook and a second game with Ira. In the game with Ira, Nadia Gonzalez was good for two points to account, along with Lambaren's four points, for the Lady Bulldogs' final score of six points.

Sales tax allocations increase in county

Both the City of Colorado City and Mitchell County showed an increase in their December 2012 sales tax allocations compared to the same taxing period last year.

In December, the city received $56,762.30, up over 31 percent over last year.

The city has received $669,110.21 to date in 2012, up almost 13% over the 2011 total.

The county received $38,290.90, which is also up 86.38% over the same taxing period last year. The county's total for 2012 is up to $313,026.70, an increase of 20.06% over 2011.

The City of Loraine showed a slight increase, while Westbrook's numbers were down considerably.

"The state sales tax revenue in December was $2.34 billion, up 13.1 percent compared to November 2011," said State Comptroller Susan Combs.

"Gains across major sectors boosted state sales tax revenue," Combs said. "Collections were strong in sectors such as retail trade, manufacturing, oil and natural gas, construction and telecommunications."

REGIONAL SALES TAX ALLOCATION COMPARISON

City	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	+/-
Abilene	$3,072,171.65	$2,882,969.58	6.56%
Big Spring	$677,627.02	$520,654.58	30.14%
Colorado City	$56,762.30	$43,140.15	31.47%
Lamesa	$118,213.29	$102,728.08	15.07%
Loraine	$773.64	$773.64	17.61%
Lubbock	$4,742,960.05	$3,944,238.59	20.25%
Mitchell County	$38,290.90	$20,543.82	86.38%
Post	$87,020.55	$84,648.82	2.80%
Roby	$2,509.26	$1,603.37	56.49%
Rotan	$13,867.99	$13,587.27	2.06%
Snyder	$276,879.06	$296,882.03	-6.73%
Sweetwater	$236,159.60	$420,983.59	-43.90%
Westbrook	$139.83	$2,737.59	-94.89%

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Loraine Jr. high boys off to 1-5 start

The Loraine middle school Bulldogs basketball team is sporting a 1-5 record after defeating Westbrook recently. Though the record may not indicate it, the team is as close as they can be to a 3-2 record after falling in very close games to Highland and Roscoe. The team's nemeses seem to be Hermleigh and Ira this season, as indicated by the loss the boys suffered December 17 at the hands of Ira.

It would be the second half of the game before Loraine found the basket in the game, while Ira ran up a 23-0 halftime lead.

Brandon Lara led the Bulldogs with five points in the game, but it would not be enough as Ira rolled on through for a 52-11 win. Loraine did put on a good show in the fourth quarter, scoring nine points and holding Ira to a mere 12.

The boys will be back in action after the holidays, hosting dreaded Hermleigh Jan. 10 in Loraine.

Holiday Hours

The City National Bank
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Open Regular Hours January 2nd

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SONIC America's Drive-In.

Contest entries say a lot about residents of Mitchell County

When the Kiwaniannes held a contest asking folks to write about why they love living in Mitchell County, the entries started pouring in. Some of the entries follow.

Even when you call a wrong phone number - it's usually someone you know. And if you don't know them you can still talk for 10 minutes. - Gwen Henderson

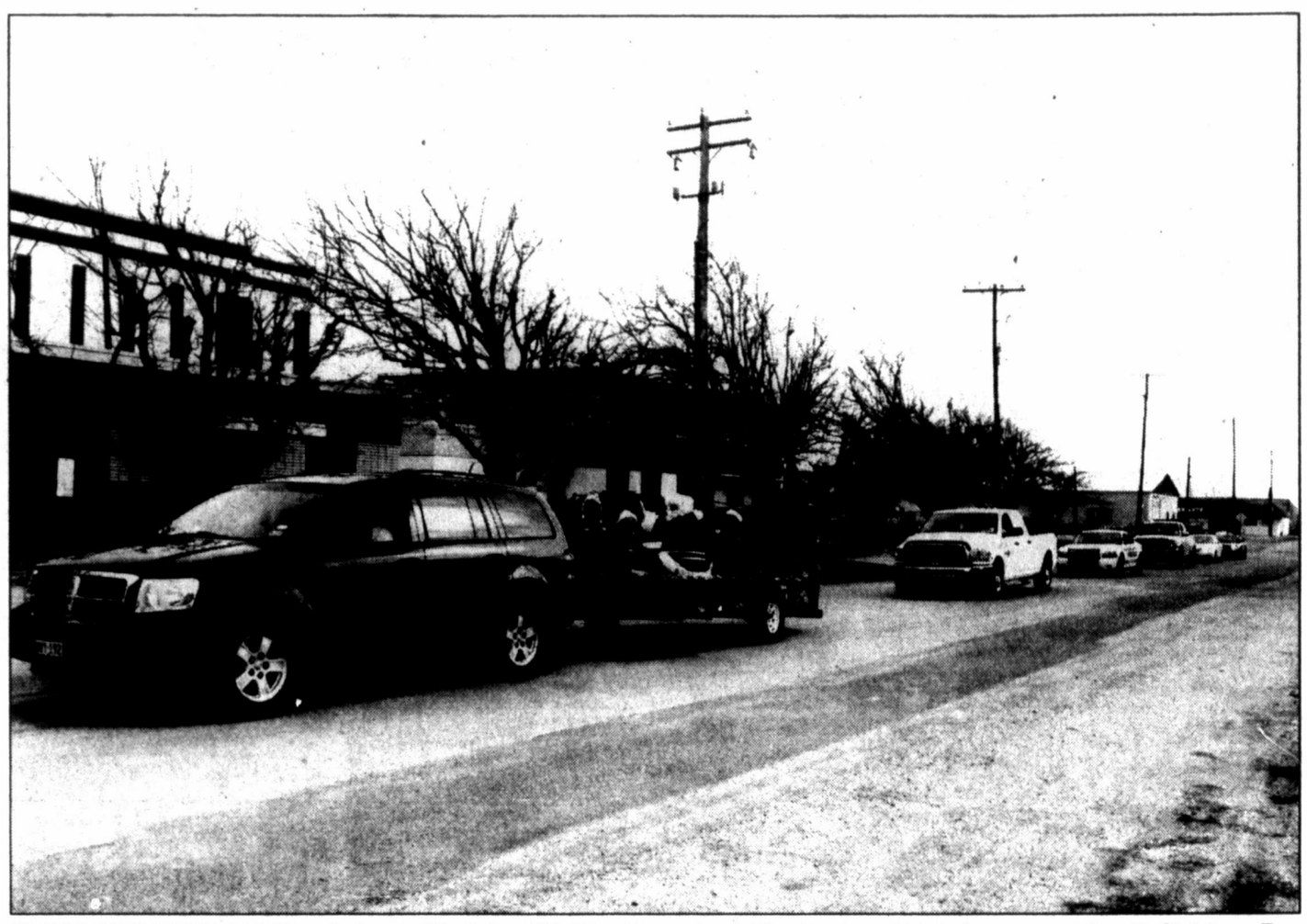
Because of family, education and business, my roots are deep, but temporary moves with military and travels with friends to far places have increased my love for living in Mitchell County. - Frances Godwin

No matter how many times I have moved away... I'm always accepted here. Love Mitchell County. - Christina Vigil

I love Loraine because it's a peaceful town, and it's my home. Most of all, I love my little town. - Rachel Moreno

Good friends, great kids, great church! - Daniel Sanchez

I love Mitchell County because my parents raised me here and now I'm raising my kids. - Maria Fuentes.



BLUE SANTA RIDES AGAIN — Colorado City Police Chief Roy Owens leads Blue Santa and his helpers around the city Christmas Eve to deliver toys to the boys and girls on his "nice" list.

FUTURE

From Page 2

"Hunter Thompson for Sheriff."

Parked in a corner of the Cactus Ranch RV park, his spot comes complete with a view of open brush land.

When there's a basketball game on, Kerrigan swivels his flat-screen TV to face the window, so he can sit outside and watch.

"I'm super happy," he said, one evening last week. "They told me I had a job, I bought the motor home the next day and settled in."

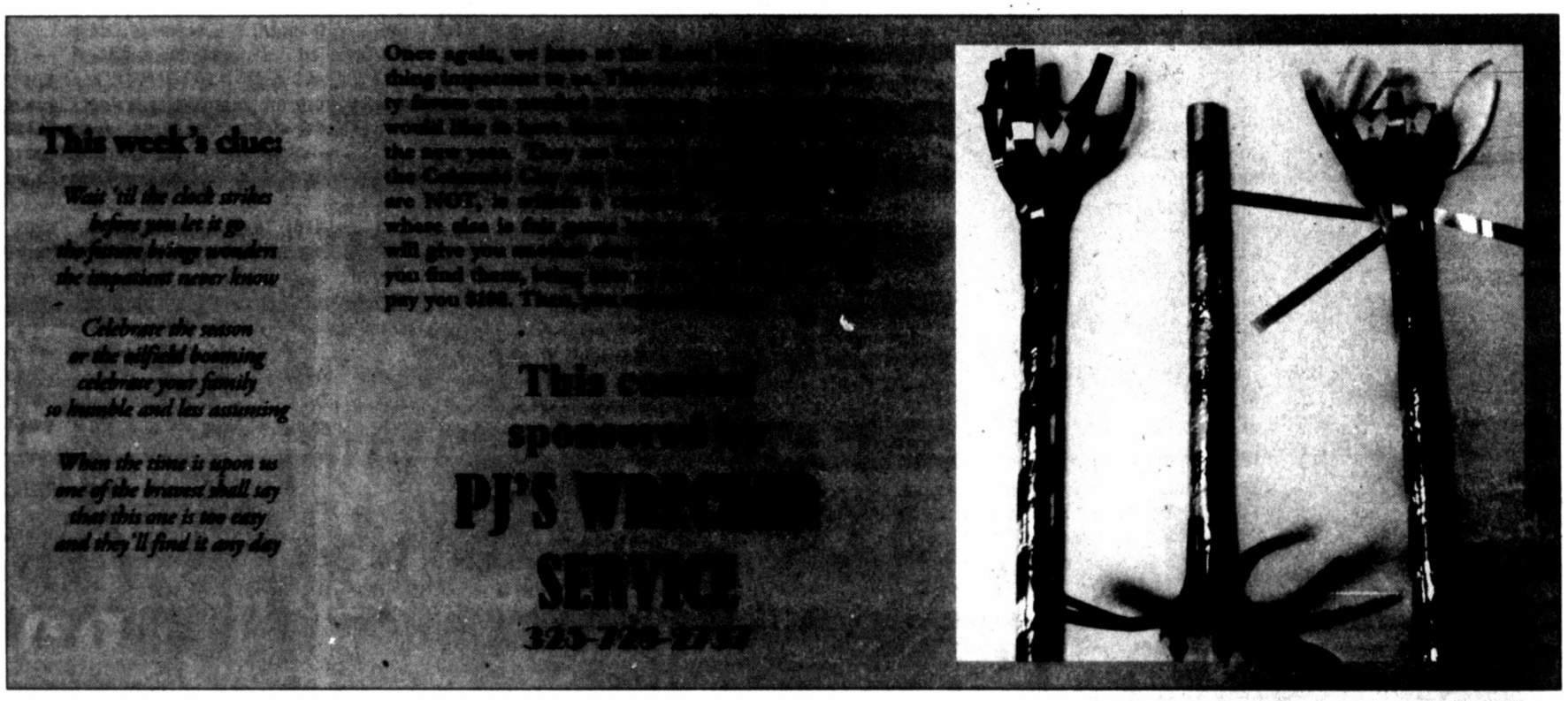
He pays $500 per month, utilities included, to park his camper in the RV park.

"And that's all my bills," he said. "For one person, it's great."

Driving through the two towns, it's clear that many residents have quickly capitalized on the boom – and not just by leasing mineral rights.

Anyone with a scrap of land has installed RV hookups or set up prefab storage sheds they can rent out to oilfield workers in need of a place to stay.

In Carrizo Springs, food trucks have popped up, as has a check-cashing van. H-E-B and Walmart are building new, bigger, stores.



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BID NOTICES

Request for Bids

The City of Colorado City is seeking bids for the sale of the following described properties:

TRACT ONE:
All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Block 1, of the Hill Crest Addition to the town of Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas.

TRACT TWO:
All of Lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 2, of the Hill Crest Addition to the town of Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas.

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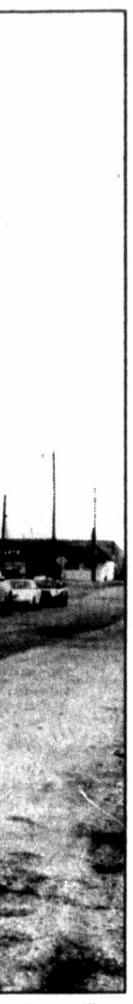
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All of Lots 6, & 7, Block 3, of the Austin Heights Addition to the town of Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas.

TRACT SIX:
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Sealed bids may be delivered to the City Hall at 180 West 3rd St, Colorado City, Texas, 79512 or mailed to P. O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. All sealed bids shall be received at City Hall by 12:00 Noon on January 4th, 2013. Bids will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on January 4th, 2013, at the office of the City Secretary. Bids received after the due date will not be considered. For additional information, please contact the City Secretary, Donna Madrid at 325-728-3464, Extension 24. Bids will then be considered by the City Council at their next regular meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on January 15th, 2013 at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any bid in accordance with the provisions of section 272.001 (C) of the Local Government Code and Section 72 of the City Charter for the City of Colorado City.

Signed
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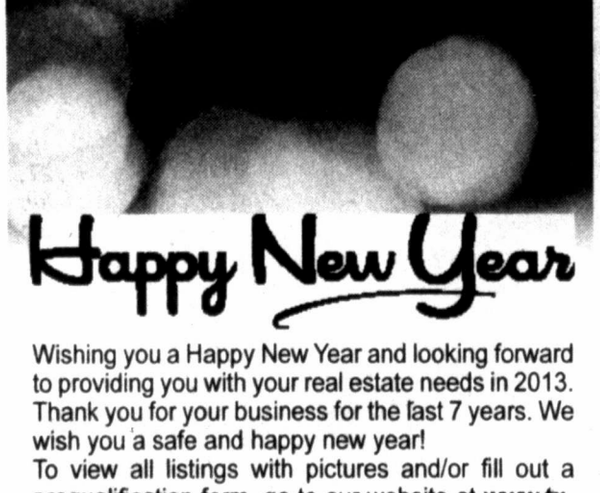
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