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Colorado City, Loraine & Westbrook

## City lights up the night

The Main Street Mountain, an artificial snow sledding hill, opens the Christmas season in downtown Colorado City this weekend.

Young and old are invited to enjoy the "snow" by tubing down an artificial snow mountain on Saturday afternoon, December 3, shop and watch a movie.

Tickets for the Main Street Mountain are \$2 per ride or \$15 for a day pass from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Main Street Mountain will be located on 2nd Street and

### Holiday activities headline weekend in Colorado City

Chestnut in the area behind the Community Mission.

Parents must sign a simple release form which can be found online at [www.coloradocitytx.as.org](http://www.coloradocitytx.as.org) under the Main Street tab.

"It's not dangerous," Amie Wood, community development director said. "This is just something we have to do as municipa-

lity." The Festival of Trees will be open to the public at no charge in the Railhead Building on Saturday, December 3.

Anyone wishing to decorate a tree, especially new groups or individuals, should call the Chamber of Commerce to make sure there are plenty of trees available.

Prizes will be awarded this year for the best decorated trees.

The best decorated tree in the adult division will get a \$100 C-City Cash prize.

The best decorated tree in the school class division will win a pizza party.

The Kiwanians Car Show will be displayed along Walnut Street from noon until 5 p.m. Proceeds from the car show go to the Kiwanians' Toys4MCKids.

The annual Christmas Lighted Parade will begin at 6 p.m.

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MAIN STREET MOUNTAIN will bring the fun of snow tubing to Colorado City on Saturday, December 3 from 1-5 p.m.

## Candidate filing opens this week

The filing period for candidates desiring a place on the ballot in the 2012 election began November 28.

The primary filing period for candidates runs from November 28 until 5 p.m. on December 15, due to new changes in the filing period policies.

Changes to the filing period and subsequent dates came about as a result of lawsuits filed against Texas concerning changes in re-districting lines and charges of unfairness to minority groups.

Local seats up for re-election in 2012 are county sheriff, the county tax collector and assessor, commissioners in Precinct 1 and 3, district judge, district attorney, and both county chairs.

Democrat candidates that have filed as of Tuesday afternoon included Commissioners Randy Anderson and Jesse Muñoz, Sheriff Patrick Toombs and Tax As-

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City of Colorado City Comparison Rates 2010-11					
Average Consumption of 5,000 gallons of water used (Residential)					
	Base Amt	Over minimum	Sewer	Garbage	Total
Colorado City (0-2)	16.50	9.30	19.00	19.95	64.75
Snyder (0-2)	16.42	9.93	23.43	18.99	68.77
Sweetwater (0-2)	14.06	18.24	25.35	20.54	78.19
Merkel (0-1)	24.90	24.00	22.50	14.09	85.49
Stanton (0-3)	23.00	7.00	26.77	17.81	74.58
Roscoe (0-3)	17.06	6.58	25.03	17.03	65.70
Big Spring (none)	17.00	13.75	19.00	15.50	65.25

Average Consumption of 10,000 gallons of water used (Residential)					
	Base Amt	Over minimum	Sewer	Garbage	Total
Colorado City (0-2)	16.50	24.80	19.00	19.95	80.25
Snyder (0-2)	16.42	26.48	36.88	18.99	98.77
Sweetwater (0-2)	14.06	48.64	34.80	20.54	118.04
Merkel (0-1)	24.90	90.50	26.25	14.09	115.74
Stanton (0-3)	23.00	24.50	26.77	17.81	92.08
Roscoe (0-3)	17.06	23.03	25.03	17.03	82.15
Big Spring (none)	17.00	27.00	24.75	15.50	84.25

## C-City boasts lowest rates

Water consumption in West Texas continues to be a major concern for consumers, as increasing rates reflect the changing supply and demand.

So how does Colorado City's water and sewer rates compare to other area municipalities?

Even though Snyder and Sweetwater have a slightly lower base amount, \$16.42 and \$14.06 respectively, compared to C-City's \$16.50, the rates over minimum usage based on the average consumption of 5,000 gallons for residential use is substantially higher.

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## Kiwanians' car show set for December 3 downtown

The Kiwanians and CC Riders are teaming up together to host a car show on December 3 which will help Kiwanians raise toys and funds for underprivileged families.

The vintage and classic cars will be displayed along 2nd and Walnut Streets and everyone is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$20 cash or a \$20 toy donation.

The winners will be deter-

mined by spectator vote. One dollar equals one vote and entitles the voter to a free hot-dog.

The Kiwanians will be set up in the alleyway beside the Palace Theater for the spectator voting.

The first and second place winners will be announced at 5 p.m., just in time for all the cars to line up for the evening's Christmas Light Parade.

## Blue Santa now taking applications

Families needing a little extra help this Christmas can sign up at the Colorado City Police Department for participation in the annual Blue Santa program.

The department is collecting gifts, toys and cash donations to be used in providing gifts

through the Blue Santa program, which allows police officers to give back to the community.

CCPD dispatchers, under the direction of Donna Overton, will be available around the clock to distribute and receive applications,

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## Hospital district reviews plans

The Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Trustees met last week to hear tweaks to the hospital design plan by architects from Chapman Harvey Architects.

The design firm out of Lubbock presented new prelim plans which include ideas for an entry desk and information kiosk where the gift shop used to be.

Important features in the new preliminary plans implement board suggestions from a previous meeting while continuing to comply with building code regulations and fire safety codes.

"We're very far from picking out color and textures," Larry Harvey, architect, said, stressing the plans are still in the preliminary phase with more room for

improvement.

The hospital's two story towers are the biggest culprits for energy inefficiency and changes in the design plans incorporate features to address that issue, such as the possible use of a high volume, slow speed fan to recirculate the air.

"The fans take advantage of the natural phenomenon that is

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## Santa letters due Dec. 14th

Santa is making his list, so to make sure Colorado City children are on it, the Colorado City Record will publish children's letters to Santa in its special Christmas Edition on Thursday, December 22.

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<h3>Around Town</h3> <p>Happy belated birthday T.J. Emerson (Nov. 29)... Medo Perez doing some laundry... Happy birthday Cyria Romero (Dec. 6)... Ask Stephanie Perez when she bought laundry soap... Happy birthday Judy Merrell (Dec. 2)... Happy birthday Tonya Hubbard (Dec. 4)...</p>	<h3>Obituaries</h3> <p>Ray Kincheole Fermin Silva Lucia Gonzalez</p>	<h3>Briefs</h3> <p><b>Open House</b> First Baptist Church Youth Choir will entertain at the Mitchell County Hospital Volunteers' Open House, Thursday, Dec. 1. There will be refreshments, door prizes, holiday shopping from 3 to 7 p.m. The choir will perform at 4 p.m. when the "Star Tree" will be lighted. It's not too late to purchase a star for the tree honoring a person, group, or organization.</p> <p><b>BBQ Sale</b> St. James Baptist Church will be selling barbecue plates with all the</p>	<p>trimmings on Mon., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and delivery is available.</p> <p><b>Special Service</b> Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario, 1635 Walnut, welcomes Jorge Torres of Ffiona for a special worship service Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Pastor Felix Silva.</p> <p><b>Livestock Meeting</b> The Mitchell County Livestock Show Association will have a stock show planning meeting on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the CC Thompson Room. Parents of participating students need to attend the meeting.</p> <p><b>Dinner Theater</b> The Loraine Junior High One Act Play company will host a Dinner Theater on Thurs., Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Loraine school cafeteria. They will be serving lasagna, garlic bread, salad, cobbler and tea or water for \$6 per plate. A performance of the play "Dinner with the Macguffins" will follow dinner. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p><b>Basketball Signups</b> Signups for Mitchell Co. Youth Basketball are ongoing at D&amp;B Antiques, 132 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. for all students pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Fee is \$25 and must be paid at time of signup. No pay, no play. Signups will be ending soon.</p> <p><b>Service of Consolation</b> The community is invited to a service of consolation at the First Baptist Church on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. all who have lost loved ones or are experiencing sorrow during this holiday season are invited to this service of worship and remembrance.</p>
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# LOCAL NEWS



**A 24-YEAR-OLD** Colorado City man, Antonio Campos, was transported by Scurry County EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a one-vehicle accident that occurred last Wednesday at the intersection of Round Top Road and FM 1606 in Snyder. Visibility was extremely low because of thick fog. Campos suffered minor injuries. Photo courtesy of Snyder Daily News.

## Livestock association to meet

The Mitchell County Livestock Show Association will have a stock show planning meeting on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the CC Thompson Room. Parents of students interested in participating in the 2012

Livestock Show in January need to attend the meeting, according to Brodie Harris, president.

"This is a very important meeting," Harris said.

The 2012 livestock show is scheduled for January 12, 13 and 14.

The show is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their feeding and breeding projects in public competition, as well as using their experiences to continue to develop, promote and build a strong and diversified agricultural program in Mitchell County.

## County holds meeting

The county commissioners met in a called meeting Monday to pay bills and approve the payroll.

November bills totaled \$78,730.51 and the payroll was \$64,274.47.

No action was taken by the county on the burn ban, which was lifted last month. The commissioners will revisit the burn ban in mid-December in regards to fireworks.

Ben Rosenberg of Coastal Securities and Tom Polan of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley and Delgado are working with architect Wayne Gondeck of DRG Architects on a timetable for the county's bond issuance, according to an update by Judge Ray Mayo.

## Power outage causes short-term problem

A total power outage at Lorraine's water treatment plant resulted in an order to boil water over the weekend.

"We got the power back on, but because the water level had dropped, we had to issue the boil water notice," Connie Ponko, city secretary, said.

Samples of the water were sent off for evaluation and the boil water notice was lifted Monday afternoon.

## OBITUARIES

### Ray Kincheloe 1933-2011

COLORADO CITY - Mr. Clarence "Ray" Kincheloe, age 78, went to meet his Lord on November 25, 2011, in Lubbock, after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born February 16, 1933 to Bud and Edna Brown Kincheloe in San Saba County. He married Mary Lena Balzen on April 13, 1952 in Hamilton. She preceded him in death on September 28, 1999. They moved to Odessa, Texas in 1954 where he worked for B & B Constructors, 3-Way Constructors and retired from Phillips Petroleum. He then moved to Colorado City and started his own backhoe service. Ray and Mary were married for 48 years and were lifetime members of the Church of Christ. He was also preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and a son, Glen Dale Kincheloe.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Nancy Kincheloe of Pittsburg, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mark Braddock of Lubbock; a brother, Dean Kincheloe of Comanche; six grandsons and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., November 29, 2011 at the 22nd & Austin Sts. Church of Christ in Colorado City. Burial was at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Sunset Memorial Gardens on Odessa.

He always faced life's trials with a smile and his loved ones will miss him dearly.

Pallbearers are six grandsons: James Dunlap, Larry Dunlap, Jerry Dunlap, Tommy Kincheloe, David Kincheloe and Stephen Kincheloe.



### Fermin Silva 1952-2011

COLORADO CITY - Mr. Fermin Silva, age 52, died Wednesday afternoon, November 23, 2011, in an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Udegbunam officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Silva was born May 18, 1952, in Loraine to Selestino and Antonia Peña Silva and had been a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. He married Alice Molina in 1979 in Colorado City. He was a retired oilfield employee. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and also enjoyed attending Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Silva of Colorado City; two daughters, Katrina Lopez of Dallas and Jessica Silva of Colorado City; three sons, Joseph Molina, Ben Turnbow and Carlos Silva, all of Colorado City; three sisters, Juana Silva and Angelita Aguilar, both of Big Spring and Anita Fullwood of Midland; three brothers, Jesse Joe Silva of Colorado City, Ruben Silva of Roscoe and Luis Silva of Abilene; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Manuela Silva and Louisa Silva; and a nephew, Bobby Silva.

### Lucia R. Gonzalez 1933-2011

COLORADO CITY - Lucia R. Gonzalez, 78, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2011. Graveside services were held in the Westbrook Cemetery, under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home in Snyder.

Lucia was born in Floresville on March 3, 1933. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymundo Gonzalez; one son, Eusebio N. Gonzalez; two sisters, Petra Arguijo and Andrea Frosto; and a brother, Manuel Robles.

Survivors include seven daughters, Francisca and her husband, Tony Salazar, Calistra Gonzalez, Theresa Chavarria, Martina Gonzalez, Mary Lou Gonzalez, Maria Gutierrez, all of Colorado City and Pauline Rosales of Sweetwater; two sons, Johnny and Paul Gonzalez, both of Colorado City; 52 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.



## Darby receives state recognition

The Texas Association of Counties has named Rep. Drew Darby a Friend of County Government for his work during the 82nd Legislative Session.

"This year marks the second time that Rep. Darby has earned recognition as a Friend of County Government," said TAC Legislative Director Paul Sugg.

TAC decided to honor Darby for a number of reasons, including his sponsorship of bills important to county and district clerks and county treasurers.

"TAC appreciates Rep. Darby's steady presence on the House Transportation Committee and House Appropriations Committee, especially during this fiscally challenging session," Sugg said. "His work shows an appreciation for the



Drew Darby

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## Community mission in need of donations

The Community Mission will be handing out Christmas boxes on Saturday, December 17 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Those who have registered with the Kiwanians for the Toys4MCKids can pick up their Christmas boxes, along with toys for their children on Dec. 17.

The Community Mission will also be handing out goodies bags for the children and are in need of cookies and other finger food treat donations for the gift bags.

Last month the Community Mission distributed 400 food boxes and expect to hand out 700 in December, according to Dot Smith, director.

"It's overwhelming, but a good feeling to know we're helping people," Smith said.

The mission still needs donations of instant potatoes and stuffing to fill the expected Christmas boxes.

Cash donations are also appreciated.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## LFP deadline is January 30



**THE HOLIDAY TOUR** of Homes will feature the home of Randy and Kim Anderson at 1208 E. 18<sup>th</sup> on December 10. The Tour of Homes will showcase four homes and the Heritage House and will be held from 10 a.m. until noon. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from Garden Club members or any featured home, as well as the Heritage House, on the day of the Tour.

Mitchell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Keith Hiser reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

"It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP," said Hiser. "To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits," he said.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and for-

feed losses.

In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP.

For more information on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact the Mitchell County USDA Service Center at 325-728-2651. Information can also be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Have a blue Christmas

A new holiday tradition has its roots in Abilene as the city pays tribute to fallen first responders.

The use of blue Christmas lights to honor fallen police officer Rodney Holder has gained popularity in the West Texas town.

Throughout the community the use of blue lights in windows and on Christmas trees is

a visual method of saying a public thank you to police, sheriff, district law enforcement, EMS, DPS, and fire fighters.

The blue light is symbolic of the blue lights on emergency vehicles.

To honor a community's first responders, simply place a single blue light in the central window of a home or wrap a Christmas tree in blue lights.

## OIL AND GAS

Re-completion: Basa Resources Inc. will re-complete two wells on the Mary Foster Account No. 2 lease, nine miles southwest of Westbrook, in the Iatan (San Andres) field. Both wells are in Section 8, Block 29T1S of the T&P RR CO/J.H. Otten survey. Abstract No. 1459, No. 186

(3,490' total depth) is located 800' FWL and 2,452' FNL of the survey. Status No. 725712. API No. 335-33193. No. 26 (2,888' total depth) is located 330' FWL and 330' FNL of the survey. Status No. 725691. API No. 335-00910.

## ASU planetarium features Christmas light show

Angelo State University's Global Immersion Center (GIC), formerly the Planetarium, will present three public astronomy shows during its 2011 holiday schedule beginning Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Vincent Nursing-Physical Science Building, 2333 Vanderventer St.

"Season of Light" will run at 7 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 2 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 17. "Cosmic Journey" will run at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 15, and "Stars: The Powerhouses of the Universe" will run at 7 p.m. Fridays through Dec. 16.

"Season of Light" will examine Celtic, pagan, Nordic, Roman, Egyptian and Hopi solstice rituals along with Jewish and Christian practices, including the possible astronomical explanations for the "Star of Bethlehem." The program will also explore some of the more light-hearted

seasonal traditions, like gift giving, kissing under the mistletoe, decking the halls with greenery and candles, and songs about lords a-leaping and ladies dancing. The legends and customs of St. Nicholas, Sinterklaas, Kris Kringle and Father Christmas will be explained while Santa Claus drops in for a visit. The program is narrated by Noah Adams, host of National Public Radio's afternoon news program, "All Things Considered."

In "Cosmic Journey," viewers will tour the cosmos with astrophysicist Dr. Stacy Palen as their guide, and will hear the story of the universe from a uniquely human perspective as they drift through images from the Hubble Space Telescope and other NASA Great Observatories.

"Stars: The Powerhouses of the Universe" tells the stories of individual stars. Some are as old as time, faint and almost forgot-

ten. Others burn bright and end their lives in powerful explosions. New stars are created every day, born of vast clouds of gas and dust. Through every phase of their existence, stars release the energy that powers the universe. Viewers will journey to the furthest reaches of our galaxy and experience both the awesome beauty and destructive power of stars.

All the shows are open to the public with admission prices of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

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# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## TUMBLEWEED SMITH The voice of Bambi

Donnie Dunagan grew up dirt poor in Memphis, Tennessee. He and his parents lived in a two room flat above a hardware store. A few blocks from his home a black man named Sam set up a crank Victrola every day and danced to the music. People passing by would watch him for a while and drop a few pennies and nickels in front of him. In 1938, when Donnie was four years old, his mother took him to see the dancing man. Although Donnie was barefooted, he started mimicking the dancer. The man, who Donnie says was very courteous, asked Donnie's mother if her young son could join the dancer. She agreed. The crowd loved it and Donnie spent the summer on that street corner with Sam. The pennies and nickels turned into dimes and sometimes even quarters.

Late one summer day a big limousine pulled up at the street corner and a lady waved Sam over. They chatted for a while and she put something in his hand. It was a \$10 bill. Sam went back and showed it to the small audience gathered to watch him dance. This was a lot of money in 1938 when men worked for 25 cents an hour if they were lucky. Sam went around the corner and came back with two \$5 bills. He gave one to Donnie.

Memphis had a talent show in a historic downtown theater and Sam convinced Donnie to enter. The prize was \$100, a fortune back then. Donnie danced, wearing a top hat and cane and won. The next day, Donnie and his parents walked to Sam's house and gave him \$50 dollars. Sam nearly went into shock.

An RKO talent scout happened to be in the talent show audience. He was in Memphis visiting his mother. Within a couple of days, Donnie and his family were on a train bound for Hollywood. Donnie had never been to a movie. The movie studio put the family up in a nice hotel and gave them a car to use at their disposal. After a screen test, RKO loaned Donnie to Universal. His first film was Mother Carey's Chickens, a story about a World War One orphanage. That launched his movie career and for the next two years, he was the family breadwinner. He was in The Son of Frankenstein and became friends with Boris Karloff, who played Frankenstein. "He was a riot," says Donnie, at his home in San Angelo. "He taught me how to play checkers."

Donnie became a popular child actor. His last movie was Bambi. The animators used his facial expressions to use on the face of Bambi. He was Bambi's voice. The sudden influx of funds was not good for the family. It fell apart and Donnie was placed in an orphanage. He joined the Marines, advanced rapidly and became a Lt. Colonel. He also earned a Masters Degree in Structural Engineering and a Ph.D. in Mathematical Physics from Oxford. He retired from the Marines but had done so well in undercover work the Department of Defense hired him to do some clandestine maneuvers. Donnie loves to square dance and tutors students in math and physics. He is in excellent physical shape.

## Having fun with the flour sifter

By Monte Wike

Growing up, when Mother got in the kitchen to bake, we two boys helped where we could (where she told us to), measure this or that, turn on the big mixer, grease the pan, but it was usually my job as the oldest and ablest to clean up the mess. One of my favorite "toys" was the flour sifter. It was a big one that would hold about two cups of flour with a handle on the side with a red knob that turned a couple of curved wires inside that rubbed the flour against the curved screen bottom to separate any tiny bits of foreign matter that would ruin the cake. When it came time to wash it, it always led to a time of swishing up the Ivory Soap suds in the enameled dishpan. It worked as well in water as with the flour.

Dad had a different kind of sifter. One year we paved a big sidewalk in front of the house and he bought a trailer load of a gravel and sand mixture and sacks of cement. He made a big screen of hardware cloth on a wooden frame.

Part of my job was to throw the gravel up against the screen to sort out the sand which fell through and the gravel that stayed on this side of the sieve. We had to mix so many scoops of sand, so many of gravel and a sack of cement to make the concrete batch in a mixer he had built. I even learned (finally and carefully) to maneuver the wheelbarrow to the site where the cement was needed.

It took me a long time to realize the significance of sifting or sorting or separation. There are things that are undesirable in our lives. These must be singled out and set aside. There are impurities that damage us; there are regulations of what is allowable or prohibited. When we throw in everything that comes along, our lives take on a distinct distortion or danger.

When we have faced trauma or abuse as a child, this will leave a scar or wound that will infect or ruin the adult unless it is sorted out, revealed and discarded. When someone hurts our feelings, we

must run this through the sieve of forgiveness to separate the damage done from the possibility of recovery in the future. We may need to run a tale or story or gossip through the sifter of truth and reality to see what reality is.

In the end of the world there will be a mighty "shaking" to separate the righteous from the unrighteous, the stable from the unstable, that which is founded on rock or sand.

We apply sifting and sorting and separation in our daily lives. People who are condemned by the justice system are separated from the population and housed in prisons. Those with a communicable disease are quarantined. There is a waste can in every room. There are divisions by age, income, and interests. There are maturity ratings for movies and games. Separation and recognition of difference is essential.

The sifter is a handy tool, even a good toy in the kitchen sink. What is allowable and what is prohibited are foundations of our lives.

## Tis the season for a feel-good movie



The Christmas season brings to mind warm feelings of happiness, fun and family. What better way to bring home some holiday cheer than with a big bowl of popcorn and a feel-

good movie?

While the nominees for the top 25 may vary, the following are consistently in the top five no matter what website one consults:

- The Muppet Christmas Carol*
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*
- Miracle on 34th Street*
- A Christmas Story*

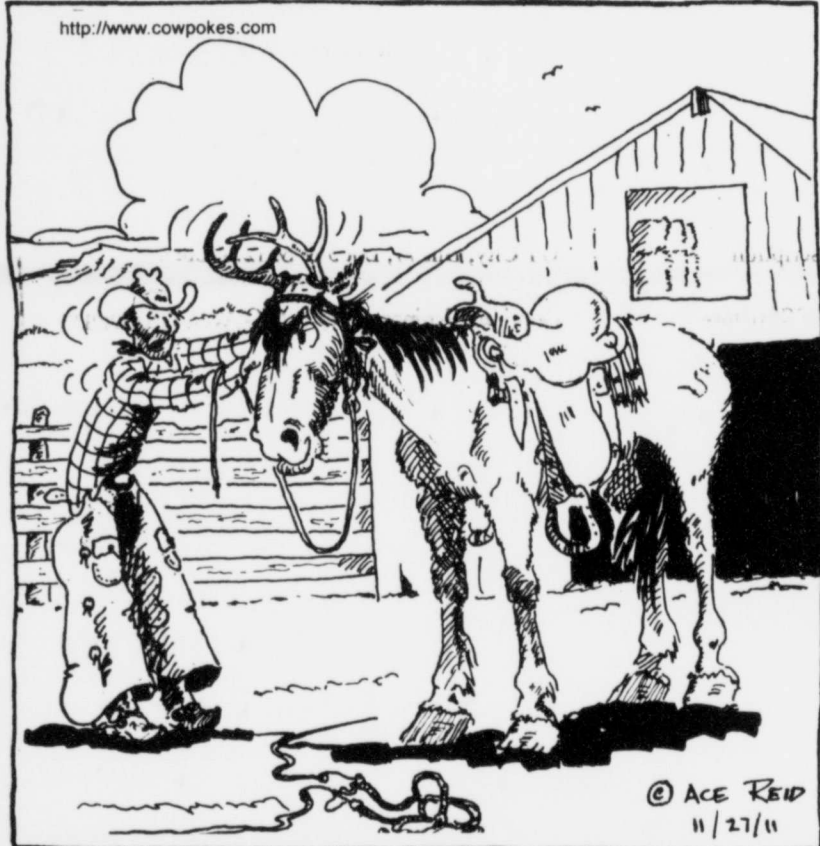
*It's a Wonderful Life*

Others coming in a close second for the top five are:

- Elf*
  - Home Alone*
  - The Santa Clause*
  - A Charlie Brown Christmas*
- So grab a blanket and some popcorn, rent or buy a DVD or check out one of these classics on Netflix. You'll be glad you did.

## COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"It don't look like I can keep you from throwin' me off all the time, but I bet them deer hunters will do it!"

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By Carol Parsons

### My Two Cents

Raising children overseas has its perks, as well as its downside.

Although we didn't have access to on-demand television, we did have family that sent videotapes of the kids' favorite cartoons, which meant when a new tape arrived the whole family sat down together.

Celebrating birthdays became another family together time since it was hard to throw a party and invite the neighborhood children who had substantially less but felt obligated to bring the best gifts.

Coming up with creative cakes (no Fullers with fancy cakes) at times challenged my culinary talents, but we managed, including an Artoo Detoo cake and hamburger cake that are still the talk of the family.

I guess the memories welled to the surface during the recent holidays when we had all four children home under one roof and indulged in one of our famous marathon board games.

Board games were a life saver for a missionary family in the middle of nowhere with no modern conveniences.

But instead of the normal fare like Monopoly, we'd drag out the boxes for Rail Builders, Air Baron, Silverton or Civilization, which could take a whopping 13-15 hours to play, and focused on strategy, reading and thinking skills.

Quite a challenge for elementary school aged boys who were fiercely competitive. But loads of fun. And it didn't take the boys long to pick up on the game and start beating Mom and Dad.

Reinventing the family traditions became a way of life overseas, especially at Christmas time.

Dozens of packages under a gaily decorated tree gave way to stockings under a wall-hanging of a Christmas tree purchased in Monte Cristi.

We discovered canned eggnog did not mix as well with Dr. Pepper as the fresh stuff did.

The family would gather around the kitchen table and make up dozens of gift

bags full of candy for the children who would be "trick or treating" for their Navidad during December.

We learned to spray paint tree limbs white and decorate them with ornaments in the Manabi style, and create delicate tissue paper balloons powered by votives in the mountain style.

We learned going swimming in the pool or ocean at Christmas time was a blessing not enjoyed by friends in the States.

We found singing Christmas carols in Spanish is just as sweet as singing them in English...and learned a few new ones, too.

We learned that Christmas is more about doing things *together* than it was about the things themselves.

We established new traditions, such as watching the *Bells of St. Mary's* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, which never lost their freshness year after year.

Most importantly we discovered the joy of giving throughout the year instead of just at Christmas.

## Events Calendar

Dec. 3	Holiday Festivities Christmas Parade Lions Club Chili Supper	Downtown C-City Downtown C-City Railhead Bldg.
Dec. 3	Christmas Ball	Civic Center
Dec. 10	Tour of Homes	

Add events to the Events Calendar by calling 728-3413.

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Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, T.T. Gonzalez for Pamela J. Rogers ACS W&I, Robert D. Brookshear, Federal Tax Ln.

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Cody Mike Oden, 11-22-11, Theft >=\$500-\$1,500.

Robert Silva, 11-22-11, Theft Prop \$50-\$500 Enh.

Robert Silva, 11-23-11, Illegal Dumping = 500 lbs 1000 lbs.

Meredith Johnson, 11-23-11, Driving While Lic Invalid w/Prev Conviction.

ARRESTS

Alex Austin Brown, 33, MCSO, Poss Dangerous Drug, 11-23-11.

Jeremy Young Robinson, 31, Theft by Ck 20-500, 11-22-11.

Nina Bo Thompson, 31, MCSO, Poss Dangerous, 11-23-11.

Adrianna Michelle Muñoz, 19, MCSO, City Wrnts x4, 11-23-11.

Richard Reyna Jr., 41, Self, Court Com., 11-23-11.

Julie K. Ramirez, 32, CCPD, Assault by Contact FV, 11-23-11.

Robert Silva, 31, CCPD, Traffic War., 11-24-11.

Brian Garcia, 19, SO, PI, 11-24-11.

Durant James Hiley, 27, CCPD, Unlaw Carrying Weapon, DWLI - Exp/No MOI, DWLI - Scurry Co., City Wrnts x6, 11-26-11.

Daniel Lee Berry, 31, MCSO, Poss of Drug Paraph, 11-26-11.

Nathan Daniel McWhorter, 28, THP, DWI 1<sup>st</sup>, City Wrnts, 11-26-11.

Jerron Taylor Brooks, 30, CCPD, DOC Lang., 11-27-11.

Michael Wayne Scott, 47, CCPD, Criminal Misch.

Israel Rusty Davila Jr., 21, CCPD, Assault by Contact FV, Theft Prop >=\$50-\$500.

Jonathan Burton, 26, CCPD, Poss of Mari, 11-28-11.

Shane Irby, 21, DPS, Poss of Mari., 11-28-11.

Veronica Beltran, 22, CCPD, DOC Fighting, 11-28-11.

Rachel Santana, 22, CCPD, DOC Fighting, 11-28-11.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## PLANS

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happening in the tower anyway," Harvey said. "For a relatively young building it's got some energy problems and we want to fix them."

A possible second floor in the towers has been removed from the overall plan, although the remodeling allows the board to revisit the idea in the future if they want.

Phase I addresses the energy problems with the facility.

Phase II and III continue with energy efficient remodeling and construction.

Phase III also addresses remodeling the floor plan of the ER to provide more space and visual security.

The high volume of ER patients seen each week necessitates additional ER examining rooms, according to Robbie Dewberry, CEO.

"The rule of thumb is one room for every 100 ER patients," Dewberry said. Patient numbers at the emergency room have hit 506 within a one week span.

New prelim design plans allow for a joint corridor connecting both the rural health clinic and the specialty clinic which would be served by a

central waiting area.

Another possible feature in the design plans is a triangular enclosed courtyard connecting the dining area, physical therapy and patient wing to utilize the space year round and still comply with fire safety codes.

The board approved changes to the bad debt policy and the nursing policies and procedures for OB deliveries in the ER.

Room renovations are completed with fresh paint and wall decorations and new recliners in several of the patient rooms.

## SANTA

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and accept cash and gift donations of new, unwrapped toys for children and teenagers.

Gift cards for teenagers will also be appreciated.

Donors are asked to check in with the dispatcher when dropping off their gifts.

The CCPD's Blue Santa and his helpers will arrive on Christmas Eve via patrol car to deliver the gifts and meals.

Families are chosen through either an application or by officer's choice.

The police department will accept applications until Friday, December 9.

## LJH to host

### dinner theater

The Loraine Junior High One Act Play cast and crew will host a Dinner Theater on Thursday, December 1st at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The students will serve lasagna, garlic bread, salad, cobbler and tea or water for \$6 per plate. A performance of the play "Dinner with the Macguffins" will follow the meal.

So come out and enjoy a night of good food and cheap entertainment while supporting a good cause.

## WATER

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Factor in sewer and garbage charges and Colorado City comes in at 64.75 compared to 68.77 for Snyder and 78.19 for Sweetwater.

The rates also hold true for average consumption of 10,000 gallons of water for residential use.

"The city council and staff work very hard to keep our water and service fees the lowest in West Texas," Pete Kampfer, city manager said.

## LETTERS

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youngsters should mail their letters to the newspaper at P.O. Box 92, Colorado City, Texas, 79512, or drop them by the office at 252 East 2nd Street.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14.

Please write "Santa Letter" on the outside of envelopes. The Record will forward all letters it receives to Santa Claus' workshop at the North Pole.

## BIRTHS

Monseis Ybarra Jr. and Patricia Ybarra are proud to announce the birth of their son, Julian Izaiah Ybarra.

He was born November 25, 2011 at 5:45 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs and was 21 inches long.

Proud paternal grandparents are Monseis Ybarra Sr and Doaa Hinojosa of Colorado City.

Proud maternal grandparents are José and Laura Roman, also of Colorado City.

## FILE

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essor-Collector Faye Lee. County Attorney Ty Wood has not filed but indicated he would.

During the election, Mitchell County will be part of Texas House District 72.

Local candidates who are interested in filing for a place on the 2012 primary ballot should contact their respective party county chairmen: For the Democratic ticket, call Geory Martin at 325-242-0130. For the Republican ticket, contact John Beckmeyer at 325-242-2147.

Early voting will be February 21 through March 2 with the

election scheduled for March 6.

If a primary runoff election is needed, it will be held May 2 with early voting scheduled May 14-18.

## LIGHTS

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active military and senior citizens. ASU students, faculty and staff are admitted free.

For more information, call the GIC at 325-942-2136. A recording of the show schedule is also available by calling 325-942-2188.

## NOTICE TO DEMOLISH

Under the authority of Chapter 3, Article 3.600 Housing Standards Code, of the City of Colorado City Code, Colorado City, Texas, and City Ordinance 2010 – 15 of the City of Colorado City, Texas the following owners are notified that the buildings identified below have been determined, after inspection, to be substandard and beyond economical repair. By order of the Housing Standards Commission, the City is directed to demolish the identified buildings, to remove the foundation, if one remains, and to remove all debris, trash, tree limbs, appliances and other personal property, weeds and tall grass, etc., from the building lot, and bill the owner. Failure by the owner to pay will result in a lien being filed against the property.

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| 1. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Ruben and Renee Aguilera<br>835 E. 8th Street<br>MAR #1 CITY; Block 5, Lot 5  |
| 2. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Sara Banks C/O Michael Price<br>1453 College<br>DSM CITY; Block 39; E. 125' Lots 1-2  |
| 3. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Jodi Bea Wilson Collier, Clifford Edwin Wilson & Everett Jameson Wilson<br>860 E. 10th Street (Garage Only)<br>MAR NO. 1 CITY; Block 7; Lots 2-3 in 2-4 |
| 4. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Rosendo De La Paz<br>717 Hickory<br>OT CITY; Blk 77, Lot 5 & S. 12.5' Lot 4   |
| 5. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Dominga Espinoza Estate, C/O Avelia Rodriguez<br>344 W. 7th Street<br>OT CITY; Block 65; W/2 Lots 7-8   |
| 6. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Gabriel Garcia<br>730 Oak Street<br>OT CITY; Blk 69; Lot 10   |
| 7. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Manuel & Esmeralda Garza<br>701 E. 19th Street<br>WW #1 CITY; Block 5; Lot 7  |
| 8. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Paula Gonzales<br>1448 Austin Street<br>Highland Park City; Blk 1, Lot 13   |
| 9. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description  | Loner Hall C/O Lyneal James<br>Front Street<br>WW City; Blk 37, N. 100' W. 50' E. 100' Lot 6  |
| 10. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | Enrique D. Heredia Estate<br>533 Cypress Street<br>OT CITY; Block 8; Lot 2  |
| 11. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | Travis Heupel<br>974 E. 16th Street<br>EO City; Blk 1; Lot 13   |
| 12. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | Ben Martinez<br>1411 Oak Street<br>OT CITY; Block 182; Lot 4  |
| 13. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | Gabriel & Becky Ornelas<br>475 W. 2nd St.<br>OT CITY; Block 44; Lots 16-18  |
| 14. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | Donna Jean Dockrey Owens<br>930 Rock St.<br>WM CITY; Blk 31, 100' X 200' in SE/ Corner  |
| 15. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | Pascual Zaldivar<br>321 Cypress Street<br>OT CITY; Blk 26; Lot 3  |
| 16. Remains of Structure<br>Location<br>Legal Description | CISD Trust/Julian Reyes, Jr.<br>1345 Cypress Street<br>OT CITY; Blk 172, N/2 Lot 1  |

Interested individuals must contact the office of the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Colorado City, Texas, City Hall, 180 W. 3rd St., Colorado City, Texas, within ten (10) days from the date of this notice.

City of Colorado City  
David Hoover, Code Enforcement  
325-728-3464

## SNOW

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on the east hill. Anyone planning to participate with a lighted float or decorated vehicle will line up at 5:30 p.m. on 2nd Street and Austin.

There will be a \$200 C-City Cash prize for the best lighted float and a \$100 C-City Cash prize for the best lighted vehicle.

The Lions Club Chili Supper will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Railhead Building, a good way to chase off the evening chill before visiting the downtown merchants for some early Christmas shopping.

Santa will be in Friendly Park for pictures and there will be a Christmas tree lighting on Walnut Street at Friendly Park.

## DARBY

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impact state cuts can have at the local level."

TAC is a statewide non-profit organization that represents counties at the Capitol, conducts required continuing education for officials and provides other needed services for county government.

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# LOCAL NEWS



TASTY TREATS are in store at this year's Lions Club Chili Supper on December 3 at the Railhead Building. Lions Club members, such as Pat Cawthron, will be serving up homemade chili and dessert following the parade.

## Lions host chili supper

The Colorado City Lions Club will hold their annual Chili Supper fundraiser on Saturday, December 3 at the Railhead Building.

Tickets are now on sale for \$6 for an all-you-can-eat chili supper with beans and all the trimmings. Tickets can be purchased from any Lions Club member or at the door the night of the supper. The supper will be served from 6-8 p.m.

The club will also hold a drawing for Remington 770 243 rifle

for a donation of \$5 each or five for \$20.

The rifle was donated by First National Bank, City National Bank and BSE Credit Union.

The chili supper is the Lions Club's main fund raiser and is used to provide scholarships for graduating Mitchell County seniors, as well as contributing to various Lions Club projects such as providing eyeglasses and hearing aids and the Kerrville summer camp for special needs children.

## Jazz band to perform at Opera House

The Opera House will host the annual performance of Jazzin' Jingle on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

The jazz music concert, which showcases the talents of Colorado High School's jazz band and other local talent, is a major fundraiser for renovation and maintenance at the Opera House.

This year's performance will include the talents of Tabbatha Angelo and Virginia Tovar, along with the Sweetwater Municipal Band under the direction of Billy Weems.

"The Sweetwater Municipal Band wanted to expand and we're going to have the opportunity to have these folks come over. We welcome them," Linda Clay, CHS jazz band director said. Clay also sits in on sax with the Sweetwater band.

Tickets for the joint performance are \$10 and will be available at City National Bank on December 6.

All the proceeds from the concert go towards the Opera House renovation fund.

Last year, the concert raised \$2,400 which purchased a used sound system, complete with microphones, mixing board, amps, and PA system.

"The monitors and speakers are wired to allow for mixing from up on top," Clay said, instead of on stage, allowing for better sound control. "Down the road, we hope to improve the lighting. We've got some ideas, it just takes a while to get there."

The December 13 performance is the debut for the newly installed system.

## Kiwaniannes continue collecting for toy drive

The Kiwaniannes are collecting toys for their annual Toys4MCKids toy drive.

Collection boxes are located throughout Colorado City and will accept brand-new, like-new and gently used toys.

Cash donations may also be sent to Kiwaniannes c/o Jan Lemons, 314 WCR 145, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

Toys may be dropped off at Family Dollar, Dollar General, Alco, Ramage Furniture, City National Bank, First National Bank, Mitchell County Library, Fuller Foods, Mitchell County Hospital, Colorado Middle School (Emily Strain), Hutchin-

son Elementary, Kelley Elementary, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Summer's Out West in Westbrook, Western Bank in Loraine, Dandy's Diner, and Ty Wood Law Office.

The annual toy drive, sponsored by the Kiwaniannes, helps provide toys for infants, toddlers, small children, preteens, and teenagers who would otherwise not be able to celebrate the holiday.

Families who have registered for the Toys4MCKids can pick up their Christmas boxes at the Community Mission on Saturday, December 17 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## POLICE REPORT

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, a female on Main Street stated that someone had taken her wallet at a local function. The wallet was later recovered from a dumpster. The case is under investigation.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, a female in the 1000 block of Oak stated that her ex-husband was at her house, and he is not allowed to be there. The case is under investigation.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, a female on N. Hwy. 208 stated that someone had removed saddles from a storage building belonging to her. The case is under investigation.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, a 41-year-old female was arrested in the 700 block of Oak for assault by contact, Class C, family violence. A subject stated that she saw the female strike a male. The subject who struck the man was taken into custody and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, a female at

the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Pine Streets stated that a man she knows kicked her car several times, causing damage to it. The case is under investigation.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, a 32-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of Hickory for outstanding warrants. During a traffic stop, the driver was found to have multiple warrants. He was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, a woman in the 100 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street reported that her daughter threatened and assaulted her during a multiple-family argument. The case is under investigation.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, a witness in the 2100 block of Hickory stated that they saw a truck strike a local business and then leave. The case is under investigation.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, a subject in the 900 block of Sheppard stated that someone threw a rock through his window. The case is under investigation.

## Ruby red pretzel dip

**Ingredients:**  
 1 (16 ounce) can jellied cranberry sauce  
 3/4 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup vinegar  
 1 teaspoon ground ginger  
 1 teaspoon ground mustard  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/8 teaspoon pepper  
 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
 1 tablespoon cold water  
 red food coloring

**Directions:**  
 In a saucepan, combine the first seven ingredients; whisk over medium heat until smooth. Combine flour and cold water until smooth; add to cranberry mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Transfer to a bowl; stir in food coloring if desired. Cover and chill overnight. Serve with pretzels.

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**December 3, 2011**

- Afternoon & Evening Main Street Mountain Sledding Hill
- 12 Noon - 5 p.m. Kiwaniannes Car Show
- 6 p.m. Lighted Christmas Parade
- 6 - 8 p.m. Lions Club Chili Supper
- 6 - 8 p.m. Festival of Trees

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# SCHOOL

## Adopt-a-Wolf signups for basketball begin

Adopt-a-Wolf sign-ups for basketball season are going on now. Students may sign up to adopt a Wolf or Lady Wolf for basketball season.

Cost will be \$10 if you are adopting someone for the first time. If you are renewing your adoption from football season, there is no charge unless you would like a button of your player. Buttons cost \$5 each.

Kelley Elementary students

should see Mrs. Smith to adopt. Mrs. Gainey will handle the adoptions for Hutchinson Elementary and Mrs. Johnson will be signing up adoptions at Colorado Middle School.

Adoption fees must be paid at the time of sign-ups. Make checks payable to: Wolves Booster Club.

Sign up to adopt your Wolf and come support them all at the games!

## SCHOOL MENUS

### Kelley, Hutchinson, HeadStart Breakfast Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - pancakes, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

### Kelley, Hutchinson, HeadStart Lunch Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - pizza, green beans, glazed carrots, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - hotdog on a bun, baked beans, California vegetable blend, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - tacos, tossed salad, spicy pintos, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - wolf burger, French fries, pickle cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

### Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, egg & potato burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

### Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, waffles, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, Hot Pocket, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - pizza, veggies with dip, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - mac and cheese with ham, golden corn, Texas toast, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - beef stew, pickle

spears, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - corndog, tater tots, pork n beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - hamburger on a bun, French fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

### Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - French toast, syrup, cereal, juice, milk.

Tuesday - scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, milk.

Wednesday - pancake on stick, cereal, apple, milk.

Thursday - muffin, cereal, diced sausage, milk.

Friday - breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

### Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, strawberry shortcake, whole wheat roll, milk.

Tuesday - chicken fajitas, cheese, refried beans, salsa, seasoned corn, orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday - beef & bean chaulapas, cinnamon applesauce, salad, Spanish rice, peanut butter bar, salsa, milk.

Thursday - chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, ranch, Texas toast, brownie, milk.

Friday - hamburger, mustard, salad, tater tots, fresh grapes, mayo, ketchup, milk.

### Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - biscuits with sausage gravy or Berry Puffs cereal, strawberry applesauce, juice, milk.

Tuesday - egg & cheese burrito or Lucky Charms cereal, Majestic pears, juice, milk.

Wednesday - scrambled eggs with sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, strawberry jello, juice, milk.

Thursday - pancakes with syrup, Cocoa Puffs cereal, mixed fruit, juice, milk.

Friday - cinnamon roll, Trix cereal, peaches, juice, milk.

### Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 5-9

Monday - classic Italian lasagna with roll, green peas, sweet corn, sliced peaches, strawberry applesauce, milk.

Tuesday - chicken fried steak with gravy, roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Wednesday - soft chicken fajita tacos, cheese, corn, pinto beans, fresh orange slices, lettuce, tomato, milk.

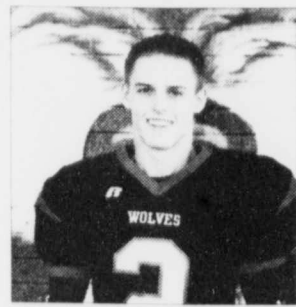
Thursday - cheeseburger, baked chips, baby carrots with ranch, mixed fruit, lettuce, pickles, milk.

Friday - beef stew, whole wheat crackers, original applesauce, peaches, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

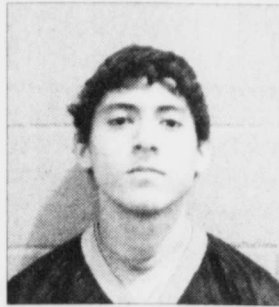
# SPORTS

## Wolves place 16 on All-District team

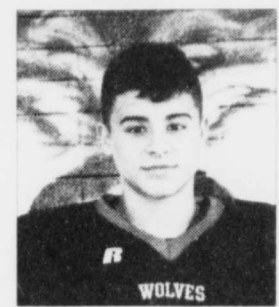
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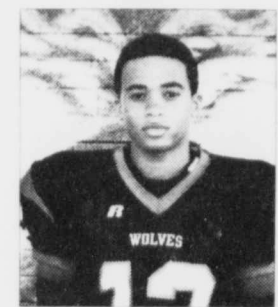
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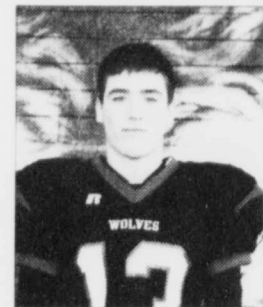
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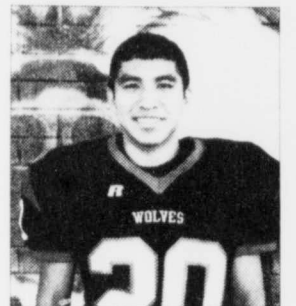
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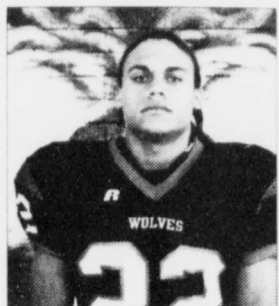
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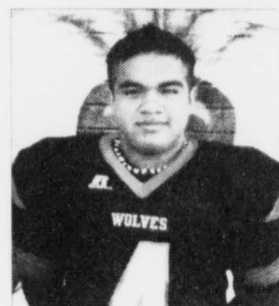
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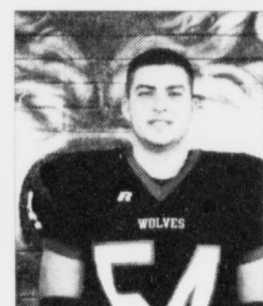
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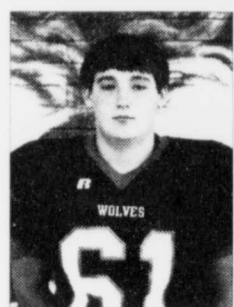
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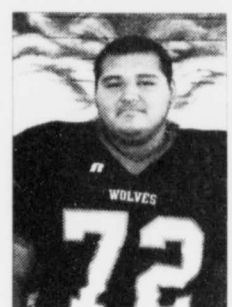
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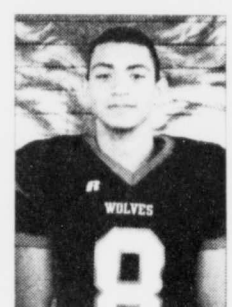
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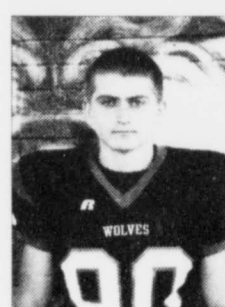
Jaime Espinoza



Ramiro Reyes



Benny Jones



Rafael Gonzalez

The football All-District team lists have been released for District 2-AA, and several Wolves have been named to the team.

Two of the top spots belong to Wolves this year. Senior quarterback Derek Gainey was chosen as the Offensive Most Valuable Player, and freshman runningback David Sanchez was named the Newcomer of the Year.

Other Wolves named to the 1st team for offense include: senior Tylor Lorenz, wide receiver; senior Jason Rodriguez, wide receiver; junior Jake Johnson, center; senior Ryan Rivera, offensive guard; and senior Anthony Rivera, offensive tackle.

Those included on the 2nd team for offense were: junior Nathan Jackson, runningback; senior Benny Jones, wide receiver;

junior Mark Henderson, wide receiver; and senior Ramiro Reyes, offensive tackle.

Senior Will McKinney, junior Jaime Espinoza and David Sanchez were also included on the honorable mention list for offense.

Wolves making the defensive 1st team were: Jake Johnson, inside linebacker; senior Rafael Gonzalez, defensive tackle; Anthony Rivera, defensive end; Tylor Lorenz, safety; and Jason Rodriguez, corner.

Those recognized on the 2nd team defense list were: Alex Hernandez, inside linebacker; Jaime Espinoza, defensive tackle; Ryan Rivera, defensive end; and Benny Jones, corner.

Junior linebacker Corbin Castillo was named on the honorable mention list for defense.

### Varsity Lady Wolves 2011-12 Basketball

Tues., Dec. 6	Post	Here	6:30
Fri., Dec. 9	Anson	There	6:30
Tues., Dec. 13	Forsan	There	6:30
Fri., Dec. 16	Stanton	Here	6:30
Tues., Dec. 20	Sweetwater	There	TBA
Dec. 28-30	Slaton Tour.	There	TBA
Tues., Jan 3	Slaton	There	6:30
Fri., Jan. 6	Roosevelt	Here	6:00
Tues., Jan. 10	Denver City	Here	6:30
Fri., Jan 13	Coahoma	There	6:30



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### United Methodist Church

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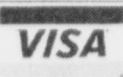
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## CARD OF THANKS

### Card of Thanks

On behalf of Dalila Torrez, the Gutierrez & Torrez families would like to thank you for the visits, flowers and food you blessed us with. We appreciate your support during this difficult time and ask God to bless you for your compassion and loving hearts.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

##### Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6234-85-001 for RETROREFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on December 15, 2011 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$44,668.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 38544  
State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell County Hospital District, dba, Mitchell County Hospital, Valley Fair Lodge, Mitchell County Ambulance Service and Family Medical Associates is an equal opportunity employment health care facility. Employment offered to qualified persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or religion.



### Mitchell Masonic Lodge No. 563

stated meeting nights  
2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

### Lorraine Masonic Lodge No. 1307

3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.

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### SWEETWATER HEALTHCARE CENTER

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Full-time deli help needed. Apply in person, Parks Chevron.

Mitchell County Hospital District, Colorado City, TX needs Medical Technologist to perform lab technical procedures, collect specimens from patients, operate & repair lab instruments. 40 hrs/wk, BS Med Tech w/AMT or equivalent cert. Send resume to: HR Dept or Lab Manager, 997 West I-20, Colorado City, TX 79512.

## JOBS WANTED

Weed-Free Lawn Spraying Service, 25 years experience. Free estimates. 325-728-8131, 806-891-8085.

## COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Cafe for sale, \$8,000, negotiable. 113 S. Main, Lorraine. 325-436-1842, 325-737-1077.

## GARAGE SALES

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1805 Colorado St. Thursday-? Christmas decor, cast iron, wood burner, movies, tools, clothes, trampoline, lots more...

## GARAGE SALE

1237 Oak Thursday 8-? Women's clothing, men's clothing, kids' clothing, knick knacks, Christmas ornaments, speaker boxes, baby items, lots more...

## PETS

LOST: Blue-eyed female mixed breed dog, brindle coat - black, tan, gray. Lost from South Hwy. 208. Reward! 432-553-2746  
3 female Chihuahua puppies for sale. 5-6 weeks old. \$200 each. Call 918-289-4236.

Ingram Concrete is seeking full-time employees to fill several Tractor/Trailer Driver positions. We offer competitive pay and excellent benefits. Class A CDL required. Please apply at 721 West I-20 Business in Colorado City, Texas 79512 or call 325-728-2197 for additional information. EEO Employer.

## FOR SALE

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## ATTN: Growers

Booking Hybrid Sudan & Cottonseed for spring planting. SEED SUPPLY WILL BE LIMITED! Colorado Feed & Seed 728-5071

Roaster pigs for sale, just in time for the holidays. Average weight 65 lbs. Healthy, high-quality, ready to go. Must call before 5 p.m., Dec. 1st \$60 each. 325-728-6600

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Metal Detectors by Whites Electronics. New and used. 728-2494

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325-242-1134

Keith Hackfeld Owner/Broker  
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NEW! 712 E. 17th St. - Nice and very neat 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with central air/heat and open living-kitchen-dining area. \$69,000.  
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977 Sheppard St. - 3 bdrm, 1 bath, w/single garage on 3 lots including corner. Hard wood floors - needs TLC \$29,000.  
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## HOUSES FOR SALE

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### PRICES REDUCED!

512 Hickory - local restaurant facility, new building, built in 2009, includes equipment. \$155,000

2040 LCR 252 - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath mobile home at Lake Colorado City. Call Cheri. \$25,000

426 E. 14th St. - 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2 living areas. Call Cheri for more info. \$44,900

503 Reed, Westbrook - 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas, Oak Creek manufactured home on 6 lots. \$65,000

NEW! 2617 CR 149 - large house with 27.2 acres.

NEW! 1021 Hickory - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, den with fireplace, carport & storage bldg., new improvements. Call Karalee.

Great buy! 1008 E. 15th SALE PENDING

931 Elm - 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, stucco home. \$51,000.

NEWLY REDUCED! SOLD, terrific older home.

Call Cheri to get pre-qualified for a loan!

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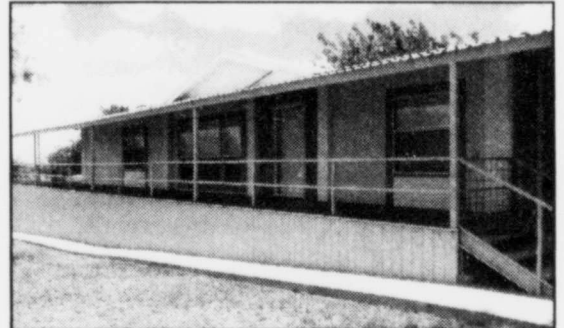
1883 FM 2836 \$14,500

Lot with 29 ft. travel trailer with metal cover and porch. When lake has water, it's waterfront with dock. Very clean, priced to sell!



1017 Chestnut Reduced! \$39,500

3 bedroom, 1 bath. Great starter home or investment. Very clean, move-in ready.



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Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, central heat & air, 2 living areas & separate dining on 1 acre of land. 540 E. 2nd Street. \$59,500.  
COMMERCIAL  
REDUCED! Liquor Store/Beer Store/Convenience Store. Well established, located off I-20.  
LAND  
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**FARM & RANCH**  
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**EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS**  
**REDUCED!** 3200 N. Hwy. 208 - Location! Location! Updated home on 3 acres with a pool. Call Ann Marie.  
143 W. 9th - 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Seller allowance for central heating and air. Call Ann Marie.  
1445 Cypress, 3 bedrooms. Move-in ready, \$80,000.  
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**By Aimee Jackson**  
Loraine Correspondent

On Wednesday of last week, Becky Benivamondez's nieces, Alexandra and Feliciano Pan-toja, came over to her house and helped her cook for the holidays. She said it was really nice having all the family over for supper and kids running all over the house.

Residents of Loraine were told to boil water this past weekend when city pumps lost electricity and water levels dropped at the city water tower. When water levels drop to a certain low point, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality required residents

to boil water for 24 hours. The 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Monday and the boil water request was lifted. The electricity to the city pumps has been restored.

Junior High One Act Play of Loraine will be performing "Dinner with the Macguffins" Thursday, December 1st at 6 p.m. in the Loraine School Cafeteria. Dinner and a movie for only \$6 a plate!

The meal planned will be a lasagna dinner, and the event will help the students prepare for the district UIL competition.

Call the school and let them know if you are planning on at-

tending, 737-2225.

**Methodist News...**  
The beautiful old hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung by Charline Hays accompanied by Bro. Horace Abbott on piano. It deserved the title of "Special Music" and was enjoyed by all. Bro. Abbott's first Sunday of Advent sermon was entitled "The Ghosts of Christmas Past."

It was good to have the members that had traveled over the Thanksgiving holidays back safe and in church.

The Senior Center is raffling a beautiful quilt at the center. You can contact Jennifer Fales

to purchase your chance to win. The winner will be announced on Dec. 23rd at lunch. Tickets are \$1 a piece or six for \$5.

The Loraine Senior Center will be closed for Christmas on Dec. 26th.

Joe Iglehart is still mending his shoulder injury. The last visit to the doctor let him know he will be in the sling for several more weeks. Be patient and let that shoulder heal! Lots of prayers being said for your quick recovery.

It has been heard through the grapevine that if you go

downtown in Loraine on a Sunday afternoon, you have to look for a parking spot due to all the cars at the little shop. It seems it's the place to be on Sunday afternoon.

This was actually told to Marsha Rickard by a gentleman who came to her shop, then another lady from Colorado City came in and asked her to go outside with her. She was terribly busy. So they went outside and were amazed at the cars, which is what she wanted her to see.

Pam Oatman should be out

of her wheelchair by Christmas time. It's been a long road to recovery, but I know the second grade class is so very happy to have her back and the staff at LISD is pleased to see her at school again. I don't think Steve lets her get out of the truck to help feed the cows anymore, though.

Richard Alvarez has been under the weather for a couple of days. He thinks he caught a little bug from his sister, Pat Gibson. Pat, you don't have to share everything with your brother!

## Christmas customs change over the years

Christmas in America has undergone numerous changes over the years and there was even a time when it wasn't celebrated.

After the American Revolution, English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas. In fact, Congress was in session on December 25, 1789, the first Christmas under America's new constitution. Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870.

Here's a brief overview of the history of Christmas in America:  
**1600's:** The Puritans made it illegal to mention St. Nicolas' name. People were not allowed to exchange gifts, light a candle, or sing Christmas carols.

**17th century:** Dutch immigrants brought with them the legend of Sinter Klaas.

**1773:** Santa first appeared in the media as St. A Claus.

**1804:** The New York Historical Society was founded with St. Nicolas as its patron saint. Its members engaged in the Dutch practice of gift-giving at Christ-

mas.  
**1809:** Washington Irving, writing under the pseudonym Diedrich Knickerbocker, included Saint Nicolas in his book "A History of New York." Nicolas is described as riding into town on a horse.

**1812:** Irving, revised his book to include Nicolas riding over the trees in a wagon.

**1821:** William Gilley printed a poem about "Santeclaus" who was dressed in fur and drove a sleigh drawn by a single reindeer.

**1822:** Dentist Clement Clarke Moore is believed by many to have written a poem "An Account of a Visit from Saint Nicolas," which became better known as "The Night before Christmas." Santa is portrayed as an elf with a miniature sleigh equipped with eight reindeer which are named in the poem as Blitzem, Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Dasher, Donder, Prancer, and Vixen. Others attribute the poem to a contemporary, Henry Livingston, Jr. Two have since been re-

named Donner and Blitzen.

**1841:** J.W. Parkinson, a Philadelphia merchant, hired a man to dress up in a "Criscringle" outfit and climb the chimney of his store.

**1863:** Illustrator Thomas Nast created images of Santa for the Christmas editions of Harper's Magazine. These continued through the 1890's.

**1860s:** President Abraham Lincoln asked Nast to create a drawing of Santa with some Union soldiers. This image of Santa supporting the enemy had a demoralizing influence on the Confederate army -- an early example of psychological warfare.

**1897:** Francis P Church, Editor of the New York Sun, wrote an editorial in response to a letter from an eight year-old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon. She had written the paper asking whether there really was a Santa Claus. It has become known as the "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" letter.

**1920's:** The image of Santa had been standardized to portray a bearded, over-weight, jolly man dressed in a red suit with white trim.

**1931:** Haddon Sundblom, illustrator for The Coca-Cola™ company drew a series of Santa images in their Christmas advertisements until 1964. The company holds the trademark for the Coca-Cola Santa design. Christmas ads including Santa continue to the present day.

**1939:** Copywriter Robert L. May of the Montgomery Ward Company created a poem about Rudolph, the ninth reindeer. A copy of the poem was given free to Montgomery Ward customers.

**1949:** Johnny Marks wrote the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The song was recorded by Gene Autry and became his all-time best seller. Next to "White Christmas" it is the most popular song of all time.

## Paramount presents A Texas Christmas Carol

A live performance of *A Texas Christmas Carol* will be held December 16 - 18 at the Paramount Theater in Abilene.

Show times are: Dec. 16th - 17th: 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 18th - 2:00 p.m.

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