

THURSDAY

December 23,
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DAYS UNTIL
CHRISTMAS

ANSWERLINE

Q. When is the spring primary and when will early voting start?

A. Early voting by personal appearance begins on February 16 and ends on March 4. The primary is on the 8th of March.

BRIEFLY

Junell Office Hours
State Representative Robert Junell has announced that offices in Austin, San Angelo and Colorado City will close Dec. 22 and remain closed until Jan. 3 for the holiday season. The local office located at 2135-D Hickory will open January 3, 1994 with regular hours of 9:00 until 11:30 and 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Medical Fund

Has been set up at City National Bank and the First National Bank for 18-year old Heather Wulfjen. Her parents are Urda and Dwainna Wulfjen.

Christmas in April Deadlines

Please remember the deadline for applications is Friday, Dec. 31 and they must be turned in by that date in order to be considered.

Christian Fellowship

Located on FM 2836 at Lake Colorado City invites you to celebrate New Year's eve with them from 7:45 until midnight. Mike and Terry Kinard will be singing and ministering. Call 728-2876 or -5871.

Christmas Eve Celebration

Will be at the All Saints Episcopal Church at 304 Locust Street. Refreshments will be served at 10:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, caroling will be from 11 to 11:30 and services will be held at 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Heart of West Texas Museum

Will be closed Dec. 24 until Jan. 3. Tours may be arranged by calling 728-5533, -2555, 3528, -3240 or -8000/

Wolf Creek ABCD Scramble

There will be an ABCD scramble on Sunday, December 26. Tee time is 1 p.m. The \$6 entry fee for members and \$15 fee for non-members includes all day green fee. There will be cash prizes.

Green Thumb Workers
Are you 55 years of age or older and looking for a job? The Green Thumb can help. Call 728-2743 for an appointment.

DEATHS

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AROUND TOWN

Happy 16th Birthday to AMY SANCHEZ FRANK TOLAND heads home for the holidays...Happy Birthday to ASHLEY GONZALES...a great job was done on the Toy Drive again by the TUMBLEWEED LION-ESS CLUB!!!

Police Sergeant and Streets Supervisor

Two supervisors fired at City Hall

The axe fell at City Hall Monday morning as two supervisory employees were fired by City Manager Buddy Foster.

An eight-year veteran of the Colorado City Police Department, Tim Atkins and Street Supervisor James Rich were both terminated.

Atkins was fired for accepting a gift of a western hat almost 12 months ago and Rich was fired for violating the city's rules for consuming alcohol in a city vehicle said Foster.

Atkins, who was the direct supervisor of four patrolmen, will appeal his firing to the city's personnel committee which will not meet until next week. He said Monday that he had hired Odessa

attorney Warren Heigi to represent him. He has also asked for the hearing to be in an open session as is his right under the Texas Open Meetings Law.

Foster said he would not make any statement about the firings because they dealt with confidential personnel matters.

"If they want to show you the termination notices then that is their business," said Foster. In the Atkins case, Foster said he had known that the police officer had received the western hat from a sales representative for "a long time."

In the letter (dated Saturday, December 18) that Foster gave to Atkins, he stated that "you (Atkins)

accepted gratuity from an individual in the course of your duties as a police officer, specifically a western hat. You wore that hat on duty and made known publicly the origin of the hat. Your actions embarrassed me, the City Council and the Police Department."

Section 13.11 of the Police Department manual states that "members of the department shall not collect or receive any money, nor anything of value from citizens for any purpose.....without the individual permission of the Chief of Police."

This policy was adopted by the council on November 12, 1991.

Atkins said that he stopped an individual on the Interstate on

January 14 of this year who was going 72 miles per hour. He said he asked the usual drug intervention questions and gave the individual a warning ticket.

The former patrolman then said the lady in the car commented "what is a cop in West Texas doing working without a cowboy hat?"

Atkins said later in his shift he had stopped another car when she approached him with the hat and said it was his. He said he went promptly to the police station when he told Montgomery and Foster both about receiving the western hat. Atkins said both indicated it would be okay to keep the hat considering the circumstances in

which he received it.

"I heard nothing else about it until a memo was issued last week about it not being regular issue equipment and I did not wear it after the memo was put out," said Atkins.

The firings came only four days after the annual review of the city manager by the city council's personnel committee. Councilman Sammy Contreras serves as the chairman of that committee and he said last week that the review "went pretty well but we let Foster know there were some things in the city we were not pleased with."

When asked if this action on Atkins and Rich was a result of the

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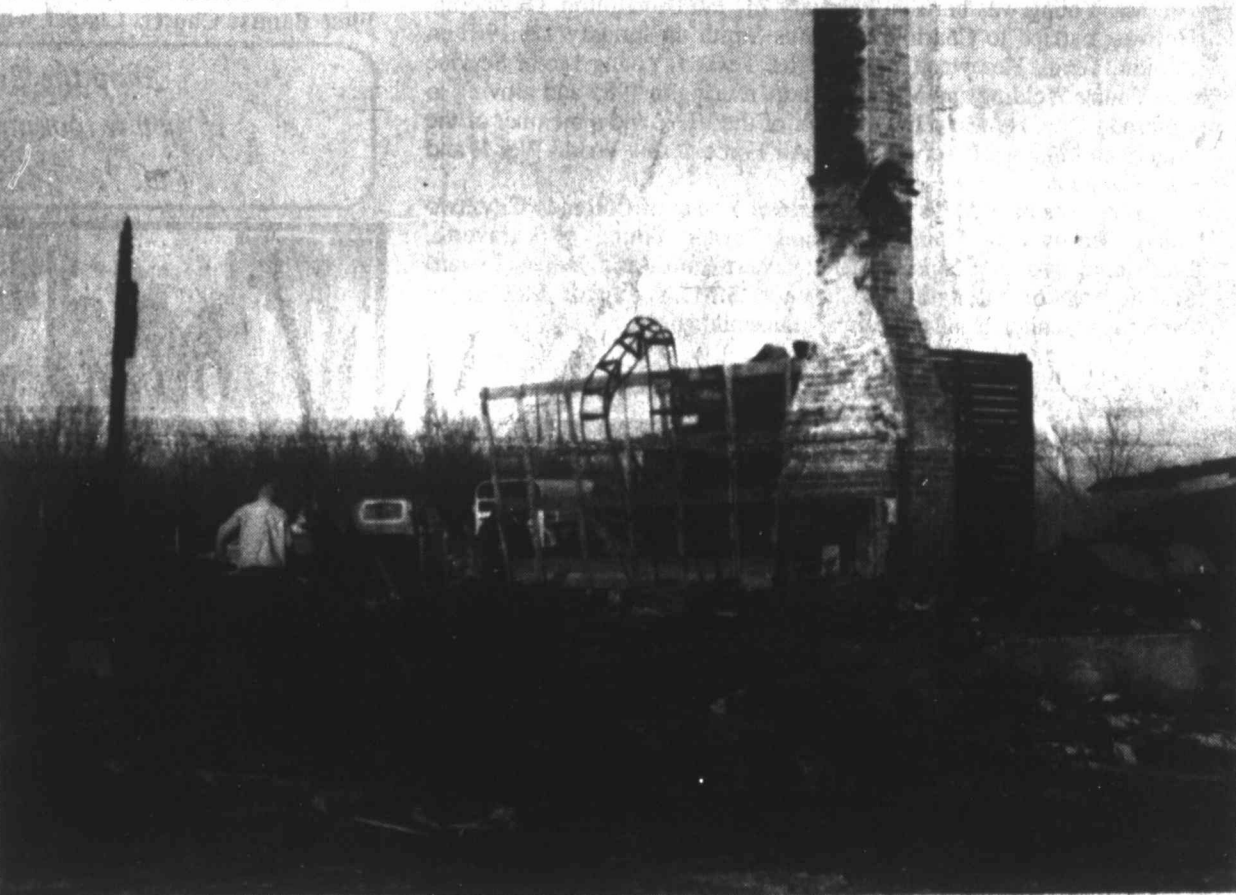
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FIRE DESTROYS HOME: The home of Altus and Brenda Kelley was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night and the only thing left standing in the two-story house was the chimney. A community shower and pounding for the family will be Tuesday, December 28 at the Calvary Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

More are expected

Three suits filed on Col-Tex site

Three more lawsuits have been filed against several defendants alleging that pollution at the former Col-Tex refinery site has caused numerous health and personal problems for members of their families.

In a suit filed against American Petrofina, Fina Oil and Chemical Company, Fina, W. R. Grace, Chevron, Shell Pipe Line, Colorado City Industrial Team and others, the plaintiffs are Hubert Bassinger, Dennis Bassinger, Elizabeth Bassinger Hickson, Wilburn Bassinger, Winona Bassinger, Rodney Bassinger, Telitha Bassinger Neal, Donna Bassinger Wilson, Cheryl Bassinger and Stacy Bassinger.

The plaintiffs contend in the suit that contamination ruined a water well on property that they once lived on and that they had also drunk water from the well. They also contend that their property has lost value because of the contamination. Also the plaintiffs have been "substantially annoyed, inconvenienced and have suffered severe physical, mental and emotional discomfort."

The suit goes on to say that "as a direct and proximate result of the intentional, grossly negligent and negligent conduct of the defendants, as described above, there has been a substantial impairment of the marital relationship between plaintiff Wilburn Bassinger and Winona Bassinger. Accordingly, plaintiff Wilburn Bassinger and Winona Bassinger have sustained a

serious loss of the affection, solace, comfort, companionship, society, assistance and sexual relationship that they previously received from each other as spouses."

Record to publish early

The regular Sunday edition of the Colorado City Record will be delivered Friday afternoon on the carrier routes and will be placed in Post Office boxes Friday morning.

The edition will carry a December 25 dateline and will be the annual Christmas edition.

The deadline for all classified and display ads and news will be Thursday noon, Dec. 23.

The Record office will close at noon on Friday, Christmas Eve. (Bah, Humbug!)

Other closings include the Colorado Independent School District Tax Office closing Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 27 for the Christmas Holidays. They will be also closed January 3, 1994.

Mitchell County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23 and 24 as will City Hall.

City National and First National Bank will be closed all day Friday and Coahoma State Bank in Loraine will close at 1 p.m. Friday.

The Post Office will close at noon on Christmas Eve.

The Administration Office of the Colorado ISD will be closed Christmas Eve and on Dec. 27 also.

The city landfill will be open Wednesday, Dec. 22 and then will be closed until the 27th.

It also states that the injuries to Mary Bassinger has caused the other children of Winona Bassinger to be deprived of the services and consortium of their mother.

Sweetwater attorney Lance Hall is representing the Bassingers.

A lawsuit was also filed against the same plaintiffs by Ellis P. Browne and his wife, Narzee Browne, Jimmy Dale Browne and his wife, Leona Faye Browne and Donald Van Browne and his wife Nelda Rose Browne.

Their suit states that they have been in business at a site across from the old refinery site since 1963 and in July of this year, the company began excavation work on their property and discovered high levels of benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene underneath their property.

It states the pollution escaped from the refinery site and caused plaintiffs, Ellis, Narzee and Donald Browne to develop respiratory and other health problems that are the direct result of the operations of the defendants in the case. It also says that the plaintiffs have suffered severe pain and mental anguish and in all probability will continue to suffer such physical pain and mental suffering for the balance of their natural lives.

They also seek damages for the loss of property value.

The Brownes are represented by Sweetwater attorney, Kenneth L. Maxwell, Jr.

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Recycling of trees will aid lake fish habitat

Your old Christmas tree can be put to a good use this year as the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado City State Park will be collecting them to be used as fish habitat at Lake Colorado City.

There will be pick up points in Westbrook, Loraine and Colorado City from Dec. 26 until January 7.

Trees can be left at the First Baptist Church in Westbrook and George Hardegree and Bill Rees are coordinating the collection there.

In Loraine, trees may be left at the Mitchell County Gin yard and Wayne Oliver is spearheading efforts in eastern Mitchell County.

There will be a trailer set up next to the aluminum can collection point on Second Street between Hickory and Locust in Colorado City and Elroy Boedecker is heading collections.

This project will serve to improve the fish habitat at the lake and reduce the amount of materials going into local landfills.

Habitat such as these trees are targeted toward largemouth bass, crappie and panfish. It is important that no trees be turned in that have been chemically treated or flocked and all trim, including icicles, should be removed.

'Citizen of Year' nominations sought

Nominations are now being accepted through January 5 for Colorado City's 1993 Citizen of the Year to be announced at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The annual award is presented each year to an individual based on nominations and considered by a

committee of judges. The public at large is asked to make nominations by using the form in today's Record and returning it to the Chamber of Commerce.

The speaker for the annual banquet will be Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Rick Perry.



THE SIGN SAYS IT ALL: Department of Public Safety Trooper Robert Maldonado looks at a DWI warning sign on Highway 208 North to remind motorists not to drink and drive anytime and especially during the busy holiday travel periods. The DPS troopers will be out in full strength over the next two weekends.

CITY

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review session, Foster would not say whether it had been discussed or not.

"The meeting was in executive session and we can't discuss things said in an executive session," said Foster.

He would not comment on whether an ultimatum had been given to him to either get rid of the employees or be fired himself.

"The axe is still sharp," he said.

Earlier in the week, Atkins and patrolman Charles Rice had been instructed to quit wearing western hats while on duty as they were not part of the official uniform. Police Chief David Montgomery said he issued a memo to that effect following complaints from at least two city council members.

Contreras had also expressed his displeasure recently with police officers working other jobs while they were off duty.

SUITS

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The third suit filed last week was by Jesus Molina, individually and as best friend of Delma Molina, Jesusita Molina, Raymond Molina, Jesus Molina, Jr., Juan C. Molina, Sr., Ruben Molina, Mary Molina Campbell, Louis C. Molina, Ruth Molina Ybarra, Manuel Molina, Alice Molina Silva, Arturo Molina, Martin Molina and Danny Molina.

The defendants in the case are the same as in the other lawsuits.

Stated in the lawsuit is the fact that the plaintiffs lived in close proximity to the site of the old Col-Tex refinery site where they drank water and used water from water wells located on or near the property. They say the property and the water is currently polluted and contaminated. The suit states the pollution has caused them to suffer physical pain and mental suffering and probably will for the rest of their natural lives.

Also, as a direct result of the actions of the defendants, there has been a substantial impairment of the marital relationships of the plaintiffs and the plaintiffs have sustained a serious loss of the affection, solace, comfort, companionship, society assistance and sexual relationship that they previously shared with their spouses, which continues and is likely to continue for the remainder of their marriages.

They also contend that the injuries have caused the plaintiffs to lose their ability to attend to their customary household duties and have incurred expenses related to physician's fees, medication and medical supplies. The lawsuit also states the children have lost the services and consortium of their mother, Jesusita Molina and they also seek damages.

The Molinas are also represented by Sweetwater attorney, Lance Hall.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Admissions
December 16; Madge Shepherd, Observation. December 17; Vada Carlile, Medical. Inez Oliver, Medical. April Sims, Snyder, OBS. Ellen MacFarland, Medical. December 18; Connie Woodward, Medical. Helen Martin, Medical. December 19; Birdie Martin, Medical. J.F. Martin, Medical. December 20; Ruby Grasty, Medical. Antonia G. Lopez, Day Surgery. Dave L. Jackson, Medical. Cecil Morris, Medical.

Dismissals
December 17; Claudia Kimbrell, Medical. Olen Cox, Medical. December 18; Louis Schafer, Medical. April Sims, Snyder, OBS. Madge Shepherd, Observation. Brien Hendrix, Medical. Vada Carlile, Medical. December 19; W.H. McGuire, Medical. Diana Zapata, Loraine, Medical. December 20; E.C. Hollinghead, Medical. Ellen MacFarland, Medical.

CITIZEN of the YEAR AWARD

Name of Nominee _____

List reasons for nomination:

1. _____
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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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OBITUARIES

Doris Ruth Tiller

1928-1993

Doris Ruth Tiller, 65, of Coahoma died Saturday, December 18, 1993 at Midland Hospital in Midland, Texas. Services were scheduled for Tuesday, December 21 at 10 a.m. at Nalley-Pickel & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas, with the Revs. Ralph Beistle and Russ Mullins officiating. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mrs. Tiller was born November 12, 1928 in Ballinger. She married Rod Tiller on June 3, 1948 in Colorado City. She received her Bachelors Degree from Abilene Christian University and her Masters Degree from Sul Ross University. She and her husband came to Coahoma in March of 1954. She was a school teacher and had taught school for 30 years, 28 of those years in the Coahoma schools. Mrs. Tiller was a member of the 1941 Study Club in Coahoma and a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Rod Tiller of Coahoma; one son, Ronald Mark Tiller of Houston; one daughter, Rhonda Susan Tiller of Midland; one grandson, Douglas Cochran and one granddaughter, Lisa Cochran, both of Midland.

W.E. Barkley, Jr.

1929-1993

Services for W.E. Barkley, Jr., 64, of Colorado City were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at graveside. Burial was in Rogers Cemetery, Rogers, Arkansas.

Mr. Barkley died December 18, 1993 at Mitchell County Hospital. He was born January 14, 1929 in Seagraves, Texas. He married Jimmie Meeks in 1988 in Hiwassee, Arkansas. Mr. Barkley was a retired welder for the Daisy BB Co. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Barkley of Sheffield, Texas; 2 sons, Lance Barkley of Rogers, Arkansas and Ernest Calvin Barkley of Levelland; three daughters, Stella Barkley of Rogers, Lisa Foster of Bentonville, Arkansas and Gail Hobbs of Andrews, Texas; one sister, Louella Barkley of Westminster, California; nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one cousin, James Barkley of Big Spring.

Gayle N. Young

1921-1993

Gayle N. Young, 72, of Colorado City, formerly of Crane, passed away Monday, December 20. Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Richard W. Box Funeral Home Chapel in Crane with Rev. Wayne Nowell officiating. Arrangements are under Richard W. Box Funeral Home with local arrangements under Kiker-Scale Funeral Home.

Mr. Young was born on February 21, 1921 in Holton, Oklahoma. He was married to Charlotte Robbins Smith on January 13, 1961 in Rankin, Texas. He owned Young Bros. Texaco, Young Motor Service and Young Welding and Machine Shop, retiring in 1982 and moving to Colorado City. He was a life member of the VFW and a member of the American Legion. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Young of Colorado City; two sons, Dennis Ray Young and Lou Turner Young of Lafayette, Louisiana; two step sons, Charles Robert Smith and James Edward Smith, both of Midland; one brother, S.M. Young of McCamey; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mary Ione Watkins

1914-1993

Services for Mary Ione Watkins, 79, of Colorado City are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Street Baptist Church with Rev. Wilbert Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins died December 20, 1993 at Shannon Medical Center. She was born June 23, 1914 in Wingate, Texas. She married Kenneth Hall Watkins on April 14, 1934 in Bronte. He died February 5, 1975.

Mrs. Watkins had lived most of her life in Colorado City. She was a member of the Oak St. Baptist Church and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by one son, Carrell Watkins.

Survivors include two sons, Calvin Watkins and Clayton Watkins, both of San Angelo; one daughter, Sandra Thompson of Colorado City; one brother, Jimmy King of Wingate; one sister, Ruby Watkins of Big Spring; twelve grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

COUNTY OIL & GAS NEWS

Operating out of Midland, Parker and Parsley Development Co. is preparing to conduct a plugback nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well is designated as the No. 137 Mary Foster and currently bottoms at a depth of 2,030 feet. It is in a 3,840-acre lease in the TYPRR Co. Survey. It is in Mitchell County's Iatan Field.

Parker and Parsley Development Co. has conducted a plugback for extended pay at the No. 154 Mary Foster in Mitchell County's Iatan Field, four miles southeast of Iatan.

The operator perforated for new production in the San Andres Formation, 1,960 to 2,015 feet into the hole. It pumped 21 barrels of oil per day plus 106 barrels of water. The operator plugged the

well back to 2,080 feet from the original 3,850-ft. bottom.

The well is in a 3,840-acre lease in the T&PRR Co. Survey.

At a location nine miles southwest of Westbrook, Parker and Parsley Development Co. has conducted a plugback for extended pay at the No. 274 Mary Foster in the Iatan Field, Mitchell County.

The well pumped 15 barrels of oil per day plus 15 barrels of water from perforations in the San Andres Formation, 1,782 to 1,903 feet from the original 3,500-ft. bottom.

The well was originally completed on January 25, pumping 26 barrels of oil per day plus 434 barrels of water from perforations in the San Angelo/Clear Fork Formation, 2,413 to 3,083 feet into the wellbore.

Christmas Eve service set at All Saints

Everyone is invited to attend All Saints Episcopal Church, 304 Locust St. on Christmas Eve.

Starting at 10:30 p.m., refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. There will be caroling from 11 to 11:30 and Christmas Eve service will begin at 11:30.

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Aubrey Wayne Beaver and Mary Heather Shipp

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shipp, former teachers in Colorado City and now band directors for the Brownfield ISD, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Heather Shipp to Aubrey Wayne Beaver, the son of W.J. and Val Heathcoat, also of Brownfield.

The couple will be married at 2 p.m. on January 1, 1994 in the First Baptist Church Chapel with

Rev. Ken Flowers officiating. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Brownfield High School and will graduate from McMurry University in Abilene in December

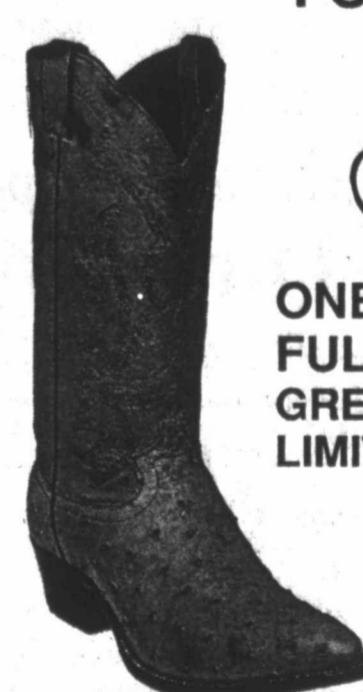
with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. The groom is a 1990 graduate of BHS and is in the U.S. Air Force. The couple will live in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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January 5, 1994 at 8 a.m. Patients will be seen by referral from

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Lee Hatton, PAC 728-2693
Thomas N. Aguillon, M.D. 728-2612
Kaye Harrison, N.P. 728-2689

CHIEF LONE WOLF

BY JIM BAUM

This is a story about the spirit of Christmas. But it's not a Christmas story.

The year was 1950. Some 60 students at the Baylor University School of Dentistry in Dallas were getting ready for graduation. The main ballroom of the prestigious Adolphus Hotel had been rented by the students. Among them was Jene Steakley of Sweetwater.

"Almost all of us were ex-G.I.s," Steakley recalls. "All of us (except one) had come back from the war and enrolled in 1946."

Steakley had finished his tour of duty with Uncle Sam, then gone to Baylor for a year. It was during that time that he met Bobbie, fell in love and they got married.

In 1947 he entered dental school. Classes were year-round for four years. Making ends meet was not easy.

Jene was able to go to school because of the G.I. Bill and he and his bride lived in a housing project with other students. "The only income I had was when I sold blood or did some night nursing, which I did a lot of," Steakley says. "The G.I. Bill was enough to pay tuition. Our rent was very inexpensive at the housing project. It was for the low-income folks and we were certainly that."

Steakley says he and his wife didn't have anything else, except a hand-me-down 1942 Chevrolet his father had used during the war. "For 25¢ a week I took three other dental students from where we lived to school," Steakley remembers. The 75¢ each week was used to buy more gasoline.

As time approached for the graduation dance at the Adolphus, Steakley had a secret wish, to buy Bobbie a new dress for the occasion. That's when he remembered seeing an ad in the Dallas News, which told that a friend of his from their Hardin-Simmons days was now a buyer for Neiman-Marcus.

He called the college acquaintance, a lady named Lee Hufstetter. "I told her that I did not have any money," Steakley says. "I told her I was graduating from dental school and I wanted to buy Bobbie a dress because she hadn't had one during the three years we lived in Dallas."

Mrs. Hufstetter told Steakley to stop by her office at Neiman-Marcus and she would see what she could do. When Steakley arrived, she told him to follow her into some other offices. They led to the office of Stanley Marcus.

"Now you go in there and have a seat," he was told. Jene says he replied, "Lee, I don't know Stanley Marcus and he doesn't know me. What am I doing here?" As Steakley began to feel the panic build up in him, his thoughts centered around coming face to face with "one of the most noted merchants in the whole United States. People from all over the world come to buy clothes here."

And so had Jene Steakley. He just didn't have any money. In just a matter of minutes the young dental student was ushered into the office of Stanley Marcus.

"You're a dental student, aren't you, young man?"

"Yes, sir."

"Graduating this year?"

"Yes, sir."

"Mrs. Hufstetter says you have a problem."

"Well, Mr. Marcus, I'm sorry to bother you."

"You're not bothering me. What's your problem?"

"Well, I would like to buy something nice for my wife."

Marcus paused for a minute. Then he asked, "Where are you going to practice?"

"Somewhere in West Texas because that's where I was raised.."

"All right. You don't have any money?"

"No, sir."

With that, Marcus gave the prospective customer a voucher for \$150. And, Steakley quickly adds, "That was a lot of money then."

"Go down to the young ladies' department," Marcus told Steakley, "and pick out something for your wife."

Marcus said no bill would be sent and the dentist-to-be could pay when he was able.

"Of course, I did pay him. I would have died before I wouldn't have paid. When I came to Colorado City I still had the bill and it seems like for the first two or three months I paid \$10 or \$15 and I think it took six months before we paid it off." And Steakley says they didn't make a payment for about two months after they settled in Colorado City. "I never did get a bill, either," he added.

Steakley remembers something former local merchant Willie Landau once told him. "Willie said, 'That's typical of Mr. Marcus. That's why he's such a very fine merchandiser and so respected. He's a fine judge of character and he does things like that quite often. It always benefits him and the store.'"

The dentist has never had the opportunity to thank his benefactor in person. However, the Steakleys have had a Neiman-Marcus charge account for years and they feel Marcus has been "aptly repaid over the years."

A story of goodwill toward man and it deserves retelling during this Christmas season.

By the way, Doc Steakley says Bobbie still has that 1950 model dress. "It's packed up in a closet. It didn't cost anywhere near \$150 but it was much better than anything we had ever bought."

Can Bobbie still wear it? "As far as I'm concerned," Steakley says, "She would be beautiful in it or any other dress."

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In Memory of W.E. Barkley

A friend of mine died today. I did not know his family nor did I know him. He never spoke of his pain nor did he complain, although I could see his body tremble as he stood sipping his cold coffee from a styrofoam cup while propping himself against his old blue pick-up truck. He never spoke but his eyes seemed to say hello to every car and person that passed up and down Hickory Street. No one noticed he was there every day as though searching for someone to talk to. Unnoticed by everyone except my wife, the clerk behind the counter that sold him his coffee and exchanged pleasantries.

Bill was there every day without fail, so it worried my wife one day when Bill failed to show up for his daily chat and coffee. Debbie checked his home. Bill said he didn't feel well that day and decided to stay home.

I, being a loner, couldn't understand why my wife had such compassion toward this aging gentleman, so one day I introduced myself, and a friendship was struck.

Bill was a very lonely human. He just wanted someone to talk to, just someone to listen. He spoke of the old days and talked of the future; he imparted a knowledge of the past that some of us only read about, and as with all good storytellers, they were heavily laden with humor and a glint of mischief would tear in his eye when he was about to laugh.

My friend lived alone in his little house, staying only in one room. That's all he needed; no one came to visit. Bill asked me, every time I saw him, to stop by and play a game of dominos when I had the time. I never played a game of dominos with my friend. Bill slowed up for me and I couldn't find the time for a game of dominos. Rest, my weary friend, we still have a game to play.

Harrell and Debbie Crawford

Howell descendants hold reunion

Descendants of the late L.J. and Nellie Howell gathered November 28, 1993 for a family reunion in the fellowship hall of the Plainview Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell had thirteen children; two died in infancy and one son had no children. Of these ten remaining children, only two survive, Modell (Howell) Shurtleff and Bea (Howell) Henderson. The reunion was planned for the children of these ten brothers and sisters, the first cousins, to be together for the first time in several years.

Family came from as far away as Flagstaff, AZ, Denver, CO and Albuquerque, NM, as well as many places in Texas. Those attending

from the family of Graydon Howell were Mrs. Graydon (Inez) Howell, Rex Howell, Carolyn Howell, J.P. and Marie Jamson, Glen, Kay and Jennifer Hunter. Representing Buford Howell were Mrs. Buford (Minnie) Howell, Ron and Ann Howell, Jerry Howell, Stu Howell and Alan Howell. From the family of Kent Howell were Mrs. Kent (Elva) Howell, Kenneth and Carey Howell, L.J. and Jodie Howell, Chris and Lynda (Howell) Rawleigh, Becca and Kristi Rawleigh and Kelley, Barbara and Brandi Handley. Attending from Richard Howell's family were Mrs. Richard (Grace) Howell, Dick and Myrla Howell, Joe and Wanda Howell, Jeneal and Sharon

Chambers. From Roy Howell's family were Mrs. Roy (Thelma) Howell, Jimmy Lee Howell, Jon and Laroyce (Howell) Coy, Rocky and Virginia Allen. Representing Bill Howell were Mrs. Bill (Mildred) Howell, Carl and Ella Howell, Roy Howell, Jeanette (Howell) Wilkerson and Cody Seminoes. Attending from the Gladys (Howell) Henderson family were Bob and Janie Henderson and Kathy Bassham. Attending with his grandmother Bea (Howell) Henderson was Terry Standefer. Coming with Modell (Howell) Shurtleff were Jim and Jane Shurtleff, Jim Tom and Lana (Shurtleff) Atwood. Also

attending were Dr. Lee Hemphill, former pastor of the Plainview Baptist Church, Marion Daughtrey, longtime friend of the Howell family and Bob Reily, former high school football coach to several of the Howell boys.

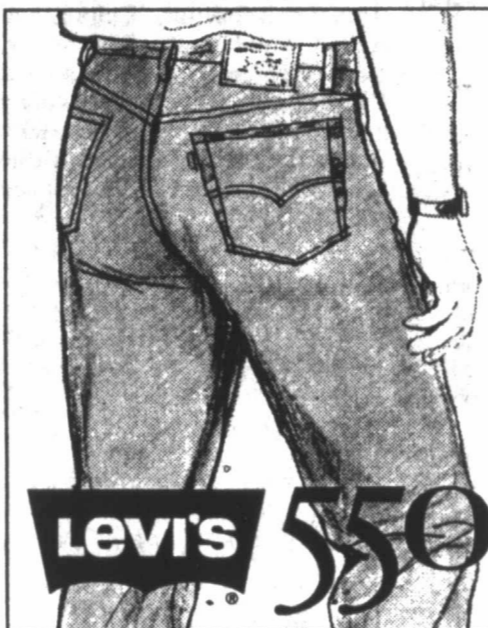
Everyone had a good time visiting, looking at old pictures and catching up on family news.

BIRTHS

Tracey Leighanne Sims-Fisk was born December 17, 1993 to Dewey Fisk and April Sims. She weighed 5 lbs. 8.2 oz. and was 18 inches long.

ANTHONY'S

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

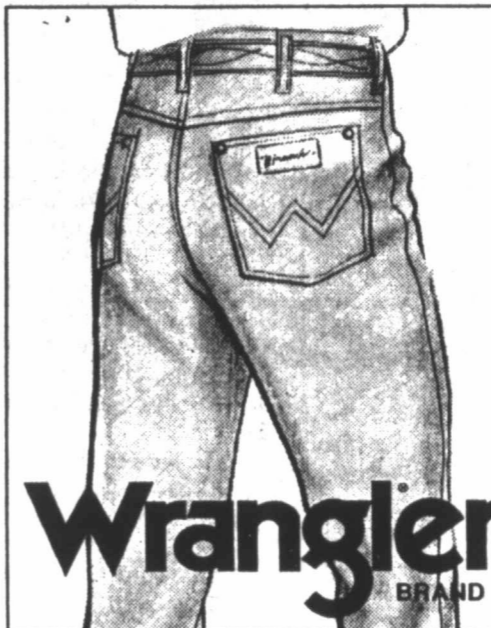


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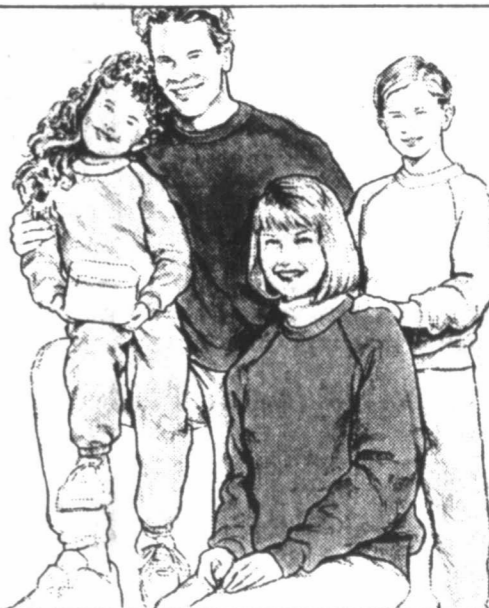
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NEWS FROM

LORAIN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Hello from the Center in December. We hope this finds you in the mood and spirit to embrace the real meaning of Christmas and to remember who the most important "honoree" is when we celebrate birthdays this month.

A holiday family reunion took place at the Center November 25th. Coming together for visitation and wonderful food were children and grandchildren of the late Will Young and Chera Davenport Young. Billie Ruth Abernathy and her sister, Verna Jo Corder, are the elder descendants.

Billie Ruth's children who attended were Judy Brown and family from Snyder, Gwinn Bell from San Angelo and Karen Hamer and family from Midland. Also attending from Loraine was Auntie Julia Green. Verna Jo's family in attendance were Carol and Richard Moody from Arlington, Chera Jane Foster and husband Jim from Muleshoe and Ruthie Leffel and family from Austin.

December 10 at the Center was a mini Richburg get-together for lunch. Visiting were Eddie Bryant, Neal and Virginia Bryant, Glen and Doris Camp, Oma Herm, Lester and Leila Richburg, Homer and Ruth Richburg, Effie Wheeler and Jimmie Jacks.

Darlene Hamrick had a small family celebration this month at the Center, also. Enjoying lunch were Ethlene Walker (a.k.a. Aunt Sister), Florence Jones and Neva Gwinn. Yes, Darlene showed pictures of her new handsome grandson.

Also visiting the Center lately have been Mrs. D.L. Cranfill, Loree Cranfill Music, Mildred and James Burnam, Zone Wilkerson and Bill Vamadore.

Get well cards mailed recently have been to Jackie Walker, Gene Britton, Rachel Singleton and Bell Mickle (Y. Sadler's mother).

Sympathy cards went to Bertha Fay Snyder and Edith Wilkerson, as their sister Annie Bess Dixon passed away. Also, a card was mailed to Juanice Butler. Her son-in-law in Houston passed away recently. Cards went out to Grady and Elnora Mitchell and Neal and Lillie Miles due to the recent death

of their mother, Nannie Lou Miles.

County agent Mary McMullin gave a nice report on rice this month. She talked about the nutritional aspect of rice, the different kinds and the calorie content. We were happy to learn that Japan is importing quite a bit of rice from America now. It's about time we have some equalization in trade from somewhere. This will be a boon to Louisiana rice farmers.

Saturday night, December 18, our annual Christmas party was held at the Center in conjunction with a make up meal.

After a wonderful evening meal, poems, stories and incidents were told and read by Jimmie Jacks, Effie Wheeler, Billie Ruth Abernathy, Darlene Hamrick and Bessie Ann Vaughn. After singing several Christmas songs, table games and visiting were enjoyed. Also enjoyed was a bounty of different goodies brought by the numbers. Darlene was given a love gift and the Loraine Extension Club gave a \$100 check to the Senior Center.

At 80-something, friend Effie Wheeler got a piano. Not just to look at but to play. She admitted to having a few lessons when young. I don't believe she plans to become a concert pianist but wants to play well. Isn't that great? Never too old!!

In writing about Lone Wolf Mountain artifacts recently, credit was given to the Linams for finding an Indian copper pot, now displayed in the Heart of West Texas Museum. In actuality, Foster Stephenson found it when he was just a boy.

Maybe we can come up with more information on artifacts from the mountain. I'm sure there are many interesting tales to be told. Many years ago it was a big deal to visit the mountain and look for arrowheads and interesting pieces of flint rock.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Harley motorcycle in any color.

Love, Leon Prescott
Wouldn't he and Gov. Ann Richards look swell varooming out on the interstate with their silver hair flowing in the wind?

Dear Santa, All I want is one good night's sleep.

Effie Wheeler
Dear Santa, Please bring me a new pick up with extended cab and long wheel base in white. Thanks Santa.
Rev. James Merrill with United Methodist Church in Loraine

Santa Claus, I need a new body!
Sincerely, Juanice Butler

Lee Matlock wants a new pair of boots...Dorothy Haltom wants new shoes... Bobby Graham wants a new car and Wanza says "ditto"...Eva Wells, Lela Bowlin and Annie Bell Jones want better health...

Dear Santa, I want to keep all my old friends and make some new ones.
Jr. Sadler

Dear Santa, We want "Nutton Honey."
Laura Lewis
"ditto" Virgil Parncell

Santa, I need lots of votes for county clerk in the next election.
Thanks, Jo Ann Long

Santa, Tell Ralph he could clean house a couple of days a week. That would be a nice gift.
Love, Sue Lankford

Winnie Richburg wants a sleigh full of sunshine while Verlie Liles wants a quiet Christmas with her kids.

Millie Rose wants a nice tall handsome "Honey Do." Honey, do you want to get married?

My Christmas card to you is this little poem...

In a few days it will be Christmas
And all through this place
Our older eyes are twinkling
And sincere smiles on a face.

It's evident we have wrinkles
And lovely grey hair
Please youngsters, don't underestimate
For we've oodles to share.

Ask him about Christmas a long time ago
Did he get any gifts tied up with a bow?
How about that dolly, was it mama-made
Might have been whittled by Dad's knife-blade.

Now we all want soft slippers
And comfortable sweaters to wear
Many pictures of our grandkids
And glorious music to hear.

We pray they will wash dishes before they depart
A day to remember and hold in our heart, though
Our greatest gift and I'm sure you've heard said
Was definitely the babe in the make-shift hay-bed.

Have a wonderful holiday. See you at the Center.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: I'm sure the fellow who has no time to eat at a cafe is not retired. I am and have plenty of time.

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I think we have a wonderful little town and our people who take their time with us, they are wonderful. I can't believe you wouldn't sign your name.
Rae Fortenberry

Singletons host club for Christmas

The North Loraine Extension Club held their Annual Christmas party Saturday night, December 11 in the home of Oscar and Rachel Singleton.

The Singleton home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season, starting with several pink and white poinsettias banked along the inside entrance wall, leading up to a spectacular tree in the stair-hall.

Guests came together in a circle while Doris Henderson gave the bountiful meal blessing. The host and hostess served hot wassail, eggnog, coffee and a dessert while each guest brought a dish of choice and a buffet was arranged.

After the meal a Christmas tree game was played with Elaine McMichael the winner. A small token of love was given to president Wanza Graham for her years of service. After the exchange of gifts, table games and lively conversation were enjoyed.

Attending the party were Margaret Brame, Billie Ruth Abernathy, Effie Wheeler, Ham and Blondie Hamilton, Elaine and Alfred McMichael, Eva Wells, Doris Henderson, Ralph and Pat Carter, Bertha Fay Snyder, Bobby and Wanza Graham, Darlene Hamrick, Lola Fay Bennett, Billie Schroeder, Bessie Ann Vaughn and one guest, Juanice Butler.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT AMENDMENT

CITY OF COLORADO CITY, 180 West 3rd, Colorado City, Texas 79512 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for an amendment to Permit No. 10077-01 to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated domestic wastewater effluent from a volume not to exceed an average flow of 600,000 gallons per day to a volume not to exceed an average flow of 760,000 gallons per day, and to change the disposal method from a discharge permit to a permit authorizing disposal by irrigation. The proposed amendment would also increase the amount of land used for irrigation from 80 acres to 360 acres of leased pasture land. Additionally, the amended permit would also authorize a variance to the buffer zone requirements. Application rates for the irrigated land are not to exceed 2.33 acre-feet in the final phase. No discharge of pollutants into waters in the State is authorized by this permit in the final phase.

The primary treatment facility is at 700 East Central Avenue, two blocks east of State Highway 163 at the intersection of West Central Avenue and Washington Street in Mitchell County, Texas. The effluent holding ponds and irrigation sites are approximately 1.6 miles south-southeast of the primary facilities and 1.7 miles east of the intersection of State Highway 163 and Farm-to-Market Road 1229 in Mitchell County, Texas. The effluent is discharged via pipeline to the Colorado River Below Lake J. B. Thomas in Segment No. 1412 of the Colorado River Basin in the interim phase.

In accordance with the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, the Commission staff must determine the existing uses for the receiving water in the area of the proposed discharge and whether the proposed discharge will cause significant degradation to any high quality waters in the area. The designated uses for Segment No. 1412 are contact recreation, high quality aquatic life uses and public water supply. The effluent limitations in the draft permit will maintain and protect the existing instream uses. No significant degradation of high quality receiving waters is anticipated. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revision.

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted August 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Cap Rock Electric") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective January 4, 1994, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending September 30, 1992, the increase requested over adjusted test year revenues is \$2,818,599 or 7.6%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the utility. Cap Rock Electric intends to change its service rules and regulations, including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service. Cap Rock Electric intends to charge uniform system-wide rates to customers in each of Cap Rock Electric's divisions. As a result, the Lone Wolf Division will no longer have separate tariffs, as per our contract when we combined. Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change is available at the general office of the Stanton Division of Cap Rock Electric, located at West Loop 214, Stanton, Texas 79782, the Lone Wolf Division, located at Old Highway 80 and Highway 208

If no protests or request for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will sign the permit 30 days after publication of this notice or thereafter. If you wish to appeal a permit issued by the Executive Director, you may do so by filing a written Motion for Reconsideration with the Chief Clerk of the Commission no later than 20 days after the date the Executive Director signs the permit.

Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Kerry Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 463-7908. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Firoj Vahora, Wastewater Permits Section, at the same address or by telephone at (512) 463-8201. Issued this 15th day of December, 1993.

Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
 Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 93-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY ESTABLISHING COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ABOUT PROGRAMS FUNDED FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS PROGRAM AND THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The City of Colorado City will continue to apply for Texas Community Development Grants; and

WHEREAS, The complaint procedure is necessary for the City of Colorado City to properly investigate complaints dealing with use of Federal Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has a Block Grant Complaint System and the City of Colorado City complaint procedures will support that system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Colorado City that:

When any local complaint or comment about Block Grant Projects and/or the use of Block Grant Funds is received by the City of Colorado City, a copy of the complaint or comment will be forwarded in writing within three (3) working days to the Director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

When any complaint is received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs the City Manager will notify the City Council and appoint a City Department Head to investigate the complaint and report back to the City Manager with in three (3) working days.

When a complaint or comment is received from a local source or the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the City will complete its investigation of the comment or complaint and submit its findings, in writing, to the appropriate Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Division Director within seven (7) business days.

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ATTEST: Glenna Garrett, City Secretary
 APPROVED: Jim Baum, Mayor

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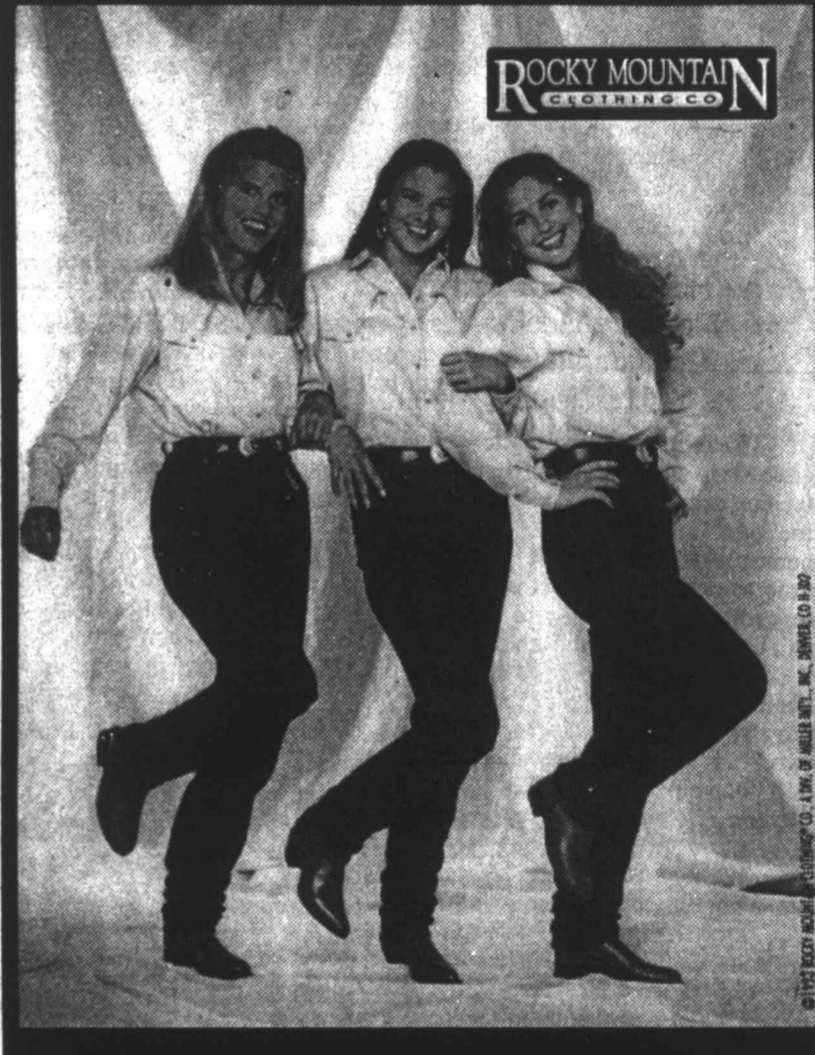
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LORAINE PERSONALS

Sarah Zetman of Dallas has been here having Christmas with her mother and visiting others close to her family. Sarah is a delight to visit with. Others she visited with were her aunts, Mary Coffee, Mattie Neely and Jennie Hallmark, and cousins Doyle and Liz Mayes and lots of friends.

Sarah is married to Marion Zetman of Roscoe. They now make Dallas their home and have a grown son. Was nice to see you, Sarah.

George Martin is doing better nowadays; he started a controlled fire the other day and he let it get away. He had to call for help and all together they got it out with no leftover problems. Stay in there, kid, you'll get there one of these days with Geory's helping along the way.

Max Irwin of Houston was buried on Sunday. His family lives in New Mexico, graduated there and decided to go to H.S.U. because of the Cowboy Band. There he met the nice Kenny Sue Butler and married.

After H.S.U. they moved to Houston and have stayed there all these years.

There was some discussion as to who could or should take care of Kenneth Butler, whom you know as Max's father-in-law, so Pam Butler, Sue's sister, decided she should be the one to stay and Danny would take his kids and his mother to Houston to be with Sue in her time of trouble. I believe Pam had the perfect plan. To Kenny Sue and her daughter and son and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin of New Mexico, we are sorry along with you for your sorrow. May God bless all.

Gene and Chrystene Britton and son Randy of Big Spring went to Houston for Gene to see a throat specialist and found the doctor was correct and they will have him back down there for treatment. To all the Britton family, we wish you all the blessings possible for now. May God always love and guide you.

You should come by our church in Loraine just to see the great Christmas decorations. All this beauty was designed by one of our members and their mother. Mrs. Danny Thompson, Mrs. Windell Bankhead and Lisa Mitchell own their shop in Sweetwater, I believe.

Our bank is kinda overdressed in its newly-done decorations. I don't know who all to thank for all the beautifully done business. I can't even put up a decoration straight so why offer my help to ruin it; well, that's what I'd do. Thanks to all who helped make it so completely lovely.

I believe Lisa Mitchell may be responsible for the bank. It is simply beautiful; go by and see for yourself. You will be glad you did.

I hear that Colorado City had some well-dressed houses for the holidays. We also had some nice looking ones over our way, so it just takes someone with a little push to get everyone going. That way, the work starts with a person or two who have good ideas and off we go to the store for decorations. Soon we have a carload and some new ideas we had never tried before so we buy more decorations. We decorate one room so well we will try another and pretty soon we have the next room finished and are doing something else. Now it's time to take down the decorations and say, "That looked so nice I believe I'll do it again. We will use it for a couple of years." Everyone enjoys it so here we go for a few days, hunting for something new.

Something our Commissioners Court, along with four County Commissioners, decided was that it is time for prayer to be back in school, to start school off on the right foot. We have stumbled along on our own two feet, so teachers and students have had a long way back. Now, maybe we will learn that school is for teaching kids to stay on the right track and to pray to our Almighty before we start to learn other things.

Thank you guys for helping to lead our kids in the right way. I believe their day will be better and shorter and they will do better for having this training. Let's give it a try; as far as you are willing, really try this.



"A CANDYLAND CHRISTMAS"—students from Colorado City in Bethel Studio of Music include, bottom row, left to right: Ashley Sanders, Jami Thackerson, Mandy Strain, Jennifer Petty, Faith Feaster, Sarah Ann Cox. Top row, left to right: Amber Kelley, Angela Riggs, Nicki Riggs, Stephanie Hoyle, Johnnie Riggs.

Bethel Studio of Music students present "A Candyland Christmas"

Pupils of Bethel Studio of Music presented "A Candyland Christmas" at First Baptist Church Chapel Saturday, December 17 at 6 p.m., immediately following with a candlelight Christmas dinner in the multi-purpose center. Narrator for the event was Jack Gorman, Sr. Master of Ceremonies for the dinner was Warren Sanders. Dinner music was given by harpist Kim Gorman and flautists Marie Clark and Jenise Judah. Entertainment at the dinner was provided by the families of

Dwayne Riggs, Randy Feaster, Thomas Brozovich, Jim Petty, Rex Thackerson, Nathan Hoyle and Warren Sanders.

The chapel was transformed into a candyland delight for children. The Christmas Stars and Yuletide Singers sang *Super Special Christmas* and *It Must Be Christmas*. The 2 piano and organ concert featured from 2 to 5 performers playing all the favorite Christmas carols. Parents performing in the program included Mrs.

Thomas Brozovich, Mrs. Larry Thompson, Mrs. Robert Cox, Mrs. Rex Thackerson, Mrs. Warren Sanders, Dr. Larry Leininger, Mrs. Robert Sayger, Mrs. Bob Greenlee and Mrs. Jim McKamie. Each performing group was named by their favorite candy.

Lights and sound technicians were Max Drum, Rick Hopper and Larry Thompson. ZTV Enterprise taped the program for airing during the holidays in Snyder and Colorado City.

OUTDOORS

By Randy Bullard

Thanksgiving has come and gone once again. It is a time for feeding our faces and giving thanks for our family, friends, health, homes and food to eat. It is also a time to pause and reflect on those less fortunate, who may be jobless and have no food on the table.

Even though we live in a society where most households have two cars, two televisions and two VCR's, surprisingly there are still many people who are going hungry.

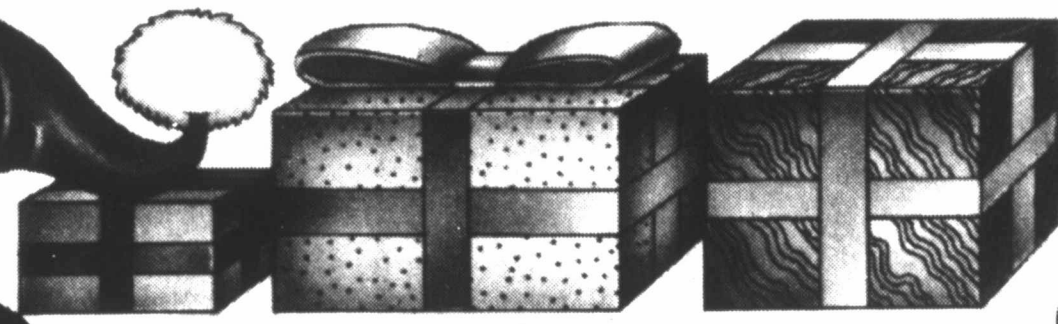
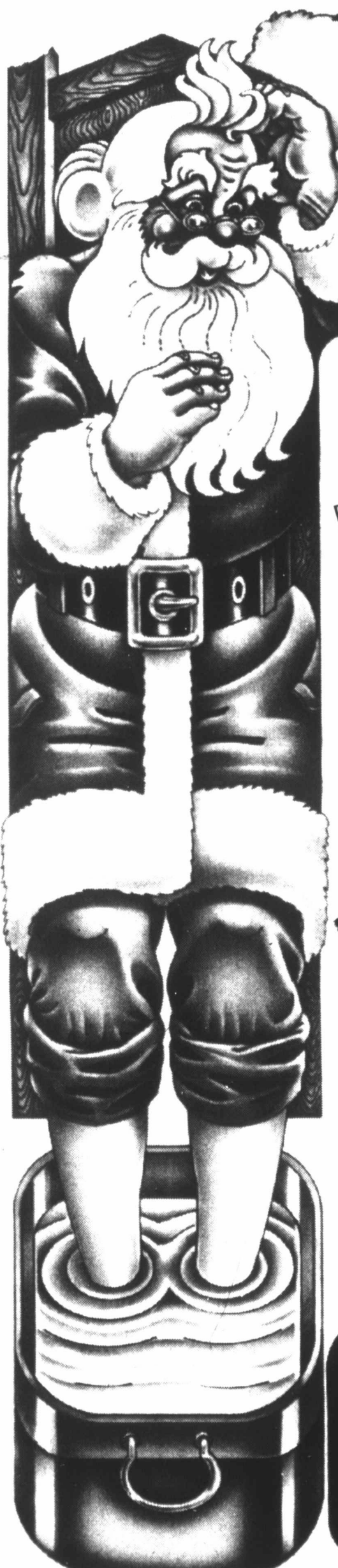
The T.P.W.D., along with several other public and private organizations, have been trying to ease some "hunger pains" through a program called "hunters for the hungry." For the fourth consecutive year, hunters can donate freshly killed deer that will be delivered to one of several food banks in the state. A tax deductible donation of \$15 is required for processing and packaging at approximately 200 processing plants across the state. Two-pound frozen packages of meat will be distributed to the needy through various food banks. More than 100,000 pounds of venison were collected for the program last year, providing more than 400,000 nutritious low-fat meals to hungry Texans.

The program's intentions are very good but may have to be slightly altered in smaller rural areas where there are no volunteer processors or food banks. Mitchell County has neither but we still have plenty of hungry people who could use some meat. This time of year I am always getting asked for a deer but I don't come across enough clean road kills or seize enough deer to meet the demand. Here is where the local deer hunter can help.

If you'll look at your hunting license you will find an ample supply of deer tags, usually far more than one deer hunter will ever use. One of the tags is marked "hunters for the hungry" and is designated as a special deer tag for hunters wanting to participate. It is a way to call attention to the program but hunters should also know they can use any of the deer tags that accompany their license when donating to the needy. It is perfectly legal to kill a deer, tag it and give to whomever you please as long as the tag remains with the meat.

Better yet, you could even take a needy person hunting with you, point out the deer that you want killed, have him kill it, tag it and field dress it for himself.

The bottom line is to make plans to use a deer tag as a gift of meat to someone. After all, it is the Christmas season and a time for giving—and what a better gift—to feed an empty belly. I guarantee it is a gift that will definitely be used. Most everyone knows of someone who could use some meat but if not, contact your local church or contact me and we'll find them for you. Merry Christmas!



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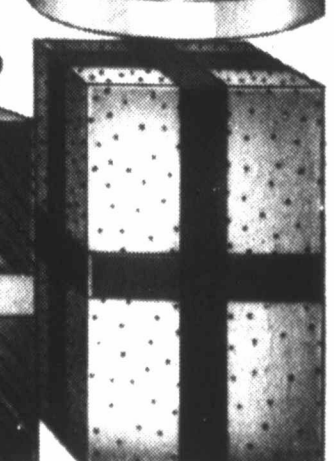
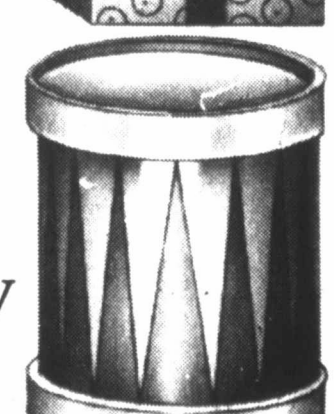
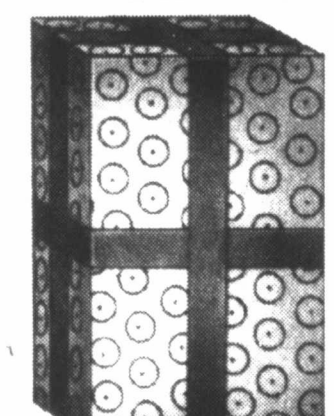
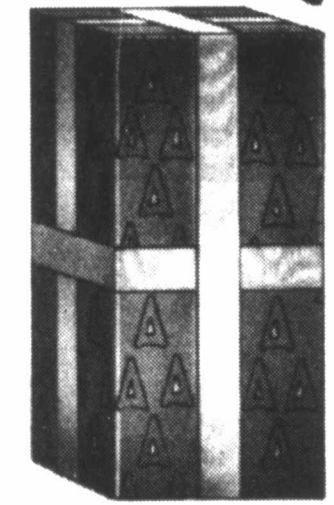
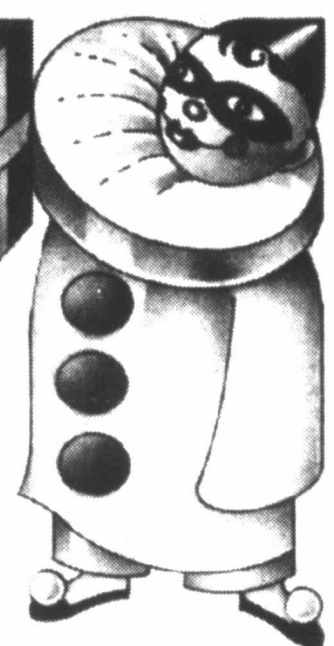
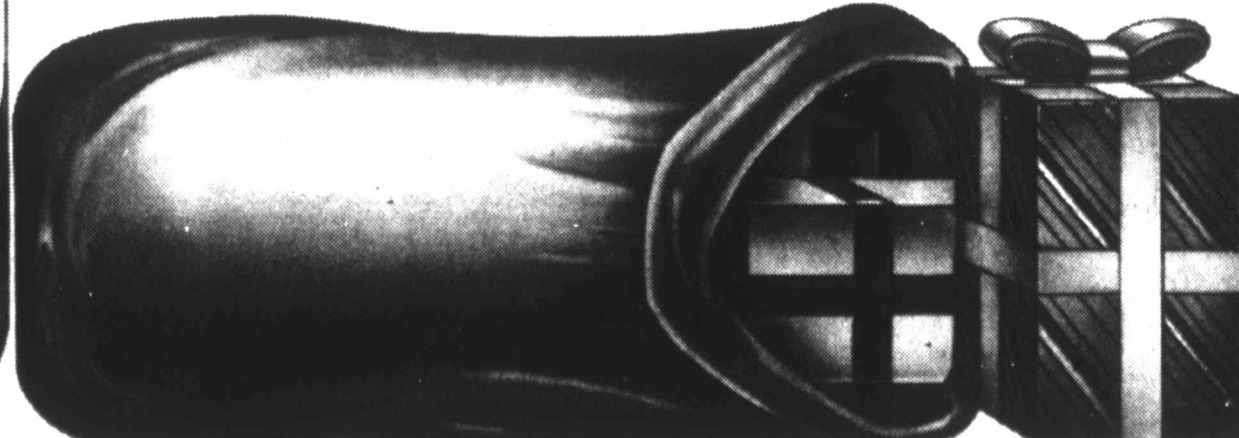
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