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Basketball games

Haskell
Hawley Tournament
Dec. 28-30, VG-B

Haskell VG-B, JVG-B vs.
Throckmorton
Tues., Jan. 2, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Paint Creek vs. Roby
Tues., Jan. 2, 4 p.m.
at Roby

Rule
Jayton VG-B Tournament
Dec. 28 and Dec. 30

Rule JV-B, VG-B vs. Chillicothe
Tues., Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
at Chillicothe

Calendar

Early deadlines

The deadline for the Jan. 4 edition of The Haskell Free Press is Thurs., Dec. 28 at noon.

Soup kitchen

The second annual Haskell soup kitchen will be Thurs., Dec. 28 at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. Carry outs will be available for shut-ins by calling 864-3875. The meal is funded by donations from Souper Sunday so there is no charge to anyone. This event is sponsored by Haskell CISD and Haskell Co. Commissioners' Court.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 8 in the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. All present are to tell a memory that stands out from the past.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m.

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Fireworks

The second annual W. E. Hollingsworth Memorial Fireworks display will begin at midnight, Sun., Dec. 31 at the Hollingsworth farm between Rochester and Rule.

Hosted last year by the Haskell County Historical Society to herald the year 2000, the event was such a success it is being repeated. Jim Hollingsworth and his assistant plan to set off another large load of fireworks on thirty acres of land that has been prepared for the event.

The farm is located five miles west of Hwy. 6 at the intersection of FM 2407 and County Road 146. The fireworks will be on the west side of CR 146. Parking along FM 2407 for a mile east of CR 146 will again provide a prime view of the fireworks display.

Jim Hollingsworth planned last year's fireworks display to honor the memory of his grandfather, William Edward Hollingsworth. As a five year old boy, Jim realized that his grandfather would not be here with him when the century ended. Saddened by the thought, he vowed 55 years ago to honor his grandfather with a celebration to usher in the year 2000.

Last year's event was a new experience for him and his assistant Danny Ashley. Saying that they now know better how to organize and plan, they expect to present a continuous 45 minute display of colorful fireworks.

End of year sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2000, including \$191.5 million to Texas cities and \$15.7 million to counties.

December's rebates bring the total tax allocated to local taxing

entities in 2000 to \$3.8 billion, a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue and an increase of 8 percent compared to \$3.5 billion in sales tax allocations in 1999.

In 2000, Texas cities received \$2.5 billion in sales tax rebates, an

8.5 percent increase compared to 1999. Counties received \$212.3 million, a 6.1 percent increase over 1999. Sales tax rebates to six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments totaled \$987.9 million, up 6.6 percent compared to 1999. Fifty-six special

purpose districts received \$90.6 million in sales tax revenue, an increase of 14 percent compared to last year.

Though 2000 sales tax rebates are up 8 percent overall, rebates to local taxing entities for the month

of December are down compared to December 1999, when local governments received extraordinarily large sales tax rebates, as the Comptroller streamlined the process and made a year-end push to return every available local sales tax dollar to communities throughout the state. This year, because of the steps Comptroller Rylander took to speed the monthly processing of sales tax revenue, local governments received more of their share of sales tax dollars sooner.

December's city sales tax rebates of \$191.5 million are down 6.4 percent compared to a year ago and county rebates of \$15.7 million are down 14 percent compared to December 1999. December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

Haskell County had a 31.97 percent decrease for Dec., 2000 of \$20,252.09 in comparison to \$29,772.07 for Dec., 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$321,318.32 reflect a 2.74 percent decrease over 1999 payments to date of \$330,373.11.

The City of Haskell had a 29.59 percent decrease for Dec., 2000 of \$19,108.85 in comparison to \$27,140.31 for Dec., 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$295,390.97 reflect a 3.29 percent decrease over 1999 payments to date of \$305,464.64.

O'Brien had a 20.30 percent decrease for Dec., 2000 of \$47.02 in comparison to \$59.00 for Dec., 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$1,427.98 reflect a 32.70 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$1,076.04.

Rochester had a 38.06 percent decrease for Dec., 2000 of \$405.79 in comparison to \$655.22 for Dec., 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$7,026.94 reflect a 2.73 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$6,839.55.

Rule had a 63.30 percent decrease for Dec., 2000 of \$654.44 in comparison to \$1,783.39 for Dec., 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$15,055.05 reflect a 1.96 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$14,764.39.

Weinert had a 73.17 percent decrease for Dec., 2000 of \$35.99 in comparison to \$134.15 for Dec., 1999. 2000 payments to date of \$2,417.38 reflect a 8.47 percent increase over 1999 payments to date of \$2,228.49.



HASKELL SHOPPERS—Haskell shoppers gathered last Sat., Dec. 23 for the final jackpot drawing. The drawings were sponsored by

the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and were supported by Haskell merchants.

Barnett named Keller Officer of the Year

Tom Barnett was recently named Police Officer of the Year for the City of Keller. Barnett has been employed with Keller (a suburb of Fort Worth with a population of 28,000) for four years, and was promoted to Detec-

tive in April of this year. He was nominated by his peers in recognition of distinguished professionalism, unselfish dedication and vigilance in protecting the citizens of Keller.

Barnett developed an e-mail dis-

tribution list known as the E-Safe Message System, which bridges the communication gap between the citizens of Keller and the Police Department. 675 families are enrolled in his program. Barnett sends out messages concerning neighborhood crime, suspect information, crime prevention tips and police department news in a matter of seconds. The system also

provides an efficient way for the citizens to voice concerns, complaints, suggestions and/or questions to the Police Department.

Barnett is married to the former Christina Peiser of Haskell. They have two daughters, Jessica, age 10, and Caitlyn, age 4. Tom is the eldest son of Lee Barnett of Dallas and the late Tom Paul (Bull) Barnett of Haskell.

Rule contest winners named by Chamber

Winners of the Rule Chamber of Commerce's Home and Yard Lighting Contest are:

First place, Joel Lane; second place, Santos Baiza; and third place Patty Raynes.

Winners of the children's poster contest are:

Kindergarten: 1. Darryl Williams 2. Lacey Tabb 3. Tasha Davis.

First grade: 1. Ty Rhoads 2. Chanler Robertson 3. Kimbre Kupatt.

Second grade: 1. Jenny Dudensing 2. Kade Brown 3. (tie)

Allison Petty and Sam Benavides.

Third grade: 1. Kate Rowan 2. Lorena Davis 3. Joseph Turner.

Fourth grade: 1. Lacey Stephens 2. Zeb Petty 3. Brittany Nicole Barnett.

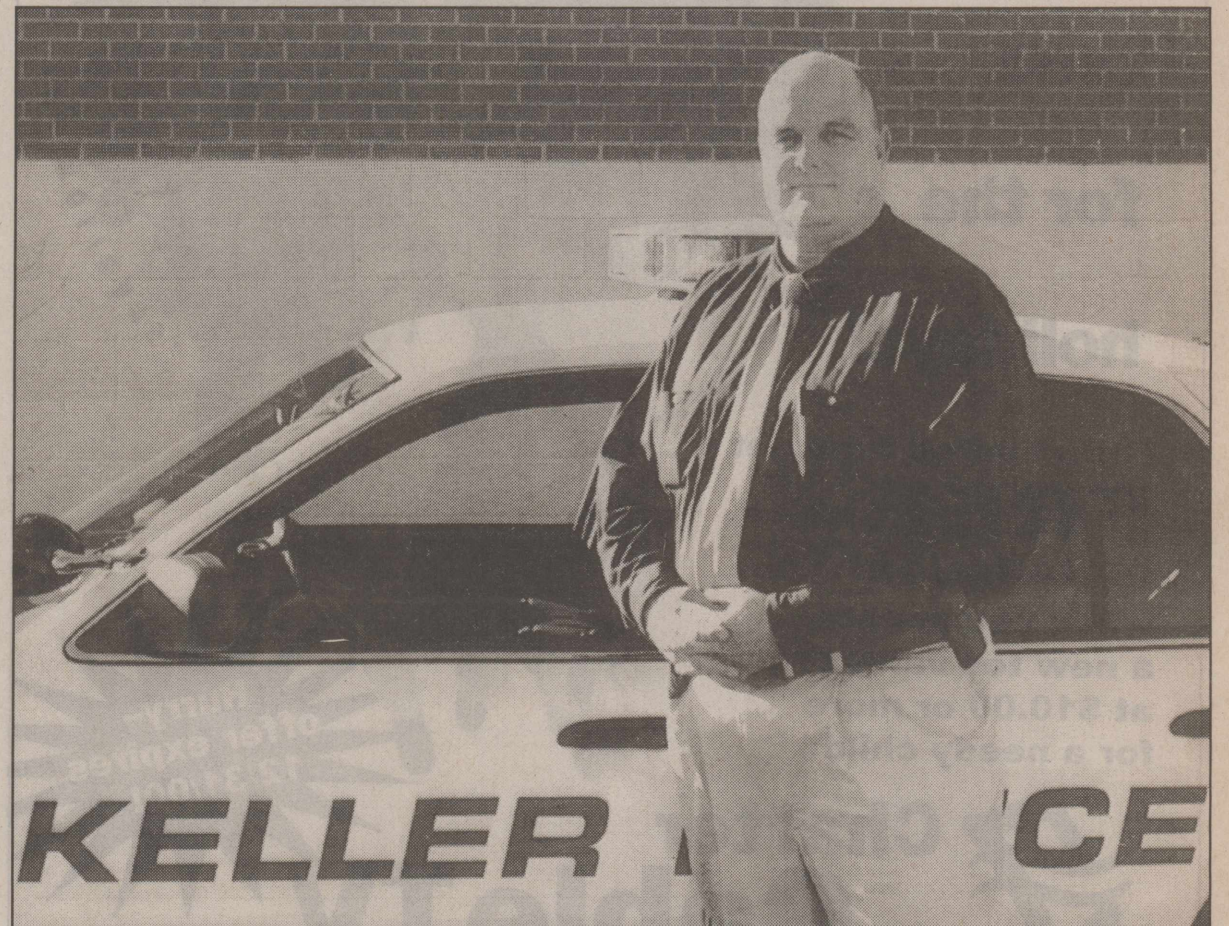
Fifth grade: 1. (tie) Joey Williams and Story Trussell 2. (tie) Kyna Scheets and Jessie Magallon 3. Stephanie Stowell.

The children's posters will be on display in the windows downtown until after Christmas.

Goodfellows Donations

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Adkins	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$100.00
Business Men's Bible Class, First Baptist Church	\$100.00
Roger and Mollie Moeller, in memory of V. P. Terrell and George and Lydia Moeller	\$25.00
Jack and Velma Lusk	\$25.00
Anonymous	\$20.00
Kyle and Loutina White	\$25.00
In lieu of cards to Haskell friends by Joe and Flo Holder	\$25.00
Total this week	\$420.00
Previous total	\$325.00
Total to date	\$745.00

46 Baskets were delivered Sat., Dec. 23



OFFICER OF THE YEAR—Haskell native, Tom Barnett, was recently named Police Officer of the Year for the City of Keller. Detective Barnett has been with the Keller department for 4 years. He the son of Lee Barnett and the late Tom Paul (Bull) Barnett of Haskell.

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Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

Latest happenings at the library are our new computers. We were chosen as one of the few Texas libraries to receive \$3,000.00 from the Governor and Lt. Governor's Endowment Fund. We purchased a computer, a computer cart and children's books, a CD Rom with Encarta Encyclopedia Program and juvenile literature.

Our two newest computers are from Bill and Melinda Gates. We have a new Gateway Spanish computer and an English computer. We also received a laser-jet printer with these computers. These two computers have children's programs, highway and street information (construction) updated bi-monthly, Encarta Encyclopedia, also updated monthly, an atlas and dictionary, a research organizer, algebra, geometry and Encarta Africana. Come in and try our new computers. Time limit is 30 minutes. If no one is waiting you may use the computer another 30 minutes. Parents should come with their children to the library if the children are to use the computer. You may print from the computers for 10 cents per page. Print safe as you will be charged for each page that prints.

Student in the News

Dacia G. Carter, daughter of Mrs. Lisa Milburn of Haskell, was among the 230 graduating seniors who received diplomas in commencement exercises at Harding University Dec. 16. Majoring in elementary education, Carter received the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Back the Indians!

We have new books in the adult section, including *The Mark* by LeHay, *Illusions* by Steele, *Speaking in Tongues* by Deaver, *Code to Zero* by Follett, *Dr. Death* by Kellerman, *The Spy Glass* by Evans, *The Last Precinct* by Cornwell and *The Outside Man* by Patterson. Juvenile books are the Montgomery series, *Anne of Green Gables*, J. R. R. Tolkien series, *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*, C. S. Lewis series *The Chronicles of Narnia*. We have new *Wishbones*, *Harry Potter* and *Lord Brocktree*.

The following is a book review of *Lord Brocktree* by Matthew Bowers. "Lord Brocktree is the thirteenth novel of the Redwall series written by Brian Jacques.

The Redwall books are tales about animal characters living in a Medieval-style setting. The stories take place in forests, islands and mountains and the characters come from the countryside of England and include mice, otters, foxes, weasels and even a wildcat or two.

In this story, a young harem named Dotti and the badger-warrior Lord Brocktree travel to the mystical mountain Salamandastron. They find it captured by the wildcat Ungat Trunn and his army. Knowing that they can do nothing alone, the two must rally a force to win back the mountain. They demonstrate the power of friendship and that strength and might do not always win.

I like this book for its action and for its many funny parts. Adults would like this book too; my father borrowed it behind my back a few times to read it!"

Memorial donations to the Friends of the Library: Betty Watson, Sam Herren, Fred Aycock, Grace Aycock, Bertie Mae Dumas, Robert Dumas, Jack Lane, Janay Morrison, Ouida Schubert, Fadwa and Shahir Hassen, Earl Proctor, Douglas Myers, Florence Reiger,

Maudine Frierson, Bill Wiseman, Elsie McGee, Harvey Croft, Freddie Ballard, Wayne Adkins, Mildred Green, Jack Sonnemaker, Modelle Hollawell, Mary Frazier Hoover, Kathy Read and Jim Crane.

Donations to the Friends: Burdett Family of Arlington, Progressive Study Club in honor of the elected county officials, the Hassen Family, Haskell County Retired Teachers Association and Holden McCauley Funeral Home.

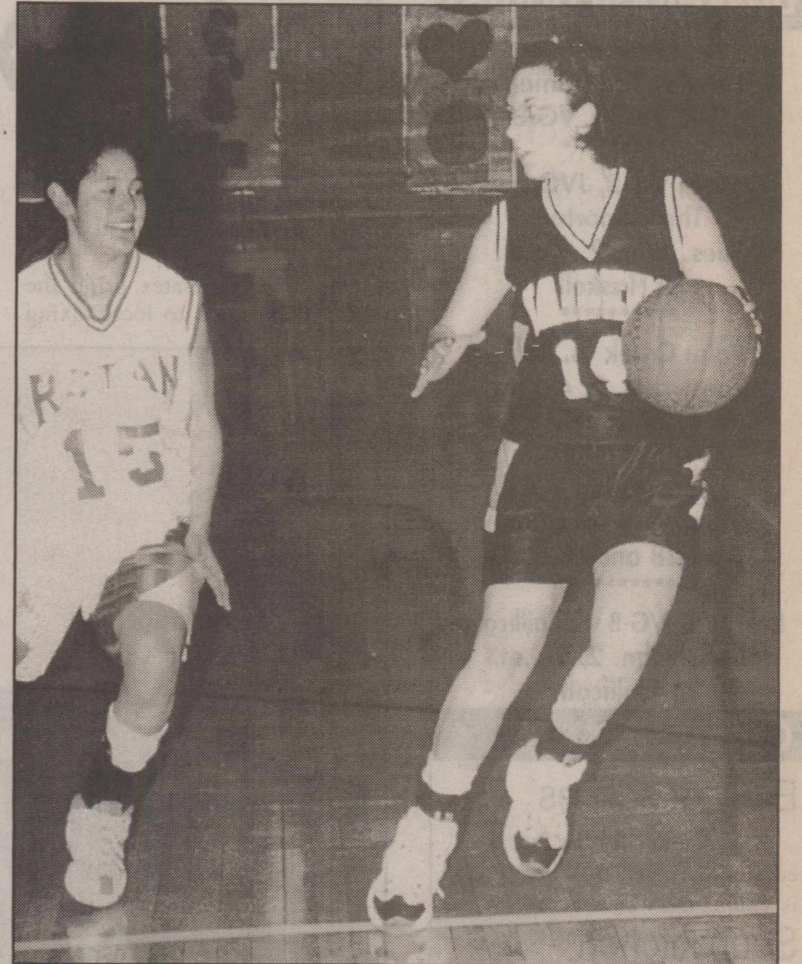
Memorial donations to the Haskell County Library: Maudine

Frierson, Frankie Anderson, Ernest Peiser, Freddie Ballard, Harvey Croft and Alice Lowrance.

Donations to the Haskell County Library: Martha and J. L. Toliver.

You are invited to become a member of the Friends of the Haskell County Library. Dues run from January to January and are \$10 per year for individuals, \$25 for a family, \$100 for lifetime individuals and \$250 for lifetime family membership.

Happy New Year to one and all. See you at the Library.



VARSITY GIRL ON THE MOVE—Haskell's #14, Megan Bird takes the ball down the court in the game with Rotan, Dec. 15. Haskell won the game 58 to 27. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Obituaries

Mary Wilson

Graveside services for Mary Wilson, 51, of Haskell were held Thurs., Dec. 21 at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wilson died Tues., Dec. 19 at a local hospital. Born Oct. 10, 1949 in Apache, Okla., she married Jesse J. Wilson Feb. 13, 1968 in Hugo, Okla. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Heather and Heath Wilson.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Wilson of Haskell; one daughter, Sandra Tatum of Haskell; two sons, Timothy Wilson of Mineola and Billy Wilson of Haskell; five brothers, Hershell James and Leonard James, both of Broken Bow, Okla., Lonnie James of Golden, Okla., Russell James of Anadarko, Okla., and Jason James of Bethel, Okla.; one sister, Karen James of Arkansas; 7 grandchildren: Krystal Wilson, Daren Wilson, Terry Tatum Jr., Chance Wilson, Breanna Wilson, Rayann Wilson and Elizabeth Anderson. PD. NOTICE

Jenny Brazell Collins

Funeral services for Jenny Brazell Collins, 65, of Haskell were held Tues., Dec. 26 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Dale Huff officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral directors.

Mrs. Collins died Sat., Dec. 23. Born Feb. 4, 1935 in Corpus Christi, she was the daughter of Henry and Pearl Walker. She married Buddy Brazell Sept. 3, 1950 in Munday. He preceded her in death in July of 1988. She married E. C. Collins in February 1990 in Haskell. She was a member of the Haskell Church of Christ. She had worked as tax assessor in Paint Creek

and Haskell. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard Walker, J. L. Walker and Charles Walker.

Survivors include her husband, E. C. Collins of Haskell; two sons, Mike Brazell of Copperas Cove and Rick Brazell of Colorado City, Colo.; one daughter, Connie Abbott of Jenks, Okla.; two stepsons, Steve Money of Eules and Mike Money of Abilene; two stepdaughters, Cathy Poe of El Paso and Pamela Money of Brandon, Florida; two sisters, Patsy Gray of Burleson and Billie Yabne of Bedford. PD. NOTICE

Lora Mae Mullins

Funeral services for Lora Mae Mullins, 88, of Haskell were held Tues., Dec. 26 in First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral directors.

Mrs. Mullins died Sat., Dec. 23. Born July 17, 1912 in Comanche County, she moved to Haskell County in 1922. She and her husband farmed in northwest Haskell County for many years until their retirement. Throughout the years she was active in PTA, Home Demonstration Clubs, W.M.U. and Brazos West

Art Association. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1973.

Survivors include three sons, George Mullins Jr. of San Antonio, Willard Mullins of Haskell and Manuel Mullins of Olney; two daughters, Deloris McMillen of Gainesville, Florida and Robbie Curry of Hobbs, N.M. PD. NOTICE

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Saint Nicholas' story part of history

By Mary Kaigler

All of our life, at Christmas time, we look forward to a visit from Saint Nicholas. Right here in Haskell this week he visited us again.

But who is St. Nicholas, and how did he get so intimately associated with Christmas in our culture? His story is an interesting one, and a part of history.

Nicholas was born to Christian parents in the city of Patara, in what is today known as Turkey. He died in his eighties in the year 342.

His parents wanted him to receive an education, which was provided only to the well-to-do in his day. As a child he was sent to live with his uncle, the Christian Bishop of Myra, who could provide the necessary patronage.

Nicholas was a good student and quickly gained attention in his new community. Being very devout, he began to prepare for the priesthood. Entering a monastery to study and live, he seems to have excelled in both academic and spiritual ways, gaining a reputation for his kindness and teaching. Many legends concerning him began to develop, and behind these legends can be seen a great deal about his character.

One legend relates that Nicholas came to the aid of a father who planned to sell himself into slavery to raise funds for the dowry of his three daughters. One night Nicholas came to their door and left money

on the doorstep. His reputation for being a generous and caring man quickly spread.

Nicholas was not only generous, but daring, living during a time of intense persecution of Christians. In his efforts to spare his people from this disaster he is said to have rescued boys from being taken captive and carried off as slaves, (a frequent custom in the Roman Empire). At great personal risk Nicholas confronted the Roman soldiers and returned the boys to their families. In later times, Nicholas became the patron saint of children and especially students.

In another story, Nicholas spared a whole section of the city from being brutalized by a Roman Army unit by pleading with the captain to take him instead of any of the people. This courageous act resulted in the conversion of the captain to the Christian faith. Eventually, Nicholas paid a price for these interventions. He was imprisoned and tortured for his faith.

Some legends relate how, when as a traveling pastor, Nicholas helped save the lives of fellow travelers and sailors in shipwreck. In later times he was revered as the patron saint of sailors.

Nicholas' fame spread far and quickly. He was a human being, but a man so generous he could forget himself and face death for others. But his fame rested on more than daring or generosity. It was also based on his keen intellect.



SANTA MAKES ANNUAL VISIT—Santa made a point to visit in Haskell Sat., Dec. 23 to get those last minute items added to his list. His annual visit is anxiously awaited by local boys and girls.

During the reign of the first Christian Emperor, Constantine, Nicholas was an able contributor to the written definition of Christian belief known as the Nicene Creed.

In time, Bishop Nicholas became the patron saint of Greece, cities in Asia Minor, Russia and the Slavic countries. Merchants heard about him on board ships traveling the Mediterranean. Finally, his fame spread to northern European countries.

In the hearts of the Dutch people, Nicholas found a special home. In Holland Saint Nicholas' name was changed to Sinterklaas (Claes being a shortened form of the name Nicholas). Some of the customs we have at Christmas, including the giving of gifts, were first associated with St. Nicholas Day, celebrated by the Dutch.

The Dutch established a colony in America called New Amsterdam, (New York today). They erected a little church, the first real church built in the new world. The Dutch loved to tell stories about Sinterklaas, which became a part of the culture of the colony, but were not specifically related to Christmas.

One of the first writers in American literature, Washington Irving took up some of those fanciful tales which inspired even newer tales. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor of divinity and benefactor of the General Theological Seminary in New York, wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas," one of the most charming and enduring tales about St. Nicholas. It has probably done more to shape American ideas about St. Nick and to cement his relationship to Christmas than any other single factor. Moore's description of the jolly old elf completed the transformation of Saint Nicholas into Santa Claus.

When the poem was read by Thomas Nast, the American cartoonist who gave us Uncle Sam, the Democratic Elephant and the Republican Elephant, the concrete vision of the saint took on new vividness and translated Moore's words into an enduring picture. In our English, Sinterklaas had become Santa Claus, and virtually all connection to the venerable saint from ages past was lost. Moore is responsible for the connection in our minds of Santa Claus with his gift-laden bag.

Americans are not the only ones to remember St. Nicholas, although our memory of the man is peculiarly distorted. In England he is called "Father Christmas," in France, "Pere Noel," in Germany, "Weihnachtsmann."

There was indeed a real person behind the image that is almost

Drive safe

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is strongly urging motorists to refrain from drinking and driving. Thousands of Texans are injured or killed by drunk drivers every year. The legal limit for intoxication is now .08 blood alcohol concentration for those 21 and over. But for anyone under 21, it's zero tolerance—don't drink.

Motorists should always use safety belts properly. In addition to driver and front seat passenger riding in a car or light truck, Texas law also states that all children under 15 must be properly secured in a safety belt or child safety seat. Children 12 and under are safest when secured in the back seat.

TxDOT provides statewide road condition information at 800-452-9292.

Stenholm accepting applicants for interns

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 2001 Omar Burleson Intern Program in Washington, D. C. The Honorable Omar Burleson represented the 17th Congressional District for 32 years.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by Jan. 5, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operations of the Congressman's office and assist the legislative staff in a variety of projects.

The internship program is open to college students from the 17th Congressional District, or those attending college inside the District. Also eligible are local elementary and secondary school

teachers and administrators. Interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Annette Wilson in the Stamford district office at 915-773-3623, from Congressman Stenholm's web page (www.house.gov/stenholm) or by writing the Omar Burleson Intern Foundation, P. O. Box 1057, Stamford, TX 79553.

Applications are due by Jan. 5 and will be forwarded to the Selection Committee, who will notify finalists by Feb. 16. Interviews will be held in Abilene March 17 and selections will be announced following a luncheon hosted by the Omar Burleson Foundation with Congressman Stenholm in attendance.

Study Club holds holiday meeting

Members of the Progressive Study Club of Haskell met Thurs., Dec. 14, in the holiday decorated home of Sandy Forehand for their annual Christmas meeting and a program on Community Affairs.

Each member brought a new toy for the Child Welfare Department and a gift for a Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange. Linda Lane-Blaise

gave a dramatic presentation of "The Christmas Story."

During the evening members visited the Senior Living Properties and Rice Springs Care Home to sing Christmas Carols.

Hostesses for the evening were Evelyn Cobb, Julia Harrell, Bettie Waincott, Thelma Adkisson and Sandy Forehand.



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universally, and sometimes exclusively associated with Christmas. The truth of course, is that the image bears little direct relationship to the reality. But the jolly Santa of today is "representative" of the real St. Nicholas of long ago, as a kind and generous person.

Perhaps what is important for us

to be aware of is that God speaks us through real people who, from time to time, show us what God like, and let us know what we should be like.

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SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology	6:30 - 9:45 p.m.	M
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Warning: It has begun.

The day after Vice President Al Gore delivered his concession speech and Gov. George W. Bush became president-elect, the *Wall Street Journal* weighed in with this story: "Capital's Social Lions Scent Change, Seek Cues."

The gist of the story is that the hick Texans are coming to the sophisticated capital of the free world.

The story listed 23 things that soon will be "in" in Washington and 23 things destined to be "out." Among the ins, the Texas two-step, branch water and tacos. The matching outs are the Tennessee Waltz, Whitewater and Big Macs.

While the piece is moderately amusing, it shows what Texans are in for during the Bush administration: Even more national media attention than the state received during the campaign.

During the campaign, the national media tended to focus on all of Texas' problems, from environmental matters to poverty to the quality of education.

What's coming next will be particularly onerous to all true Texans: journalistic attempts to prove that Texas still lives up to its stereotype.

For instance, if there's a real Texan who refers to water as branch water, he or she must live within pistol shot of Arkansas. Watch for a lot of photographs of cowboy hats, oil wells and other Texas icons. That Austin has 12 bagel shops and 54 coffee shops, including more than a dozen Starbucks outlets, probably will not be mentioned.

As soon as the holidays are over, national reporters will be flocking to Texas to tell the rest of the nation and the world "what George W. Bush's Texas is really like."

In the McLennan County community of Crawford, the answer to that question can be summed up in this phrase:

"Johnson City, 1964."

To some extent in 1960, when Lyndon Johnson became vice president, his hometown of Johnson City began to experience what the future now holds for Crawford. When Johnson was elected to the presidency in 1964 by a landslide, Johnson City prospered financially and became internationally known.

The same thing already is happening to Crawford

It's the economy again

With the longest election "day" in American history finally beyond us, many Texans have found something new to worry about: the economy.

While the price of oil is up, revenue is down in Texas' New Oil (the high-tech industry).

But the entrepreneurial spirit in Texas remains strong. Seen recently at Fifth and Lamar in downtown Austin was a street person displaying this handmade sign: "Stressed out? Yell at a homeless man, \$1."

Given all the political change to come—in Austin and across the nation—that homeless fellow may make a lot of money over the next few months.

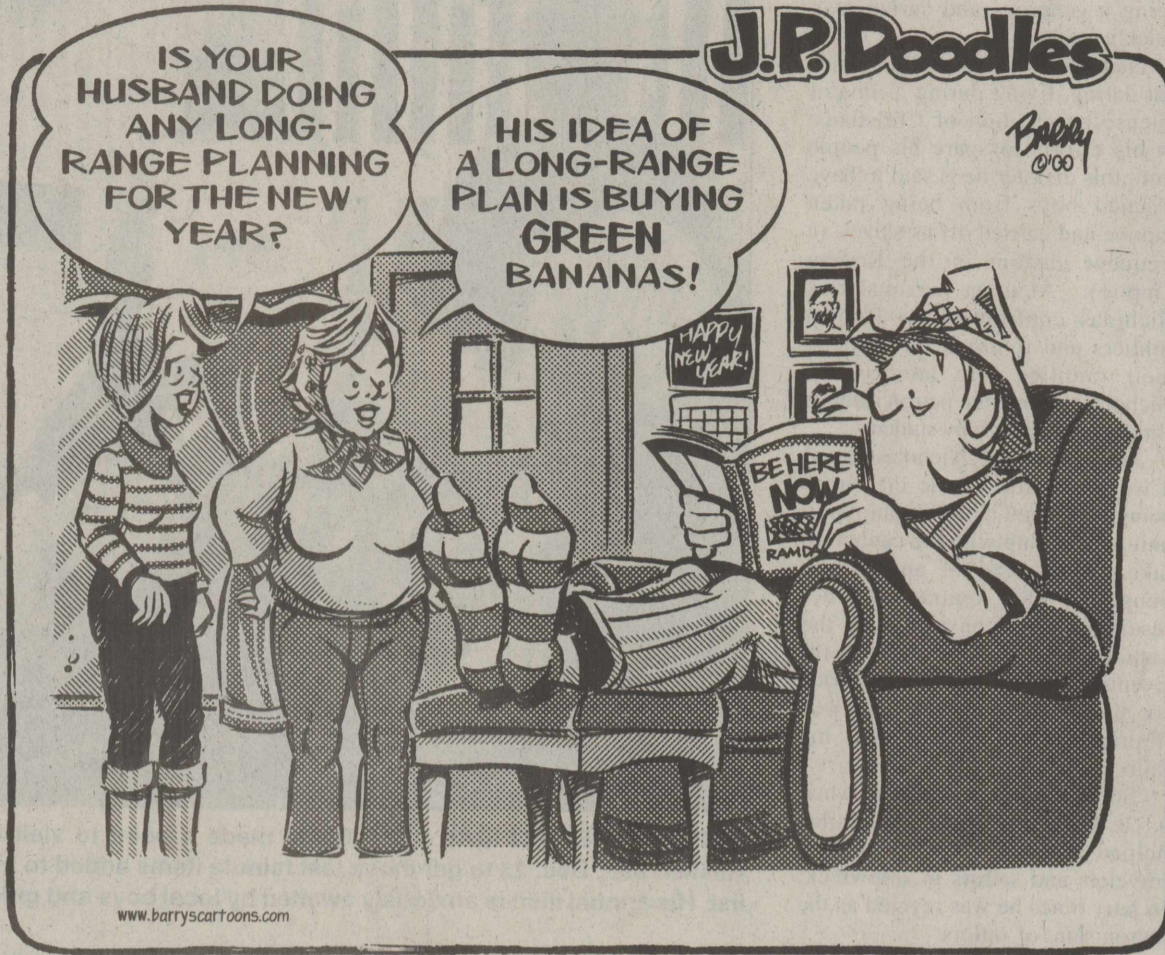
Hunter safety training has made a difference

Though the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department won't have final stats until after the first of the year, two persons died in hunting accidents across the state on Dec. 16.

Last year, six people died in hunting accidents in Texas, compared with eight in 1998.

In an effort to decrease the number of hunting deaths, the Legislature adopted a mandatory hunter safety education program in 1988.

The program, which all young hunters have to take before they can get a hunting license, clearly has made a difference.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

I suppose that no other poem is more well known or loved in America than "Twas the Night Before Christmas." At our house each year we still treasure and bring out the colorful book version that we gave our little daughter when she was three years old. Needless to say, like us, it looks a little worse for wear, but it can still evoke the magic and wonder of the time.

But writer Clement Moore is not the only person who has had a memorable experience on the night before Christmas. The recent contest held to re-write the poem in their own words brought out some vivid images of such a time from people all over the area.

One local entrant tells of a scene that would test the patience of Job, had he gone through it.

Kay Perry, who, as everyone knows, dearly loves her husband Bill, also shudders when he takes on a project around the house. According to her, his hands do not always follow what his heart and head set out to do. This translates into some trying and testy times in their household.

In her re-write of the beloved

Christmas poem, she recounts such an occasion. It seems that each year after the holidays, she stores their large Christmas tree, still strung with many lights, in a building in the back yard. Recently she remarked to daughter Amanda that they needed to bring in the tree before long.

Without their knowing it, husband-Bill went out to bring it in for them to decorate. The rest is history.

In Kay's words, here is the Perry version of what transpired at their house on the night before Christmas.

'Twas the night before Christmas, there arose such a clatter.

The dog was barking, so I ran to see what was the matter. When out on the lawn, what should appear?

Bill's dragging the tree in, my heart stops in fear.

What could possibly happen; it's a tree after all?

I glanced out the window in time to see it fall.

He picks it up and hugs it, the Heimlich Maneuver, I think.

All 23 strands of lights are trailing; my heart begins to sink.

He stops again, "Whaat's the problem now?"

Tangled in lights, he drags a weed-eater and plow.

He gets the tree in, and sets it up while I'm trying not to cuss.

Our teenage daughter appears to see what's all the fuss.

I began the long task of repairing the tree.

Bill has a wet-dry vac. He's not finished "helping" me.

He vacuums a closet and then the fireplace ashes.

As I'm working on the tree, something tickles my lashes.

The room is all white, my Christmas cheer wilts.

Bless his heart, he forget to add the filter.

As we stand very still, the soot begins to fall.

Dash away, dash away, dash away all.

I hope your Christmas was filled with much cheer.

We will be leaving town for Christmas next year!

Winter tips for keeping your home safe and cozy

With cold weather approaching, now is a good time to take stock around your house so you can be comfortable and safe this winter. Taking a few precautions now can help keep your house cozy and also save money and energy.

First of all, it is a good idea to have the heating system inspected by a professional technician. This will reduce the chances of equipment failure and will help the unit run more efficiently. Replace or clean the filter on your furnace every 30 days.

Inside, make sure weather stripping around the doors and windows is in good condition and replace it if necessary. Also check

to see if the attic, basement or crawl space have recommended level of insulation. In addition, to take advantage of nature's heat, keep blinds or draperies opened on sunny days to let the sun's warmth in. This is especially important on any windows or glass doors receiving direct sunlight. And conserve energy by keeping doors and windows closed when the heater is on.

If you have a space heater, remove any cobwebs, dust or dirt and make sure the grill is intact and in place. If the heater is vented, make sure the vent is operating properly. If there is no vent or oxygen cut-off switch, provide

outside ventilation such as a slightly open window.

And as an added precaution, make sure to keep space heaters away from furniture, draperies and other combustible materials.

Be sure pilot and main burners on gas appliances produce a blue flame, indicating the gas-and-air mixture is safe. If the flame is yellow or red, call a certified heating and air conditioning contractor immediately.

When re-lighting a pilot light, first strike a match and hold it to the opening. Then slowly turn the gas on. Instructions should be attached to the appliance.

If you smell gas in your house, don't touch any electrical switch and don't strike a match or do anything that might cause a spark. Leave your house immediately, go to a neighbor's home and call TXU Gas at (800) 817-8090. Don't call from your home because some telephones use a small amount of electricity that may produce a spark.

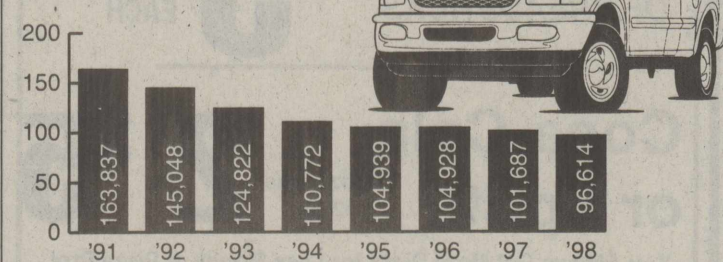
After you call, then wait until the technician has found the cause before you re-enter your home.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Vehicle theft down

The number of vehicles stolen is down statewide since its record level in 1991 of 163,837. In recent years, the vehicles stolen most often are pick-up trucks.

Total vehicles stolen (in thousands)



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Department of Public Safety, Motor Vehicle Theft Service.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
December 27, 1990

Larressa LeFevre was named player of the week in the TIAA. She is a forward on McMurry University's basketball team. LeFevre is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry LeFevre and a graduate of Rule High School.

The Noah Project North held its regular monthly advisory committee meeting at the Pizza Barn in Haskell.

20 Years Ago
December 25, 1980

Mathematics major Giles Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kemp, was awarded a \$200 valedictorian scholarship by the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association. Kemp was the 1980 valedictorian at Haskell High School.

The Haskell High School Maidens won first place in the Knox City Tournament. They beat Goree, Munday and Knox City. Maidens Jana Hunt, Lorie Johnson and Kim Lane were named to the All-Tournament Team.

30 Years Ago
December 24, 1970

Winners of the Christmas Home Lighting Contest have been announced. Winners of the first place in the window lighting division was Mrs. Cecil Lackey. First in the door prize division was Mrs. Abe Turner and Mrs. Ervin Lehde won first in the yard division.

Haskell County 4-H members Jackie Wilcox and Ricky Miller of Rule; Kyle Wilfong, Tammy Herricks, Sue Hager and Kim Hager of Weibert will exhibit steers and Cindy Thomas of Haskell will exhibit heifers at the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show in Odessa held in Jan.

The Junior Garden Club, under the direction of Mrs. E L. Wyche, visited the Clear View Lodge and the Rice Springs Care Home and led the patients in singing Christmas carols. Club members participating were Lou Ann Dodson, Debbie Young, Linda Hilliard, Gay Williams, Judy Lehde and Carol Sue Lehde.

40 Years Ago
December 29, 1960

Glenda Sue Heberlin of Haskell and Jane Carolyn O'Pry of Rule are among 317 seniors who will receive bachelor's degrees from North Texas State College in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kemp spent the Christmas holidays in Houston with their son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Felker and son Stevie, of Colorado City, spent the Christmas holidays in Haskell with relatives and friends.

Wanda Dulaney of Dallas spent Christmas here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Dulaney. Dulaney is an executive in the Dallas County Red Cross Chapter.

50 Years Ago
December 28, 1950

Curtis F. Pogue, who will retire Jan. 1 after four years service as County Attorney, has announced the opening of law offices on the second floor of the Oates Building.

The home of County Judge and Mrs. O. E. Patterson was selected as the first prize winner in the annual Christmas Home and Yard Lighting and Decorating Contest. Second place was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Ray and third place was Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates.

90 Years Ago
December 24, 1910

F. C. Lowe of Rule was in town Tuesday and shipped a fine turkey to a friend in Waco.

Last week J. F. Collier and others shipped a 45-pound turkey to Senator Joseph W. Bailey at Washington. The turkey was raised by Mr. Collier.

The Bellevue school children gave a Christmas entertainment at the schoolhouse Friday night.

Frank Baldwin and Buford Long, who are attending the University of Texas at Austin, are here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Have a safe and
Happy New Year!

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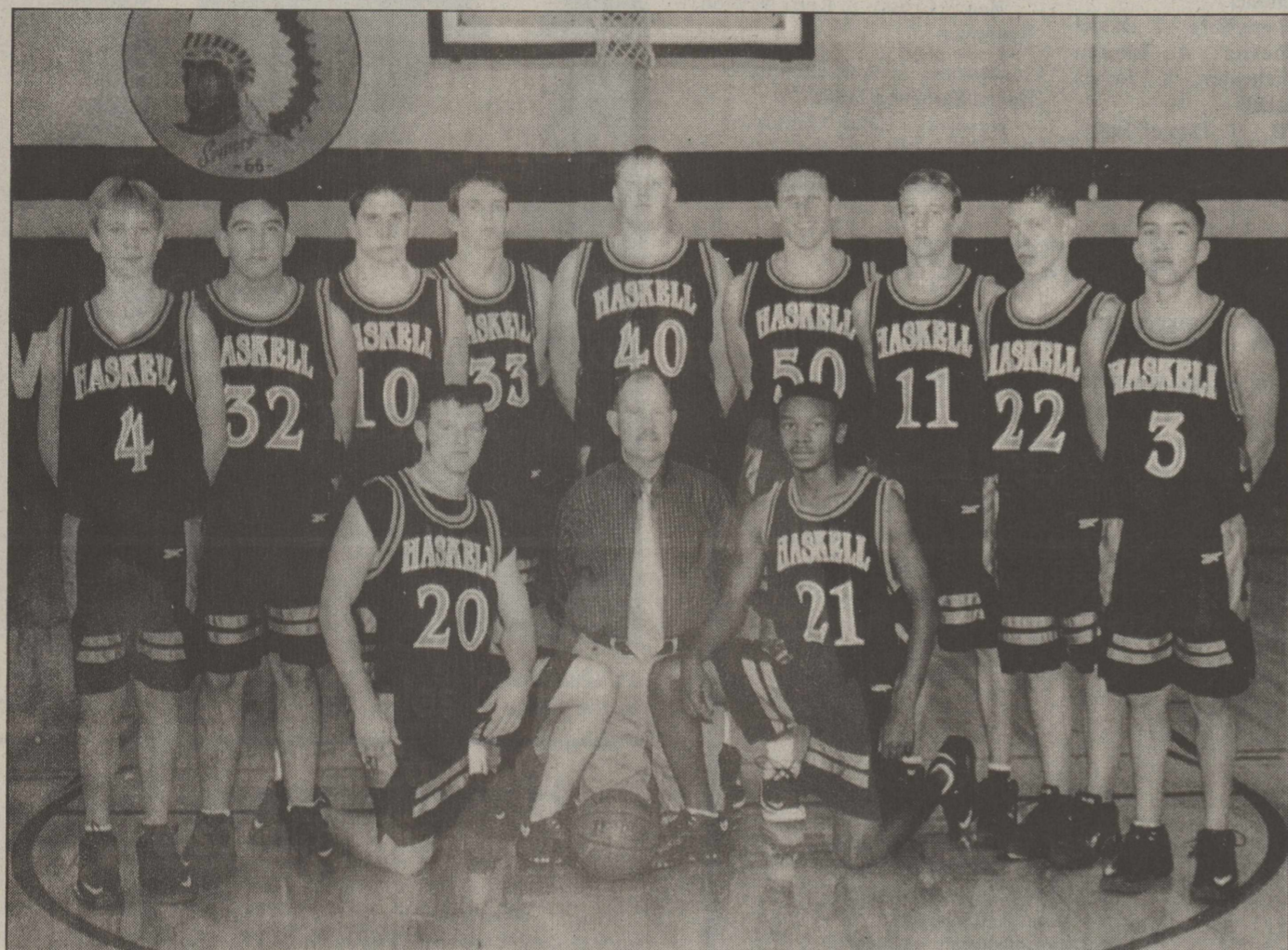


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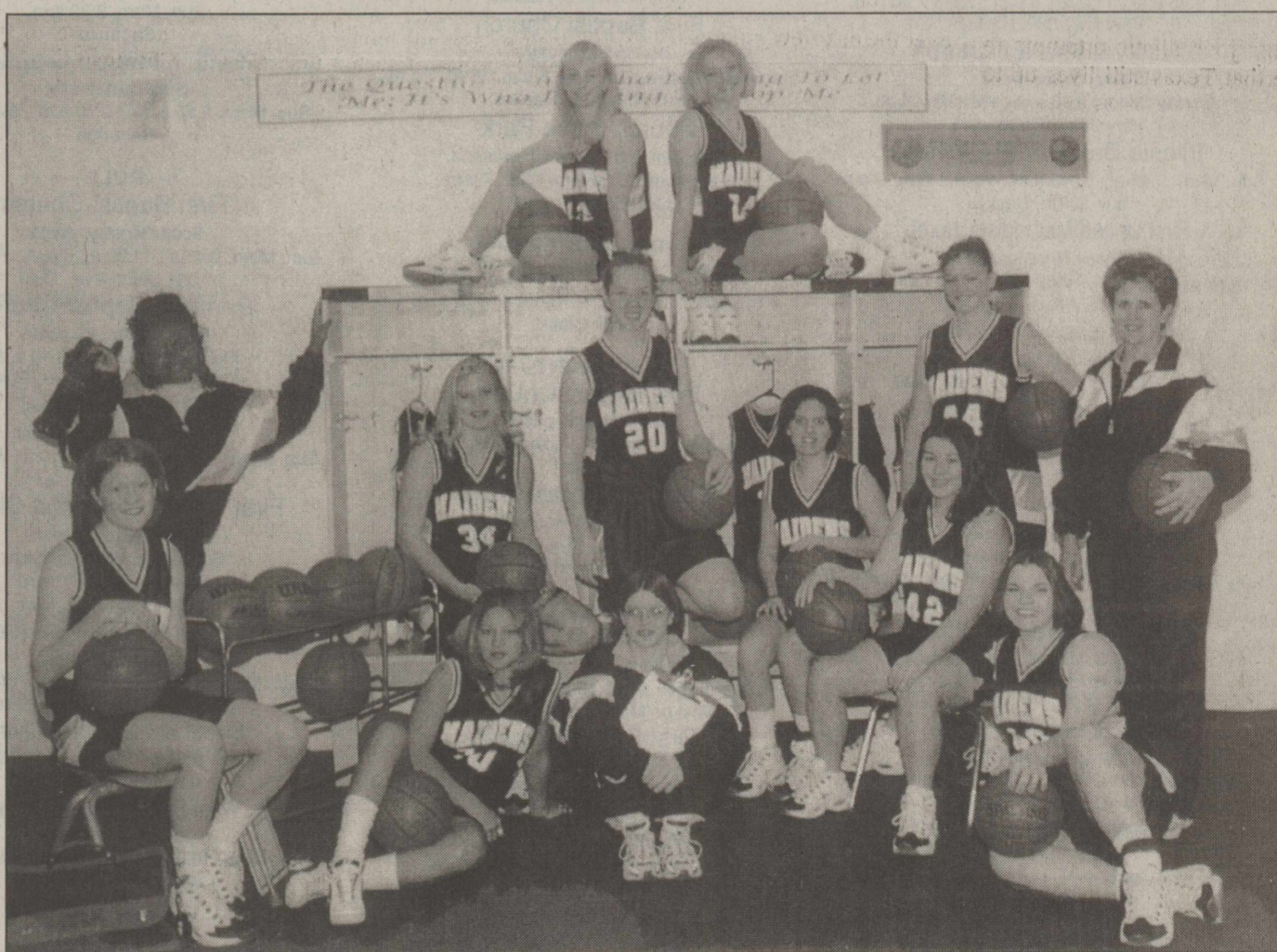
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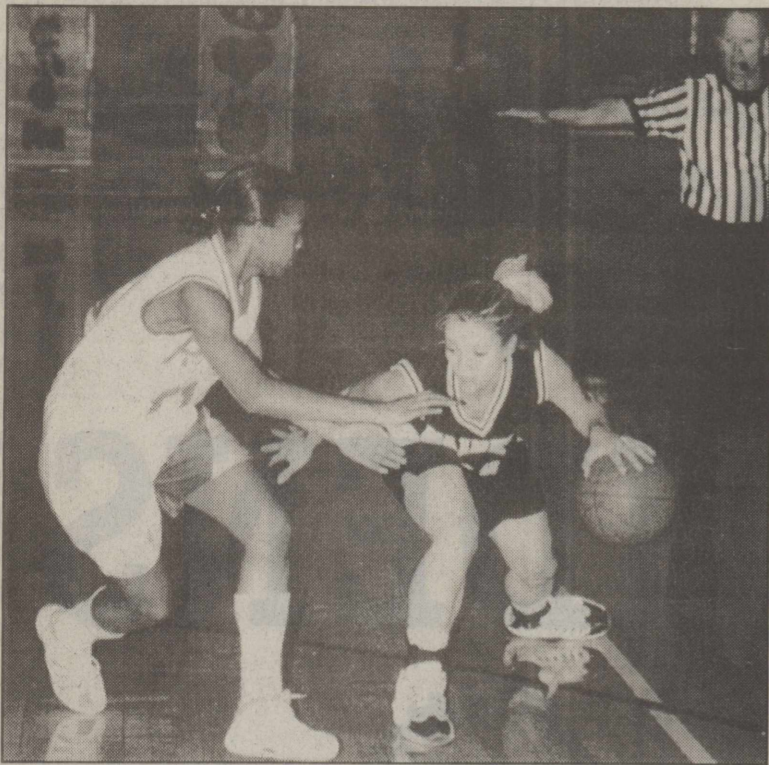
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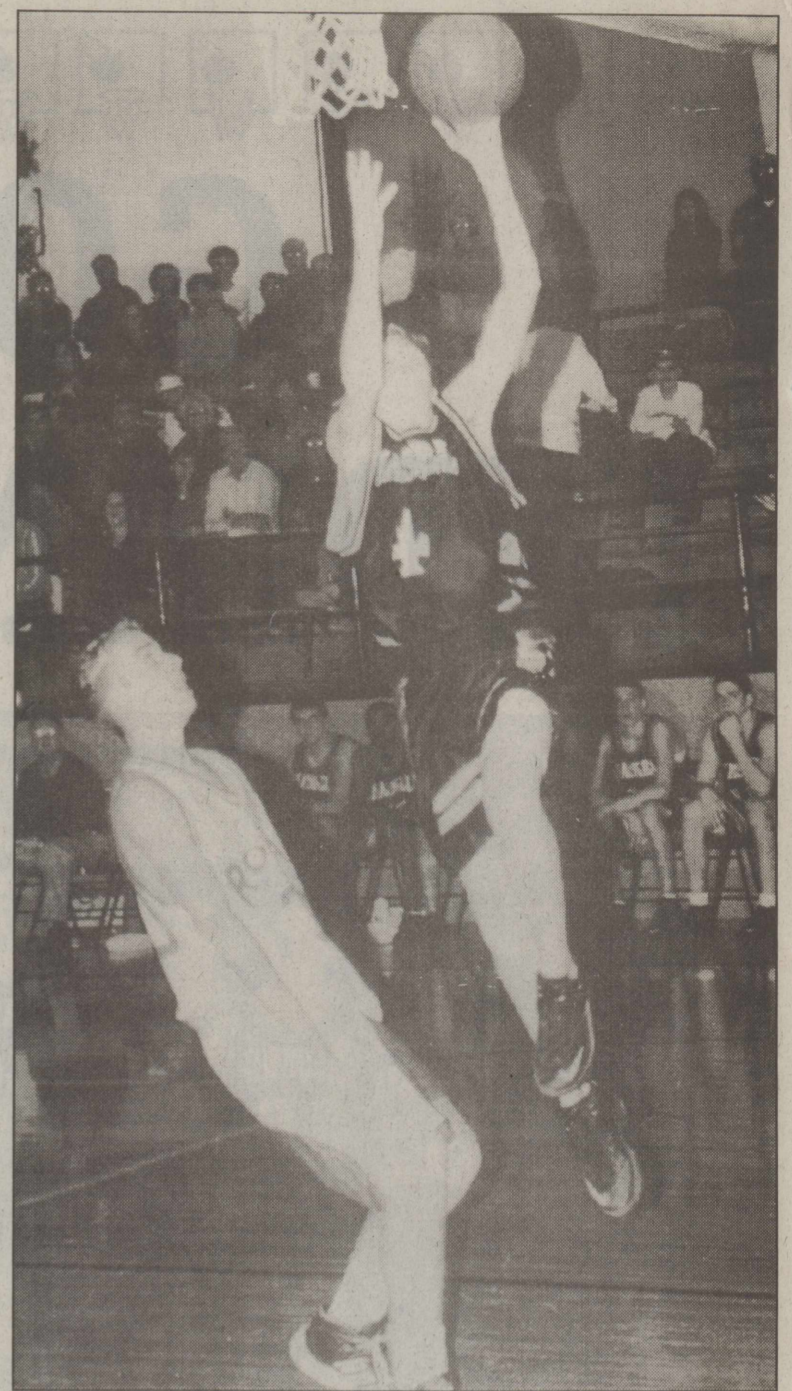
GOING DOWN COURT—Tiffany Lindsey #24, moves the ball in the Haskell Varsity Girls game with Rotan Dec. 15. Final score was Haskell 58, Rotan 27. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Rochester FFA Pig Jackpot results

Results of the Rochester FFA Pig Jackpot held Sat., Dec. 16:

Light Duroc - 1. Ross Short, Rochester
 Breed Champion - Ross Short, Rochester
 Reserve Breed Champion - Daniel Earle, Rochester

Medium Duroc - 1. Chase Cockerell, Rochester; 2. Lauren Newton, Rochester
 Heavy Duroc - 1. Ross Short, Rochester; 3. Kerri Newton, Rochester; 4. Gay Lynn Gary, Sagerton; 6. Chase Cockerell, Rochester
 Breed Champion - Ross Short, Rochester
 Light Hampshire - 1. Daniel Earle, Rochester; 5. Marcie Stoddard, Rochester
 Medium Hampshire - 2. Daniel Earle, Rochester; 4. Lauren Newton, Rochester; 8. James Williams, Haskell
 Light OPB - 1. Daniel Earle, Rochester
 Heavy OPB - 1. Ross Short, Rochester; 2. Daniel Earle, Rochester
 Breed Champion - Ross Short, Rochester
 Reserve Breed Champion - Daniel Earle, Rochester
 Yorkshire - 2. Chase Cockerell, Rochester; 5. Ross Short, Rochester
 Reserve Breed Champion - Chase Cockerell, Rochester
 Light Cross - 2. Daniel Earle, Rochester; 5. Shayna McKague, Haskell; 6. Sean McKague, Haskell
 Heavy Cross - 3. Kerri Newton, Rochester
 Reserve Breed Champion - Daniel Earle, Rochester
 Reserve Grand Champion - Ross Short, Rochester



FLYING INDIAN—Haskell's #4, Josh Webb takes to the air to score in the game with Rotan, Dec. 15. Photo by Bill Blankenship

This Week's Devotional Message:



LET THE NEW YEAR INTRODUCE A WHOLE NEW WAY OF LIVING

It's only another night, followed by a day the same length as all the others. However, December 31st is an arbitrary dividing line between one year and the next, a part of the necessity for keeping track of time along with the days, weeks and months. We have further drawn attention to it with elaborate revelry, culminating at the stroke of midnight; and for some of us, followed the next day by a state of remorse and a determination to mend our ways. We begin every new year in this manner, with a list of sweeping reforms designed to correct all our faults at once; a task usually beyond human compliance. However, if we would just be sensible about both our actions and our expectations, none of this would be necessary. In fact, a regular trip to our House of Worship can be far more effective than all those futile efforts at atonement. Try it and see for yourself.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
 David Page, pastor
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
 Dusty Garison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
 Brett Anderson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
 Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
 Kevin Hall, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gazebo or Pavillion

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church
 Chris Powell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
 Troy Culpepper, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Rev. Clarence Walker
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
 Tommy Wilson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
 Stan Leaf, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church
 Scott Hensley, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primeria Iglesia Bautista
 Artuo Jr. Flores
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 3-5 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Wednesday: Potaparts
Thursday: Sausage biscuit
Friday: Cinnamon toast

Lunch
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only—Secondary. Milk

and assorted drinks are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.
Wednesday: Lasagna, green beans, fried okra, garlic bread, apple crisp
Thursday: Chicken fajitas on flour tortillas, sauteed peppers and onions, chili con queso w/chips, corn, sliced peaches
Friday: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato slices, pickle spears, chocolate chip cookies

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 1
 ECC closed.

Wed., Jan. 3
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Lunch—Luncheon steak, gravy, potatoes, chopped broccoli, salad, pear half, cookie, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Haskell Jr. 4-H Club holds Christmas party

Haskell Jr. 4-H Club met Mon., Dec. 4 and made Christmas ornaments out of peppermints. Those attending brought canned goods for the Goodfellows.
 If anyone would like to know more about the Haskell Jr. 4-H

Club or would like to join, contact the Haskell County Extension Office.

The next meeting will be Mon., Jan. 8 from 5:30 - 6:30 at the Extension Office.

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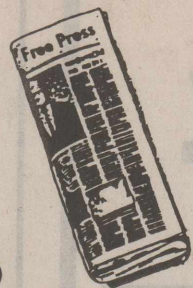
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Closed bids will be accepted in the Superintendent's office of the Rule Independent School until January 18, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. on the following items: A. 1976 Dodge pickup B. 1986 Chevrolet pickup.

All bids shall be in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with the name of the bid. Bids shall be opened at the time specified. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bid will be awarded January 18, 2001 at the regular scheduled School Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Bids may be mailed to: Rule Independent School District, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547. Respectfully submitted, David Parr, Superintendent 52c

Public Notices

Haskell Memorial Hospital
1 North Avenue N
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Haskell, Texas 79521

On January 4, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. local time, Haskell Memorial Hospital District will receive bids for tear-off and replacement of designated roofs. Bids should be delivered to the Hospital Administrator's Office in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, "Roof Replacement Bid," with the bidder's physical address clearly marked on the envelope. Bidders wishing to submit proposals MUST attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Thursday, December 28, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hospital, located at 1 North Avenue N, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Specifications may be obtained from the Hospital, or Roof Designers, Inc., for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. Roof Designers Inc., may be reached at: 817-517-7272. The Haskell Memorial Hospital Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Bill Nemir, Administrator

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A request has been received from Alta Faye Harvey to change the following described property: Lot number 1 & 2 block A address Stephens Addition other description 800 South Avenue F East from general residential zoning district to special use zoning district. The applicant proposes to use the property for trailer house if zoning is achieved.

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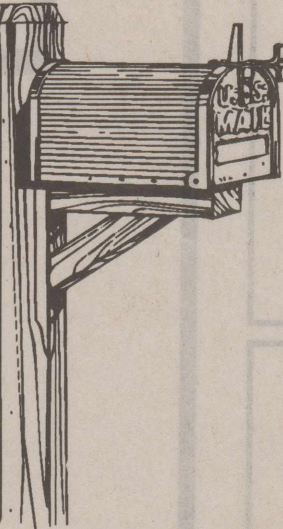
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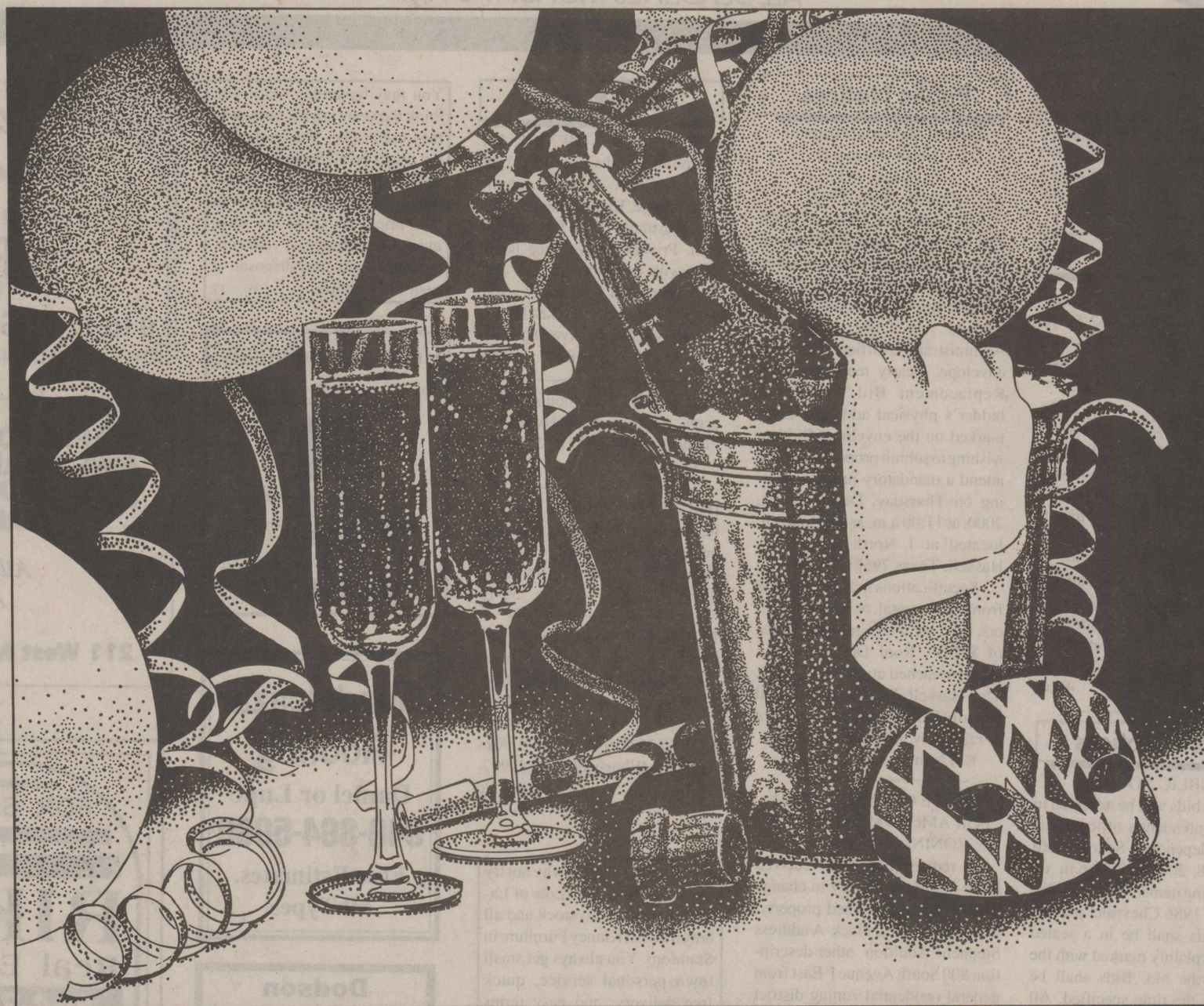
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