

# Nature Club plans 2000 operations

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) on Dec. 8 held its annual winter meeting and social - plus a covered dish supper plus an expansive view of an array of aquatic life on Eagle Lake plus a treasury-enhancing auction of outdoor necessities. The locale was the lake-side home of gracious host Mae Ashby.

New officers elected, all from Eagle Lake, include Alice Sunderman as president, Ken Craig as vice president, Mae Ashby as secretary, and Ethel McCreary as treasurer.

Former presidents and advisors are Helen Craig and T Lang of Eagle Lake, Doris Laughlin of Columbus and Fannie Merle Welch of Wharton.

Field trip guides for 2000 will be Laughlin and Terry Rossignol of Columbus and Mike Sims of San Antonio.

Field trip guide Laughlin announced the first 2000 outing will be

held Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge about five miles NE of Eagle Lake and on the northwest side of FM 3013. It will be a joint venture of the TWONC and the Houston Audubon Society.

This "early bird" activity will begin at 7:30 a.m. with participants meeting at the refuge headquarters with certain promise of super watching of the winter biota of the prairie/wetland environments.

Wear outdoor clothing and bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras. Bring snacks and hot beverages if you wish.

As always, club members, potential members, guests and visitors are invited to any and all indoor events and field trips.

Persons wishing more information about this event or about other TWONC activities or membership are

asked to call Welch in Wharton at 409-532-3195, Susan Tomchesson in East Bernard at 409-335-4883, Ashby in Eagle Lake at 409-234-2019, Ethel and Joe Lee McCreary in Eagle Lake at 234-3064 or Laughlin in Columbus at 409-732-8875.

# Texana gets good results from audit

Auditors from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) completed their audit on the Home and Community services provided by Texana MHMR Center on Thursday, Dec. 2. The center received no deficiencies and was re-certified to provide mental retardation services with Medicaid reimbursement funding.

The Residential programs audited included services provided in Whar- (See Texana, Page 8)

# COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



### DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Russell Ray Popp, driving while intoxicated (DWI) felony, 8-30-95. Sentenced to two years TDC with credit for time served.

David Charles Langhoff, DWI felony, 12-6-98. Sentenced to five years TDC, to run concurrent with Victoria County case and \$4,000 fine and court costs.

Marshall Nelson, delivery of a controlled substance, 10-9-91. Sentenced to four years TDC with credit of 232 days served.

Robert A. Toliver, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to one year state jail facility.

Luis Rodriguez, burglary of a building. Sentenced to five years TDC.

### DISTRICT COURT CASE FILED

Gay Anderson vs American National Property and Casualty Co., Frank Meyen and National Flood Service, damages; filed 12-16-99.

### DIVORCES GRANTED

Jimmy Carter and Beatrice Carter; granted 12-16-99.

Brian Thomas Balas and Tess Miranda Balas; 12-16-99.

### DIVORCES FILED

Donna Marie Peters Williamson and David Lee Williamson; filed 12-14-99.

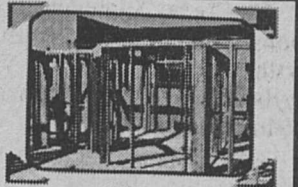
James Bryan Long and Florence Marie Long; 12-15-99.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Richard Joe Spates Jr. and Alana Nicole Johnson; 12-15-99.

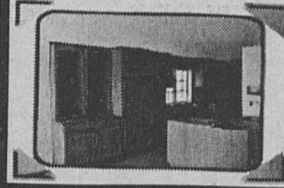
Herbert C. Shelton and Debra Jean Guthrie; 12-17-99.

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# Barbie doll winner announced

The Rice Medical Center Auxiliary, better known as the "Pink Ladies", were recently selling tickets for a 40th anniversary Barbie doll. The drawing was held Dec. 10 at the hospital with Mrs. Venetta Seals drawing the winning ticket. Also at the drawing was Barbara Pidgeon and Florence Walker. The lucky winner was Mrs. Elizabeth Duarte, a registered nurse who works at the hospital.

This is one of the fund raisers the Auxiliary holds during the year to raise money to donate to the hospital for new equipment.

Photo Courtesy of Barbara Pidgeon

# A safe holiday tops Santa's Christmas list

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last Dec., 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," said Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn of the century New Year's parties. People who don't normally drink and drive may be out for this unique celebration."

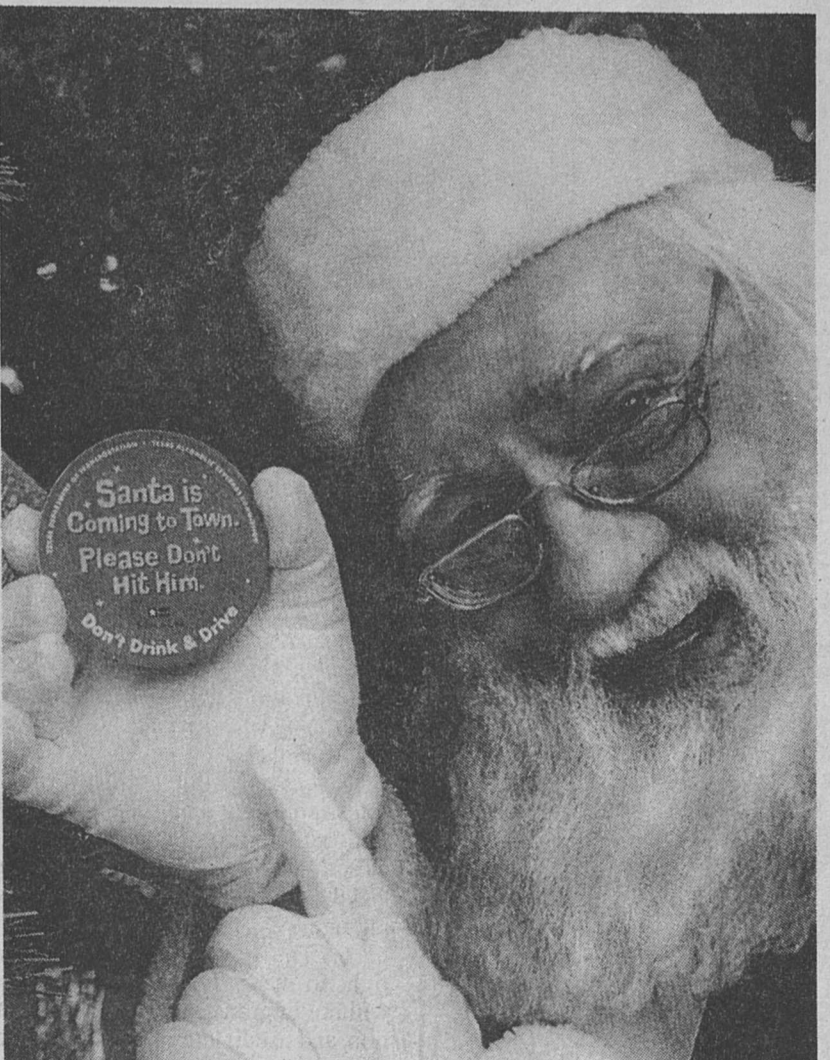
TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driving. Thirty holiday-themed billboards are being posted on interstate highways in major

Texas cities and throughout Texas, and don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will air statewide in Dec. Thousands of convenience stores, liquor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message are also being provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Bryant said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between Dec. 24 and 26 and between Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.



Santa Claus points to a festive coaster, urging Texans not to drink and drive during the holidays. Hundreds of restaurants and bars across Texas have teamed up with the Texas Department of Transportation to spread the responsible driving message. Eighty-three Texans died last Dec. in alcohol-related crashes.

Photo by Alan Pogue

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