

# Local / State

## Warped



By Scott McCullar

## Local holiday parade tonight

**By TINA LINCH**  
Battalion Reporter  
Holiday floats, marching bands, horses and clowns will fill main streets tonight marching to the theme of "My Favorite Holiday" in the annual Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade.

The procession will begin at 7 p.m. at University Drive and proceed down Texas Avenue to Sulphur Springs Road.

Participants will line up on the University Drive right turn lane on the east side of Texas Avenue. The lane will be blocked to traffic from 4:30 until the last entry joins and the procession begins. All of

Texas Avenue will be blocked from 6:30 p.m. until about 9 p.m., when the parade is expected to end.

"A lot of people are assuming that we're saying Christmas is the most important holiday," Parade Marshal Susan Winklemann said. "But this isn't a Christmas parade — it's a holiday parade that happens to be at Christmas time."

Clowns on motorbikes will weave through the parade handing out candy to children. "Basically, parades are meant for children. That's our ultimate goal," Winklemann said.

"The parade is at least 20 or 30 years old, but each year it gets

bigger and better."

The Ross Volunteers, the honor guard of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, traditionally leads the parade. Miss Texas, Sheri Ryman, the former 1981 Miss Texas A&M, will ride on a patriotic float following the RVs.

Local businesses, community groups, churches and schools have entered about 90 floats in the parade with such titles as: "Babes in Toyland," "Christmas Time in Brazos Valley," "Dreaming of Christmas" and "Dickens' A Christmas Carol."

Texas A&M's MSC Hospitality Committee will have a float with the 20 Miss Texas A&M finalists.

Other floats will feature Christmas carolers and nativity scenes. Santa Claus will ride the final float.

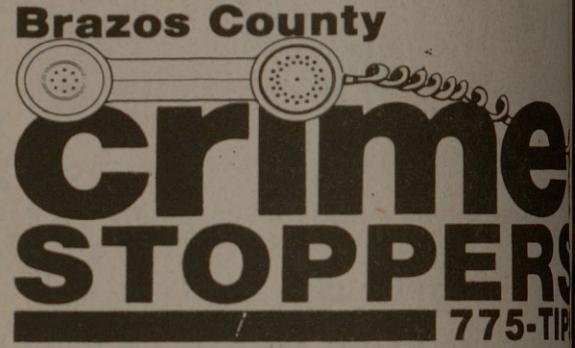
Marching bands from Brazos Valley high schools and Blinn College will perform along with the Lightfoot Brigade, a drill team from Houston.

Costumed horses and riders from saddle clubs will conclude the parade.

Floats can win \$200 first prizes or \$100 second prizes in one of four categories: community, commercial, church and school. No entry fee is required. The parade is financed by community donations.

## CS crime of the week: construction site theft

**By DAN PUCKETT**  
Battalion Staff  
Someone stole \$2,694 worth of kitchen equipment and paint from an apartment construction site last month. This theft is College Station's Crime of the Week.



After sundown on Nov. 18 and 19, thieves burglarized the new apartment complex, which is under construction at 715 Vassar, across from the old Fed-Mart. The burglar, or burglars, took five almond-colored Kenmore dishwashers, five almond-colored Kenmore Drop-In Ranges, and nine five-gallon cans of brown paint. The can labels were marked in felt-tip pen with the name of the paint, "Jewel Brown Light."

Police investigators have few clues. They ask citizens to notify them of any information about buying or selling any of the

above items under suspicious circumstances.

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## Innocent man puts life together, savors freedom

United Press International  
BRIDGE CITY, Texas — Clarence Von Williams, savoring his first weekend of freedom since the "ski-mask rapist" confessed to the sex crime that sent Williams to jail for 50 years, is starting to put his life back together.

His head still whirling from a surprise release greeted by hundreds of his cheering supporters, Williams said Sunday he was unsure how to react to reports a Bridge City woman still believes he is the man who raped her and forced her to have group sex with her children two years ago.

"It's really kind of hard to explain how I feel about that," Williams said. "I know she must have a terrible burden on her mind. I've got mixed emotions about it. Until I have time to sort my thoughts out, I would really not like to explain how I feel."

The 42-year-old refinery worker, who maintained his innocence through a trial that ended in a hung jury and a second trial in October that ended with a 50-year prison sentence, spent the weekend at the home of his childhood friend, Donald Shockley.

Williams, a divorced father, celebrated his freedom with friends, supporters and his 17-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter.

Williams said he had been down to earth enough to avoid court action over his imprisonment.

"It's been a whirlwind since I was released," Williams said. "That's kind of second moment."

Williams said his wife "the best thing that's happened in my lifetime after this." It came one day before he expected to be transferred to Huntsville to begin a state prison term.

Asked what he would like to do in the world following his release, Williams said he wanted to read while he was on trial.

"It was about a man who through an ordeal almost to mine," Williams said. "The bottom line of the article is people who serve on juries, the judicial system and keep in mind that when a man says he's innocent, really is."

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Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. Eli Whitney, American inventor of the cotton gin, was born Dec. 8, 1765.

In 1886, delegates from 10 nations founded the International Federation of Labor Unions, Ohio.

In 1980, former Beatles member Paul McCartney was shot to death in his apartment house in New York City.

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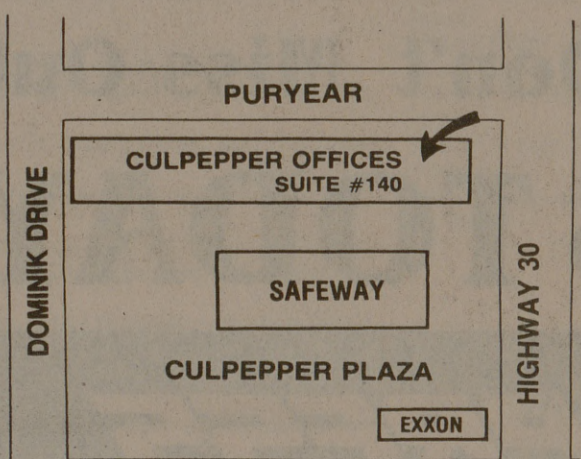
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