

Memories of '90 Marching Band

1001 Fraker Street
Springdale, Arkansas
September 13, 1970

Dear Mr. Kenfree,

Here in Springdale, Arkansas we have just seen on television the magnificent performance of what has to be the greatest high school band in America, 'The Texas City Stingaree High School Band'. Our hearts swell with pride for knowing you and many members of the band. Congratulations to you, your assistants, members of the band and the Stingarettes for another sparkling display of your talents.

Yours truly,
Mary Lee Cox,
Steve Cox, Coffy
Cox and Stacy Cox

Mrs. R. C. Salzman

7125 Skyway Drive

Tucson, Arizona 85718

Sept. 14, 1970

To whom it may concern: -

After watching the mid-time entertainment from the Cotton Bowl last evening I cannot resist writing to say what a wonderful show these 250 youngsters put on!

Being a native of Texas and having lived in various parts of the U. S. I still remain a loyal Texan and any time that it is possible for me to watch any of the Texas groups perform, I never miss and I must say the show that your High School group put on last night is the best one that I have seen - bar none - no matter from what school or state.

Congratulations and Best Wishes - Sincerely

Mrs. Salzman

IVEY JACKSON
711 JACKSON BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

Sept 14, 1972

Dear Sir

Just a short note to tell you how much I enjoyed your Band last night on national TV. (Jet - Dallas game). It was one of the best half time shows I have ever seen.

I know you are proud of them. Please keep giving them that Discipline. Discipline is the only way a band that large could perform that well and it will help them when they grow up.

Congratulations

Ivey Jackson

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September 21, 1970

Mrs. Cloma Frederick
901 18th Avenue, No.
Texas City, Texas 77500

Dear Cloma:

Thank you for your beautiful letter dated September 6.

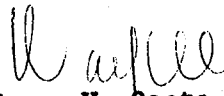
Both Milton and I wish to thank you for consenting to spend so much of your time with us during your recent visit to San Francisco. We felt truly honored that we were able to meet with you on more than one occasion and that you were able to visit our factory.

During a recent football game which was televised from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, I had the opportunity of watching the Texas City High School band perform during half-time. I was truly impressed by the quality of their performance and in many ways found them comparable to the famous University of California marching band.

I am scheduled to be in Houston later this Fall. And while I will definitely be contacting you, my sincere wish is to schedule a meeting with you. I shall write to you again when my itinerary becomes more definite.

Again, thank you for the pleasure of your company and to a most gracious woman, I remain,

Very truly yours,


Wayne Y. Ogata

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Office of
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September 15, 1970

Director,
Texas City High School Band
Texas City, Texas

Dear Sir:

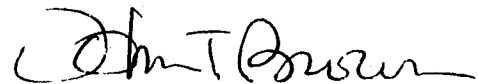
I was most impressed with the half-time entertainment the Texas City High School Band provided for the game between the Cowboys and the Jets. The music and the standard of playing were a definite improvement on the normal half-time musical fare.

I will have information concerning our professional programs offered in the areas of Theatre, Dance, and Music forwarded to you. Should some members of your band be planning to become professional musicians (or actors and dancers for that matter) we would be happy to consider their applications.

I will be in Texas sometime later in the year, at which time I hope I will have the opportunity of meeting you personally and of visiting your school.

Very best wishes for a good year.

Yours truly,



John T. Brown
Admissions Counselor
School of Performing Arts

P.S. I also thought the majorettes were outstanding, but unfortunately I missed the name of the organization. Please give them my compliments.

JTB: mg

CALIFORNIA

Julia: We saw the L.C. Band
on T.V. that Sunday. We were
looking for them at the half & we
couldn't believe our eyes. That
band marched faster than ~~the~~ ^{our} football
team ⁽¹⁹²⁸⁾ ~~prawn~~. Ha. It was beautiful
They could make most college bands
green with envy.

Well all for now - Perhaps
the band could play in Calif.

for some team on the Rose Bowl

March. They deserve it
~~as a reward~~

May & June -

Sept. 13.

Dear Sir —

Congratulations to you and
your wonderful band for a seemingly
flawless performance at the Dallas
Cowboys - New York Jets football game.
The straight lines in the counter-
marches flowed like waves across
the field and the music came through
well-balanced and clear regardless
of the formation.

We hope we have the
opportunity to watch your
band again - sometime -

Sincerely —

Mr. & Mrs. H. Low Fisk

"COLORADO"

33 Hwy Rd

Pleasanton, Cal. 94566

Sept. 13, 1970

Superintendent of Schools
Texas City, Texas

Dear Sir,

As a former member of the faculty of Texas City High School and former coach of the athletic teams (1927-1929) I want to express to you the pleasure and pride I felt last Sunday night in watching the Texas City High School Band perform on national television.

I was surprised, of course, that Texas City could field such a large band (I had only 20 men on my 1928 football squad even when everybody was healthy) but I was most impressed by the precision and elan with which the group carried through its program. This band's performance would have done credit to any college band I ever saw, and for them to be a product of a school with which I was once associated gave me a great thrill.

Please extend my congratulations to the Band, its Director, and any others responsible for their outstanding success.

Very truly yours

Bernard S. Briggs

Texas City Highschool Band
Texas City, Texas

Re: Halftime show during Dallas Cowboys
New York Jets Football game.

Congratulations on the finest
performance my husband and I
have ever witnessed!

Your precision marching was spectacular!
Your sound was great!

You have a right to be very very proud.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mrs Alvin R. Meyer
4371 Vintage Lane
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

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9-13-70

Dear Band,

I have just watched you perform in the Cotton Bowl - (Jets - Cowboys) I think your band is the my best band I've ever seen -- You are as much a Pro as those football players.

I'll bet the members of that band will be far better Citizens in the future than those students who are not members of the band - Teamwork is the only way in this world - Keep up the good work and let me tell you you are the very best!

Sincerely,

L.H. Beall Jr

KAXAS

7-14-70

Dear Sir;

I would like you to
know how excellent
your band looked at
the halftime of the
Cowboys- Jets football game.
Being an old band member
I can appreciate the hard
work involved. They were
truly better than any band
(college included) that I have
seen.

Congratulations to all of
them. - But why didn't the cowboys
win!!!! (Mrs.) Betty Larimer



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POST OFFICE BOX, 8081

PHONE 288-2329

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70122

November 5, 1970

Band Director
Texas City High School Band
Texas City, Texas

Dear Sir:

Many members of our Committee saw your band's performance at the recent Dallas Cowboy vs New York Jets Football Game. Needless to say they were very impressed. They have asked me to extend to you a most cordial invitation to bring your band to New Orleans to participate in one or more of our Mardi Gras Parades.

We will be happy to help you in any way to make this trip possible.

May we not have the honor of having you with us in 1971?

Very sincerely,

Musette Mendelson Gonzales

Musette Mendelson Gonzales

Chairman

Parade Music & Military Unit Committee

P.O. Box 8081

New Orleans, La. 70122

Phone: 242-3407

SAINT HENRY CHURCH

ROSEBUSH, MICHIGAN 48878

PHONE: (517) 433-2229

September 14, 1970

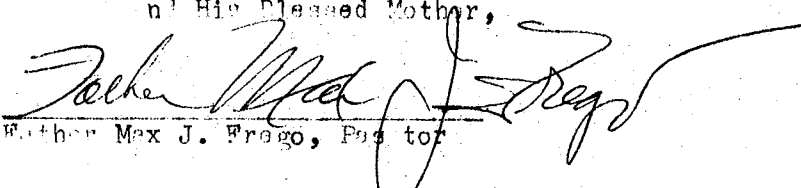
Texas City High School Band
Texas City, TEXAS

Dear Band Members and Director:

The performance you put on at the Jet-Dallas Professional
Foot-ball Half-time was MARVELOUS --- EXCELLENT --- SUPERB ---
UN-EXCELLED. I just felt that I had to Congratulate you for
this most EXCELLENT and OUT-STANDING performance -- worthy of
ANY professional group of musicians!!!! Continue your ex-
cellent work.

With my prayers for you all,
I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ The Lord,
and His Blessed Mother,


Father Max J. Frago, Pastor

Texas City High
Texas City, Texas

Band Director:

Dear Sir:

Just a reminder
you must really have a
wonderful bunch of Teens
at your school. W'ching
your performance at the
Dallas - New York football
game on T.V. What a
spectacle! Precision plus!

They surely deserve
recommendations. They
deserve to be on the game
of champions which is the
Rose Bowl on New Years Day

There has been a lot
of hands on T.V. but I
think Texas City High beats

them all.

As you may tell by
this letter I have been again
I had one of my own
until he was killed in
an auto accident through
no fault of his own by the
way, and he also was
born in San Antonio.

I think teens such
as you must have at
that school should get
all the credit they deserve.
And they are getting all the
credit I am able to give
I love them all.

yours very truly

P.S.

you also deserve
praise for your
ability in putting
on such a nice
performance.

Al. Wenner
702 W. Remington
Saginaw, Mich.
48602

MINNESOTA

Emmons Minn
Sept 14, 1970

The Marching Band.

To each one of you of the
250 involved this Sunday
evening, I would like
to express that it is quite
an accomplishment for so
many to be in unison at
all times and put on a
great display of marching.
It was beautiful

Sincerely yours
Gene Grund

Dear Sir:

I saw the performance
of the fine Texas City
Band at the Dallas
Cowboys Halftime show.

Congratulations to
you and the band on an
outstanding exhibition of
marching.

My band marches 6 to 5
also And I would really
appreciate it if you would
let me borrow your charts for
the drills you used. I
was really impressed. I
will send them back to you.

or are they
for sale?

Sincerely,
Jim B. Snodgrass
7903 E. 117th Terrace
K.C. Missouri 64137

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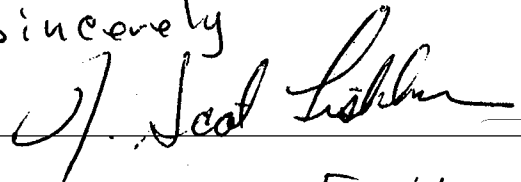
Texas City High School Band,

Dear Young Men & Women,

I have often said that the only thing more boring than home movies is half time at a football game. After seeing your fabulous performance on T.V. at the Dallas-New York football game I must retract my statement. Your performance was most entertaining. I commend you on your hard work & showmanship.

Best of luck to you all in the coming school year. Thank you for the entertainment

Sincerely



J. Scott Fishburn
123 C Couchas N.E.
Albq. N. Mex. 87112

Dear Students,

Sept. 16.

We enjoyed watching yesterday
so much - you must have
noticed many have to learn
your skills so well - your music
was great too. High school
teams all over the U.S. were watching
- live - & even with every.

Sincerely,
Marshall C. Clegg
Chapman, 17 N.

STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT / state university of new york
brockport, new york 14420



Department of Men's Physical Education

September 15, 1970

Mr. Bob Renfro
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Bob:

Thought you might like to hear from a former employee of Texas City Public Schools, a football coach at that. The performance of the Texas City Band during the half of the Dallas Cowboy and New York Jets game was tremendous. I know that the people of Texas City, the students of Texas City High School, the Administration and your staff should be proud of the band's performance. It was a great show and want to add that it was through your hard work and efforts over a period of years that such outstanding display by a group of high school students could do such a professional job.

My wife and I think of Texas City quite often and our nine years there were most enjoyable. Best wishes to you and the football team for a successful year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerry".

Gerald P. D'Agostino
Football Coach

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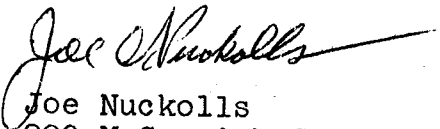
September 14, 1970

Band Director
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Sir:

We certainly enjoyed your fine band performance on T V,
at the Sunday nite football game.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Nuckolls". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Joe Nuckolls
920 McCormick Street
Greensboro, N. C. 27403



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33999 CURTIS BOULEVARD • EASTLAKE, OHIO 44094 • 216/946-6100

September 14, 1970

Texas City Senior High School Band
Texas City, Texas 77590

Congratulations! Your performance last night on national TV was outstanding. I watched the show with the greatest pleasure.

The precision of the marching was without visible flaw. The band played with solidity and good quality of tone and the continuity of the show provided continual excitement.

The band members, the directors, the school administration and the parents are to be commended. Keep up the good work and I hope that I have the opportunity of enjoying your band again.

Sincerely,

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S. Robert Fraser
Director of Educational Services

SRF/sah

Sept 17th, 1970

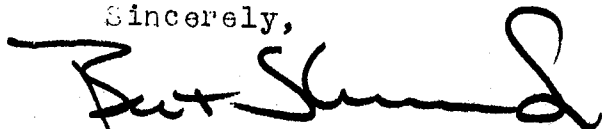
Bandmaster
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Sir:

As an old high school band member, an amateur (but fascinated!) observer of bands through the years, and a professional military man, may I congratulate you and your splendid band on your performance in the Cotton Bowl last weekend? I considered it the finest display of close order drill by a large organization that I have ever seen - and the fact that your music was magnificent only added to the triumph for Texas City!

I can appreciate the effort that must have been expended on preparation for the half time show. I can also recognize that no amount of preparation would have yielded that degree of excellence without a firm foundation of fundamentals mastered only through long hours of drill, a level of discipline of the highest order, and an esprit de corps without peer in the roster of high school or college bands. It is a privilege to congratulate you and the band, and offer you the best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,



Bert Shrine Jr.
CDR, U.S. Navy
USAWC
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
17013

Dear Sir,

After watching your school Band perform on television this past Sunday night, I felt that I should try to express what a real treat they were to watch. These young people are just simply magnificent. The State of Texas I think generally has good music programs for students and your music department has taken this and made it obviously superior. What I'm really trying to say is

that they are the finest we've ever seen.

Thank you, your music department and those two hundred-fifty students - plus all the help it must have taken to get them there.

Most Sincerely,

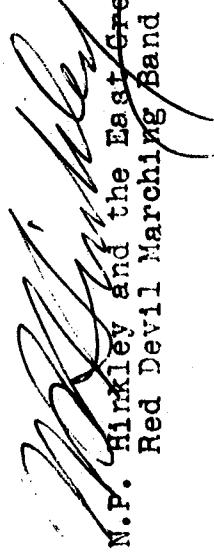
Mrs. George Bionfang

GREEN BAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

East High School

Dear Neighbors:

We've Never Witnessed Better High School Marching Than Yours, At The
Jets-Cowboy Game!!!


N.P. Hinkley and the East Green Bay Wisconsin
Red Devil Marching Band

Sunday PM

Dear Sir,
For the Dallas-New York
half-time, your high school band
performed one of the best shows
I have ever seen. (They are much
better than many of the college bands
we have seen here at half-time shows
at the Univ. of Tennessee and at all of the
bands in high school band competitions.
My husband & I have attended.) Their
precision drills which were so well
executed were excellent! My husband
and I thoroughly enjoyed watching your
band's excellent performance.

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JEANNE SSK

Sincerely,
Margaret Keft



Band Director
Texas City High School
Texas City
Texas

Enjoyed your program last night
on T.V. In fact, think it's
the best marching band I have
ever seen (and I never miss a
football game on T.V.) so I thought
I would write & tell you.
4608 Prosser Lane
Mrs WJ Halling, Memphis, Tenn.

September 13, 1970

Dear Students,

We certainly enjoyed your
performances during the half time
between the Dallas Cowboys & The Jets.

Keep up the good work -
you were just great!

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Wofford
Alexandria, Virginia

San Antonio NEWS

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Dan Cook



Executive Sports Editor

Fine Cowboy show—at halftime

MAN OH MAN, DID YOU SEE it? The Dallas Cowboys had a great halftime show Sunday night. A lot of fireworks with bombs bursting high in the air over the great Texas City high school marching band. It was downright breath-taking.

Now then, if the Cowboys can just figure out something to do while the game is in progress Dallas should have a fine season.



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE COLLEGE
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Dear Mr Renfro,

Just a note to let you know that I witnessed one of the greatest routines I've ever seen. The bands half time performance at the Dallas Cowboy game was sensational. It really brought back many memories, but I'll have to admit that this group is even better than the "bunch" I was with several years ago.

I've had fraternity brothers, friends, etc calling and complimenting the performance. Now, everyone at SFA, knows where Texas City is and where its going.

Good Luck in the future and I assure you, that the Stingare Band can do nothing but improve and achieve greater fame.
Congratulations on a supreme show!!

Sincerely
Tom Flouty
Class '67

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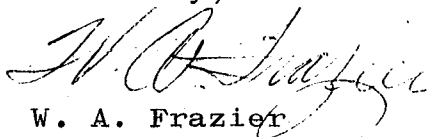
September 21, 1970

The Texas City High School Marching Band
% Mr. Robert Renfroe
Texas City High School
1800 9th Avenue, North
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Mr. Renfroe:

I would like to take this means of telling you and the members of your band how wonderfully they performed last week at the Cowboys-Jets game in Dallas. You are all to be comended for a most stirring halftime. You and the band are not only a credit to the school but to our city as well. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,


W. A. Frazier

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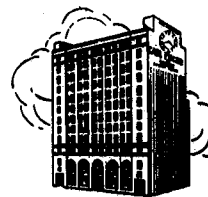
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September 17th, 1970

Mr. Robert L. Renfroe, Director,
Texas High School Band,
1900 9th Avenue,
Texas City, Texas.

Dear Mr. Renfroe:

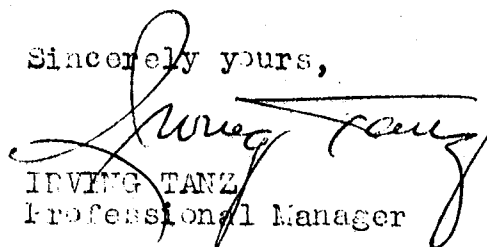
We sincerely hope when planning the half time program for the coming Dallas Cowboy game, you will give a kind thought to the many outstanding publications in the Carl Fischer and Fillmore catalogs.

For reference, enclosing current list of band marches.

Earnestly soliciting your co-operation. May we count on you, please!

Many thanks in advance for past and future favors.

Sincerely yours,


IRVING TANZ
Professional Manager

IT
Encls.

We had a special emphasis
on young people this Sunday
and we feel the Lord sent you
our way.

We will not soon forget the
nice manners and the adult way
in which you conducted yourselves.
I wish to say, that in the midst
of this day and age of restlessness,
it's a blessing to see a school's
young people who feel that
religious services are still a part
of our education.

I watched your performance
on T.V. at Dallas and you were
a sight to behold and a credit
to your school and the state of
Texas. Pardon me for saying it,
but I felt extremely proud of you.

God bless you each and every
one. Yours in Christ,
Jim Farmer-Pastor

September 14, 1970

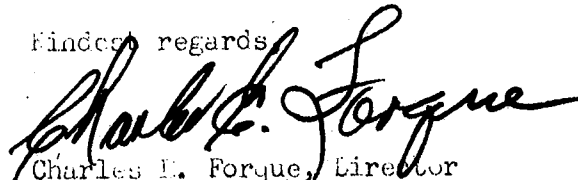
Robert Renfro, Director
Texas City High School Band
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Bob and Texas City Band,

I caught your show last night on television from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and was most impressed with your performance. Watching all the turns and realizing the work that goes into a performance of this caliber, made me appreciate your show all the more. The television coverage was excellent, as sure you have already heard many times. The camera crew didn't rick. I know that you all must feel elated and I am sure you will receive many more letters of congratulations.

We are looking forward to having you and your fine band in Baytown on October 30. Congratulations again.

Kindest regards


Charles E. Forque, Director
Robert A. Lee High School Band
Baytown, Texas 77520

Columbus Independent School District

MARLEY GIDDENS, SUPERINTENDENT

JOHN R. SAUL, PRINCIPAL
COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

COLUMBUS, TEXAS 78934

BILL HARTLEY, PRINCIPAL
COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 14, 1970

Mr. Bob Renfro
Band Director
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Bob,

Congratulations to you and the outstanding Texas City High School Band on your performance at the Dallas Cowboys vs New York Jets football game. The national televised performance of your organization proves again that Texas is far ahead of other states not only in marching drill but also in playing on the march. I felt a great pride in knowing you personally and being in the same music region with the great Texas City Band.

Again, my congratulations. You represented the entire state with pride and dignity.

Sincerely yours,

Tome F. Walters

Tome Walters

9-13-70

Unity Baptist
4th Ave. & 1st St.
Waco, Texas
7510

Texas City High School Board
To Mr. Robert Gray

Would you please extend our appreciation to your young people who attended church services in our city this morning. I'm sure that each and every church that was blessed by your attendance felt the same as we did.

Of course I wish to extend a special thanks to the members that attended our services. You were a blessing to us and I will not attempt to say how much in this short space.

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LOCKHART PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHARLES H. BROUGHTON, SUPERINTENDENT

LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644

LOCKHART HIGH SCHOOL

BOBBY ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL

September 15, 1970

Mr. Robert Renfro, Band Director
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Bob,

Just as note to let you know how very much my kids and I enjoyed your recent half-time performance at the Cotton Bowl for the Jets vs. Cowboys Game. I don't see how in the world you can get a band to look that great and sound so fine this early in the season. Congratulations!

I don't know if you remember me or not but I was up until this year, for the past 3 years, band director at Liddings High School where you judged my band two years ago and rated them a I in concert contest at Georgetown. This was when Robert Windels' daughter played 1st. flute. As I stated earlier, we have just moved to Lockhart and have quite a rebuilding job to do. Lockhart is now in Class AAA.

Again, my heartfelt congratulations to you and your very fine band and best of luck for this school year.

With best regards,

Gene Rhemann, Director

Lockhart Lion Band

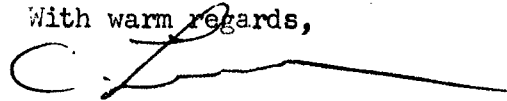
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Mr. Bob Renfroe and the Swingin' Texas City High School Band:

Great show!!!!!!I congratulate you and the band on a great half-time performance in the Cotton Bowl. I was very proud to say to people that I know here that I was associated with such an outstanding group.

Say hello to the kids for me, and tell them that I thought they did an outstanding job!!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Lisman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chuck Lisman
Band Director (but not a very good typist)
Beaumont High School

You may not remember me or many others when we move away, but we always have some wonderful memories to carry through life.

I feel I learned discipline and how to really work hard for something on top of the little music I remember. I still appreciate good music and especially a lively "march".

Enough of that. I should tell you who I am! I was Nan Dickey - class of '56. I am now married to a very nice man, whom I met in Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas. He is the assistant manager of the Sears store here in Waco. We have 3 children, Terri - 12, Cindy - 10, and Duwain - 6½.

Again, thank you for a grand performance Sunday night. Tell the kids all us "exes" were quite thrilled over their performance. Love, Nan

FROM THE OFFICE OF

joe tom haney

DIRECTOR

MEXIA BLACKCAT BAND

MEXIA, TEXAS 76667

9/14/70

Dear Bobby,

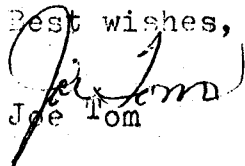
Just a note to tell you how much we enjoyed the Texas City Band last night at the Dallas-New York game. The coverage was real good and the performance was excellent.

Many of my students watched the performance and commented on how good it was. They were all quite impressed and told me so. Please convey my best to your fine band.

Almost anyone who has a little talent and will work hard about 12 hours a day can produce a good band, but it is the ones with the rare talent that can keep it up on top year after year. Your bands have been some of the truly great ones and you have this rare talent. This performance was certainly a tribute to you, your band, and the fine work that is being done in Texas City.

Congratulations to you and your fine band. This would have to be one of your best performances yet, and I have seen many. It was just delightful.

Best wishes,


Joe Tom

P.S. Come see us sometime - Guacabach
is only 12 miles from "Mohair."

Pasadena, Texas
Oct. 18th

James R. Brannon
High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Folks

Thanks for telling me about the half time show recently in Dallas,

Rilla and I thought it was great, please tell Bobby we sure did enjoy the half time performance. I called Tom and Suzie to watch and they did also, they said VERY FINE.

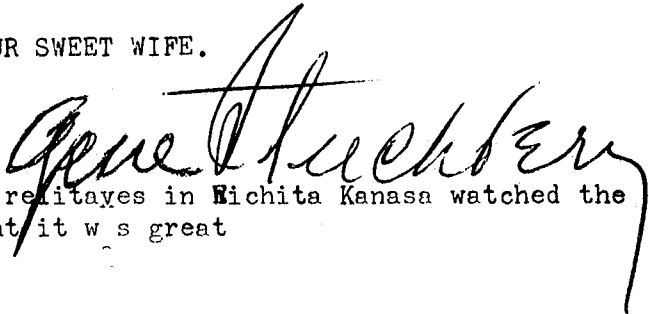
Jim are you going to play the CIRCUS ? Myron wants me to play, I am wondering if you will pick me up, I will pay parking, and buy Gas. Let me hear soon as you can. as I have to tell Myron, that I will Play "

Tell Bobby, and all our dear friends HELLO. I was looking through my old letters, and I found a letter from BOBBY years and years ago, I always saved and cherished it, It was one of the greatest letters I ever recieved in my life. Say Hello for US.

LOVE TO YOU AND YOUR SWEET WIFE.

GENE & RILLA

P.S. Rilla just told me the reitayes in Richita Kanasa watched the half time also, they thought it w s great

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gene Tucker". The signature is written over the typed name "GENE & RILLA" and extends downwards, crossing over the "P.S." line.

Burleson Public Schools

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Burleson, Texas

September 14, 1970

Mr. Paul Manning, Superintendent
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

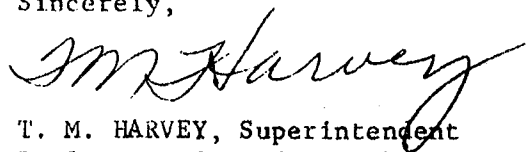
Dear Paul:

Your high school band performed a concert before the Burleson High School student body today. I wanted you to know how much we appreciated your permitting them to take the time to come by our school.

Their performance was really professional, in every respect. Also, we noted how well-mannered and courteous your students are.

I hope that you will relay our thanks to the band director, and all members of your band.

Sincerely,



T. M. HARVEY, Superintendent
Burleson Independent School District

TMH/lb

Hilltop Village
Kerrville, Texas. 9/14/70

Mr. Robert Renfro,
806 - 22nd Ave. No.
Texas City, Texas.

My Dear Bob:

Had just finished watching BONANZA last night and turned the dial to Channel 12 to see how the cowboys were doing and heard the announcer say the the half-time entertainment was to be furnished by the Stngaree Band with Bob Renfro. I nearly dropped my teeth and after explaining to some friends who were watching TV with me I called Beverly to be sure she saw it too, but she was not at home. I talked to her this morning and she was so disappointed at not getting to see you and your band perform. And, Boy, did they perform! I nearly popped all my buttons when I told my company that you and I were old time friends; that you had been a member of the Beeler Bible Class for years, and were also Choir Director of MY church for years, and that two of my grand-children had marched with your bank for 4 years.

Bob, you and the band really did yourself proud, and I congratulate you. I only hope George Plummer and Anna Clare were tuned in too.

With my best wushes always, I am,

Your friend,

J.W. Beeler

WILBUR STRONG
AND
JOSEPHINE S. STRONG

HEARNE, TEXAS
AND
CROCKETT, TEXAS

STRONG ACRES

LAZY S

WHEELLOCK ROAD
HEARNE, TEXAS 77859
October 20, 1970

Mr. Robert Randfro, Director
Texas City High School Band
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Bob:

The lateness of this congratulatory note is no indication of the pleasure I received when I recently saw your wonderful band perform during the half time at the Cowboy game.

We were so thrilled to see the Stingaree Band "do their thing" in such a professional way, and we know you must be equally proud of their performance. Their lines were so straight and they held their instruments so correctly.

I thought of what a far cry it was from when I was attending Texas City High over forty years ago and the only band music we had was from my \$3.98 Sears guitar! And they have come a long way since when you first went to Texas City. Right?

Did you know that Milton is now the head drum major of the Rebel band at U. T. A. ? We think he is doing a fine job but we do not especially like the style of the English mace, but he does and it is the way Mr. Mahan wants it done. Enough said. By the way, he is always so pleased that you recognize him when you are up that way.

More power to the Stingaree Band!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Wilbur Strong
Wilbur Strong

Chas. Parker Music Company, Inc.

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September 14, 1970



1001 FANNIN STREET
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

PHONE: CA 3-9124

Mr. Robert Renfro
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Bob,

We saw your band on television last night, and they really put on a fine show. The organization showed the results of fine training. They were excellent in both music and marching.

This was the subject of discussion here this morning, in the office, and the office force all agreed that it would take a mastermind to turn out an organization of this type. Your band was better than any of the college bands I have seen at football games and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Kampe
President

ACK/eg

Congratulations to all
of you kids on a wonderful
performance which you did
this past Sunday. You
really looked sharp. I was
really happy to watch you
kids perform once again
and it brought back many
memories from the good old,
home town. Keep up the
good work Mr. Rinfre.
And my warmest hello
to my two nice Sandy
and Sylvia Carrao.

MAY THIS
ACCOMPLISHMENT
LEAD TO EVEN
GREATER SUCCESS.

Mr William Rodriguez

12257, Alameda St.
Corpus Christi, Texas
October 11, 1970

Band Director,
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

To whom it may concern:

Too often, we do not take the time out to say that we enjoyed something & let the proper people know it.

We saw your band, recently, on National Television and they were the "last word!"

They were precise, intricate, and many other terms to describe them.

They were the last word!

We know that much time, (man hours) was spent in perfecting the drill that was shown.

Really, it is indescribable!!!

Our chests were "stuck out" because they were "Texans".

Congratulations to you & to all of your group.

P.S. We are Negro-Americans.

Yours truly,
E. B. & Hortense Parichman

Dear Mr. Kenfro,

It thrilled me to see your band on national television last Sunday night. As always, they were great. It made me proud to think I was a part of that band at one time. In fact, the first year you came back to Texas City, I went into the High School band. We had new uniforms, new director, and a new, fresh band. Some of us were not the great musicians that others were, but we all tried our best and walked away with many honors and awards.

I remember one in particular. We went to Enid, Oklahoma, and won the sweepstakes. I still remember all the practice was worth the thrill of playing "Overture 1812", and doing a real good job on it.

Sunday, September 13, 1970

P.O. Box 8122
University Station
Austin, Texas 78712

Mr. Robert L. Renfroe
Director of Bands
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Mr. Renfroe:

I just saw the Texas City High School band on TV at the Cowboy-Jets game, and all I can say is Wow! You looked and sounded just great. You got a really deep and resonant sound on the "Johnny Comes Marching Home" piece almost unparalleled for a televised halftime show. Needless to say, seeing the band brought back an incredible number of memories of long distant days. How long? Six years? It doesn't seem possible!

I got my B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin and am still here working on my Ph.D. in political science. Indeed, I am only two years away from completing my Ph.D. I am married (to a former clarinet player!) and all is well.

The thing that I shall always remember most from my high school band days is the presentation we made to you in your hometown of Groesbeck. It was so much fun to surprise you that day! We then honored you for your seventeen years in TC. Soon you will have been there twenty-five years. That's quite a record. I hope you remember that day as vividly as I do.

Let me wish you continuing success. It is reassuring to know that Texas City still has one of the finest bands around. Congratulations and good luck.

Your friend,

Bob Gray

Calif

September 22, 1970

Mr. John T. Boudreau
5511 Senford Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90056

Dear Johnny:

Glad to get your memos, but was sorry to hear your local affiliate turned to news and weather. You missed a whale of a show. I wouldn't hesitate one minute to recommend this band should you have occasion to use them at one of your games. They are big, solid in sound, well uniformed and well disciplined.

You're singing the blues about the Rams - what do you think about our poor Cowboys. I would like to think we would meet here in a play-off but at this point it doesn't look too promising as far as we are concerned.

Have a good show lined up for our game with the Giants when we do "Show Boat" with the Tyler Junior College kids.

Our best to Carlen -

Very truly yours,

James R. Skinner
Entertainment Director

bd

bcc: Mr. Bob Renfroe



GREATER TEXAS CITY - LA MARQUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 15, 1970

Mr. Robert L. Renfroe, Director of Music
Texas City Independent School District
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Mr. Renfroe:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce, held September 14, 1970, a motion was made, seconded and carried as follows.

The text of the motion concerned an expression of commendation by the Board of Directors to you, your staff and members of the Texas City High School Band for the outstanding half-time performance at the recent Dallas Cowboys-New York Jets football game in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

We sincerely hope that you convey this expression of congratulations to all who worked so diligently in this effort.

Very truly yours,

Leslie H. Box
General Manager

LHB/rmf

Dear Mr. Rentrone & Band.

I just saw the performance of the Dallas game. It was great, perfect, and excellent! I really mean it.

Even the trombones held their horns up.

Everyone in the lobby here were amazed at the fact that you were a high school band.

I know the fans enjoyed it.

Congratulations —

Ben Meyers.

Tuesday

Dear Mr. Renfro and Band,

I want to congratulate you on your performance at the Cotton Bowl. The Band and Singers did Great! Many people couldn't believe that a high school band could be so big and good. Keep up the good work. Very proud of you. Believe it or not I wish I could have been there. Be good and don't give Mr. Renfro too much trouble.

Ex Stinger Band Member

Maryland (not madray)

George

Chris Pederson
M566 Jester Center Halls
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas 78705

Mr. Robert Renfroe
Director of Bands
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Mr. Renfroe,

I want to congratulate the band on its fine performance at the Cotton Bowl last Sunday. The conditions under which I viewed the game were far from perfect, but I saw enough to tell that this is going to be another great year for the T.C. band. Both the band's marching and playing were very good. Having never seen or heard the band from an outsider's viewpoint for a number of years, I must say that the band's performance is excellent. Playing in the Longhorn Band is a different and exciting experience from the T.C. band, but I miss the style of the "Swinging Marching Band". I want to wish you and the band the best of luck for the coming marching and concert seasons; I think you have the capability for another outstanding year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Pederson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Chris Pederson



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

Sunday, Sept. 13

Dear Mr. Kenproe,

I just finished watching the band's show at the Dallas game. The band really looked great. Even the football team remained in their seats. Most of the people here had never seen the style marching that was performed. The alignment was fabulous. I was disappointed when they didn't hold the camera on the girls as they danced. It was the type show that really made me proud to say that I was a member of that band. Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,
John Dale Butler

Hi -
just wanted to drop a line
to say how great the band
looked Sunday night! I got
to watch you on color T.V.
I got goose bumps all over
watching my old band look
so great. It's been the first
time I've ever seen them
from that angle! The show
was really evidence of a
lot of hard work and I
just wanted to say how
proud I was of you. I
had all my friends over
to watch. "That's my band -
my band!" I about drove
them crazy!! Keep up the good
work.

Love,
Cindy Sebesta

September 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Renfro,

The band was just great on television last night. I was so proud of them and you and to be a Texas Citian. The band is one thing that brings honor to our school and our town year after year. It is the one program that can always ^{be} depended upon to be excellent. Our city and our school are very fortunate to have a man of your caliber to direct our band program. Congratulations on your continuing excellence.

Sincerely,
Joanne Butler



Capricorn

Dear All,
your performance Sunday night
was fantastic!

Along with my memories of my
years in the Sting Band, I will add to
them the thrill of Sunday night when the
Texas City band appeared on the screen and
put on a show that many people could
hardly believe.

Many of my friends have told me how
much they enjoyed your performance and
how great they think you were.

I think that your marching style was
about the most precise that I have ever
seen it. I know it took hard work, but
I'm sure you feel it was worth every
effort.

You have once again outdone yourselves.
Keep it up!

Miss you all,
Joan



Telegram

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NS HSA490 PK NL PDF=HOUSTON TEX 13=

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:TEXASCITY HIGH SCHOOL TEXASCITY TEX=

=DEAR BOB CONGRATULATIONS ON A FANTASTIC HALF TIME SHOW
IN THE COTTON BOWL FROM ONE WHO HAS SPENT MANY HOURS
HARD PRACTICE UNDER YOUR FINE DIRECTION I KNOW YOU MUST
BE VERY PROUD OF YOUR BAND AND THE MANY HOURS OF HARD
WORK THEY MUST HAVE PUT IN DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS
CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN

= ALAN HANSEN CLASS OF 58•

Dallas **COWBOYS** *Football Club*



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6116 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75206
369-3211

September 18, 1970

Mr. Robert L. Renfroe
Band Director
Texas City High School
1900 9th Avenue
Texas City, Texas

Dear Bob:

I am sure that you have received many glowing reports on the tremendous show your young people put on last Sunday evening. Please extend our congratulations and thanks for their outstanding work.

Should your travels bring you to Dallas again, please let us know.

Best personal regards -

Very truly yours,

James R. Skinner
Entertainment Director

bd



Dear Bob +
Sting Band -
WOW

In 8 years of
Supporting You,
The Performance in
the Cotton bowl
was the Best Yet
Be Very Proud -

From the Desk of

Bob Cankler



King's Jewelers, inc.

Texas City, Texas 77590

September 15, 1970

Mr. Robert Renfroe, Director
Texas City Stingaree Band
Texas City High School
Texas City, Texas

Dear Bob;

May I congratulate you on the excellent performance of your "Stingaree" band last Sunday at the Cowboy-Jet game in Dallas.

Your dedication to your job is one to be admired and the students under your instruction cannot help but realize that hard work and dedication are necessary ingredients for success.

Please keep up your good work.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Seymour J. Rich'.

SEYMOUR J. RICH OK



NATIONAL LIFE CENTER
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

AGENCY AT 1304 Lidstone

Seabrook, Texas 9-14 1920

Dear Sir

I just had to write a note of congratulations to your wonderful band and the fine job they did in Dallas at half-time during the Cowboy-Jet football game Sunday night. Everything looked like it was perfect. The lines were always straight. I know how difficult it is to have straight lines for I was a twirler many years ago in my high school.

Again, you all did a marvelous job and we really enjoyed the half-time show. (Even though my children attend Clear Creek.) Thank you, Mrs. G. N. Hammer

Dear Bob.

9-27-70

Thank you for your nice letter to us. Over the loss of John (Jack). Clinton, senior is having a hard time knowing that something like this can change your whole life. He was so close to both the boys and they meant everything to him. I'll be alright, later.

We got to watch your excellent band on T.V. Clinton was so proud of you. The drills were excellent and the whole half time show was so perfectly presented until we were filled with pride because you came to college here. But hundreds of others have attended college and they can't present a drill like that. It meant so much to Clinton to watch your band. You are good!

Sincerely

Eva Mae Hocking
(Mrs. C.R.)

September 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Renfroe and Band,

I would like to warmly congratulate you on the professional job you all did in Dallas last Sunday. You were truly at your best and if you weren't, you certainly fooled me and everyone else who watched. I waited all week for the big event and as you finally marched onto the field, I think I was probably as nervous and excited as some of you.

I watched the show on the dormitory's public television. I think everyone in the room agreed that you just about the finest marching band they have ever seen. I felt very proud to have once been a member of such a fine organization even if it was only for a very short year. Keep up the good work!

Your Friend,

Mark Sutton

Mark Sutton



Telegram

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TEXAS CITY BAND, CARE RBERT RENFROE - DLY 75

ADOLPHOUS HOTEL DAL

GREAT TELL JEAN HI

BOBBY KING.

(1117)



Telegram

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ROBERT RENFROE, DIRECTOR TEXAS CITY BAND - DLY 75

ADOLPHOUS HOTEL DAL

CONGRATULATIONS, STING BAND YOU WERE TOO MUCH FANTASTIC SHOW

STEVE CHARLSTON AND PA

ENTS.

(1120)

September 17, 1970

To Mr. Renfro and all Band members,

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for extending me an invitation to go with you on the Dallas trip. The two days were very enjoyable — you did all the work; I watched. Seriously, I want to compliment you on your performance and on your mature acceptance of responsibility. I was proud to say that I was from Texas City.

Thank you again, very much.

Judith Norris



Telegram

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ROBERT RENFROE AND TEXAS CITY BAND, DLY 75
ADOLPHOUS HOTEL DAL

THE BAND WAS A REAL SWING MARCHING MACHINE TONIGHT CONGRATULATIONS
ON A JOB WELL DONE

MR AND MRS DONALS WESLEY.

(1115)

September 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Ronfroe -

Thank you so much for the invitation to accompany the band to Dallas. Their performance was superb, and never have I enjoyed the company of a group more. The students were polite, agreeable, and a true credit to Texas City during the entire trip.

Sincerely,
Patsy Jackson

Monday - Sept. 14



Dear Mr. Renfroe,

It has been 13 years since I was in the band, but seeing the band at the half-time activities last night on television sure brought back a lot of fond memories.

I was so proud and

Happy for you last night. I wanted to drop you a note telling you so; and also to tell you how beautiful the drills looked. The uniforms were so bright and showed up so nice on the t.v. Everything looked perfect.

Seeing the band sure made me homesick. With fondest memories & best wishes -
Ermine Limer Cottle

Since you know I
 attend 2 years ago. Nearly
 went blind. But that
 incident Dr. Williams
 has been advised my
 eyesight 2 operations.
 Just returned from
 the month in Europe -
 Canada & back. Wonderful
 went to see numerous
 over a lot of U.S. friends
 who have been blind.
 He came & did as when
 in Montreal -
 And you know
 Jack Williams did this
 summer. Suddenly,
 keep up that fine
 work. He needs his best
 for our Red Cross Teachers
Magazines & M. C. Museum.

sit and watch. Mother & Daddy asked me if I saw my old band on T.V. & were as impressed as ever.

I'm not teaching, except for private lessons, this year because we are expecting an all State flute or trumpet player to arrive in January. I miss teaching so very much, but am delighted of the prospect of becoming a mother.

Guess who lives in back of us? Lynda Fitch Evans! Small world isn't it?

Give my best to your wife and boys and good luck in everything you do.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brooks Newhouse

Monday, October 13, 1976

Dear Mr. Renfro,

I knew that I'm a few weeks late, but I did want to tell you how proud I was of the band's performance on television not too long ago. I was really impressed with the precision and it was more remarkable because of the earliness of marching season. The colors were beautiful and the sound of the band was full, balanced, & a lot better than a lot of college sounds. I know you're proud of your kids. As one of your "past" kids, I must confess to becoming very nervous when I watch the T.C. band perform or hear through the grapevine of upcoming events for the band. I know they will do real well in whatever they do, but I get a lot of butterflies just pulling for you & the band. I guess it's easier to be a part of it rather than being in the position of having to just

Congratulations



Mr. Renfro, you have
done it again. Carl and
I really enjoyed the Stinger
Band at the Cowboy Jet foot-
ball game Sunday night. It
was beautiful & just beau-
tiful and we were so
proud for you.

Sincerely

Suzanne and Carl G.

Hogo Church
Hogo Cross
Accomp. Mossifans

Precious People
1. Experience Church
2. Old Young
3. Precious (Houston)
4. Picture of Jesus

Very Moved - But
No more than I
am now

why -
The spirit of
God is here!

Holy Spirit (Confession)
Some spirit that
moved Luther Wesley
D. W. B. S. B. L. Dr. & Co.
J. H. & H. F. (where)

Big Cathedral
on Main Drive
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Gilmer - A. S. W. &
or more to B. S. &
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