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Drilling rig snags telephone line

Last Thursday at 7:30 a.m., a drilling rig owned by BRW Inc. of Levelland snagged the telephone line at the intersection of West 13th and Avenue S, disrupting phone service to 36 residential customers. Service was restored at 9 p.m.

"We had a number of cables cut," GTE's Larry King explained, "we brought in construction crews from Andrews, Brownfield and Lamesa."

Several utility poles were broken and had to be replaced, as well as splicing and repairing cables. The crews worked into the night, finally getting service restored at approximately 9 p.m.

GTE's Terry Flannigan then personally called all the affected customers to let them know the phones were back in order.

In addition to telephone service being disrupted, travelers on Avenue S, 13th, 14th and 15th streets were inconvenienced as barricades had to be placed to restrict traffic while the lines were on the ground.

The driver of the drilling rig was cited for permit violations.

The estimated monetary damage has been set at more than \$13,000.

The drilling rig had just completed two oil wells for The George R. Brown Partnership just west of the Sunset subdivision and was preparing to relocate when the accident occurred.



Telephone service for 36 residential customers in northwest Post was disrupted last Thursday following an accidental breaking of the line on north Avenue S. A BRW Inc. drilling rig, attempting to turn from West 13th Street onto Avenue S snagged the line at approximately 7:30 a.m. GTE crews restored the service at 9 p.m.

City gets sales tax rebate, dramatic increase in retail outlets

The Texas State Comptroller's office has released results of its second quarter 1994 survey of sales and use tax, showing an increase of 42 reporting retail outlets in Garza County. There are 115 reporting outlets this year, compared to 73 in 1993.

The report, however, shows a decrease in total retail sales for the same period of 2.8 percent. The 1993 gross sales was \$6,062,048, compared to 1994 sales of \$5,894,963. The lower gross sales "are probably due to the vendors at the Old Mill Trade Days," Post city manager Rick Hanna explained. "Many of them do not register high enough sales to report on a quarterly basis. The final year end report will reflect the increase," Hanna added.

The comptroller's office also reports a sales tax rebate reflecting sales for October 1994 to the City of Post for \$11,705.52.

The rebate brings the total for 1994 to \$184,646.42, down less than one percent from the same period last year of \$185,501.10.

This most current rebate is 18.26 percent higher than the same period last year of \$9,897.40.

Comptroller John Sharp said that new jobs in the service and construction industries have continued to increase in all of Texas' major metro areas.

Cruising Main street nets detentionment for two men

by Wes Burnett

Last Thursday Bobby Dean was parked on East Main Street headed into Collier's Drug Store when he spotted two suspicious looking fellows... one outside the store and one going inside.

Being the inquisitive sort that he is, Dean strolled over to the man on the sidewalk, who looked to Dean like he might need some help, and Dean asked him if he needed assistance.

Apparently Dean's sheriff's reserve cap made the man nervous, and he went quickly to his car.

Dean didn't like what he saw, so he called the sheriff's department and deputy Memo Ortiz showed up in a few minutes.

He was joined by deputy J.W. Jolly and Texas state trooper John Ramsey. The visiting driver, Larry Don Freeman from Lubbock, consented to a search of his vehicle. Officers found a crack cocaine pipe and charged the man with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Meanwhile, Douglas Harrell from Brownfield was questioned, and after a computer check, officers apprehended Harrell on a Terry County warrant for forgery. He was held temporarily in Post until Terry County deputies arrived to return the man to Brownfield.

Freeman was cited for drug paraphernalia possession in municipal court and was released on his personal recognizance.

SPAG rates Post eighth in hunt for development grants

The South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) regional review committee rated the City of Post eighth out of 26 in last week's ranking for community development grants.

The 26 cities making requests were asking for a total of \$6 million in projects, and there is only \$1.8 million available. Post city manager Rick Hanna presented a proposal for \$250,000 in water line improvements.

"Getting ranked eighth," Hanna commented, "puts us at the very end of the list, but it looks like we made the cut and will get the funding."

Hanna and Mayor Jim Jackson attended the meeting in Lubbock. Garza County Judge Giles Dalby, a member of the SPAG review committee, also attended the meeting.

The funding is administered by the Texas Community Development Board and SPAG recommendations must be approved by state before funding can be distributed.

"It'll probably be in February before a final decision will be made," Hanna added.

The federally funded program requires improvements to be aimed at economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Holiday closings...

City, county, state and federal government offices, Norwest Bank and Citizens Bank will be closed Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. The Garza County Commissioners court will meet in regular session Tuesday, December 27 at 9 a.m.

The Post Dispatch will also be open for business December 26, with regular Monday deadlines for the Wednesday, December 28 issue.

The Dispatch office will be closed Thursday, December 29 through Monday, January 2. The New Year's edition will be published on Thursday, January 5, 1995 with a Tuesday at 5 p.m. deadline for news and advertising.

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Post Notes

Old Mill Trade Days

Old Mill Trade Days Friday, Saturday & Sunday ...Dec 30-Jan 1st. Come join the fun and help us bring in 1995.

Volunteers needed for food delivery

The U Can Share Food Drive are in need of volunteers to deliver food boxes. Anyone who wishes to participate will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at Higginbothams lumber yard.

Middle school to dismiss early Dec. 21

Post Middle School students will be dismissed at 12 noon December 21 for the Christmas break. Bus students will be supervised until the bus runs at 2:30 p.m.

Starving Artist and Crafters sale extended

The Starving Artist and Crafters sale has been extended until Christmas at the Algeria Art Center. The event is open to everyone. For more information contact Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Marie Neff at 495-2051.

Memorial Scholarship fund established

The Larry King Haynes II Christian Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established and contributions or memorials can be made at Norwest or Citizens Banks. For further information contact LuAnne Terry, secretary and treasurer.

Garza Theatre in need of volunteers

The Garza Theater is in need of volunteers to serve as ushers for the plays. They would like to encourage individuals, organizations or clubs to call 495-4005 or 1-800-846-3706. Excellent opportunity to see the plays and be involved in the community.

Fund established to benefit Gordon

A benefit has been established at the Norwest Bank of Post for Linda Gordon. All donations will assist Gordon with incurred medical expenses.

Service Officer available in courthouse

The Garza County Service officer will be available at the Garza County Courthouse 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. For an appointment or information call Ann Stelzer at 327-5301 after 6 p.m.

FBC seeking Senior Adult Choir members

The First Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to anyone ages 55 and over to come and join our Senior Adult Choir. Our choir meets on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. A pot-luck lunch will follow rehearsal on the first Wednesday of the month.

Xi Delta Rho establishes scholarship fund

The Xi Delta Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has established a memorial fund to be used for scholarships for local graduating high school seniors. To make a donation to the scholarship fund call Karen Palmer at 495-2023 or Jaynie Dickson at 495-3422. Both can be reached during the evening hours.

Post Cares in need of food donations

Post Cares is in need of non-perishable food items. Please bring donations by 222 E. 8th or call 495-2060 for pick-up service.

Commodities distribution

The commodities distribution are held on the fourth Friday of every month at the Service Center on the Snyder Highway. The center will be open for the distribution from 9 - 12 and from 1-3 p.m. The commodities distribution will continue at the Service Barn until further notice. Commodities will be distributed in Southland on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Caprock Ladies Golf Association

The Caprock Ladies Golf Association will hold their weekly meetings every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Caprock Golf Course. Any woman who enjoys playing golf or would like to learn the game is encouraged to attend.

Dispatch offers Christmas subscription bonus

The Post Dispatch is offering its readers an 18 month subscription for \$15 during the special Christmas bonus program.

All subscribers who renew their subscriptions during the month of December will benefit from this offer. "Even if you haven't received a notice of renewal from us," Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett said, "you may renew now and get the extra six months added to your subscription."

Subscribers may either mail payment to 123 E. Main St., Post, Texas 79356 or drop off payment at the office. "We have a mail slot in the front door," Burnett added, "in case we happen to be closed when you come by."

Water line break puts bubbles in taps

Last Thursday the main water line between Post and White River suffered a break, and while White River Municipal Water District crews repaired the leak, water in Post came from the reserve tanks, used for such emergencies.

When the White River water came back on line, according to city manager Rick Hanna, water customers found air in the pipes for several days. "This usually happens when we have a break in the line," he commented.

Last Saturday Post city crews spent three hours repairing a smaller leak on Avenue S. A two inch line had developed a break and crews had to dig into the street.



United Supermarket manager Glen Brown (right) presents a \$500 check to the Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" project. Paul Jones accepts the donation on behalf of the Lions Club. This year's campaign will provide Christmas gifts for 92 children, ages birth to 12 years old. Donations for the project may be made by calling 495-2946. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

GTE plans May 1995 implementation of extended dialing service

The City of Post has been notified that GTE/Contel has proposed to the Texas Public Utility Commission a May 1995 target date for implementation of extending area toll-free dialing to Lubbock exchanges.

The project was approved through a November vote of telephone customers in the Post exchange.

"No firm date has been set," Post city manager Rick Hanna said, "but we feel the service will be provided as required by law."

GTE petitioned the state concerning its estimated annual revenue losses of \$68,020 upon implementation of the service. GTE reported revenue requirements of \$162,724 with an expected total revenue of \$94,704.



Middle School students delivered special Christmas holiday boxes to senior citizens last week. Members of Marge Tannehill's (right) homeroom class helping last Friday were (back, left to right) Todd Holbert, Leanna Lopez, Amy Perez, Jamie Lawrence, Danitta Carrasco, (middle, left to right) Flora Gomez, Olga Torrez, Rachelle Jones, Amber Baker and (front) Michael Felts. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Will wonders never cease.

I wouldn't believe it if I weren't seeing it with my own eyes.



Fred Myers has been named senior vice president at Citizens Bank, Post branch. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Citizens Bank announces promotions

Citizens Bank chairman E.W. Williams Jr and president Jeff D. Wilson have announced the promotion of Fred Myers and Ann Stelzer at the Post branch of Citizens Bank.

Myers has been named senior vice president of the Post branch and Stelzer assistant vice president at the branch. Myers has been serving as manager of the branch, joined Citizens Bank in November 1985. The Post branch was opened in October 1993.

Myers is a graduate of Sul Ross State University and the Southwestern School of Banking and had served as vice president.

Stelzer joined the bank in September 1993 and has been serving as assistant cashier since December 1993.



Ann Stelzer has been named vice president of the Post branch, Citizens Bank. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Up and down Main Street

By Wanda Mitchell

The Post Chamber of Commerce wants to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Productive New Year.

As we look forward to 1995, we need to plan for the biggest year for tourism in the history of Post. With Old Mill Trade Days going full blast and the Garza and Tower Theatres, we have so much to offer that we are going to be besieged with business and opportunities. To be ready to meet the demands of 1995, you must have a strong Chamber of Commerce. On the other hand, the Chamber of Commerce can only be as strong as its members. Therefore, we must have members who are committed to helping Post grow. If you are a business owner, an interested individual or a non-resident who has a special interest in Post we need you.

We have a great banquet planned for February 25th so put that date on your calendar. Our speaker will be the radio voice of the Dallas Cowboys, Ray Stone. Ray is well known for giving listeners the funny side of the Dallas Cowboys. It should be a fun evening and we hope everyone will plan to be there this year.

It is so nice to see all the new antique stores on Main Street. We know how much this adds to a town and we are grateful to have six, yes, six stores in Post now. If you haven't had time to spend the day browsing in the antiques, make a point to do so soon. You will be surprised at the treasures and the bargains you can find.

Have you driven around to see all the Christmas lights? That wonderful huge tree on Avenue S and the houses on 5th

and 6th Streets, Main Street, 10th Street, and really all over town are especially beautiful this year. We appreciate the downtown stores who lighted their buildings. The red lights on the buildings and the white lights in the trees makes a very festive atmosphere for the downtown area. Wouldn't it be nice if the courthouse was lighted like the businesses?

We want to thank all the participants of this year's Christmas Parade. The floats were excellent and the high school band and flag corps added so much. Thanks to David and Ruth Lewis for getting the band together and to all of the people who worked on the floats. Thanks, too, to Citizens Bank for sponsoring the surreys again this year. Kids young and old enjoy them so much and they add so much to the Parade. Thank to Norwest for the wonderful balloon displayed on their parking lot. When it was lighted, it was awesome.

Once again, have a great Christmas and don't forget to TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST !!!

'Classic Christmas' highlighted at OS Museum

The OS Museum continues to show its "Classic Christmas" with unusual nativities from the around the world. The museum, located on the second floor of the McCrary building just above Danish Imports, is open from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 10, 1995.

Among the unique items on display are harps from the collections of Billie Wolfe of Lubbock.

There are a total of 13 windows, displaying a wide variety of Christmas art. Among the items are Ben Ortega's "Angel," a sculptured angel of cottonwood from Tesuque, N.M. In the same window is the Nativity Crèche, hand made of weatherwood by artist Frank McBride, housing the bisque porcelain Boehm Nativity. The nativity is from the Porcelain House of Boehm, England.

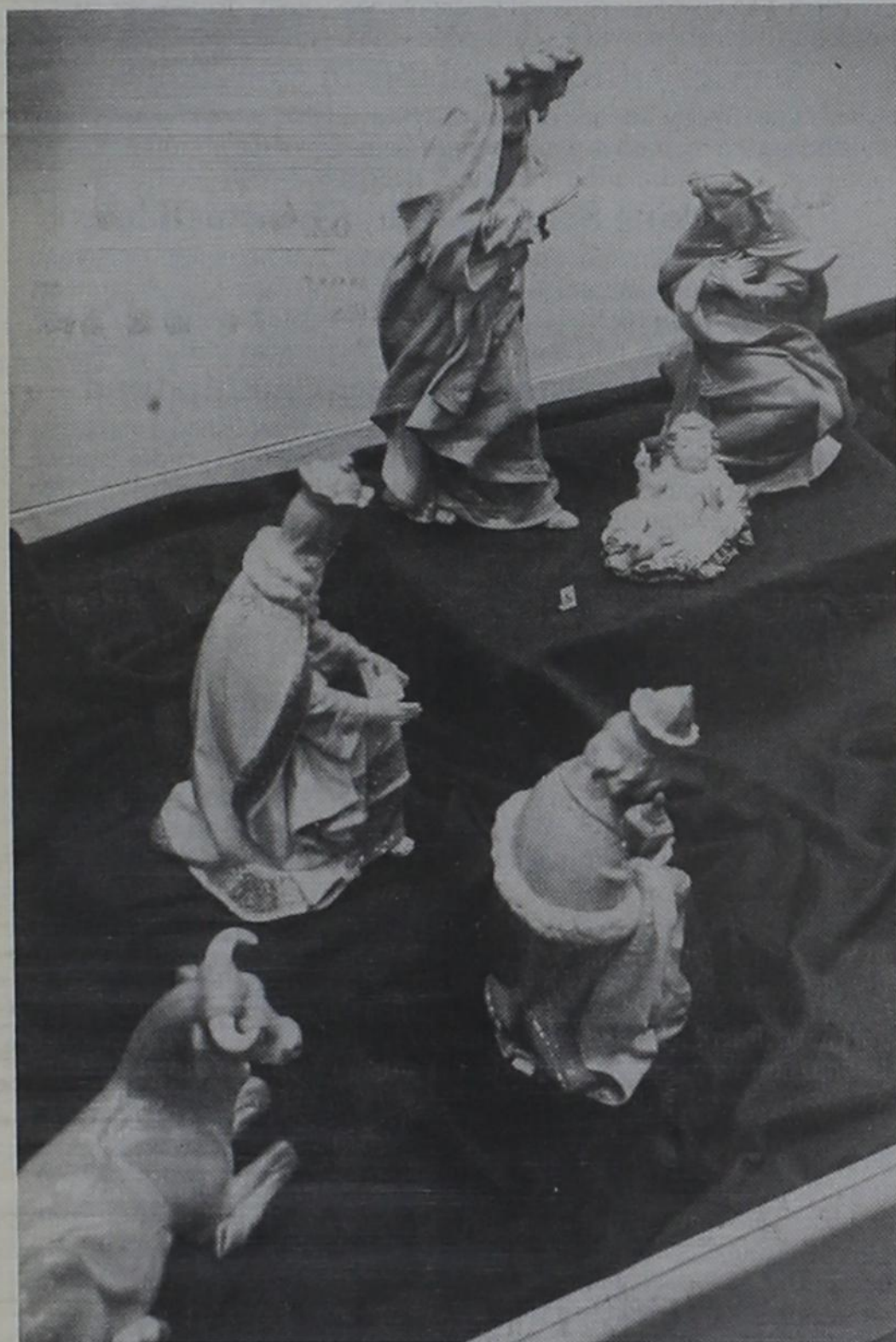
Visitors will find the brochure at the registration table most helpful while viewing the displays. The handy pamphlet explains items by each window, giving details as the artist and the work.

The OS Ranch Foundation was created by Giles C. McCrary and family. The museum was built to house the art and artifact collection from around the world. It is a non-profit organization and seeks no fees from visitors. The museum is supported by the OS Foundation. The museum accepts donations, which are tax deductible.

There is an elevator to the second floor.



Giles McCrary (left) gives Post High School history students background information about the Christmas art on display at the OS Museum. History teacher Christy Morris accompanied the PHS students on the museum visit Monday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



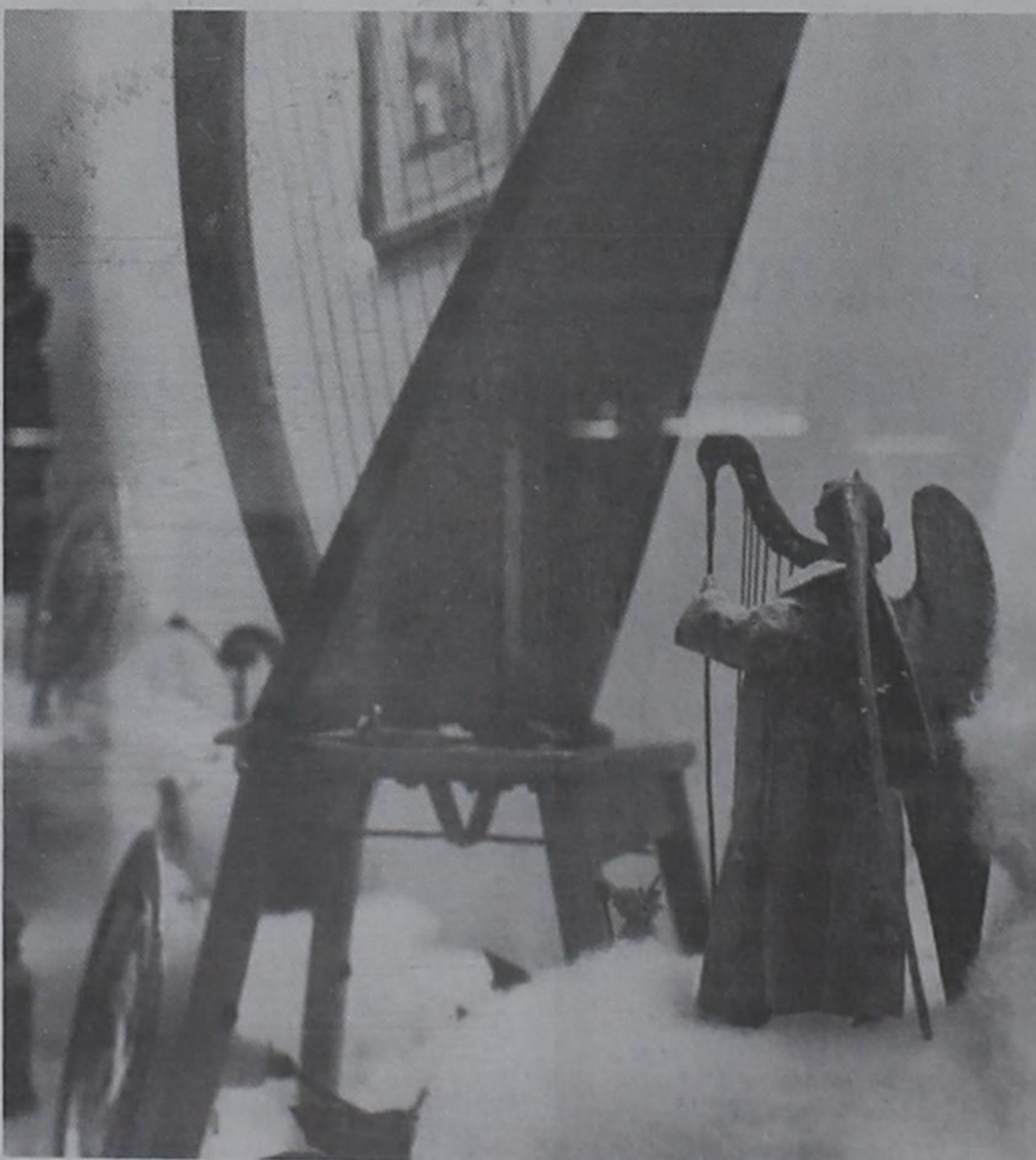
"Mother and Child," Lladro, Madrid, Spain features a finish called Gres with very pleasing colors. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Marie Neff guides visitors to the OS Museum, providing interesting information about the art on display. Here she shows Window #11, which contains works by Duncan Royale collection, "Pioneer," "Nast," "Victorian," "Medieval," "Wassail," "Kris Kringle," "Soda Pop Santa," "St. Nicholas," "Black Peter," "Civil War Santa," and "Russian Santa." (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Nativity Creche, hand made of weatherwood by artist Frank McBride, is on display in Window #1 at the OS Museum. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Part of the display found in Window #5 includes the Clark Irish Harp, a reproduction of the world famous Irish harp. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Menus

Trail Blazers
Thursday, December 22
Hamburger steak, brown potatoes, okra & tomatoes, apricots, cornbread, oatmeal cookies, choice of beverage.

Friday, December 23
Christmas holiday - closed.

Monday, December 26
Christmas holiday - closed.

Tuesday, December 27
Chicken enchiladas, mexican corn & beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, ranch dressing, angel food cake, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, December 28
Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, peas & carrots, kraut salad, hot roll, baked apples, choice of beverage.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

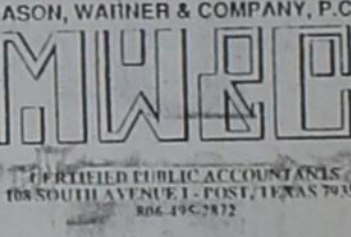
IT'S NEVER TOO SOON

It's never too soon to start stashing away money for retirement, though few young folks believe it. In fact, they really have time on their side: money put into a tax-deferred account early will grow substantially, even if later deposits lag.

For many young adults, especially those with the growing expenses that go with a growing family, it's hard to siphon off money for savings. What finally "sells" the idea is the tax-deductibility of an IRA or a 401(k); automatic deposits make it easier.

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Anne Bratcher, Glenda Morrow and Linda Puckett show a few of the special art items for sale at the Post Art Guild sponsored "Starving Artists" show. The table of specially decorated gourds is just a sampling of a wide variety of items available. The show continues this week at the art guild on East Main Street.

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago
Dec. 19, 1984

Inez Richie was named Extension Homemaker's club woman of the year. Bertha Villa, LVN at Garza Memorial Hospital was chosen employee of the week. The "Post Millionaire" game is now for sale in local businesses.

20 years ago
Dec 19, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wheatley were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday in the community room. The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hal Jones met Saturday evening Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st in the Graham Center for a family reunion.

Birth Announcements

Alyssa Lealoah Matsler

Darren and Paula Matsler announce the arrival of their baby sister, Alyssa Lealoah, who was born December 10, 1994. She weighed seven pounds and was 19 1/2" long at birth.

Parents are Paul and Maryhelen Matsler of Pearl City, Hawaii. Paternal grandparents are Naomi and Herman McVay of Lubbock and the late Johnnie Matsler.

Paternal great grandparents are Mr and Mrs Martin Nichols of Post.

30 years ago
Dec 19, 1974

Jennifer Miller was complimented with a party on her seventh birthday at the Justiceburg school Dec. 16th. Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a BB gun, bicycle, Johnny-seven OMA, motorcycle shoe, pin, book and candy. Your friend, Jerry Altman. "So Dear to my Heart" is showing at the Tower theater new year's eve.

40 years ago
Dec 19, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Acker and sons will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitchford in Groesbeck. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Manly observe their Golden wedding anniversary.

Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be a good boy. I am eight years old. I would like to have a farm set, a reel and rod, a new wagon and some six shooters. With love, Curtis Hudman

50 years ago
Dec 19, 1974

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ring and a gym set and a game and some candy if you have that much, and don't forget baby Joy, Anita Davies

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a shotgun, car, train and some candy, fruit and nuts. I have been a good boy. John Everett Hill

Is there really a Santa Claus?

To a child - Santa Claus is a joyful young heart receiving gifts and attending parties. When the heart grows more mature - Santa Claus is cheerful giving, working for a cause and cherished memories of childhood. As long as Christmas spirit exists, there will always be a Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday Jesus!
Rhonda Norman

Morris children share dinner

The children of the late Wes and Mollie Morris met last Sunday for dinner at the Chaparral Restaurant.

Joining in the family gathering were from Post, Mr and Mrs Alvin Morris, Mr and Mrs Chester Morris, Mr and Mrs Harlan Morris, Juanita Peel; from Lubbock Mr and Mrs Leonard Morris and from Marion, S.C., Beatrice Dodson.

The family meeting included time for visiting other family members and friends and an exchange of gifts between brothers and sisters.

It was the first time in several years for sisters and brothers to have met.

News about our military people

Oralio E. Campos

Marine Pvt. Oralio E. Campos, son of Angela Diaz of Post, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Campos received training in battlefield survival, was introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Although the Marine Corps is scaling back, its investment in high-quality recruits continues. The Marine Corps has more than 38,000 job openings this year.

Campos is a 1994 graduate of Post High School.

Joey D. Cowley

Navy Seaman Recruit Joey D. Cowley, son of Donnie and Debbie Cowley of Post, recently completed U. S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Cowley completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Cowley learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Cowley and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Cowley joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore bases around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Cowley and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Cowley are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical navel force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

Cowley is a 1994 graduate of Post High School.

Around Town

Clubs and organizations in and around Garza county

Amity study club celebrates Christmas

The Amity Study Club met in the home of Sandra Alexander on December 13 for their annual Christmas dinner. Hostesses Sandra Alexandra, Kathy Rankin, Suzanne

Hudman, Marion Wheatley, and Jaynie Middleton served tasty Mexican cuisine.

For the program, Boø Olson recounted the old fable about the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Gifts of tree ornaments were exchanged.

Other members present were Louella Bilberry, Iva Hudman, Joy Dickson, Ida Mae Wilks, Joyce Strubhart, Barbara Reese, Joy Pool, Ruth Ann Young, Martha McClendon, Margaret Bull, Edna Owen, Carolyn Sawyers, Janie Davis, and Barbara Babb.

The next meeting will be on January 10, 1995, with Joyce Strubhart and Sue Shytle as hostesses.

There are people who are so much their own enemies that they prefer a misfortune they have foreseen because they have foreseen it, to good luck they did not expect.

—Prince de Ligne

Woman's Culture Club Meeting

The Hotel Garza Bed and Breakfast was the site for the Woman's Culture Club annual Christmas meeting, December 14.

Hostesses were social committee members Iva Hudman, Jan Crawford, Bebe Boren and Ruby Kirkpatrick.

The program consisted of Christmas stories "A Christmas Tree in the White," presented by Iva Hudman and "A Glorious Gift from Christmas Past," by Lillian Potts.

Other members at the meeting were Dorace Wilson, Peggy Smith, Nona Lusk, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Ruth Hall, Barbara Hardin, Doll Haire, Maxine Earl, Lois Cook, Joyce Strubhart and Debbie Bain.

Candlelight service set Christmas Eve

A special candlelight service Christmas Eve will be held at the First United Methodist Church, beginning at 10 p.m. The service is ecumenical and is open to all.

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Obituaries

Bob Short

Graveside funeral services were held December 19, 1994 for Bob Short, who died December 16 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services were conducted by Rev. Charles F. Johnson, Second Baptist Church of Lubbock, with interment at Terrace cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr Short was born March 3, 1933 in Oklahoma City. His parents were Roy and Louella (Shaffer) Short.

A welder by occupation, Mr Short was employed in the oilfield and had lived in Lubbock.

He is survived by children Mike of Capitan, N.M.; Steve of Abilene and Mark of Lubbock; brothers Bill of Copperas Cove, Rex of McCloud, Okla. and Ted of Odessa; sister Margarite Ools of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren and his companion Lucille States of Lubbock.

Trucking deregulation should help Texas

Deregulation of the trucking industry, set to take effect January 1, should

boost agriculture and other sectors of the Texas economy, according to a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher.

"Deregulation should help many businesses take advantage of greater efficiencies in the transportation system," said Dr. Steve Fuller, a professor of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University and an experiment station researcher. "Some may win and some may lose, but overall, it should make Texas more competitive."

Fuller, an economist with expertise in shipping of agricultural commodities, has conducted several studies relating to Texas carrier rates and service and also has studied trucking in other states with varying levels of regulation.

He said the experience of the 1980's, when shipping of some Texas agricultural commodities was deregulated, shows that other sectors of the economy should benefit from deregulation. Agriculture's primary benefit from the impending deregulation should be from increased opportunities for value-added producers, such as vendors of processed foods, for example, Fuller said.

Texas has long been considered to be one of the most heavily regulated states for trucking, but that will change on New Year's Day when new federal legislation takes effect. Intrastate routes have been subject to rate regulation and carrier entry to markets limited. Interstate carriage was not subject to the same regulation.

In August, the Airport Improvement Act was passed by Congress and approved by President Clinton. It included a mandate for states still controlling rates and market entry to deregulate.

That means Texas businesses products should be able to choose from among competing carriers, rather than being forced to use carriers awarded particular service routes at rates approved by the Texas Railroad Commission.

Agricultural commodity producers felt Texas shipping rates were artificially high before successful efforts to deregulate some rates during the 1980s, Fuller said. Studies by Texas A&M and agricultural groups helped convince the state to partially deregulate agricultural shipping, he said.

Texas A&M studies in the 1980s showed that for five of nine agricultural commodities studied, rates were between 2 and 41 percent higher on regulated intrastate routes than on exempt interstate routes. For three of the nine, rates were substantially the same, and only for one commodity — cantaloupes — were regulated intrastate rates lower, Fuller said.

After deregulation of agricultural shipping, Fuller was involved in a 1989 study of its effects. Shipping rates declined from 7.5 to 9 percent in three of four analyzed routes, with inconclusive results in the fourth, he said.

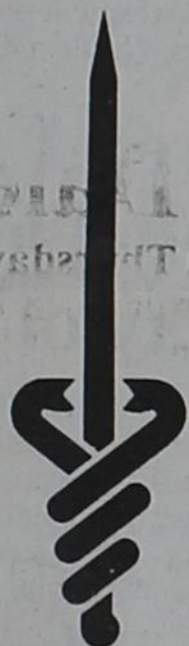
Fuller said agricultural commodity shipping won't be affected much by deregulation, but shipping of products made from those commodities could be. Other sectors of the state's economy also should see declines in shipping costs, he predicted.



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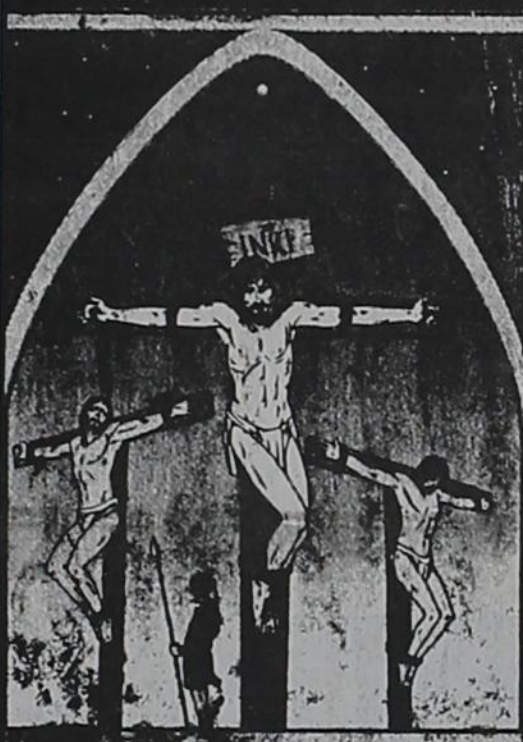
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The Christian Life — called by some, The Holy Life

by Rev. Jim Graham, Pastor
Church of the Nazarene

The Christian Life, or Holy Living, is a realizable goal; it is an ideal that is practicable. The apostle Paul has much to say about this type of life in Phil. 2:15-16. By holy life Paul does not mean a life without fault or mistakes but a life that is right and pleasing in the eyes of God Almighty in Heaven.

First, there is the arena where this holy life incubates. It is in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation this life is developed in a warped and distorted world that has replaced character with makeup and mannerisms; beauty with deformity; real Christian values with compromise. G. Campbell Morgan says, "If we cannot be saints where we are, we shall never be saints at all." Even in a world like ours God is able to make us clean and right within until we are in a perfect relationship with him.

Second, there is the attributes of this holy, or Christian, life. One attribute is that of being "Blameless." This is a horizontal aspect or the Christian's relationship with others. The Christians may not always be perfect in the execution of all his actions, but his life is lived in such a way that there is not foundation for wrong doing even when he is accused of doing wrong. Another attribute is that of being "Harmless." This is the subjective aspect of his life. It reflects what he really is on the inside. The meaning of the word is, "Simple, Free From Mixture, Without Alloy." The Greek used the word of metals—those which contained no alloy were "simple." It suggest motives which are unmixed, clean and pure. The next attribute is vertical and deals with the Christian as he is in the sight of God. "Without Rebuke," is the words that the apostle Paul uses. The idea comes from the unblemished sacrifices offered on the altar of God. Our lives must stand the scrutiny of a Holy God.

Thirdly, there is the actions of this holy life. Of which Paul said, "Among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life." Included is the witness of this life. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Mt. 5:14. The Christian's life is a beacon, gleaming across the dark waves of sin that shipwrecked souls may be guided into heaven's harbor. God does not call the Christian to a timid, secretive piety or to a religion which has to lock it's doors and bar it's windows. Lamps are made to shine. Let us shine for Jesus.

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May our lives not be like this robber. But be pleasing in the sight of God Almighty who will judge us all some day. Lit you light shine for Jesus.



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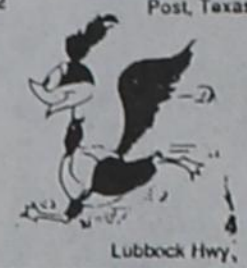
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New treatment for ulcers before they happen

Is treating the ulcer burning in your stomach burning a hole in your wallet? Conventional ulcer treatment is under fire from gastroenterologists who now believe that a less expensive way to treat ulcers is by fighting a bacterium known as *Helicobacter pylori*, a culprit in ulcer formation.

While conventional therapy may be a lifetime commitment, taking antibiotics to combat *H. pylori* infection may shorten the treatment time, said Dr. Walter L. Peterson, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He urges using less expensive antibiotic drugs to treat ulcers.

Peterson found that *H. pylori* infection is a precursor to ulcer formation. This discovery was made when people with high stomach acid levels who were not infected with *H. pylori* bacteria did not develop ulcers. However, those who were infected with bacteria and had lots of stomach acid secretion did develop ulcers.

Patients treated with antibiotics for *H. pylori* infection fared better than those treated with the conventional and expensive anti-ulcer drugs.

No idea is so outlandish that it should not be considered with a searching but at the same time with a steady eye.

—Winston S. Churchill

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

Plant fruit trees before hard freeze

With the weather turning colder, it's hard to think about anything that has to do with next spring's gardening. However, Extension Horticulturist Dr. Calvin Lyons says now is the best time to start thinking about planting new fruit trees. While it may not seem like the right time to be planting anything, Lyons says nurseries across the Southwest have been getting in fruit tree stock, and it isn't wise to wait too long for purchasing and planting. He says if you don't plant now, your tree will surely struggle in the spring, because it needs time to reestablish its root system. Lyons says that the soil is warm enough to allow trees to grow back any roots that were destroyed when it was dug, but if it stays in the nursery during the winter, it will have to play catch-up in the spring. Depending on the root ball size, Lyons says you shouldn't have to dig much further than 12 to 18 inches to plant the tree. Unless you

have exceptionally poor soil, he says there's no need to add soil amendments either. And while commercial growers will need to wait a year or two before realizing a crop, Lyons says landscape fruit trees may bear one or two fruit this spring. There are a number of different varieties of fruit trees that can be grown in Texas, and if you're not sure which variety is suited to your area, be sure to contact our office or a certified nursery specialist.

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Treat fruit trees for scale before spring

If fruit trees like peaches and plums are not treated for scale insects, there will be nothing worth treating in the springtime. And if you wait too long before treating them, your production will still be adversely affected. Extension Horticulturist Dr. Calvin Lyons says there are actually a number of things you can be doing to keep your fruit trees in tip top shape for the coming spring growing season. First, Lyons says all fruit trees should be sprayed with a dormant oil sometime during January and February when the temperature is over 60 degrees. This oil spray is non-toxic and non-polluting, but it rids your tree of devastating scale insects. Lyons says fruit tree growers also need to start thinking about what fertilizer they may need to add to their soil in January and February. By doing a soil test now, Lyons says you'll know exactly what you need when it comes time to fertilize. Finally, he says that after the first of the year, be aware of standing water around fruit trees. If it gets too much water in the root system, the tree will not only be less productive, it could die.

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Welfare: From a helping hand to a way of life

by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
This country's welfare system is no longer what it was supposed to be: temporary assistance to help families in need get back on their feet. Welfare has gone from being a helping hand to a way of life.

Created in 1935 to sustain the most desperate victims of the Great Depression, indigent widows and their children, the welfare system was vastly expanded beginning in 1965 as part of the War on Poverty. But despite the noble intentions, welfare in late 20th century America has spawned and continues to sustain some of the most distressing ills a society can encounter: illegitimacy, the disintegration of family life, disappearance of the work ethic. Indirectly, it encourages ever-rising levels of violence and juvenile crime.

This is not to say that all welfare recipients are examples of the above, but they are all victims of a faulty system. Their neighborhoods have witnessed a breakdown of civil society, one that threatens not only those in the immediate vicinity, but the rest of our country as well.

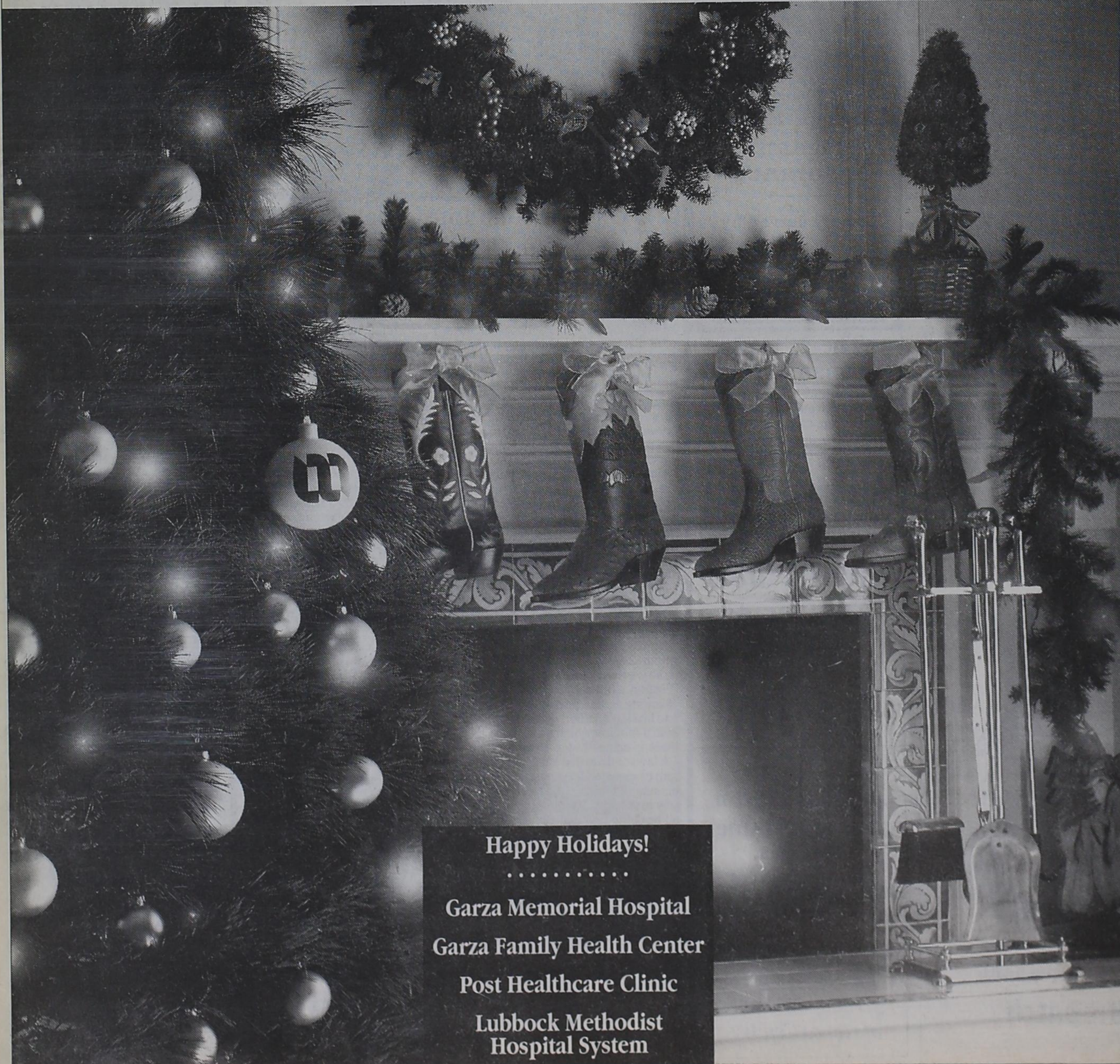
According to the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas, this nation has spent \$5 trillion (in 1992 dollars) fighting the War on Poverty over the past 30 years. Yet the poverty rate as a percentage of the total population is higher today than when the war was declared.

Today, we spend \$350 billion a year on 79 means-tested welfare programs—more than our country spends on defense. If the money spent on welfare were simply divided evenly and sent to those who live below the poverty level, each person would get \$8,900, or slightly less than \$35,000 a year for a family of four. This is more than the median household income in the United States.

So why are there apparently more people living in poverty than ever before? A partial explanation involves two disparate elements: accounting and bureaucratic self-interest. Only cash income is considered in measuring poverty. Thus the official number of poor people continues to climb even though spending on non-cash benefits such as medical care, food stamps, and public housing multiplies.

At the same time, according to the center, "It is in the self-interest of the welfare-poverty industry to make sure that more money is spent on poverty programs without reducing the number of poor people."

The system is self-perpetuating. Those who administer it have no incentive to encourage welfare beneficiaries to move forward with their lives; dependency is presented to them as acceptable and inevitable. Individual responsibility is discounted.



Happy Holidays!

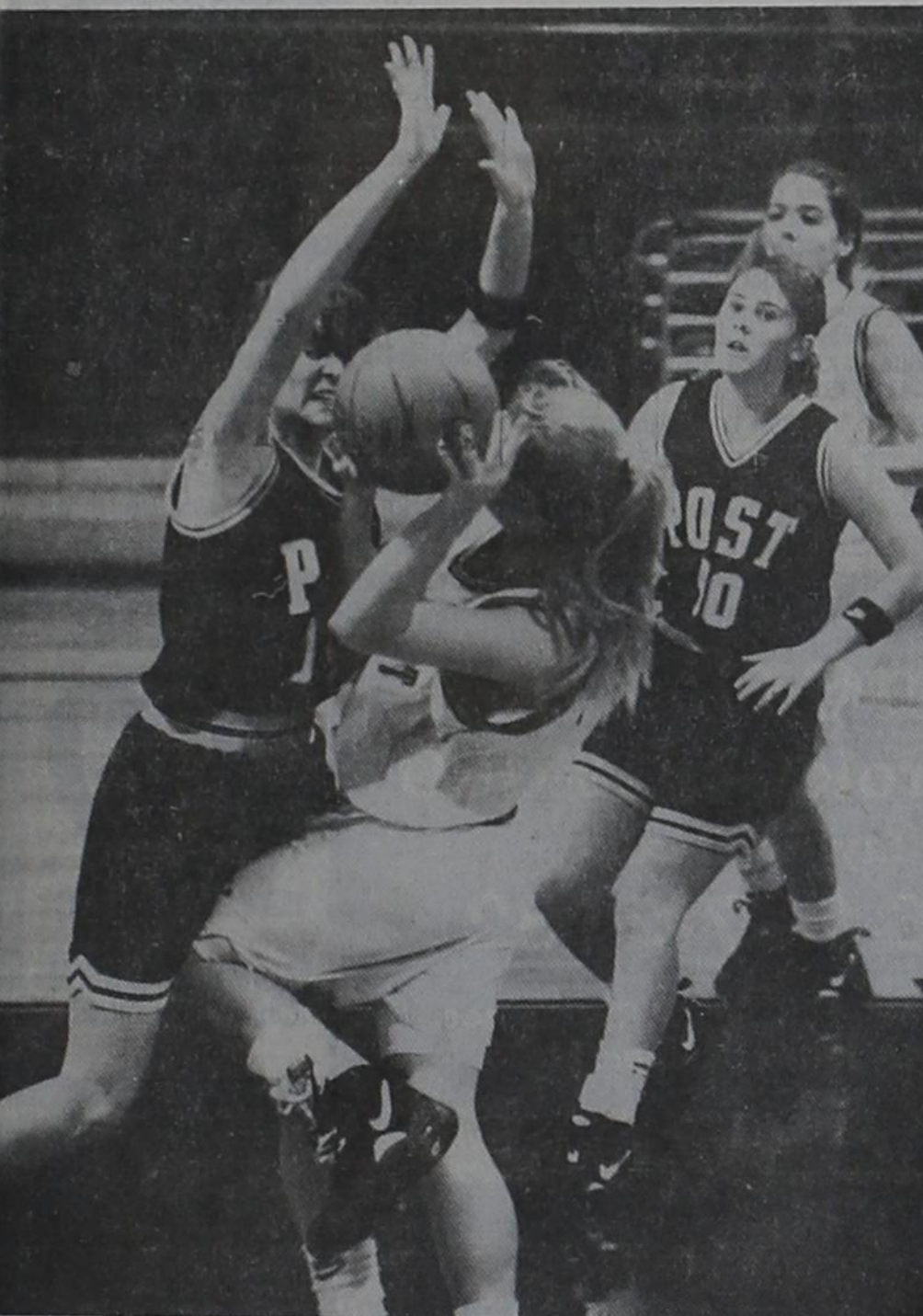
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Lady Lope Andrea Wallace drives with the ball during first half action at Roosevelt last Friday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Antelope seniors Ray Perez (left) and Cody Bain were named honorable mention for the All-State Class 2A football team recently. Perez was selected as an offensive guard and Bain as offensive end.



Katina Davis (left) guards a Roosevelt player as Christie Oden (right) moves in to help during last Friday's Lady Lope contest at Roosevelt. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Erik Hanna goes up for two points during the varsity boys' Roosevelt game last Friday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Rabbits, Eagles win over 'Lopes

The Post Antelope basketball team lost 53-49 to the Ralls Rabbits December 13 and were overpowered last Friday at Roosevelt as the Eagles won 72-51. Cody Bain led the team against Ralls with 23 points, Alvin Reed also hit double figures with 12 as did Brad Lawson with 10. Travis Hair and Russ Bird each collected two points. At Roosevelt, Reed led the team with 18 points, followed by Bain with 17. Lawson collected seven points and Erik Hanna got six more. Travis Hair scored two and Jerry Crawford got one point.

Roosevelt takes win over Lady Lopes

A trip to Roosevelt last Friday turned sour for the Post Lady Lopes as they were outscored 55-41. Showing an aggressive style and tough defense during the first three periods, the Lady Lopes were outgunned at the free throw line and fast breaks during the final period. Amber Cooper led the team at 20 points, followed by Holly Hardin with eight. Christie Oden got four points and Nikki Pollard collected three. Two points each were scored by Katina Davis, Falisha Jefferson and Jill Stelzer. "We play in the Slaton tournament starting December 28," coach James Easterling reports.

Lady Lopes edge Ralls 50-47

The Post Lady Lopes pulled out a three point win over Ralls in the December 13 contest here. "After a very slow start, the girls had an excellent fourth quarter," coach James Easterling commented. "They showed a lot of character in the come from behind victory." Amber Cooper led the team with 15 points, followed by Holly Hardin with 14. Nikki Pollard was credited with five, Christie Oden got four, Tracy Shumard and Falisha Jefferson collected three points and two points each were scored by Katina Davis and Tiffany Steel.

9th grade boys compete at All Saints

The Post freshmen boys' basketball team competed December 15 and 16 at the All Saints tournament in Lubbock, losing to All Saints and Floydada. "The reserves did an excellent job," coach Fred Postell commented. "Sam Woods played a great game, Slade Bevers came off the bench and did a good job at point guard. Brandon Patschke, Russ Moore and Ty Haney also played super," the coach added. In the December 15 game against All Saints, Woods scored 10 points to lead the team, with Patschke hitting for nine. Moore got eight, Bevers picked up five and John Paul Perez scored four points. Cameron Miller, Haney and Jaime Hernandez each scored two points. Against Floydada Friday, the young Lopes lost 64-51, with Woods leading with 19 points. "They played a good second half on both ends," Postell added, "but so did Floydada."

J.V. boys

smother Ralls

The Post junior varsity boys' basketball team put another win on their record December 13 by blasting Ralls 54-22. Jeremy Josey hit for 13 points to lead the team in scoring, followed by B.J. Hart with 11 and Jake Loreda with nine.

Seth Pennell hit for six, Roy Perez got four, Jay Childers connected for three and two points each were credited to David Perez, Josh Grisham, Freddy Pena and Kip Wilks. Perez was credited with 12 points, Moore got six, Anthony Gomez collected four and two points each went to Jerry Graham, Haney, Chad McDougal and Patschke. Bevers and Hernandez each scored one point.

J.V. boys take win over Eagles

Posting a 5-3 season record, the Post junior varsity boys' basketball team took a 43-38 win over Roosevelt last Friday. Jeremy Josey hit double figures at 16 points and B.J. Hart got another nine points. Jay Childers was credited with six, Josh Grisham and Jake Loreda scored five points each and David Perez picked up another two points.

8th grade boys win 55-39

Post Middle School eighth grade boys took a 55-39 win over Tahoka December 15. The team led in all four quarters, doing exceptionally well in the final period, scoring 12 points and holding Tahoka to five. Joey Ward led the team with 14 points, followed by Raymond Perez and Clell Knight with 13 each. Charley Bell picked up none, Albert Armendariz scored four and Daniel Fluit was credited with two points. Other team members are Brent Justice, Terry Foster, T.J. Gaydos, Matt Cooper, Josh Bustoz, Todd Holbert and Monty Humble.

8th grade girls smash Tahoka

The Post 8th grade girls' basketball team smashed Tahoka 41-11 in the December 15 contest. "The girls played really very good," coach Bill Gordon emphasized. "They did an especially good job on the press." Eight players put points on the board, with Jennifer Strawn leading at eight points. Kasey Hardin collected seven points, Torrie Foster and Kristen Webb got six and Kendley Jefferson collected five points. Rachele Jones scored four, Hannah Jefferson got three and Becca Stelzer collected two points.

7th grade girls edge Tahoka

The Post 7th grade girls' basketball team edged Tahoka 29-25 in a December 15 contest. "These girls are improving gave by game," coach Bill Gordon commented. "We still need to be more consistent and we are working on that," the coach added. Stephanie Looney led the team with 14 points, followed by Amy Line with five. Erin Gregory and Courtney Bratcher both scored three points and Camie Payne picked up two points.

In those days he was wiser than he is now—he used frequently to take my advice.
—Winston Churchill

Even logical consequences just happen.
—Henry S. Haskins



Russ Bird gets set under the net to put two points on the board for the Post Antelope basketball team during action at Roosevelt last Friday. Cody Bain moves in to assist on the play. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over; so in a series of kindnesses there is at last one which makes the heart run over.
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Introducing our syndicated columnists

by Wes Burnett

Last week The Post Dispatch introduced a new weekly opinion page, featuring nationally syndicated columnists Walter E. Williams, Robert Fulghum and Stephen Chapman. This week's edition includes editorial cartoons by Pat McCarthy.

The columns are distributed by Creators Syndicate Inc., which provides editorial products for hundreds of America's leading daily newspapers.

In this introduction, we are offering a brief sketch of each of the columnist: **Walter E. Williams**

I first became exposed to his writings several years ago while visiting my parents in northeast Texas. My father was an avid newspaper reader, subscribing to both the Dallas Morning News (DMN) and the Dallas Times Herald (which is no longer being published). While at their house I read one of Williams' articles in the DMN and I was hooked. And then one day last year, I heard him on a talk radio show, substituting for Rush Limbaugh. It was a riot (actually Williams' intelligence over shadowed the flamboyant Limbaugh's gibberish).

Ever since then I have tried to determine which day the DMN would publish Williams' article, and found that it never seemed to be on the same day of the week. So, when we were given the opportunity to publish The Post Dispatch again, I decided I would just find out how to subscribe and we wouldn't have to rely on buying a copy of the DMN.

Williams is an economics professor at George Mason University and he challenges readers to understand the consequences of economic and social policy. Every week you can look forward to the "good professor" (as he calls himself) to blast opponents, defend radical arguments and above all, teach something new. His writing reveals a man of great courage, conviction and depth, and someone you respect, even when you disagree with him.

His vision is a libertarian vision. He calls for government to return to the kind the founding fathers prescribed in the Constitution: one with highly constrained powers, one subordinate to the people, one whose most sacred mission is to protect the liberty of individuals.

According to Williams, this vision has been corrupted and replaced by a government whose chief concern is self-preservation. Thus, in spite of good intentions of big government, the ideal of individual social and economic liberty has become little more than political rhetoric.

Another seed in Williams' revolution is his belief in the need for people — and especially minorities — to reject government assistance and gain economic independence by means of their own labor. And more than most writers, he speaks with the authority of firsthand knowledge on this subject, because he grew up in a Philadelphia ghetto.

The strongest influence on his life was his mother, who raised him alone and who, though extremely poor, refused to accept welfare and forced him to work his way through high school and college. One of her favorite expressions is a good summary of Williams' philosophy: "You don't get something for nothing."

Since he started his column in 1978 for the Philadelphia Tribune and then for syndication in 1981, more than 100 papers have subscribed to Williams' column. Among them are the Orange County Register, Detroit Free Press, Dallas Morning News, Cincinnati Enquirer, Arizona Republic, Washington Times and Indianapolis Star.

Robert Fulghum

Author Robert Fulghum is a best seller, having sold more than 14 million

We've had enough

by Walter E. Williams

"America does not have a crime problem; inner-city America does." That's what Princeton's professor of political science, John J. Dilulio, says, and he's just about right. If we ignored inner-city violent crime, mostly committed by blacks and Hispanics, America would be a fairly civilized place. "Dammit, there you go again, Williams," you say, "giving aid and comfort to America's racists." Let's look at it.

Professor Dilulio's article, "The Question of Black Crime," appearing in the Public Interest (Fall 1994), reports that blacks are 20 percent of the general population of the nation's 75 most populous urban counties. However, they are 54 percent of murder victims and 62 percent of all murder defendants. In Washington, D.C., between 1985 and 1988, three-quarters of all murders were by blacks against blacks. In Pennsylvania, 42 percent of the state's violent crimes occur in Philadelphia, which contains only 14 percent of the state's population, most of them occurring in several predominantly black neighborhoods. In 1990, nearly 49 percent of state prisoners and 31 percent of federal prisoners were black. Compared to white prisoners, they were more likely to have committed a violent crime.

These dismal statistics are new, and what are some of the whys? In 1960, there were 783 people in prison for every 1,000 violent crimes. By 1980, it was 227 per 1,000 violent crimes, a drop of 69 percent. Nationally, within three years of sentencing, while on probation, about half of all probationers are arrested for a new crime or abscond. About three-quarters of all convicted criminals are not incarcerated, and where are they? Callous courts, prosecutors and parole boards have set them free to prey on and "imprison" law-abiding citizens.

Spring arrives earlier than expected

by Robert Fulghum

Spring comes this week. Just after dark on Wednesday, December 21, at exactly 6:21. How can this be? According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, spring isn't due until late March. But I don't go by the book on this matter. A soft alarm sounds in my soul at winter solstice — the longest night of the year is past. I know the Earth has tilted as far as it will, and from now on, there will be more light and longer days in my corner of the universe. Yes!

This inner celebration is older than Christmas — deeper than civilization. It's a primal response on that spiritual plane where matter and energy and light converge with mystery into life.

I am not the only living thing tuned to this turning. Check the trees now — their limbs already bear translucent green buds or soft woolly bumps. Dig a bulb from the ground. Cut it open. You will find the swollen juiciness of germination there already. The push toward light and flower is underway.

The gravid wombs of mammals are in mid-production now. In the bellies of hibernating she-bears, cubs are nearing term. Spring lambs and calves and fawns are in utero, even as their mothers paw at snow, seeking food. People, too — young mothers' winter coats bulge and strain at middle buttons as the rising results of summer love begin to show.

Everywhere I walk in this dreary season, I notice the tenacity and fecundity of life. In the grass in the cracks in the sidewalk. In the patchy little independent gardens that grow untended around the tarry base of telephone poles. In the ivy hanging low over freeway walls. In the potting sheds and cold frames of gardeners, where mulch is warming, the earthworms working and the seeds fracturing with inner urgency. On indoor windowsills, where Narcissuses lift their first green tips, simultaneously lifting the spirits of those who force spring into early declaration.

This is not the dead of winter. No. This is the rebirth of spring. This is the sharp green edge of invincible life slicing through darkness once again. Power beyond our understanding musters its marching band for the full dress parade of April. Take heart!

Nothing can stop life. At the Trinity Site in New Mexico, where once there was only fire and then molten shards of fused glass, the cactus, mesquite and grass grow again. In the mountains of Nevada, bristlecone pines stand firm through their 2,000th year. They, too, ready fresh needles now.

The fossil record is very clear. Unbelievable varieties of life have preserved here under every condition imaginable. Life has been here for 4.5 million years. With another 7.5 million years to go — until the Earth falls into the sun. And I believe that when life ceases here, it will continue elsewhere in other places in other forms. Even now, this must be so.

And I am part of this — as a fish is part of the sea, surrounded and filled. On December 21, like the Earth, I too, will tilt — away from death. I have survived whatever darkness has dished out this year and am ready and eager to come to life again. Now I, too, will reach for revival. Daily, I must get up and go to work in the construction business of building and repairing and remodeling my life.

As with the trees, I want to drop the leaves of the past, cast off the dry twigs of yesterday and become green once more. As with the trees, I shall shove my roots deeper this year. I want my imagination to flower and my work to bear fruit.

This renewal begins for me on the morning of December 22. I right myself to spin again toward larger days and shorter nights — toward a revival of spirit and a rebirth of wonder. Something ancient and deep stirs itself in me, and my face

copies of his books, which are in print in 27 languages and 93 countries.

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," "It Was on Fire When I Lay Down On It," "Uh-oh" and "Maybe (Maybe Not)" have set records at the top of the New York Times list of best sellers.

His book and speaking engagements during the fall and winter of 1993 achieved additional success through an unprecedented 40 city tour that raised more than \$650,000 for charities — benefiting social service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Amnesty International, Literacy Volunteers and the Salvation Army.

Fulghum was born in 1937 and grew up in Waco. In his youth he worked as a ditch digger, newspaper carrier, ranch hand and singing cowboy, while riding the rodeo circuit on weekends.

After college and a short stint as an IBM salesman, he returned to graduate school to complete a degree in theology. For 22 years he served as parish minister of Unitarian churches in the Pacific Northwest. During that time he taught drawing, painting and philosophy at the Lakeside School in Seattle, Wash. Fulghum is an accomplished painter and sculptor with several gallery shows to his credit.

While a minister in Seattle, Fulghum began writing essays for his church newsletter. These epistles became popular with his parishioners — they would cut them out, pin them on bulletin boards at work or send them to friends and relatives around the country.

One such piece wound up in the hands of a literary agent in Connecticut, who saw in the writing the potential for a best seller. Random House agreed, and "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" was born.

Fulghum has carried his eclectic sensibilities into his new career. He has performed for the Public Broadcasting System and appeared twice with the Minneapolis Chamber Symphony, the first time conducting the last movement of Beethoven's Ninth.

He also plays the guitar and mandocello. In the spring of 1993, he joined fellow authors Stephen King, Amy Tan, Dave Barry, Barbara Kingsolver and Ridley Pearson in the debut of their rock and roll band, The Rock Bottom Remainders.

Stephen Chapman

Looking for a completely different viewpoint and issues not normally found in the "national media," we turned to Stephen Chapman, who writes for the Chicago Tribune.

Chapman is a critical outsider to the two-horse political race that dominates American politics.

His writing style is a refreshing contrast to the norm. Too many political columnists indulge in demagoguery and hyperbole, addressing topics and using emotional appeals better suited to a book-burning than a piece of reasoned discourse.

Chapman does not stoop to this kind of emotionalism. He is the thinking person's columnist, and the hallmark of his work is strong evidence and exhaustive research. One comes away agreeing — or disagreeing — with Chapman based on the well-ordered arguments, as well as facts and statistics.

He covers economic, political, legal and social questions with equal skill. He frequently outlines the long-term consequences of a Supreme Court ruling, a new regulation, a decision by the Fed or a piece of legislation before Congress.

The victims of liberal hare-brained schemes on how to treat criminals are mostly poor blacks and Hispanics. They can't afford to move to a safer environment, and police do not protect them. Boston University Professor Glenn Loury, pointing to the murder of Polly Klaas by a violent repeat criminal, suggests there is a muting of outrage in the black community: "If the degree of energy and organizational skill invested in campaigns against racially motivated violence, or against police brutality, or against the death penalty, were instead expended voicing demands that bad men be kept behind bars, these demands would become irresistible." Black ambivalence toward and identification with black criminals explains the difference between the celebrity status of Polly Klaas and the anonymity of countless young black victims.

When we talk about jailing predators, liberals come up with the lame lament that it costs \$25,000 to keep a criminal in jail and less than that to send him to college. They want us to believe that predators would attend college if they had the chance. But jailing criminals is a bargain. Dilulio reports that in 1992 crime victims lost \$17.2 billion in direct costs. That doesn't include medical costs, pain and suffering, fear and prevention measures.

There's no denying that poor, law-abiding blacks and Hispanics are overwhelmingly the primary victims of crime. They live in fear and terror. They are the people whose neighborhoods have been turned into mini-Beirut. Politicians and liberals, who live on the outskirts of town, respond to their plight by searching for "original causes" and proposals for midnight basketball. Blacks and Hispanics must ignore the criminal nonsense of their "leaders" and elected officials and say, "We've had enough. And we're not going to take it anymore!"

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turns toward the sun.

Come on, light! Rise up, sap! Let the memory of the music return. My instrument is ready. In the midst of winter comes the urge to play once more in the invincible marching band of spring.

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Is Democratic defeat the price of black victories?

by Stephen Chapman

Democrats have dwindled in the House of Representatives even as black House Democrats have multiplied, and some experts have suggested that the relationship is not coincidental but causal. The way we got more black Democratic members, they hypothesize, was to sacrifice larger numbers of white Democrats — which may or may not be good for blacks but is definitely good for Republicans.

The redistricting that followed the 1990 census was the first under the Voting Rights Act of 1982. That law obliged states to create more "minority-majority" House districts — ones in which blacks or Hispanics had enough strength to elect one of their own. For that, minority voters were taken from other Democratic districts, making those less Democratic. Result: Republicans found easier pickings and, in 1994, harvested a bumper crop.

Not everyone buys this story. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund recently held a news conference to issue a report denying that minority districts had anything to do with the GOP victory. "It's like someone took away a couple of sandbags in front of your house and then a 30-foot tidal wave came along," one of the group's attorneys said. "Was the removal of the sandbags a factor? Absolutely not; the house was gone no matter what."

The group, however, didn't stop at rejecting the theory. It also had to smear its proponents. "I think it's pure racism to say that because blacks are more loyal and you can identify them by skin color, you can use them as padding to save white Democrats," said another lawyer. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund assumes that any opinion that is unwelcome must also be bigoted.

In fact, there was no "tidal wave" of votes for the GOP. It got a bare 50 percent of the votes in all House elections — same as the Democrats. But due in large part to the redistricting, that translated into 53 percent of the seats. In 1984, by contrast, the GOP got 49 percent of the nationwide House vote — and only 42 percent of the seats.

Looking at the districts that lost minority voters and fell from the Democratic column, the Defense Fund says that one defeat, that of Chicago's Dan Rostenkowski, was due entirely to his indictment. Oh? When his district was redrawn, he lost a large bloc of Hispanic voters, who had generally supported him in the past.

The change hurt. In 1990, in his old district, Rostenkowski spent \$300,000 on his campaign and got 79 percent of the vote in the general election. In 1992, in the new district, he spent five times more to get 57 percent against a risible opponent. This time, Rostenkowski lost by 12,000 votes. But the Defense Fund says the departure of 150,000 voting-age Hispanics from his district made no difference.

The case is stronger still in North Carolina. Robert Popper, a New York attorney who has written on voting rights, notes that three Democratic candidates lost by margins of 17,558 votes, 7,244 votes and 1,313 votes — a total of just over 26,000. But the two black Democrats who won in North Carolina had a combined victory margin of nearly 52,000 votes.

Letters to the editor...

Pauline Warren remembered...

I lost a real friend recently when Pauline Warren died. So did Post. Pauline was thoughtful and kind. She was a wonderful listener. And she was the best friend I ever had.

All the children in the neighborhood, from Jack and Kay Kirkpatrick's time down to Butch Bowen and my son Billy Lockwood, loved Pauline and were welcome at her house. When Jackie Redman and Beth were small, they came to Pauline's to dress Dinah, her dog, in doll clothes and rock her in the rocking chair. The next generation of youngsters loved to play bingo with Pauline's set — on her living room floor.

She was gracious too. Billy remembered her birthday and always got her a present. She had beautiful figurines of every sort, including a beautiful giraffe. Bill went to Wackers and got this atrocious figurine of a giraffe and presented it to her one birthday. Pauline kept it on a side table for some weeks, even though it was in terrible taste.

When I sent her a picture of Bill's young daughter, she told me she had a frame that was just waiting for such a picture.

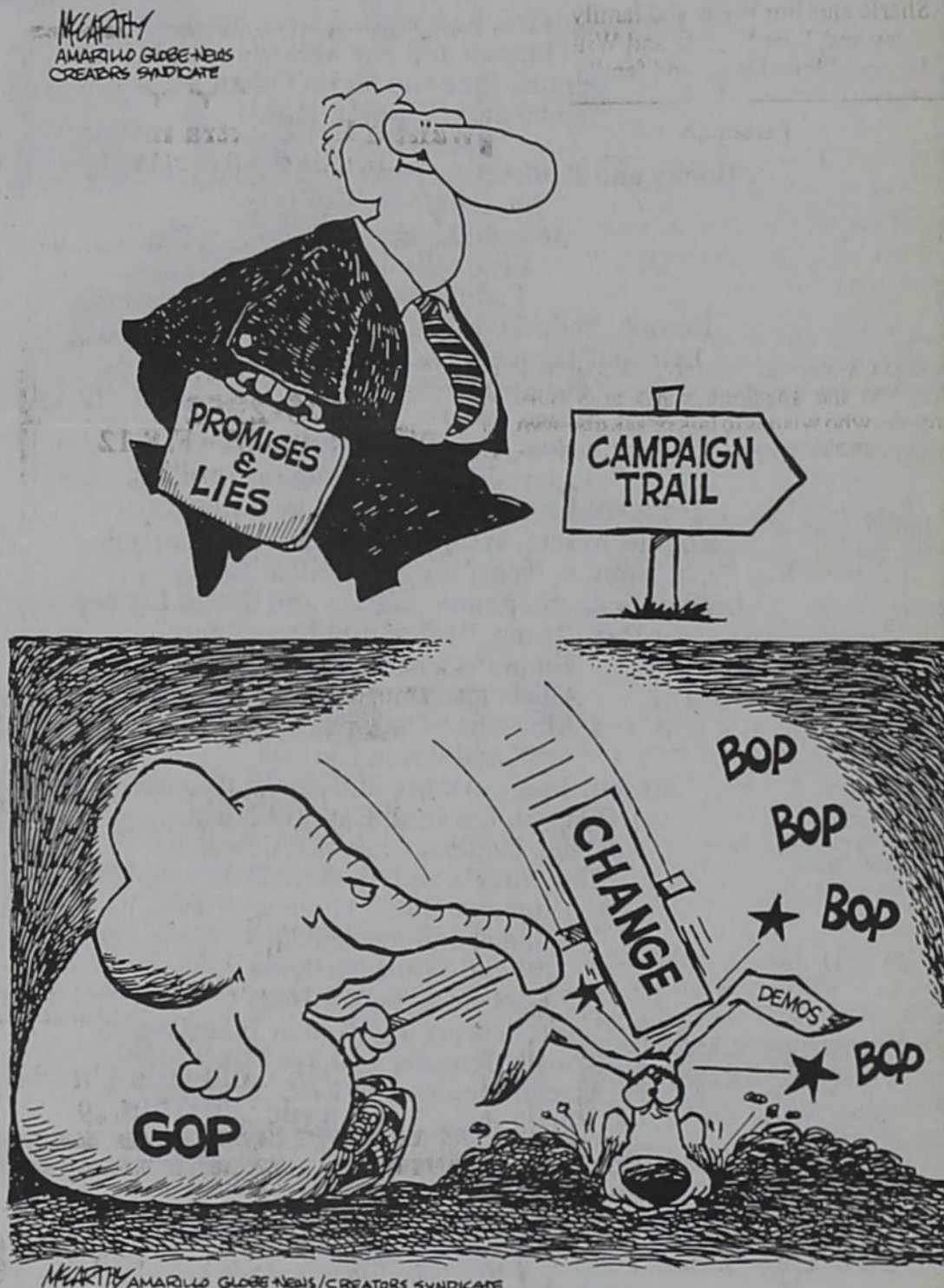
She was forward looking with The Post Dispatch during the time she and Ed and Mrs Bailey owned it. She had a column, "Up and Down Main Street," which mentioned new items that perhaps the stores in Post had, or things there would be a demand for, keeping us up-to-date.

Pauline was one of those who represented all the good things about Post. Can there be any more like her?

We miss you, Pauline, every time something happens that you would share. God bless you and God bless Ed and Post in your loss.

Johnnie Hamilton Burns

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Guess what. If some of those 52,000 voters had been spread around to maximize Democratic victories rather than black Democratic victories, North Carolina could have six Democratic representatives instead of three. A similar pattern was evident in Georgia, where three black Democrats amassed a vote surplus that vastly exceeded the deficit for three white Democrats. But the simple fact of redistricting is that you can find a way to connect any geographic area to almost any other area. If there are few minority voters in the next district, that's because it was drawn that way — but it could have been drawn to include many minority voters. The Defense Fund's reasoning is like saying that the water level on the east side of Lake Michigan is unaffected when water is pumped out on the west side.

Popper says focusing solely on Democratic losses obscures the broader impact of the race-conscious reapportionment. He finds three effects: Districts that had been won narrowly by Democrats are now won narrowly by Republicans; districts that had been won overwhelmingly by Democrats are now closely contested; and districts that had been narrowly by Republicans are now won overwhelmingly by Republicans. That's why the GOP was happy to help create minority districts.

Black Americans may be better off with more blacks in Congress than with a Democratic majority in Congress. But they shouldn't assume they can have both.

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May the warmth of Christmas bring you love, joy and peace. It is our wish that you and your loved ones have a very happy holiday.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
Please bring me a whip, a play gun, a pretend ladder for me to climb on and a pretend fire truck. I want a Power Ranger too. That's all I want.
Timothy Wilson

Dear Santa
Please bring me a basketball and a swim Barbie. I want a toy box and a Barbie car. Please bring me a T.V. with a game. I also want a swimming pool, a big pool.
Amanda Rodriguez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a tractor. I want a motorcycle bike. Bring me a Power Ranger and some little toys that the Power Rangers ride on.
Erik Guerrero

Dear Santa
Please bring me a toy racing car. I want a computer. I would like to have a T.V. also. I want a bunk bed so I can sleep by myself. Bring a remote control to the T.V. and a little apple pillow for the bed. I want some colors and some books to color in.
Jamie Hernandez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie. I would like to have a play kitchen and some dishes. I would like to have a pencil to write with. I want some stickers with a smile face on them. Please bring me some candy. I want a vacuum cleaner also. That's all.
Gloria Martinez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a dream boat for my Barbie. I want a Barbie fun house and a school for my Barbie. I want some new movie tapes. I want some glitter for me to glitter paint with.

I want a computer like we have at school. I want a desk like we have at school. I want a lot of kitty stuff for my cat at home. I also want a lot of jewelry to wear. I want a bear dress.
Lori Jones

Dear Santa
Please bring me a tractor to play with. I want a computer. Mom is going to buy me just one tool. I want a trailer for my tractor. I need two little wheels for my tractor. Please bring Jeremy a game. Bring my daddy a spark plug. Bring my moom a computer switch that is red. I want some monster animals to play with.
Solomon Moses Abraham

Dear Santa
Please bring me some skates and a helmet. I want a Power Ranger and a truck. I want it to be a monster truck. I want a fire engine and I want a T.V. and an Nintendo game.
Byron Soto

Dear Santa
Please bring me a house bed and a new bike. I want a toy Power Ranger. I want some shape cards that have a triangles and squares on them. I want a computer. I want a toy car that will go when I pull it back. I want some cards that help me learn my colors. I want a tree swing that lots of people can get on. I also want a ring that I can wear.
Tyler Menchaca

Dear Santa
Please bring me a B.B. gun and a shot gun. I want some new clothes. I want a T-shirt. I want two new front teeth. I want lots of new clothes to wear. I want a monster truck.
Tyler Odum

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Bell Barbie. I also want a puppy to sleep with. I want some clip on earrings, a necklace, and a dress. I want some new shoes.
Rachael Stewart

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie doll. I want some Barbie clothes too. I want some Barbie shoes. I want a pair of scissors so I can cut paper. I want a pen to write with. I want a Barbie house. I want some Barbie cups. I want some Barbie chairs so my Barbie can sit in them.
Sherika Thurman

Dear Santa
Please bring me a tent. I want a new baby doll. I want some new books. I want a book about things you find in the house. I would like to have some hand bells and a chimealong to play music on. I want some cassettes to listen to. I want some rubber puzzles.
Kelsey Hays

Dear Santa
Please bring me some candy and a truck. I want a caketoeat. I want some Power Rangers to play with.
Ricardo Gonzales

Dear Santa
Please bring me a toy blue car. I want a green truck. I want a doll to play with. I want my doll to have a blue dress on.
Mariela Zubia

Dear Santa
Please bring me a jewelry box, a necklace, a ring and earrings.

My earrings need to be the clip on kind because I cannot have my ears pierced until I am in High School. I want some candy and fruit in a sack. I want a Barbie doll house that has a swimming pool and a bathtub. I want some of the bubble bath to go in the bathtub. I want a talking doll house. I want my own computer. I want one more Barbie. Bring me a play Santa Clause please. My brothers would like their own computer also. Please bring my mom and dad a new lunch table and a purple chair.
Kylie Easterling

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Christmas tree, a Power Ranger and a little car. I also want a present under the tree.
Jovanni Garay

Dear Santa
I want a car and a pinata and a snow man for Christmas.
Anai Saucedo

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a car for Barbie. I also want a pinata with candy in it.
Maria Mendoza

Dear Santa
I want a Batman Robot for me and my brother and a Christmas tree for my sister. I love you, Santa Claus.
Love, Will Tanner

Dear Santa
I want a puzzle and a ball. I love you, Santa.
Love Cristina Lopez

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a new jacket and I want a Barbie car. I have been good.
Love, Josaha Perez

Dear Santa
I want a yellow Power Ranger and a baby doll that talks. I also want a Barvey. I love you, Santa.
Love, Naquisha Taylor

Dear Santa
I want a ball and I want a pink Power Ranger. I love you, Santa Claus.
Love, Larissa Halford

Dear Santa
I want a Striped ball, a black camera, and a white Power Ranger. I love you, Santa Claus. The ball is for my brother, Jeffrey.
Love, Johnathan Hearn

Dear Santa
I want a real telephone and a car that you can go outside and drive. I love you and I've been good.
Love, Madison Mason

Dear Santa
I want a Rudolph, I want a bell, and I want a diamond ring. I've been good.
Love, Erica Ruiz

Dear Santa
I want some Barbies and a heart ring and some Christmas tree earrings. Where does Dancer sleep?
Love, Josie Butler

Dear Santa
I want a remote control car and the green Power Ranger and a duck toy. I'll give you some cookies.
Love, Chris Zapert

Dear Santa
I want a Christmas tree and a remote control car.
Love, Steven Perez

Dear Santa
I want a Rudolph toy. And I want a bell and a dart game. Where do you sleep, Santa?
Love, Preston Ortiz

Dear Santa
I want a mat to sleep on so I don't have to sleep with my sister. I've been good.
Love, Vanessa Saucedo

Dear Santa
I want a real bell from your sleigh. I want a diamond ring. I've been good.
Love, K'Nell Dalby

Dear Santa
I would like a Christmas watch and for my sister a watch too. Please put presents down under my tree.
Love, Betsua Ortiz

Dear Santa
I want a toy Christmas tree, and a little boy toy, and one dinosaur.
Love, Edgar

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a watch. I'm going to give you a candy cane.
Love, Brenda Minjares

Dear Santa
I want a frog, a turtle, and a shark. I have been a good boy.
Love, Danny Castro

My name is Fernando Soto. I live in Post, Please bring me a gun for Christmas.
Thank you, Fernando

Dear Santa
My name is Joe Alaway. I want a toy crane that is a remot control and a Otronader and a soper soner two thowzand.
Thank you, Joe

Dear Santa
My name is Alisha Reiter. I live in Post. I want roler blas.
Thank you, Alisha

Dear Santa
My name is Nicole Paix. I live in Post. Please bring me a doll that talks and roler blas.
Thank you, Nicole

Dear Santa
I hop you don't krash but you will not krash. I want toys. I love you and your elvs. I want roler blas and jet powr rangers. Tome is white that flips his hed.
Thank you, Colt Mason

Dear Santa
I bine good Santa. Will you bring my a Brbe Doll and a football for my brother, and a doll for my sister. I live in Post Texas. I like Santa Cloush brings my prestins at ni time. And HO HO HO Christmas is the Twenty-fifth.
Thanks, Rosanna

Dear Santa
I want some trucks for Chrismis. Bring me mighte morfin power rangers for Chrismis but I mite want the red power ranger.
Thank you, Michael Morris

Dear Santa
I want a trater and a remot car and a rodeo and a truck and a bike and a ring, and a ring for Hayley and a neckis for Hayley becoss she is my friend, and I want a saga and a gameboy.
Thank you Michael Arrrendondo

Dear Santa
My name is Chris. I live in Post, Texas. Please bring me a bike, power rangers, a truck, a skate board, a game.
Thank you, Chris

Dear Santa
I live in Post. I want a doll that has macup and roler skats. I have bin good.
Monica Lopez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Bat and a ball and a Red Ranger that flips heads and a blue Ranger that flips heads.
Thank you, Stace Norman

Dear Santa
Please bring a doll, or a bike. I wood like for you to pick for me.
Hayley Massey


Dear Santa
Please bring me a prise and a puppy and a new doll and a palepl kit and a minemous and some new earnings.
Thank you, Veronica Hernandez

Dear Santa
I live in Post. I want a remote control car and all of the power ragers except the red and the megusor.
Thank you, Sterling Smith

Dear Santa
My house is in Post. I have been good to my mom and dad. Please bring me a trater and a Mighty Morphin Powr Rangers and a plows for my trater and a new bat and a football and that is all I want.
Thank you, Joel

Dear Santa
Please bring me Pole Poket and a triniama book, and a brasle tanda sticens, and a doll, and a needles for Mr. Nichols.
Thankl you, Nomi Villereal

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll. I love toys. I have a house, I do not have a chimne. I just want a VCR and a ball. I'll be happy when you give me thees things. My techer will give you this letter. I want a sled that is all. But I want a new cloc.
Thank you, Elena



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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
Please bring me a real reindeer. Sometimes I am a good girl.
Mariana Morales

Dear Santa
I want a blue tractor and a dump truck. I have been a good boy.
Albert Pringler

Dear Santa
I want a police car. I want a purple bike. I have been a good boy.
Julian Jaso

Dear Santa
Please bring a little bike-motorcycle. I'll be careful when I ride it. I've been a good boy this year.
Roman DeLuna

Dear Santa
Please bring me a little bike for Christmas. I already know how to ride one.
Peter Martinez

Dear Santa
I'm a good girl, sometimes. Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Doll.
Ashley Lujan

Dear Santa
I like you. Please bring me a singing doll that sings when you clap.
Millie Ann Dissiger

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike. I have been a good girl.
Rachel Gray

Dear Santa
I like you. Please bring me roller skates.
Amber Whitehead

Dear Santa
Please bring me all of the Power Rangers. Even the white Ranger.
Lorenzo Soto

Dear Santa
Please bring me a skateboard and a Power Ranger Helmet.
Leonard Lopez

Dear Santa
Please bring me clothes for Christmas. I have been good this year.
Martina Pearson

Dear Santa
I want a power ranger. I want a shreader and a Ninja turtle with blue on it.
D. J. Rivera

Dear Santa
Please bring me a big bike. I don't know how to ride yet. I've been a good girl.
Cora Crane

Dear Santa
Please bring me a check up baby. I've been a good girl.
Priscilla Soto

Dear Santa
I like you. Please bring me skating doll. You are very good.
Amber Ray

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike and a toy car. I want a tractor. I want some pigs and cows to play with and a Mickey Mouse bike. I need a plow and a little tractor to pull the trailer that holds the plow. I want a computer like the one we have at school. Please bring Uncle Moe a real tractor with a big long trailer that hauls the cotton. We need a stripper tractor too.
Eddy Rocha

Dear Santa
I want a race car, a motorcycle, and a lot of little cars that come in a big box. I also want you to bring me a different dump truck so I will have two of them to play with. That is all I want.
Adrian Reyna

Dear Santa
Please bring me a motorcycle bike, and a Power Ranger. I want a truck too. I want two little trucks. Bring one black truck and one yellow truck.
Roosevelt Brown

Dear Santa
Please bring me a motorcycle that is like a bike that I can ride. I want it to be green. I want some trucks and cars. I want a hicker for Mario. Bring my mom a present and bring my daddy a present.
Cesar Gomez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a swimming pool. I also want a Barbie doll and a radio. Could you bring me a bike? I want you to bring me two black shoes and two green shoes. I want a girl motorcycle. I want a play hamburger store that has three chairs, a table and one window.
Rebecca Curtis

Dear Santa
I want a Racing car and a Power Rangers and a Spiderman and the xman that comes on the Power Rangers. I want a batman. I will leave you milk and cookies.
David Pequeno

Dear Santa
I want some roller blades and the house part to the farm tractor. I want some new clothes and a new bike. Santa do you want some cookies?
Joshua

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Dear Santa
Please bring me punching bag with Power Rangers on it. I've only gotten in trouble once.
Steven Hair

Dear Santa
Please bring me a big new bike. I want three wheels on it. I don't know how to ride one yet.
Timothy Crenshaw

Dear Santa
Please bring a Barbie car. I don't know if I've been good, but I've tried to be good.
Gabrielle Paiz

Dear Santa
Please bring me Roller Blades. I've been a good boy this year.
John David Boren

Dear Santa
I would like a baby doll and a baby doll that toxs. plez get me a teddy bear.
Sheena Haynes

I would like a baby doll and some makup and gesoo. A book I have not read.
Jodye

Dear Santa
I want a bice and I want a gesoo. And I want a book to read.
Alana

Dear Santa
I woynt a Powr Rager and Rolr Blaz and a drum.
Braden Bratcher

Dear Santa
I want Rolr blaz and a baby tatoot dol and a Pow Ranger Suit of The Pink Pow Ranger Kimble. I hav bin very good this year. Be careful.
Merry Christmas.
Kayla love you

Dear Santa
I want a pow Ranger for Krismus, Santa I want a batman for Christmas
Justin Zaper

Dear Santa
I would like a pow Ranger for Christmas, the red jasin, be careful.
Love Aaron Fox

Dear Santa
I want a waterbaby. And I want the pink power ranger. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Ashton Smith

Dear Santa
I want a peruvue seas. I want a car that has a string to pull. How dos your suit luk.
Chelsey Reed

Dear Santa
I would lik a unbrilu, and a bic and drum, and a comptir.
Hector Carrasco

Dear Santa
I wut a doll and a Bic, and a unbrilu and a toy hous.
Ana Macias

Dear Santa
I would lik a powr ranjer. I would lik a car. I been good.
Tom

Dear Santa
I want a Power ranger, the white one. I wood like rolerblades.
Orland Diaz

Dear Santa
I want a pink power ranger suit, and I want doll. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Ashlyn Mannis

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Power Ranger. I want a turtle. I want a truck. I also want a bike to ride. I want a car to play with. I want it to be a racing car.
Jordan Gutierrez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike and a truck. I want a car.
Casey Fitzpatrick

Dear Santa
Please bring me some new shoes and a pretty kitchen like the one we have at school. I want a bow for my hair. I want a play apple and some more play food. I need some play spoons and a play hamburger. I need some numbe cards.
Monique Romero

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike and a little motorcycle. I want a little toy gun and a little T.V. and a little dump truck. I also want a little toy chair that I can sit on and eat.
Sadler Hair

Dear Santa
Please bring me a basketball and a motorcycle. I also want a car to play with. I want a truck. Bring me some Power Rangers and some toys.
David Miller

Dear Santa
Please bring me a phone. Please bring me a present and some toys. I want a baby that cries. I want a cartoon movie. I want a watch and shoes. Please bring my sister a toy. I want some earrings and lipstick and nail polish and a file that makes them pretty. I also want some ABC cards.
Marisa Basquez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll. I also want a teddy bea to play with. I want a tiger that talks. I want a tiger that jumps. I want a table that I can put food on. I want a doll that talks.
Jordyn Howe

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike. I also want a Barbie doll and a car for Barbie to ride in. I want a stereo. I don't want anything else.
Kendra Whitehead

Dear Santa
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Please bring me a swing set and some toys to play with in the bath tub. I want a duck ring to put in the tub. I want a donut maker. I want some cars and some trucks. I have one truck. I want a checta to fight with another checta. They are play animals.
Randy Tamulevich

Dear Santa
Please bring me some dishes to play with. I also want a baby doll.
Amber Bustoz

Dear Santa
Please bring me a motorcycle that is like a bike that I can ride. I want it to be green. I want some trucks and cars. I want a hicker for Mario. Bring my mom a present and bring my daddy a present.
Cesar Gomez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Power Ranger and a bike. I also want two more Power Rangers. I want some cars to play with.
Timothy Farnham

Dear Santa
Please bring me a motorcycle and a big dump truck. I also want a Power Ranger. I also want a little dump truck. I want a bike to ride.
Leondrick Hastings

Dear Santa
Please bring me some Power Rangers. I also want a gun. I need some shapes like a triangle, square, and a circle on some cards. I want a drum and a pencil and some paint. I think I want a Power Ranger blanket and a new bed.
Kamron Mendieta

Dear Santa
Please bring me a big truck. I also need some presents to open. Bring me a smoke thing that will smoke when my cars go fast. I want a B.B. gun. I want a pumpkin.
Randy Jones

Dear Santa
Please bring me some happy face stickers. I want a toy tiger to play with. I want a toy lion to play with also. I want a truck. I want a dinosaur. I want a little calculator. I want a fire truck. I want a little jeep. I want a ball to play with.
Angel Duran

Dear Santa
Please bring me a present. I want you to bring me a puppy dog. Bring me a car, and a truck to play with. I want a straw to drink water out of my glass with. I also want a T.V. for my mom. Bring my mom and daddy a new car. I would like some toys to play with and a pencil to write with. Thats it!
Nicole Price

Dear Santa
I want a new baby and a new horse. My old horse is wild and limp on one let. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Kadie

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
All I want is the power rangers new zords, and the turtles too. I also want the xmen. I will leave cookies and mil for you.
Brandon

Dear Santa
I love you and I hope you can get my present. I will leave some cookies and some milk. I hope he will bring some toys. I will come down the chimney.
Chris

Dear Santa
Will you bring a doll. Will you bring me a dog. Will you bring me a power ranger? I want a rabbit, bring a rabbit too. I have been a good girl. I will leave you some milk.
Sierra

Dear Santa
Do you want some cookies and milk? Bekus I an geting some and so are you! YOU better get some or if you don't than I will put them up. You can get them down from the babinut. Now I can put them up. Then I will be a sleep at 12 a klok. Than whin moemee comes than I will open my presents.
Miles Gray

Dear Santa
I an having Christmas at my house and all of us are having fun. Santa I like when you come to my house and he will give us some presents. I want to get tadooles and telephone tance. I am going to give you a lots of cookies.
Ashley

Dear Santa
Will you get a lot of candies for me. And 4 my DaD. Give me a teve little and get me a doll. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Veronica

Dear Santa
I'm writing you a santa list but it's going to be short. I want a big army men and a boll and a truck and all of the xmen and sum candi but I dont want a bunch of it. I want a big foot and a game and a dinosurs. I'll leave you some candy, and have a good Christmas.
Israel Beggs

Dear Santa
I want the power rangers for christmas. The turtles too. I have bin a good boy. I will give you some milk and cookies.
Justin

Dear Santa
I want a water baby and a new horse and men it is christmas do you want some cookies? I've been a good little girl for my mommy and daddy. The End.
Jenee

Dear Santa
I want the power ranger flove for christmas and I want the spider man for christmas. I will save you some cookies.
Eric Reyna

Dear Santa
Your Elfs are good workers and you are too and your wife is too. I want some games and clothes. I will give you some Juice and cookes when you come.
Eric Soto

Dear Santa
This year I want a diry and a radio and some Roller blades and a duffle bag. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. LOVE you santa.
The end.
Erin

Dear Santa
I want some power rangers and move star turtle. I will be a good boy. I will try to leave juice and sum cookies. I wood like sum rollerskates.
Scott

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been a good boy. You and your Elves have been working too hard. I wish I could help you. I feel terrible you have to do all that well Merry Christmas. There will be cookies by the fire. Please I would like a new pair of jeans and some video games and some stocking stuffers. Thank you.
Love Casey Williams

Dear Santa
Please Santa, I want a car, a cow, a dog, a marble, a book, and a lot of snow. Merry Christmas
Evan Montanez

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. How are your reindeers? I want a Power Ranger and a chalkboard and a game boy and a Basket Ball hoop. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Devin Hernandez

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. How are your reindeers and your elves. I want a dog for Christmas.
Love, Eric Gonzales

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl. How are your reindeers? Is Mrs. Clause O.K.? I would like a book, recipes for mom, a cookie jar for my grandpa. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I would like something for my grandma, placemats would be nice.
Love, Michele Walls

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big dog, a TV, and a Christmas Santa Book.
Your friend, Thomas Genter

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. Can I have some rollerblades, a videogame, a two food Christmas tree, and a desk with a rolling chair.
Merry Christmas
Kyle Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. How is your reindeer? Is Mrs. Clause o.k. I would like a cheerleader suit and some pom-poms and a new bike and a C.D. player.
Love, Logan Gregory

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year! How are the elves, and Mrs. Claus? My family is fine. For christmas I would like a C.D. player with the Four non blond C.D. and Lion King.
Your friend, Christin Collier

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Christmas Tree. I would like some toys.
Love, Jaime Gonzales

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. I would like a Go cart and a cat.
Love, Thomas Curtis

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. How are your reindeers? I hope Mrs. Claus is ok. For Christmas I want a Sega for Christmas. I also would like a Game Gear and a motorcycle.
Merry Christmas, Justin Williams

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. How are your Reindeers. I hope Mrs. Claus is ok. For Christmas I want a Barbie and hot pink bike. I will leave you some cookies and milk that night.
Love, Linda Perez

Dear Santa
I have been a good student this year. How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus ok. For Christmas I want two tattoo Barbies and two boxes of stickers.
Love, Ashlie Guerrero

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. How are the reindeers? Is Mrs. Claus O.K.? I want my size Barbie and a new video for Christmas. Please make my brother come up here for Christmas.
Traci Nelson

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. I would like some blocks, and cars for Christmas. How are the reindeer? Are you having fun at the North Pole? I will leave you milk and cookies. Are the elves alright. I would like a note book for Christmas. I could write stories. How is Dasher?

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus? I it fun in the North Pole? Is it pretty nice up there? Are the elves helping you work and making toys for kids like me? Is there any birds at the North Pole? I am waiting for you to come. Christmas is not far away. My brother and I have been nice.
Merry Christmas, Gregory Scrivner

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Clause o.k.? I want a Barbie, and a ball for Christmas.
Love, Christina Gomez

Dear Santa
I want a dirt bike and a three wheeler and sega. Oh yes, it would be nice if I had a million dollars.
Love, Bryan Hart

Dear Santa
I would like a Powerwheel bike for Christmas.
Love, Brad

Dear Santa
I would like a topsy tail and a Bible book.
Love, Rebecca

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie doll for Christmas and a baby doll.
Love, Tabatha

Dear Santa
I would like a pocket knife for Christmas. And I would like a bike and mittens. I love you Santa.
Blake

Dear Santa
I want a cat from you-a real cat! For my momma I want a picnic basket. And I want a live dog and a Barbie.
Love, Keisha

Dear Santa
I want a John Deer tractor that I can ride and a Tonka truck.
Love, Wes

Dear Santa
I want a Super Nintendo and Power Ranger shoes and some skates.
Love, Adrian

Dear Santa
I want a doll and a real dog under the Christmas tree. I love you.
Jessica

Dear Santa
I want rollerblades and Dr. Barbie and I love you, Santal
Love, Bailey

Dear Santa
I'd like to have a football and another toy box because mine is broke. I love you! I would like 2 cats and a dog too!
Love, Asa

Dear Santa
I would like rollerblades and an X-Men jet and a turtle intercom.
Love, Kaiser

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like some headphones and a microphone.
Love, Lacy

Dear Santa
I would like rollerblades and a Batman thing for Christmas.
Love, Wilson

Dear Santa
I would like rollerblades for Christmas. I love you! I'll leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love, Claire

Dear Santa
I would like a Talking Tammy doll for Christmas. I would also like a cat.
Love, Allison

Dear Santa
I would like a fire truck and a remote control train for Christmas.
Love, James Lee

Dear Santa
I would like a tractor and some skates for Christmas.
Love, Feliciano

Dear Santa
I would like a teddy bear and a ball for Christmas. I want a baby doll too.
Love, Maricela

Dear Santa
I would like a computer for Christmas and a skateboard and rollerblades. I want a billfold and a 20 foot rope.
Love, Clint

Dear Santa
I want a dog and the Flintstones and I want a talking Tammy and I want the pink power ranger and the yellow power ranger and a large red and green purse. I have been a good girl. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Laurel Tatum

Dear Santa
I want a bike for Christmas. I want it to be a pretty bike. I will leave you cookies and milk. I have been a good girl.
Nicole

Dear Santa
I want a Power Ranger dragon for christmas and I want a mity Magasord and I want a happy new Year. I am going to make some cookies for you.
Christopher

Dear Santa
I want a purse and I want four large bears and a barbie. I want a flag and a puzzle and sum cards and some roller skates and a power ranger and a chalk board.
Roxanne Menjares

Dear Santa
I want a power ranger and a doll that will do flips. I want a barbie for christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for santa.
Sunni Barboza

Dear Santa
I love you. I want some presents. I want the power rangers, the green blue and black and white and red. That's all. I have been a good boy. I will leave cookies for Santa.
Adrian Zubia

Dear Santa
I want a football sweet suit. Santa you are good. Santa can you get me some toys for me and my sister. I would like some roller blades. Santa I am going to give you some cookies. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Jacob Egbert

Dear Santa
I want a bike for christmas and I want a sled. I want some skates for Christmas. I an leaving cookies and milk.
John Pearson

Dear Santa
I hope he gets me a bick for christmas. I hope he gets me some power rangers. I will leave Santa some cookies and some milk. I will give him a present too.
Robert Apolanor

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a Barbie and a Barbie car and a baby doll with a bed.
Love, Anahi

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. How are your reindeers? Is Mrs. Claus o.k.? For Christmas I want some rollerblades and a tattedoes.
Love, Meagan

Dear Santa
I want a barbie doll and my brother wants a truck and my mom wants a purse and my dad wants a hat and my sister wants some baby clothes and my brother wants some clothes and my sister wants some clothes, too. I will leave Santa milk and ice cream.
Shardaie

Dear Santa
I want the red and green Power Rangers for christmas. And my brother wants cars for christmas. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Jake Fluitt

Dear Santa
I want a bike for christmas and a super nintendo and a jeep and a play car. I am going to give you some candy and a candy bar for christmas santa.
Melvin Wynne

Dear Santa
I want my size Barby. My brother wants some clothes and some shoes. My mommy wants some clothes and some shoes too. My dady wants some tools. I will leave some cookies and some milk.
Love, Rachel Moreno

Dear Santa
I want some power rangers. And some x men toys. I will leave some eggnog and cookies for santa.
Jace Pollard


Dear Santa
It is December and I want some skates for christmas. I want my skates to be barbie skates. And I will leave you some egg nog santa.
Mary Jane Garza

Dear Santa
I want a computer and a mama baby. My daddy wants a motor cycle and I want a barby doll. I will leave a cookie and some milk for you santa.
Dezaray Navarro

Dear Santa
I want a pair of skates for Christmas. I been nice. I hope you can bring my skates. My Mom and Dad names are Ken and Sherri Young, Rt. 2 Box 159, Post, Tx. 79356. I will leave some cookies and milk for santa.
Ashley Young

Dear Santa
I am going to write you a letter because I want the pink power ranger suit. We are going to leave you sum milk and cookies. Santa Claus you are nice.
Jacklyn Curb

Dear Santa
I want a bike for christmas and a barbie and a doll for Christmas. I want some clothes for Christmas. I will give you some milk and cookies. And HO HO HO and Merry Christmas.
Rosanna



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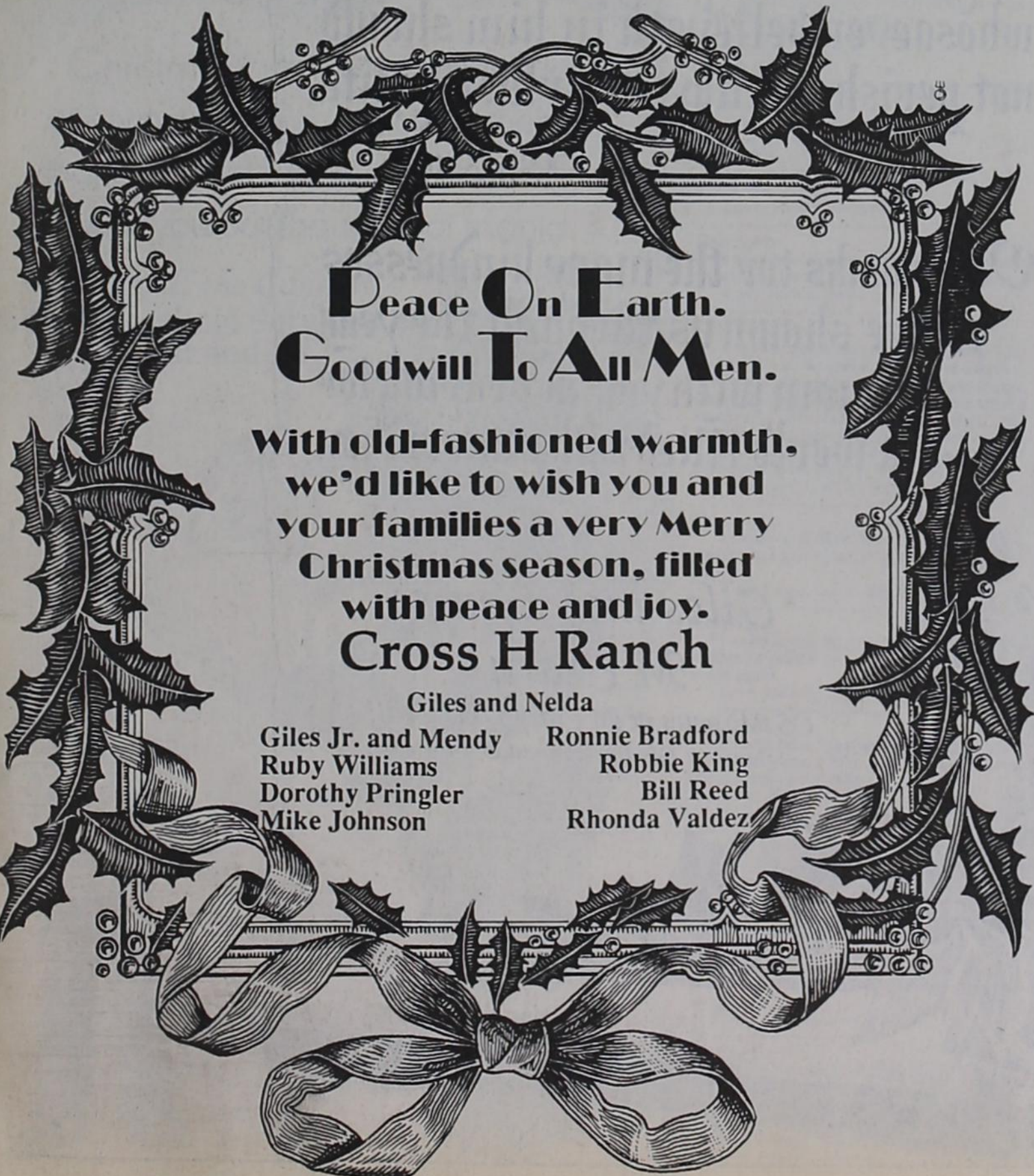
A Christmas prayer for you and your family... may this Noel bring all things beautiful.



When he arose he took the young child and his mother and departed into Egypt.

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Peace On Earth. Goodwill To All Men.

With old-fashioned warmth, we'd like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas season, filled with peace and joy.

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Giles and Nelda

Giles Jr. and Mendy	Ronnie Bradford
Ruby Williams	Robbie King
Dorothy Pringler	Bill Reed
Mike Johnson	Rhonda Valdez

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a truck if it's for me. Thank you my sister wants a bike too and my other sister want a bike for christmas. That's all for us. I will give you some cookies.
Michael Morris

Dear Santa
I want a power ranger and a robot and a batman and a teddy bear and a snow for y family. In the morning when I get up I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Colt Mason

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a game of baseball. I will tell you thank you for my gift.
Chris Reed

Dear Santa
I would like a Polly pocket and a bike and Barbey and a doll and a watch and some clothes and anything that you would like to bring me. I will leave you some cookies. And tell you thank you for my gifts.
Veronica Hernandez

Dear Santa
I want a toy reindeers and a little Santa and a sled. I will leave you some cookies.
Joe Alaway

Dear Santa
My name is Sterling Smith. I want a remote control car called the platinum and all of the power rangers except the red one. I would like a new texas tech football. I will give you some cookies if I am awake.
Sterling Smith

Dear Santa
I like Treni and a bike for christmas. I want some books to read. I also want some shoes for school if you can bring them. I will leave you some home made cookies and milk.
Naomi Villareal

Dear Santa
Merry Christmas. I hope you come to my house. I will leave some milk and cookies. I want a Bat and ball and a red ranger that flips heads.
Siace Norman

Dear Santa
I want a tractor and a new foot ball and a new bat and remote control car. I will give you some candies when you come.
Joel

Dear Santa
I hope you give me what I want. I know that you give kids toys. I know that you are the real santa. My sisters think that you are not the real santa but I love you. When you come I will give you some cookies and milk.
Elena

Dear Santa
Bring me some toys for me and my brother and my sister. I want a doll that has make up. I will give you some cookies and milk. I love Santa.
Monica

Dear Santa
I hope you go th my house when I go to sleep. I hope you bring me some good toys. I really want a motor cycle and a truck. I will give you some candy when you come to my house.
Michael A.

Dear Santa
I would like to have a power ranger and a bike or a barbie doll. I would also like some clothes or two baby dolls. I am going to leave some cookies and some milk.
Hayley

Dear Santa
In Christmas day we will hang stockings and put candy and presents in them. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Grand mother will give me a gift. Mrs. Santa is nice.
Remando

Dear Santa
I love santa. Please santa come to my house. Bring me a doll and candy. Santa I want you to pass by my house. I want the trapez doll. I am good. Bye Santa Claus.
Nicole

Dear Santa
I just want a race car with a control and a bike with a chan so I can lock my bike up. And a car with six wheels. And a little mtsickol with two wheels. And the Power Rangers but all of the Power Rangers. But I want two bikes for my mom and dad for Christmas.
Benjamin

Dear Santa
I hope you doing well. Santa I have a question its about you I was hoing you could anser it the question is how do you get all around the world in one night. Now I am going to write what I want but it is not very much. I want four things for Christmas those four things are a helmet and a electric dictionary and a Sony Walkman and a new book. And I want to know if you want some milk and cookeys and hos is Mrs. Clas and how are the elvs and hos is all the work coming along. Do yall have any problems with the raindear.
Cole Easterling

Dear Santa
I want a talk Barbie car, Clothes, makeup, a new bike with a purse, and telephone, babydoll, and some skates, new shoes, a watch, Girltalk, a radio and the last thing my very own Club house.
Love, Lesley Rutherford

Dear Santa
I hope I get a talk boy for Christmas. I want a Tatoodles for Christmas. People say you are not real, but I think you are real to me.
Love, Tori

Dear Santa
I want a Powe Rangers, a Sega, a football, a ulpher mater, and a Super Nintendo.
Love, Chris

Dear Santa
I would like a Super Nintendo, a telephone, and a TV, and a stereo, and some legos, and some Micro machines and a Game Genie. Please!!!
Love, Jerrod Grisham

Dear Santa
I want Dreamland, Telephone Tammy, Go cart, roller blades and GoGo worms.
Love, Kell Melton

Dear Santa
I hope you like me. If you do this is what I want. A TV, a Talkboy, shoes, Hot Shot Basketball, a gun, the flinstones, a colarwriter, the movie Speed. Have a happy Christmas.
Love, Zachary Lopez

Dear Santa
I would like for Christmas a super Nintendo, a power ranger game, a cord to my Game Boy and Turtles Two, and my own dog and cat.
Love, Koby

Dear Santa
I want a Super Nintendo for Christmas and some clothes and boots.
I want you to have a happy Christmas.
Love, Quinton

Dear Santa
I want a Sega, a new mountain bike, a portable CD player, a pair of head phones, some new CDs, rolar blades, chalk board and chalk, dry eraser marker board.
Love, Donae Dalby

Dear Santa
I want power rangers that will walk and talk, and shoes.
Love Jime Valdez

Dear Santa
I want a Dega, a diamond necklace, roller blades, and you know I will want something else. I've been a good girl this year.
Love, Kayla Dunn

Dear Santa
I want a Power Ranger for Christmas and a turtle and a toy truck.
Love, Robert

Dear Santa
I want a car for Christmas. I hope you will come. I hope you will bring me the best presents.
Love, Jose

Dear Santa
I want a bigger marker board. I want a color writer. I want the movie Flinstones. I want some rollerblades, I want a computer. I want some moon shoes. I want a magic 8 ball.
Love, Nikki Norman.

Dear Santa
I want a Sega for Christmas. I want a football for Christmas too. I want you to have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Jessie Taylor

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a Super Nintendo. My dad wants a shaver and my mom wants a good Christmas. I want a pair of shoes.
Love, Misty

Dear Santa
I want a Game Boy and a baseball game for a Street Fighter on a Game Boy. I want a Sega. Love, Edgar

Dear Santa
I want a Sega, some books, a TV and VCR, a CD player, and a telescope.
Love, Kam Baker

Dear Santa
Are you elvs bildng a lit? I hop you help people and all that don hae horns and I dont thank the elvs are not doing wot they wore in the story.
Your friend, Ryan

Dear Santa
How are you and your wife and your little elvs? I am doing good. Are you ging to be at the mall this year in Lubuck so we can come see you. We finally got our Crimas tree and today we are going to put up some lights. What I want is a doll called Telephone Tammy and I would also like a new real brown dog if you have time. If you don't have time I would like a rabbit or a cat.
Danielle

Dear Santa
How are you? And did you have a good year. I wanted to tell you I have a wonderful teacher. I want some rollerblades and some jeans, some boots that are brown and has thread on top with different colors.
Alexandra

Dear Santa
I hope you had a good Summer and I hope you and your elves take a vacatoin after this Christmas. Do you know if there is going to be lots of gifts under our Christmas tree. If you have time I want two things, a game boy.
Brady Weunsche

Dear Santa
I hope your are fine and how are the elves. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want a power ranger.
Dear Santa
I want a doll and a barbie and a bike for Christmas. And I want a book for Christmas and a bikesikle and a ball for Christmas. Santa I will make you some cookies and a big red.
Roxanne

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing fine. I am glad I have Mrs. Boerner for a teacher. We don't have a

Christmas tree so you can just hide the gifts. I want a pair of roller blades, and a Power Ranger bed set. A Power Ranger game and the Nightmare Before Christmas Tape. A power ranger billy toy that morphs, and the Grap Escape game.
Martin Garcia

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing fine. Can you give me a My size Barbie. Can you give me a Babuje Drawing set and a new bike wht a bltl to drink with. Can you give me new cloths, and a new bed called a car bed, and a dirt bike, and a Barbie with a Bike. Can you give my sister and brother a coputer for Christmas. I will leave snaks and coke or D.P. for you.
Mendy Morgan

Dear Santa
I will hvave some cookies for you when you come. And if you have time would you bring me a horse, and a American Heritage electronic Dictionary and a Baby face doll the bashful one.
Much Love Callie

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing fine and your elves and randears.
Cierra

Dear Santa
I want a Mity max. I will be a good boy. I will leave santa some cookies and milk.
Zyad

Dear Santa
I want a Sega and I want a racing car. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love Zachary Dissinger

Dear Santa
I want for Christmas is a remote control car. I will leave a present for you but be careful. Our stockings are on the wall.
Stephen Cook

Dear Santa
I will leave some Cookies and milk. Please bring me a barbec folding fun house and the house that comes with the talking people. I've been good, I hope you get here in time.
Mia Navarro

Dear Santa
I want a doll and barbie and roller blades. Bring my brother a sega. Come down my chimney when I am in bed.
Keshia Perez

Dear Santa
I will be in my bed but look in the kitchen for the cookies. I want a my size doll and a sweet little doll.
Kassie Parrish

Dear Santa
I want a bike for me. I will go to bed at 7:00 so santa can come.
Jose Zubia

Dear Santa
I want a new tractor. I will take good care of the new tractor. I have been a good boy. I will put cookies and dool-ade out.
Jenn Tyler

Dear Santa
I will be at my grandmas. Will you bring me a tattoo doll and skates. I'm glad that Jesus was born on the 25th.
Dionn Heckaman

Dear Santa
This is all I want. I want a dog and a cat and a lion king for Christmas. I am a good girl. I will leave you sum milk and some cookies.
Courtney

Dear Santa
I want a bear for Christmas and a toy doll, clothes and a bottle. I go to grandma's and she cooks cookies. I have been a good girl and I work hard at school!
Love, Cassidy Reyna

Dear Santa
I am going to be at my grandma's for christmas. I will leave cookies and milk. I love you. I want a doll that comes with clothes, powder and a box.
Ashley Crane

Dear Santa
I want a package for christmas and I want a tractor and a red truck and a brown horse.
Love, Andre Boyd

Dear Santa
I am going to my grandma's to see her. I will leave you some milk. I want a baby girl. I will give you cookies. I want a Barbie. Bring my sister Cassandra a Barbie.
Love Amanda Luna

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. I want a wind suit and a pair of mittens. And I want some clothes and new glasses. I want a Power Ranger.
Kris Hernandez

Dear Santa
I've been a good boy. I want a new roadmaster bike. I'll put out milk and cookies.
Love, Anthony Merrell

Dear Santa
I want everybody in the world to have what they don't have. I want a Sega and jam box with two foot speakers. Then I want 50 games to go with the Sega. I have been a good boy.
Your friend, Francisco Duran

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl. I wish all the poor people were rich. I want about 5 presents but I won't tell you what I want. I wish on Christmas my mom and dad can spend the time with my brother, my sister, and me.
Your friend, Elizabeth Serrano

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Can you bring me a swimming Barbie and some other Barbies.
Your friend, Marcella Vega

Dear Santa
I want a bike with black wheels. By the way I have been good. I would also like a ball.
Victoria Price

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl. I wish for a Barbie fold'n and fun house, some skates, a Barbie boat that has a pool. A Barbie bike, a Barbie car, a micro bake, and an eight foot Barbie.
Love, Starlett Greathouse

Dear Santa
I want a Prety Prety Princess, a bike, and set of cllithes. I want a Ask Sandar and I want a game called Pop Goes The Wiesell. I want a set of shoes and I want a game called The Game of Life.
Your friend, Patricia Hester

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl. I want a rea puppy. I am going to name him Wolfing. I will care for him every day. I will feed him and give him a soft bed and purry toys.
Yours truly, Erica Moore

Dear Santa
I've been good all year, but kinda bad to my little brother. All I want for Christmas is a New Size Barbie, a Barbie power wheel and a 16 girls bike.
Yours truly, Sarah Jane Cook

Christmas Blessings
MAY HE WATCH OVER ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS ON THIS MOST BLESSED OF HOLIDAYS ... AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!
Wells Pharmacy
Jim, Nancy and Shellee

FELIZ NAVIDAD
MUCHOS GRACIAS, AMIGOS!
From the Owners & Employees of El Matamoros

Here Comes Santa...
And he's bringing our very best wishes your way.
Merry Christmas, friends.
A.C. and Jo Cash

To wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.
From: Don, Allane, Donna & Tony at Ammons Printing and Office Supply

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16
Our thanks for the many kindnesses you've shown us through the year. We join with you in praying for a world filled with peace and joy.
Giles and Louise McCrary
OS Museum & McCrary LTD, Staff
Janie & Gladys, Wanda & Marie

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl. I want a thesaurus so when I get back for school I can write more creative words. I want some rollerblades, a doll, and a Barbie.
Love, Sierra

Dear Santa
I want an Emmitt Smith football, a pair of rollerblades, and a pair of hightops. I have been good this year. I would like some sporting stuff.
Love, Jordan Tatum

Dear Santa
Please bring me some skates, and a doll, and a book of Santa Claus. I love you.
Love, Cecilia Contreras

Dear Santa
I can not wait for Christmas. I want a T.V., a New Born Nancy, and new pet dog.
Love, Courtney Short

Dear Santa
I am 7 years old. I want a bike and some Power Rangers. I want a game boy, and a football, rollerblades and cars.
Love, Sieve Torres

Dear Santa
I'll have your orecos and milk. I want a real horse, a camera, and a pair of rollerblades. Your friend, Cody Marts

Dear Santa
I want a go cart, a BB gun, and a forty two. I want a pop out knife. I will give you some orecos and milk.
Love, Michael Williams

Dear Santa
I want a bike, some skates and a real horse. I want a doll, a Rudolph the deer doll from you and Mrs. Claus.
Love, Andrea Atomari

Dear Santa
I would like a real horse and a My Size Barbie.
Love, Amanda Kitchens

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a Sega, a dog, and a Power Ranger.
Love, Andrew Landa

Dear Santa
I would like to have a good sharp knife, rollerblades, fifty dollars, bow and arrow, a Power Ranger, telephone, Power Ranger stuff, and a Dallas Cowboy jersey.
Love, Garrett Chapman

Dear Santa
I want a BB gun, a Sega, a Super Nintendo, White Ranger, roller blades, and a hand held game.
Love, Scotzy Zapert

Dear Santa
I want a blue Ranger, a black Ranger, a yellow Ranger, a pink Ranger, and a white Ranger. I want a Mega Zord, a twenty two and some shells. A Sega and a pair of roller blades and a rifle with some shells.
Love, Christopher Curb

Dear Santa
I want a new bicycle and I want a new shirt.
Love, Alejan Drajca

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle, a train set, K-nex set, space ship, drumset, Sega set, computer set, clay, and a car.
Love, James Soto

Dear Santa
I would like a bike, and a camera and roller blades. I would also like a My Size Barbie. I'll have milk and cookies ready for you.
Love, Xane Mason

Dear Santa
I want some skates, a camera, a C.D. player, dance and twelve Barbies. A horse, new roller blades, a gameboy, a computer, a doll, and a new puppy.
Love, Keatha Palmer

Dear Santa
I want a radio, a camera, and an elf suit. I will have some cookies and milk ready for you.
Love, Amanda Morris

Dear Santa
Will you bring me an Ultimater? Please bring a K-nex set too. I want a dog also a new nintendo game. I would like a gamegear.
Love, Chance Howe

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle, a power ranger, a hang game, a play gun, a BB gun, a puppy, and a horse.
Love, Adam Arredondo

Dear Santa
I want some rollerblades, some games to play my Super Nintendo, a Sega, and an Ultimater.
Love, Michael Soto

Dear Santa
I want a Super Nintendo, Super Mario All Stars, Game Boy Kirby's Game Land, Tetris, and a Troy Aikman football. Just fill my stocking with goodies.
Love, Cody Bullard

Dear Santa
I want a bow and arrow, a boombox, a harley, a Miami football, all of the Power Rangers, a real cowboy helmet, a globe, a stereo, a super Nintendo with lots of games, a gameboy, a Ninja turtles, a skateboard, a rasecar, telephone, a hot wheel track, and a race car track.
Love, Jett Lott

Dear Santa
Can you bring me a big screen T.V. and a dog.
Love, Adrian Loredo

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is a Batman to play with all day long. I like you.
Love, Israel

Dear Santa
I want a Little Tikes kitchen and a doll for my bathtub. May everyone have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Alyssa Joy Dolberry

Dear Santa
I want a baby doll and a new "Pooch" video. I love you!
Love, Cailee Morgan Dolberry

Dear Santa
We love you very much and we know you love us kids too. Thank you for everything. What I want for Christmas is a extraunck dictionary.
Love, Jessie

Dear Santa
Would you give us some presents. Tony and Bobby want a skateboard. Robert and Tata want a Power Rangers and so does Tony. We would also like a bike.
Love, Maribel

Dear Santa
I would like a new dress, a pair of pants, My Size Bride Barbie, and my family in Denver here! I also want a new bike, and some boots.
Love, Diana Zubia

Dear Santa
I want a dog to pet. Would you bring me a football? I really want a car but I'm too young. I would also want a rabbit. They are very nice.
Love, Adrian Gutierrez

Dear Santa
Could you please bring me a littlest pet shop zoo and a doll of any kind.
Breann Heckaman

Dear Santa
I want a Power Ranger and I would like to have a triple wheel too.

Dear Santa
I want a Sega and a game and toy cars and a Dallas cowboy socks and football.
Love, Daneil Simental

Dear Santa
I want you to take some presents to the homeless people. I want you to bring us some presents at our house. I would like to know if the house does not have chimneys how do you get in?
Love, Eboni Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I would like some rollerblades, a sega, C.D. player with a control.
Love, David Lee Rivera

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline, a horse, a bike, a dress, and a picture of you.
Love, Jennifer Reiter

Dear Santa
I want an arcade game, a dog, a cat, a bike, a nintendo, clothes, and shoes.
Love, Samantha Lawrence

Dear Santa
I want a doll that has a dress on it and some shoes too. I want a raindeer with a red nose.
Love, Natalie Saldvor

Dear Santa
I want a big red nut-cracker and a new bike and some new shoes. I have been good most of the year so I hope you bring me these things. My mom wants a new dress so she can wear it to church. My dat wants a new gun. My brother want a new watergun. My sister wants a new baby but she needs a boy baby. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Your friend, Ricky Reyna

Dear Santa
I want a T-Rex from Jurassic Par, a gameboy, a gamegear, a sega, and a new baby pup.
Your friend, Jamie Valdez

Dear Santa
I want roller blades, a game boy, some clothes, a picture of you, a chalk board, and some chalk.
Love you, Bethany Haynes

Dear Santa
I want a bike, Sega, and a Game Boy. And my sister wants a bike too. And one more thing. I want a dirt bike.
Love, Kyle Gunn

Dear Santa
I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want a ten speed bike and a macdonal hamburger maker. Also I want some games, toys, and new clothes.
Love, Amber Holly

Dear Santa
I want to see you shine like a ruby. I would like to see your sleigh. I would like to meet you elves.
Love, Christopher Cruse

Dear Santa
I want some games for my Sega. I want a bike, skateboard, super Nintino with the new donkey kong, pellet gun, fishing rod and pole, and another dog.
Your Friend, Mitch Holly

Dear Santa
My name is Kelsey Brooke Sanderson and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl but sometimes bad. For Christmas I would like a castleplayhouse, a stroller and a bicycle Barbie.
Thank you Santa.
Love, Kelsey Brooke Sanderson

Dear Santa
I have tried to be a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Tiny Tears Baby.
Love, Jerica Ticer

Dear Santa
Can you please bring me a trampoline for Christmas. Please can you get me a swingset and a box and some new crayons.
Roxanne

Dear Santa
I want a gameboy for Christmas. And I want a stree fider trob and a bike.
Joseph

Dear Santa
I want some roller blades. Please bring some pants and I need some new shoes. I need some new sweets and a game boy.
Love, Brittany Haynes

Dear Santa
Please bring me a special frind who's nice. I want a Ninja suit and a computer that has games. I want 100 dollars.
Tony O.

Dear Santa
I want Z bots for Christmas. Another thing I want is an alien. All I want for Christmas is a pair of sissors, red power ranger, a pwer glidicator or a ninja, a turtle, a shredder, a wower wheels, a Big Brute sound, a swing, and a Happy Christmas.
Love, Tyrell Stewart

Dear Santa
I want a duck call, a three wheller. If you can't I would like some fishing lures or a fishing pole, or a new fishing box.
Your friend, Colt Vernon

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Dear Santa
I want a Sega and a game and a nerf gun. I want some new shoes and I want some fishing lures.
Love, Mark McCallister

Dear Santa
I want a stereo and a Dallas Cowboys jacket. I would also like a sega and a Cowboys blanket. I also would like some pillowcases and curtains.
Yours trooly, Joshau Cross

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll that jumps, a babie and clothes and some secal supplies.
Love, Crystal Crawford

Dear Santa
I would like My Say Barbie, a new bike, clothes, a sleeping bag, a Dallas cowboys jacket, and the alligator game, and a watch.
Terika Flores

Dear Santa
I want two pair of shoes and a bike and some rollerblades. Thank you very much.
Love, Luz Reyes

Dear Santa
I want a silver pistol with bullets. I also hope you bring me a scope for my pellet gun. I want a pair of rollerblades to.
Ledon Laws

Dear Santa
I want a twenty two gun and a go cart.
Love, Mitchell Mills

Dear Santa
I want a big bike with a speaker.
Your friend, Lane Trimmer

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year and I want a go-cart and a master video painter. I would like MacDonald's cooker and a power ranger nintendo game. I also want La Gear from Foot Locker.
Quinton Yarbro

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl. What I want is a lot of LoIn King stuff and a desk that comes with things like paint, lots of colors and lots of glitter, a pencil sharpener and pens, pencils, and a earaser and paper.
Your friend, Vanessa Leas

Dear Santa
I want a new Sega and a dirtbike for Christmas.
Frankie Orona

Dear Santa
Please try to get my mom a large thik hcfy jacket and Santa you can pick for me.
Owen Gilbert

Dear Santa
I have been good so bring me 4 presents. Thats all I want.
Yours truly, James Stürblin

Dear Santa
I want the movie called The Lion King and the movie Mircle on Thirty Fourth Street. I also want a poster that has Jesus and the Cross. I want to get my dad a new belt with a buckle and I want to get my mom a cow girl hat. I want to get my sister a Nintendo.
Love, Taylor Starkey

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Love, Michael Williams

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Love, Andrea Atomari

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Love, Amanda Kitchens

We're ringing in health, happiness and good cheer to all our friends and patrons.

A Special Thank You And Seasons Greetings

Ten years ago on the 1st of December, I moved back to Post and purchased the Garza Exxon station. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the people of Post for the friendliness and making it an enjoyable 10 years. To all the past and present customers thank you for your patronage. To all the employees, Thank you for your faithfulness.

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MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS

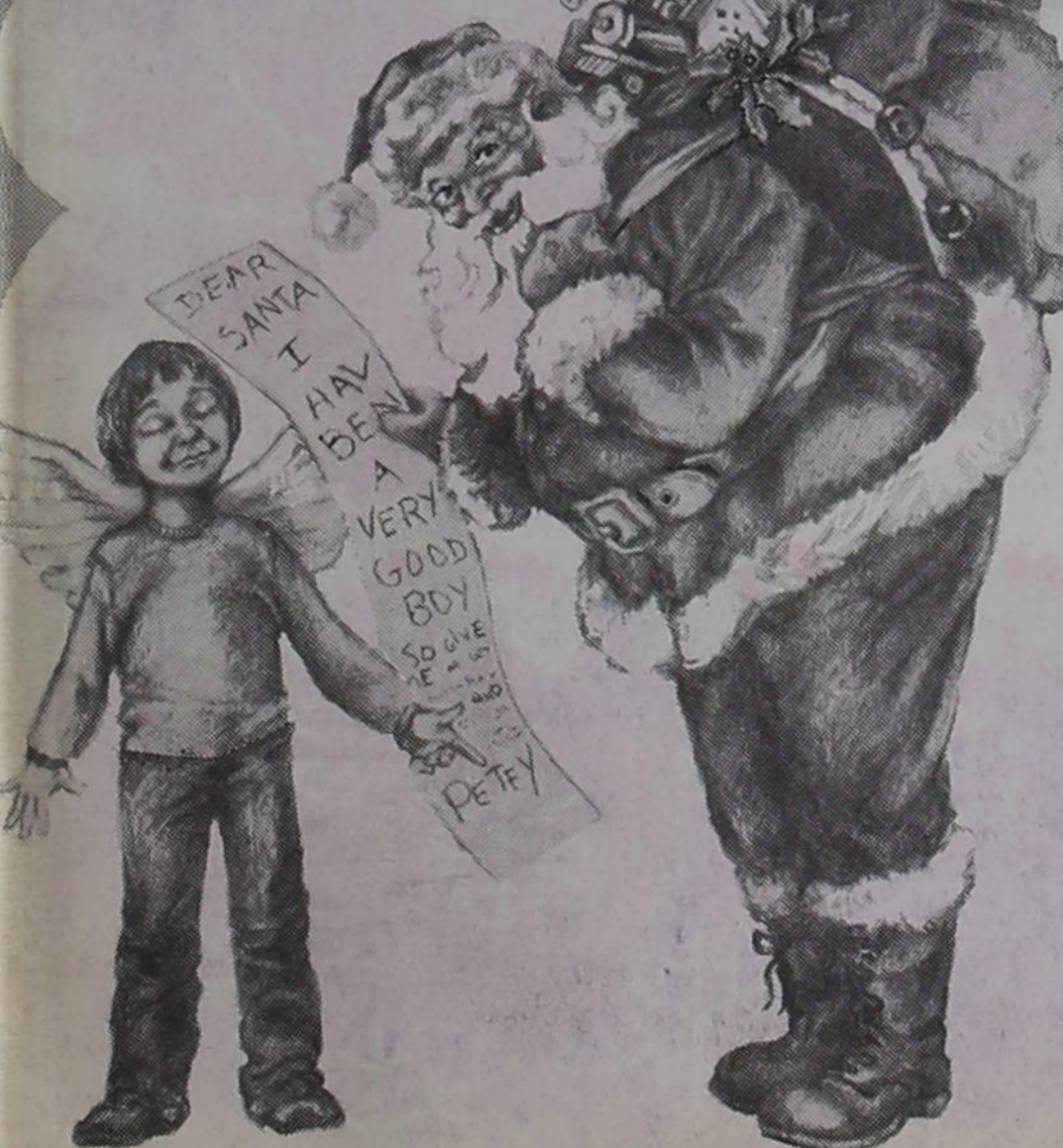
Lasting Impressions Ceramics & Gifts
Troy and Lucille Baker

May the blessed event of Bethlehem remain with you always as His reverent message shines anew.

Dr. Jeff and Syan Young

Christmas inspires us with the joy of giving and the inner fulfillment of sharing. It is in this spirit that we share with you our thoughts of thanks.

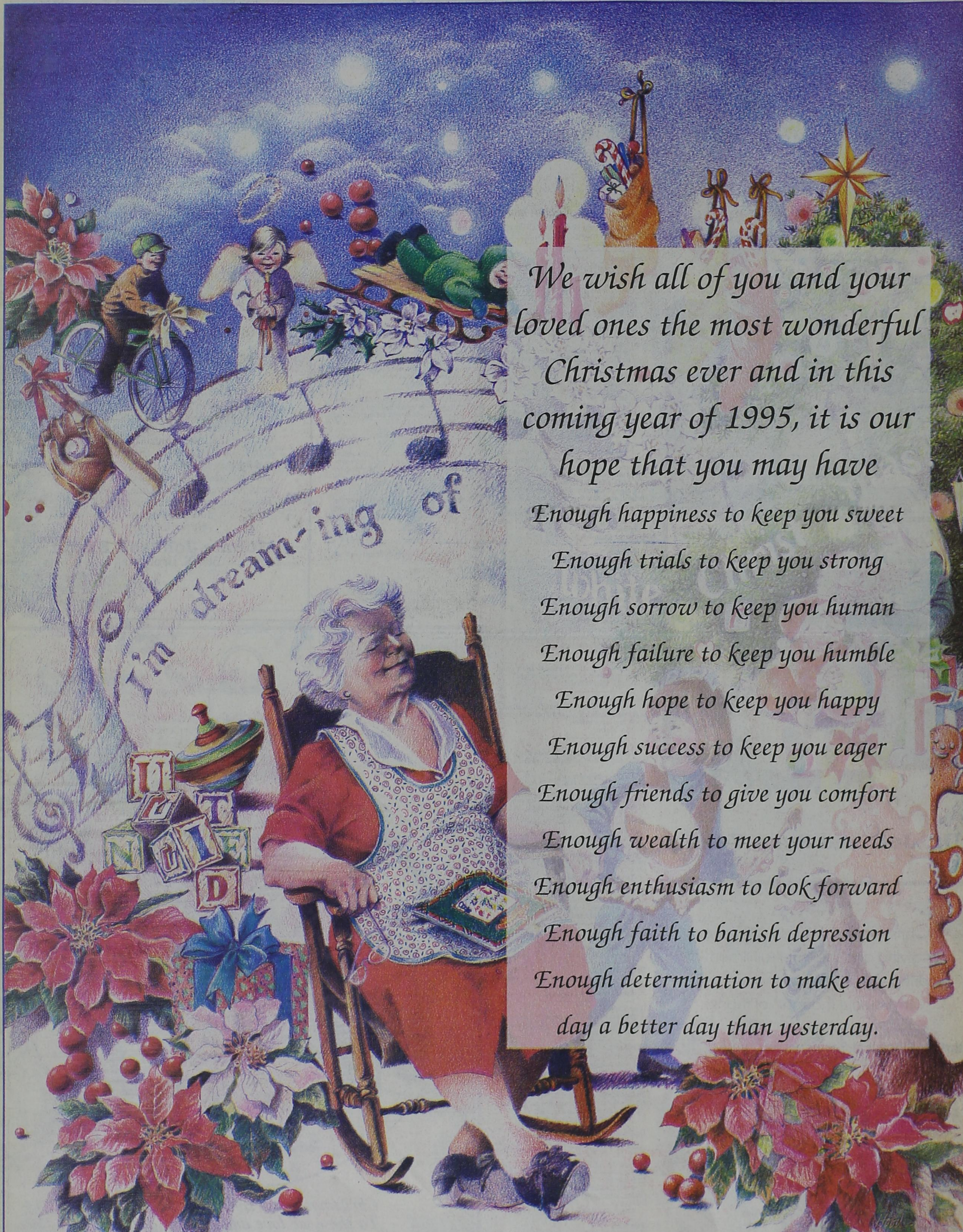
From all the Gang at Starkey Electrical Services, Inc., Post and Ira



*Christmas is the time we're near
To those we love and hold so dear.
For laughter, tears, hugs and kisses,
Year after year, it never misses.
And so, our friends, we wish for you,
And everyone in your family, too,
A magical holiday filled with mirth,
As we celebrate His wondrous birth.*

Hudman Funeral Home

A Merry Christmas to All



We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever and in this coming year of 1995, it is our hope that you may have

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human

Enough failure to keep you humble

Enough hope to keep you happy

Enough success to keep you eager

Enough friends to give you comfort

Enough wealth to meet your needs

Enough enthusiasm to look forward

Enough faith to banish depression

Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

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