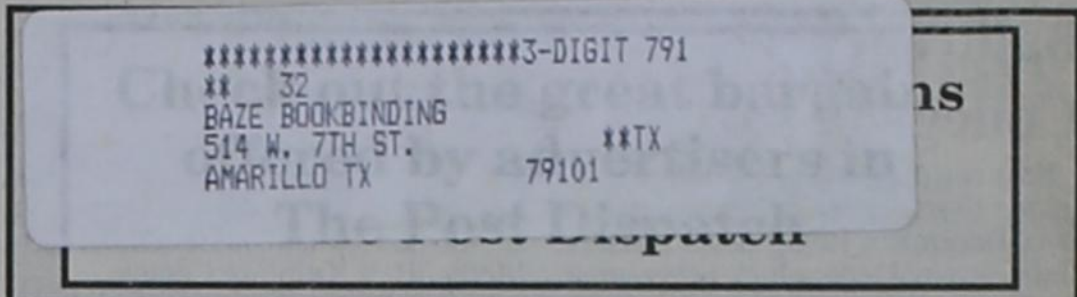


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The Post Dispatch

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CCA announces \$96,566 grants for art, culture developments

The Caprock Cultural Association (CCA) has announced recent funding from private and government funding, providing \$96,566 toward restoration of the old Algerita Hotel building and several art programs here.

The grants and requests for 1996 "exhibit the confidence of these investors" in CCA projects, director JoAnn Mock emphasizes.

"Families and foundations of the Post Montgomery Estate," Mock adds, "are for the 12th year, supporting the utopian dream of C.W. Post in developing a town with arts and cultural opportunities for all," Mock says.

A \$36,000 grant from the G. Harold & Leilia Y. Mathers Foundation, Harlken Foundation, Marjorie Merriweather Post Foundation, Mosaic Foundation, Adeliad Riggs, Nadenia Hartley and Eleanor Barzin is divided between restoration of (1) the old Algerita Hotel, (2) the CCA building top floor and the operations of the CCA, Garza Historic Museum, Algerita Arts Center, Garza Theatre and Kids 'N' Art.

The Texas Commission on the Arts funding of \$6,131 provides support for writing, monitoring and evaluation of grants and other operations of the CCA; \$1,700 for Kids 'N' Art class supplies and "First Americans" activities, \$3,785 for a CCA project grant for advanced instruction in the media arts and a training grant of \$500 from the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts, totaling \$8,709.

"The CCA is proud of our record for state grant approval for 11 of the past 12 years," Mock states, "making Post an exemplary model among arts agencies." The National Endowment for the Arts provides a sizable portion to Texas for this funding.

Another important grant has been provided through the Texas Department of Transportation for the rehabilitation of the Old Algerita Hotel for a total of \$42,450, which will be matched locally with \$10,500. The grant provides for a new roof and structure and window repairs.

Work has been delayed because of a TxDot request for a structural engineering study. A restoration expert has been approached and "will add us to his busy schedule as soon as possible," Mock explains. Funding for the program is through a grant approval of The Historic Trust for \$2,000.

The Old Algerita Hotel is a historic building on the National Register that houses the Garza Trailblazers and Algerita Arts Center, home of the visual arts, Post Art Guild and others.

"Letters of appreciation from Post citizens would be most welcome," Mock emphasizes, "and would be helpful in showing our community's appreciation to all these people who have invested their resources for our town."

Those interested in writing should address comments to the Caprock Cultural Association, P.O. Box 37, Post, Texas 79356.



Caprock Cultural Association board of directors discuss the recent investments and grants for making improvements in art and cultural activities here. At the recent meeting were board members (standing, left to right) Lewis Earl, JoAnn Mock, Carlene Kyle, (seated) Maxine Earl, Geraldine Butler, Jack Alexander, Frances Camp and Linda Puckett.

Odysey of Timothy McVeigh and "Others"

Part four of a continuing series by Fred Shannon and J.D. Cash Exclusive to the Post Dispatch from the Ellis County Press

One of the most confusing contradictory areas arising from the Oklahoma City bombing of the Murrah federal building is not only who, but how many people were actively involved. The investigation, being conducted, has run the full gamut from McVeigh alone to as many as five conspirators.

In an effort to update the reader with what we can safely ascertain, the investigators feel "very comfortable" with the fact that at least four individuals were "in the vicinity" of the Ryder truck, and the federal building between 8:35 and 8:55 a.m. on the morning of April 19, 1995. Remember the blast occurred at 9:02 a.m. that morning.

Not to limit McVeigh to being the sole individual involved, but to use him as a common thread in the conspiracy theory, the following is a chronological trace of McVeigh from Friday, April 14, 1995 to Wednesday April 19, 1995 just prior to the bomb blast.

April 14, Friday, five days before the blast, McVeigh checked into the Dreamland Motel, room 25, in Junction City, Kansas.

Terry Nichols, the other individual indicated for the bombing, lived in Herington, Kansas, 25 miles south of Junction City. (Motel records reveal McVeigh paid for the room in advance).

April 15, Saturday, McVeigh, using the alias of Bob Kling, called Elliot's Body Shop, and reserved the Ryder truck the prosecutors say carried the bomb.

April 15, Saturday night, Shane Boyd, a helicopter mechanic staying at the Dreamland said he saw a "bushy haired" man who resembled the FBI released sketches of John Doe 2 in the parking lot near room 25, and the man was smiling.

April 16, Sunday morning, shortly after midnight, Connie Hood, who lives in the Junction City area, drove into the parking lot of the motel to visit David King, a guest at the motel.

As Ms. Hood parked her car and dismounted, she said a man suddenly opened the door to room 23, next to King's room, as if he were expecting someone. The man acted startled and stepped back inside the door, but he kept watching her.

Her description of the man was "thick dark hair, brushed back, an olive complexion, about 5 feet 9 or 10-inches tall. Later when she was shown the FBI sketch she saw the resemblance, but the "face was not identical. The man she saw had fuller features."

When queried by investigators, Lea McGown, the motel owner, said no one was checked into room 23 for that day. The motel records also indicate she is telling the truth.

April 17, Monday, McVeigh and John Doe 2 picked up the Ryder truck from Elliot's Body Shop. John Doe 2 is identified by the employees as accompanying McVeigh.

April 17, Monday, 3 p.m., Connie Hood again came to visit King with her husband Donald. The Hoods, upon pulling into the parking lot, and had to wait for a large Ryder truck to park. Connie recalled seeing both doors of the truck cab open, and she watched the driver, who was not McVeigh, walk into the motel office.

This man she described as a "dark headed guy, and had the same look and weight as the man who came out of room 23 early Sunday morning.

Connie went into King's room while Donald waited in the car. Within minutes Donald said a man "who resembled the sketches of John Doe 2" came out of the motel office and got into the driver's seat of the truck.

At about the same time McVeigh came out of room 25 at the motel and got into the passenger's seat. The men drove off. Donald described the man as "about 5 feet 9 inches tall with dark, brown hair brushed straight back, and had an olive complexion." Court documents show a large Ryder truck parked behind Nichol's house, in Herington, on Monday night, April 17, 1995.

April 17, Monday, shortly before 9 p.m., Larry Wild, former high school baseball coach and major league scout, pumped \$5 worth of gas at Cardie's Corner store in Herington.

Wild said he saw a man whom he did not know waiting just inside the glass door and a man standing at the counter inside.

The man at the counter he later identified as McVeigh, but he described the other man as no being exactly as the sketch shows although it fits his "general description."

Wild described the mystery man as "5 feet 10 inches, dark hair combed straight back, and a dark complexion. His cheekbones were more prominent than they appeared in the sketch and his face was a little less full. He appeared to be part Hispanic, and part Indian." Wild also said he was wearing a light blue denim jacket.

April 18, 1995, about 3:30 a.m., McVeigh and John Doe 2 evidently returned to the Dreamland Motel parking lot in Junction City, Kansas. Mr. King, the Hood's friend, was drinking beer and watching movies with a friend when he heard a loud noise in the parking lot. He saw McVeigh sitting in the passenger seat of the Ryder truck.



United Supermarket store manager Gary Shiflett presents United Supermarket's contribution to the Garza County United Way to United Way board chairman Carol Peppers. The combined corporate and local employee contribution was more than \$1,500, the second largest single donation this year. "This is certainly a generous donation, and it has boosted our campaign to very near our goal," Peppers said. The goal this year is \$13,500. "If by some chance we exceed the goal," Peppers added, "we will distribute the excess equally for all participating organizations."

Local stores open Christmas Eve

Although Christmas Eve this year comes on Sunday, and unusual event on the calendar, several Post merchants have announced plans to open their stores Sunday afternoon to accommodate last minute shoppers.

Announcing opening Sunday afternoon are Twins Fashions (noon to 6 p.m.), La Posta (noon to 5 p.m.), Lily Dale's, Kidstuff and Danish Imports (1 to 5 p.m.).

These merchants are also featured in this edition of The Post Dispatch with advertised specials.



Wayne Thomas (right) earned a special U.S. Postal Service award last week for his more than 3,000 hours of accumulated sick leave, not having missed work due to illness. Fort Worth District Manager, Post Office Operations, Don O. Jones presented the award at the post office here. "This is a very rare event," Jones emphasized. Thomas has worked for the postal service since 1954.

Post Notes

Presbyterian Church candlelight service
The Annual Candlelight Service for the First Presbyterian Church of Post will be held Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us as we celebrate the Birth of Christ. Dr. Jerry Koch will lead the service.

Clary wins drawing
Dusty Clary was the winner of the \$250 certificate drawing sponsored by the Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce. The certificate can be used at any merchant in Post.

Antelope Booster club
The Antelope Booster Club will meet again after the first of the year. The club would like to remind all businesses to continue to fly their Antelope flags, as the athletes are starting their district basketball games. The next tournament will be Dec. 27 - 29, with the varsity girls going to Slaton and varsity boys headed to Littlefield. For that last minute gift, give an Antelope seat cushion for only \$10 from any Booster club member, or call 495-4154. This makes a great gift for your favorite sports fan!

Justiceburg Christmas celebration
The Justiceburg Church will hold a Christmas celebration on Friday, December 22 at 7 p.m. The celebration will feature Kenneth Cook, Ben Miller, Braden Conner, Tony Conner, Jayson and Melissa Jones and Benny and Paula Jackson. For more information contact pastor Don Blacklock at 629-4347.

Children's Christmas Party at VFW
The children's Christmas party will be held by the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post #6797 on Thursday, December 21 at the VFW Hall from 5-6 p.m. Come see Santa.

Ladies Auxiliary to hold bake sale
The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post #6797 will have a bake sale on Friday, December 22, at United Supermarket starting at 9 a.m.

Dispatch announces Christmas schedule
The Post Dispatch will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 21 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26. We will be closed Christmas Day in order for our employees to spend the day with their families. The deadline for the December 28th edition will be at noon Tuesday, December 26th and the following week deadline for the January 4th edition will be Tuesday, January 2nd at noon. The office will be closed for New Year's on January 1st.

Commodity applications to be recertified
The SPCAA will be recertifying commodity applications. Southland residents will be on Thursday, December 21 from 3-5 p.m. in the school parking lot. Those for Post will be on Friday, December 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the service barn.

New numbers at courthouse
According to Ruth Ann Young the new system is in place and the offices have new phone numbers. The numbers are: Agent - 495-4400, Attorney - 495-4440, Clerk - 495-4430, County Programs - 495-4425, Judge - 495-4405, Justice of Peace, Pct 1 - 495-4410, Justice of Peace, Pct 2 - 495-4420, Probation - 495-4442, Sheriff - 495-3595, Tax Collector & Assessor - 495-4448 and Treasurer - 495-4422. The numbers are effective immediately and should be used starting now.

Windbreak seedlings for sale
The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District now has Windbreak Seedlings for sale. Come in and place your order today. There is a limited number of these trees and they go fast! February 29, 1996 is the last day these trees can be ordered. We also can take your order for a Submatic drip system for your trees or your garden. Come by the NRCS (SCS) office at 210 West Main to place your order for Windbreak Trees and Submatic drip system today! If you have questions call 495-2056.

Christmas at the OS Museum
You are invited to view A Unique and Unusual exhibit of nativities, creche's and sculpture from around the world and a special exhibit of rare Victorian Art Glass, ca. 1880s from the Lois Watson Herring collection. Also from the House of Fabrege a Russian nativity. The exhibit will open Friday, November 3rd from 10-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. The museum is located at 201 East Main Street or call 495-2051 for more information.

Post Middle School announces schedule
Marita Jackson, principal of Post Middle School, has announced that Middle School students will be taking semester finals on Friday, December 22, from 8-11:30 a.m. Students will then be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Students will return to school after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at the regular time.

Candidate filing deadline Jan. 2
Citizens interested in filing for elective office have until January 2, 1996 to file with chairmen of the three political parties. Interested citizens should contact the Democratic Party at 495-2448; Libertarian Party at 495-3884 or Republican Party at 495-3947.

Baldree graduates from South Plains College in surgical tech program

Post resident Russell Baldree was among 17 students who were members of the December, 1995 graduating class of the surgical technology program at the South Plains College Lubbock Campus.

The pinning ceremony, which was hosted by Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, was held on December 15 in Methodist's Knipling Center.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"So you've been ridin' fence steady for a month. Funny you overlooked that \$20 bill I put on that post two weeks ago!"

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Post

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The home of Jon and Chita Hataway at 701 N. Ave. O has been named winner of this week's best decorated house contest. The Hataways will receive a one year subscription to The Post Dispatch for the honor.

Grandparents' Corner



Grandma Louella Bilberry (right) and Aunt Sharyn enjoy a visit with Lindy Lou Bilberry during a recent family get-together. Lindy Lou is the daughter of Larry and Ann Bilberry of Garden City, Kansas. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Linda Clark of Clarksville, Texas.

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

XI Delta Rho hold meeting

Members of XI Delta Rho Chapter Beta Sigma Phi met Monday, December 11 at the SPS Reddy room. Amy Morris and Donna Jones served as hostesses for the evening.

The meeting began with the opening Ritual, minutes were read and approved. President, Ila Workman conducted the business part of the meeting.

Staci Marts provided the program. She brought a tree and each member brought a Christmas ornament. All members helped decorate the tree which will be given to My Special Place.

After closing the meeting all members present enjoyed Barbecue, potato salad with all the extras along with chocolate ice box pie.

Those attending the fulfilled evening were Amy Morris, Donna Jones, Melinda Mason, Meg Nelson, Alice Bell, Dana Babb, Jodi Butler, Ila Workman, Johnnie Francis, Celia Mason, Mary Edwards, Vicki Walls, Jennifer Fumagalli and Staci Marts.

Candidates for elective office:

Contact Wesley W. Burnett
Garza County Libertarian Party Chairman
at
495-3884
deadline: January 2, 1995
The Libertarian Party of Texas conducts its candidate selection by convention, and there is NO filing fee required.

Amity Study Club celebrates

The Amity Study Club met Tuesday night, December 12th, at Janey Middleton's home for their annual Christmas dinner.

Janey Middleton, Sandra Alexander, Kathy Rankin, Suzanne Hudman, Barbara Reece, and Jane Davis served as hostesses. Other members present were Margaret Bull, Martha McLendon, Ida Mae Wilks, Boo Olson, Joy Dickson, Joy Pool, Joyce Strubhart, Edna Owens, Luella Bilberry and Barbara Babb. After a cowboy dinner of barbecue

beef, sausage, cornbread, slaw, salad, vegetables, and cherry cobbler we had our program and gift exchange. Joy Pool read the Texas Version of "The Night Before Christmas". Jane Davis had charge of gift distribution. We had to finish the titles of Christmas carols and songs to receive our gift. Gifts were handmade crafts or baked goods.

Our next meeting will be a program on cooking, given by Kelly Ahrens. Exact time and place to be announced later.

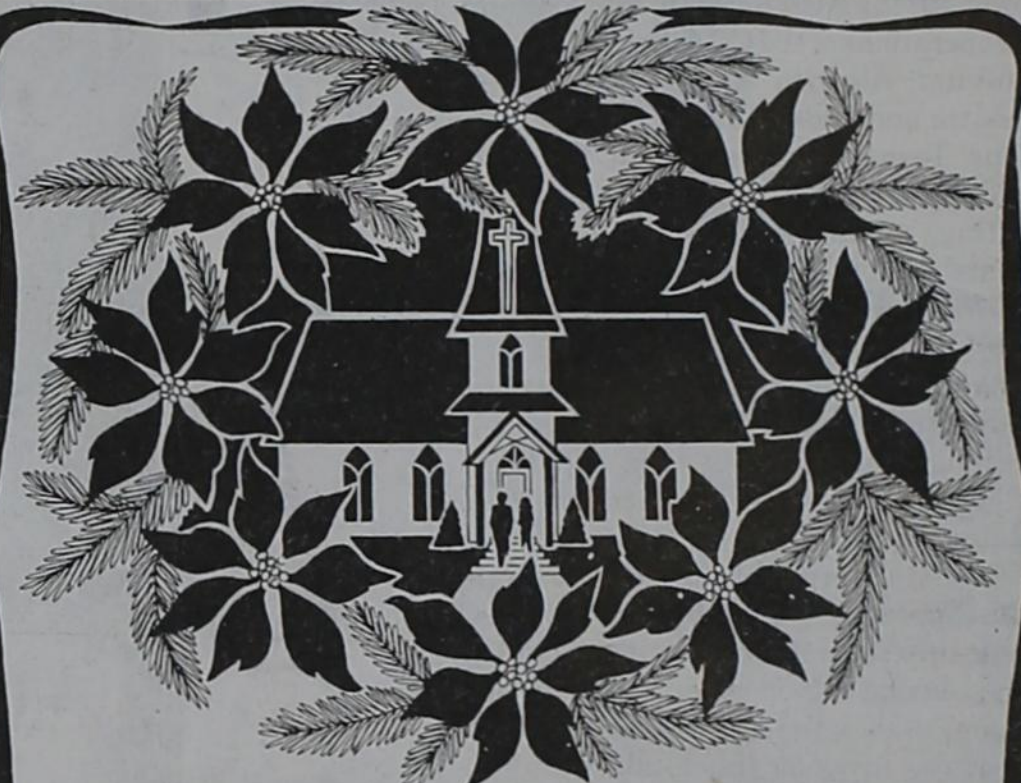
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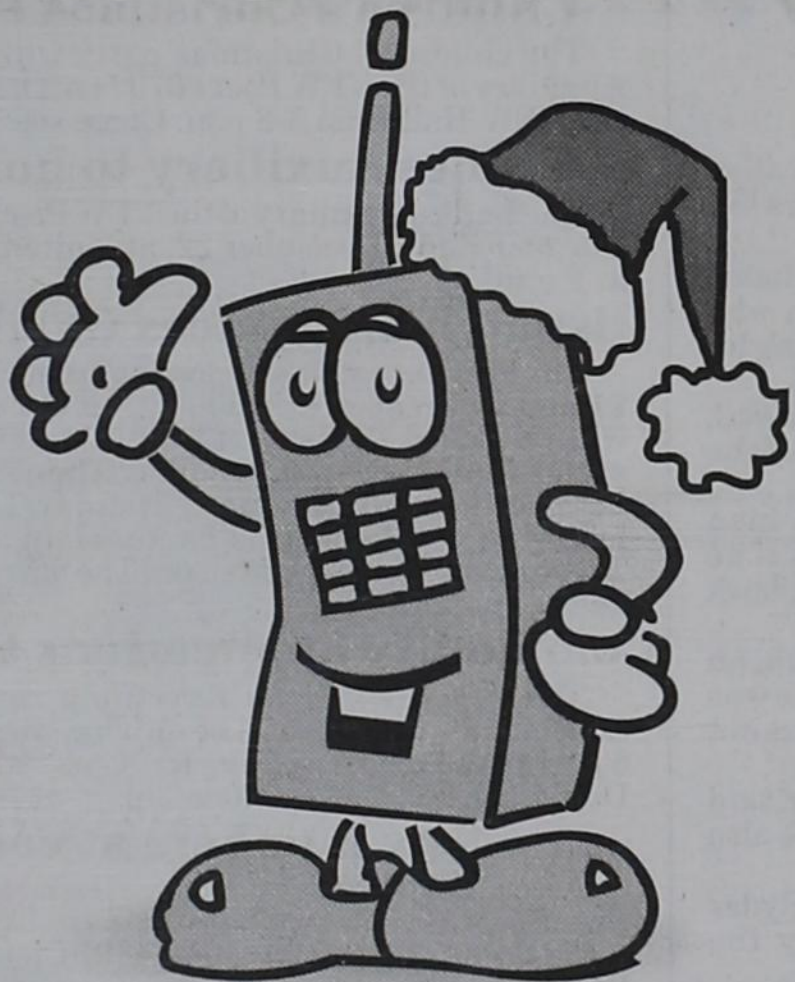


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Color Sparky with crayons or markers and clip this page out. Then, check your safety list to make sure your home is ready for the holidays. (Ask for your parent's help!)

SAFETY LIST!

- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Test lights before stringing.
- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- Use waterproof lighting equipment outdoors. Hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.



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"Herb Kunkel - Owner"

The seeker of good barbecue can be sure of finding it in Lamesa at HERB'S BAR-B-QUE at 303 North Dallas, phone 872-3715. They feature the finest of hot pit barbecue in their informal dining room where delicious food and friendly, efficient service makes dining out a real pleasure. If you have not tried one of their meals of deliciously barbecued shrimp, catfish and more with all the trimmings, you have a big treat in store. HERB'S BAR-B-QUE offers a relaxed family atmosphere for lunch and dinner and will do catering for all occasions, OPEN Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The management takes great care that the food is expertly prepared and served by a staff who cares about your dining pleasure. HERB'S BAR-B-QUE wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Plainsman Inn Motel

"Se Habla Espanol"

The Plainsman Inn Motel is conveniently located at 901 South Dallas Avenue in Lamesa, phone 872-2118 for information and reservations. The travelers, the salesman or the vacationing tourist are all accorded the same warm courteous welcome here. You receive the prompt attention, friendly courtesy that is so important to your over-night stay or extended visit. You are assured comfort and privacy in pleasant relaxing surroundings at this motel featuring free local calls, truck parking, weekly and commercial rates and shopping area's close by. To be sure of a pleasant stop over or vacation, plan your stay at this excellent establishment. Nothing has been spared to prepare you the ultimate in comfort and restfulness. THE PLAINSMAN INN MOTEL of Lamesa wishes all our readers a happy and healthy holiday season.

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The Woolam Gin located at 900 6th Street in O'Donnell, phone 428-3314. A cleaner cotton, efficiently ginned by modern methods is the product of this gin. Their equipment is one of the best obtainable, which accounts for the efficient operation they are noted for. You may take your cotton to this gin and be assured of rapid and satisfactory service. The management and employees are experts in the business and are prepared to take care of any amount of cotton in a relatively short time. With the excellent business judgement that has characterized the management's career, they realized that it was important that people of this community have an establishment of this kind they could depend on. We recommend WOOLAM GIN for all your ginning requirements, including equipment and supplies. Tommy Woolam and Staff wish everyone Peace & Joy this holiday season.

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Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

COUNTDOWN!! Santa is coming to town this weekend. There are several stores who will be open on Sunday, Christmas Eve, for your convenience. Twins Fashion will be open 12 noon to 6 p.m., La Posta from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and Lily Dale's, Kidstuff, Happiness Is and Danish Imports from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

We don't want anyone to have to spend Christmas in the doghouse. December is the "make or break" month for many retailers. Census Bureau figures show that December sales account for 10-11% of Texas' annual retail business; the other months each average about 8% of annual sales. Over the past five years, holiday season sales have accounted for about one-third of Texas retailers' yearly sales. Sales of some popular gift items, however, are concentrated much more heavily in the fourth quarter.

For example, in 1994, half of Texas' annual toy sales occurred in the fourth quarter, as did 43% of annual jewelry sales and 37% of annual electronic sales.

Holiday season sales of electronics—radios, televisions, video cameras and VCR's—more than doubled between 1990 and 1994. We may want to believe that Christmas is really for the children but we know that jewelry and electronics are for the big folks. But then I really believe that Christmas brings out the kid in all of us.

Our varsity basketball boys and girls will have a very busy holiday break. The girls will be playing in the Slaton Holiday Tournament from 27-29 and the boys will be playing in the Littlefield Tournament the same time. We wish them both lots of luck and encourage everyone to get out and watch some of these games. It will take up the lull between Christmas and New Years.

Don't forget that Trade Days will be December 29, 30 and 31st. That is a great way to wind up the holidays. Maybe there will be big crowds in Post during those days and I am sure that most of the merchants will have their big sales going on at the same time.

Have you driven around Post and looked at some of the wonderful decorations? There are so many pretty lighted homes and yards this year. The Garza County Museum looks so great this year. Of course the downtown area looks good with most of the merchants lighting their buildings and the trees, while getting bigger than the lights, are still very pretty lighting the middle of the street. The Methodist Church did things a little different this year and I love the way they outlined the arches. Post has so much to be proud of in their decorating all over town.

We were in Abilene over the weekend and things were popping there, too. Abilene has grown so much and has a very busy industrial council for business recruitment. They have really expanded their businesses because of their dedication to economic development.

Coming back Sunday we came through Stamford, Aspermont and Anson. Anson is really advertising their Cowboy Christmas Ball which will be held this weekend. I understand they have a sellout every night and I think this is great. Especially for a town that doesn't believe in dancing but once a year.

I haven't been to their Christmas Ball in a good many years but there was a time I wouldn't miss it. We wish them luck and hope they have wonderful crowds.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and that families all over Post enjoy the holidays and one another and I sure hope that all of you continue to..... Take Pride and Take Part in Post!!!!!! Merry



DWI, burglary

By Becky Warren

On December 15, 18 year old Joe Luis Basquez was arrested for burglary of a habitat, which is a second-degree felony. The arrest came after a home in the 900 block of Pine was burglarized. The suspect took Christmas presents from under the tree. All of the merchandise has been recovered and returned to the owner. Part of the merchandise, clothing, was found in the dumpster in the area. The suspect is still being held at press time.

On December 17, 35 year old Jose Manuel Robles was arrested for felony DWI. He was released after posting a \$5,000 bond.

On December 6 a 40 year old male was arrested for DWI. He was released after posting a \$1,500 bond.

On December 13 a 35 year old male was arrested for violation of probation. He was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Also on December 17 a 44 year old male was arrested for inspection refusal general punishment TABC 1.05. He was released after posting a \$1,500 bond.

The sheriff's office received 53 calls in the past week.

Lance Goen joins Navy

Lance K. Goen of Post, son of Jerry and Linda Goen, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Hospital Corpsman program.

Lance enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois in September 1996 for active duty, where he will undergo basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, Lance will begin 14 weeks of schooling at Great Lakes or San Diego, California in the Hospital Corpsman field. Hospital Corpsman assist professionals in providing health care to service members and their families. They act as pharmacists, medical technicians, food service personnel, nurses' aids, battlefield medics, X-ray technicians, physicians' or dentists' assistants, and more. Their work falls into several categories: first aid and minor surgery, patient transportation, patient care, prescriptions and laboratory work, food service inspections and clerical duties. After successfully completing school, he could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

Lance is currently a senior at Post High School.

Holiday Spirit.

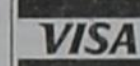


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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

How not to gain unwanted pounds this holiday season

The Thanksgiving to New Year's eat-a-thon is upon us. The average weight gain over the holiday season is seven pounds. But let's be realistic. Most people find it can become all but impossible to stick to sensible eating when faced with tempting high-fat and high-calorie entrees, gooey appetizers, thick sauces, creamy dips and rich desserts. To prevent holiday weight gain, plan holiday menus wisely. Holiday menus usually include too many meats, cheeses, sweets, nuts and sauces. Start by using the Food Guide Pyramid, the USDA's illustration of a balanced diet, as your menu



planning guide. Learning to trim recipes of needless ingredients can save you calories and at the same time allow you to eat hearty portions of foods that are tasty and nutritious.

Because fat is so densely packed with calories the key to adapting recipes to make them less fattening lies in reducing or eliminating butter, margarine, oil, mayonnaise, lard and salad dressings. Contrary to popular thought, regular margarine is just as fattening as butter. In fact, all fats have about 100 calories per tablespoon. However, you can save calories by using lowfat margarine. Try whipped diet margarine for greasing baking dishes. It also can be successfully used in rice mixes and on vegetables, and adds only half the calories of regular margarine. Reduce calories by shaving fat from desserts. In adapting your favorite recipes, start by experimenting with cutting fat by a third or a half. If a muffin recipe suggests one cup of oil, try three-fourths cup. If that works, use only two-thirds cup the next time around.

Purees of fresh or dried fruit can become standard stand-ins for fat in baked goods, but some work best in certain recipes. In most cases, you can reduce up to seven-eighths of the butter or shortening called for in a traditional recipe with one of these substitutions:

*Fresh fruit purees, such as mashed bananas and applesauce, work best in cakes & muffins

*Make raisin "paste" to replace butter or oil in dense, chewy cookies like oatmeal or chocolate-chip. Mash raisins in a food processor until they have the same consistency as butter.

*Prune puree works especially well in chocolate cake, brownies, cookies, muffins and fruit cakes. It may take some trial and error to get your recipes to suite your taste, but it will be worth it. Half a cup of butter has 91 grams of fat, while fruit purees have none, and only a fraction of the calories. When making crumb crusts for pies and other desserts, start with half the margarine your recipe calls for, then add as much fat as you need to moisten the crumbs. Before cooking meats, trim the fat. Fatty, calorie-laden meats include bacon, sausage, may cold cuts and fat-marbled cuts of beef, lamb and pork. Try substituting skinless poultry, veal, fish and lean cuts of meat. All of these protein foods can be stretched in recipes by slicing them thinly and adding more vegetables. When

roasting a turkey, baste it with chicken broth or vegetable juice instead of its own drippings. Before roasting or broiling any meat or poultry, place it on a rack in a pan so it doesn't soak in its own fat.

Following these simple tips can make your holiday festivities more enjoyable and less fattening!!!!!!

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, sex, color, race, religion or national origin.

Garden Club

Carlene Kyle, Fleta Caffey, Edna Owen and Ida Jones were hostesses Thursday night when members of the Green Thumb Garden Club met at the Citizens Bank Community room for their annual Christmas party.

With the festive Christmas decorations on the serving table, delicious food was enjoyed by all. The Christmas spirit was felt by all as gifts were exchanged.

Games of 42 and Skip-Bo were played.

Those present beside the hostesses were Margaret Barley, Louella Bilberry, Gladys Blair, Dan and Sybil Cockrum, Thelma Epley, Annie Laura and Thurman Francis, Hansford and Maurine Hudman, Shorty King, James and Irene Mitchell, Victor and Iva Hudman, Ben Owen and Tom Power.



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Extension Extras

A special Thank You is extended to all of the 4-H members who participated in the Holiday Food Drive. The items collected were donated to the Post Leo Club and distributed to needy families in the county. The Extension office appreciates the willingness of those families that donated items. Thanks again!!!!

Summer Camp

Friday, December 22, 5 p.m. is the ABSOLUTE deadline for 4-H members to sign up for State 4-H Summer Camp at Brownwood. As of Monday, December 18, twelve members have signed up to participate. We must have at least 20 4-H'ers in order to go to Summer Camp. Please come by the office and sign up today.

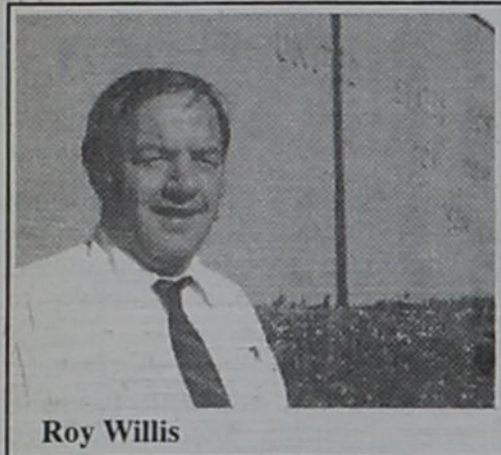
County Show Steer Preparation

If you have not called the Extension Office to arrange a time to have your steers trimmed prior to the County Show, you must do so ASAP. The number of steers for this show is over twice as many as last year and the time slots are filling in a hurry. It is critical to call the office at 495-4400 and select a time to have your steers trimmed - don't wait until the last minute! For further information, please refer to your latest 4-H Newsletter. The deadline to sign-up is no later than 5 p.m. Friday December 22.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

There isn't much to be seen in a little town but what you hear makes up for it.

—Kin Hubbard



Roy Willis

Roy W. Willis is new postmaster

by Becky Warren

If you are like me, which hopefully you aren't, I didn't realize that we had a new postmaster until he walked into The Post Dispatch the other day. The last time I was in there Johnny Kemp was still in charge. I guess we ought to wish Johnny happy retirement but then he seems too young to be retired.

Well, back to welcoming our new postmaster to Post.

His name is Roy Willis and he seems like a very nice young man. He is married and his wife Carolyn teaches computer from Kindergarten through the sixth grade at Maedgen Elementary in Lubbock. He has one daughter that is a freshman at Texas Tech University.

He was selected as postmaster on October 24, 1995 by District Manager for the US Postal Service in Fort Worth.

He has a very impressive resume. He had been associated with the post office since 1970. He has been postmaster for O'Donnell and Ralls before being transferred to Post.

He served with the U.S. Army from 1967-70 as company clerk and medic at Fort Devons, Ma.

Willis is also a member of Rotary International and Masonic Lodge of Ralls.

Willis states that his points of interest include bowling and that his family likes to travel.

We would all like to welcome Roy to Post and hope that we can make him and his family feel right at home.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

What's left in your flexible spending account?

Those lucky people with Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) - accounts provided by their employers for medical and dependent care - ought to review their accounts this time of year.

The FSA enable employees to put away a portion of wages or salary to pay for medical and dependent care with pretax dollars, effectively gaining the equivalent of a deduction for what otherwise might not be deductible. For someone in the 40 percent bracket (combined taxes), \$1 paid from an FSA is worth \$1.67 paid out of pocket from taxable income. It's often used on top of a regular medical plan to cover co-payments or deductibles or other non-covered items.

The only drawback to an FSA is that anything in the account left unspent at the end of the year is forfeited. Check the balance now. If there's more than you expect, use it up with medical or dental checkups - even new eyeglasses - before the end of the year.

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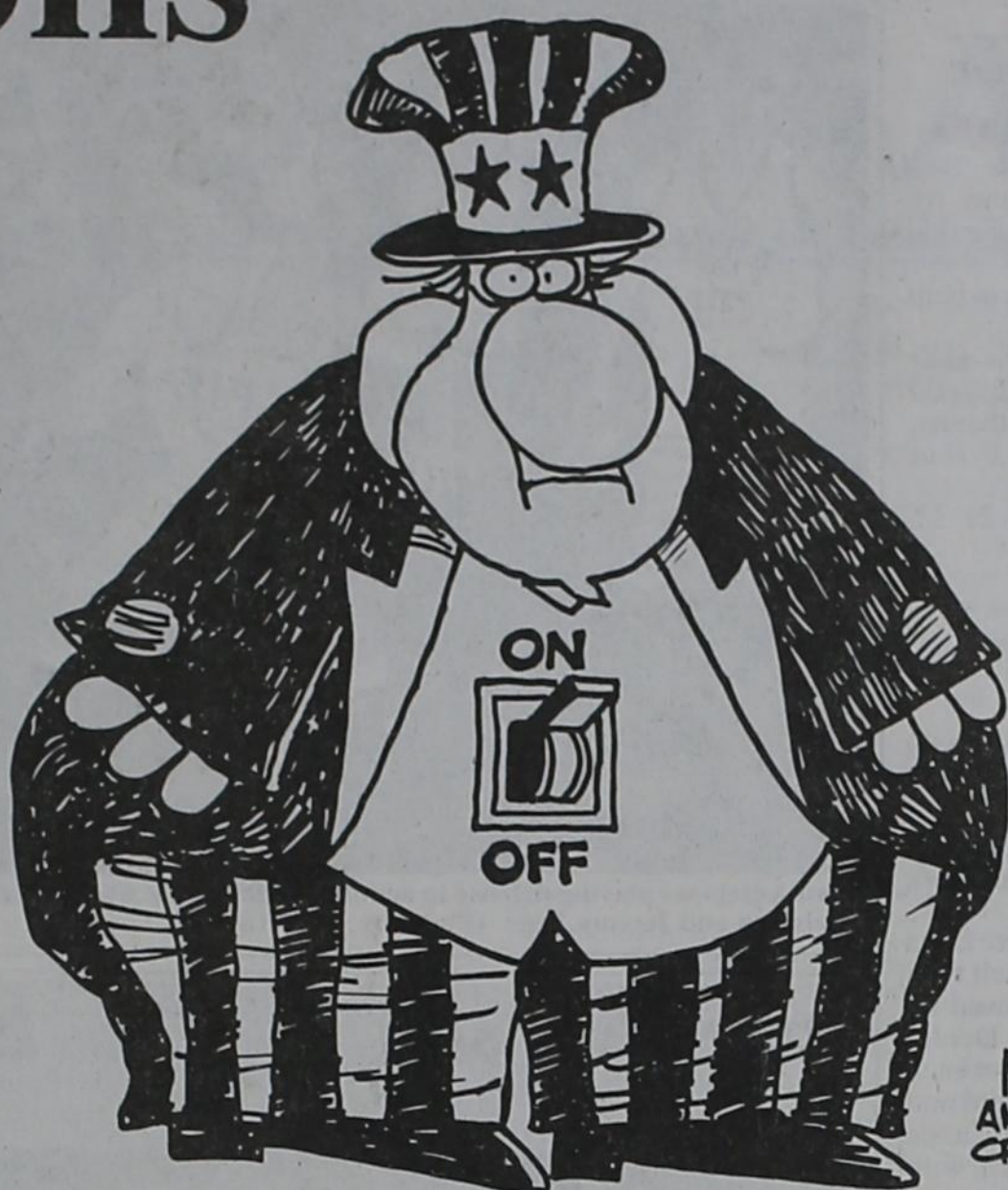
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Letters to the Editor

Do statistics confirm prohibition?

In a letter to a newspaper a while back, a writer said that "Legislative behavior has never worked. Prohibition proved that."
 For the record, I would like to list some statistics from Good News regarding prohibition:
 "During the Prohibition Era (1919-1933): (1) Crime decreased 54 percent; (2) the death rate due to liquor decreased 43 percent; (3) 97 of 98 Keeley Alcoholics Clinics closed for lack of patients; (4) insanity decreased 66 percent; (5) all 60 Neil Cure Clinics closed for lack of patients afflicted with alcoholism;" and after Prohibition was abolished:
 (1) Drunkenness increased 350 percent; (2) some 50 percent of all traffic accidents are alcohol-related; (3) there are over 10 million alcoholics today; (4) of this number, 3.5 million are 14-17 years of age and (5) crime has spiraled until it is now rampant."
 Prohibition proved that "behavior" can be legislated.
 Billy Glenn, Lubbock.
Editor's Note: Statistics are a curse to reasoned discourse, bent and manipulated to fit one's favored position. The issue is not about statistical records and we do not deny that "behavior" can be legislated. The issue is whether or not it is the proper role of government to control anyone's behavior. Cholesterol-caused heart attack is the greatest single killer in modern America... does that mean we need government to prohibit the use of any foods which contain life-threatening cholesterol? Alcohol or drugs do not kill people, the abuse of their use is what kills people. It is clearly a matter of personal responsibility, and government has never been effective at enforcing personal responsibility. The sooner we insist, each of us individually, that people be held responsible for their actions, the sooner we will break away from this tyrannical viewpoint of government "protecting" people from their own self destruction.

Seat-belt law infringes on rights

A funny thing happened to me on the way to Lubbock today (12/13/95). Or should I say a strange thing.
 I'm a salesman and make my living from commissions. And on this day, things were not going well. In fact, by 2 p.m. I had made \$0.00. But when you're in sales, you know that things can change at your next call. So, I'm driving from Post to Lubbock, a couple more sales calls, and then out to do some Christmas shopping.
 Suddenly, there's a highway patrol car behind me, his lights flashing. Was I speeding? No! Was there something wrong with my car? No!
 I asked the officer, "why did you stop me?"
 "Because," he said, "you were not wearing your seat belt."
 "You stopped me because of my seat belt?" I asked.
 "Yes, and I'm going to write you a ticket," he smartly replied.
 Hello, am I the only one who sees something wrong here?
 I'm making nothing today, and I'm being harassed by a guy who gets a salary for enforcing seat belt laws!
 At first, I thought he was joking, but no, he was serious. Then I got angry. I feel violated, like I've just been robbed by a man with a gun and a badge. My time, my Christmas spirit, stolen...
 I am not going to pay the \$62 fine for this... so what are my options?
 I can go to jail. Oh boy, that sounds like fun.
 I could get a lawyer, get a jury trial and end up costing the county and state a fortune.
 In these days of budget cuts and serious crime problems, I wonder why we have highway patrol officers roaming around with nothing better to do than to stop people for seatbelt violations. Maybe the budget ax needs to fall a little closer to the DPS.
 It pains me to write this, because I have always deeply respected the DPS. However, my respect for them has just lowered several notches.
 To the officer who wrote me the ticket: get a life, and stop stealing little pieces of ours.
 Roger Tinnin, Sweetwater.
Editor's Note: Mr. Tinnin's situation is another example of our state legislature creating laws in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution, and then indoctrinating law enforcement personnel to enforce those same unconstitutional laws. Until we elect representatives who appreciate and adhere to our Constitution, we will continue to suffer indignities and violations of our rights.

Letters to the Editor Policy:

Letters are encouraged. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and style. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld at the request of the letter writer to protect the identity so that fear of retribution may not restrict the rights of freedom of expression.

OKC conspiracy

(Continued from Page 1)
 The door light was on and the glove compartment was open. McVeigh was examining a map.
 When King left the motel, just before dawn, McVeigh was still sitting in the Ryder truck, but when King returned at approximately 7 a.m. the truck was gone.
 The prosecutors have said, in court, McVeigh, who paid for the room in advance, left the motel for good sometime before 5 a.m. Tuesday morning.
 April 18, Tuesday, early morning when Barbara and Robert Whittenberg, owners of the Santa Fe Trail diner in Herington, said McVeigh, Nichols, and a third man ate in her cafe.
 Nichols had been there frequently, McVeigh just once before, and they had never seen the third man. They had parked three vehicles in the parking lot; a white sedan with an Arizona plate, a Ryder truck, and a pickup.
 Ms. Whittenberg's son Charlie pointed out the Arizona plate.
 Ms. Whittenberg's description of the third man was "of dark complexion, and he might have been a Hawaiian."
 Ms. Whittenberg recognized the sketches of John Doe 2 although she said the "man's face was slightly thinner his cheek bones more prominent, and his nose slightly wider."
 Ms. Whittenberg is the only person that is known to have spoken with John Doe 2. She said they departed the restaurant approximately 9 p.m.
 April 18, Tuesday, after 9 a.m., visitors at Geary State Park, just north of Herington, remember seeing a Ryder truck and individuals resembling Nichols, McVeigh, and John Doe 2 working around the Ryder truck.
 They said there was also a blue or "brown" pickup parked beside the Ryder truck.
 At approximately 2 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Whittenberg drove by the State park and observed the Ryder truck there. She remembers saying, "They couldn't find a place to stay."
 April 18, Tuesday, late in the afternoon, two clerks in the E-Z Mart in Newkirk, Okla., just south of the Kansas state-line, remember seeing two men in the Ryder truck.
 One of the men, resembling Nichols, enters and purchases eight burritos from the freezer section. (Mr. Nichols' attorney, however, maintains Nichols was still in Herington, Kansas doing menial home tasks). The store was dusted for fingerprints, but the results are not available to the investigators.
 April 18, Tuesday evening, and the next place the Ryder truck and its two passengers were seen was in Perry, Oklahoma at Perry's Cattle Baron's Steakhouse.
 The two individuals were seen by several witnesses who positively identified both the McVeigh and John Doe 2 sketches. After eating and drinking a beer, the two men left the Steakhouse and departed to parts unknown.
 Several residents stated they stayed at a motel on Interstate 35, but the investigators have yet to locate specifically which one.
 April 19, the day of the bombing, early morning. Both suspects were seen in Mulhall, Oklahoma at Jackie's Farmers Store having coffee. Witnesses here have refused to be interviewed, but the investigators confirm the FBI has questioned them at length. The investigators have found out the Mulhall Postmaster, Mary Hunnicutt was in the store and stood next to McVeigh.
 Ms. Hunnicutt has been briefed by the FBI to not speak to anyone about the case. With the above chronology we now have McVeigh and John Doe 2 just minutes north of Oklahoma City and their final destination.
 Mr. Mullins, the Assistant U.S. Attorney, said he did not know whether or not any of the Perry witnesses were called to testify before the Grand Jury, but he also said I, "would doubt if any of those fact-intense (whatever that means) were called because prosecutors typically seek to summarize evidence rather than parade in a long list of witnesses."
 The above statement is indicative of perhaps the reason none of the above listed witnesses were called before the grand jury for confirmation of the FBI interviews. Of course there is the possibility these witnesses would lend credibility to the fact that there is a John Doe 2. In a later installment, of this series, there is the possibility the revelation of, perhaps, a John Doe 3 and 4.
 The necessity for keeping the above witnesses from testifying is apparent when one realizes the prosecutors are dealing with a "circumstantial case" to begin with.
 At the time of this writing, a point of interest is the federal Judge Alley has been removed and a Colorado federal Judge will hear the case.

Is Congress ready for government by the people?

by Stephen Chapman



When asked what he thought of Western civilization, Mohandas Gandhi replied, "It would be a good idea." He might say the same about American democracy. Here, the people rule - so we believe. But today, most of the laws that govern our lives are written by unelected officials who are not accountable to the public.
 In our system, lawmaking is supposed to be a difficult process, requiring the deliberation and approval of two houses of Congress, plus the signature of the president. It is also, in theory, the prerogative of the legislative branch. "All legislative powers... shall be vested in a Congress of the United States," says the opening sentence of Article I of the Constitution.
 In fact, bureaucrats in the executive branch now do more of what is properly described as legislating than Congress does - they call it regulating, but it's the same thing. And they do it without the bother of any action by either house or the president.
 This change has greatly enlarged the authority of the president and his subordinates, at the expense of Congress. But that doesn't mean it's unpopular on Capitol Hill. Our elected legislators brought it about, after all, and they have grown comfortable with the arrangement. So they may not be ready for a measure recently introduced by freshman Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.) that would restore Congress to the role the framers meant it to have.
 The proposal is simple. Instead of being imposed at will by various executive agencies, new regulations would not take effect until and unless they had been approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the president. If the Environmental Protection Agency wanted to impose wetlands regulations on landowners, for example, it would have to submit the idea to the 535 men and women who have been sent to Washington by actual voters - and the lawmakers would have to answer at the polls. No longer would regulatory agencies function as powers unto themselves.
 This would have a variety of benefits, not least that it would end a vast and unwarranted delegation of power from Congress to civil servants. That custom began during the New Deal, and it has only expanded in the decades since. The executive branch is supposed to merely enforce the laws enacted

by Congress. Today, acting under a sweeping grant of authority from Capitol Hill, it not only enforces laws but writes them too.

The transfer of authority has long been upheld by the Supreme Court, but legal thinkers across the spectrum question its constitutionality as well as its wisdom. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, in a 1980 case, argued that the Occupational Safety and Health Act involved an excessive delegation of Congress' power. A liberal scholar, Stanford's John Hart Ely, has written that "there can be little point in worrying about the distribution of the franchise and other personal political rights unless the important policy choices are being made by elected officials." Justice Stephen Breyer proposed the idea in Hayworth's bill in a 1984 article.
 The measure would also prevent elected lawmakers from enjoying the best of both worlds. The usual custom when addressing a difficult policy choice is for Congress to pass a law expressing a sincere desire to improve the world - leaving those means working for the president to make all the painful decisions that cost money, burden citizens or destroy jobs. Delegating authority allows members to take credit for showing firm resolve and tender hearts, while letting them blame pointy-headed bureaucrats for all the unpalatable consequences that follow.
 The law Rehnquist criticized is a classic example of how Congress evades its proper responsibilities. The Occupational Safety and Health Act mandated such workplace standards as are "reasonably necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment." The secretary of Labor was left to decide what on earth that means.

The Americans With Disabilities Act betrays the same impulse, cheerfully instructing employers to make "reasonable accommodations" of handicapped workers, unless it would create "undue hardship." Clear as mud, isn't it? Then there is the Clean Water Act, which the Environmental Protection Agency has interpreted to mean it can fine and imprison people for disturbing wetlands - despite the minor fact that the law says nothing about wetlands.
 The point of democracy is to make the governors directly accountable to the governed, which today, to a great extent, they are not. Hayworth's bill would resurrect the central principle of self-government. Congressional Republicans say they want to bring about a revolution in Washington. If they pass this measure, you'll know they mean it.

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Myths, lies and outright propaganda

by Walter E. Williams



Dr. Thomas Sowell's new book, "The Vision of the Anointed," has numerous tidbits that are helpful in the understanding of the political demagoguery and deliberate media lies about budgets and other social issues.
 Take the charges of Republican tax cuts for the "rich." Is a person rich if his income puts him in the top 20 percent of income earners, or is it the top 5 percent? That's for you to answer, but here are the facts: In 1992, a \$60,000-a-year salary qualified you for the top 20 percent of income-earners, and \$100,000 a year qualified you for the top 5 percent. There are truly rich people in our country, but ask a person earning \$100,000 a year, with two children in college, a mortgage and almost half his income taken in taxes, whether he feels rich like ABC's Peter Jennings or Sen. Ted Kennedy. But according to the political rhetoric and media lies, a tax cut for such a person is equated with undeserved tax cuts for the rich. Clinton and his media allies deliberately misled us about richness in order to foment class envy as a means to greater power and control.
 How about the "glass ceiling" lies where occupational and income disparities between college-educated women and blacks on the one hand and white men on the other are portrayed as a crisis requiring government intervention. Sowell points out that men with master's degrees outnumber women with master's degrees 2 to 1. Men with Ph.D.s outnumber women by 59 percent. Although women earn 37 percent of Ph.D.s, they earn almost half of them in social sciences and more than half in education. Men earn more than 80 percent of natural sciences Ph.D.s and 90 percent of engineering Ph.D.s. Ph.D.s earned by blacks exhibit a pattern similar pattern to those earned by women. Should anybody be surprised by people holding more advanced degrees, and in the hard sciences, earning more than those with touchy-feely degrees?
 What about media stories charging banks with mortgage discrimination against blacks? The media presented the Boston Federal Reserve study as controlled and definitive. A follow-up study took into account significant differences in black/white net worth, credit histories, existing debt and the size of the loan sought as a percentage of the value of the property. When these factors were taken into consideration, the racial difference in mortgage approvals virtually disappeared. When Alicia Munnell, author of the flawed, media-hyped story, was approached by a Forbes magazine writer and confronted with her study's deficiencies, she responded, "I do not have evidence (of mortgage lending discrimination)... No one has evidence." Did you hear the media report that?
 Washington Post writer Haynes Johnson is just one of those to spread the claim that half of all marriages end in divorce. That's unforgivable ignorance. Sowell says that in a particular year the number of divorces may well be half the number of marriages; however, the marriages counted took place that year while divorces being counted are from marriages that took place over decades. If the same reasoning was applied to deaths and births, and if deaths were half the number of births in a given year, Haynes Johnson might

report that half the population died that year. The fact of business is only 11 percent of all adults who were ever married are now in divorced status. Married people outnumber divorced people by 54 million to 3 million.

Sowell's "The Vision of the Anointed" exposes one media lie and invented crisis after another. It's a book well worth its price for some informative Christmas reading.

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Wisdom

"The jury has the right to determine both the law and the facts."
 Samuel Chase (1804), Supreme Court Justice and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Preamble to Amendments

The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.

ARTICLE XX

Section 1. The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3rd day of January, of the year in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified, and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

Section 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3rd day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 3. If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

Section 4. The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

Section 5. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

Section 6. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

A perspective from afar

by Congressman Mac Thornberry

Yesterday morning (Dec. 12, 1995), I had the opportunity to attend a joint session of Congress to hear a speech by the Prime Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres.
 This was only the second or third such session I have attended since taking office in January, and I must confess that I left stacks of mail on my desk and went, in part, because I was afraid few other Members would be back in town in time to hear him speak.
 This was the Prime Minister's first visit to the United States since the assassination of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, in November. As you might imagine, it was a very moving occasion. Peres spoke of his work with Rabin over their many years together, and the ultimate price his slain friend and colleague paid in the effort to bring peace to the Middle East.
 Perhaps the most moving moment came when Peres noted that while he has held virtually all of the titles and all of the offices his country could offer, the only one he now truly cared about was peacemaker. He also called upon all of the countries in the Middle East to declare an end to war and violence, "thereby carrying the message to our forefathers and to our grandchildren, that we are again, all of us, the sons and daughters of Abraham, living in a tent of peace."
 As much as what he said, however, I was struck by how he said it. The Prime Minister spoke slowly, thoughtfully, and in measured tones. It was the way statesmen talk - a way that goes beyond momentary political advantage, to the next generation. As I listened to him, I couldn't help but wish that some in our country would follow his example in the way they talk and in the way they approach certain issues.
 We are now engaged in two great debates of the year - the budget and Bosnia. The one will define the role of the federal government in our society. The other could define the role of the United States in the world. On these and so many other issues, if Members of Congress, the Administration and the media, and

even those who write letters to the newspaper, were more careful in what they say and less personal in their attacks, wouldn't the debate be more constructive and the nation better off?

President Clinton made a similar appeal earlier this year. Within days, however, members of his own cabinet were out tossing rhetorical hand grenades. Obviously, this problem is not limited to one side of the aisle. Both parties engage in political grandstanding, and both parties share part of the blame. Indeed, it sometimes seems that a desire for rising poll numbers overcomes all other considerations. We all have strongly held beliefs and, at times, we all try to score points with others in the hope we can convince them we are right. But there should also be a measure of respect in what we say and a realization that our words do have consequences beyond the next election.

My first year in Congress has been a true adventure. I believe we have made a good start in a number of areas, but that much more needs to be done. With the holiday season approaching, this probably is as good a time as any to recommit ourselves to the many challenges that lie ahead, while resolving to be passionate in our beliefs and respectful of those with whom we may disagree. After all, as Shimon Peres said, we all live under the same tent.

When one thinks of the troubles which have plagued the Middle East for centuries, the tragedy of Prime Minister Rabin's death, and yet the calm, measured confidence and resolve to carry on and do the right thing, I can't help but think there's a lesson to be learned here, as well.

Editor's Note: Yes, Congressman, you are correct, we do need to show respect for those with whom we disagree, and it is true, "we all live under the same tent," if you mean the sky as our roof. However, in that tent, we each have our own individual space, and let us not lose sight of the fact that just because we live under the same roof, that we are bound by some obligation to live the same as the others in that big tent. Respect for individual rights is the hallmark of our great American experiment, and as much as we respect Israel and its leaders, respecting individual rights is not an important part of their part of the tent.

Sports



Arimy Gradine controls the ball for the Lady Lopes during action here last week. Nikki Pollard (51), DeeJé Estep (10) and Angela Jefferson (21) help on the court. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lopes win 80-72 over Roosevelt last Friday

by Becky Warren
The Lopes barely slipped by Roosevelt last Friday, December 15, 80-72.
Alvin Reed scored 25 points to help out the effort.
He was followed by Travis Hair with 15, Josh Grisham with 12, Todd Terry with 10, David Perez with nine, Jeremy Josey with six and B.J. Hart with three.
Scores by periods were 21-8, 21-22, 15-26 and 23-16.

Lady Lopes fall to Ralls 39-59

by Becky Warren
The Lady Lopes fell to Ralls Tuesday, December 12 by a score of 39-59.

Ralls was fully in control throughout the game. Scores by period were 8-6, 7-28, 9-8 and 15-17.
Lead scorers for the game were Erica Gomez and Arimy Gradine each with eight points. They were followed by Angela Jefferson with seven, DeeJé Estep and Nikki Pollard with four each and Macee Mills, Natalie Pollard and Kristen Webb with two each and Cassie Short and Jody Hawkins each with one.

Roosevelt halts Lady Lopes 52-47

by Becky Warren
Roosevelt stopped the Lady Lopes in a 52-47 loss last Friday.
Scores by the periods were 12-8, 14-13, 5-17 and 16-14.

Lead scorer for the game was Angela Jefferson with nine. She was followed by Arimy Gradine and Nikki Pollard each with eight, Erica Gomez with six, Jody Hawkins with five, Kristen Webb and Natalie Pollard with four each, DeeJé Estep with two and Cassie Short with one. Others playing were Macee Mills.



Post Antelopes playing defense in action here last week were (left to right) David Perez, Alvin Reed, Todd Terry, Josh Grisham and Jeremy Josey. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, December 22
Chicken or turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, tossed salad/Thousand island dressing, cranberry sauce, hot roll, apple cobbler, choice of beverage.
Monday, December 25
Closed for Christmas.
Tuesday, December 26
Chicken enchiladas, Mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad/Ranch dressing, anglefood cake, choice of beverage.
Wednesday, December 27
Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, peas and carrots, kraut salad, hot roll, baked apples, choice of beverage.
Thursday, December 28
Roast beef w/brown gravy, roasted

potatoes, carrots, tossed salad/French dressing, wheat roll, cinnamon roll or cake, choice of beverage.

Post ISD

Friday, December 22
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Corn dogs, french fries, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, milk.
Monday, December 25 thru Monday, January 8
School out for Christmas holidays

Southland ISD

Friday, December 22 thru Tuesday, January 3
School out for Christmas holidays



Jody Hawkins (30) presses on defense for the Lady Lopes as Nikki Pollard (left) and Macee Mills join in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

JV boys defeat Roosevelt 39-28

by Becky Warren
The Post junior varsity boys outscored Roosevelt in every period of the game last Friday. The period scores were 8-5, 10-3, 10-10 and 11-10.

Lead scorer for the game was Jamie Hernandez with 15 points. He was followed by Sam Wood with 12, Anthony Gomez with three, Jerry Graham, Freddy Pena, Tye Haney and Kipp Wilks each with two and Russ Moore with one point.

Lady JV pass Ralls 48-28

by Becky Warren
The Lady Lopes JV team took Ralls by surprise in a 48-28 win Tuesday, December 12.
The Lady Lopes outscored Ralls in every period of the game. Scores were 14-7, 8-6, 14-8 and 12-7.

"This was a good way to start District. Overall the girls played well, but seemed a little sluggish. We are going to work on their focus. We made too many mental errors. Those will be corrected. I was very pleased in their effort and determination. The girls have a lot of pride. It was a good win," stated Coach Matthews.

Lead scorer for the game was Kendly Jefferson with nine points. She was followed by Rachelle Jones with seven, Kasey Hardin and Becca Stelzer with six each, Hannah Jefferson, Tammy Mathies, Torrie Foster and Jodi Gregory with four each and Jennifer Strawn and Sarah Escobar each with two.
Others playing were Pam Chapman, Shanna Pennell, Rachel Reiter and Shelley Shiflett.

Girls JV win over Roosevelt 42-35

by Becky Warren
The Lady Lopes JV defense was the key in the 42-35 win over Roosevelt last Friday, December 15.

The scores per period were 13-11, 4-6, 13-8 and 12-10.
"This was a good test for the girls. Our defense was the key in the second half. Our press wore them down and we frustrated them. The girls played a solid game from start to finish. I am proud of each and everyone of the girls. Each one contributes to the team efforts," stated Coach Matthews.

The lead scorer for the game was Rachelle Jones with 16 points. She was followed by Kasey Hardin with 11, Torrie Foster with six, Jennifer Strawn with four, Jodi Gregory with three and Becca Stelzer with two.

Others playing were Pam Chapman, Kendly Jefferson, Shanna Pennell, Rachel Reiter, Hannah Jefferson, Shelley Shiflett, Tammy Mathies and Sarah Escobar.

Post student graduates

Darby Webb of Post was one of 36 students who participated in graduation exercises at Lubbock Christian University this winter.
Webb graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies in secondary education.
She is the daughter of Billy and Linda Gordon of Post.



United Supermarket employees Gene Arguello (left) and Helen Gandy (right) were presented specially designed rings last week in recognition of their 25 years of service with the company by regional manager David McKenzie (center). "This is just our way of saying thanks for your dedication and service," McKenzie told the employees.

7th grade boys outscore Tahoka 45-29 last Thursday

by Becky Warren
The 7th grade boys outscored Tahoka last Thursday by a score of 45-29.

The periods were 8-7, 9-7, 15-7 and 13-8.

Tahoka didn't have a chance against the young Lopes in the game.

"We're real proud of these guys. We struggle at time, but play hard! We need to get better in certain areas, but are progressing every game," stated Coach Lane Tannehill.

Lead scorer for the night was Jason Jefferson with 13 points. He was followed by Clinton Curtis with 11, Tyrone Jefferson with five, Brooks Conner with four, Ricky Halford and Aaron Cooper each with three and Gabriel Silva, Jamie Collazo and Raul Ortiz each with two.

Others playing were Kevin Hart, Eugene Bell, Brant Whisenhunt, Justin Norman, Stephen Montoya and Casey Short.

The next game will be Thursday, January 11, 1996 in the Christ the King tournament.

7th grade girls walk over Tahoka 44-9 last Thursday

By Becky Warren
The 7th grade girls basketball team seemed to have been there to play and that is just what they did by a score of 44-9 over Tahoka.

In the first period the girls scored 20 points to 0 for Tahoka. In the second period Tahoka finally scored two points but Post racked up four points. In the third period Post outscored Tahoka again 18-1. In the final period Tahoka outscored Post 6-2.
"This was a great job by these girls."

Tahoka could not handle our press and that was the major difference in the game. It was good team work," states Coach Billy Gordon.

Lead scorer for the game was Kenda Looney with 22 points. She was followed by Vondi Gradine with six, Davida Gregory and Brailey Feagin with four each and Yvonne Lopez, Kelsey Wimmer, Jenny Jones and Jamie Dawson each with two points.

Others playing were Mandy Terry, Lindsey Rudd and Ashley Mason.

8th grade girls ousted Tahoka 47-27

by Becky Warren
The 8th grade girls ousted Tahoka in every period of the game last Thursday. Period scores were 11-9, 10-9, 16-3 and 10-6.

"I can't say enough about how hard these girls play. Our team work was really good and it paid off in the end. I'm real proud of all of them," says Coach Billy Gordon.

Lead scorer for the game was Stephanie Looney with 13 points. She was followed by Betsy Ferguson with 10, Amy Line with six, Lauren Webb and Camie Payne each with four, Kerry Cahill with three, Candi Reed, Courtney Bratcher and Kelci Hart each with two and Selicia Hernandez with one point.

Others playing were Erin Gregory, Jackie Davis and Callie Johnston.

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Our sister Beula Mae Toliver who we miss so much. We would like to thank each one for your prayers, words of sympathy, beautiful flowers and memorials to The First United Methodist Church and Cancer Society.

Thanks for the food brought to our home and the nice meal the ladies of the Church of Christ prepared for the family, and Bro. Paul Jones comforting words at the funeral. The singing was beautiful.

We especially thank her husband, Virgil Toliver, for taking such good care of her for the past year of her life.

Our love and appreciation, brother and sister, Marshall and Ruth Reno, Audrey Nell and Tom Patten

Personals

Helen Taylor has moved to: Regent Care Center, 16400 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78232. She would appreciate cards and letters from her friends.

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

Post Independent School District invites the Senior Citizens of the district to

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Legal Notices

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November 16, 1995
 Notice of Hearing on the Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation to consider unitization and secondary recovery authority Forbes (San Andres) and Forbes (Glorieta) Fields Crosby and Garza Counties, Texas.

Notice is hereby given to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A,B and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. art. §§2001 et. seq. (1995), the Railroad Commission of Texas will hold a hearing on January 3, 1996, at 9 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the Tex. Gov't Code Ann. art. §§ 2011 et. seq. (1995). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation for approval of the Forbes Unit, and for permission to inject water for secondary recovery operations. The unit will consist of certain leases in the Forbes (Glorieta) and Forbes (San Andres) Fields, Crosby and Garza Counties, Texas.

Applicant states as of the time of filing that the Unitization agreement has been signed by 99.7 percent of the working interest owners and 96.6 percent of the royalty owners.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Brad Miller, at (915) 683-0542. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

If a continuation is necessary, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

Pursuant to said hearing, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

Any request for postponement of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

To appear in support of or in opposition to this proceeding, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

If any party desires a written transcript of the hearing, that party should notify the Court Reporter's office at (512) 463-6926, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD no. (512) 463-7284.

All exhibits filed as a part of the record in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

Application For Wine Only Package Store Permit And Beer Retailer off-Premise License

An application has been applied with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for wine-only package store permit and a beer retailer off-premise license to be located at 501 East Main Street, Post, Garza County, Texas. Said business will be operated under the name of Brady's Package Store, Corporation nae B & T Distributing, Inc. Brady Sanders, President Tracey Sanders, Vice-President

Application For Package Store Permit and Beer Retailers Off-Premise License

An application has been applied with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a package store permit and beer-retailer off-premise license to be located at 503 East Main, Post, Garza County, Texas. Said business will be operated under the name of

Brady's Package Store, Corporation name B & T Operating, Inc.
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Tracey Sanders, Vice-President

Norwest Bank Texas, Post, National Association

Shareholders' Meeting
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to call of its directors, a special meeting of the shareholders of Norwest Bank Texas, Post, National Association (the "Bank") will be held at Norwest Bank Texas, Post, National Association, 216 West Main, in the City of Post, State of Texas, on Thursday, January 19, 1996 at 10 a.m., to consider and determine by vote whether an agreement to consolidate the Bank with Norwest Bank Texas, National Association, Lubbock; Norwest Bank Texas,

Borger, National Association, Borger; Norwest Bank Texas, Canyon, National Association, Canyon; Norwest Bank Texas, Plainview, National Association, Plainview; Norwest Bank Texas, Post, National Association, Post; Norwest Bank Texas, Crane, Crane; Norwest Bank Texas, Denver City, Denver City; and Norwest Bank Texas, Tulia, National Association, Tulia, which banks are located in the city indicated after the name of each such bank in the State of Texas, under the provisions of the laws of the United States, shall be ratified and confirmed, and to vote upon any other matters incidental to the proposed consolidation of the institutions, a copy of the agreement, approved by a majority of the directors of each of the institutions, providing for the consolidation, is on file at the Bank and may be inspected during business hours.
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago December 22, 1985

Dear Santa, I want a race track, a matchbox set, a stomper, a big foot truck and a pan puppy. Love, Doug Mosako

Dear Santa Claus, I want Brave Heart Lion of the Care Bear cousins, dinobat that looks like a rhinoceros, and a watch. Love, David Perez

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. Will you bring me a toy, ok. There are 21 kids in school that are making you some cards. Love, Israel Perez

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Barbie doll house, day to night Barbie, dream kitchen and dream bed. Love, Ami Rene Raben

Dear Santa, Santa I made a 100. And I got a pep card. For Christmas I want a real baby. Love, Brandy Shedd

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a bike. If you do get it I'll go the northpole and see you some day. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Love, Melanie Valdez

20 Years Ago December 25, 1975

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have for Christmas a Evil Kenial set and a treehouse, playgun and a football. Love, Lupe Perez

Dear Santa Claus, I want a blow dryer. I also want Barbies dream boat. My little brother wants a GI Joe Adventure set. Santa I hope you a nice year. Yours truly, Carol Holleman

Dear Santa Claus, I want a White Christmas so your deer won't get sick. We are going to do a Christmas program, too. Yours truly, Dana Dudley

Dear Santa, My brothers tell me that I haven't been very good this year. I thought I was a pretty good fellow. I'll try harder this coming year. I would love to have Johnny West and his buckboard, Evil Kinievel and some cowboy guns. Please bring some goodies for all my cousins and friends. Brent and Brad would like to have some too. Love, Bart Mason

Dear Santa, I want a heifer and a stopwatch and I also want a football and a wheat. Yours truly, Steven Fluitt

Dear Santa, I'd like you to bring me these things. A calculator, autoharp, a Honda kick and go, Jewel Magic and any kind of stuffed animal. Merry Christmas, Missy Morrow

30 Years Ago December 23, 1965

Dear Santa Claus: I want a watch, a transistor, a funny coloring book and some colors. Bill Rose

Dear Santa Claus: I want some cowboy boots and cowboy pants, a BB gun, Roy Rogers' two pistols and holster, a cowboy hat and Roy Rogers' rifle. Johnny Teel

Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little first grade girl. Please bring me a Baby Boo, pants and a blouse to match and a jewelry box. Amy Cowdrey

Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little first grade boy. Please bring me a Johnny 70MA a little red go cart and a Johnny Express. Jimmy Dorland

Dear Santa Claus: I want a vanity set and Baby Boo, a TV set, a cradle and a Barbie and Ken set. Donna Ammons

Dear Santa Claus: I know you're busy, but I hope you make it to Post for Christmas. Please bring me a Beauty Vanity and a big can of Play-doh. Tiana Shiver

40 Years Ago December 23, 1955

Dearest Santa: We have both been good kids this year and for a good cause. We want a table and chair set and a set of dishes. Studie wants a doll buggy and doll bed. She already has a doll. I want a set of golf clubs, not for Daddy, though-for me. Also I would like an iron and ironing board. We both love you very much. Larry and Annelle Mills. P.S. Studie doesn't want any more thumb tacks.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 6 years old. I have been a pretty good boy, I think. Anyway, as good as a little boy can be. I would like you to bring me a paint set also a Donald Duck projector and a Dragnet set. Also some nuts and candy. Don't forget my two little sisters, Ronda and Sheila. Also the other boys and girls. Bye-bye Santa. I love you, Danny Pennington

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a football suit and I would like a walkie-talkie. Most of all I would

like a puppet. That is all I would like. Love, Ronald Simpson

Dear Santa: I'm a nice little girl. I am in the first grade at Justiceburg. I would like to have a walking doll with black hair. Your little friend, Susan Marroquin

Dear Santa, I would like to have a bicycle, a can-can slip and a necklace. I think I have been a good girl. Your little friend, Brenda Sullenger

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a doll and a typewriter, too. I would like a puppet, too. Take toys to others. Love, Yvonne Moreland

50 Years Ago December 24, 1945

Dear Santa, I am a little girl seven years old. I wish very much for a big doll and wardrobe trunk, and dishes. I like games to play and also books of all kind. Please do not forget my little brother. I would like some fruit, candy and nuts. Willa Faye Graves

Dear Santa: I've tried to be a good girl all year, so please bring me a toy sea lion, some doll clothes and candy, nuts and fruit. Thank you very much. Leslie Anita Nichols

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old and in the first grade. I want you to bring me a big dolly, and a typewriter, a bow and arrow set and nurse kit. My little brother Terry wants a car, some dishes, a little dolly, and a horse. Barbara Sue Stone

Dear Santa: I am five years old, Milton is one year. We are good little boys. We like to sing Christmas songs. Will you please bring me a double holster gun set? Milton wants a gun too. Also some candy, apples and oranges. Chris Gindorf

Dear Santa: I am a little girl two years old. I am getting my brothers to write for me. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, some abc blocks and a little train. Don't forget A.J. and Harry. Bamah Sue Howell

Dear Santa: I thought beings as all the other little kids are writing you, I had better get my name in. I am not very big to wish for much this year, but sure do like to play with little toys. I would like to have a little wheelbar and little chair, a teddie bear, also I like lots of fruit and candy. Do not forget my sister, mother and daddy. Ronnie Claude Graves

Drawing to be held for quilt at GCTB

Friday, December 22nd is going to be a fun filled day at Garza County Trail Blazers. This is the day we are having our Christmas dinner followed by a Christmas party and then we will have the drawing for the beautiful Butterfly quilt. Tickets will be on sale until 12 noon on the 22nd, at the center.

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Births

Paden James Babb

Steve and Patti Babb are proud to announce the birth of their son, Paden James, born Monday, December 11, 1995 at 8:09 a.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Paden weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

Paden is welcomed home by his big brothers Brady and Seth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mason McClellan of Post. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Virginia Babb of Post.

Maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Alma Hutto of Post. Maternal great-great grandmother is Mrs. Gladys Hutto of Lubbock.

Zechariah Emen

Cade Lee

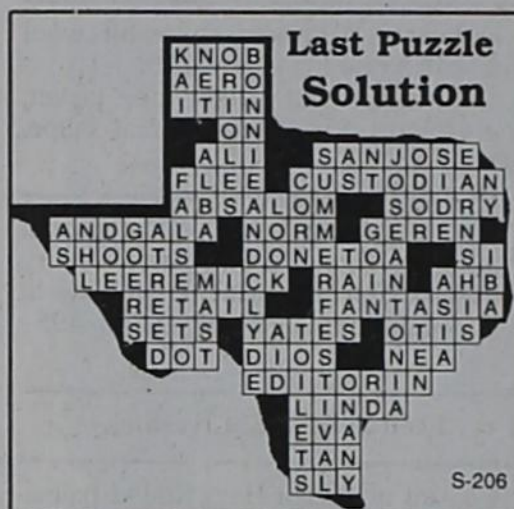
Kristian Alivia Lee would like to announce the arrival of her new baby brother, Zechariah Emen Cade Lee. He was born Friday, December 15, at University Medical Center. Zechariah weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Danielle and Lannie Lee.

Maternal grandmother is Ms. Maude Cade.

Great grandmother is Mary Cade and uncle is Richard Cade of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Melvin and Bessie Lee of Post.



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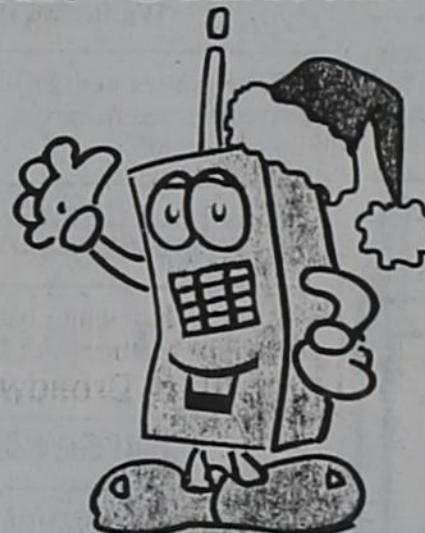
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- rattlesnake hibernating caves
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- TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
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- TXism: "a real go getter"
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- intended
- bath night (abbr.)
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- TXism: "beats thing I ever saw"
- Dallas street where JFK was shot in '63
- " makes waste"
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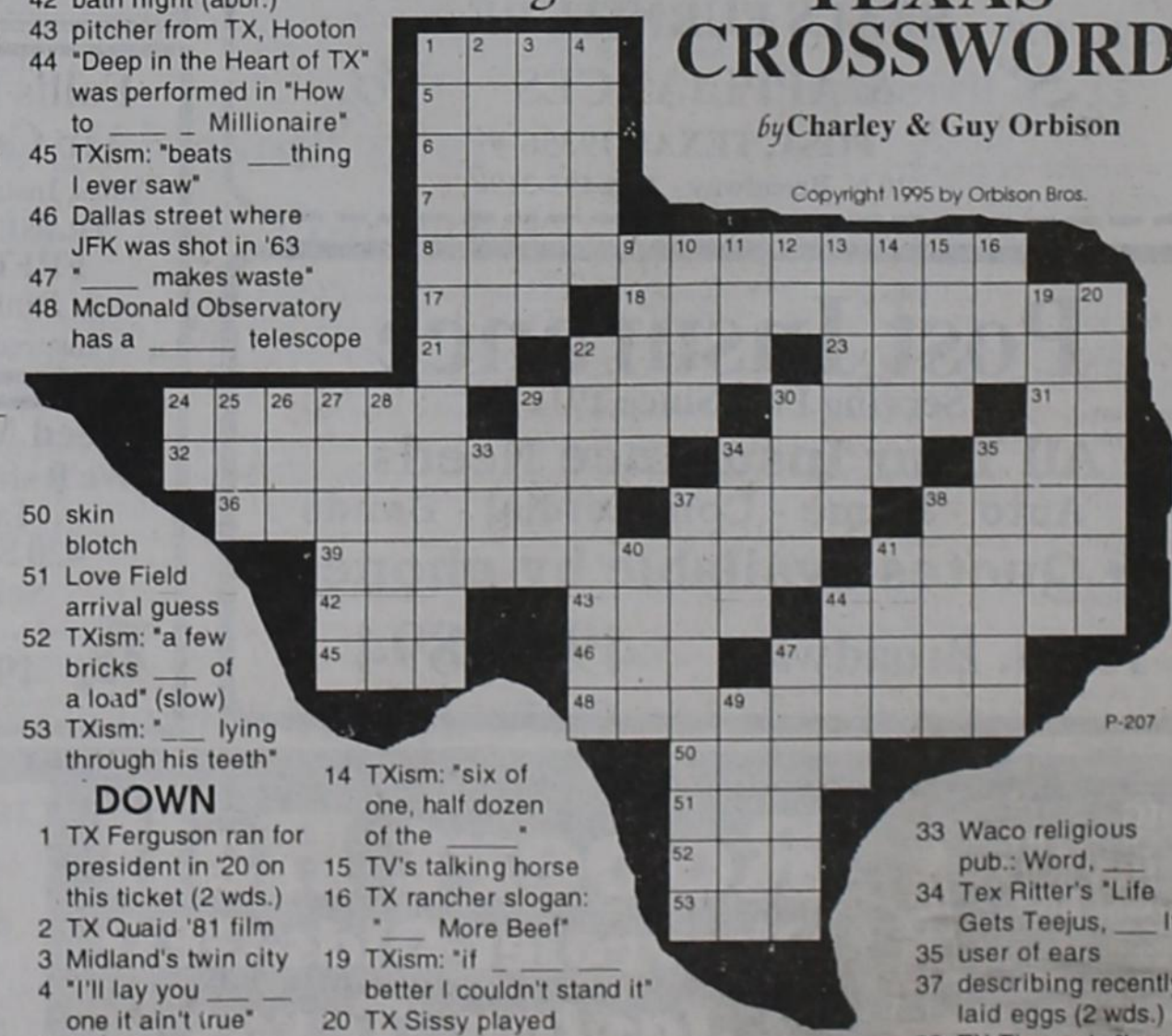
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- TXism: "six of one, half dozen of the
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- Tex Ritter's "Life Gets Teejus, It"
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- describing recently laid eggs (2 wds.)
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Obituaries

Leoma Fern Reyes

Funeral services for Leoma Fern Reyes, 61, of Andrews were held Friday, December 15, 1995 at 2:30 p.m. in the Church of the Nazarene with Rev Jim Graham, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, December 13, 1995 at Univerity Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born May 16, 1934 in Tamer, Texas, and was the daughter of S.W. Hair and Arlie Dossey.

She married Tony Reyes on December 19, 1983 in San Angelo. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Dooley in 1968.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Reyes of Andrews; her parents, Mr and Mrs S.W. Hair of Post; a daughter, Judy Tenant of Katy; seven brothers, Jack Hair, Gene Hair, Floyd Hair and Roger Hair, all of Post, Wayne Hair of Crane and Leslie Hair of Mineral Wells; three sisters, Lela Faye Yocham of Andrews and Patricia Clark and Janice Spurlock, both of Kerrville; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Mary Mann

Memorial services for Mary Mann, 75, of Post were held Saturday, December 16, 1995 at 2 p.m. in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev Dorothy Thompson of Abilene officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died at her residence on Friday, December 15, 1995.

She was born June 3, 1920 in Anson and was the daughter of Charlie Potter and Bessie Rice.

She was a housewife, a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Turbyfill on September 6, 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Huber of Abilene; two brothers, Charles Potter of Gusher, Utah and Curtis Potter of Las Vegas, Nevada; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Albert Marshall Caylor

Funeral services for Albert Marshall Caylor, 86, of Post, were held Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev David Graves, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Monday, December 18, 1995 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 29, 1909 in Rotan and was the son of Charlie E. Caylor and Mattie Donham.

He married Hallie B. Pierce on May 16, 1930 in Post. She preceded him in death on November 30, 1979. He was retired from the Highway Department in Arizona. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Jean Horton of Post; two sons, Sidney Dewitt Caylor of Flagstaff, Arizona and Franklin Delano Caylor of Fort Mohave, Arizona; a sister, Hettie Dudgeon of Post; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

John B. Harper files for Constable Prec. 2

Mr. John B. Harper, has announced his candidacy for Garza County Constable Prec. 2 (Constable Prec. #2. is the combination of Commissioner's Prec. #3 and #4). Mr. Harper, who is a native of Garza County, graduated from Post High School in 1988 and is employed by BHI Inc. in Lubbock, Texas.

Harper stated, he felt the Constable office was a very important asset to the people of Garza County, and feels there is a need for a full time Constable in Prec. #2 to work in conjunction with our Sheriff's department to provide more law enforcement to the citizens of Garza County.

Harper said he intended to personally meet and hear the concerns of Constable Prec. #2, as to better serve the citizens. Harper hopes to see as many people as possible before the primary election.

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Skinny Rabbits

by Jerry Koch, First Presbyterian Church

I wonder how it was, really, for God on that first Christmas? Did he have to make any last-minute adjustments to position the star just right? Did the Angels' music get back-ordered? Did he get the message through to the shepherds and wise men on the first try? This was long before fax machines, Fed-Ex, and the internet (all of which *I* have used this week to take care of some last minute holiday and work details). Was it a sweat for God to get everything done, on time, just right, and in good order?

How's it been for you this week - this last week before the big day? Are you sweating the details? Baking, Shopping, Assembling, Decorating. How many cards did you send to people you hadn't thought of until they sent one to you?

A wise teacher has a name for a lot of what causes us grief and worry. And not only this "just-before-Christmas-and-I-really-hate-fruitcake" grief and worry. But for a lot of the other stuff that keeps us awake at night for longer than it should. Figure out, she says, which of these are "skinny rabbits." Skinny rabbits are speedy little critters you can chase down and catch if you want to, but what's the point? Skinny rabbits don't have enough meat to make the chase worth the effort.

You know it's going to happen (if it hasn't already). You'll run out of wrapping paper. Tip over the poinsettia. Burn a batch of cookies. Wreck a gift you're trying to put together. Something will go haywire at the last minute and it'll make you want to scream.

These are skinny rabbits. And do you know why? Because Christmas will happen anyway. Christmas will happen because the essence of Christmas has nothing to do with details. The essence of Christmas is rather about the God who loves us *even when* (or perhaps more accurately *precisely* when) the details of our lives go haywire.

My Christmas wish for all of us is that we'll waste less energy chasing skinny rabbits and use it more urgently laughing together and loving each other. And not just this week before Christmas.

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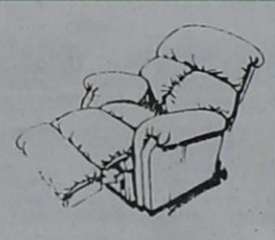
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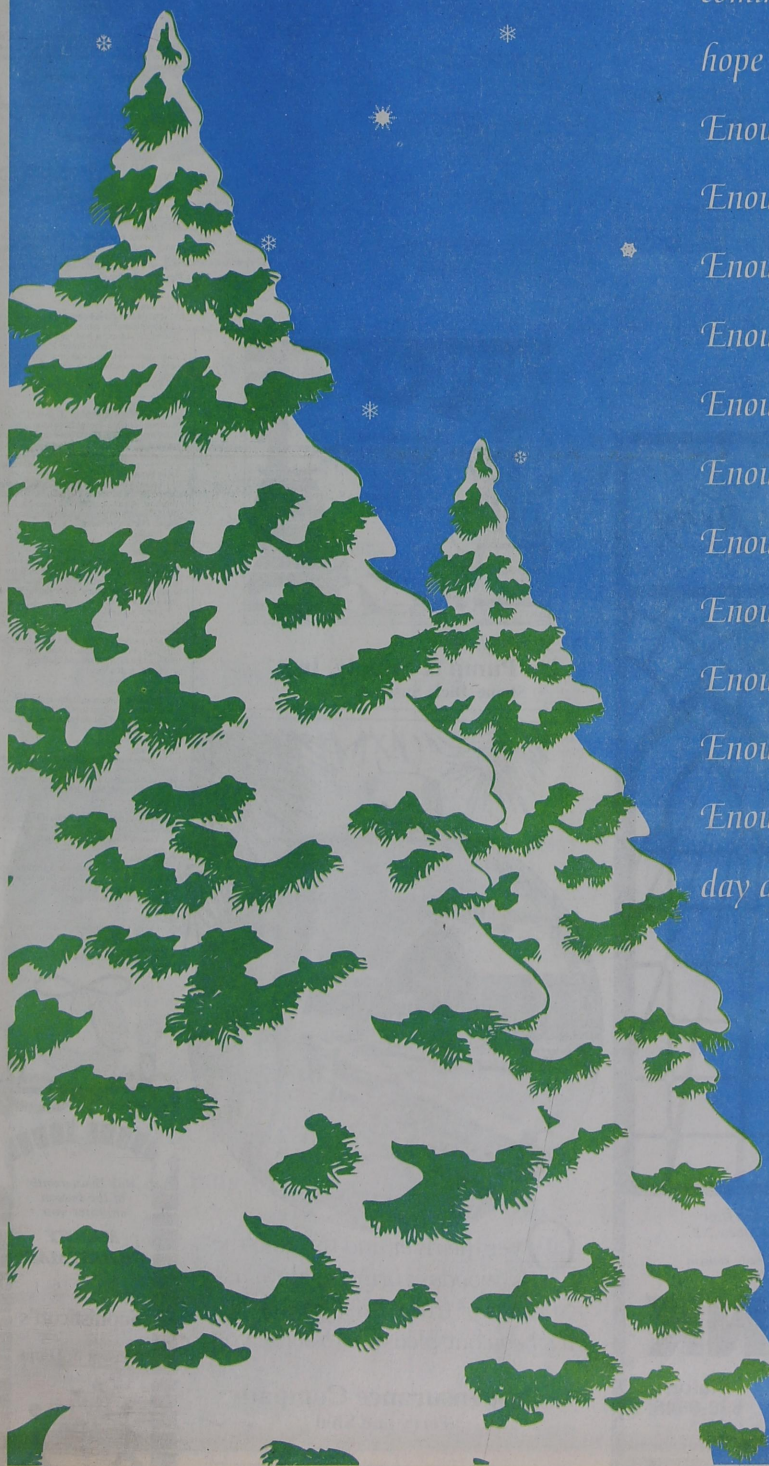
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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a new doll house, a Casper movie, a game, and my front tooth. I'll leave you milk and cookies.
P.S. Don't get stuck.
Love, Ashlyn Mannis

Dear Santa
Santa please give me a motorcycle, and I want a football. I want cards of the football players. I want a basketball and a goal and a bike to ride on.
I love you Santa, Jose Zubia

Dear Santa
If you could I would like a puppy and Bundles of Babies plus a computer and a doll and a saga, all the games that belong to it, new clothes plus a game of Monopoly, and lots of new books plus a Polly Pocket and a kitten, a gerbil, a rat, a bird, plus a puzzle, new gloves plus a new purse, a new pack of colors, CD player, and a new desk for home and a barbecue.
Love, Mia A. Miller

Dear Santa
I want a low rider and a race car, and a new pair of shoes, and a jacket, and a tennis racket, a computer, and a play jet, and a new football and a new basket ball.
Love, David Paul Pequeño

Dear Santa
I want a new bike for Christmas. I really want a Baby So real doll and a tape of the Pocahontas movie and the Power Ranger movie.
Love, Amanda Luna

Dear Santa
I hope you come to my house. I will leave some milk and cookies. Can you bring me a dog? Please bring my sister a doll, and bring my dad and my mom a new car, and my dad new shoes.
Love, Sierra Ortiz

Dear Santa
I want a bike and some roller blades with clip on tings, and 19 rings with pink diamonds and Bubble Angle barbie, and the movie the Power Rangers, and Pocahontas, and Super Jang Jimnest and a telephone and a Doodl Bear.
Love, Kassie Lynn Parrish

Dear Santa
I would like a puppy, a black one to go in my house, and a new Cabbage Patch doll. I would really like a Game Boy and games for it, and a Power Ranger movie, and some pencils and an eraser, and a dictionary, and a tent, and a counting chart, and a tube for my bike, and clothes and books and a flag, and Cowboy and 49er cap.
Love, Hayley Massey

Dear Santa
I want a diary and some porcelain dolphins, and a jam box, and Baby born and Baby looks so real, and aporcelain dolls and shoes and a stuffed poodle.
Love your friend, Laurel Tatum Santo

Dear Santa
I want a new tube for my bike. I want a Street Shark and some roller blades, and a new football, and a new watch and a new ruler for school and some new shoes, and a radio, and a typewriter and a computer and some books and a tool box and a Nintendo, and a Sega and some new jerseys for the team is called 49ers. I want the jersey of Jerry Rice, and a new dog and a new clock for my room, and a tv, and a new backpack, and a new tee for my foot ball.
Love, Michael Morris

Dear Santa
I want some new rollerblades, a new football, a new watch, some new gloves, some toys, a new farm set, some new tractors, and some plows to with them. I want a new Green Bay cap, a Texas Tech cap and a new A & M cap.
Love, Joel Clary

Dear Santa
I want a pair of boots.
Love, Jacob Egbert

Dear Santa
Please send me Baby Tumbles, a Polly Pocket, my two front teeth, clothes, shoes, Friend's Diary, pencils, a computer with a copywriter, a bike, earrings, and hiking boots.
Love, Ashley Wilson

Dear Santa
I want a new bike and some new roller blades.
Love, Braden Bratcher

Dear Santa
Please give me a bike, and a puppy. I wish I had a Baby Born. You are the best Santa.
Love, Sunnie

Dear Santa
Please give me rollerblades, a puppy, a radio, a Baby Born, and pompoms.
Love, Erin Wartes

Dear Santa
Hiw is it up there? How is rudolph, is he OK? I will like a bike, a football and a pair of rollerblades.
Love, Orlando

Dear Santa
I want a Oitranator, a four wheeler, new rollerblads, a book, candies, Steel Teck Plus. P.S. How are you doing? Are you getting ready for Christmas?
Love, Joe Alaway

Dear Santa
I want a taking barbye, and a storybook. Please bring me what I want.
Love, Veronica Esparza

Dear Santa
How are your reinders doing? I will hang my stocking by the door. I will be home after we celebrate. Oh yes, we don't have a chimney. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I want a Star Castle, a Pretty Pretty Princess game, and a Doodle Bear.
Love, Elena Alaniz

Dear Santa
Hello Santa, how are you, Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I hope you come to my house. I want M.K. III for Christmas. I will leave hay on the roof for your reindeer and I will leave chicken for you.
Love, Josh Lee

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie doll. I also want a bicycle. Bring me a baby doll. I want a play puppy dog.
Your friend, Adriana Ceja

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I am doing ok. How are the reinders? Are they ok? I hope so. I hope I get a jumbo, a Nintendo, and a book about Pocahontas. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love, A'lana Zubia

Dear Santa
How are you? I would like a Super gameboy, a transforming bug. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I will leave hay for your reinders. I will celebrate Christmas at my grandmas. She has a chimney. I hope you stop by.
Love, Brandon Hernandez

Dear Santa
Hello Santa Claus, how are your Reindeers? I hope they are very well. I hope you are very well too. How is your wife Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she is very well. I will leave milk and cookiss for you. I want a Jambbox, a book about Pocahontas, and a little Christmas tree.
Love, Rosanna

Dear Santa
Hello, Santa, Mrs. Santa and Reindeers. How are you doing? I would like a Nintendo, a radio controlled dodge pick-up that shoots bullets, an Emmitt Smith and Troy Atman jersey. I will try to leave hay in the front yard for the reinders.
Love, Scott Taylor

Dear Santa
I hope I've been good. I am going to put out cookies and milk for you. Please bring me some toys. Please bring me a microscope, and some clothes.
Love, Jerin Tyler

Dear Santa
Hello, Santa Claus. How are you and Mrs. Santa? I would like some jewelry and a backpack purse. I will leave a diet Pepsi and cookies for you.
Love, Ashton Smith

Dear Santa
Hello Santa! How are you and your wife? I would like a jumbo, a camera, and some earrings. I will leave some cookies and milk by the fireplace. I know I will like all my presents, but what I really want is a camera.
Love, Jodye Rutherford

Dear Santa
I'm going to leave a glass of milk for you. I hope I get a pet bird for Christmas. I will leave hay for the reinders.
Love, Jake Fluit

Dear Santa
How are you and your reindeer doing? I will leave some hay on the roof or where ever you leave your sleigh. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I would like a remote control tractor and a remote control race car.
Love, Chris Putman

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer, Mrs. Claus, and your elves? I want a trip to P.A.
Love, Zachary Dissinger

Dear Santa
Hello Santa, how are you doing? I will leave some cookies and milk for you. I hope you will come to our house to bring presents. I really want a crystal ball and roller blades.
Love, Alisha Reiter

Dear Santa
How are ya'll doing. I wanted to know how your reindeers and your elves are. I hope they are working hard for Christmas. I hope they'll bring me a Mortal Kombat Movie, and a Gameboy. I'll give you cookies and milk. My stocking is rodolph the red nose reindeer.
Love, Eric Soto

Dear Santa
Hi Santa, get ready for Christmas because there are a lot of homes this year. I will not leave cupcakes and eggnog. W would like a dirt bike and Mortell Robat 3. I will leave hay for your reindeer.
Love, Jace Pollard

Dear Santa
Hello Santa. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you are ready for Christmas. I want a dirtbike, a telescope and a jeep.
Love, Melvin Wynn

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Are the elves OK? Tell them if some are sick. I hope they get better. I have three stocking. I hope you fill them up. May I have some roller blades, a telescope and a dirtbike.
Love, Eli Baez

Dear Santa
I hope ya'll are doing okay. I hope your reindeer are doing fine too. I hope I get a polly pocket, a computer, and a book called Sleepy Hollow. I hope ya'll have a Merry Christmas too. Christmas is fun because we open presents and that's what I like most.
Love, Rachel Moreno

Dear Santa
I want a new 24" bike with a water bottle and that has 20 speeds. I also want a Barbie Holy Wood Kit. I want a new backpack. I want a Barbie denim jacket. Can you give me some new crayons and pencils? I also want the movie The Santa Clause with Tim Allen on it. I hope you are okay Santa. There are many other things I want, but I'll just write one more thing on my list. I want a little kiddles play ground set.
Love, Mendy Morgan

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is a remote control car, a pair of mew shoes, a new bike, some roller blades, and a watch. How are you at the North Pole? I hope you feel good.
Love, Jessie Soto

Dear Santa
I have a new game called Killer Instinct and Super Off Road and a foot ball and some new light up shoes and the movie The Santa Clause and a Nerf gun and some tapes and a tape case and a 48 pack crayons and pencils and some snow gloves and a game boy and some game boy games.
P.S. How are you and your elves?
Love, Michael Williams

Dear Santa
I hope you can come and see me. Your are a very nice Santa. I hope you can send everybody presents. It will be nice if you can share all the presents. I like you as a best friend Santa. How are the best Santa in the whole world. I wish you can come and see me Santa. I lie you very much Santa. You like to share with your presents. Can you bring me a new Barbie car? I want a doll for Christmas.
From Roxanne Orana

Dear Santa
How are your elves? How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are the reindeer ok? I would like a girl car. I would also like a horse.
Love, Michele Walls

Dear Santa
Would you bring me a pair of skates, please, and I would like for you to have a Happy Christmas in December and to give lots of presents to all of the children that are waiting for Christmas to come.
Your friend, Laura Huerta

Dear Santa
I want a big bicycle for me. I want a pair of shoes. I want a big piano for me and I want lots of toys just for me. I want a ball for me and I want a book and a big bed.
Jaime Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I want a goame to play with my friend all day long. I want a toy that doesn't break at all like a baseball and a bat and a batman.
Love, Israel Basbosa

Dear Santa
All I want for Chimas is a rallider and a can and a hat and bat and a train.
Andrew Landa

Dear Santa
I want a bick pleece. I want a cat and a dog, a hores, a toy, a ball and have a good year.
Love, Evan Motanez

Dear Santa
I want a go cart and a Seaga and a bike. It is little car and a some pencil and a eraser and a Super Nintendo. A horse and a dog and a cat, some clothes and a robot and a flower.
From, Thomas Curtis

Dear Santa
I want some roller blades. My mom said no, but I know you will get them. I want a cat, Pocahontas and a decent family.
From, Misty Troxtell

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline with purple paddings for Christmas. I also want a Dearn Land Baby and the game called Guel Who.
Your friend, Kelli Melton

Dear Santa
I would like to have a boombox. I have ben a very good girl. I would like to have Fantastik Sticker Maker. I would like to have warm clothes.
Your friends, Tori Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I want apellet gun, a bow and arrow, a pack of bows, a trampoline, and a nerf bow and arrow, a pack of rosin.
From, Trent McDonald

Dear Santa
I would like fishing stuff, a pellet gun, a T.V., a VCR, a football, a Gameboy, Gameboy games, Spot and Circle puzzles, baseball cards, football cards, and basketball cards.
Sincerely, Jerfad Grisham

Dear Santa
How are you? How are your elves? If you can I would like a mys, a black and dencoy drss, black shoes to match it. That's in the J.C. Penney Catalog. That's all I want. Your life best, I love you.
Love, Lacey White

Dear Santa
I would like it if I could have a bike, a set of Power Rangers, knife, skates and a pack of sixteenfour colors, a bow and arrow. A new flashlight and a set of Power Rangers pogs. I want a new ax please. I want a new megasword, pencils, a new school box, and a new watchdog puppy.
To your friend, Christopher Curb

Dear Santa
If you are not busy I would want a trampoline please. I would also want an electric diary and that is it. If you have time please get me that.
Love, Callie Smith

Dear Santa
I want a modernized go-cart, a Saga Saturn, a bike for my sister, a TV, a Super Nitinda, a roltraler, Alean secrets, Star wars, a vortex, 30,000 dolers, Willow, a 1,000 Gegos, a lot of sugar. I believe in Santa.
Eric Pedersen

Dear Santa
I want a barbie and a dolly. A car for my daddy for his birthday. A barbie doll for my sister Cailee. A rattler and a musical doll for my baby sister Whitney. A toy van for Whitney and a truck for Callie.
I love you, Alyssa

Dear Santa
My name is Jerica and I have been good this year. For Christmas I want Magic Bottle Baby and a kitchen set and clothes.
Love, Jerica Ticer

Dear Santa
I want a tournament table and roler skates and a little telivishen for Christmas. Please be cafully wen you get on top of the house.
Jose Contreras

Dear Santa
I love you! Would you bring a whole bunch of presents to me? Me and my sister always be nice to each other. I love my sister.
Your friend, Mary Brumley

Dear Santa
Would you bring me some roller blades? I also want a bike, and a Power Ranger.
Your friend, Brandon Crawford

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a Barney tape. I want a stereo. I want a Santa Claus tape. I want a T.V. I love you Santa Claus.
Love, Elisa Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I want some earrings and a mirror. I want six T.V. I want a car. I want some dishes and some soap.
Love, Elizabeth Rodriguez

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Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a remote control car. I also want a train. My brother wants a play motorcycle and I want one too.
Your friend, Antonio Mendez

Dear Santa
I want a baby doll. I want a bottle for my babb too.
Love, Cecilia Ortiz

Dear Santa
I want a bell and a little ball. I want a toy Christmas tree. I want a stick with a ball on it.
Your friend, JoAnna Serrano

Dear Santa
Bring me a baby doll and a game. I also want a kitchen. That will be all.
Your friend, Jakelin DelGadillo

Dear Santa
Bring me a play house. I want some dishes. I want a baby doll to be my daughter.
Your friend, Maria Ortiz

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Playtime Kitty. I also want a tape so I can listen to the music.
Your friend, Carla Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I want a Power Ranger toy. I want a Batman forever toy.
Love, Christian Garcia

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a Ring-A-Round—the Rosy doll and a baby that cries. I also want a ball that pops out. Please bring me the Elephant.
Love, Maricela Guerrero

Dear Santa
Please bring me some roller skates. I want a little Barbie that really cuts her hair.
Your friend, Jessica Putman

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a big angel. I also want a Barbie doll. Please bring me a Snow White doll.
Your friend, Victoria Guerrero

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie doll. I also want a baby doll like Amanda's. Mom want buy me one. I want some toys that I can play with.
Your friend, Cassandra Luna

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie doll. I want a teddy bear. I want a big swimming pool for my brother. Please bring a big trampoline.
Your friend, Claudia Hernandez

Dear Santa
Please bring me some skates. I also want some shoes. I want them to be Reebok shoes. I need some socks.
Love, Alex Hart

Dear Santa
Please bring me some Barbie dolls. I need some gloves please. I need a Ring-A-Round—the Rosy doll please. I want a play Santa.
Love, Lacy Williams

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a Sonic. I want a play house and a car.
Your friend, Zachary Nava

Dear Santa
I want a doll on a chalkboard, Forrest Gump movie and a package of crayola.
Nicole Paiz

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and a Barbie and clothes.
Amber Ray

Dear Santa
I would like some candy, shoes, football and money. I have been nice this year.
Anthony Vega

Dear Santa
I would like a Pocahontas doll and Barbie car and a Barbie house and a wagon and a dog and a tv. I have been nice this.
Ashley Brown

Dear Santa
I would like a scooter, a computer. I been nice this year.
Becca Striblin

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and a skateboard and a power ranger and a dog. I have been nice this year.
Chris Zapert

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie and a Sending doll and a book.
Cristina Lopez

Dear Santa
I would like a sega and a car and some rollerblades and shoes.
Edgar Garay

Dear Santa
I would like a dollhouse and a doll and som roller blades. I been good this year.
Erica Ruiz

Dear Santa
I would like a hat and a jet and puppy and a wolf and a slide. I have been good this year.
James Morgan

Dear Santa
I would like a Bike and a book and a apple and a cat and a doll and a flower. I have been nice this year.
Jessica Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I would like a pochana bike or a motorcycle.
Larissa Halford

Dear Santa
I would like adoll and a computer an a ball and a wagon an a hat and a necklace.
Martina Norman

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and a power ranger and a dog and rollerblades and a power ranger. I have been nice this year.
Preston Ortiz

Dear Santa
I would like a computer, doll and some cloths for christmas. I have been good this year.
Shantana Foy

Dear Santa
I would like skateboard and a dog and a bike.
Will Tanner

Dear Santa
I want a new Barbie and a my-size Barbie with her husband.
Katharine Mullins

Dear Santa
I would like to climb and fish and sleep and fly and a bike.
Marcos Ayala

Dear Santa
I would like a bell off your sled and may I have a stuffed Santa. May I have the movie Free Willie 2 and a bear.
K'Neil Dalby

Dear Santa
I would like a baby from Santa and a cat from Santa and a dog from Santa.
Mary Huffman

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and Free Willie 2, the Power Ranger movie and Gameboy and a computer and a real bow—an-arrow and some men and a watch. And some cars.
Wilson Cash

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a sega and a monkey and a whale.
Felix

Dear Santa
I want a Bike and play-car.
Isidro Villa

Dear Santa
I would like a pool and a clean body and a brother and a barn and a pink power ranger suit.
Kylie Esterling

Dear Santa
I would like a bear a Bike a Book a baby and a bus. I have been nice this year.
Cora Crane

Dear Santa
I would like a bide a computer a baby a bear and skates. I have been nice this year.
Naquisha Taylor

Dear Santa
I would like a pocahontas doll and a doll and a Barbie doll and a brown bear and a Barbie houses and a red Barbie jeep.
Bailey Odom

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and a book to read a computer and a watch to hold. I been nice this year.
D.J. Rivera

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and a doll and a bed book computer deck house and I have been good.
Shardaie Price

Dear Santa
I would like old time cars, and I would like the Toys Story movie.
Peter Martinez

Dear Santa
I would like cool tools, guitar, dog, billfold, train, batman movie.
Chase Martin

Dear Santa
How are you doing? Is Mrs. Clause okay? Are the elves busy? I want Tyco Rebound, Roller blades, bike, Segs with Mortal Kombat game, Mortal Kombat Code book at Wal-Mart for \$7.95, Goofy movie video tape, and Nike shoes.
Love, Martin

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like some rosin for budd riding rope and leather glove. I have been good and bad, but mostly good. Fly carefully and tell my parents to get me everything else I've asked for.
Love, Ryan

Dear Santa
I would like a remote control car that is 5 feet long and has a battery pack. Then I want a Power Ranger game. Next I want all the Power Rangers with weapons.
Yours truly, Ben

Dear Santa
It has been afun year. I want to no if I have been bad or good. If I have been good will you try to bring me rollerblades. It is ok if you can't. I hope you well try next year and will try to leave milk and cookies. I hope you will not for get this year. I will not for get you. I always write you a letter. I live at 111 E. 12th, Poost, Texas.
Love, Belia

Dear Santa
It has been a good year. How have you and Mrs. Santa been? Can you get my family something like this; a dog house for our puppy, a plant for my Mom, and a My Size Doll. Please bring my Dad a good warm house and my Uncle Jackie a dog house for Tiger. My Aunt Lisa would like a tree for next year and all my cousins want a good Happy Christmas.
Now, I would like a lot of dolls and stuffed bears. Can you get my Mom a pen for Christmas? My friends and my birthday is coming up so can you bring us something for our birthdays? Please can you give us a good dinner for Christmas and can you get my cousin O.J. a football. I want to know if you can get my Mom a big Happy New Year.
Thank you, Dalle May

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Love, Ryan

A Word From The Wise:

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May you revel in the gifts of this magical season.

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—Matthew 5:9

May your home and family be blessed during this holiest of seasons.

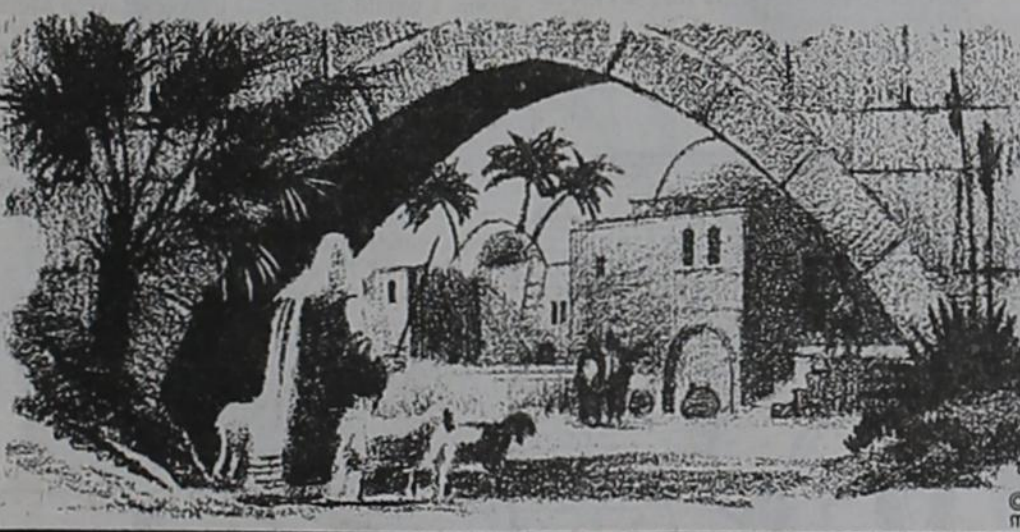
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O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
— 18th Century Hymn

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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
— Luke 2:14

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May love and happiness fill your heart.

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James & Vera



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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.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a pair of roller blades for Christmas and you better have a good year. Please send dolls for my sister too, and some thing for Mom and Dad. Mom and Dad will like you to eat cookies and milk. I would also like a remote control car and truck. I live on Pine street on the right.
Jessie Taylor

Dear Santa
How are the reindeers. If you're not busy I would like a wood burner. I also would like a new pair of shoes. I also would like a new pocket knife. How are the elves? That's all I want for Christmas. I've been rather nice this year. Oh, I forgot, I would also like a football.
Yours truly,
Gregory Scrivner

Dear Santa
How are your elves doing at the North Pole? I want a racing car for Christmas, and I want three Super Nintendo games. I also want a game and a Game-Boy too. I want some candy and I want a remote control car.
Love, Edgar

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a Christmas tree.
Love, Stephanie Fox

Dear Santa
It is snowing and I love snow. I want a Barbie doll.
Love, Amanda Rodriguez

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Love, Cesar Gomez Jr.

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Love, Dianna Ratke

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I want a stereo with a CD player on top of it. I want a bible and a bible cover. The last thing I want is a large caboodle in my stocking. I want some sterling silver earrings and rings. I want some CD's. I want some stuff to go with a caboodle. Last thing I want from you Santa is some Lottery tickets. Have a Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Nikki Norman

Dear Santa
My name is Jarryd Andrew Thomas. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like a Hot Shot Basketball Game and a computer. I would also like a 6 in 1 Basketball game. I have been pretty good this year. Please remember all the other boys and girls and bring them what they would like for Christmas.
I love you Santa, Jarryd

Dear Santa
My name is Dylan Matthew Thomas. I am 4 years old. For Christmas I would like a computer and a 6 in 1 game table. I would also like a Hot Shot Basketball game. Please remember all the other boys and girls and bring them what they would like for Christmas. I have been very good this year.
I love you Santa! Dylan

Dear Santa
My name is Kristen Aimee Leach. I am 4 years old. For Christmas, I would like a big doll house for my Barbie dolls. I also need some furniture with the doll house. Please bring me whatever else you think I might like. Don't forget to bring Jarryd and Dylan's toys to Maw Maw and Paw Paw's house because they will be here for Christmas! Please remember all the other boys and girls and bring them what they will like for Christmas.
I love you Santa! Kristen

Dear Santa
I want a candle and I want a little car. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love, Justin Mullins

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I want a Barbie car and swings.
Love, Faviola Ortiz

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Dear Santa
I would like lots of things but you don't have to give me all of it. I'll just tell you what I really want. I want to get a TV in my room, and a CD player with CD's that I like. I know what I want and I've got it too. If you want to know what it is, it's my Aunt and Uncle. I haven't gotten to see them in 2 or 3 years. So that's something you can't buy or giveaway. I like Christmas and Christmas Eve too. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Logan Gregory

Dear Santa
I want a football of Steve Young, a suit of Jerry Rice and Steve Young.
Thank you Santa,
Andrew Espinoza

Dear Santa
I would like a dirt bike, a batman, all the Nerf toys, a Power Ranger suit, a jet pack, and a Sega. I also want a TV, Batman forever stuff, a VCR, super pincucers, gat, smuge, art pencils, earrings for my mom. And cell phone, football, sock ball, water gun please.
Love, Dalawn Hill

Dear Santa
I want a Sega Saturn and a nerf football and my brother wants it too.
Merry Christmas, Eric Gonzales

Dear Santa
I would like a hide, Sega, Super Nintendo, Toy Story pupettes, dancing twirl Barbies, some more supplies for school, Barbie car a big one, and outfits.
Thank you Santa, Cierra Wynne

Dear Santa
I want a Sega Game Gear for Christmas and a Dallas Cowboy helmet and some games, CD's, more pogs and a Nerf football.
Love, Steve Rivera

Dear Santa
I wish for a trillign thousand hundred dollars. I wish for Mortal combat 2 and 3. I want a new Sega controller.
Bryan Hart

Dear Santa
I want a doll for Christmas and the Santa Claus.
Love, Christina Gomez

Dear Santa
I will like a 20 speed, skate board, roller blades and a club house. I also want little cat, and a little dog, 15 pairs of shoes, and a tape of waterfalls. I want a Rock and roll tape, and Power Rangers suit. I also want a magic book, a trampoline, and a soccerball, watergun and toys.
Ashley Guerrero

Dear Santa
These are the presents I want. I would like a Sega Genesis game, a bike, and a silver bell. I wish I could see you Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas, Linda Perez

Dear Santa
I want a CD player and I would like a doll of your oled and a pack of baby stuff. I want a calafal and makeup.
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Have a merry Christmas.
Love, Amanda Morris

Dear Santa
I want you to give me a million dollars. I also want a big water gun so I can get everyone wet. I also want a remot control car and a new Sega.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Love Theodoro Paiz

Dear Santa
I want a real bow and arrows. I want a pocket knife. I want a football. I want a \$100 fishing gift certificate. I also want a box of 22 shells, and two cans of worms.
From Garrett Chapman

Dear Santa
I want a calculator diary, the game Mall Madness, and the game 13 Dead End Drive. I also want Super Nintendo, a swimming pool, caboodle, VCR, and Dream Phone.
Love, Kristy Shifflett

Dear Santa
I would like a big stereo, and a big T.V. I know you may not get me everything I want, but if you can I will list all of what I want. I would like to have a \$20 bill, a computer, a new bike, a bell off of your sleigh, a makeup set, a pair of loafers, a pair of new clothes, a watch, a fish tank, and last a thing for my mom, and when you get the present for her let it be the best one. I would like a CD player. Have a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely, Lesley Rutherford

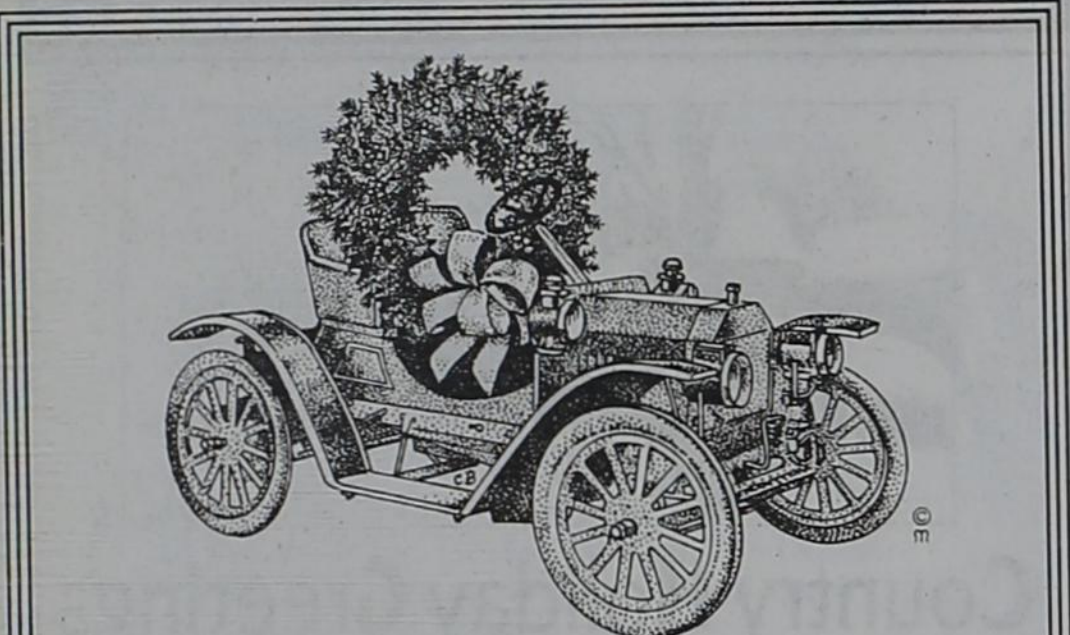
Dear Santa
I want a memory diary, rollerblades, and a water baby and I also want a doll that is called Cathy Wishing Star and a Holly Mine doll and a My Size Princess Barbie, and a computer with games and much more.
Merry Christmas, Alexandra Chapa
P.S. Bring my whole family a present!

Dear Santa
I would like for all the kids to behave in Mrs. Buchanan's class. I would like to go to Mexico this Christmas.
Love, Dianna Ratke



**Wishing You
A World
of Peace & Joy!**

**SRA Dewayne &
Tomoko Warren
Okinawa, Japan**



Shift Into Holiday Gear!

Everyone here is all revved up to wish you a high-powered holiday celebration, where everything runs smoothly!

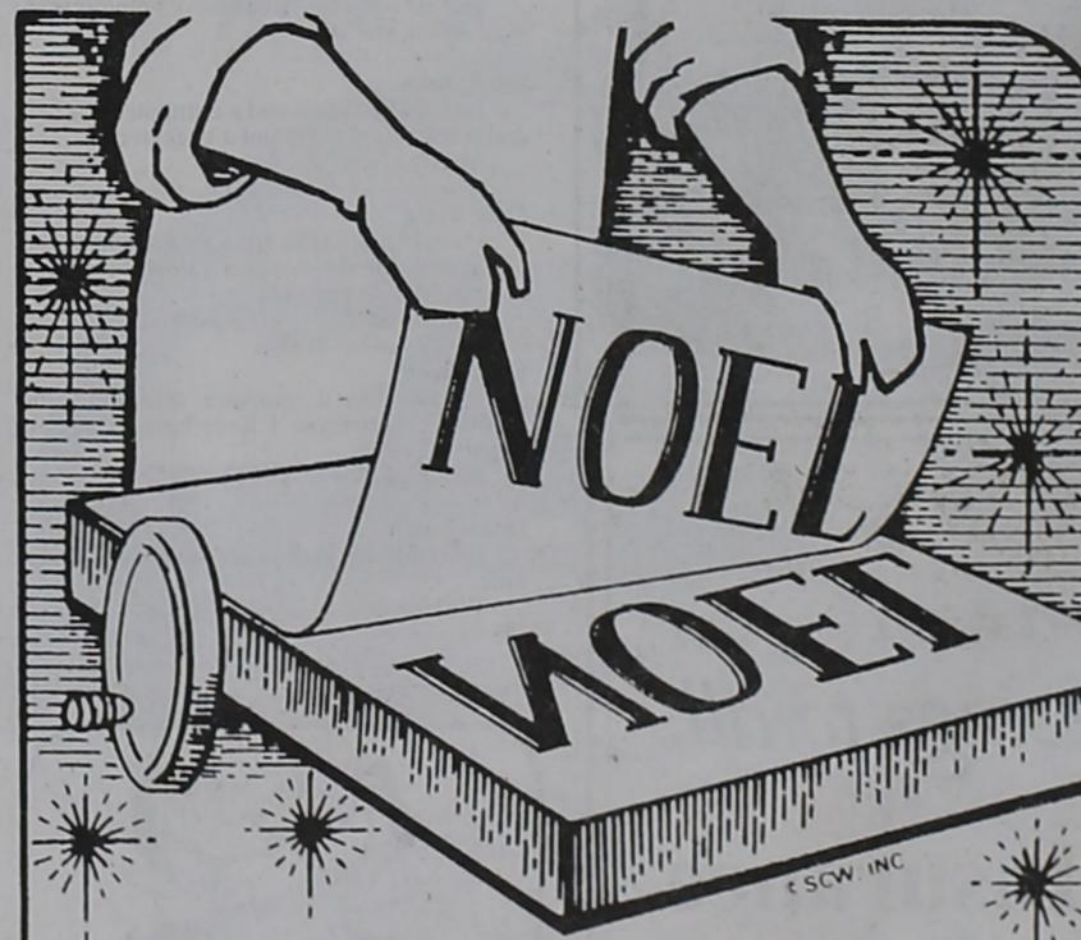
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Jacky, Thressa, John & Lee
110 W. Main - 495-2888**

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
McCrory
OS Museum & McCrory LTD, Staff
Janie & Gladys, Wanda & Marie**



To wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From:
Don, Allane, Donna & Slade

at **Ammons Printing
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Old fashioned greetings for a fun and festive season. Thank you one and all!

**Triple M Pump
& Supply Co.
Dennis, Debbie & Amy
Mason
Randy, Jana, Matthew
& Mark McCallister**

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Dear Santa
I've been waiting all year for this time of year. I want a remote control car, a bike with gears, a batmobile (forever), a Precious Moments Baby Jesus for mom and snow.
Love, Casey Williams

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I want some roller blades and I want a Ninja Megazord. I have been very good this year.
Quinton Odom
P.S. I will leave cookies and milk out for you.

Dear Santa
I would like a doll and a Bike and a nintendo and a table and chairs.
Ana Macias

Dear Santa
I would like a computer and a rabbit. I have been nice this year.
Claire Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa
I would like a new bike and a doll and a bear for my sister. I have been good this year.
Kelly Osborne

Dear Santa
I would like a mortal kombat and mortal kombat 3 the game and power rangers and power rangers the movie and batman the movie and free willy 2 the movie and street fighters and donkey kong 2 the game and mortal kombat 2 the game mortal kombat the game.
Levi Williams

Dear Santa
I would like mortal Combat and the power rangers guys.
Steven Perez

Dear Santa
I would like a chalk board and a doll and a T.V.
Millie

Dear Santa
I want a baby and a stroller.
Vanessa Saucedo

Dear Santa
I want a big doll and another big doll for my little sister a dog, and roller blades.
Betsua

Dear Santa
I would like a watch, swimming pool, necklace, money, T.V., rose, telephone, baby and a coloring book. I have been nice this year.
Keisha Odom

Dear Santa
I would like a baby, bike, candy, clock, dress and sunglasses. I have been nice this year.
Rachel Gray

Dear Santa
I would like a glove, tree, balloon, swimming pool, soccer ball, and a bike. I have been nice this year.
Leonard Lopez

Dear Santa
I would like a computer, apple, dog, cat, book, bus, sun, doll, toy for my dog. I have been nice this year.
Josana Perez

Dear Santa
I would like a computer and a dog and a bird and a clock.
Allison Blevins

Dear Santa
I would like toy cars and a jeep and a motorcycle.
Blake Nichols

Dear Santa
I would like a flute and crayolas and play cars and cards and dominos.
Adrian Nava

Dear Santa
I would like a boat, a farm, a motorcycle and a drum.
Timothy Crenshaw

Dear Santa
I would like a blue bike, a black bear, a brown cat, a green candy, a gray dog. I have been nice this year.
Christina Aguilar

Dear Santa
I would like a Sparkle party and a game and a baby doll and a baby car.
Kelli Martin

Dear Santa
I would like a computer and a bunkbed and a dog.
Chelsey Reed

Dear Santa
I would like a computer, a rainbow and money.
Lacy Martinez

Dear Santa
I would like a slide, gate, bed, money, swimming pool, motorcycle.
Zackary Perez

Dear Santa
I would like a gameboy and some jeans and some black boots. I have been good this year.
Wes Mason

Dear Santa
I would like a bubble gum shop and rollerblades and a bebegun. I have been good.
Laura Pedersen

Dear Santa
I would like a computer and a sega game and zoop.
Sarah Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa
I would like a computer and a chalkboard and a football suit and a fire truck. I have been nice this year.
Josh Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I would like truck a play pickup, gocart motor cycle. I have been nice this year.
Pat Reiter

Dear Santa
I would like a truck, a play pickup. I have been nice this year.
Sandra Ortiz

Dear Santa
I would like Rollerblades and a pair of mittens, a radio some sandals and a tennis racket.
Siffi Norman

Dear Santa
I would like a tumbling doll, computer, a TV and a Slurpingbaby.
Josie Butler

Dear Santa
I would like a t.v. and a computer. I have been nice this year.
Robert Pettet

Dear Santa
I would like a tv and I would like a computer and I would like a car set and I would like my very own tree house. I have been nice.
Clint Chapman

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a Power Ranger and Spiderman.
Love, Jose Esparza

Dear Santa
I want to know how your reindeer fly! For Christmas I want jeans and Levis and the Real Munchkins video game.
Love, Jeremy Short

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a kitten.
Love, Ericka Cravy

Dear Santa
How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a puppy and a bike.
Love, Caleb White

Dear Santa
I want a baby doll and I want a kite. I have been very good this year.
Love, Sherika Thurman

Dear Santa
I want a kitty and I've been very good this year.
Love, Kelsey Sanderson

Dear Santa
I want a watch for Christmas and new Power Rangers.
Love, Byron Soto

Dear Santa
I want a size Barbie married one and a Pocahontas Barbie doll and I want a Lion King video game.
Love, Jordan Smith

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a Barbie.
Love, Stephanie Garcia

Dear Santa
Would you bring me a present? I want a bike and I want Power Rangers-Adam, Billy, Kimberly, and Isha. I want my mom to have a present and my dad to have a present.
Love, Timothy Garza

Dear Santa
I want a pushing truck that dumps dirt and a new fire truck and a new computer like my mom said she was going to get me for Christmas.
Love, Eddie Renderos

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year but my brother is mean to me all the time when I am at school. For Christmas I want paints and a computer.
Love, Ryan Belongia

Dear Santa
I want some Power Rangers. I want the blue ranger and the blue ranger's wolf. I want a police car too. Where are the reindeer?
Love, Randy Jones

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I want another play kitty so Nickolas and I can play together.
Love, Amanda Moore

Dear Santa
I would like a doll for Christmas and a Barbie and a cat, a dog and a deer. What is it like at the North Pole? Your reindeer are pretty.
Love, Marisa Basquez

Dear Santa
I would like a bike for Christmas and a Pocahontas doll. I want an ice skating baby too.
Love, Rebecca Curtis

Dear Santa
I want a new car for Christmas and a new house and a toy tractor.
Love, Chris Gomez

Dear Santa
I want a dancing toy Barbie and I want some earrings and I want a thing that you put your nails in and you fix your nails. I love you, Santa.
Love, Lori Jones

Dear Santa
I want a Pocahontas Barbie doll and I want a Barbie jeep. I want a bathing suit because my other ones are old. I haven't ever seen your reindeer and I haven't seen you before either.
Love, Maricela Perez

Dear Santa
I hope you have a fun Christmas. For Christmas I want a Pinko game and a Pocahontas Barbie.
Love, Marlee Plummer

Dear Santa
How do your reindeer fly? Can I please have a walkie-talkie and that's all?
Love, Call Windham

Dear Santa
I would like a bike pocahanta barbie pocahanta.
Priscilla Soto

Dear Santa
I would like a bike a chains for me and dogs.
Lorenz Soto

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and some rollerblades and money and a cat and a computer.
Gabrielle Paiz

Dear Santa
I would like some money and a bike, a cap with santa on it and Knex.
Jason Worthington

Dear Santa
I would like a bird and rollerblades and a bear and a bunk bed and a Super nintendo.
Asa Rutherford

Dear Santa
I would like a doll, Barbie bike and a doll and a play cat.
Abby Ayala

Dear Santa
I will like a Barbie and skates.
Brenda

Dear Santa
I want some roller blades fake tree a pal pocahontas doll.
Amber Whitehead

Dear Santa
I would like a doll.
Keanakay Scott

★ PEACE & JOY ★
...And much happiness to you and yours this holiday season.

Jackson Bros. Meat Packers
Bo Jackson

Gifts of the Season
May Christmas bring peace and love to all.

Lasting Impressions
Ceramics & Gifts
Troy & Lucille Baker

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Warm wishes for a wonderful season to all our friends.
We appreciate your support!

The Staff of
The Post Dispatch
Wes, Pat, Becky, Barbe & Michele

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

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



BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

When a blanket of snow embraces the land, The beauty we see is the work of God's hand. Each snowflake unique in its own special way, Reminds us that soon it will be Christmas day. So give thanks to the Lord for the birth of the Savior; May you always enjoy both His love and good favor.

Justice-Mason Funeral Home
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Love in your home
Peace in your world
Joy in your heart

B&B Backhoe Service
Ted and Carmen Brannon

COUNTRY GREETINGS

Christmas in the country, Is just the place to be, With winter's snow sublime, To enjoy this Christmastime!

Dickens Electric Cooperative

Dear Santa
I would like a bike, bus, car, football.
Mario Torres

Dear Santa
I would like a football and a computer and a remote control car and a remote icy car.
Steven Hair

Dear Santa
I would like a baby, bike, cat, dog.
Chris Reed

Dear Santa
I will like a baby, skate, ball, oon, and a doll, fake bird.
Anahi Garcia

Dear Santa
I want some solid tubes, and some new tires for my bikes. One more thing, I want a Snake light. I will also want a V-Tech computer with a printer. But it isn't a real computer.
Your friend, Cole Easterling

Dear Santa
I want a Sega, and a basset hound. Please bring me a stabel like in turkey. The rest of the nija turtle things and four of the big nija turtles.
See you soon, Kyle Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa
I have always like everything you have given me. This year I want: An electronic NFL journal, a Nerf Vortex, the book called The Best School Year Ever, and The Toy Story.
Sincerely, Jordan Tatum

Dear Santa
I want you to give me a doll and roller skates, a book and pants. I want a bear and a Barbie.
Your friend, Alejandra Ceja

Dear Santa
I want a renale contral car for Christmas, I also want a go-cart for Christmas, I want a new set of raller blades, a hackey stick, a putt to and a met to go with it. I want NBA Jam.
Your friend, Chris Thirman

Dear Santa
I wish I had no drugs allowed in this town. I wish I had rollerblades. I wish all the poor poor people had money. I would like a dog.
Your friend, Tony Apolarin

Dear Santa
When you come down I want Mortal Kombat 3. A go cart so I will not have to walk. A CD player with Shania Twain CD, please.
Your friend Justin

Dear Santa
I was hoping I would get skates. But I guess I won't be getting any because my mom does not want toys on the floor. I want hot pink skates with blue shoe strings. I want a necklace with keys on it. My sister wants dance shoes. Jessica wants dolls with four dresses. Santa I hope you have a safe trip. Why dont you get presents? I dont know if we put out cookies and milk.
A good kide, Amanda Crenshaw

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want stereo and, a Solo Spotlight Barbie. I hope you have a good Christmas!
Sincerely, Meagan Hoover

Dear Santa
I've been thinking about what I want and it is a horse. I've been good for this year. I hope you have a safe trip. I'll leave cookies and milk.
Your truly, Brant Guthrie

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a typewriter, Skip it, jewelry, bicycle, a watch, a baby doll, Sand Art, and Dream phone. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Donae Dalby

Dear Santa
How are you doing this year? What I want for Christmas is a walkman, earrings, big baby, Winnie the Pooh stuffed animal, and an American Girl collection pins. Santa Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Xane Mason

Dear Santa
This year I would like a Mary Kate and Ashley video, a new bike, a new pet cat, My Princess Wishing Star, and that would really be all.
Thank you, Courtney Short

Dear Santa
This year I want a Karoke machin and a new gameboy game. These books, I Left My Sneaker in Dimetown X, The Search for Snout and Allon Secretes. I would also like Super Jennie Guinness and a Beach Boys tape with a CD player and a spoon ring. I've been good this year.
Christin Collier

Dear Santa
I want some Power Rangers stuff. I don't want anything else.
Love, Ryan Johnston

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a flag. My old stereo does not work to good. Would you please bring me a new one. I want you to bring me a chalkboard. I want a king hat too.
Your friend, Solomon Abraham

Dear Santa
I want some Power Ranger stuff. Bring me a necklace and a ring please. I want some Barbie doll things. I would like a tea set.
Love, Bianca Abraham

Dear Santa
I want a stereo with a CD player on top of it. I want a bible and a bible cover. The last thing I want is a large caboodle in my stocking. I want some sterling silver earrings and rings. I want some CDs. I want some stuff to go with a caboodle. Last thing I want from you Santa is som Lottery tickets. Have a Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Nikki Norman

Dear Santa
I would like lots of things but you don't have to give me all of it. I'll just tell you what I really want. I want to get a TV in my room, and a CD player with CD's that I like. I know what I want and I've got it too. If you want to know what it is, it's my Aunt and Uncle. I haven't gotten to see them in 2 or 3 years. So that's something you can't buy or give away. I like Christmas and Christmas Eve too. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Logan Gregory

Dear Santa
I want a football of Steve Young, a suit of Jerry Rice and Steve Young.
Thank you Santa
Andrew Espinoza

Dear Santa
I would like a dirt bide, a batman, all the Nerf toys, A Power Ranger suit, A jet pack, and a Sega. I also want a TV, Batman forever stuff, a VCR, superpanocuers, gat, smuge, art pencils, earrings for my mom. And cellular phone, football, sockr ball, water gun please.
Love, Dalawn Hill

Dear Santa
I want a Sega Saturn and a nerf football and my brother wants it too.
Merry Christmas, Eric Gonzales

Dear Santa
I would like a bide, Sega, Super Nintendo, Toy Story puppettes, dancing twirl Barbie, some more supplies for school, Barbie car, a big one, and ovals.
Thank you Santa, Cierra Wynne

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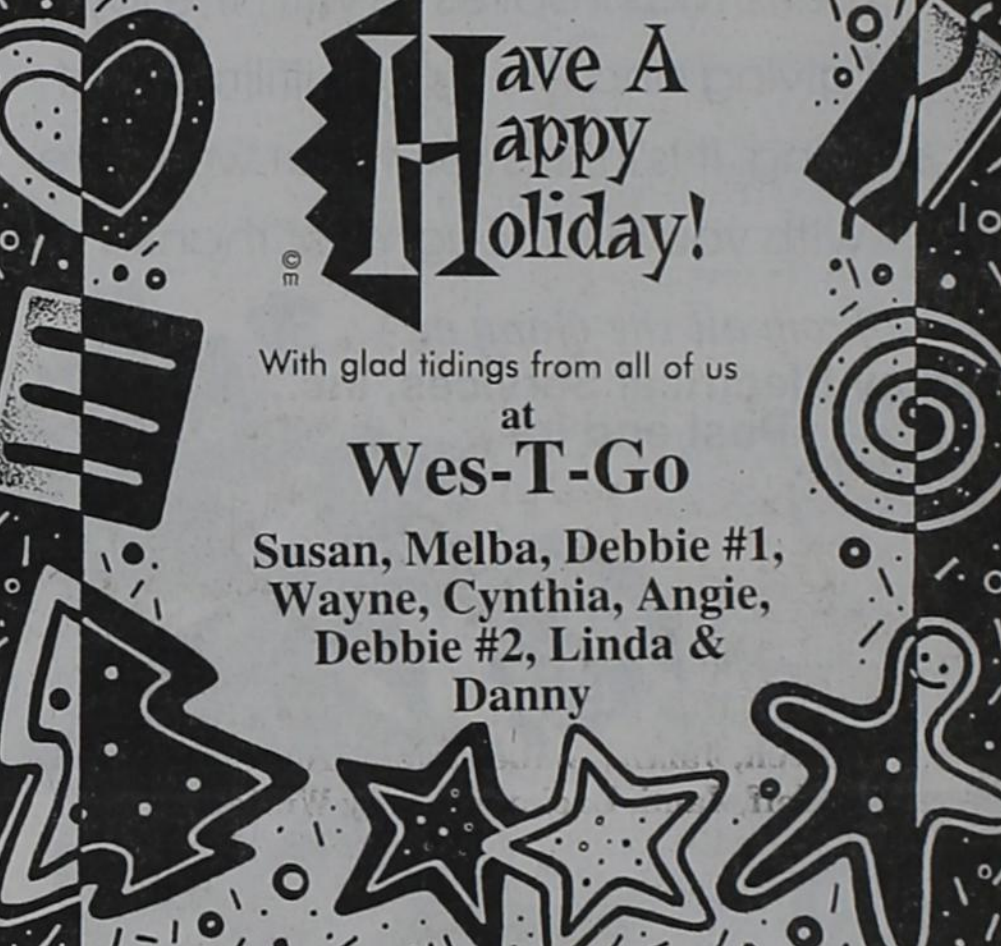
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Thanks, Riley Odom

Dear Santa
I want a dancing Barbie. Bring me a rocking baby. I want a thing to make cookies.
Love, La'Keysha Moat

Dear Santa
I want a bell to ring. I want a paint brush with some paint. I want a swimming pool. I want some Christmas plants.
Your friend, Sufyan Alomari

Dear Santa
I want a present. I want a Barbie doll. I want a swimming pool for my Barbie.
Your friend, Marissa Bustoz

Dear Santa
I want a doll that has a phone. I want a jeep that I can drive. It is a toy jeep. I want a radio.
Your friend, Michaela Taylor

Dear Santa
I want a swimming pool. I want a mask to wear. I want some cool toys to work with. I want a dog.
Your friend, Timothy Gonzales

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll. I want some dishes too. That's all.
Love, Mercedes Enriquez

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me some cookies. I want a Barbie doll.
Love, Destiny Price

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a jeep. I want a grill to cook on. I want a play lawn mower.
Love, Riley Odom

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a sleigh. I want a baby doll. I want a sea paitoo. I want a kitchen.
Love, Erica Ortiz

Dear Santa
Bring me a radio please. I want some new dishes. I want a stove to play with.
Your friend, Rachael Zapert

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle and some Power Rangers that are pink because I am a girl. I want a computer to play with. I want a doll that cries.
Love, Valerie Moreno

Dear Santa
I want a big radio. I want some Power Ranger stuff. I want a new bicycle. I want a motorcycle Power Ranger.
Love, Jesse Vera

Dear Santa
Please bring me a pool table. I want a skate board too. I want a motorcycle. I have been a nice boy.
Your friend, Fabvian Ladinos

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a doll stroller. I want a radio. I want a swimming pool for Barbie.
Love, Sabrina Sanchez

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Thank you Santa, Cierra Wynne

Dear Santa
I want a Sega Game Gear for Christmas and a Dallas Cowboy helmet and some games, CD's, more pogs and a Nerf football.
Love, Steve Rivera

Dear Santa
I want a dirt bike. I wish for a trillion thousand hundred dollars. I wish for Mortal combat 2 and 3. I want a new Sega controller.
Bryan Hart

Dear Santa
I want a doll for Christmas and the Santa Claus.
Love, Christina Gomez

Dear Santa
I will like a 20 speed, skate board, roller blades and a club house. I also want little cat, and a little dog, 15 pars of shoes, and a tape of waterfalls. I want a Rock and roll tape, and Power Rangers suit. I also want a magic book, a trampoline, and a soccerball, watergun and toys.
Ashley Guerrero

Dear Santa
These are the presents I want. I would like a Sega Genesis game, a bike, and a silver bell. I wish I could see you Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas, Linda Perez

Dear Santa
I want a CD player and I would like a doll of your oled and a pack of baby stuff. I want a calatal and makeup.
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Have a merry Christmas.
Love, Amanda Morris

Dear Santa
I want you to give me a million dollers. I also want a big water gun so I can get everyone wet. I also want a remot control car and a new Sega.
Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Theodoro Paiz

Dear Santa
I want a real bow and arrows. I want a pocket knife. I want a football. I want a \$100 fishing gift certificate. I also want a box of 22 shells, and two cans of worms.
From Garrett Chapman

Dear Santa
I want a calculator diary, the game Mall Madness, and the game 13 Dead End Drive. I also want Super Nintendo, a swimming pool, caboodle, VCR, and Dream Phone.
Love, Kristy Shifflett

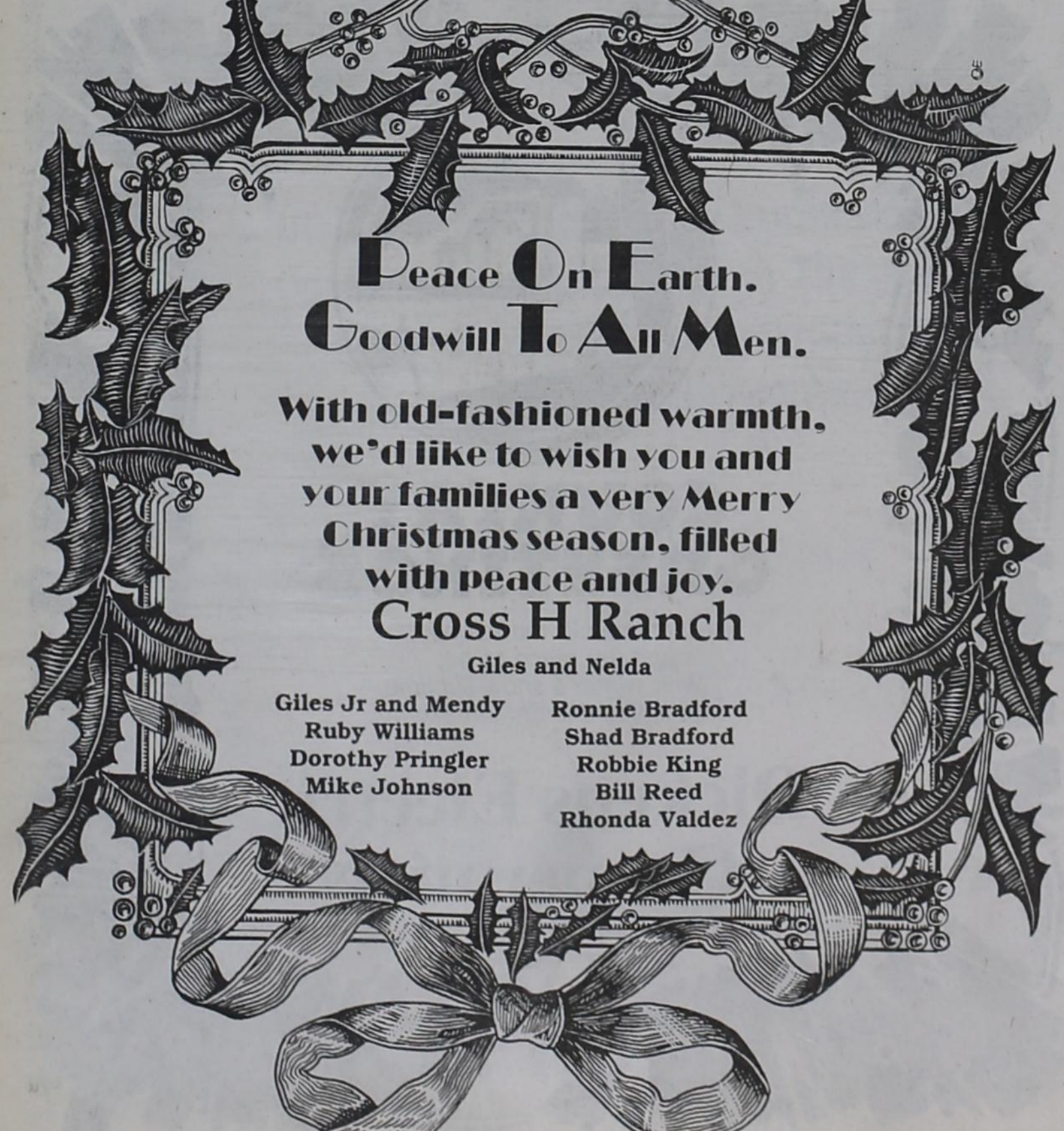
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The question keeps popping up... is there really a Santa Claus?

By Becky Warren
I received this last week from my son who is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. It seems that it is floating around on the Air Force Internet.
Is There a Santa Claus?
(Warning: not for the humor-impaired)
As a result of an overwhelming lack of requests, and with research help from that renowned scientific journal *SPY Magazine* (January 1990), here is the official scientific inquiry into Santa Claus.

* No known species of reindeer can fly. BUT there are 300,000 species of living organisms yet to be classified, and while most of these are insects and germs this does not completely rule out flying reindeer which only Santa has ever seen.

* There are two billion children (person under 18) in the world. But since Santa doesn't (appear) to handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, and Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 15% of the total - 378 million according to the Population Reference Bureau. At an average (census) rate of 3.5 children per household, that's 91.8 million homes.

One presumes there is at least one good child in each.

* Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels east to west (which seems logical). This works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with good children, Santa has 1/100th of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, get back into the sleigh and move on to the next house. Assuming that each of these 91.8 million stops are evenly

distributed around the earth (which of course we know to be false, but for the purposes of our calculations we will pretend), we are now talking about 78 miles per household, a total trip of 75 million miles, not counting stops to do what most of us must do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding and etc.

This means that Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle on earth, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second. A conventional reindeer can run, tops, 15 miles per hour.

* The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming

that each child gets nothing more than a medium-sized Lego set (2 pounds), the sleigh is carrying 321,300 tons, not counting Santa, who is invariably described as overweight. On land, conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that "flying reindeer" (see paragraph 1) could pull ten times that normal amount, he cannot do the job with eight, or even nine. He would need 214,200 reindeer. This increases the payload, not even counting the weight of the sleigh, to 353,430 tons. Again for comparison, this is four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth (boat... not person).

* 353,000 tons traveling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance. This will heat the reindeer up in the same fashion as spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The

lead pair of reindeer will absorb 14.3 quintillion joules of energy per second each. In short, they would burst into flames almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them and creating deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team would be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second. Santa, meanwhile would be subjected to centrifugal forces 17,500 times greater than gravity. A 250 pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force.

* In conclusion, if Santa ever did deliver presents on Christmas Eve, he's dead now.

* Writer's note: In my conclusion, Santa is very much alive and well and living in the North Pole. I'm sure that Santa, like everyone else in the world, has plenty of helpers on Christmas Eve. So in short, all the children need to be good and make sure they hang their stockings by the fire place and leave their lists for Santa to see. I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

A sweet treat makes a grand finale

As a delicious end to a holiday feast, hosts traditionally serve croque en bouche. With a French name meaning "to crackle in the mouth," this dessert is a pyramid of caramel-coated cream puffs sure to please any dinner guest.

CROQUE EN BOUCHE
Serving two or three puffs per person, makes about 10 servings

PUFFS
Makes 30 small puffs

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs

Sift flour and salt and set aside. In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil and add butter. When butter has melted completely, add flour all at once, stirring vigorously. Continue to cook, stirring constantly, until mixture leaves sides of pan. Remove from heat and cool for 2 or 3 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each one. Paste should be very smooth. Drop paste from the end of a teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Shape into rounds with fingers moistened with water. Bake at 400 F for about 20 minutes or until puffs are high and golden brown. Cool completely. Make a slit in side of each puff and fill with custard or whipped cream.

CARAMELIZED SUGAR

Heat 4 cups of granulated sugar in a heavy pan over very low heat. Stir constantly until the sugar melts and is light golden in color, about 8 to 9 minutes. Remove from heat. Add very slowly 1 cup of very hot water. Work cautiously — if water is added all at once, steam may form under the sugar, causing it to bubble up and out of the pan. Once all the water has been added, return the pan to the stove again, at low heat, and stir constantly until the sugar is heavier and the color of maple syrup.

TO ASSEMBLE CROQUE EN BOUCHE

Working directly on the plate or tray on which the croque is to be displayed and served, spread a thin layer of caramelized sugar in a circle of about 8 to 9 inches in diameter. Keeping sugar warm so that it does not harden, dip puffs in the sugar and form a circle at the outer edges of the thin layer spread on the plate. Continue dipping each puff in the sugar and build up circles of decreasing circumferences until the pyramid is completed with a single puff at the top. Drizzle the remaining sugar over the croque. To serve, start at the top and pull puffs apart with two spoons or forks.

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Holiday spirit can be a gift to last the whole year through

A lovely family dinner with traditional holiday foods ...

A Christmas party with 50 close friends ...

An exciting morning of tearing open colorfully wrapped gifts with the children ...

A romantic evening by the fire with a loved one ...

A walk through a snowy wonderland while sipping warm apple cider ...

Christmastime means many things to many people, but one thing remains constant — the holidays are a time of "goodwill toward men."

After a year of hustle and bustle and dealing with the stress of day-to-day living, Christmas is when people can relax and enjoy the happiness that infuses the season. Warmth and generosity seem to fill everyone's heart as they spread joy to their family, friends and even strangers on the street.

Whether remembering the delightful Christmases spent with grandma and grandpa or planning a special holiday for their own children and grandchildren, people are filled with the spirit of the season. A feeling of harmony is in the air, bringing people from far and wide together. They share their time, their thoughts and even special gifts with each other, and they seem to forget about the troubles they faced just a short while ago.



Christmas Blessings To All

Christmas is a celebration of hope, love and peace for all mankind.
May those prayers be answered all across the earth, in this holy season and beyond.

Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.

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