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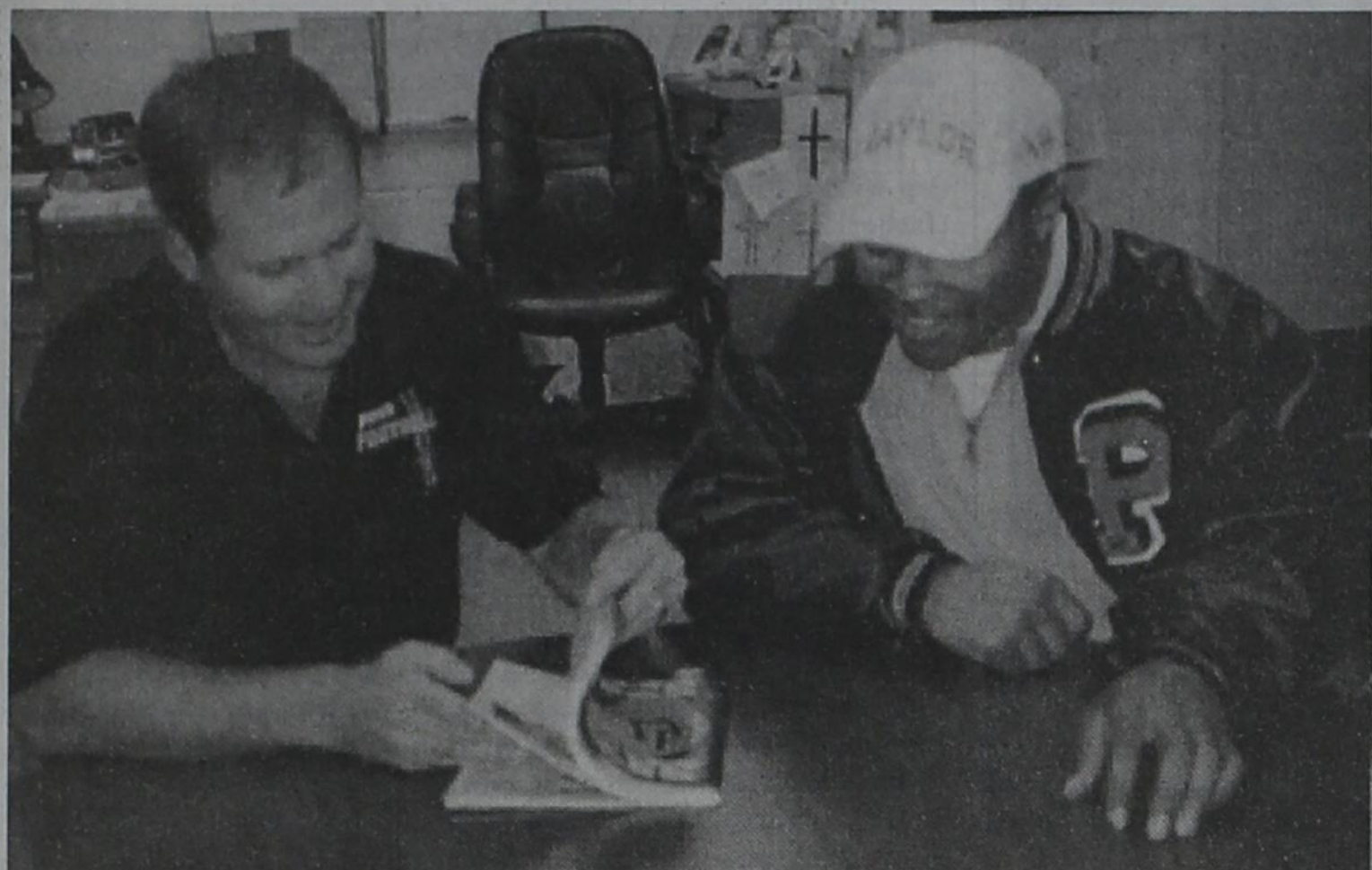
The Post Dispatch

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The Season of Joy

Best wishes to all, from near and far, at this special time of year. We appreciate your loyalty and patronage.

from all of us
to all of you!



Post Antelope senior Billy Crawford (right) looks over a Baylor University media guide with Post ISD athletic director and head football coach Richard Gorman following Crawford's announcement of his verbal commitment to accept a full athletic scholarship at Baylor University. Crawford is being recruited as a defensive end. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Billy Crawford of Post. "We are very happy for Billy," coach Gorman said.

Plans announced to close 12th street railroad crossing

by Sheri Lewis

A representative of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad appeared before members of the Post City Council earlier this month to discuss the proposed closing of the 12th Street railroad crossing.

Tim Huya, BNSF's manager of public projects in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana, told council members the proposal to close the 12th Street crossing is part of a federal program to reduce grade crossings.

A letter from Huya mailed to City Manager Fred Stephens stated that federal guidelines are in place for railroads to reduce the number of crossings due to the "potential hazards associated with them."

Criteria used to determine crossings to be closed includes the crossing surface, types of warning devices, types of vehicular usage, frequency of vehicular usage, number of trains, speed of trains, proximity to alternate routes and proximity to potential pedestrian usage, the letter stated.

The 12th Street crossing, which has no crossing arms, has been selected for closure. In conjunction with this effort, some \$7,500 in federal monies will be made available for "community improvements," Huya said. The railroad plans to match those funds up to a total of \$15,000.

The city manager asked Huya to produce some numbers reflecting traffic counts at the crossing. Huya said he did not have those numbers immediately available but would find that information and get it to city officials.

He did say that an average of 12 trains pass through the city each day. Additionally, Councilman John Redman noted that the crossing is never used by EMS vehicles.

No action was taken on the proposal, which will require an ordinance to allow the crossing's closure. City officials are expected to address the issue again at a later date.

In a related discussion, council members queried Huya regarding the speed with which trains regularly pass through the city.

Huya said the speeds trains travel are federally-controlled.

If a railroad line is maintained properly and meets certain standards, trains traveling in that area are allowed to travel at speeds of up to 55 mph. The line which crosses though the City of Post meets those federal criteria.

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Coca-Cola funding helps Post ISD

A contract between Coca-Cola and the Post Independent School District, approved during Tuesday's special meeting of district trustees, will provide a sizeable financial contribution to the district.

agreement to offer only Coca-Cola products on campuses over the next 10 years, the soft drink company agreed to provide \$15,000 for the purchase of a four-sized scoreboard, Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said.

The scoreboard will be installed in the new gymnasium district of-

officials are planning.

In addition, Coca-Cola agreed to provide a one-time donation of \$4,000 in "discretionary funds" to the district this year, followed up with annual \$1,000 contributions in each of the contract's remaining nine years. Also, the district will receive an annual donation of \$1,000 worth of Coca-Cola products in the contract's final nine years.

Bain lauded Coca-Cola's contribution and said the initial effort should cover the cost of the center court scoreboard that will feature the soft drink company's logo.

In other business, trustees met with the district architect and a representative of the construction management firm to discuss specifications to be used in the bidding process on the planned gymnasium.

Bids on the project should be returned to the district for consideration by the middle or end of January, Bain said.

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City assured all systems go for Y2K

Utility providers serving the City of Post have assured city officials that all systems have been tested and should weather Y2k.

A release issued last week by City Manager Fred Stephens said that Post residents, who are furnished electrical service from Southwestern Public Service (SPS), should know that the company has conducted numerous systems tests and has informed the city of the dependability of its system at year's end.

The White River Municipal Water District, which provides local residents with water, uses electricity from Brazos Electric and West Texas Utilities to pump water to Post. Similar assurances have been given to White River, the release said.

SPS has the capacity to isolate its system from any national grid involving other parts of the country that might develop problems. Gas and telephone utilities have also given full assurances that their systems will be fully operational during the Y2k period.

The City of Post does not use electricity in either its water distribution system or its waste water facilities, Stephens said. Gravity delivers water from storage tanks to local homes, and no electricity is used or required. The city's waste water system is also gravity-driven.

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Century's Top 10 events

What do you think were the top 10 events during the past 100 years which had the biggest impact on Post and Garza County?

The Post Dispatch is soliciting its readers to answer that question for its December 30, 1999 edition ... the last one this century.

"We will compile reader responses into a review of the 20th century in Garza County," publisher Wesley W. Burnett explains. "With of course the obvious building of Post by C.W. Post, we're looking for 10 other most important events which have shaped this community."

Entries should list the top 10 events with a brief description of the event, the year and month of the event, and an explanation of the impact the event has had on the community. "For instance," Burnett said, "perhaps you think the closing of railroad passenger service was one of the 10, or the first successful oil well."

Readers may submit their top 10 selections by fax at 495-2059, e-mail at tpostdispa@aol.com or in person at 123 E. Main. "Just use the handy mail slot in the front door," Burnett added.

The deadline for reader responses is Monday, December 27, 1999.

Safety awareness project set

With Christmas holidays upon us, safety awareness should be paramount in all our minds, especially on the roadways.

With this in mind, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the VFW, the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Department are providing a reminder about safety in a special lighted tree at the courthouse.

The tree will be decorated with white lights. Every time there is an accident in Garza County, a green light will replace a white light. If a death occurs due to an accident, a red light will replace a white light.

Post Dispatch offers e-mail news

The Post Dispatch will launch a new service to subscribers on January 6 with the introduction of e-mail news on a selected basis.

Selected news items will be sent by e-mail to interested subscribers on Thursdays.

The new service is a bonus for subscribers at no extra cost. To receive the service, subscribers must send an e-mail message simply requesting the new service to: tpostdispa@aol.com

Probation Dept. donates \$585 to Toys for Tots

A bunch of aluminum cans and volunteers

by Wayne McKim

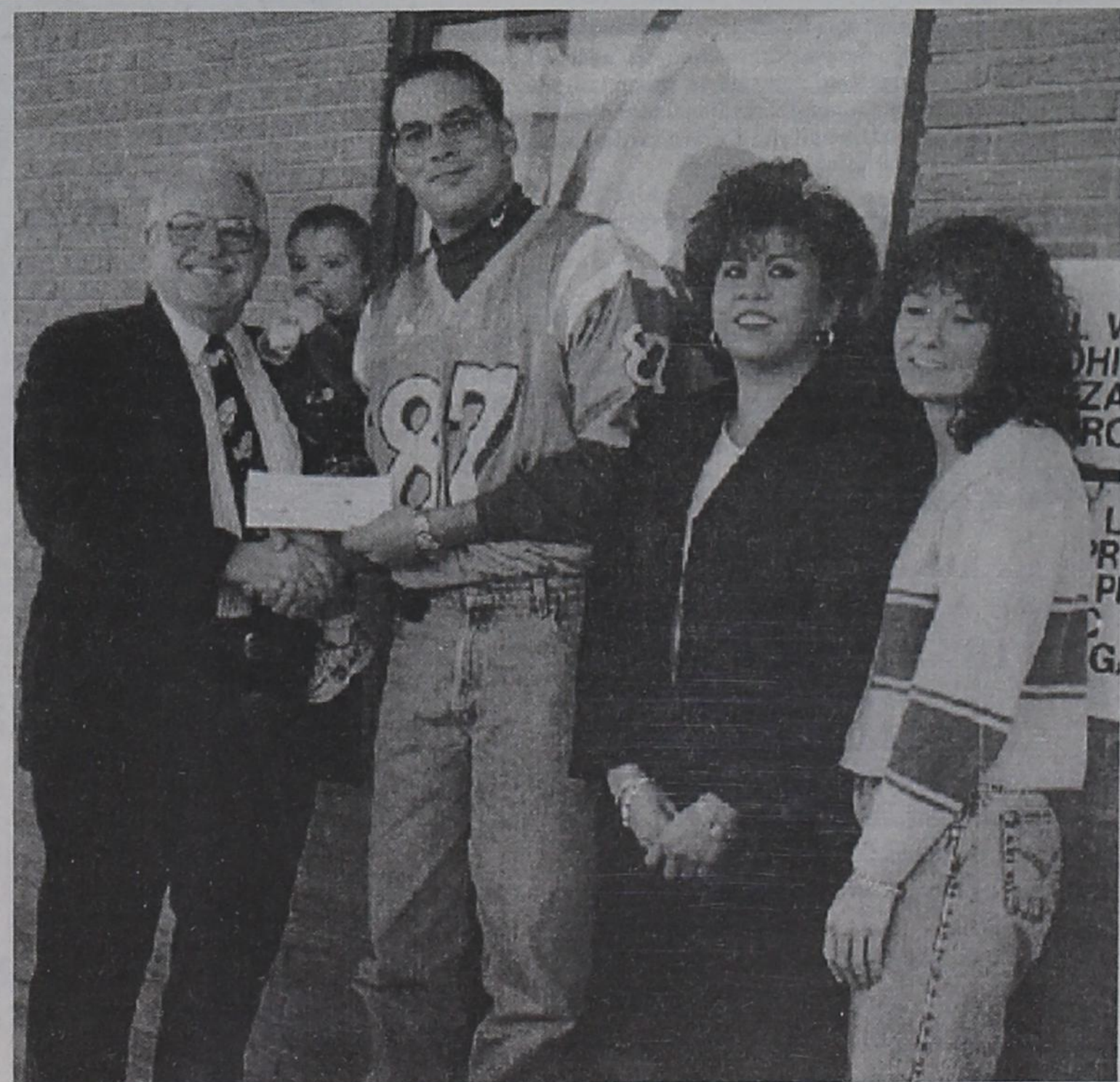
The 2nd Annual Garza County Probation Department Aluminum Can Drive netted 1,540 pounds of cans this past year.

This drive would not have been possible without the unconditional support of the following: the Honorable Judge Giles W. Dalby, the Honorable Judge George Hansard, the Honorable Dee C. Justice, the Honorable Sheila Melton, the Honorable James Plummer;

Wilbur D. Ray, the Garza County Commissioners, Wes Burnett and the Post Dispatch, Greg Dyess and the guys at Jarvis Metals Recycling in Lubbock, Serena Elmore, Lloyd Glass;

The Post Lions Club, Rodney Tidwell, all of the adults and juveniles on probation who participated in the program, the community of Post, and most importantly the Lord up above.

The Garza County Probation Department would sincerely like to thank all of those mentioned above and everyone else for making this program a success.



Presenting a check to the Post Lions Club President Rev. Jim Graham are (left to right) Garza County Probation Department representatives Wayne McKim, Linda Martinez, and Michelle Wischkaemper. The \$585.20 donation was for the Toys for Tots Drive. Graham's granddaughter Meagan Campbell shared the moment.

Post Notes

Victims' Assistance needs volunteers

The Post Victims' Assistance Program is seeking volunteers. Those interested in being a volunteer and making a positive difference in someone's life, please call Jayta at 495-2479 or 495-5511.

Christmas Eve service

The First United Methodist Church is inviting the public to attend a special Christmas Eve worship service at 10 p.m. on December 24.

Voter registration cards mailed

The Garza County Tax Assessor's office has mailed voter registration cards to Garza County registered voters. Those who feel they should have gotten one and didn't, should contact the registrar's office at 495-4448.

Memorial fund for Basquez

A memorial fund has been established at Citizens Bank to assist the family of the late Prudencio (Pru) Basques in offsetting medical expenses. Contact Christie Curb at 495-3545 or Cindy Aguilar at 495-3539 or 495-2274.

VFW needs help with VA project

The VFW needs help with its annual Christmas party at the VA Hospital in Big Spring. The VFW will be accepting donations of cake, cookies, pies or small items. Shampoo, powder, razors and other personal items are needed for the patients at the VA Hospital. The party will be held December 23 at 7:30 p.m. Donations may be taken to the VFW before 4 p.m. December 23.

Dispatch holiday closing

The Post Dispatch will close Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24. The office will reopen for business as usual Monday, December 27. Deadline for the December 30 issue will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. The office will close December 30 and 31 and reopen for normal business hours (God willing) on January 3, 2000.

Ellison, Daugherty united in Dec. 17 double ring ceremony

Christy Deann Ellison, formerly of Crosbyton, and Roger Shane Daugherty of Post were united in marriage Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the Crosbyton Church of Christ.

Terry Ellison of Crosbyton, uncle of the bride, performed the double ring ceremony. Paul D. Jones, minister of the Post Church of Christ, assisted with closing remarks and the closing prayer.

Brooks and Belinda Ellison of Crosbyton are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Wade and Jan Collier and Frankie Ellison of Crosbyton. Clara Hollis Basham of Owensboro, Kentucky, is the bride's great-grandmother.

The bridegroom is the son of Ila Workman of Lubbock and Steve and Linda Daugherty of Fluvana. His grandmothers are Margaret Bley of Del Rio and Syble Workman of Lubbock.

A slide show that highlighted special memories of the bride and the groom, from birth to present, was presented while guests were being seated.

Vows were exchanged in a setting of gold candelabras which featured Christmas greenery adorned with red poinsettias, green holly leaves and red and gold berries. The baptistry ledge was also adorned in matching Christmas greenery and candles. Double bows of flowing white tulle accented on top with Christmas plaid ribbon in the colors of red, green and gold complimented the candelabras, which illuminated the church during the ceremony. The unity candle was set in an arrangement of matching Christmas greenery, holly leaves and berries.

To begin the wedding ceremony, Cody Ferguson and Rusty Workman, candle lighters, lit the candles to the song of "From This Moment On." Grandparents were then seated to the music of "Household of Faith," followed by the mothers joining in the lighting of the candles on each side of the unity candle during the singing of "Jesus, Let Us Come To Know You."

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Candace Delynn Ellison of Lubbock. Serving as bridesmaids were Shayla Daugherty of Lubbock, sister of the groom, Kassidy Potts of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Kelly Havens Ticer of Calgary, closest friend of the bride's since kindergarten. The bridesmaids' dresses were created with a halter-style design. The festive silhouettes featured red matte satin tuxedo bodices with crystal closure buttons down the center front which gently lay over a full flowing white organza and satin ball gown circular skirt.

They carried complimentary bouquets to that of the bride. Chloe Dee Henn of Crosbyton, cousin of the bride, was a junior bridesmaid. Her dress was designed by Mor'Le of Lubbock and it complimented those of the bridesmaids, featuring a red matte satin bodice with a sleeveless design, a key-hole in the back and crystal closure buttons down the bodice front.

A full flowing white organza circular skirt fell gently to the floor, and she carried a matching bouquet to that of the bridesmaids. The bride's attendants presented themselves as the song "I Will Be Here" was sung.

While the white aisle runner was being unrolled by the ushers, Danny Ellison, brother of the bride, sang, "You Had Me From Hello," a special dedication from the bride to the groom.

Flower girl was Channing Rae Harrell of Midland, cousin of the bride. Her dress was designed by Mor'Le of Lubbock, created out of candlelight white satin and tulle. A red matte satin sash encircled the waistline and a red bow was added to the back. She carried a basket designed from the red matte satin that contained miniature red roses and holly berry leaves which she gracefully dropped onto the white aisle runner. She made her entrance to "You Are Awesome In This Place," as performed by Sounds of the Heart.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to "The Wedding Song," performed by Sounds of the Heart. The center aisle was adorned with 16 candelabras which were encircled with Christmas greenery and highlighted with double bows.

The bride selected an elegant Morilee gown created by designer Madeline Gardner. Created in snow white bridal satin and featuring a jeweled neckline with a unique sleeveless design, the gown had a fitted basque waistline allowing the ball gown skirt to float softly to the floor and sweep into a full cathedral-length train which was gently scalloped around the bottom. The gown was elaborately adorned with open-cut satin Battenburg lace adorned with Australian crystal gems and white pearls. Completing the bridal ensemble was a fingertip veil specially designed with a raised crown effect. Matching lace, crystal gems, white pearls and miniature rosettes captured attention not only at the front of the veil but also from the back view. The bride carried a bouquet consisting of red and white miniature roses, Christmas greenery, pearls, crystal gems and holly leaves.

Following wedding tradition, the bride had pennies in her shoes with the years of both her and the groom's births. "Something new" was her wedding attire. "Something borrowed" was a Bible which belonged to a great-grandmother of Kelly Havens Ticer. "Something old" was a pearl ring which was given to her mother by her father 30 years ago. "Something blue" was her garter.

Serving the groom as best man was Jon Wheeler of Slaton. Groomsmen were Jeremy King and Kipp Wilks of Post and Bobby Sellers of Colorado City. Ushers were Cody Ferguson and Rusty Workman of Lubbock, cousins of the groom. Serving as ring bearer was Boady Martin of Aspermont, cousin of the groom. The groom, his attendants and ushers wore full dress matching formal black tuxedos designed by Christian Dior, with white mandarin shirts accented with black button covers. The attendants, ushers and ring bearer wore black Oleg Casini vests, while the groom was attired in a white Casini vest. To add a western flare, black Wrangler jeans and black boots were worn. The groom completed his attire with a black Stetson cowboy hat. Each wore a boutonniere designed with a white rose, holly berries and Christmas greenery.

Presiding at the guest registry table was Trisha Wheelless of Crosbyton, a special friend of the bride's family. The table was adorned with a Christmas arrangement featuring red poinsettias, green holly berry, red and gold berries and a candelabra holding three lit gold candles. Behind the table, a matching Christmas wreath was hung. Christmas designed wedding programs were also on the registry table for guests.



Mrs. Robert Daugherty

Music selections for the wedding were provided by Sounds of the Heart, which consisted of William and Amye Eudy, Jackie and Joellen Qualls, Steve and Natalie Bryant and David and Cynthia Hobbs. Sounds of the Heart are members of the Cactus Drive Church of Christ in Levelland. Other special selections performed during the ceremony included "Amazed" during the lighting of the unity candle and "Two, So In Love" as the recessional.

The reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table featured four separate red velvet cakes of ascending size arranged in stair-step heights on crystal pedestals. The cakes were iced with a cream cheese icing that featured a traditional swag frill highlighted by butter cream white iced roses.

The bride's table was designed using the colors of white, gold and crystal and was complimented with a gold punch bowl, the bride and groom's personalized crystal goblets, white napkins monogrammed with gold lettering, gold silverware, and a bridal portrait. A white floor-length tablecloth draped with white tulle and tied at the ends with gold berries, gold poinsettias and white iridescent ribbon edged in gold complimented the table.

Gently sprinkled on the table were miniature white roses, strains of pearls and miniature gold wedding bells. As an added focal attraction, a Christmas tree decorated with gold, crystal and white ornaments was placed behind the bride's table. Becky Harrell of Midland, Kelli Stegall of Carrollton and Jennifer Brown of Tulsa, cousins of the bride, presided at the table. Guests were served wedding cake, mints, nuts and punch.

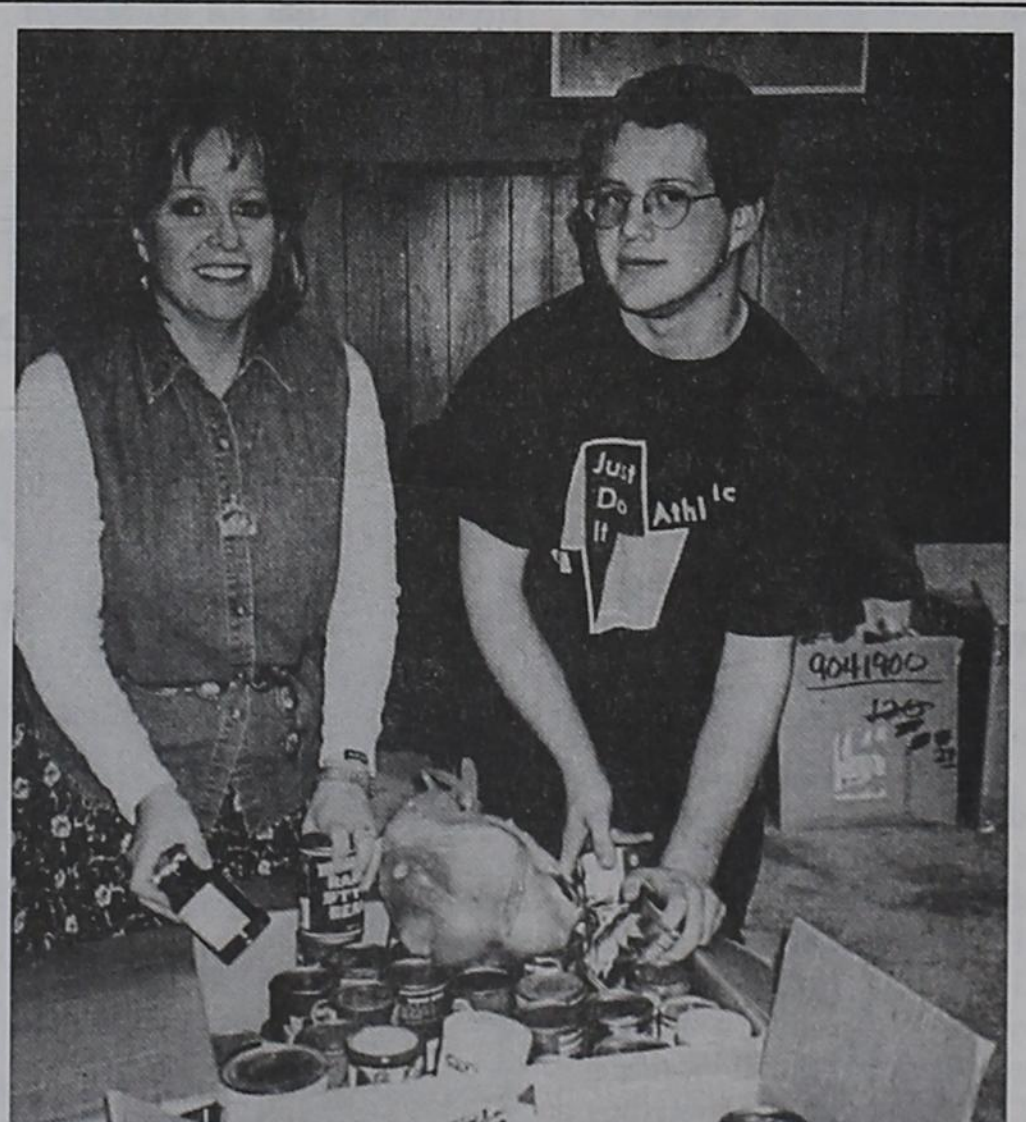
At the groom's table, guests were served by Krista Harper and Kerry Johnston of Lubbock, cousins of the bride. A full dark chocolate sheet cake which featured a spray of red roses and green holly leaves and a red "D" was cut and served with a hunting knife which belongs to the bride's father. The table was draped with a cream-colored floor-length cloth. The groom's table also featured a pair of red miniature western boots, a silver lantern, silver spurs, a silver candelabra, silver coffee service and red monogrammed napkins. A silver framed engagement picture of the couple greeted guests, who were served coffee and miniature white and dark chocolate molded candies in the shapes of cowboy hats, boots and horseshoes.

Kristen Martin, cousin of the groom, assisted in distributing favors of Christmas bells to guests.

Members of the house party included Jarita Moses, Heidi Hays, Row Nickson, Judy Dunlap, Bonnie Dunlap, Melissa Dunlap, Rhonda Williams, Johnnie Cash and Clea Van Meter.

Following a surprise planned wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's mother, Ila Workman, at the Smith House Bed and Breakfast in Crosbyton Thursday evening following the ceremony rehearsal. Forty-nine guests enjoyed brisket, German sausage, cole slaw, potato salad, pinto beans, rolls, and homemade cobblers. Tables were decorated with the colors of Christmas and the food was served on Christmas dishes. Wedding gifts were presented by the couple to members of the wedding party.



Nita Jo Heckaman and Jarrod Greene are sorting canned goods collected by 4-H members on their recent scavenger hunt. Six large boxes of food were collected and donated to three families for the holidays. Garza County 4-H'ers express their appreciation to all who donated to the food drive.

Birth

Patrick Dale Warren

Dewayne and Tomoko Warren of McCord A.F.B., Washington, wish to announce the birth of their son, Patrick Dale, born Wednesday, December 15th at Fort Lewis General Army Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 and 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Chet Warren of Post and Becky Warren of Fort Worth.

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.
—Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Last Puzzle Solution

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



I thought I would do something a little different this week. This story was given to me by a really good friend, Katie Slone, of Tahoka and it is such a beautiful story I want to share it with all of you. Please read and enjoy "The Dime".

Bobby was getting cold sitting out in his backyard in the snow. Bobby didn't wear boots; he didn't like them and anyway he didn't own any.

The thin sneakers he wore had a few holes in them and they did a poor job of keeping out the cold. Bobby had been in his backyard for about an hour already. And, try as he might, he could not come up with an idea for his mother's Christmas gift.

He shook his head as he thought, "This is useless, even if I do come up with an idea, I don't have any money to spend." Ever since his father had passed away three years ago, the family of five had struggled. It wasn't because his mother didn't care, or try, there just never seemed to be enough.

She worked nights at the hospital, but the small wage that she was earning could only be stretched so far. What the family lacked in money and material things, they more than made up for in love and family unity.

Bobby had two older and one younger sister, who ran the household in their mother's absence. All three of his sisters had already made beautiful gifts for their mother. Somehow it just wasn't fair. Here it was Christmas Eve already, and he had nothing.

Wiping a tear from his eye, Bobby kicked the snow and started to walk down to the street where the shops and stores were. It wasn't easy being six without a father, especially when he needed a man to talk to. Bobby walked from shop to shop, looking into each decorated window. Everything seemed so beautiful and so out of reach.

It was starting to get dark and Bobby reluctantly turned to walk home when suddenly his eyes caught the glimmer of the setting sun's rays reflecting off of something along the curb. He reached down and discovered a shiny dime.

Never before has anyone felt so wealthy as Bobby felt at that moment. As he held his new found treasure, a warmth spread throughout his entire body and he walked into the first store he saw.

His excitement quickly turned cold when the salesperson told him that he couldn't buy anything with only a dime. He saw a flower shop and went inside to wait in line. When the shop owner asked if he could help him, Bobby presented the dime and asked if he could buy one flower for his mother's Christmas gift.

The shop owner looked at Bobby and his ten cent offering. Then he put his hand on Bobby's shoulder and said to him, "You just wait here and I'll see what I can do for you." As Bobby waited he looked at the beautiful flowers and even though he was a boy, he could see why mothers and girls liked flowers.

The sound of the door closing as the last customer left, jolted Bobby back to reality. All alone in the shop, Bobby began to feel alone and afraid. Suddenly the shop owner came out and moved to the counter.

There, before Bobby's eyes, lay twelve long stem, red roses, with leaves of green and tiny white flowers all tied together with a big silver bow. Bobby's heart sank as the owner picked them up and placed them gently into a long white box. "That will be ten cents young man." The shop owner said reaching out his hand for the dime.

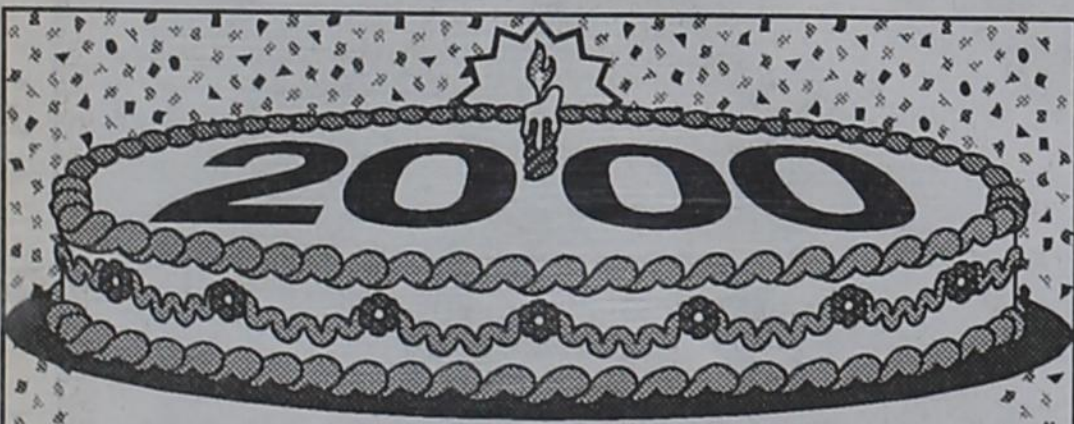
Slowly, Bobby moved his hand to give the man his dime. Could this be true? No one else would give him a thing for his dime! Sensing the boy's reluctance, the shop owner added, "I just happened to have some roses on sale for ten cents a dozen. Would you like them?"

This time Bobby did not hesitate, and when the man placed the long box into his hands, he knew it was true. Walking out the door that the owner was holding, Bobby heard the shop keeper say, "Merry Christmas, son."

As the shopkeeper returned inside, the shop keeper's wife walked out. "Who were you talking to back there and where are the roses you were fixing?" Staring out the window, and blinking the tears from his own eyes, he replied, "A strange thing happened to me this morning. While I was setting up things to open the shop, I thought I heard a voice telling me to set aside a dozen of my best roses for a special gift. I wasn't sure at the time whether I had lost my mind or what, but I set them aside anyway. Then just a few minutes ago, a little boy came into the shop and wanted to buy a flower for his mother with one small dime. "When I looked at him, I saw myself, many years ago. I too, was a poor boy with nothing to buy my mother a Christmas gift. A bearded man, whom I never knew, stopped me on the street and told me that he wanted to give me ten dollars. "When I saw that little boy tonight, I knew who that voice was, and I put together a dozen of my very best roses."

The shop owner and his wife hugged each other tightly, and as they stepped out into the bitter cold air, they somehow didn't feel cold at all. May this story instill the spirit of CHRISTmas in you enough to pass this act along. Have a Joyous and Peace-filled season.

To each and everyone of you, may the Lord shine His light upon you and give you peace, and may you have a joyful Merry Christmas!



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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash

Will You Qualify For These Tax Breaks

HOPE tuition credits, lifetime learning credits, child tax credits, deductible IRA's, itemized deductions, personal exemptions and more are available to all taxpayers within certain adjusted-gross income limits. In order to qualify for more tax breaks, take every opportunity for so-called "above-the-line" deductions and cut your AGI.

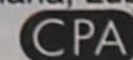
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"It has been a high honor to serve as your district attorney," Smith said in his Dec. 16 announcement. "I sincerely thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this important office, and I am very appreciative of the support you have given me."

"I am seeking reelection and pledge that I will continue to work hard for you as district attorney of the 106th Judicial District."

The 106th Judicial District includes Garza, Gaines, Lynn and Dawson counties.

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District officials also accepted the resignation of high school counselor Daisy Breedlove, who will leave in January to accept a position with the Texas Education Agency; accepted a bid on an old Dodge bus the district was trying to sell; and approved a tax refund for a district taxpayer who had inadvertently paid his taxes twice.

Railroad crossing

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Huya also said plans are in the works to upgrade Post's 5th Street crossing. Flashing lights and gates are to be installed at a cost of about \$257,000. This project, covered by federal funding and maintained by the railroad, should be completed by the end of the year.



Celebrating Open House at Norwest Bank last week were (left to right) Earlene Bagby, Jana Bullard, Callie Meeks, Teresa Gomez, Carol Short, Kathy Vickers and Charles Hardin.

Toys for Tots helps 60 children enjoy Christmas

About 60 area children will enjoy a brighter holiday season thanks to the generosity of local residents and the organization of the Post Lions Club.

The annual distribution for the Toys for Tots campaign was scheduled to take place this week at the Church of Christ, Lions Club member Paul Jones said. Each child scheduled to benefit from Toys for Tots was to receive about \$30 worth of toys.

Most of the contributions to the '99 campaign came in the form of cash contributions.

"We'd like to thank the people and the businesses that donated, as well as the ones who helped us get it all together," Jones said Tuesday afternoon.

Helping coordinate the program this year were volunteers from Cellular One and Fashion Cleaners, who collected toys, handled applications and fielded telephone calls throughout the month-long

campaign.

"They were a big help," Jones said. This year's campaign served 60-63 children, as opposed to campaigns in

previous years that served 90-100 local youths. Jones said there were fewer applicants this year, and fewer families approved.



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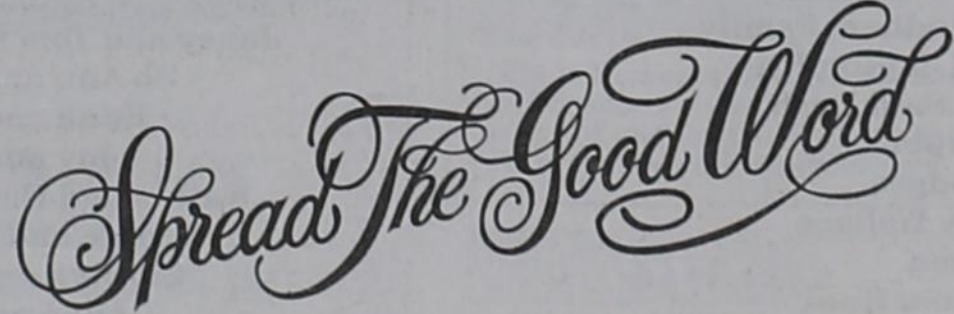
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An illness that we most often associate with children, lactose intolerance can present in our later years after a lifetime of tolerating all milk products. Symptoms include bloating, flatulence, abdominal cramps or diarrhea.

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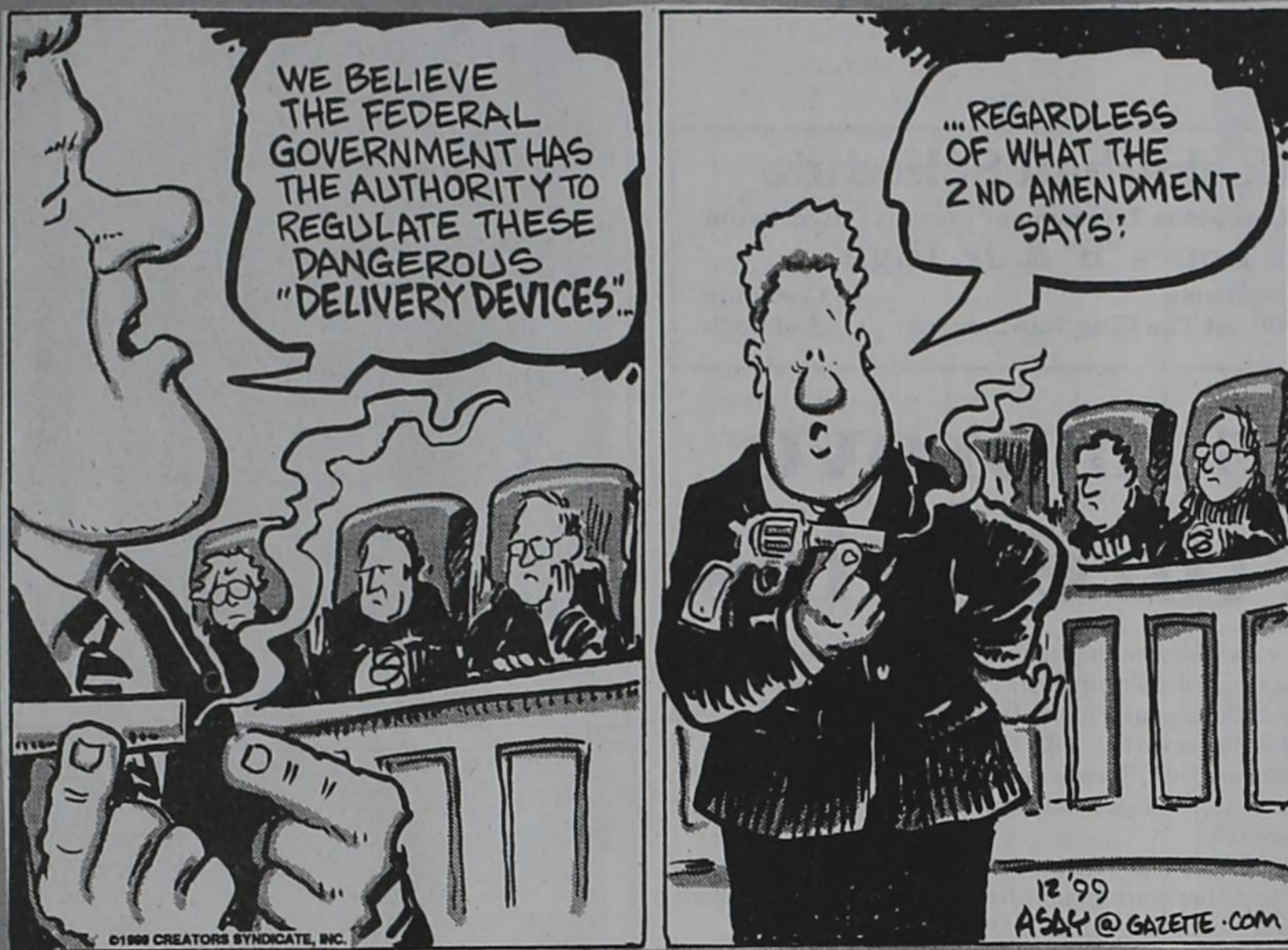
Lactase levels do dwindle as we age, but normally not enough to cause intolerance. The problem is certain illnesses can create a lactase deficiency later in life. Mild viral infections that cause a couple of days of nausea or a touch of diarrhea can cause a change in the GI tract in ways that lead to a shut down of lactase production for an entire month or two.

Often the problem is that transient infections are sometimes so mild that people do not make the connection between these short-lived GI upsets and the following period of lactose intolerance. As a result they assume they have developed a permanent intolerance.

If adult intolerance develops the thing to do is reintroduce milk products slowly, a month or two after they started to cause discomfort. This is as easy as putting some milk in a casserole or soup. One can also add a milk-based food with another item; this will slow stomach emptying. If lactose intolerance is the problem before long, a glass of milk, an ounce of cheese, or a dish of ice cream will be tolerated just as well as ever.

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Opinions



And thereafter, free markets are not enough

by Walter E. Williams

Professor G.R. Steele of England's Lancaster University, writing in the September 1999 issue of *Economic Affairs*, says that laissez-faire is not enough for a robust, growing economy.

That's an important argument to make because the enemies of liberty, at home and abroad, point to the economic chaos in most of the former states of the Soviet Union as evidence that capitalism and free markets do not work.

Steele says, "The absence of an adequate institutional structure explains why entrepreneurial capitalism did not automatically follow the collapse of central planning in the 1990s." His analysis is especially instructive for us because the very institutions needed for prosperity in the former USSR states are the ones under increasing attack in our country.



Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Board chairman, points out, "There is a vast amount of capitalist culture and infrastructure underpinning market economies that has evolved over generations: laws, conventions, behaviors, and a wide variety of business professions and practices that has no important function in a centrally planned economy."

In our country, a major part of this infrastructure includes a bill of rights, whose main purpose is to protect citizens against arbitrary action by government. Citizens of the former Soviet Union have no such protection. Another part of capitalist or laissez-faire culture and infrastructure is the rule of law and stability of the law.

Rule of law is where everyone obeys and is judged by the same set of rules. Laws apply to government officials just as they apply to citizens. Outcomes are irrelevant. Baseball rules provide an excellent example of this process.

In 1998, Mark McGuire hit 70 home runs while other players hit 10 or less. Nobody accuses McGuire of greed and exploitation. Politicians don't call for a redistribution of his home runs, or tell McGuire that he should give something back. We just say to other players, "You had your chance."

Stability of laws are also part of the infrastructure for prosperity. When laws constantly change, people cannot plan well. After all, if you make

investment decisions based on an existing legal structure, it's possible that you could be wiped out by unanticipated changes in the law.

So what do people do in such an environment? They shorten their investment time horizon and become more now oriented. Now-orientation is not the way to prosperity. In order to provide the institutional framework for a laissez-faire economy, government must restrict its functions mostly to that of being a "referee."

As such, it shouldn't choose sides. Governments should guarantee private property rights, enforce contractual terms (including the provisions of criminal law), establish rule of law and provide for certain public goods.

Going back to Alan Greenspan's 1997 "The Virtues of Market Economies" speech, "much of what we took for granted in our free-market system and assumed to be human nature was not nature at all, but culture. The dismantling of the central planning function in an economy does not, as some supposed, automatically establish a free-market entrepreneurial system."

So how can the West help nations of the former Soviet Union? We can't help much with World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Agency for International Development giveaways. In fact, these giveaways make the status quo more politically viable.

If indeed we can help at all, we should encourage, preach and admonish that they adopt the institutional and cultural infrastructure necessary for a free-market economy.

But just as importantly, and perhaps even more so, we should halt the attack in our own country on our institutional cultural infrastructure that explains why we are not in the same boat with the people of the former Soviet Union and a good part of the rest of the world.

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Congress must seize back law-making power

by Vin Suprynowicz

Many a conservative commentator has taken to shrieking that William Jefferson Clinton has issued more executive orders than any president in history.

That's not true. With 304 executive orders issued through October, Mr. Clinton might yet exceed the total ginned out by presidents Nixon and Reagan — 346 and 381, respectively — if he stays busy.

But the current president seems unlikely to beat the records of those great progressives, Herbert Hoover, Woodrow Wilson, and Franklin Roosevelt, who respectively managed to churn out 1,004, 1,006, and a whopping 3,723 executive orders and proclamations during their terms of office — FDR governing for 12 years in what amounted to a continuous state of declared "national emergency."

Still, it may not be the numbers that count. After all, many executive orders are proper exercises of executive authority. The ones that are of concern are those which constitute clear usurpations of the legislature's exclusive power to make law.

St. George Tucker, the prominent early American jurist, reminded us that powers are divided and separated in a republic because "Power thus divided, subdivided and distributed into so many separate channels, can scarcely ever produce the same violent and destructive effects, as where it rushes down in one single torrent, overwhelming and sweeping away whatever it encounters in its passage."

Yet increasingly in the 20th century, warn attorneys William J. Olson and Alan Woll in their new report for the Cato Institute, "Executive Orders and National Emergencies: How Presidents Have Come to 'Run the Country' by Usurping Legislative Power," in fact "Presidential power has too often rushed down in a single torrent."

What concerns the authors is the extent to which President Clinton's orders have amounted to writing new law from the White House, and the marked dawdling of the courts and Congress when it comes to halting such a dangerous trend.

When Harry Truman attempted to seize private steel mills beset by labor unrest during the Korean War, citing his power as "commander-in-Chief of the armed forces," the Supreme Court found that executive order invalid.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia similarly balked in 1995 at allowing President Clinton to ban the hiring of permanent replacements for striking workers — after he had tried in vain to get the Republican Congress to amend the National Labor Relations Act to that effect.

But since then, the Cato authors detail how the Clinton White House has increasingly succeeded in subsequent attempts to overrule the Congress and enact law by executive decree — in such matters as the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument, the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, and most blatantly in President Clinton's conduct of the war in Yugoslavia without even the penumbra of a declaration of war from Congress.

Even more shocking has been the tacit acceptance of this state of affairs by a public which — the authors note — moaned during the late impeachment proceedings that the inquiries should end so the president

could "get back to the business of running the country."

"Under a constitution dedicated to individual liberty and limited government," the Cato scholars ask, "how did we get to a point where so many Americans think of government as embodied in the president and then liken him to a man running a business?"

More critically, Congress — far from checking such usurpations — has actually abetted them by delegating more and more of its rule-making power to executive agencies, while the courts "have been all but absent in restraining presidential law-making," the policy paper finds.

The public, for instance, has become perfectly accustomed to reading reports like that of Elizabeth Shogren, in the *Los Angeles Times* of July 4, 1998, that "Frustrated by a GOP-controlled Congress that lately has rebuffed him on almost every front, President Clinton plans a blitz of executive orders during the next few weeks, part of a White House strategy to make progress on Clinton's domestic agenda without congressional help.

"His first unilateral strike will come today. According to a draft of Clinton's weekly radio address obtained by *The Times*, he plans to announce a new federal regulation requiring warning labels on containers of fruit and vegetable juices that have not been pasteurized."

It's tempting to ask, "Fruit juice: who cares?" But once such a precedent has been established, what's to stop a future president from suspending the right to trial before a randomly selected jury, the right to be free of warrantless searches, even the right to bear arms, of those deemed "potentially dangerous to the security of the state?"

The Cato scholars are to be congratulated for finally cutting through the partisan rhetoric and documenting the real nature of this assault on the vital constitutional safeguard of divided powers.

Fortunately, Rep. Ron Paul, R-Tex., and Rep. Jack Metcalf, R-Wash., have now proposed HR 2655, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act, which would terminate all existing declarations of national emergency and emergency powers, vest the power to declare any future emergencies solely in the Congress, and hold any future executive order invalid unless it identifies the specific constitutional or statutory provision which empowers the president to take the action in question.

HR 2655 is worth a try. If your congressional representatives aren't backing it, you might ask them why.

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"The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it." — John Hay, 1872

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

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Did Mr Bush flunk leader questions on purpose?

by Sheldon Richman

I think George W. Bush hoodwinked us. When he said he couldn't name the leaders of Chechnya, Pakistan, and India, I believed him. I thought he really didn't know. I took that as a good sign. But now I suspect he was just playing ignorant, and I'm disappointed.

Why would it be good for Mr. Bush to not know those names? Because it doesn't matter who runs Chechnya, Pakistan, and India. In terms of the interests of the American people, it is irrelevant. The only Americans who care about such things are politicians and bureaucrats, who need pretexts to plunder the taxpayers, and tedious foreign-affairs commentators, who are paid handsomely to care and who aspire to cushy State Department jobs. (See Strobe Talbot's resume.)

So when I heard that Mr. Bush couldn't name those guys (are they all guys?), I thought to myself: Finally, a presidential candidate with some perspective on what really matters to Americans. I figured that any candidate who doesn't see the point of learning the names of foreign leaders demonstrates just the right attitude about foreign affairs. It seemed to signify someone who doesn't want to meddle abroad. And that's just what we need: a president who refuses to meddle abroad. What a refreshing change that would be from Bill Clinton, who meddles everywhere he can. "Meddles" doesn't quite capture it. Bombs! Yes, that's better. He bombs wherever he can. Bill Clinton knows all those names. He'd never bomb anyone without first knowing his name.

But something about Bush doesn't add up. If he is as much of an "isolationist" as his apparent sensible obliviousness indicates, why does his team of foreign policy advisers consist of retreats from his father's administration? The team includes former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and former national security advisers Brent Scowcroft and Condoleezza Rice—interventionists all. They are the same people who sent us to war against Iraq (a war that President Clinton continues to this day). They are the people who gave us the New World Order, for which we must be prepared to die at any time. Another foreign meddler, former Secretary of State George Shultz, also supports Mr. Bush. He was gung ho for a military victory over Yugoslavia.

Mr. Bush himself supported the murderous and illegal war in Yugoslavia. He says he might have used ground troops. His web site says he "would maintain long-standing U.S. commitments, but order an immediate review of overseas deployments in dozens [!] of countries, with the aim of replacing uncertain missions with well-defined objectives." That's a nice way of saying that America would remain the policeman of the world. How many of the "dozens" of deployments do you think he'd scrap? Given the Bush-approved precedent of the NATO war against Yugoslavia, the United States is now committed to prosecuting offensive war just about everywhere. Americans trade and travel throughout the world. A "vital American interest" can always be conjured up to justify military intervention.

It's clear that Mr. Bush would like to stand in that long line of American presidents, beginning with William McKinley (if not earlier), that saw the world as their stage and the American people as their expendable extras. Their imperial thinking sent Americans into senseless overt wars in Europe and Asia and into idiotic covert wars in countless other places. As the conduct befitting an empire has expanded, the institutions appropriate to a constitutional republic have transmogrified into something ugly and oppressive. And, of course, individual liberty has receded. As Randolph Bourne once said, war is the health of the state.

Free people, jealous of their liberty, resist the grand view of foreign affairs. A proper government leaves citizens at liberty to live their lives, raise their families, pursue their work, and enjoy their friends and communities. But that's too mundane for the big thinkers who want to lead us. Free people don't want a leader. So freedom is shelved in favor of "national greatness" or some such nonsense.

I know. I know. I'm an isolationist. When it comes to political and military meddling abroad, that's exactly what I am. But I'm a free trader too. We in the private sector should be able to deal peacefully with whomever we please. Only the politicians should be restrained.

Shame on you, Mr. Bush. You almost had me fooled.
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Lady Lopes swamp opponents at Ira

by Wes Burnett

It's been a while since the Post Lady Lope basketball team went into Christmas break undefeated, and this year's team appears determined to make it stick. Coming off a three game blitz at the Ira Tournament last weekend, the Lady Lopes will be out of action until December 28, when they compete in the Crosbyton Classic.

Last week the varsity girls opened up action Tuesday, December 14 with a convincing 94-15 win over Aspermont. "We had some really tough practices after the Crosbyton game," coach Ron Taylor commented, "and the girls really responded quite well, they played with great intensity."

Dauida Gregory led the team with 23 points, with Emily Smith getting 20. Others scoring included Meagan Mills (11), Kelly Moore (11), Kenda Looney (10), Manuela Hernandez (8), Vondi Gradine (4), Camie Payne (4), Yvonne Lopez (2) and Erin Gregory (1).

On defense Payne led with 10 rebounds, while Smith picked up eight. Mills led in steals with eight, with Dauida Gregory and Payne getting four each.

In the December 16-18 Ira Tournament, the Lady Lopes swamped the competition, smashing the Andrews freshman team 66-6 in the opener and coming back Friday with 105-27 win over Loraine.

Smith led with 19 points, Hernandez, Moore and Erin Gregory each got 14, Payne scored 10, Mills and Dauida Gregory got eight and Gradine put in seven.

The championship game was a bit tougher for the Lady Lopes, as an inspired Ira team kept the game close. With three starters on the bench for fouls, the Lady Lopes managed a 58-49 win. "I'm real proud of Manuela, Camie and Emily," coach Taylor explained, "they came off the bench when we needed them the most, and they basically saved the game for us."

Dauida Gregory led the team with 12 points, with Manuela hitting for 11. Other scoring included Mills (8), Smith (7), Erin Gregory (6) and Looney (5).

The Lady Lopes will square off against Whiteface in the Crosbyton Classic on Tuesday, December 28. The winner of that game will place the winner of the Ralls and Guthrie game.

Looking toward district competition, Taylor said that Coahoma, Stanton and Seagraves all have great basketball teams. "It's going to be some real tough competition," he added.

| PHS Basketball Schedule | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Dec. 28-30 | Crosbyton Tournament (Varsity) | Crosbyton |
| Jan. 6 | Coahoma | Coahoma |
| Jan. 7,8 | Christ The King Tournament | Lubbock |

Lopes improve with three wins

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team headed into the Christmas break with a 5-5 season record, following three wins and one loss last week.

The Lopes won two of three games in the Ira Tournament, opening with a 66-33 win over the Ira junior varsity. Billy Crawford led the team with 14 points, followed by Michael Huff, Tyrone Jefferson and Lance Curtis with 12 each. Jarrett Vickers scored eight points, with Justin Gorman getting four and Jamie Collazo two.

In Friday's game, the Lopes edged Andrews J.V. 46-45 with Huff leading the scoring at 19 points. Other scoring came from Jefferson (10), Crawford (9), Vickers (4), Clinton Curtis (2) and Raul Ortiz (2).

In the championship game Ira edged the Lopes 57-36. Crawford was held to nine points. Scoring included Vickers (8), Lance Curtis (6), Huff (4), Jefferson (4), Clinton Curtis (2), Jeremy Payne (2) and Ortiz (1).

On December 20, the Lopes edged Sudan in a 44-42 thriller. Going into the final minute of the game, the Lopes led 42-39, Sudan scored a three-pointer to tie the game. The Lopes took the ball and spread out, patiently waiting for an opportunity. With 12 seconds on the clock, the winning points went in, then the team's defense stole the ball, preserving the win.

"That was a really great basketball game," coach Dane Vickers commented. "We've got some great kids playing this year, and they know how to win when the game is close." Vickers praised the team improvement, "They're playing hard and getting better every game on defense. We just need to take care of the ball, we're still getting too many turnovers."

Crawford led the team Monday with 18 points, followed by Huff (9), Jefferson (8), Gorman (3), Vickers (2), Collazo (2) and Clinton Curtis (2).

The team will compete in the Crosbyton Classic December 28-30, opening against Farwell on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

"If we can cut our turnovers in half," coach Vickers said, "I think this team will be competing for a playoff spot."

Sudan takes one from J.V.

The Post Antelope junior varsity basketball team fell 46-28 to Sudan in the December 20 game here.

Seth Redman was high-point man with eight, followed by Noah Gutierrez (6), Brandon Bell (3), Luis Zubia (3), and two each by Brody Robertson, Hector Reyna, Jon Eilenberger and Mikey Gonzales.



Dauida Gregory takes two point shot for the Lady Lopes in the 94-15 win over Aspermont here last week. Erin Gregory (11) joins in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Vondi Gradine (30) grabs the ball from an Aspermont player during the December 14 game here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kelly Moore (21) slams the ball back in court for the Lady Lopes as Dauida Gregory (20) looks to help out. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Manuela Hernandez (33) joins Lady Lope teammates in the battle for the basketball during action here last week. In on the action are Camie Payne (23), Dauida Gregory (20) and Emith Smith (25). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Dauida Gregory (20) moves the ball inbound for the Lady Lopes as Meagan Mills (10), Manuela Hernandez (31) and Kelly Moore (31) get set on offense. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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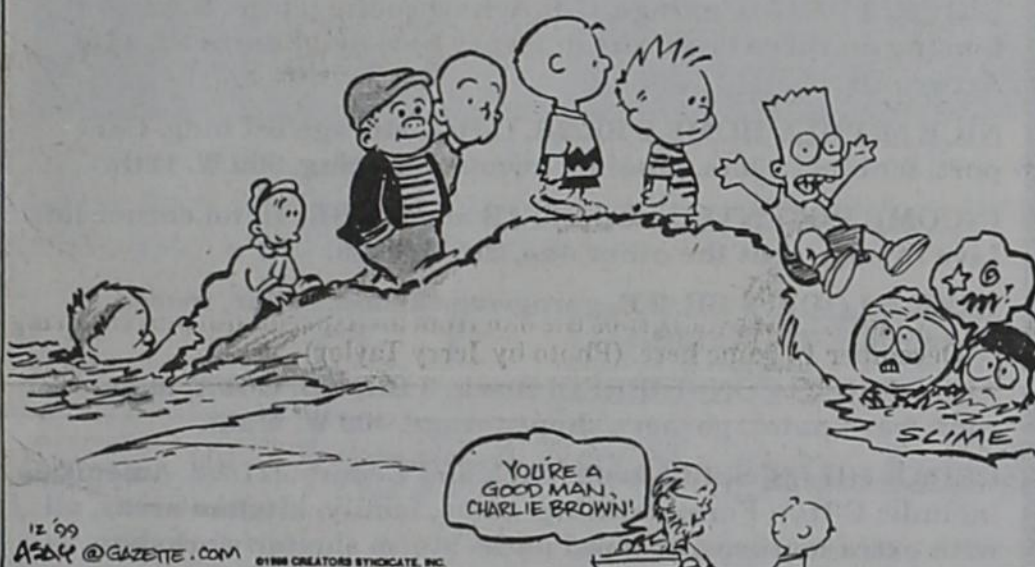


Vondi Gradine (left) races downcourt as Yvonne Lopez (right) takes the basketball toward the Lady Lope goal last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor).



Meagan Mills (10) fights for a rebound during Lady Lope action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

THE EVOLUTION OF 'TOON KIDS



All systems go for Y2K

(Continued from Page 1)

As a "reasonable precaution," the city has requested that White River fill all water storage facilities in Post on Dec. 31.

"In the unlikely event that a problem is encountered, the city will then request that citizens conserve water for basic necessities," the release stated. "Post will temporarily increase its on-hand inventory of extra fuel for equipment and vehicles. City employees will be available to assist sheriff's officers, emergency personnel and fire/rescue personnel."

Anyone who feels uncomfortable about a potential year-end problem relating to Y2k might, according to the release, want to consider the following steps:

- On or by Dec. 29, store 5-10 gallons of drinking water in clean containers for each individual in the home.
- Buy fresh batteries for the flashlight; make sure the flashlight works after installing the batteries, and put it where it can be easily located without the lights on.
- Have a mechanical can opener handy.
- Remember that candles can be useful, but should be used with extreme caution so as not to set fire to the home.
- Have warm clothing and blankets readily available in the home.
- Fill each automobile with gas.
- Do not overload and flood the telephone system by calling friends and family just after the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31.
- Stock up on non-perishable food.
- Leave money that is in the bank in the bank; even small amounts of cash on hand are an invitation to thieves if the lights are temporarily off.



Delivering Christmas to the needy last week were Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. members (back row, left to right) Theo Paiz, Carol Hester, Bobby Dean, Kayla Dunn, Courtney Short, Traci Nelson, Devin Hernandez, Chelsi Goodman, Vanessa Runnels, Rodney Tidwell, (front row) Jake Lott, Jamie Soto, Cody Bullard, Matthew Perez, Cole Easterling, Martin Garcia, Andrew Landa, Joey Espinoza and Chris Thurman.



Delivering Christmas gifts to the needy last week were Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. members (back row, left to right) Michael Willetet, Sierra Reiter, Taylor Starkey, Erica Moore, Diana Zubia, Kristin Morris, Bethany Haynes, Amber Holly, Crystal Crawford, (middle row) Frankie Orona, Adrian Gonzales, Mark Norman, Carlos Hernandez, Langly Couch, Jay Cooper, Eric Soto, (front row) Brody Conner, Kris Hernandez, Will Todd, Charles Huffman and Mark McCallister.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Kwanzaa

Compared to many of the other holidays that we know about or celebrate, Kwanzaa is very new. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Depending on where you live and your own ethnic background you may or may not know much about this African American holiday celebrated over seven days.

Because getting together to share good food is a big part of Kwanzaa and because Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas and ends on New Year's Day, I thought it would be a good focus for the last column of the year. Celebrating our heritage is an appropriate way to end any year. And making plans to continue working towards our goals is an appropriate way to begin a new year. These are the underlying principles of Kwanzaa.

Dr. Karenga created Kwanzaa to teach African Americans the history of their own culture and to encourage African Americans today to turn to their history for support. I am providing information about Kwanzaa itself, as an opportunity for people of all races to learn more about the African American culture. As we learn more about each other, we can better understand and appreciate one another. We do need to remember our own heritage, to think about our values and celebrations. This time of reunion, recognition of achievements, cultural renewal, and rededication to strong family values doesn't need to leave anyone out. Kwanzaa isn't a religious holiday or an alternative to Christmas. Dr. Karenga has identified seven principles, one to celebrate on each of the seven days of Kwanzaa.

UNITY in the family, community, nation, and race - SELF-DETERMINATION to define, name, create for, and speak for ourselves



COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY to build our community together
 COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS to build and maintain our own businesses and to profit together
 PURPOSE - the building and development of our community, to restore our people to their traditional greatness
 CREATIVITY - our community more beautiful than we found it
 FAITH in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of the struggle.
 April Brady begins her book, Kwanzaa Karamu with these words: "I would like to pass on to you what has been given to me, our history. The tales of the history of African Americans warm my heart and my mind like a fire burning. This flame will burn forever. It will never go out as long as you carry it in to your life and your children's lives. It is up to each of us to share our own flame-to ignite other minds and warm other hearts."
 Part of Kwanzaa is making and sharing food. Make your own peanut butter to share. Here's how: Put 1 cup shelled peanuts in a blender or food processor. Blend for about 1 minute, until peanuts are crushed into a paste. Stir in 1 tablespoon peanut oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Store in a covered container and refrigerate. (If peanuts and oil separate, simply stir or mix.)
 There are many recipes for Sweet Potato Pie, but none were easier than this one. You could make your own pie crust, or decorate your pie with pecan halves after baking, or serve it with whipped cream. Sweet Potato Pie Heat oven to 450°. Mix all ingredients, in order, thoroughly: 1 cup mashed cooked sweet potatoes (about 3 potatoes); 2/3 cup brown sugar; 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon allspice, 2 eggs, beaten, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1 cup evaporated milk. Pour into: 1 9-inch pie shell, unbaked. Bake 15 minutes, reduce heat to 325° and bake 30 minutes longer. Makes 1 pie.
 Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

The following poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan and brought to the Dispatch by Inez Gandy. The following is his request. I think it is reasonable....
 PLEASE. Would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

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| <p>'Twas the night before Christmas, He lived all alone, In a one bedroom house made of Plaster and stone.</p> <p>I had come down the chimney With presents to give, And to see just who In this home did live.</p> <p>I looked all about, A strange sight I did see, No tinsel, no presents, Not even a tree.</p> <p>No stocking by mantle Just boots filled with sand, On the wall hung pictures Of far distant lands.</p> <p>With medals and badges, Awards of all kinds, A sober thought Came through my mind.</p> <p>For this house was different, It was dark and dreary, I found the home of a soldier, Once I could see clearly.</p> <p>The soldier lay sleeping, Silent, alone, Curled up on the floor In this one bedroom home.</p> <p>The face was so gentle, The room in such disorder, Not how I pictured A United States soldier.</p> <p>of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?</p> <p>I realized the families That I saw this night, Owed their lives to these soldiers Who were willing to fight.</p> | <p>Soon round the world, The children would play, And grown-ups would celebrate A bright Christmas Day.</p> <p>They all enjoyed freedom Each month of the year, Because of the soldiers, Like the one lying here.</p> <p>I couldn't help wonder How many lay alone, On a cold Christmas Eve In a land far from home. The very thought Brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees And started to cry.</p> <p>The soldier awakened And I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, This life is my choice;</p> <p>I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, My life is my God, My country, My Corps."</p> <p>The soldier rolled over And drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.</p> <p>I kept watch for hours, So silent and still And we both shivered From the cold night's chill.</p> <p>I didn't want to leave On that cold, dark night, This Guardian of Honor So willing to fight.</p> <p>Then the soldier rolled over, With a voice soft and pure, Whispered, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas Day, all is secure."</p> <p>One look at my watch, And I knew he was right. "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a Good Night."</p> |
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1,510' from the north line and 1,310' from the west line of lease.
1,510' from the north line and 1,310' from the west line of survey.
As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the Arlene (San Andres) field. No Rule 37 (38) is necessary pursuant to field rules for this field.
Field rules for the Arlene (Glorieta), Arlene (San Andres) fields are 440/1000, 40 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 3,300 feet.
Pursuant to the terms of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Tom Obenchain, Production Analyst, at 214-692-7052.
If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the commission at (512) 463-6899.
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- Schlitter
- Water Park in New Braunfels
- Kick Joy Juice
- newspaper: Abilene Reporter
- TXism: "he'd unarmed in a battle of wits"
- TXism: "big for his britches"
- in addition; besides
- TXism: "son of"
- TXism: "high" (fled)
- TXism: "raised on concrete"
- TXism: "the Baptists are sprinkling"
- claustrophobia is a being enclosed
- "Bum" Phillips
- Chinese cinnamon
- this Cohen was LBJ's HEW Secretary in '69
- not faithful
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- this actor starred with William Holden in film "Texas"
- Rangerettes founder Gussie Davis
- TX's 1st woman legislator was elected on this ticket in '22 (abbr.)
- TXism: "playful" in clover
- Athens' "Black-eyed Pea"
- cold north wind
- Texans in America
- TX Blocker "Hoss" (init.)
- TXism: "high as pop at a picture show"
- snakelike fishes
- seat of Hidalgo Co.
- pecan desserts
- full init. of legendary Ryan
- TXism: "couldn't find an under a sitting hen"
- TXism: "hard nails"
- troubles
- TXism: "checking my eye for leaks" (napping)
- TXism: "rough as"
- work hard
- small ornaments
- marching or mariachi
- TXism: "blue belly"
- Univ. of Houston Heisman winner, Andre (init.)
- a Newton cookie
- "Babe": Mildred Didrikson
- cheer south of the border
- Odessa AM radio
- San Antonio pianist Samaroff
- TXism: "buster" (farmer)
- Ballinger high school classification
- Titanic's bane
- 83 runs from Valley to Panhandle
- Lincoln & Fortas
- Oilers offense with QB Moon: "Shoot"
- placid
- "Y" of Y2K
- TXism: "a right smart piece"

DOWN

- the Bomb
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an"
- them
- Cowboys?
- TXism: "plain as the"
- TX-based restaurant chain (abbr.)
- "Luckenbach, Texas" singer
- TX Audie was hero of WW
- TX Trini (init.)
- TXism: "and no foam" (genuine)



SATURDAY'S MOST WELCOME GUEST

Santa Claus, surrounded by youngsters, is shown here shortly after he had arrived in town Saturday afternoon on the city fire truck. From a place of vantage on a truck, Santa talked to dozens of boys and girls to find out what they wanted for Christmas. The occasion was the Post Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas event, which always includes a pre-Christmas visit from Santa.—(Staff Photo).

From The Post Dispatch, December 18, 1959

H. F. Wheatleys honored on 65th

The couple lived across the road from each other when they were children at Reagor Springs in Ellis County, Texas. They married Dec. 13, 1914 in the bride's home at Reagor Springs. They moved to Garza County in 1923 and into Post in 1973.

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Lee Norman announces candidacy

Lee Norman has filed with the Democratic Party for reelection for the office of Garza County Commissioner, Precinct One.

Norman's duties during the last two years have included representing the county on the South Plains Association of Government's 911 advisory board, the airport board, the community center board, law enforcement committee and insurance committee.

He has also supervised changes at the courthouse to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act, among other duties. A commissioner's responsibility is also to set the budget and tax rate as well as supervise county road maintenance.

Lee is presently liaison for the City/County Airport and Department of Transportation upgrade for the Post Airport through a DOT grant. He is heading up construction of a reserve water system for the Dalby Correctional Facility.

Norman is 49 years old and a graduate of Post High School. He attended Baylor University and earned a degree in finance. He and the former Marsha Tipton were married in 1972 and have four children.

Laura May and Janie both teach in the Austin school system, David is an architectural landscape major at Texas Tech and Steve is a junior at Post High School.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

**December 20, 1989
10 Years Ago**

Dear Santa
I am six years old. I am in first grade. I want a Barbie car for Christmas. Love,
Lynette

Dear Santa
Please bring me a magic train set, a tape recorder with some tapes, and some new video movies. I have been a real good boy this year and I hope you will remember all of the other little boys and girls this year. Love,
Chase

Dear Santa
I want a new bike. I want new red boots. I want Little Miss Dress-up. I want a new plain baby. How are your reindeer? Love,
Yandi Humble

Dear Santa
I've been a good boy this year. I want a remote control Lamborghini and a RC Pro Am Nintendo Game. I'll leave you milk and cookies. Signed,
Monty Humble

Dear Santa
Hi, my name is Kelcee and I've been such a sweet little girl. I would like for you to bring me a kitchen, so I can fix my daddy and bubba some goodys to eat. I would also like a baby doll. I love you Santa!
Kelcee D'Shea Bratcher

Dear Santa
I want a nintendo game. I also want a scooter for Christmas. Santa I would like to give you a big hug. I help to throw the trash. I help dad wash and clean his car. Love,
Steven

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a scooter for Christmas. Santa I have been a good girl. I help my mom clean the house and wash the dishes. Santa when you come to my house I will leave a present for you. Love,
Lisa

**December 20, 1979
20 Years Ago**

Dear Santa Claus,
It is fun when it is Christmas. I hope you bring me and my brother a lot of toys and something fun for me.
Thank You,
Tina

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am just fine. I want a doll house and a baby Little Love and a Mico Wave over.
Love,
Lena

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa Claus, I wish I had a bike.
Love,
Leroy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go-cart and a 30-30 and a giant size Mullenium Falcon, a stop watch and a monkey.
Love,
Keith

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I want a Star Wars set.
Love,
Stephen Reece

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and your reindeer.
I want a Simon Says, Big Trax, A trip to California, please, please and a Disney Land trip, please, please and to Carlsbad Caverns, please, please,
Love,
Tim T.

Dear Santa,
I want a Electric train and a cattle truck, a Superman, a Star Wars ship, a new football.
Chuck Prather

**December 18, 1969
30 Years Ago**

Dear Santa:
I have been good. Please bring me a red Matt Mason.
Drew Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa Claus:
I've been as nice as I can and my family too. And I wish you will bring me a Hot Wheels set, And, skis, and a Play It, Say It recorder and a record player, and a guitar with an electric amplifier.
Yours truly,
Ricky Quinonez

**December 22, 1949
50 Years Ago**

Dear Santa:
I will be in Odessa for Christmas with my Grandmother so will you bring my things and my brothers to us. I've been good. I want some pantyhose too. Will you bring me a Say It, Play It, Recorder player? My brother wants a Hot Wheels. I won't forget to leave you the coffee and cake. Love always,
Carla Butnell

Dear Santa:
I have been good. Please bring me a Walkie-Talkie.
Mark Jungman

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a baby Know It All and a bike. Diana looks at me funny but I don't care. I like Diana. And I love you.
Lacy McGinnis

Dear Santa:
I have been good. Please bring me a Stacy doll.
Patricia Craig

Dear Santa:
I would like a BB gun and Hot Wheels set for Christmas and a watch, a color wheel and a maze-matics. Love,
Eddie Gutierrez

Dear Santa:
I have been good. Please bring me a bike.
John Gilmore

Dear Santa:
I want a Sir George. I want a watch, some chaps, a tape recorder, a Los Angeles Ram helmet. Love,
Larry Dean Dodson

**December 17, 1959
40 Years Ago**

Dear Santa:
I want a football set, a red helmet with a double bar face guard, a red cotton knit jersey cotton football pants, college shoulder pads. I want an official football and a kicking tee.
I want a cactus carbine scope outfit, plus a gun case, and 750 BB's, gun oil.
Jimmy D. Bartlett

**December 22, 1949
50 Years Ago**

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a BEAUTIFUL doll that goes to sleep and cries and has blonde curly hair and dressed in pink. I would like to have a bed for doll.
Clara Frances Smiley.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a BB gun. I have tried to be a good boy.
I love you, Santa,
Frank.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an electric train and candy.
I have tried to be a good boy.
Don Penn.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle and doll bed and record player. I have tried to be a good girl.
I love you, Santa,
Norma Gay Briggs.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me Betsy-Wetsy doll, dishes, house coat, teddy bear and ball, lots of fireworks, fruit, nuts and candy.
Don't forget my little nephew, Sammy Don.
Brenda Williams.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I want a doll, a blackboard and a set of books.
Thank you,
Donna Bass.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 7 years old. I go to school and like my teacher very much.
Please bring me a bicycle, punching bag and a knife.
Yours truly,
Bennie Loper.

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Sandy Smith

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas, You won't find any one "rocking around the Christmas tree" here at Golden Plains.

We had residents dancing to the live music of Danny Guthrie, Vance and Derek. Several spotted Ruby Potts patting her little foot to the music. Dewey Chapman, requested front row seat and several songs.

Santa Clause was riding around the halls finding out who was good of bad, It was no surprise, there were no bad, everyone got presents under the tree. Ella Mae Jones didn't want the party to end, she was so excited about it that she wanted to have another one Friday.

There were home made goodies and punch that were brought by many. Lola Ledbetter made Martha Washington Balls, (with many other things) Jonny Smith and Dr. McCook had their fair share. I need to get that recipe from you Lola.

Vera McWhorter had a very special guest, Rachel Jones home for the holidays all the way from Austin, along with the rest of her family members.

Everyone exchanged presents and had the best time. we really want to thank our Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts for coming by and singing Christmas Carols to us and the Christmas presents that they made for everyone.

There are so many wonderful people to thank this week for making our Christmas party such a success. Betty Posey for her donations to our Shopping Spree, The Women's Division, Janet Justice, Julia Childs, Sheri Riedel, there were some that got away from me without leaving a name.

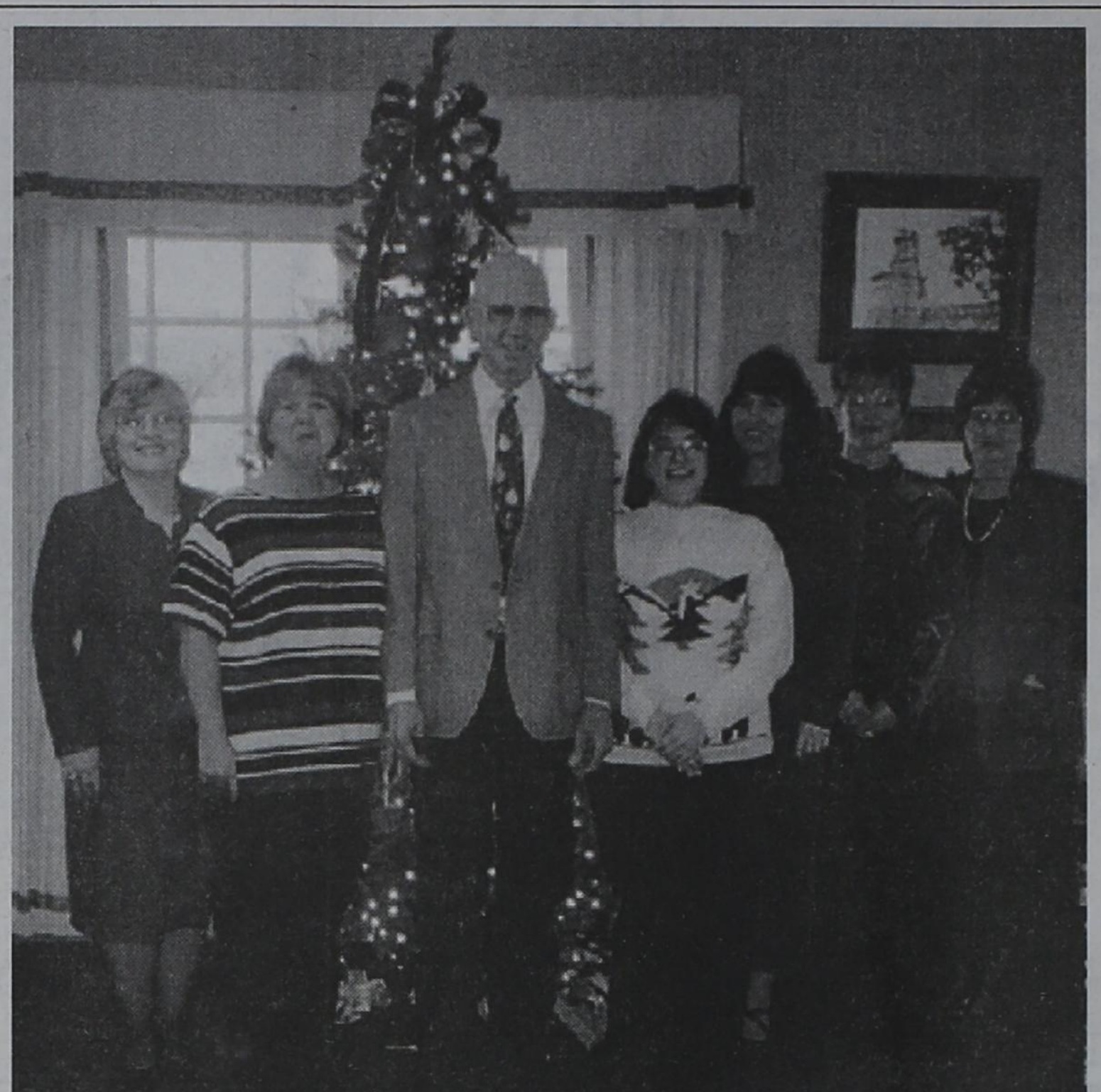
A special thank you to Delores Redman, for coming to my rescue, you knew just what to do!! You're a sweetheart.

I also had 3 little elves help me wrapping presents, thank you girls, (Tony Ortiz's daughters). You were a very big help!

Least we forget the parade, we got third place and what an honor that is, this was our first year to enter and everyone is already planning for next year.

Friday Morning we were blessed by little angels visiting our home, the First Baptist School came by and sang their little hearts out. I even got a special hug from Cheree Conner and Katie Hair after the singing. Nancy, you and the rest of the facility do a great job with these young people.

My Special Place came by to sing and also brought presents of Christmas Wreaths that they had made for everyone. Thank you all so much and come back again real soon!!



Citizens Bank employees treating customers with an Open House last week were (left to right) Kay Wallace, Donna Baker, Fred Myers, Raquel Britton, Lillie Hart, Christie Curb and Linda Waldrip. (Photo by Judy Bush)

Sheriff Ratke announces candidacy

Sheriff Kenneth Ratke announced this week he will seek the Democratic Party nomination for the office of Garza County sheriff.

Ratke has served as sheriff of Garza County since May of 1992 when he was appointed to the post after winning the county's Democratic primary.

Ratke said he feels that an overall reduced level of violent crime and other criminal statistics are, in part, the result of the work ethic and attitude he demands from his office staff.

The sheriff said he looks forward to campaigning in coming months.

"It's one of the most enjoyable aspects of holding office," he said, noting that anyone with questions regarding his service to the county should contact him at work at 495-3595 or at home at 495-4006.

Since moving to Post, Ratke has served on the local chamber of commerce, the Garza County Child Welfare Board, the Post Little League Association and has been a six-year member of the Law Enforcement Training Committee for the South Plains Council of Governments. Three of those years he was elected chairman by area law enforcement department heads.

Ratke attended Cameron University and received an associate's degree in law enforcement. He is currently six credit hours from obtaining his bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University with a combined grade point average of 3.87.

Ratke worked at the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department where he obtained his peace officer's license. He came to Post and began working for the Garza County Sheriff's Department in November of 1985.

Ratke and his wife, Nora, have two children, Kenneth Jr. and Dianna Lynn.

Amity Study Club enjoys Christmas party

by Louella Bilberry

The Amity Study Club met for its Christmas party Dec. 14 in the home of Joy Pool. Co-hostesses were JoAnn Miller and Suzanne Hudman.

We had a game of "What's the Name of My Song?" We had the name of our Christmas song pinned to our back.

We turned so that everyone could read the name. We then were allowed to ask four questions to be answered "yes" or "no," and if we hadn't guessed it in four questions we could ask one person for a more detailed answer. If we still didn't get it, we had to lead the group in singing the song! (No, I

didn't guess mine.) It was great fun. I hadn't realized how many Christmas songs start with "Oh!" Members shared memories of Christmas parties past, such as the years we acted out "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Some of us aren't able to be "Lords a-Leaping" or "Geese a-

Laying." Now, "Three Turtle Doves" wouldn't be a problem! I have fond memories of Joy Pool and Mattie Collier doing "Five Golden Rings." We did draw names but did not exchange gifts. We made donations to worthy causes in the name of the member whose name we had drawn.

We were served a delicious dinner on fine china with beautiful silver and crystal stem ware. We had an ice cream dessert to die for!

We had brought our Toys for Tots and turned in the names for the Post Dispatch Christmas ad and the money we had collected so far for our scholarship fund.

We wish for all a blessed Christmas and a sane and safe new year's celebration. See you next year.

Methodist Women celebrate Christmas

Christmas came early for the United Methodist Women (UMW) who were privileged to "travel through the Holy Land" with Carolyn Black and Diann Windham.

Beginning in October, the Black-Windham team took members of UMW on a journey through the Holy Land — Israel, Jordan, Palestine — from A to Z. As members heard the

stories, saw the photos and found places on the map, they came to more fully appreciate that particular geography where Jesus walked and which has birthed three major religions, those of the Christians, the Jews and the Muslims.

The December meeting was held in the home of Dr. James and Mary Lynn Bell with Linda Couch co-

hosting. Others present were Susie Shytle, Mary Welborn, Jane Odom, Jan Moreman, JoAnn Miller, Marion Wheatley, Margaret Bull, Patty Kirkpatrick and Joy Dickson.

The next meeting will be Jan. 25 in the parlor of the United Methodist Church.



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A visit to CLAUD.COM can be a great tradition to add to the holidays. Come Christmas Eve, the Santa Spotter can tell small fry if Santa is on his way, if he's had more than his share of milk and cookies and how quickly they should be getting to bed.

Lt. Bustoz earns science degree

Lt. Jacob A. Bustoz of Post received a bachelor of science degree in public health from Texas Tech Dec. 18.

He will be attending Officer Basic Course for the Medical Service Corps at Fort Sam Houston and is awaiting his first duty assignment.

He is the son of John and Louisa Bustoz and is married to the former Vanessa Morales.

Women's Division offers help to pageant

On Dec. 15, President Stelzer called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and amended. We had an official motion made, seconded and voted on. We will furnish "behind the stage" refreshments for the Mrs. Senior Texas contestants and the Dallas Dazzler Dancers.

The treasurer's report was made. Cookbook sales still coming in.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that we donate \$150 to the Women's Protective Adopt-a-Quad project.

The nominating committee presented a slate of prospective officers for the year 2000: president, Carolyn Halford; first vice president, Jan Acker; second vice president, Jenifer Fumagalli; secretary/reporter, Pauline Clinesmith; treasurer, Betty Posey; and parliamentarian, JoAnn Stelzer. A motion to accept the recommended slate of officers was seconded and the slate was elected. Congratulations, ladies!

Our donations to Victims Assistance and gifts for Golden Plains were collected and by the time you read this will have had our Christmas party and gift exchange.

We wish you all a happy holiday season.

Five arrested last week

Five arrests were recorded during the past week, according to records provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

On Dec. 14, a 34-year-old male was picked up on a warrant and released to Stephens County Dec. 17.

On Dec. 17, three DWLS (driving while license suspended) arrests were made, including those of a 42-year-old male, a 26-year-old male and a 56-year-old male. The 42-year-old was released on a \$2,500 surety bond. The 26-year-old, who was also picked up on Department of Public Safety warrants, was released on a \$2,000 bail bond. The 56-year-old was also released on a \$2,000 bail bond.

Also arrested on Dec. 17 was a 21-year-old female on a warrant.

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Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

a merry christmas to all

We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2000, it is our hope that you may have...

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- ❖ Enough sorrow to keep you human
- ❖ Enough failure to keep you humble
- ❖ Enough hope to keep you happy
- ❖ Enough success to keep you eager
- ❖ Enough friends to give you comfort
- ❖ Enough wealth to meet your needs
- ❖ Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- ❖ Enough faith to banish depression
- ❖ Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

This message was a favorite of founder H.D. "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976.



United
Supermarkets

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want skates and some clothes and a play houst and a furry cote.
Alissa Morrow

Dear Santa
I wut santa claus from you toys dol and bike and barbe and deesk I wish I Hd happy christmas jence Payne

Dear Santa
I want a Seedee from santa and a I a a computer and a noow cor and it has to be ril kyia Perez

Dear Santa
Santa, I Want a 20 inch bike and a per of sandles and a gocart and a santa toy and a play Rudolph.
Cheyenne, Chelby, Chase, Morris

Dear Santa
I want garrings for christmas. I want a cd of N'Sync. I want a picture of you Santa. I want a cd player form you Santa. Santa I want a bracelet.
Phyneshia Rutherford

Dear Santa
I want my presint to be a tin do 6d4 and a bik justin tanner

Dear Santa
I wout u trapeleunh, u mini scrt shrt together, a mini dres.
Mary Valdez

Dear Santa
I want a PRESENT. DOLL, BIKE, snow, and a happy day.
JAYTA Whitehead

Dear Santa
I wan't skate board Shan for Chrimas and a shert and a fill violin that makes a rill sowned
Morgan Jade Williams

Dear Santa
I want a real TV and a bikesickl and I want a real monkey a real computer
Kyle Copeland

Dear Santa
Hi, I like you. I like your deer. Will you bring me a little boat that I can play with in the bathtub? Bring my sister a barbie jeep. Bring my mom a unicorn. Bring my tia a unicorn. Bring my tia D a little dog.
John Eustace

Dear Santa
I want some barbies and two barbies men. I like santa claus. I waut a bike
Kensley Hair

Dear Santa
I like to have a barbie. I like Santa. He is nis. He is my frend. So is Jessica. I like Santa. Have a good holidays. I like frends they are my frends.
Vanessa Hampton

Dear Santa
I have been good. Santa, bring me sum lot uv presents. Bring me sum Good games.
Dylan Huffman

Dear Santa
I wish I could see you. 1. I want my own computer. 2. I want a Barbie doll. 3. I want Barbie bed and bath. 4. I want a Furby.
Jessica Jones

Dear Santa
I wot a computer and a bicycle and nintendo64.
Arturo Lopez

Dear Santa
I been good. I want som preesins and som toys.
Patricia McDougle

Dear Santa
I been good I want sum crayons and a big play hoys and a 10 speed bike and a computer and a teasat to ind sum marker
Tanisha Paiz

Dear Santa
I want for a plastation game console. I want a teeshert pants and sweater. I wont a transformer and a pack pack. I wont a racingart and sojer.
Shawn Perez

Dear Santa
I want some barbe and some toys and some swings and some close and some the barbe cashregister.
Evette Lucina Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I want a dress. I want some shoes with it. I want some toys. I want a Santa toy. Would you bring me a radio and a computer. I have been a good girl. I made a flower at school today at the table.
Love,
Kristiana Perez

Dear Santa
I wish I could go to the North Pole with you. When is Christmas? Please get me some roller skates. Please get me a doll. I will be nice. I will play with everyone in my class.
Love,
Leticia Soto

Dear Santa
I want a train, a ball and a car for Christmas. I also want boots nad two dolls for my sister.
Love,
Francisco Gonzales

Dear Santa
I love you. I want to say Merry Christmas to you. I love you very much. I want a motorcycle, a bike, and a race track. I have been a good boy. I have lots of friends at school. Two of my friends and Tavish and Taylor the twins.
Your friend,
Michael Huffman

Dear Santa
Would you give me a present? I want a skirt for school. Please give me dress shoes for school. I would like a necklace. I want a Barbie doll, and earrings for school. I have been good. I have been good at school.
Love,
Gabby Cuevas

Dear Santa
I want you to come to my house. I want to tell you to give me a remote control truck to play with. When you get done giving me toys you can go back to the North Pole.
Love,
Armando Martinez

Dear Santa
I want a truck. I also want a star that is yellow. I want a dog that I can name Spot. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Danny Jay Martinez

Dear Santa
I want a whole thing of Barbie. I want Barbie house, and Barbie clothes. Just a lots of Barbie stuff. I also want a sister Barbie. I want my Barbie to have a long dress and long hair. I also want a Barbie with the name Mary. I have been a nice girl. I have been nice so you could give me some toys.
Love,
K'Lenn Hair

Dear Santa
Would you give me a truck and a car? I want a Batman toy. I would like some red bears. I have been great. I have been nice. I cleaned up the floor for my mama.
Love,
Travis Greathouse

Dear Santa
I want a computer i want a dog i want a basketball i want a bike
Franchesca Varela

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a motorcycle. I also want a new shirt and new pants. I want some new shoes. I want a Choo choo train. I have been a regular boy. A regular boy is nice.
Your friend,
Jace Fannon

Dear Santa
I want a motorcycle toy. I want a fire engine toy. I want a little boy doll. I want a toy car. I have been a good little kid.
Your friend,
Brandon Soto

Dear Santa
I want a jeep, apie, and a truck for Christmas. My sister wants a warm-up suit.
Love,
Alan Alaniz

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a dog. I also want a cat. Would you bring me some Christmas cookies. I want a computer. I want a present. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Marcelo Martinez

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: rollerblades, playstation, masterplay cd, cd player, reamot controltruk. Thank you, Santa.
Junior Vasquez

Dear Santa
I want a red motorcycle, Pokemon movie, a toy airplane and a little toy car.
Love,
Oscar

Dear Santa
I want a rpunzel doll and a bike and lipstick.
Allie Hair

Dear Santa
I wnt a barbe drem has I wnt a barbie cor I wnt a barbe spsigirls
Tiffanie Pearson

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. I want a stereo with lots of cds and a vcr. Also bring some toys to my brother and sister.
Edgar Ortiz

Dear Santa
Santa I bin good at my house. I want a bike for Christmas. I want a tv for Christmas.
Jill Thompson

Dear Santa
I will like a teltube po the red. I bin good.
Pamela Spann

Dear Santa
I want a trick bike. I want a computer. I want a playstation.
Nathan REED

Dear Santa
I want a 1/2 jacket I want a robot. It picks up inething. I want some chalk. I want a chalk board.
Kaylem Perez

Dear Santa
I hav bin good. I am six. I have a birthday. I want a doll. I hope you a merry Christmas. I want decorations and a tree.
Samantha Ortiz

Dear Santa
I want a new bike. I want a little toy car. I want a power ranger. I want a bear.
Joey Orozco

Dear Santa
I want a bike. I wot a santaklos. I wot a ber. I wot a doll. I wot a indian doll.
Gina Mendoza

Dear Santa
I love you, Santa. Oh k can I have a wit wotr baby and a Barbie doll and I wot a copeny uv Mrs. Copeland.
Kristian Lee

Dear Santa
I want a wresl match of WWF and a drtbiskl, a super nintendo and a ranch.
Ernesto Esparza

Dear Santa
I wut a raslinis match, gobrt stonced nd WCW a mocontro modrsicl and a mocontro robot.
Tanner Clark

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: a bike, a skateboard, and a shotgun. Thank you, Santa.
Joel Harton

Dear Santa
I woot like a football and a bike and a gocart and a jerzzy on a cawboy cap on a computer an a buzlightyvier on a baseball an a tinisball an a dog an a toyrocket an a rill modersikel an a toy cor I love santa
caitlin cravy

HOME for the Holidays

We'd like to deliver our very best wishes for a wonderful season, to all who visited us. You're always welcome during the holidays and all year long!

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From: Us...

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JOLLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmastime is on the way,
With many expectations,
Building to the holiday,
We start the celebrations.

Carols, gifts and lots of laughter,
We have all kinds of fun,
And memories for ever after,
When all is said and done.

Best wishes to all our friends!
We thank you for visiting us this past year.

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Please ...
DO NOT DRINK and Drive!

Dear Santa
be sher to ptees remember to not forget to bring some swings and some toys and some close.
Evette Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I want a real RV, real computer and a real telfone and a telytuby the rad and a barbie.
Amber Wilson

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie. I want Barbie House. I wot u Barbie car. I wot a good Christmas.
Anna Gibson

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a present that haz magic to help me write better. I want a football, and a bicycle. I want to see where you live in my dreams. I want to know what it is like.
Quentin Benham

Dear Santa
I want a pupce. I wut a kpudr. I wut a bobee fri so i ken joy, fri krismus.
Monica Gomez

Dear Santa
I want a noo teddbear. I want a noo book. I wont sleeping beauty computer. I wont a borbe and a noo culering book. I love Santa.
Macy Blair

Dear Santa
I like santa, he brengs presents I want a jeep and I want a bike and dolls.
Skylar Brown

Dear Santa
I want a scatebrwd and a serbrwd and a tensped and a tet and a chrapaleen and a noo bed thatsol and a horse. Mi name is Dustin Puol Dickmin

Dear Santa
I am wishing for a bike and a stuf dog and a stuf cat and stuf snake.
Chase Greathouse

Dear Santa
I want a book and a computer and a toy for my brother.
marissa Hernandez

Dear Santa
I want a computer iwantawig and a swimmingpool and a cash register.
abby holly

Dear Santa
Four Christmas I want a book and yoyo, backstreet boys bike, backstreet boys bumpbed and swinesed ad all backstreet boys poster.
Merce Christmas Santa.
Ciera Miller

Dear Santa
Happy Christmas Santa. Will you give us gifts on Christmas? We will play in the snow on Christmas. Will you bring me a Toy Story 2, Crossfire, and playdough? It is fun on Christmas. We can build a snowman on Christmas. I love you, Santa! Will you bring presents for me?
Brian Osborn

Dear Santa
I want a BIG DOG and a big CAT and a bike please Santa. My mom is going to by me a playstahin please. I am going to play with my guiniapigs.
Kelsey Overton

Sing We All Noel!

As voices are raised in joyful caroling, we want to throw in a chorus of thanks, and sing the praises of our many good friends and neighbors. With best wishes to all, for a truly noteworthy season. Noel!

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I won't a kid rock cd and a cd player and a arrow smith cd and some books to read and some shoes and new cloths and I won't some house shoes and a silky night gown and a robe to wear, and a tennis racket and balls and I won't a lot of money and some barbies and a easee Bake to make stuff for my Mom-dad. I won't a pear of sweets, and a jam box to play my cd in, and playstahon.
Love,
Maegan Anthony

Dear Santa
I want to get a CD with reden I want to go to the mall and I want to go to a land were its butfol and I want to go to place and I hope i get a butely story and i want to go ever wer. Hope have a wudrfol chrissmas.
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa
I wood like a CD player and a WCE Resling Ring and a WWF Resling Ring and a game boy color. And a Pokemone Ball and led pencil and a calender and a housy and sisors. And a Rock Rider Lego and a computer.
Love,
Christopher Loyd

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I want a tea set, and math card's and a glob of the world and a book to read and a biggy bank.
Love,
Mercedes Enriquez

Dear Santa
How are you doing. For Christmas I want a CD player and a n64 game. I also want a mime pinpall machine. One new cassette for my cassette player. I want a Gamboy pocket with a game.
Sincerely,
Bianca

Dear Santa
How are you/ I'm fine. For Christmas I want some doll clothes and some multiplication flash cards and mombos nubey five and eney thing eslie that Santa Claus wants to bring me. PS. I have been a good girl.
Your friend,
Lauren Arguello

Dear Santa
I wot a cristal ball, a football and Santa I wot a computer. Have a nice Christmas.
Tanner Hadderton

Dear Santa
I wote a bike and FOUR BARBIES. I love Santa.
Rebekah Horton

Dear Santa
I want a seedeplaer and a boombox and a chucky cheese baker, a blues clues glow in the dark note book and env ather thangs.
Allisha Ann Jones

Dear Santa
Breeng me A jon Deer Tractor. I wnt A jon Deer Big Truck and Trailer I want A rodreho. I want A swother. I want A new Bull Doser. I want A new dog! I want A new donkye. Dad wants A new pickup.
Ben Mason

Dear Santa
Bring me a cd player, a nitlit, a yoyo, a car, a horse, a barbie car, and a teolton. Breg my mother, a pupe, my dad a kitty, Amber a barbie, and a fodeir.
Syrina Perez

Dear Santa
I want a gogort and tv and a dirtbike. i want remote controled car.
Chess postell

Dear Santa
I wood like a remote controled car, a toy rocket, a super soaker, and a cristle.
Jake Wischacemper

Dear Santa
I want a pokemon game and a gogart and a dog and a bird and a computer and a puppy and a kitten.
Love
Sdynee Lane Jones

Dear Santa
I like a trampleleen and pokemon stadium and a game room and a computer i whont a pupedog and some pegs four my bike
jonathan perez

Dear Santa
I want a bike a dog a littl baby cat. I have been good at church.
Anthony Crowley

Dear Santa
I want for crismus I want a radeo and a woch and shoe.
Leah Perez

Dear Santa
I wont kon puder and a mokinchorocanchrol car I wot a desk I wont sum boox I wont sam kars I wont a bel I wont desk for mi boox
jacey Gandy

Dear Santa
I want a Woody costum and a Woody cowboy hat and Buzz Lighyer costume for Justin.
Eric Adams

Dear Santa
I like santa because he git stuck in the chimney. I want a toy for crismus because is crismus. And mie mom is going to gim i a preznt crismus in a nuthr presen for crismus.
Mario Ceja

Dear Santa
I want a champlen and mi a remot kunro mustertuk
Edgar Garcia

Dear Santa
I want a 30 inch bike and a little puppy and a playhouse and a stroller and sandbox.
Miranda Hair

Dear Santa
UNDR THE Christmas tree I want a Computer and a stult pupe and a sedeplar and a real pupe and a real cat and a braslit.
Salena Johnson

Dear Santa
I want a skates and a toy truck and a toy dog and toy Woody and a Buzz and a Toy Rex.
Brandon Martin

Dear Santa
How is your wife? I've been good this year. I want black and gold rollerblades*. I also want a Gap clothes outfit*. Lastly, I want an Alyssa dollwith dark hair*. I really appreciate it!
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa
I want a little doggy. I want some new tennis shoes. I want an "Owl" from "Pooh"*. I want a stuffed parrot. I want the new movie Video Prince of Egypt*. I want a "Velveten Rabbit" book*. I want a waterpaint coloring book*. I want a basketball*. I want a bell. I want the Phonics Game.
Love, Cailee

Dear Santa
I want an electronic learning game*. I want a doggy. I want a dolly*. I want a Barbie. I want new jeans*. I want new tennis shoes.
Love, Whitney

Dear Santa
May I have a bike? May I have a pluto dog? I would also like a deluxe Barbie. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Laurie

Dear Santa
I wonder why you have reindeer to pull your sleigh? 1st, I would like a toy reindeer with a red, shiny nose! 2nd, I want a kangaroo with a baby kangaroo in her pouch. I want the pouch open and I can close it. 3rd, I love you, Santa and that's it. I'm going to leave you some cookies and some milk too!
Love,
Patrick Montoya

Dear Santa
How do you fly with your reindeer? For Christmas, 1st I would like a My Size Barbie and we get to dress her in the angel clothes. 2nd, I want this computer that has this Barbie and you click the moves you want. 3rd, I want this thing that if you have a computer and if you push the button like that it makes some cooking stuff. My Mom's going to make you some cookies, Santa but I don't know which kind. My sister wants a big computer like we have at school with games on it.
Love,
Jessica Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me some new Toy Story toys for Christmas and a Pooh bear. My little sister, Ally, wants some new toys so she doesn't have to play with mine anymore. I will be at my MaMa's Lois Childs house on Christmas morning. My momma says you know where she lives.
Love,
Abby
P.S. My daddy wants some new tools.

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a doublebarreled shotgun and a real four wheeler. Thank you, Santa.
Solomon

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a skateboard Backstreet boys and a shotgun. Thank you, Santa.
Chase

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a skateboard, computer and remote control car. Thank you, Santa.
Henry

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring Me a bike, a four wheeler and the computer game Pac Man. Thank you, Santa.
Clint

Christmas Blessings

MAY HE WATCH
OVER ALL OF YOU,
FRIENDS ON THIS MOST
BLESSED OF HOLIDAYS
... AND THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR!

Wells Pharmacy
Jim, Mary and Melinda

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A guiding star.
A heavenly chorus.
The Wise Men's search.
The Shepherds' awe.
And, in the manger,
the newborn King.

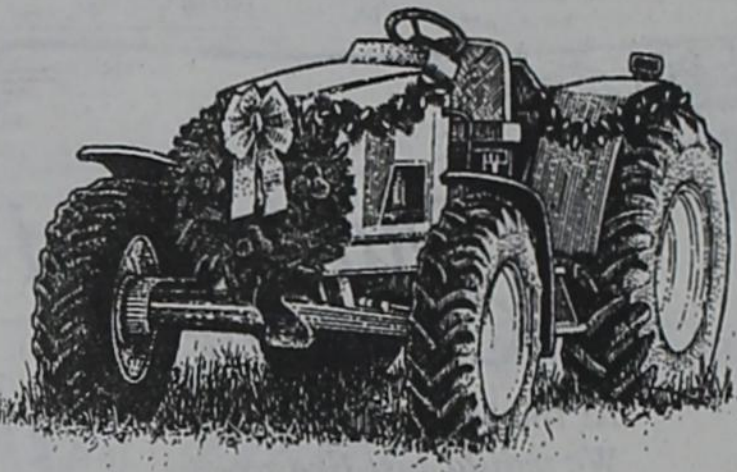
As the sacred story is told
anew, may the boundless
blessings of Christmastide
bring comfort and joy to
you and your loved ones.
Rejoicing too, we warmly
send glad tidings and
heartfelt thanks to all our
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Have a happy and healthy season!



Ray, Celia, Wes, Ben & Jaymie Swartz



Glory to the Newborn King!

May you and the ones you cherish, enjoy all the many gifts this precious season has to offer. We really appreciate the gift of your friendship.



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Thank you for your support,
Merry Christmas
and God bless each of you
Mad Dads
Rodney Tidwell



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
Is Rudolph's nose really red? For Christmas I would like a skateboard, 1st. 2nd, I would like a blue bicycle. 3rd, I want you to bring new clothes for my mom. I will lay you out some cookies and milk.
Love,
Jordan Curtis

Dear Santa
Why does your reindeer, Rudolph have a red, shiny nose? I like it! For Christmas I would like an ice cream maker. 2nd, I want real make-up and 3rd, I want some new clothes. (My Momma is going to buy me some new clothes so I don't want you to bring me that much!) I'm leaving some cookies and milk out for you, Santa.
Love,
Becca Fannon

Dear Santa
How do you hook the rope on your sleigh? And how do your reindeer fly? Does Rudolph guard your sleigh? For Christmas I would like an airplane. 2nd, I want a bull riding poster. 3rd, I want a 4-wheeler and a go cart. I love you, Santa and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brody Duncan

Dear Santa
Are some of your reindeer really big? For Christmas I would like a Barbie doll. 2nd, I want little play Barbie high heel shoes. 3rd, I would like a little Barbie house for little kids and a little play computer that's like real ones. I have been a very good girl this year!
Love,
Selena Serenil

Dear Santa
How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like a computer — that's what I really want! 1st! 2nd, I want some computer games. 3rd, I want some new clothes. I will leave you some cookies, Santa. Save some for Mrs. Claus and for your brother!
Love,
Nicole Alvidrez

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like a bear. 2nd, I would like a truck. 3rd, I want a Jeff Gordon race car. I love you, Santa!
Love,
Matt Nava

Dear Santa
How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like a Buzz Lightyear doll first. 2nd, I would like Sally doll clothes. 3rd, I want you to bring a keyboard for my big sister, Sarah. I love you, Santa!
Love,
Hannah Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa
What does Mrs. Claus do? For Christmas I would like a computer first. 2nd, I would like a doll house. 3rd, I want you to bring me a little bell. I love you, Santa!
Love,
Crystal Crowley

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? For Christmas I would like a swing set first. 2nd I would like you to bring my little sister, Destiny a little baby doll. 3rd, I want you to bring my mom a little bear and my daddy a new cowboy hat. I will leave you some milk and cookies, Santa.
Love,
Teraka Cowley

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas, 1st I would like one of those balls that you attach to your wrist and when you throw it, it bounces back to you. 2nd, I want the new movie that just came out, "Inspector Gadget." 3rd, I would like a Barbie doll and it doesn't matter what it is, just bring me a Barbie! I am going to leave you some cookies and milk, Santa.
Love,
Kari Dunn

Dear Santa
Do you really have a reindeer with a red nose that glows in the dark named Rudolph? 1st, I would like a dart gun that has 20 darts. 2nd, I want a bicycle with 2 wheels and a bell on it. And 3rd, I think I would like a little robot and a motorcycle with a remote control. I have been a good boy this year. I know that if you don't mind, Santa brings you 3 sticks wrapped up. And you also don't bring real puppies, only little toy ones.
Love,
Luke Cravy

Dear Santa
Is Rudolph really real? For Christmas I want a Backstreet Boys Millennium CD, one of those necklaces with a piece of rice with our names on them I want a rose in mine if I get one, I want The Mambo Number 5 CD and that is all.
Sincerely,
Bailey Robertson

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing good. I want a shotgun and a pistol, also I want is a J.C. Penney. I want \$100, I want Lil' Frog CD, I want a Sony dream cast.
Sincerely,
Sufyan

Dear Santa
I want a Criss Cross Crash set and a Jeff Gordon speed wu ring. I want some Legos. I want a goBoky Smashan game. I want a WCW nitdeteno. I want the meyrton transformer. I want a power witi murderskili. I want a rowrebike with the braks on the handles I want j Jerve Megraf Modorsikel from tico RC. Batlship game. I want the wacle mol game I want the podtasers Legos.
Love,
Clint McDaniel

Dear Santa
I want a plashten and 15 games "huie I want to tell you something to tell are you going to go to my house?" I want a doky kon 64. I want WWF adetode and WCW. I want a pebygunt and it is palet gun. I wood like one of your dookt. On the 64 I want WCW vs NWO trou.
Love,
Kevin

Dear Santa
hi Santa What I want I want a bike and a Book and I want to have a good Christmas I want a tramping and a T.V.V.C.R. and a puppy and a hamster too and I want a C.D. player.
Love,
Samanatha Pequeno

Dear Santa
I have been good for you. So I want a swimming pool and a diving board, inflatable chair and a trampoline.
Your friend,
Cecilia

Dear Santa
I'm a good boy. I want a boombox and a football and a swimming pool. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year Santa. I want you to come through the door because I don't have a chimney. Okay Santa.
Your friend,
Thorne

Dear Santa
I want a swiming pool, trampoline and a inflatble chair. By!
Your friend,
Kristen
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa
I wat a punching bag, a water bed, a soccer ball, I love you Santa. By!!!!!!
Your friend,
Colby

Dear Santa
I want a bunkbed, boxing gloves, inflatable chair. I will leave your cookies.
Your friend,
J.D.

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline, and a swimming pool with a diving board and a snow board. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Luis

Dear Santa
I wish I could have a swimming pool, and a puppy, and a trampoline. I will leave cookies and milk. I love you!
Your friend,
Brittany

Dear Santa
I would like a CD player, a CD of Lue Vaga, clothes and shoes. I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you.
Your friend,
Toni

Dear Santa
I want a punching bag and a trampoline and a skis. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Kaleb

Dear Santa
I want a train set, and rollerblades, and nerf. I will leav cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Myron

Dear Santa
I would like puppy, water bed, football for Christmas Eve. I have been good.
Your friend,
Jonathan
Mery christmas Santa. I'll leav you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa
How are things at the North Pole? I have been a very good girl. I would like a baby doll and a new Huckle Cat video; my dad, mom and brother are getting pretty tired of the one I watch now! I will leave you some milk and cookies so you don't get hungry on the way home!
Lots of love,
Mallory Mason

Dear Santa
How are you? I have been a very good boy this year! I would really like a skateboard, helmet, and knee and elbow pads! I'm going to leave you some cookies, so don't forget to eat some.
Cade Mason

Dear Santa
I am 6 years old and I go to school. I just had a Birthday and got lots of toys. So for Christmas I would like boots, Rocky Mountains, shirts, and a belt. I would also like a trampoline, and some Blues Clues.
Love,
Destinee Holly

Dear Santa
I seen you the other night. I have been good. I have 2 sisters and I am 2 years old. I want a real puppy dog that barks. I also want lots of toys. I will leave you some cookies and milk, but you have to eat them at my little table. Mommy says so.
Love,
Bailey Sioux Holly

Dear Santa
My name is Brooklyn Faith. I just turned 3 months old. I am a very good baby. Please bring me a big Winnie the Pooh that talks, a kick start gym, a teether, a walker, Baby Bright Eyes and baby Sweet Faith that says the prayer Now I Lay Me...
Love,
Brooklyn Landa
P.S. Don't forget to tell Jesus Happy Birthday!

Dear Santa
Hi, I'm Hunter and I'm almost 4 years old. I would like a gun and a big truck and some power rangers, boots and a cowboy hat.
Love,
Hunter Belongia

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. I know you have been watching me so I have been extra nice. Will you please bring me yots of Barbi stuff, yots of plutos, a trampoline, a red dress, and a purple nightgown that goes all the way to my feet. I am 4 years old and I help my Nana Tammye wash dishes, ever time.
Love,
Dakota Holly
P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Dear Santa
Can I have an icecream maker, a Barbie doll, and a doll that has a stroller. That's all. Thank you.
Shamauda Taylor

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie jeep, a Barbie that goes with a swimming pool, swings, and a swimming pool slide. Thank you.
Denisse Rodriguez

Dear Santa
Please bring me some books, a computer, and a wrestling toy because I like to watch wrestling. Thank you.
Cody Pewitt

Dear Santa
Please bring me a remote control car, roller blades, a computer, and a nintendo game. Thank you.
Jacob Perez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a playstation and a stocking full of candy. Thank you.
Adrian Landa

Dear Santa
Please bring me a new nintendo 64 gme, some Pokemon books, and a remote control car. Thank you.
Chris Teel
P.O. I have been at school.

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie, a Barbie car, and a stocking full of toys. Thank you.
Monica Mendoza

Dear Santa
Please bring me a skateboard, a video game, and a remote control car. Thank you.
Corbin McDonald

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Spice girl Barbie, a coloring book, and roller skates. Thank you.
Marisela Munoz

Dear Santa
Please bring me a super rebound remote control car and a computer. I have been a good boy. Thank you.
Aaron Perez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a computer, a Barbie doll, and a collar for my dog, Princess. Thank you.
Amanda Duran

To Our Valued Customers

*As the season unfolds
We would just like to say,
We hope you enjoy a fine holiday.
When we tell you we're grateful,
You know that it's true...
Because we wouldn't be here
Without good folk like you!*

George's Restaurant

George, Cathy and Crew

Wishing You Lots Of Christmas Fun!

We hope your holidays are filled to overflowing with joy and happiness. Our hearts are overflowing with appreciation for your patronage. Stop in again, soon.

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Tommy & Ruth Ann Young

'TIS THE SEASON

Have a very merry season with family and friends. Thanks so much for being good to us!

Merry Christmas, folks!

Caprock Cultural Association
495-4000

Christ, our Savior is born...

South Plains Answering Service
Diana Poe

A Christmas Wish for You

May your holiday season be trimmed with good cheer,
And adorned with friends from far and near;
Garnished with happiness, wrapped up in love,
And enjoyed with the blessings
Of the good Lord above!

Merry Christmas!

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
A NEW CENTURY ENERGIES COMPANY

Steve Deaton, Area Manager

PEACE and JOY

...And many thanks from us!

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DEBBIE MARTIN, C.L.

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To wish you a really neat Christmas!
We appreciate your patronage.

Fashion Cleaners
Daniel & Trevah
Quinton & Clinton
Hildegard, Kale & Lori

Blessings of the Season

May the gifts of this holy season become beautiful memories to cherish forever.
We're truly grateful for the gift of your friendship.

Hudman Funeral Home
615 W. Main

Hudman Furniture
301 E. Main

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
Please bring me a computer a nite night light, and a costume for Rudolph. I've been a good girl. Thank you.
Janelle Delgado
P.S. I also want some dishes and a real kitten.

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a Barbie with dresses, a crown and a wand. Thank you.
Corybelle Bland

Dear Santa
Please bring me a remote control car. I would like to have a computer and a game for my playstation. Thank you.
Parker Loftus

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike, a nintendo 64 game, and a go cart. I have been good this year. Thank you.
Anthony Soto
P.S. A computer would be nice also.

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Can you get me a cool capter for my self please. I want a new bike. I want a horse. Can you please get me a nido please. I want a horse game for the nado. I want a brand new big copter for the hole family please.
Love
Torrice Johnson

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline, and a Barbie, and a swimming pool with a diving board. I will be good.
Your friend,
Rosa

Dear Santa
I'm a good girl. I want an inflatable chair, shoes, clothes, swimming pool, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year Santa. and I will leave cookies and milk. I'll be sleep when you come.
Your friend,
Breana

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like to have a Barbie doll house, medical trolley, baby doll bunk beds and a neat stroller. I have been a really, really good girl. Please leave my presents at Granny Ju's, cause my Dad and I will be there for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk and apples for Rudolph. Remember to stop at Caitlyn Allie's house too.
Love,
Haleigh Blake Prather

Dear Santa
I want a doll swig. I wood like a Fruby. I want a dicsherry. I want a ice crem maker. I wood like a new bobit. I want a bing bag That is pink. I want That Ball you can bounce on. I wood like a car that relly drives. I want some Books. I want some rel glitter. I wood like a relly net one set stroler. Thank you.
Caitlyn Allie Prather

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year I want cumpure and a rood sceta in dats eridg dats I won
Love
Elizabeth Ceballos

Dear Santa
Iben a good boy this year. I wat a computer.
Your Fren
Anthony Bernal

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl in class and I want a fone and borby doll big like me okay is it alright Santa is it yes or no Just listen to me okay I want a compouter Thank You Santa
Love
Mary Mendoza

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. I will wote to have tree pupe and one kinte and a horse.
Your Friend Lucy Medrano

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a little cow, a motorcycle, and a black dog.
Thank You.
Your Friend
Abram Wiebe

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. May I have a little cat and dog and a book.
Love
Shelby Farquhar

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. I won a toy. I want the collection three fighters. I wot a resir. I wot a car. I wot a mosel. I wot a puppe. I wot a cat. I wot a toy cuk. I wot a Eagel.
Love,
A.J. Gatica

Dear Santa
I have been a very good girl this year. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? Please would you bring me a new bike with no training wheels. Also a doll and house shoes, and a horse back riding barbie. That is all, and I will have cookies and milk for you.
Thank you
Jacie Cloud
P.S. Roses are red vilet are blue I am so Happy to have a Santa like you.

Dear Santa
I want a Dream cast game. And a Buzz Lightyear and a football and new boots. A white shirt, and Zachary a little pet dog, and a stuffed bear. A new red bike. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Jordan Aguilar

Dear Santa
I want some skates, and a skate board. I really want a new swimming pool and video games. And new clothes, and new shoes. And Buzz Lightyear and Woodie. I will leave you food.
Dustin Powell

Dear Santa
I want a football and a football man named John. I want a swimming pool and a brown puppy dog. I want a bike and a new swing set. And a baseball player named Joey. I will leave you cookies and coffee.
Daniel Gonzales

Dear Santa
I want a blue pickup truck and a race car and a dump truck. And new shoes and new toys and a Christmas tree. I want a play horse and scissors. I will leave you cookies.
Ab Klassen

Dear Santa
I want a computer and a basketball. I also want a blue bicycle and a video game and skates. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Joshua Curtis

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie doll and her things. I want some clothes and shoes. I will leave you milk and cookies to eat.
Patti Lopez

Dear Santa
I want a barbe. I want a bik. melissa whitehead

Dear Santa
May I have rollerblades? May I have a robot? I would also like a skateboard. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa
I want a Playing Mantis Crash Stunt Cycle. I would like an electronic game for the computer. Also, some Toy Story stuff like Game Boy Toy Story.
Kyle Voight

Dear Santa
I want a Tyco Radio Control Super Rebound X-Treme Cycle. I want a Big-Time Action Hero 2-Pack Spider Man. And I want all the toys in Toy Story.
Jimmy Gatica

Dear Santa
I want a Trend Master Stealth Voltron Mighty Lion Vehicle. I want a Toy Spider Man Flip and Trap. I also want a Donkey Kong.
Jose Mendoza

Dear Santa
I want a Mega Block Buil 'N Go Easel. I would like to have a Little Tikes Super Kitchen and Lil Chefs Super Tea Cart N Dining Table Set and a supermarket cash register.
Angela Garza

Dear Santa
I would like Li'l Chefs Cart 'N Dining Table Set. I would like to have a Barbie and a Power Wheels Barbie Sun Jammer Car. And last, please bring me a Barbie Online Talking Laptop.
Christiana Torres

Dear Santa
I want any kind of Barbie with lots of clothes, shoes, brush and a comb. Also want a Barbie house, car nd boat. Last, I want a tiger puzzle.
Rebecca Benavides

Dear Santa
I would like a motorcycle. Anything like the Power Ranger Mega-Defender. I also would like some stuff from Toy Story like Buzz Lightyear and Woody and Buzz Lightyear's space ship from Toy Story Two.
Travis Arguello

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie doll, the Tour Guide Barbie. I want a Little Tikes Super Kitchen and Super Tea Cart and dining table set. Then, I would like a doll house.
Lynda Bernal

Dear Santa
I want Lockin' Low Little Lizzards. I want a Power Wheels Kawasaki Ninja ATV. And last, I want a Power Wheels Wild Thing.
Jeremy Sanchez

Dear Santa
I want a choo-choo train and a pickup truck and a black and green race car. We also need a swimming pool and a trampoline. I will leave you some cookies and milk with my notes. I love you, Santa. And I need some new shoes.
Bradley Benham

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline, and a go-cart. I want a rocketship. And I want a new TV and some videos. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Amando Chapa

Dear Santa
I want a motorcycle and a telescope. I want a new wagon. I want some new trucks, and a dart board. I will leave you cookies, chocolate chip. And I need a flashlight.
Tyler Clay

Dear Santa
I want a new Barbie and new clothes and new shoes. I also want a sandbox and toys. Also some bows for my hair. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Krystal Ayala

Dear Santa
I want a sandbox and a new puppy and a new Barbie doll. I want some new clothes and new shoes. I want a new pink bike. I have you some milk and cookies.
Shirley Araza

Dear Santa
I want some pickup trucks and some blue tractors. I want to get a red wagon.
Frank Klassen

Dear Santa
Santa, I want a new Barbie and a new blue bike. I want a new brown puppy and a trampoline. I need some new skates. And some new clothes. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Kali Hewitt

Dear Santa
Please bring me a kitchen center so I can pretend to cook. A computer would be nice to have too. Thank you.
Nicole Luera
P.S. Please bring my little sister, Amber, a doll.

Dear Santa
My name is Taylor Read and I am four years old and for Christmas I would like a pink bike, a cookie Barbie, Blues Clues playdough, and cool clothes.

Dear Santa
My name is Jace Fannon and I am four years old and for Christmas I would like some new pnis, shirt, a race track, some Hot Wheel cars, and Blues Clues notebook.

Dear Santa
My name is Torie Fannon and for Christmas I would like a go cart and a stereo, and a phone.

Dear Santa
My name is Becca Fannon and for Christmas I would like some makeup, bike, and some new clothes.

Dear Santa
My name is Tristan Read and for Christmas I would like some toys.

Dear Santa
My name is Torie and I am in the fourth grade. For Christmas I would like a go cart, a stereo and a phone. Thank you.
Victoria Sue Fannon

Dear Santa
My name is Becca and I am in kindergarten. For Christmas I would like some makeup, a bike and some new clothes. Thank you.
Rebecca Elizabeth Fannon

Dear Santa
My name is Jace and I am in pre-K. For Christmas I would like some new pants and shirts, a racetrack, Hot Wheels cars and a Blue's Clues notebook. Thank you.
James Curry Fannon

Dear Santa
My name is Taylor and I will be in pre-K next year. For Christmas I would like a pink bike, cooking Barbie, Blues Clues playdough and some cool clothes. Thank you.
Taylor Lin Read

Dear Santa
My name is Tristan Read and I am two years old. For Christmas I would like some toys. Thank you.
Tristan Scott Read

Dear Santa
I am really looking forward to Christmas this year! I just love all the pretty lights! I saw your reindeer—he scared me and made me cry at the mall! For Christmas I want you to bring me a curly-headed baby doll (like me!). My Grammy says I am the sweetest little girl in the world even though I drive my Momma nuts sometimes! I love you, Santa!
Alex Perez

Dear Santa
My name is Lauren Lynch and I'm 14 months old. Please bring me a Beauty shop vanity, and a baby doll with a stroller. I will leave out some milk and cookies for you.
Thanks,
Lauren Lynch

Dear Santa
My name is Morgan Lynch and I'm 4 weeks old. So I really don't know what I want for Christmas, but my sisters says that I want a Winnie the Pooh and some toys that light up. I'm sure I will be awake when you stop by.
Thanks,
Morgan Lynch

Dear Santa
My name is Katie Lyn. I've been a good girl. Please bring me cookies and candy and a green toy. Please bring Bubba cookies.
Love,
Katie Lyn Colvin

Dear Santa
I would like a monster truck and any other trucks you want to bring me. I've been good most of the time. I like Disney videos too!
Love,
Shelby Odom

Dear Santa
I want a Criss Cross Crash racetrack and a train set with real smoke and a remote control car that does flips. I would also like a play station and games. We will leave you and your reindeer something to eat.
Love,
Riley Odom

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

Christmas blessings to all.
Germania Insurance
Jerry & Cindy Taylor



Sweet Holiday Wishes

Amidst all the holiday goodies, you'll find our sincere gratitude for your friendship. Happy holidays and best wishes to everyone!

TWIN CEDAR MOTEL

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AMERICAN BUSINESS

Joy to the World

May each moment of this joyous holiday season, add up to an abundance of lovely memories. Special thanks to all of you for bringing us so much joy this past year!

The Ratke Family
Kenny, Nora, Kenny Jr. and Dianna

GREETINGS
From The North Pole

...And from all of us, too!
Happy Holidays!

The Lewis Family
Max, Sheri Blake & Tye

HO! HO! HOLIDAY

Spring into the holiday season with health, happiness and plenty of cheer.

Our best wishes for a merry and magical Christmas.

Jenkins Brothers Electrical Contractors
TROY JENKINS
Tim, Ray and Choya

GREETINGS

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Our thanks for the many kindnesses you've shown us through the year. We join with you in praying for a world filled with peace and joy.

Giles and Louise McCrary
OS Museum & McCrary LTD, Staff
Janie, Gladys, Wanda, Marie, Louella and Sandee

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
May I have a Lego? May I have a game? I would also like a Star Wars toy. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Love,
Alex

Dear Santa
May I have a skateboard? May I have a rollerblades? I would also like a trampoline. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Love,
Colton

Dear Santa
May I have a bike? May I have a game? I would also like a Barbie. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Helena

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: go cart, dirt bike, mortisikle, dog, cat, trampoline. Thank you, Santa.
Allen Duran

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: truck, go-car, nitido 64. Thank you, Santa.
Ivan

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: bop it, playstation, rollerblade, car, truck, bike, horse, a cow, slead, computer. Thank you, Santa.
Giles

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: a play station buxx light year, a woody toy, a train. Thank you, Santa.
Michael Gonzales

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a bike and a go cart and a wheeler skates. Thank you, Santa.
John Spociel

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: laser, skate, dirtbik, mortersychol, bike, gotcar. Thank you, Santa.
R. Contreras

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a bike. I want a dirt bike. I want a mustang. I want a picker of you. Thank you, Santa.
Justin Perez

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a bike and a dirt bike and a go cart and a mustan and a basket ball gole and a computer. Thank you, Santa.
M.J. Wynne

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Nutcracker movie, a gegapet, skates, a doll, radio. Thank you, Santa.
Chloee

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: doll, teddy bear, picture of you, 98 degrees, skates. Thank you, Santa.
Brooke

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: teddy bear, cd, computer, shoes, money, socks. Thank you, Santa.
Kelly Chapa

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want some rollerblades and some computers games. I want a Nintendo 64. Thank you, Santa.
Michael Best

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: 1. Kelly the doll 2. Teddy Bear 3. roler blades 4. blow up chair 5. Tent 6. picture of you. Thank you, Santa.
Darlene A.

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I won't trollerblades and I want a computer and a dirt bike and a shirt and a hat a fishing pool a jacket with shoes. Thank you, Santa.
Cesar Ceja

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: rollerblase, a gigopet, a T.V., radeyo, bike, skates. Thank you, Santa.
Kayla

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: soccer ball, gamboy, skates, space set, new clothes, new school stuff. Thank you, Santa.
Coleman Scroggins

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a makeup set with all make up in it, CD player with a CD brieny Spears, tv with a vcr. Thank you, Santa.
Chasiti

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a Teddy bear, a microphone, and a CD of Back Street boys. Thank you, Santa.
Alexandra

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a skateboard, nintendo sixty four, and a boom box with out batteries because I have some. Thank you, Santa.
John

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: Please bring me a Austin microphone, new skates, and Backstreets tape. Thank you, Santa.
Janett White

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a Barbie? May I have a game? I would also like a doll. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Enrique

Dear Santa
May I have a Woody Doll? May I have a P.R. Lost Galaxy? I would also like a soldier. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Tanner

Dear Santa
May I have a robot? May I have a game? I would also like a skateboard. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Samantha

Dear Santa
May I have a bike? May I have a Barbie? I would also like a doll. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Amanda

Dear Santa
May I have an Angel Barbie? May I have a money? I would also like a baby pig. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!
Haylee

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: new clothes, new shoes, computer, fish, earrings, rings, skates, chalk board, chalk, diary. I've been good. P.S. Merry Christmas. Thank you, Santa.
Melinda Vega

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want go cart, I want a game boy, I want a swimming pool. I been bad. I'm telling the truth. I love you Santa Claus. Thank you, Santa.
Keagan Soto

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a pair of shoes, a computer and a barbie doll. Thank you, Santa.
Nikki Pewitt

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a pair of skates, 3 Barbie dolls. I don't have a chimney so you got to come through the door. Thank you, Santa.
Domanisa

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: a bike, a skateboard and a shotgun. Thank you, Santa.
Joel Horton

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I wish for a truck, and a football, and a toy train. Thank you, Santa.
Joe M.

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I wish for a bike, a real puppy and a cheerleading barbie. I do not have a chimney so you will have to come in the door. I have been a good girl. Merry Christmas, Santa. Thank you, Santa.
Brandi Hewitt

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a football, I want a pellet gun and a play station. Santa I do not have a chimney so you are going to have to go through the door. Thank you, Santa.
Fabian Ladinos

Dear Santa
I want a necklace. I also want a real dog. I want it to be a Scooby one. I would like some earrings. Please bring me some panthose to wear to church. I need some new shoes to wear to church with the panthose. My mama tells me what to do and I listen to her. When we go to church we talk about Jesus. I like to talk about Jesus. Christmas is about Jesus. Please bring me lots of jewelry. When mom tells me to go to bed I do it.
Your friend,
Veronica Zuniga

Seasons Greetings

Wishing all the best to our friends and neighbors, all over town!

Thank you for your friendship and support.

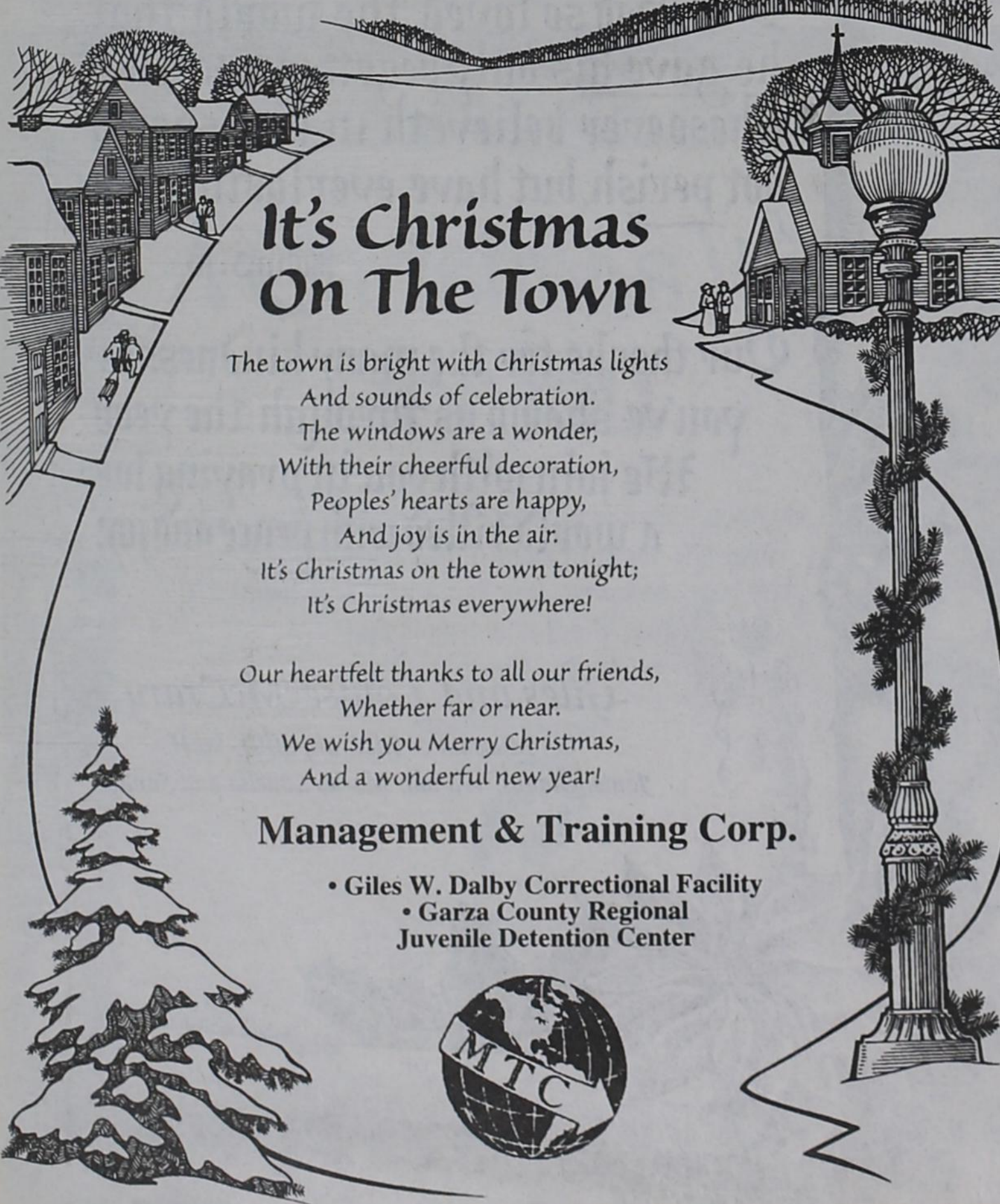
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The Patel Family



Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Our Yuletide greeting to you this year, Brings every good wish for joy and cheer. We know we'll enjoy a very good season And your kind friendship is the reason. We thank you for sending goodwill our way, And hope you enjoy a great holiday!

The Staff of
The Post Dispatch
Wes, Pat, Judy, Sheri and Michele




It's Christmas On The Town

The town is bright with Christmas lights
And sounds of celebration.
The windows are a wonder,
With their cheerful decoration,
Peoples' hearts are happy,
And joy is in the air.
It's Christmas on the town tonight;
It's Christmas everywhere!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends,
Whether far or near.
We wish you Merry Christmas,
And a wonderful new year!

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- Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility
- Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center



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Keagan Soto



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Mel & Juanita Clements




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May the wonder of His love guide you now and forever.

Thanks and best wishes for a joyous holiday.

Wallace Lumber Company
Charles, Kay and Angela



The Light Of the World

May His love shine down upon you in this holy season.
To our members with appreciation
We wish a joyous Christmas to one and all.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list: I want a new Teddy Bear and some cloths, and a cat and a dog and some pants and some rollerblades and a new bike. Thank you, Santa.
Alex Miller

Dear Santa
Would you bring me some more shirts? I would also like you to bring me some more shoes. Would you bring me some roller skates? Would you bring me some crayons and some pens to write with? Would you bring me a Madeline Doll? I have been acting nice but my brother has not been acting nice.
Love from your friend,
Victoria Munoz

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. I want a racecar track, a new bike, a swing set and a skate board. I need a helmet to wear when it snow for three weeks. I want my bike to be a snow bike.
Love,
Dustin Poe

Dear Santa
I have been acting good. Please bring me a monster truck. I also want you to write me a letter and leave it on my bed when you bring me toys.
Love,
Shelby Odum

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a Buzz Light Year and Woody. I also want a Cookie Monster. I have been a good boy at home. I love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Cody Blacklock

Dear Santa
I want a remote control car for Christmas. I want something else too. I want a car that you can get in and drive. I will be a good driver. That is all I want.
Love,
Keith Braim

Dear Santa
Thank you for the present you gave me last year. I would like for you to bring me a bike. I would like for it to be blue. It will be alright if it is not blue. I really want a blue bike. I want a go-cart also. I have been acting good. I have been doing what Mom says. I lay down when she tells me to.
Your friend,
Troy Copeland

Dear Santa
I want some Play-Dough to play with. I think I would like a Barbie doll and a brown horse for her to ride. I guess a wild horse that is white for my sister. I want that horse to be a real one. Please bring something for my sister. I think a ring would be nice.
Love,
Chelci Hair

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a computer for Christmas. I want a Barbie jeep. I want some Barbie clothes also. I have been a good girl. I hope you like me.
Love,
Macie Clark

Dear Santa
I want something for Christmas. I want you to bring me a truck. That is all I want. I have been a good boy. I have been learning my letters, singing songs, and going to the sandbox. Please bring my sister a Barbie doll. Please bring my baby a little bitie truck.
Your friend,
Johnny Paul Torres

Dear Santa
I want a toy for Christmas. I want a bus and a Woody. I also want a computer for Christmas. I have been a nice boy. I have been helping my mom.
Love,
Julian Gomez

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a truck and a little car. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Dustin Robinson

Dear Santa
I want a Woody and Buzz Lightyear. Also a video game and a little green and blue snake. I really want a horse like my Uncle Gary's horse. A little black. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Cody Pickett

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a skooter (like Branklin), kitchen set, Barbie & Barbie stuff, football suit and helmet. Tell Mrs Claus hello for me. There will be milk and cookies laid out for you. Thank you for everything.
Love,
Kelbie Oden



Holiday Hints

Traditional Treat Now Easier To Make

(NAPS)—What's red, delicious, and easier to make than ever before?

The answer is red velvet cake, a perennial favorite at bake sales and church suppers.

The brightly beautiful holiday treat has inspired many myths about its creation, but it was probably first created in the South more than 170 years ago by African-American slaves.

During the past 50 years, the recipe has crossed the country, and the cake's rich red color and mild chocolate flavor have made it an increasingly popular choice for special occasions such as Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Now the colorful cake can be made from a cake mix that contains traditional ingredients, such as soft wheat flour, buttermilk, cocoa, and, of course, a generous dose of red food coloring.

"We've been able to replicate all the best features of red velvet cake, while providing the convenience, reliability and consistent quality found in cake mixes," said G. Preston Elliot, brand manager for baking at Aurora Foods which makes the Duncan Hines cake mix. "In addition, Duncan Hines uses manufacturing processes to deliver a high level of moisture and a bright, even red color that are almost impossible to achieve when baking from scratch."

The mix can be used to make a stunningly distinctive red cherry torte which can easily be made with the cake mix.



Red Velvet Cake is a treat traditionally served on Christmas and Valentine's Day.

- 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
 - ¼ teaspoon almond extract
 - 1 (8-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
 - ¼ cup toasted almonds
- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans.
 - 2) Prepare, bake and cook cake following package directions for basic recipe.
 - 3) Combine cherry pie filling and almond extract in a small bowl. Stir. To assemble, place one cake layer on serving plate. Spread with one cup whipped topping, then half the pie filling mixture. Top with second cake layer. Spread remaining pie filling mixture to within 1½ inches of cake edge. Decorate cake edge with remaining whipped topping and garnish with sliced almonds.

Red Velvet Cherry Torte
(Makes 12 to 16 servings)

1 package Duncan Hines® Moist Deluxe Red Velvet Cake Mix

For more information, including more recipes, you can visit www.duncanhines.com.

Spread Holiday Cheer

Shower Loved Ones With Encouraging Words and Gifts

The holidays are here again. A time of happiness and cheer — but not for everyone. For some people, the holidays bring on a major case of the blues. Whether it's from the stress of the season — not enough money for gifts, lack of time from too much rushing around — or from feeling lonely and missing faraway family and friends, not everyone gets swept up in the holiday spirit.

Do you have a friend or family member who is a little down in the dumps this season? It's time to cheer him or her up with some thoughtful and unique holiday gifts, accompanied by clever cards filled with a play on words. The following ideas, courtesy of Robyn Freedman Spizman, author of "When Words Matter Most" (Crown), will bring a smile to his or her face. As Spizman says, "Encouragement comes in many forms. Whether someone is feeling blue or just needs a pat on the back, encouraging words will uplift."

Smart cookies — Send someone a box or arrangement of cookies with a note that says, "You're the smartest cookie I know."

Penny for your thoughts — Go to the bank and get a bunch of shiny new pennies. Give them out to "shining examples" of people you appreciate. Tell them they shine in your book.

Tea's the season to be jolly — Put together a basket of gourmet

flavored teas. This gift is certain to warm up that special person on your gift list.

Sealed with a kiss — Send someone a box filled with Hershey's Kisses with a card that reads, "All the kisses in the world aren't enough for you!"

All wound up? — Send a windup toy to someone who is stressed out. Add a note that says, "In case you get too wound up, wind this up instead."

Send a flashlight — Tell someone the world's a brighter place because he or she is in it.

Think the world of someone — Give someone a map of the world tied up in a ribbon with a note that says, "I think the world of you."

Warm wishes — Send your warmest wishes with a basket filled with your favorite soup, gourmet coffee or anything that will warm someone up.

Been a great year? — Put a bag or box of jelly beans in your favorite friend's mailbox with a note that says, "Happy New Year! It's 'bean' a great year, thanks to you."

Deliver a dictionary — Give someone who is extraordinary a dictionary and underline with a highlighter all the words in it that describe that individual. From "astounding" to "fabulous" to "marvelous," don't miss a word. Add a note that says, "I've underlined words from A to Z, to show how much you mean to me!"

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And all the good old fashioned joys
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