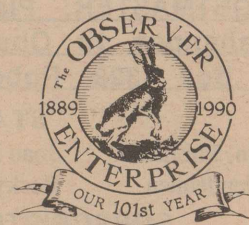


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Wishing you a joyous holiday season

O/E announces holiday publication schedule

by Hal Spain, Publisher

The office locations for the Observer/Enterprise in Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed for the Christmas holidays during the week of December 24th through 28th, 1990. Our postal permit calls for fifty-one issues per year, and the week following Christmas seems to be the most appropriate time for us to skip an issue and be with family and friends. We will be

open for business as usual on Monday morning, December 31, 1990, to begin working on the first issue of the year on January 4th.

The staff of the Observer/Enterprise would like to express our deepest appreciation for your continued generous support. Our very best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season.

"Cruisin" winners noted

Bronte area residents took advantage of the crisp cool evening to turn out for the "Christmas Cruisin" night to view the town's holiday decorations.

Winners in the residential category were: first place - Daisy Sims, second place - Raymond Sanchez, and third place - Jolene Barrett. The winners were given \$30, \$20, and \$10.

Business winners were Hall's Super Save, Margaret's Flowers & Gifts and the Bronte Nursing Home. Each business was given \$10 in Chamber Bucks.

Receiving honorable mention in the residential category were Ed & Pat Martindale, the Nelson Family, Bert & Jody Johnson, Keith & Vicky McCutchen, Martin & Pat Lee, Jeff & Sue Schoenfield, Randy & Sharon Gibbs, Cynthia Turner and Jimmy & Lavirl Hoyt.

Honorable Mention businesses were Sublett's Antiques, Dusty Roads Woodworks, Glenn-Bivins Insurance, Shaffer Monuments, Louise's Beauty Shop, Cumbie & Arrott Mercantile, and the Bronte Water Plant.

Upcoming

Bronte Drawing

Everyone remember to bring your lucky numbers to the mini-park in downtown Bronte, Saturday afternoon, December 22 and see if you are the lucky winner of the \$100 in Chamber Bucks. The drawing will begin at 3 pm.

Be sure and be at the drawing because you have to be present to win.

Co. Open House

County employees will be hosts for an Open House

honoring Judge Aubrey Denman, retiring County Judge and Opal Jacoby, retiring Justice of the Peace, Precinct I. The reception will be Friday, December 28, 1990, from 10 am until 12 noon in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee.

WCCCD Meeting

The West Coke County Community Development will convene in the first meeting of the new year on Monday



The wreath above incorporates three special wishes we all have this Christmas. The first and most obvious is that of our best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season. The second is the bow, which reminds us all of our young men and women on a special mission in the Persian Gulf. The doves are the third and final reminder of our earnest wish for peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Once again, we extend our best wishes to you and yours during the holiday season.

evening, January 7, 1991. The organization meets in the Coke County courtroom at 7 pm. Everyone is encouraged to join others who are interested in the preservation and promotion of the community.

Closing Notices

City Hall, Robert Lee, will be

closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas and January 1. Trash pickup will be on Wednesday and Thursday of those weeks. The sanitary landfill will also be closed on Monday, December 24.

In observance of Christmas and New Year's Day, the Bronte City Hall will be closed December 24, December 25, and January 1.

The landfill will be closed on December 26 and January 2.

Trash collection will be on December 26 and January 2.

Closing Notices

The Robert Lee Post Office will close at noon on Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve, and be closed all day on Tuesday, Christmas Day. Employees will attempt to call those who have packages in time for customers to pick them up before 12 on Monday.

The Bronte Post Office will close at 2 pm on Christmas Eve and be closed all day on Tuesday, December 25.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Obituaries

Hejl

Benjamin Joseph Hejl, 80, of Ballinger, died Tuesday, December 11, at his residence.

He was born January 23, 1910 in Taylor, Texas and was a farmer. He was a member of SPJST and RVOS. He married Libuse (Libby) Marack in West, Texas on January 4, 1936.

Services were Friday, December 14, in the First Christian Church in Ballinger. Rev. Winford Gore officiated. Burial was in the Protestant Cemetery in Rowena.

Survivors include one daughter, Macy Dell Wesley of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two sons, Donald Hejl of McCamey and Bobby Joe Hejl of Blackwell; one sister, Marion Traylor of Corpus Christi; one brother, Nelben Hejl of Thrall; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Timmy Wesley.

Sweet

Johnnie Albert Sweet, 87, of Jayton died Wednesday, December 12, in a Jayton nursing home.

Graveside service was at 2 pm December 14 in Jayton Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home.

He was born February 3,

1903, in Dallas and moved to Jayton in 1980.

Formerly of Blackwell, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church there.

Survivors include two sisters, Ester Smith of Blackwell and Lillie Schwedler of Carrollton; two brothers, Edwin Sweet of Port St. Lucie, Florida and George Sweet of Girard; and several nieces and nephews.

Smith

Funeral services were held for Van Joshua Smith Sunday, December 16, in Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde. Interment followed in Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Smith, 83, of Clyde died December 14 after a short illness.

He was born in Coleman County July 3, 1907. He and Oma Lavada Baker were married June 13, 1925 in Abilene. She preceded him in death August 12, 1981.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Church of Christ in Abilene.

He is survived by one daughter, Loisteen Mayes of Clyde; a daughter-in-law, Leslie Smith, of Abilene; two brothers, Edwin Smith of Dallas and Fred Smith of Robert Lee; four sisters, Mary Coffey of Dennison, Fannie Gibson

Meth. Anniversary

You may purchase tickets for the First United Methodist Church "100th Anniversary" luncheon by calling Mary Bessent at 453-2492 or 453-

RL UMW holds Christmas party

The United Methodist Women of Robert Lee met Thursday, December 13, in the home of Dianne Simpson for their annual Christmas party. The hostess, assisted by Emma Lee Bickley, Nina Brewer, and Fay Roe, served a delicious array of Christmas treats. During a short business meeting, Lois Dunklin was presented with a gift in appreciation for her service of two years as president of the Brady UMW. She then passed her President's Book to Nina Brewer, president for 1991. Alice Beaty presented the Christmas program, assisted by Nina Brewer and Laura Herford. Others present were guests Carolyn Simpson and Eileen Watson, and members Mary Bessent, Lucile Bryan, Dell Parker, Pauline Vaughan, and Kary Wilshusen.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Hal,

Got the Christmas Spirit? If not, just ride around Robert Lee any night and view the Christmas lights. I believe the people of Robert Lee have really outdone themselves this year. Hats off to all who strung lights. You've really "Shone" your Christmas Spirit.

A Proud Robert Lee Citizen

...Obituaries ct'd.

of Amarillo, Orhue Puett of Brownwood, and Lucy Williams of Robert Lee; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

UPCOMING

2632. The noon catered luncheon will be held in the Robert Lee High School cafeteria so there will be no steps to climb.

If you cannot attend the morning services, you are welcome to come to the luncheon in order to visit with friends you haven't seen in years.

Reservations need to be made by January 1, 1991. Adult tickets are \$5.75 and children's tickets are \$3.75.

Br. Band Boosters

The Bronte Band Boosters will meet for their regular monthly meeting, Wednesday evening, January 2, at 8 pm in the band hall.

RL ECA Classes

Classes for an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) class will begin January 7, 1991. They will be conducted at the Robert Lee School at 7 pm. Registration for the classes will be on Thursday, January 3, at 7 pm, also at the school. Only cost involved for the classes is for books.

The public is encouraged to participate, whether or not you are planning to be involved in the EMS. Knowledge gained in these classes could save the life of a loved one or neighbor.

For more information, call Judy Williams, 453-2589.

Commodities

Food Commodities will be distributed Thursday, January 3, 1991, at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings from 8 am - 12 noon. All commodities are distributed on a first come - first serve basis.

C'house Closings

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will close on Friday, December 21, at noon for the Christmas holidays. It will remain closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, announced Judge Aubrey Denman. After resuming business hours on Wednesday, December 26, the courthouse will again be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 1991, New Year's Day.



O'Come All Ye Faithful

Wishing peace, love and happiness for you and yours.

Parker Plumbing

MERRY CHRISTMAS And A Happy And Prosperous NEW YEAR From All Of Us At **SUPER H**



Handwritten signatures: Dan Hughes, Larry Moore, Penny Jackson, Joe G. Longoria, Steve Olden, Jeff Loney, and others.



PEACE ON EARTH Goodwill to all.

Show your support for Desert Shield.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 381

Percifulls celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Percifull of Bronte celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in November at a family dinner in Bronte.

Wayman Wade Percifull and Hazel Eilene Benton were married November 15, 1940 by Rev. C. E. Hereford in Lubbock. The couple had three children, Wayman A. (Pete) Percifull of Bronte, Dee Ann Carlisle of Midland and the late Denzel Percifull who passed away in 1987 in Houston. They have 4 grandchildren.

Following their wedding, they lived in Gail, Texas where Wayman was with the USDA as Agricultural Adjustment Administrator. He served in the Army Air Force from 1942-46 as a Flight Instructor. Hazel was employed by Southwestern Bell for several years.

Wayman retired from the farming and ranching enterprises of J. C. Williamson in the Del Rio area, moving to Bronte in 1981.



Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Percifull

Rate increase revealed

by O/E Publisher
Hal Spain

Back in 1985, which was not too long after I arrived in Coke County, annual subscriptions to the Observer/Enterprise were selling for \$8 per year in-county, and it was costing about \$50 per week to mail all the papers. As of January 1, 1991, the cost of mailing the papers each week will exceed \$100, and the cost of a subscription at the current level is \$10.

As one can readily see, the cost of subscriptions has not come close to keeping up with cost of mailing, which has doubled in five years. In order to offset some of this in-

crease, the cost of in-county subscriptions on January 1, 1991 will be increased to \$12 per year, with out-of-county (in state) subscriptions to be raised to \$13, and out-of-state subscriptions at \$15.

The new subscription rate will remain one of the best bargains around at approximately 24 cents per issue, nearly \$5 per year cheaper than the over-the-counter single copy price of 35 cents.

At the same time, some advertisers will see a small increase in display and classified rates, in accordance with increases in costs of composition and printing.

Letter to the Editor

[Editor's Note: The following letter, written in a Christmas card, was received this week by a Robert Lee resident. Jimmy Self, now a medic in the Persian Gulf, is the son of Cindy Mundell Parsons of Brownwood.]

Howdy Folks,
Thanks for the package. The fellows and I thoroughly enjoyed the cookies. They were enjoyed so much one fellow still asks me for cookies and I haven't had any for several weeks. The box was a large surprise and please thank everyone involved. Everyone here misses home and hopes to be back soon. All of you back in Robert Lee have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Self
7th Cavalry



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Let us spread His message of peace and good will to all men.

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6 pk. 12 oz. cans
\$1.49

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Current basketball highlights recorded

The varsity Steers survived the battle in Miles December 11 to take a 60-58 victory in overtime. Danny Jackson headed the field with a 15 total, followed by Jeff Wilkes at 14, Robert Rodriguez had 7, Stephen Epperson went 8, Brent Gibbs and Brent McPeek each scored 6, and Randy Watkins got 4.

The varsity Lady Steers also played a heart-stopper and went into overtime to win 44-43. Ladies putting up points were Shelbi Grim 11, Audra Pitcock 9, Shelley Burrows 9, Stephanie Poehls 8, Gina Putman 5, and Sheree Burns 2.

Robert Lee JV girls got a good win margin with 52-40. Paced by Tracie Blair at 13 and Rachel Pentecost with 12, the team scorers were Stacy Oleksiuk 8, Christie Payne 5, Jonie Waggoner 4, and Elaine Gibbs, Krista Green, Kim Carver, and Carlene Bewick had 2 points each.

Seven teams competed in the annual Robert Lee Varsity Tournament. The Lady

Steers won first place by winning all three of their matchups. They had four team members in double figures against Hermleigh with a final score of 67-36. Poehls hit 14 while Grim, Pitcock, and Burrows had 10 apiece. Other points scored were by Wink 8, Putman 7, Pentecost 6, and Burns 2.

The Lady Steers whipped Christoval on Friday 44-26. Scoring went Putman 12, Poehls 11, Wink 8, Grim 6, Burns 3, Burrows and Pentecost, 2 each, in that contest.

Shelbi Grim had the hot hand in the Championship Game against Highland (56-42) with 18 points. Burrows and Poehls counted for 10 each, Pitcock got 9, Putman 6, and Wink 3.

The Miles girls gained 3rd place and consolation went to Hermleigh.

The Steers met Hermleigh for a win on Thursday at 53-43 in their opener. Big gun with 23 was Jackson, Rodriguez and Watkins had 6 each, McPeek got 5, Hayes and Wilkes had 4 apiece, Epperson hit 3, and Gibbs went for 2.

They defeated Grady in a 52-37 rout Friday. Rodriguez and McPeek counted for 11 and 10 respectively. Other scoring was by Jackson 9, Hayes 8, Wilkes 5, Watkins 4, Fluhmann and Gibbs 2 each, and Epperson 1.

Ira knocked the Steers out of 1st place in the tourney,

71-43. The local squad maintained second place with point totals by Jackson and Gibbs 9 each, McPeek 6, Hayes 5, Epperson 4, Fluhmann and Rodriguez 3 apiece, and Watkins and Wilkes 2 each.

Miles boys were in 3rd place and Grady grabbed consolation in the tourney.

RLISD service awards presented

On Wednesday evening, the employees, board members, and the spouses of Robert Lee ISD enjoyed a Christmas gathering. The delicious food and festive decorations were provided by individual staff and board members. A tasty ham and turkey were cooked by the cafeteria staff.

Jerry Gibbs, Superintendent of schools, recognized several individuals for their years of dedicated service to the school. Those recognized for five years of service were: Carolyn Davis, Cristie Bagwell, Patricia Stephens, and June Gully. Recognized for ten years of service was Kay Taylor. Serving for fifteen years was Sheri Millican. Receiving recognition for twenty years of service was Melba Mauldin and for twenty-five years of service was Sammie Jo Baker. These individuals are awarded pins with varied stones representing the years of service.



Third grade students from Robert Lee recently visited the ASU Planetarium and came away excited about the solar system and constellations.

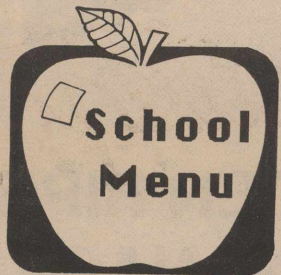
Youth tour planetarium

Robert Lee third grade students travelled to San Angelo December 5th, to see the "Holiday Skies" program at the ASU Planetarium.

Dr. Mark Sonntag, planetarium director, showed the students how the sky looked 2,000 years ago and presented possible theories to explain the "Christmas Star." At the end of the program, Dr.

Sonntag showed the constellations and planets that are visible in the night sky during December.

Third graders had studied the solar system and constellations in their science class in September. Those students who are interested in astronomy now have added something to their Christmas list... a telescope!



LUNCH

- Wednesday, Jan. 2**
 Chicken Nuggets w/gravy
 Cream Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Hot Rolls - Butter
 Fruit
 Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 3**
 Beef Tacos w/cheese
 Lettuce & Tomato Salad
 Corn
 Chopped Onion
 Applesauce Cake
 Milk
- Friday, Jan. 4**
 Hot Dogs w/chili & cheese
 Tator Tots w/catsup
 Ranch Style Beans
 Cookies
 Milk



Greetings

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Yuletide Greetings

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Jr. High hosts Miles, travels to WV

Robert Lee Jr. Hi teams have met a busy schedule this month. They participated in the Miles tourney December 6th and 8th.

The boys broke out on Thursday with a good victory, 37-27, over Water Valley. Led by Lee McCown with 16, the team counted with scores by Aaron Hood 13, Eric Hood 4, and Bart Goodman and Chad Wagley with 2 each.

The Dogies pulled ahead of Sterling City 29-24 for the win on Saturday. Counting for the squad were McCown 10, E. Hood 8, A. Hood 6, Goodman 3, and Wagley 2.

Going all the way in the Championship Game to take 1st place, the Dogies whipped the Bronte Short-horns 26-22. Big gun was McCown 17, aided by A.

Hood 4, E. Hood 2, Wagley 2, and Goodman 1.

Water Valley tripped up the Jr. Hi girls 19-12 on Thursday. Scoring in the loss were Eliza Arellano 5, Heather Millican 3, Angie Ibarra 2, and Jaclyn Waldrop 2.

In the Saturday contest, the girls scooted by Miles 18-9. Totals for the game were Millican 8, Waldrop 6, Laura Chesshir 2, and Ibarra 2.

The girls took 3rd place in the finals by defeating Sterling City 15-12. Heather Millican scored 6, Robbye Millican counted for 4, Arellano and Ibarra had 2 each, and Chesshir hit 1.

The Robert Lee teams hosted Water Valley on December 10. Lee McCown led the "A" Dogies with 20 in the 51-31 win. A. Hood had 12, E. Hood got 6, Goodman went for 5, while Anthony Wink, Jeremy Fluhmann, Jonathan Torres, and Wayne

Hayes had 2 apiece.

The "B" Dogies were waxed by their opponents 27-9 with scoring by Jeremy Burns 4, Rob Smith 2, and Daniel Hayes 3.

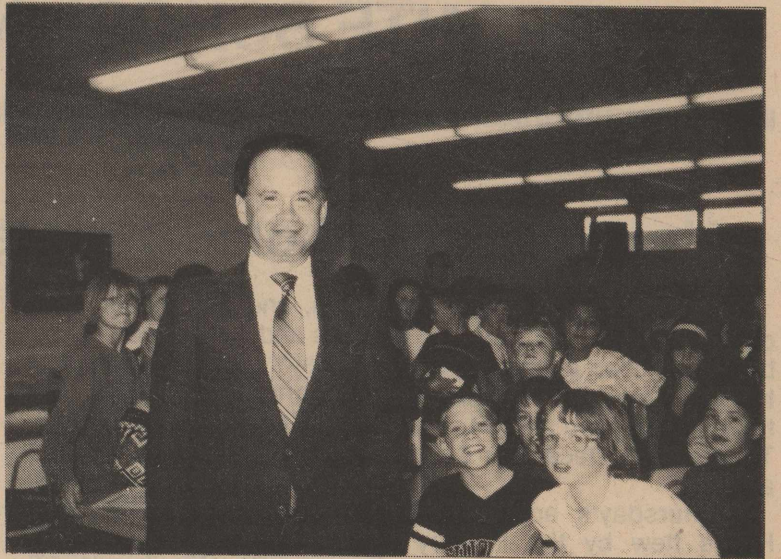
Water Valley "A" Jr. Hi girls outpaced the locals 21-18. Counting for the Robert Lee squad were Waldrop 7, Arellano 6, Heather Millican 3, and Ibarra 2.

The "B" Jr. Hi girls crunched the visitors 26-8. Amanda Sanders was the leader at 10, Cynthia Abalos hit 6, Patricia Minjarez and Maranda Wojtek had 4 each, and Krystal Carver went for 2.

Three local Jr. Hi teams traveled to Garden City on December 17. The boys' club crushed their hosts 32-6 with scoring by McCown 16, Goodman 4, E. Hood 3, Torres 3, A. Hood 2, Wagley 2, and Jason Key 2.

The girls' "A" team brought fans to their feet with a 23-22 win over Garden City. Waldrop threw for 9, H. Millican got 7, Arellano hit 4, Ibarra had 2, and R. Millican 1.

Getting the win over the Garden City "B" at 17-9, Sanders scored 8, Carver hit 5, and Minjarez got 4.



Tom Siler, KLST weatherman, visits with Robert Lee elementary students and answers their questions on related subjects.

Third studies forecasting

Robert Lee Elementary students learned how Tom Siler, KLST Weatherman, can forecast the weather. Third graders had been studying "Weather" in their science class and enjoyed having a "real" weatherman come to visit with them and answer their questions.

The week following the visit, students' questions were

televised on the evening news.

Tom Siler brought some weather maps for students to view. He was very complimentary on the knowledge and behavior of the students. He invited them to come to KLST television station to see the equipment he uses for TV Weather News.

CORRECTION:

The Observer/Enterprise published a press release in the December 14 paper that was received from Educational Communications of Lake Forrest, Illinois. The company is the publisher for Who's Who Among American High School Students. Area papers are then notified of area students who are chosen by achievements and leadership to appear in the publication. In the 1990 release recently, thirty-three students were named and the national organization apparently inadvertently deleted Robert Lee senior Jeff Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkes of Silver. He and his parents were notified of his selection, but his name did not appear on the company's press release.

Connel retires at Blackwell

James E. Connel of Blackwell, superintendent of schools, has tendered his resignation to the consolidated school district's board of trustees, effective July 1, 1991. Mr. Connel, 67, Blackwell superintendent for 19 years, will terminate a 45-year career in education. He has served in teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent capacities at Lueders-Avoca, Richland Springs, and Blackwell.

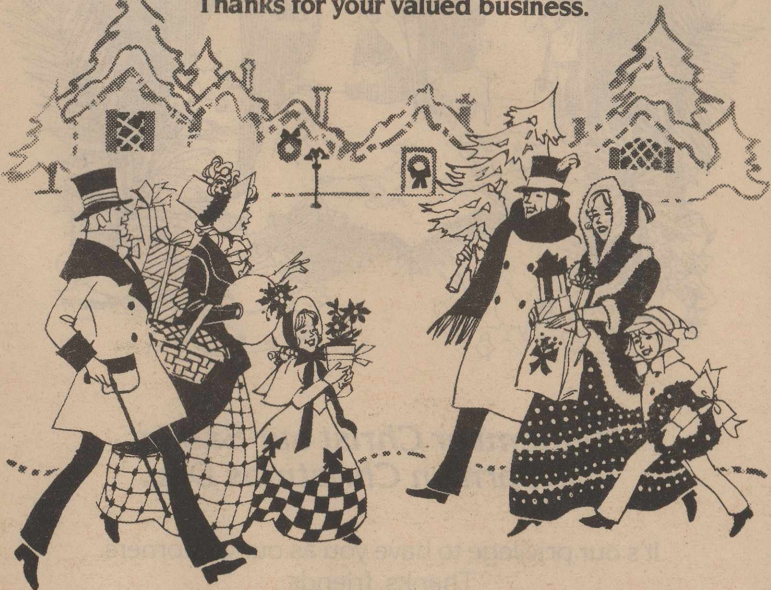
Deadline set for claiming funds

Any class that has graduated from Robert Lee High School prior to June 1, 1990 will have thirty days from the date of this notice (Friday, December 21, 1990) to close out any class balances. Balances remaining after January 21, 1991 will be placed in the Robert Lee ISD General Fund.



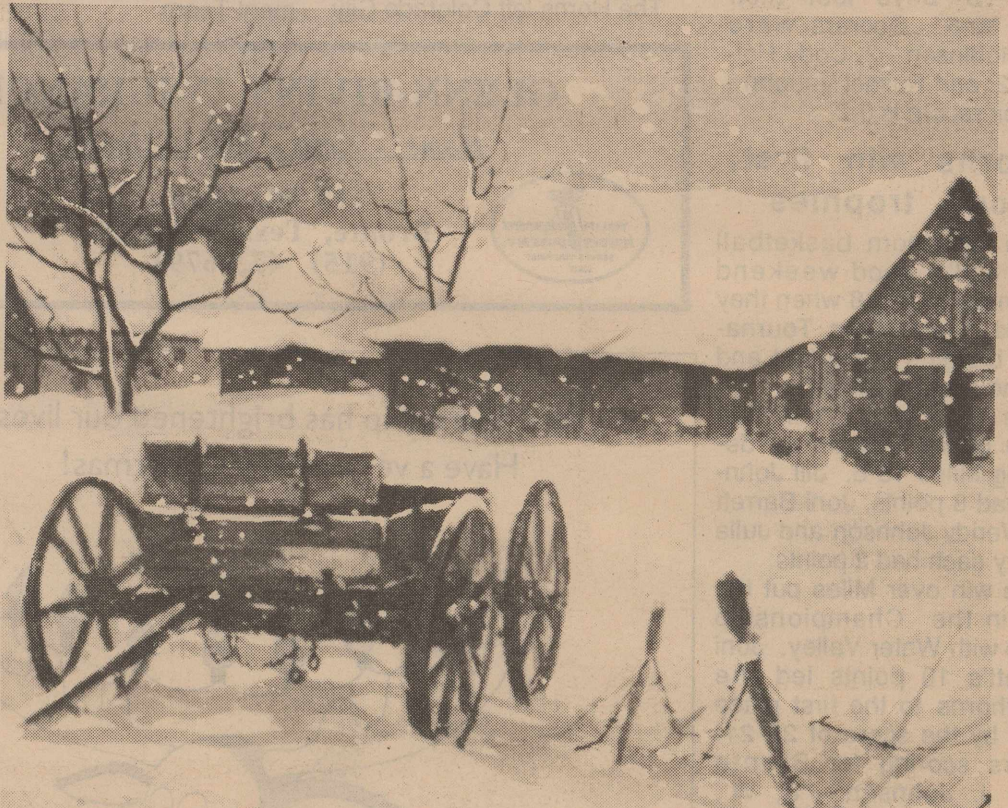
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns brings home Highland trophy

The Bronte Longhorns continued dominating the basketball court as they again brought home the first place trophy from the Highland Tournament, December 6, 7, and 8.

In Thursday's action, the Horns flew by the Hawley Bearcats, 57-37. Justin Phillips led the attack with 21 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists, and 6 steals. Brandon Marshall put in 14 points and had 5 rebounds. Bill Windham added 13 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists followed by Darrell Lucas - 7

points, and Jason Pierce - 2 points and 5 rebounds.

Friday's semi-final game saw the Longhorns defeat the Paint Creek Pirates, 65-46. Phillips again led the team with 20 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 steals. Windham and Marshall also scored in double figures with Windham's 15 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals and Marshall's 12 points. Billy Magness had 7 points and 5 rebounds followed by Sean Conway - 6 points; Luke Robbins - 3 points; Lucas - 2 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists; and Pierce - 7 rebounds and 4 assists.

The Horns proved to be too much for the Sweetwater JV to handle as they took the Championship Game, 55-27. High scorer was Conway with 12 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocked shots. Phillips made 11 points with 12 rebounds; Shane Crumpler - 11 points and 9 rebounds; Windham - 8 points, 6 assists, and 4 steals; Pierce - 4 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals; Magness - 4 points and 5 rebounds; Lucas - 4 points and 4 assists; Robbins - 1 point; and Jay Parker - 1 point.

The Longhorns were the second place finishers in the Roscoe Tournament last weekend.

The Horns left Colorado City

behind 82-55 in the first game of the tournament. Six players scored in double figures - Jason Pierce - 19 points; Justin Phillips - 15 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 assists; Brandon Marshall - 14 points; Darrell Lucas - 11 points and 4 assists; Bill Windham - 10 points, 6 rebounds; 20 assists, and 6 steals; Sean Conway - 10 points and 5 rebounds; and Shane Crumpler - 3 points.

Semi-final action saw Bronte down the Winters Blizzards 54-32. Phillips put in 21 points, 8 rebounds, 8 assists, and 6 steals; Windham had 11 points, 9 rebounds, and 5 assists; Pierce added 8 points; Lucas - 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists; Conway - 4 points, and 6 rebounds; and Marshall - 1 point and 5 rebounds.

Saturday evening's Championship game was a close one as the Hamlin Pied Pipers handed the Longhorns their first loss of the season, 74-71.

Phillips and Conway shared high scoring honors with 16 points and 16 rebounds each. Phillips also had 4 assists and 4 steals. Pierce contributed 12 points and 4 assists, Windham put in 9 points and had 9 assists, and Marshall added 6 points.

Justin Phillips was voted the Most Valuable Player of the tournament and Bill Windham was named to the All Tournament Team.

Longhorn teams maul Menard

Five Longhorns scored in double figures as they led the Longhorn attack against Menard, 81-39, Tuesday, December 11.

Justin Phillips had 20 points, 12 rebounds, 8 steals, and 4 blocked shots. Brandon Marshall added 14 points with 6 steals. Bill Windham scored 11 points and had 8 assists, with Darrell Lucas adding another 11 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 steals. Jason Pierce went for 10 points, 5 rebounds, and four assists, followed by Billy Magness with 7 points; Sean Conway - 6 points and 5 rebounds; and Shane Crumpler - 2 points.

This victory brought the Longhorns' record to 8-0.

The JV team upped their record to 4-1 by defeating Menard, 59-17.

Gary Bilbrey led the attack with 30 points, followed by Jason Cooper with 13 points; Nathan Barnett - 13 points; Jess Percifull - 2 points and Larry Franklin - 1 point.

The Ladies were matched against the Haskell Maidens in the first game of the tournament. The game was a close one as the Ladies were defeated 49-46. Leading scorer was Teresa Vaughn with 19, followed by Jami Morrow with 8, Eboni Taylor, Angela Reyes, and Darla Scott each had 6 points.

Friday evening saw the girls take a lopsided victory of 84-24 over the Paint Creek Pirates. Five Bronte players scored in double figures: Scott - 20; Vaughn - 16; Taylor - 14; Reyes - 12; and Amie Parker - 10. Reyes and Brandi Thomas had an outstanding defensive game with 9 and 6 steals apiece. This victory put the Ladies into the Consolation Finals.

The Lady Horns easily put their opponents, the Sweetwater JV, away 51-14. Morrow and Vaughn scored in double figures with 18 and 13 respectively. Reyes finished with 8 points; Scott - 6; Taylor - 4; Alisa Richards - 4; and Parker - 3.

S'horns to S. City

The Shorthorn basketball teams travelled to Sterling City last Monday and came home with 2 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss.

The "A" girls took an easy 29-19 victory over their opponents. Joni Barrett was high scorer with 14 and Jill Johnson had 10.

The "A" boys took a close win, 40-36. Brent Taylor was high point with 17. Shae Sanford hit for two three-pointers and an important free throw at the end of the game to help the Horns push their record to 4-1.

The "B" girls tied 7-7. Scorers were Melinda Mackey with 4; Angela Lewis - 2; and Shannon Smith - 1. Their record is 0-2-1.

The "B" boys lost their game 30-6. Scorers were Cory Robinson - 2; Cody Holland - 2; and Russel Vaughn - 2. Their record is 0-2.

S'horns win first, second trophies

The Shorthorn basketball team had a good weekend December 7 and 8 when they played in the Miles Tournament bringing home first and second place trophies.

The girls won their first game of the season by defeating Miles 18-6. Jill Johnson had 8 points, Joni Barrett - 6, Wendy Johnson and Julia Gentry each had 2 points.

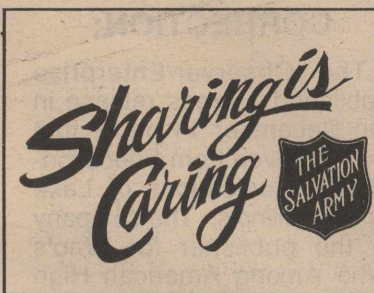
The win over Miles put the girls in the Championship game with Water Valley. Joni Barrett's 10 points led the Shorthorns to the first place finish by the score of 25-21. Others scoring for Bronte were J. Johnson - 8; W. Johnson - 5; and Micah Arrott - 2.

In the boys action, the Shorthorns won their first game over Miles, 43-27. Brent Taylor was high point with 20; Shae Sanford - 9; Freddie Montez - 4; James Hambright - 4; Devlin Pierce, John Johnson and Brandon Tinney each had 2 points.

Saturday's Championship saw the Horns up against Robert Lee. It was a close game, but the Horns were defeated 26-22. Sanford led all scorers with 7; followed by Hambright with 6; Johnson - 4; Taylor - 3; and Pierce - 2.

Ladies bring home H'land consolation

The Lady Longhorns were entered in the Highland Basketball Tournament December 6, 7, and 8. They brought home the Consolation Trophy.



HOLIDAY GOODIES

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

A majority of meat goat producers in Texas have invested in goats for brush management purposes.

The hardy, versatile animals have demonstrated their prowess in brush management many times. Yet the effectiveness of goats in this biological management/control effort depends on a number of factors.

Their effectiveness in brush management depends on plant size and specie composition, the goat stocking rates and the frequency of goat browsing opportunities. A producer needs to match the intensity of browsing with the intensity of the problem.

In addition, a producer should use six guidelines to determine the frequency of defoliation, timing, stocking rates and grazing pressure. These include the species of brush present, height of the brush, its density, the degree of brush control or management desired, abundance of other forage species present and the physiological requirements of brush.

The degree of brush control desired is a fundamental consideration of a producer. High stocking rates, frequency of brush defoliation and timing are other major factors in the degree of brush control desired.

Use of goats in combination with other brush management treatments can increase the effectiveness of the treatment, extend the life of the measure and increase net returns.

Research has shown that goats can be an excellent follow-up to such brush control measures as mechanical and chemical treatments or fire brush management.

The Spanish-type meat goats tend to select browse over other dietary components. They will, however, graze on a wide variety of plant species in other vegetation classes.

The Spanish-type meat goat has the potential to diversify agricultural enterprises. Not only will they use browse on brush that would not generally be consumed, they also can extend the length and benefits of other brush management techniques.

Brush suppression and use by goats is best realized as a maintenance technique following initial brush management practices.

OES official visits chapter

Geneva Vaughn of Carlsbad, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, Section 1, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, made her official visit to Bronte Chapter #1048 on Monday night, December 10.

Dorothy Collins, Worthy Matron and E. G. Collins, Worthy Patron presided.

Mary Belle Hilliard presented Christmas music on her keyboard. The group sang Christmas carols.

Dorothy Pruitt's arts and crafts committee and Betty Lee, Rob Morris' committee, Grand Chapter of Texas, were introduced.

The installation and decorating committee had installed new mini-blinds in the Lodge Hall. They were also responsible for the very attractive Christmas decorations. The committee members were Mary and Paul McGuire, Dorthey and Noah Pruitt, Jr., and E. G. Collins, Jr.

Visitors included Geneva and Don Vaughan of Water Valley, Nancy Allen, and Polly and Bob Large, all of Robert Lee.

Refreshments were served during the social hour following the meeting.

Fancher honored for SWCD service

Royce Fancher, recently retired from the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors, was presented with a certificate of honor in ceremonies recently at the courthouse in Robert Lee. The certificate, presented by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, recognizes Royce for twenty years of dedicated service as a district director.

First elected to the board on October 23, 1970, Royce served as vice-chairman for many years and as chairman the past two years. He has always been a strong advocate of conservation and his ranch is practical proof of Royce's commitment and understanding of the principles and application of sound conservation. He has been a tireless worker as a director and an able representative of the district board in any situation he met. Soil and water conservation efforts in Coke County owe Royce a great deal for his past work and will benefit from his knowledge and experience in the years to come.



Royce Fancher (R) is presented a Certificate of Honor by Coke County SWCD chairman Wilbern Millican.

Parker named scholar athlete

Melinda Parker, a junior volleyball player from Bronte who plays for McMurry University, has been named a Scholar Athlete for the fall 1990 season in NAIA District 8.

Parker, a physical therapy major, is one of 10 athletes, including eight volleyball players, to receive the honor. Parker has a 3.50 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Scooter Parker of Bronte and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Snead and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker, all of Bronte.



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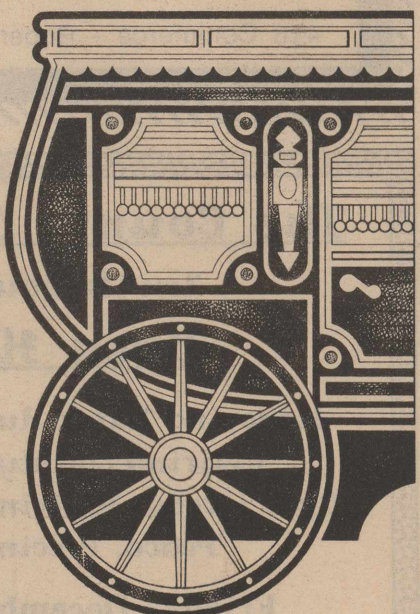
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Wollett 70th anniversary set Saturday

The family of Bud and Texie Wollet are very pleased to announce the couple's 70th wedding anniversary, Saturday, December 22. William Boyd "Bud" Wollet and Texie lone Callahan were united in marriage at Pawhuska, Oklahoma by Purnell E. Bingham, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

They spent the early years of their marriage in the oilfields of Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle where Bud was an employee of Shell Oil Company. Following two years in Harlingen, Texas, during the depression, they returned to Oklahoma making their home in or near Healdton until November, 1980, when they returned to Texas, establishing their home in Robert Lee.

Bud has belonged to the Masonic order since 1922, serving as secretary 22 years and as Worshipful Master. He became, in 1942, a member of the Scottish Rite and life member was conferred on him. In 1963, he was honored and elected to the Scottish Rite KCCH Order.

In 1923, they joined the Eastern Star and became active as Bud was in the Masonic Order.

The Wollets are lifelong members of the Methodist Church, serving their churches in all capacities.

Their children are Thelma and George Lomas of Robert Lee, Zelma and C. R. Reed of Dublin, Delores and "Dutch" Goedecke of California and

Personal

Bill and Golda Brown received a visit on December 14 from Pack and Kathleen Wright, Benny and Charlene Rogers, and Greg, Collin and Tyler Fleming. The group travelled to Midland that morning and returned that afternoon. They found the Browns to be doing as well as can be expected, with Golda able to be up and join in conversation. While she tires easily, she very much enjoys visits and cards.

They report that the Hospice care available in Midland has been a tremendous help to them -- presently a nurse comes to their home twice weekly and is available as needed. They are also grateful that Golda's doctor in Midland sends a nurse from his office for many of the tests that are needed so that she doesn't have to leave home.

While admitting that they could be in no better place for receiving the care that is needed at this time for Golda, Bill said that "There's no substitute for Robert Lee people and that we really miss being there."

Contact from friends in this community makes a real difference for them -- especially at this time of the year. Calls, cards, and personal visits are needed and wanted. Their address is Bill and Golda Brown, 2400 Arbor Court, Midland, Texas 79707. Their phone number is (915) 699-2540.

the late Bud Jr and his widow Betty Wollet of Austin. There are 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Bud once said his father-in-law was the "greatest influence on his life." Those who descend from them and those who are touched by their lives can say they are one of the greatest influences on their lives. These two, who have to be called "blessed" through their love have caused their descendants to have a goal. Through their bad times - los-

ing fathers early in their lives, a job during the depression and later the only son - and keeping their Christian faith, have inspired each and everyone. Their devotion to our God, their love and concern for their fellowman and love of family, has touched many lives. The sacrifice of their home of over 23 years has gained admiration from not only family but friends. They ask nothing of their descendants except happiness for all, love and understanding of each person.

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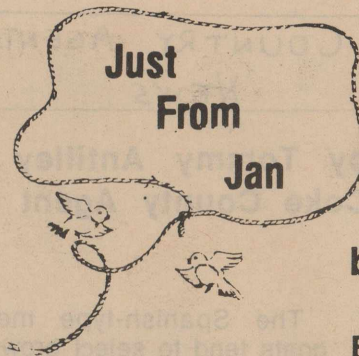
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Extension Agent

In Mexico, on a certain Christmas Eve many years ago, little Rosita was on her way to church for the service to honor the Christchild. Other boys and girls of the town walked along with nimble steps and smiling faces; but Rosita was sad and she had no gift to lay at the foot of the altar for the Holy Child.

Suddenly she remembered that she had not prayed to the Lord for help in her trouble. So she knelt down on the cold ground, closed her tear-

filled eyes, and offered her prayer. Hardly had she finished and opened her eyes, when there before her a beautiful plant was springing up from the ground, with bright red leaves like a gorgeous flower. Her prayer had been heard. Here was her gift. She quickly gathered the flame-colored flowers and with a light heart she hurried into the church and placed them as her present to the Christchild at the foot of the altar. It was the poinsettia - the Flower of the Holy Night!



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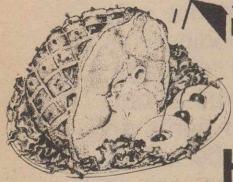
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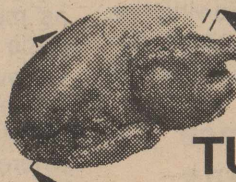
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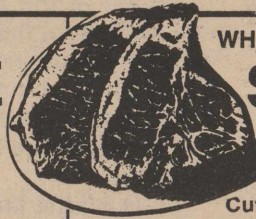
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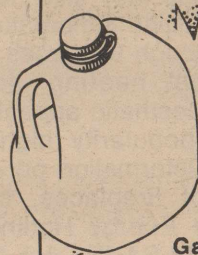
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Fireplace efficiency tips

As winter approaches, many Texans will begin using their fireplaces again. The snap and crackle of a warm fire is comforting on cold, winter nights, but a fire is not a very efficient heat source. For those of you planning to use a fireplace, try the following tips from the Texas Energy Extension Service to have the

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Porter places in UT art contest

Union Texas Petroleum recently held its annual Children's Holiday Art contest. This year, company employee children around the world entered approximately 150 holiday drawings and paintings. Winners of the contest include: 1st Place - Christina Rinyu, Bellaire, Texas and 2nd Place - Gale Porter, Welch, Texas.

Gale is the granddaughter of J. P. and Dorothe McClure of Bronte, Texas. Parents of the artist are Clint and Denise Porter of Welch, Texas. They are all very proud of Gale and her achievements.

Martin deployed to middle East

Spc. Douglas G. Martin, Jr., (Hank) has been deployed to the mid-east. He was stationed with the Army in Germany prior to his deployment. Hank is the son of Donna Hallmark, grandson of the late Commie Lee Hallmark and Billy Ray Hallmark and the great-grandson of Martha Havins.

warmest, most efficient fire possible.

- Reduce heated air loss - Lower the thermostat setting on your central heating system to 50° or 55° F when the fireplace is in use. By doing this, the furnace will not use as much fuel while the fireplace is in use.

- Provide a fresh air source - Close all doors and warm-air supply ducts into the room where the fireplace is located, but open a window near the fireplace about 1/2 to 1 inch high. This will allow combustion air to be drawn from the partially open window instead of from the rest of the house.

- Adjust the damper as the fire burns - Dampers help control the combustion process in wood by limiting the amount of air to the fire. To facilitate the burning process, the damper should be fully open at the start of the fire, and about half open after the fire is burning well. When a fire is not burning, the damper should be closed so heated air will not be lost up the chimney.

- Build the fire directly on the firebox floor - Building the fire directly on the firebox floor prevents excess air from burning the fire too quickly. Grates allow continued air circulation underneath the fire, which cools the fire temperature and makes the fire burn quickly. Other devices, such as air circulating grates, usually do not increase efficiency because they also decrease combustion temperatures.

Although fireplaces are not efficient heating sources, their aesthetic appeal keeps their popularity high. For more information on efficient use of fireplaces, call the Texas Energy Hotline at 1-800-643-SAVE. Ask for your free copy of the Texas Energy Extension Service factsheet "Fireplaces."

The Texas Energy Extension Service is a program of the Governor's Energy Management Center.

Holiday fire prevention tips listed

by Greg Fleming
Robert Lee Volunteer
Fire Department

Christmas is supposed to be a time of fun, but it can also be a time when your family is exposed to hazards related to fire. The largest number of fires and fire-related deaths generally occur in the cold months, according to figures from the Texas Fire Reporting System, which includes statistics from 330 fire departments. In January 1989, 8,691 fires and 21 deaths were reported statewide. In December of the same year, there were 13,594 fires and 49 deaths. This compared with June 1989, when 6,232 fires and 9 deaths occurred. Blame for the increased incidence of fire-related death and loss of property is most often traced to space heaters, children and Christmas decorations.

There are a number of precautions to take if space heaters must be used in heating a home. Be sure to keep them away from walls and curtains and out of high-traffic areas. Leave 36 inches of open space in all directions

LOOK WHO'S NEW! Luke Sawyer

A 7 lb., 10 oz little dear was added to the Santa sleigh of Wes and Gina Sawyer of Medina, Wednesday, December 13 at 1:45 pm. Luke Austin Maxwell Sawyer joined at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, Kerrville, with other dears - Levi, Jeremy and Suzanna.

Grand Santas are Tom & Gay Sawyer of Robert Lee and Paul Jr. and Betty Garrison of Medina. Waalita Hollis, Buz & Floy Sawyer of Robert Lee; Paul Sr. and Jewell Garrison of Medina and Edna Markwardt of Harper are great-grand Santas. Mabel Austin of Robert Lee is great-great-grand reinbearer Santa.

around space heaters if at all possible. Also, fire is a natural fascination for small children. They like to stick paper and anything they can get their hands on inside the heater. Keep matches, lighters, and other hazardous materials out of reach -- when parents are busy and visitors are in the house, it is easy for children to start fires.

The following are safety tips for avoiding problems with Christmas decorations:

- Christmas trees: Choose a fresh tree. Trim its trunk at an angle, then put it in a non-tip stand. Keep it watered constantly and away from heat. Artificial trees should be labeled as fire-retardant. Use only lights that are marked for

inside use.

- Candles: Keep candles away from curtains or other combustible materials. Never put them in windows or near exits if they are to be lit.

- Lights: Lights and other decorations using electricity should be checked not only before use, but periodically as they are used for damage. This is especially true of outdoor lights. Indoor lights on trees should never be left on all night or when no one is home.

Finally, have a working smoke detector. Fire is not the cause of fatalities in the majority of cases -- it is smoke. Smoke detectors make perfect Christmas gifts for loved ones.

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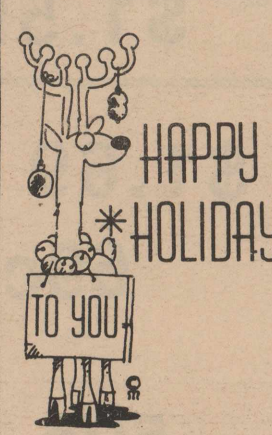


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-- Letters to Santa Claus --

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Dear Santa,
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Chanceton Murphy
& Jounna Lynn

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a cabbage patch and some lipstick and a house and a reindeer and a dolly and carriage, a barbie with a beach. I want a restaurant and a couch for my house. A bell and some plates and a gun for my brother, a ballerina, a play telephone. I want a baby alive. I wish Santa to give me a unicorn, marbles, a Christmas tree, a house, and some dollies and lipstick. I hope you bring me all these things.

Love,
Lindsey

P. S. I want a chicken.

Dear Santa,

I want a stuffed cat that is all black. I hope I get the cat. Thank you very much.

Sal Randazzo

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Barbie doll with a white diamond and a blue dress. And I want a whole bunch of marbles I want some more Barbie dolls and a BB gun and some more Barbie dolls and a little watch, a real telephone so I can call my grandma, some real orange scissors, some high heel shoes, a dress for my sister, a real reindeer named Rudolph. A real coffee pot and food so I can make some food for my mom. A golden necklace for my sister.

I love you Santa Claus,
Richard

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a bunch of toys to fill up the whole house. I want a swimming pool, I want a play house. I want a play table. It will be red. I want a training bike, and I wish Santa Claus is real. Plus a play car. I hope you have a good time. I hope your weekend is fun. I want a book. It's red. I love you.

From,

Morgan McCutchen

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some BB gun, bow and arrow and I just want those sticky ones that don't

do it very good. A flag about that big! Help me count to 100. A pogo stick, seven elephants, and one more thing a robot Rudolph.

I'll see you at Christmas.

Kasey

Dear Santa,

I wish Santa Claus would be real. What I want for Christmas is a robot, stuffed bear, football suit, Air Jordans, money, BB gun. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,
James Graves

Santa,

I want a toy bike. I want a toy butterfly. I want a man with wires in it. It stretches. I want a Roudolph mask. I want a big big toy. Santa, Sarah is begging for a tricycle. My mom wants a dress. My dad wants a BB gun. I want all the Ninja Turtles. Raffial, Donatello, Leonardo, and Michaelangelo. I want a bow and arrow and pump up shoes.

From,
Clayton

Dear Santa,

I wish I had my own baby horse. And I wish that I had my own dress-up stuff.

My sister wants a VCR. My mom wants a new van.

Thank you Santa,
Kayla

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun and I want a drum. And I want a little water gun. I want a pretend playhouse and I want a sign that says no to drugs.

I want Lindsey to have a Barbie and I want her to have one of those dolls that you cut off their hair.

I want my Dad to have a 6-10 gun.

I want my Mom to have a dress.

I want an Indian mask and I want to have a new bike.

This note is from,
Lynndon

Dear Santa,

I want a new teddy bear. I want a candy cane. I want new markers because I don't have any. My brother Micah wants a new play car. I want some new high-tops. I want a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer toy,

and a play Christmas tree. I want a stuffed animal bunny, a new Barbie, and a new duck. I want a new exercise machine. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,
Amber

Dear Santa Claus,

I am having a good time. I want a pushing cart. Is Rudolph your leader? How is your wife? Are you having a good time? Is it cold over there? How are your elves? Have a good time. I want a purse. I want some clothes, and I want a Barbie Doll, and I want a guitar, and I want a rocking chair. I wish for play top dress-up stuff, and I want a telephone. I want a house, and I want a ring, and a playhouse. I want a pretend Christmas tree, and I want a typewriter. I want a kite. I want a new coloring box. I want a star for my Christmas tree, and I want a tent. I want a coloring book. I want a baby. I want a

play ironing board. I love Santa Claus. I want a mirror. I want a book. I want a table. I want a flag. I want a monkey.

Love,
Joe'l Sefcik

BRONTE KINDERGARTEN - MRS. PEEL'S CLASS

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike. I want a new soccer ball. I want a Ninja Turtle watch. I want a Karate suit. I want some new puzzles. I want a drum set.

Love,
Charlie Bettis

Dear Santa,

I want a wabbit, and a doll and a duck and a play horse and a play house and a barbie car and a barbie.

Love,
Ashley Denton

Dear Santa,

I want a teddy bear, doll house.

What is he doing?

Love,
Jenna Herold

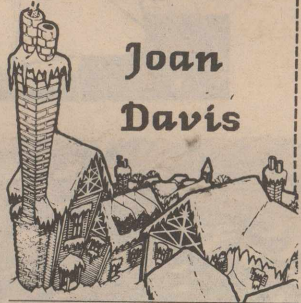
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season
warm
your
heart.

Joan
Davis



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Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard, skateboard helmet, and . . . huh . . ., and for Tyler he can have a huh. . ., light bright and I want some skateboard pads. Caylor can have a little bicycle.
Love,
Keith Corley

Dear Santa,
I want a newborn "boy" baby and a teddy bear. A long baby "about this long." A real baby kitty and a baby pig. And a real baby puppy. A teddy bear also.
Love,
Shawn Halstead

Dear Santa,
I want a little pig, a little cat, a little horse. And a cabbage patch baby doll. Also a little stuffed bear and a stuffed elf.
Love,
Melissa Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a huh . . . mousetrap fun game, a dizzy, dizzy dinosaur, race track, baseball, and a bat. Hum..., that's it.
Love,
Joshua Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want those drum things. I want a watch. I want a new pump. I want a new play gun. Then I want one of those flute things. Then I want some blocks. Then I want some kind of play camera.
Love,
Joel Webb

Dear Santa,
I want an easel, like Mrs. Peels'. I want a puzzle stocking. And some new barbies. I want some snicker bars and some bows for my hair. I want a TV and a playhouse and a chalkboard.
Love,
Kannah Coalson

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a robot. I'll give you some cookies Christmas night. Tell Mrs. Claus "Hi" for me. I want some boxing gloves, a real gun. And some new shirts. And a nintendo and skateboard. And a bike helmet and bike my size. And bring me, Jason and our cousin Brandi a new watch. Thank you.
Love,
Cody Blaylock

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set. I want a microphone with a stand. I want a remote control race car. I want an electric remote control robot. I want some bb's.
Love,
Ty Daws

Dear Santa,
I want a care-bear. I want it pink. I want a Ninja Turtle doll and I want it's bandage to be red. A rabbit that is a doll holding a baby rabbit. I want a Ninja Turtle picture that has all of the Ninja Turtles on it. I've been good.
Love,
Kylia McGinnis

BRONTE 1ST GRADE - MRS. JOHNSON
Dear Santa,
Would you please get me a doll and a Shark Attack.
Thanks,
Chrissie Israel

Dear Santa,
Hello, I want some ear-phones, and some puzzles. And I want a doll. I want some pups, and I want a Kokomo tape. I want a cat.
Callie Walker

Dear Santa,
I want spy-a-tech and powerwheel.
Coby Carper

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Will you bring me presents? I love presents.
Cassandra Casares

Santa Claus,
Hello, are you doing? Santa Claus I want a littil dump truk. Santa Claus I want a little motorcycle.
Lindsay Shaffer

Santa,
Please give me a toy will Santa give me a toy?
Jameson Booker

Dear Santa,
I want the ninja turltes and ten rotten eggs.
Brandon Poehls

Dear Santa,
Hello are you doing? I want a

horse. Good-bye.
From,
Katharine Alfaro

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Knisley. I wood like turtles. How is Rudolph?
Dylan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Michel Jordan's auto-graph.
Lorenzo DeLaGarza

Dear Santa,
I really want the autograph of Bo Jackson.
I also want a Jose Canseco poster.
Aaron Peel

Dear Santa,
I want Shark Attack and a watergun.
Quade Patterson

Dear Santa,
I want a shark attack! I want a football. I want a soccerball. Thank you Santa.
Dalton Dale Graves

Dear Santa,
Hello, I want a shark attack! I like your raindear Santa.
James Green

Dear Santa,
I like Santa! I want a survival knife. I want a watch.
Michael Fairchild

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a horse. I want Pj sparkle. I want a teddy Bear. I want a icecream shop!!
Your friend,
Natasha Reed

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Can I have a barbie ice cream shop?
Your friend,
Lacy Schoenfield

Dear Santa Clas,
Hello. I want a dog and a remote control car and a soccerball.
Anthony Flores

Santa,
How are you? I wood like a

toy eagle and Amber wood to.
Wade Long

Dear Santa,
I will really like all the Ninja turtles and a remote control car.
Joey Rhodes

BRONTE 2ND GRADE - MRS. DYESS
Dear Santa,
I want a jetboat and a car set and a woodburning cit.
Love,
John

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good girl this year. And I want a baby doll for Christmas. And also a barbie to. Maybe I can see you when you are there at the mall. My mom has areredy put my Christmas tree up. My moms name is Arndr Arrott.
Love,
Kala

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I would like a sowanmashen. Also I would like a kitten. I would like a bell from your harness.
Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I hine gude today and yestr day i will leve cukes and milke and cande and presat and cloke.
Love,
Jeremy Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a football sut. I wonta brt. I

wonta bat and a ball. I a guny. I want a Basackball. I wont a jrumy rat.
Love,
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set and a foot-ball soot the Steelers and a action nite and a lether wip. And a telliscope and a football doble dragen a nintendo cantrig and Rambo firstblub. And a Crhstmas book.
Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I have ben a very good gril. Now this is what I want. A computer Monopolee Dobel trobel A new Basketball. A basketball howp Fling Pirates
Love,
Crystal

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I hope you have had a good year! I would like some games called raddleme bones, girltalk, and bingo. I would like some markers. Nintindo, and some Nintindo tapes, like duck hunt. And a bike that has hot pink and hot yellow on it.
Love,
Candace

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I want a nintendo tape and a new bike and some new shoes.
Love,
Kyle



Here's hoping this holy season will bring blessings to you and your loved ones, and peace to everyone!

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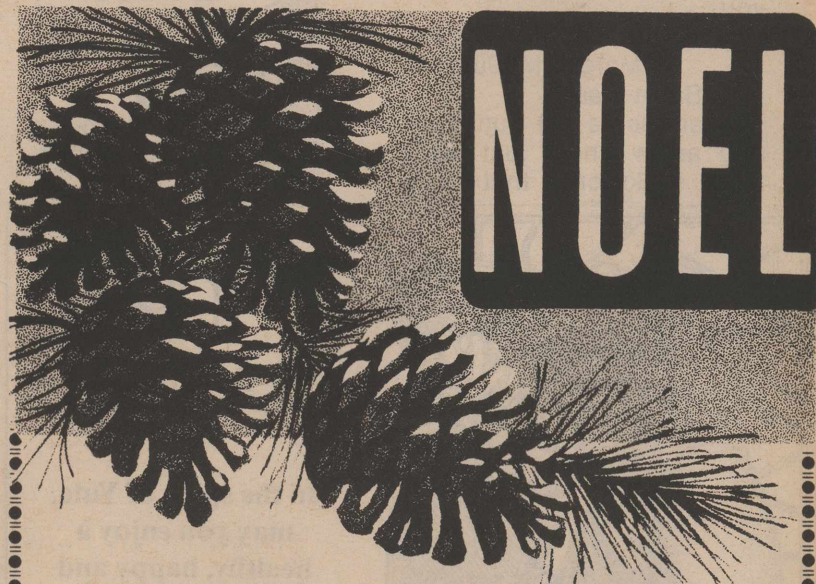
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...Santa letters continued

Dear Santa,
I want a fourwiller for christmas and nintendo game and I want a Mathpeas and some powepads for christmas and close to and I want clarinet for Chistmas.

Love,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I have bean a good boy this year do you know what I want for Christmas I want a computer and a stuff nija turtle and a rasien budy and a four wheeler and a real football and a rader sute and it is going to be number 34 and a baby puppy and that is all I want from you.

Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a Bike an a pony and a Bear and a play pig and a toy Dear and a toy coon and a stufed coon and I want A pil of the tutles and some close to wire at school an a clock for me. And a big big Bear.

Love,
Angie

Dear Santa,
How are you Doing. I want a doll and a meny modersicol and a nintendo and a flut and some candy for my stoking and a tap and a bear and a and a play dog and some cloths and a dress and a clock for my room and a ball to play with.

Love,
Kasey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. How was your year? Mine was okay. Here's what I want from you. Gogo my walking pup, wacky earings, a pretty necklace, flying pirates game, a bell collection, a walkman, and pencils with my name on them.

Love,
Jade

P. S. Merry Christmas!
Dear Santa,
How have you ben. I whont a bebe guna dn I whont a Nintendo taps and I whont a Football suet and I whont a wach and a clock for my room and a desk for my room to and

a now Football and a hellmunt and a bike.

Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
My name is Lauren. I want to have little Miss Maing her. She is a doll and a candy cany and I want mruuds and I want 13 d and tomy are rop-u-llass.

Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
How are you Barbie wet and wild with a barbie ccar a Christmasbook and a Christmas baer some closes and some shoes that mach a dresser with a meare on it some deer food to crayons with some paper to a gtor and a candy cany.

Your friend,
Cara Sefcik

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. For Christmas I would like a caddage patch Doll and a Teddy Bear and a Barbie Ice cream shop and a Nitkdo and some nitndo taps. And a make up set to play with. And a P. J. sparkels doll. And some Vedoie Taps And some candy.

Love,
Heather D.

Dear Santa,
I wont a skatbord A canputer A nentendo game A bike A remocantroecar A pourwell for Zack A bunch of books for the school but most of all I want to get red of drugs.

Love,
Henry

Dear Santa,
How has your year ben? I would like to have one specal present from you something for Cole and something for mom & Dad & Jassie. That is all I want for Christmas.

Love,
Pamela

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I want a sewing mashen and a puppy. and a four weeler.

Love,
Tessie

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this

year. How was your year. May I please have go, go the walking pup and radlme bones game and the Barbie car with a Barbi in it and some pick. that will be all.

Love,
Heather Randazzo

Dear Santa,
How are you I'm fine. I want a Baja Bandit and a Texas Longhorn Football suit and some Texas Longhorn stickers and Football pads. And Black clits size 5. P. S. Bring some gifts.

Love,
Joshua

RL KINDERGARTEN - MRS. GIBBS

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a real B-B gun and another pocket knife. I also want a skateboard and a bike. I need a suitcase and a football suit and football.

See ya Christmas,
Stewart Millican

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a fire truck and a train. I want a toy guitar and some big building blocks. I want some Legos. Please bring me some new shirts.

Thank you Santa,
Christopher Clawson

Hi Santa,
I want a Power Wheel car and a Cabbage Patch Kid. I

also want a little bitty guitar. And some blocks and a real little kitten.

Thank you Santa.

Love,
Rebekah Mantz

To Santa Claus,
You already know my name. For Christmas, I would like a computer. I guess that's all. My brother, Collin, wants a cowboy vest. That's all. I don't know what my brother Tyler wants.

By Santa,
Whitney Fleming

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Corvette. I want a white dog that walks. I want a computer and a doll (a Barbie). I also want a toy ring, necklace, and earrings and toy make-up.

Hope to See You Santa,
Cristina Saucedo
P. S. I would like a bicycle.

Dear Santa,
I love you and I love all the stuff you gave me last year. I want a new bicycle, some Barbie clothes. I would like some new clothes to wear and some panties and socks. I need some more dresses. I would like to have a Barbie car and Barbie shoes. I want some play money too. I lost

my makeup so please bring me some more. I want some sandals with a high back and buckles.

Thank you Santa for all this stuff.

I love you Santa Claus
Amanda Penney

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicole. I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas, I would like a game, a doll, and a pair of white boots. Would you bring my little sister Michelle a play car. That's all, thank you.

I love you,
Nicole Sanchez

Hello Santa,
My name is Shelby. I want a Mickey Mouse Camera and a new pair of white boots. Would you please get my brother a football suit and for my sister I want her to have a Mickey Mouse camera too. Oh, I want a Barbie doll and her clothes shine in the dark.

Goodby Santa,
I Love You,
Shelby Roe

P. S. Bring my sister a Barbie like mine also.

Hi Santa Claus,
My name is Moses Flores. I want a train and a Bingo game. I want some Ninja Turtles and



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a lunch box. I need some balloons. I want some books and crayons. I would like a remote control car. I would also like a camera.

Thank you Santa,
Moses

Dear Santa,

I want a real football suit and a football. I want one more thing - micro machines.

Thank you Santa,
Cooper Riley

P. S. I forgot I would like an Ant Farm.

Dear Santa,

I want some chocolate ice cream. I would like a whole lot of clothes. I want things to fix my hair with. I would like a scooter like my brothers.

Thank you Santa,
Amber Robinson

What's you doing Santa?

My name is Phillip Rangel. I would like to have a bicycle and a fire truck. I want a race car too. I want a Monster Truck.

Thank you for the gifts.

See you later Santa,
Phillip

Dear Santa,

I've been thinking I want a baby doll that blows bubbles. I need a toboggan for my baby doll. I'll be happy with whatever you want to bring me.

Thanks Santa,
Amie Kendall

Dear Santa,

I will come see you someday. Hi, Santa. Hello, Santa. You're welcome, Santa. Thank you, Santa. I want a race car track and a remote control truck and a train and a clock for my room. I want a top and some socks and some blocks and a giant Teddy Bear.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Jacob Whiteker

RL KINDERGARTEN - MRS. CHRISTIE

Dear Santa,

I want a horse riding school and a work bench with the tool box and all the tools. That's all.

Thank you,
Travis Pitcock

Dear Santa,

I want to have everything that is Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles. I want a guitar and a keyboard - also drums and a microphone.

Thank you Santa,
Justin Sexton Beasley

Dear Santa,

I want a police car and a remote control car. I want a play house too. I want some Ninja Turtles.

Thank you,
Juan Olguin

Dear Santa,

I really would like a Baby Wet and Drink. I also want Pretty Ballerina who dances on her toes.

Thank you Santa Claus,
Kindra Johnson

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a race car, guitar, and a bicycle. And one more thing - a VCR and TV. I want a Teddy Bear too. That's all.

Thank you,
Jamie Hendrix Wotjek

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline and a VCR. And I would like a baby doll and a dresser for my makeup. I also want a Porcelain doll. That's all.

Thank you,
Ashlee Millican

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Ninja Turtle - Donatello. I want a workshop all of my own. I also want a Turtle Sewer Playset and all the guys that go with it. I want a drum set and the red guitar. Thank you Santa - that's all I want.

Sean Edging

Dear Santa,

I want a Ninja Turtle toothbrush, wrestling buddies, walkie-talkies, and a basketball net. I want a poster of wrestling buddies. I want some race cars and a track. I want a helicopter and some jets. I also want an ice cream maker. I want a play dough maker. I want a microscope.

Thank you Santa,
John Michael Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want thousands of Ninja Turtle things. I would like some football stuff. I want a real horse. I want a remote control race car that doesn't have a string.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Jeffrey Daniel Carper

Dear Santa,

I want a music bear. I want a dog that has a little bell around his neck. I want a play horn and a play giraffe. I would like some balloons. I want a bell. I want a doll and a candy cane. I like you,

Cindy Penny

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a Barbie House. I want a new poster of the "New Kids on the Block." I want a play plant. I want a play kitchen. I also want a new puzzle. I want a real telephone. I want a flashlight. I want a framed picture of a Teddy Bear sitting on a present.

Thank you Santa,
Amber Perez

Dear Santa,

I want a Battery operated Barbie car that I can drive. I want that baby that has sparkles when she is hugged. I do need some more school clothes. I want a play typewriter and a play cash register. I want a real diamond necklace and ring that looks like hearts.

Thank you Santa,
April Cowart

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and a real piano - a puzzle - another dog - a cook out and a horse.

Thank you Santa,
Amber Brosh

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a Teddy Bear. I would like a dollie. I would like lots of presents. I would like for my family to be happy. I would like some stickers. I would like a new backpack.

Thank you Santa,
Becky Welch

RL 1ST GRADE - MRS. BURNS

Dear Santa,

I want a Tyoco boat. Please bring me some razor-bladed arrows. A hamster please.

Your friend,
Brady Bolding

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a real horse, a real hamster, and a real shotgun. I don't have a rope. Have a

safe trip. Is there really a Rudolph?

Bret Ballew

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo and the Ninja Turtle Nintedo game. Please bring a Raphael toy. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Adam Cates

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Christmas book about Frosty. It plays music when you open it. I like you Santa.

David Perez

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Super Mario Brothers 3 and a wireless race car. How are you doing? I hope you can make it.

You friend,
Colby Eubanks

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo and a Ninja turtle game. I hope you make it here.

Your friend,
Sammy Minjarez

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a gun, Nintendo game and a 4 Wheeler. I like you.

Nathan Mecher

Dear Santa,

A hamster and a horse that is what I would like for Christmas. I like you Santa Claus.

Bobbie Sparks

Dear Santa,

I want a walking dog. I want a doll that really eats. Merry Christmas.

Love,
DeeAnn Griffin

Dear Santa,

I want Nintendo tapes. I want a walking dog. I want a cushion. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Whitney Millican

Dear Santa,

I want a VCR. I want a Barbie doll house. I want a doll that crawls. I want a walking dog.

Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jamie Chesshir

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo. I want a doll that cries and a walking dog. I want an "oopsie Daisey" doll.

Love,
Linda Barrera

Dear Santa,

I want some Nintendo games- a whole bunch and I want a Tyoco boat. Please May I have a hamster? I like you Santa.

Trent McCabe

RL 1ST GRADE-MRS. GOODMAN

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have been good may I have a T.V. V.C.R. and a pocket knife. I want candy canes and a Nerf turbofootball, a new bike, skates and some more G.I. Joes. And a skat board with bart Simpson on it.

Taylor Clendennen

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have been good. May I have a football, a pocket knife, a basball and a bicycles, skateboard with a surfboard picture on it.

Charles Abalos

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy may I have a football, a ruler, and a baseball.

J.D. Rowell

Dear Santa,

I want a Batman nintendo game and a real knife. I want a B-B gun and a Nerf turbo football.

Salamon Saucedo

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine, I

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Ashlee & Lance
Millican

...Santa letters continued

have been good may I have a new bike and a nintendo and a swimming pool.

Kelly Long

Dear Santa,
I will like a computer Warrior and a computer flashlight. I would like a transformer its name is Jazz I want a holer-board and a 100 slap-bracelets.

Braden Denman

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer oxmen Prime and I want another transformer Mirage and Megatron.

Adam Caston

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine, I have been good. May I have a computer and a TV and VCR and a Grinch stuffed animal and a watch too. And I want 7 pop bracelets and two red cameras and a skateboard with my name on it.

Shanna Hendrix

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. May I have a doll named Christine. And I would want a two seated doll buggy and I want a watch and my stocking full of candy. 2 pop bracelets

Thanks!
Jodee Helwig

Dear Santa,
I want a wire cordless remote control car, a football, a real pocket knife and a real soccer ball.

Casey Eubanks

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. May I have a VCR, a pocket knife, a football, a telephone and a trampoline, a new bike, and a nerf football, and 9 slap bracelet.

Cole Bosworth

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Happy chirstmas and a good year to you. I want a mirophone. Happy chirstmas to you.

Amanda Kuhl

RL 2ND GRADE - MRS. HORN

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie. And clothes for the Barbie doll. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love
Mary Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dog that is named GoGo. It will walk when I push a button and P.J. Sparkle.

Love
Jennifer Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like Lego Mountain Castle and T.M.N.T.

Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I would want a trampoline and a bike and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bb gun and a nerf football and a Clint Black tape.

Love

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a Birthday Cabbage Patch Kids and a doll house. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a little ballerina and a Baby Bubbles.

Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I would like a sound box and the tapes Beach Boys and the New Kids on the Block.

Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a model for Christmas and I want a stereo.

Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Santa may I please have a Barbie F. car and nintendo? Merry Christmas Santa!!!

Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Game Boy. I want an electronic football game. Merry Christmas.

Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch and a beat box. Have a good Christmas.

Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Rapping Box and a MC Hammer tape.

Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baseball room and a coat.

Love

Dear Santa,
I want a dog that is named GoGo. It will walk when I push a button and P.J. Sparkle.

Love

I would like a bow and arrow and some clothes I want a rifle and one Nintendo game.

Curtis Bell

Dear Santa,
I would like gogo my walking pup and a trampalin a Nintendo the next thing to the end is a T.V. the last thing is a ten speed bike.

Love

Dear Santa,
I want is a rub-a-bub dolly. Because I never get one on Christmas Day. And I want a barbie.

Stephanie Balderas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Dr. Mario nintendo game a spuer Marie 3 game watch and Total recall nintendo game.

Beau Blair

Dear Santa,
I want a Turdiel camera Dr. Mairo and Nintendo.

Kevin Denman

Dear Santa,
I want a tv and a bow and arrow and a stereo and a Nintendo and a rifle and a perrit and marckers.

John Burdett

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a typewriter and I want a camera and Rub-a-Dub Dolly and little Miss Magic Hair and a VCR and a Nintendo and one more thing and it is a stereo. I forgot something it is clothes and I want one more thing and it is a T.V.

DeShira Lynn Dickey

Dear Santa,

I want oops oopsie daisy and rub-a-dub dolly and Little Miss Magic Hair and a barbie and the other thing I want is a typewriter and the last thing I want is a camera.

Audra Nichols

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a Little Miss Magic hair and Rub-a-Dub Dolly.

Athena Clawson

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie and Nintendo and Oops Oops Daisy camera Little Miss Magic Hair Rub-a-Dub Dolly, VCR Wedding, Vampire teeth, pretty dresses with rosses on it, Dr. Mario, remote control car, Ninja sword, typewriter, bow and arrow.

Joleen Yates

Dear Santa,
I woul like a t.v. and a V.C.R. and a ninja turtle move and a Wedding Barbie and a Nintendo and some more movies.

Erin Millican

Dear Santa,
What I would like for christmas is to Nintendo tapes Dr. Mario and Robocop and a remote control car and a bow and arrow.

Lewis Samaniego

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. Please bring me a real Bow and arrow set. Thank You.

Love

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a Nintendo and a VCR

and a vampire teeth and a bow and arrow and a radio.

Love

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja sword and one Nintendo and I want a Black Stallion horse too. Then I want presents for my family. That is all want for Crismse.

Josh Aguirre

RL 3RD GRADE - MRS. MCCOWN

Dear Santa,
May I please have a trampoline and a Magic Nursery Baby? May I have some cologne for my dad and some perfume for my mom? May I have some jewelry for my sis? Can you try to give us a healthy baby? The rest you can give me.

Love,

Dear Santa,
I want a ice cream maker and I want a doll. Don't forget to bring me a shirt. I have ben a good girl.

Love,

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. Don't forget to leave cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want football cards, football album, gameboy, football helmet, 3 nintendo games, 6 inch TV, skates, called roller blades, and tapes.

Will you please bring my sister girl stuff?

Love,

B. J. Bessent

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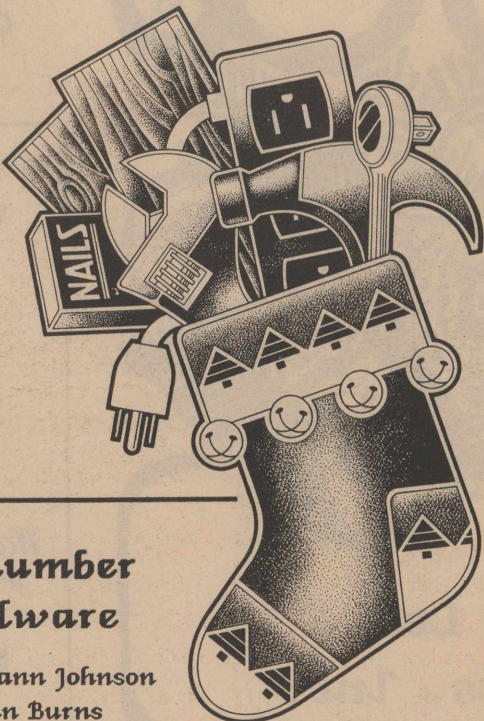
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...Santa letters continued

Dear Santa,
I love my mother, so I think I've been a good boy. So if my mom can buy me presents, and you can give me presents, like a toy car or a puzzle, I sure will be very happy.

Love,
Nick Pinson

Dear Santa,
What's up? nothing much here! Well, I was just wondering if you would bring me every word on my Christmas list. It's really not very much. I have one question, when will you ever come to my house? When ever you do, I promise you, if you will look on the table, I will have some kind of cookies.

Love,
T. J. Burdell

Dear Santa,
I want one million dollars in cash, about ninety-nine more kittens, and five thousand pounds of cat food. I want lots more ninja turtles, a Nintendo and 5,723 games, okay? If you don't bring me everything I named I will light the fireplace overnight next year!

Love,
Daniel Cates

Dear Santa,
I've been waiting for Christmas. I was wondering about Christmas I want a radio, shateboard, boots, coveralls kneepads, elbow pads, and a halmet.

Love,
Nicky Service

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me a nintendo and some cars and a tenspeed and a four-wheeler and a car for my mom. that is all I want for christmas.

I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thanks, Santa

Your friend,
Jeremy Ortega

Dear Santa,
I want a bike that is a ten speed, so I can ride fast! I want a sled so I can ride in the cold mountains with my family, and a pool for next year in the summer, so we will not have to go to the town one.

Love,
Cassandra Munoz

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Will

you leave a game, it is monopoly. I also want blue jeans, cowgirl hat, wheel of fortune. I have been a very good girl

Love,
Gina Torres

RL 3RD GRADE - MRS. CURLEE
Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a The Adventures of Tom Sawyer the nintendo game. I would also like a remotecontrol car. Another thing is a snowmobile, I would also like a Lego set the Knights Challenge. Another thing is a humongus toy soldier. I would also like a new puppy. I would also like another nintendo game The California Games. I would also like a hamster, BUt most of all I would like a nice Christmas.

Coke Hendry

Dear Santa,
Will you buy me a bike for Christmas? Santa, have I been good? Santa, I will want to have a swining pole. Santa I will like a Minnie Mouse doll for Christmas. I will like if you will give my a bollownbow. I like December because it is in the day I like. Santa I will also like a box of colors. Is it going to snow Santa is it? I want a flag to.

Cecelia Ortega

Dear Santa,
I will like to have a book that has all kinds of birds and I will like to have a bat and ball. I will like a toy gun and a football and army guy. Pleas sent me a airplane to and a lot of pencils. and a toy boat and a hat to. and a typewriter. and a computer.

Adam Mantz

Dear Santa,
I want a New Kids on the block doll. I want a barbie moter home and New kids shoes and a watch thats gold and a new kids game. I want a sweater. I want a barbie doll and a ken doll with ice skating stuff with it and I want a New kids set and a New kids poster. I want a cowboy hat with boots.

Jennifer Woods

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and some nintendo games. I want a ring from my Mom and Dad. I want a pet dog. And I want a brand new bike. I want a jacket. I want a Baby Sparkels,

and Walking Go Go. I want a New Kids on the Block watch, a New Kids on the Block back pack. I want new shoes. I want a Fun House game. I want to have a nice Christmas.

Jamie Luna

Dear Santa,
I want a fire suit with shoes some groved tires and an five horse engine.

Shane Hendrix

Dear Santa,
I would like you to give me a Santa suit, a compound bow and arrow, a watch, a pottory kit, a raindeer, and a very good and white Christmas. If you give me that stuff I'll wish you a very merry Christmas Santa.

Dan McCown

Dear Santa,
I wan't a doll for Christmas, and a swimming pool. I wan't shoes. I wan't a trampaline. I wan't clothes for Christmas. I wan't a bike. I wan't a bow for my hair. I wan't a ball to play with. I want a horse to ride on. I wan't a book about you. I wan't a keyboard.

Amanda Barrera

Dear Santa,
I want a New Kid on the Block barbie doll. I want some clothes. I want a watch. I want a swimming pool. I want a new swim suit. I want a new puppy. I want a baseball and bat. I want a new bike for Chrismas. I want a bow. I want a bigger house. I want a ranch. I want a millon dollars. I want a bigger school. I want a big horse. I want a big dog. I want a doll for Chrismas. I want harder words in spelling.

Shyla Cole

Dear Santa,
I want a real hamster and Little Miss Magice hair. May I have a telephone and a Santa doll. I want a bike. P. J. Sparkles and I want to meet the Guys next door. I want clothes and shoes. I want a lunch box. I wand tickes to Disney Wold. 15,000 dolleres. I want nintendo. I want to go to the North pole with you.

Melanie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a necokin-control boat, I want a nokontrol car without a cord. I want a wagon. I want a skatebord, I want a heman sword, I want a mok-introl motersikel, I want a football, I want a bassball with a bassballbat I want a bluejen jacket with a poket in side. I want a girl dog. I want a sokerball. I want a red corbed.

Derrick Kapchinski

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. I would like a walkie talkie. Santa Clause would you buy me those things? Santa how nice you are. One thing I would like is a batmobile. Would you buy me 12 cars and five added to that? Would you buy me a car set and a mokontrol car?

Your friend,
Charles Payne

MORE SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. Will you please bring me a stroller, diapers, roller skates, and a pretty babydoll.

My baby sister Nicole would like a soft baby doll, and a mobile for her baby bed.

Please be careful and hurry and get here!

I love you,
Natalee Reed
Bronte

Santa Claus,
Wishing you a very merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

I Love you,
Bret Lee Ballew
Robert Lee

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a 1990 125 four wheeler. I have been a good boy. I will leave you a lot of cookies and milk. Have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Fred Wojtek
Robert Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a playjem, something for my bedroom and some shoes. Have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Eddie May
Robert Lee

Santa,
Dark Cloud Buster Racewar Ninja Bladerunner BBS Oniy Daisy Gun BB rifle Youth Manual blade Marksman Biathlon Trainer Pellet Air Rifle Crosman Model 790 Outboder Air Rifle, BB Pellet Crosman, Model 782, BB loader.

Taylor Clendennen
Robert Lee

Dear Santa,
My name is Julie Riley and I'm three years old. For Christmas, I would like you to bring me a doll and a Barbie car and clothes. And would you please bring my friend Katie Bessent two real kittens and a baby doll.

Love,
Julie

Robert Lee

Dear Fat, Jolly, Ancient Fellow,

What are the latest developments out north? How are you faring? Long time no see! It's been smooth sailing at Tennyson this "last" year of the decade. And the weather is mild and beautiful down here in good ole West Texas.

My friends all hope to find a wedding ring under their Christmas trees. Their names are Barney "Allan" Fife, Elton Buckets, Travelen Travis, Big Bad John, and Big Blondy.

My parents are asking for the "right" son-in-law.

Thanks in advance for your help and good judgment.

As always,
Millicent
"Milly"
Morganstern

P. S. Santy, I hope I have space to give you some more of the facts. Barney lives at Mertzon, Buckets lives at San Angelo, Big John lives at Amarillo, Blondy lives in Mineola and T. T. resides in West Hollywood, California. Bye for now. Happy Trails To You!

SANTA LETTER FROM WELCH

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Brittni Helen Drennan. I live at Welch, Texas. My mama is writing this for me, because I am only 2 years old. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll for Christmas. My brother, Carson, is 9 months old. Please bring him blocks and any other toy.

Thank you!

Love,
Brittni Drennan
Welch, Texas



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Heat oven to 375°. Line jelly roll pan, 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1 inch, with aluminum foil or waxed paper; generously grease. Beat eggs in small bowl on high speed about 5 minutes or until very thick and lemon colored. Pour eggs into large bowl. Gradually beat in granulated sugar. Beat in pumpkin and lemon juice on low speed. Mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt; gradually stir in by hand just until batter is smooth. Pour into pan, spreading batter into corners. Sprinkle with nuts.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Immediately loosen cake from edges of pan; invert onto towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Carefully remove foil; trim off stiff edges of cake if necessary. While hot,

carefully roll cake and towel from narrow end. Cool on wire rack at least 1 hour.

Unroll cake. Beginning at narrow end, spread about half of the orange yogurt on one-fourth of the cake and about half of the vanilla yogurt on the next one-fourth of the cake. Repeat with remaining yogurt to cover remaining cake. Roll up carefully (remove towel). Place cake, seam side down, on piece of aluminum foil. Wrap securely in foil; freeze. Remove from freezer about 15 minutes before serving. 10 to 12 servings.

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- 3 eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 cup Softasilk cake flour
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- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts, if desired
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The Christmas that changed Chief

by Charles Wood

It ain't too often that I do this sort of thing -- talking to humans, I mean. If word got around it might spoil things for us dogs. You see, most humans still don't know that us dogs can talk. The fact is, though, your folks and mine have been together so long, a few things couldn't help but rub off on us. We can talk all right -- we just generally keep it a secret. But, since it is Christmas time and all, I've decided to break the rules just this once, long enough to tell you about somethin' human that rubbed off on me.

This was something that happened a long, long time ago when I was no more than a half-grown pup. I was out runnin' around with my boy Jeff on the wild hill behind our house. It was a cold Christmas Eve night and it was getting kind of dark. Just about time for Jeff to go in for supper. Suddenly I caught that old smell again. I looked back at my boy to see if he smelled it too, but he just kept on headin' up the trail like nothin' was happening. You humans sure miss out on a lot, wearing those little bitty noses.

It was that old coon Rick I was smellin' again. Me and Rick used to have a game goin': I tried to catch him every chance I got, and he did everything he could think of to get away from me. A few times I came might close to catching him. Once I even went home with a couple of hairs from his tail in my mouth. One way or another though, he always managed to give me the slip. I wasn't about to let him get away this time.

I could hear my boy hollerin' like he always did: "Come back Chief!" I didn't have time to mess around, so I left him in the dust. I knew he'd have to give up and go home for supper soon anyway.

The smell was leading me down to the creek as usual. Coons always hang around creeks after dark, fishing for

minnows and crawdads. I figured that if I hurried up, I might just catch Old Rick with his paws wet.

I cut around a fallen tree that was in my way and sure enough, there he was, tryin' to fish some kind of critter out from under a rock. Like most of his kind though, Rick was fast on his feet. Before I could even start down to the water, he was already splashin' his way to the highway bridge and about to go underneath.

I knew I'd never make it under the bridge in time, so I thought I might try crossin' over on the road. Maybe I could catch him by surprise on the other side. I knew if I didn't hurry Rick would make it to one of his climbing trees, and then it would be all over, so I high-tailed it through the brush and out onto the road. That's when the thing happened that changed my whole life.

I saw the truck comin' as soon as my paws hit the pavement, but it was already too late. I was hit! I guess I always knew those things could be dangerous. The neighbor's dog had been hurt by one no more than a month before. I just never thought it would happen to me. Just the same, there I was, right in the middle of that cold, hard road. Every bone in my body felt like it was busted and there was a cut on my shoulder that was bleedin' pretty bad. I tried to get up, but I just didn't seem to have it in me. I was kind of hoping that Jeff might come and find me, but I knew he'd still be at home waiting. I had always come home before, hadn't I?

When I saw those other headlights comin' down the road towards me, I just gave up and waited for 'em to finish me off. I could see Old Rick in the top of a tree, lookin' at me. I thought he might be

laughing at me, but he actually looked kind of sorry.

That wasn't the end of Old Chief though. Instead of runnin' me over like he could've done, the man behind those headlights put on the brakes and pulled off the road, right beside me. It was a pickup truck like my own folks had, but it looked kind of beat-up and there was a big scrape down the side of it.

The man that was driving got out and pointed one of those flashlights at me. I started to get up and show him how tough I was, but all I could do was wag my tail a little. He got a blanket and wrapped me up good. "Young feller," he said, "you're comin' with me. Ma and the kids'll have you fixed up good as new in no time." He laid me in the bed of his truck in a pile of soft rags. There wasn't much I could do while the truck was movin', so I just took a little nap.

When I woke up I was inside a house, being fixed up. A woman was busy puttin' clean bandages on my shoulder while a couple of kids fussed over me. "Can we keep him Momma?" the little girl was asking.

"Sorry Annie," the lady answered. "He belongs to some one."

After the kids had petted me a little, their momma spoke up: "It's time for you kids to be off to bed. You know Santa Claus comes over tonight. You can play with the dog in the morning if he's up to it." Pretty soon everything quieted down enough so I could look around a little.

It wasn't like anything I was used to. A little bitty living room with a scratched up floor. One beat-up old couch, and no carpet or nothin'. Why these folks didn't even have a TV! And over in the corner was the saddest-lookin'

to get every bit as much fun out of their home-made toys as Jeff and Sis did with all their store-bought things. And from out of the kitchen, was that same old smell -- table scraps. I didn't even think it

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Potpourri - nice touch for the holidays

The secrets of making great potpourri come before you drop the first leaf into a bowl or add one drop of oil, according to some who have mastered the art.

Pick the flowers you plan to use at the peak of their bloom, said Nikki Bond, a Memphis gardener and craftsman. Pluck roses, for example, when they are buds or just as they're opening because

overblown flowers will never match the color of fresh ones.

Josie Sides, a past president of the Memphis Herb Society, feels the most important step is drying the ingredients. It must take place in a cool, dark, ventilated place because heat and light will cause colors to fade.

Be daring with your potpourri, she adds, and take your ingredients where you

find them -- even if it's in the back of your refrigerator.

Once she was struck by the beauty of a cantaloupe rind. She cut it in strips, dried it and found that it twisted into pretty corkscrews. The smell of the dried rind was heavenly -- fruity and very sweet, she said.

Potpourri may be made of flowers, leaves, herbs, fruits, berries, and cones, but purists shun the wood chips, dyed and doused with oil, used in many commercial products.

"That is filler," said Mrs. Sides. "You can buy a trash bag worth of wood chips for about \$3."

Roses, of course, are some of the most popular flowers for potpourri. Among the most fragrant are Sutters Gold, Don Juan, Chrysler Imperial, and Crimson Glory.

More than 50 varieties of scented geraniums, grown for their perfumed leaves, duplicate the scent of rose, lemon, apple, orange, pine and mint. Lavender is both fragrant and decorative.

Some popular garden herbs for potpourri are basil, lemon verbena, thyme, marjoram and rosemary.

"I use about anything that has a scent I like," said Mrs. Sides, who mines her garden and the country homes of her friends, or trades ingredients with friends.

That includes flowers from her garden such as peonies, zinnias, marigolds, forsythia, sunflowers, daisies, day lilies, and irises, and blossoms from shrubs such as bridal wreath, star magnolia, pearl bush, mock orange, and chaste tree (vitex). (Use the petals, or the whole flower if it is small.)

She uses berries from nandinas, the elderberry bush, beauty bush, and hollies, as well as hemlock cones and pine cones.

Ingredients may be dried several ways. Ms. Sides takes the cardboard trays used to hold six packs of canned soft drinks, simply drops the flowers in, and lets them dry in a bedroom.

Before doing this, she says, you should soak the ingredients in a sink filled with cold, salty water for 15 minutes to kill any bugs that may be on them. Drain them, pat with a paper towel. Line the cardboard trays with newspaper during the first day of drying to catch the extra moisture. Then remove the paper.

Mrs. Bond dries some flowers by poking them through a screen nailed to a wooden frame and placing them in her ventilated pantry. With others, she strips the leaves, binds them with a rubber band and hangs them.



Merry Christmas
and
Best
Wishes

Hope this holiday
is the best ever!

Gay & Tom
Sawyer

...Chief

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was possible.

Just out of curiosity, I kind of stretched my legs to see how everything was workin'. It wasn't too bad. My shoulder was still a little sore, but I wasn't nearly as broke up as I had thought. When the kids saw me get up they came a runnin'.

"Good morning Dog," the little boy said. "How would you like something to eat?"

I liked the way this kid thought. I got up and followed him into the kitchen. "Look Mom," said the boy. "The dog is better. Can I feed him?"

"Of course you can Mike," she said. "Give him some of these turkey giblets." That was just what I wanted to hear -- scraps before dinner!

The man that rescued me was there in the kitchen, holding a big paper sack. The lady was busy crammin' food into it -- good food like the kind my folks always had. "I'll be back soon," he said when the sack was full. "I'm going up the hill to take food to the Johnsons. It ain't right for a family to go hungry at Christmas."

I couldn't believe my ears. These people were willin' to share their table scraps with another family! They weren't rich folks, but they gave anyway. Unbelievable.

When the man came back, they started the family dinner. There wasn't as much stuff as my folks usually cooked at Christmas, but everybody seemed to get plenty to eat. The kids even fed me a few bites of turkey under the table.

It all kind of started me

thinkin'. I must've had this Christmas thing all wrong. It wasn't what you got that made Christmas. It wasn't even what you had to give. You just gave and shared what you could. Anybody could do it, maybe even Old Chief.

The man finished eatin' and got up from the table. "It's time to see that this feller here gets back to his folks," he said. "I'm takin' the truck down to where I found him. I'll ask around and see if I can't find out where he belongs."

Hours went by and nothin' seemed to be happenin'. I sure was grateful to these folks for everything they'd done, but I couldn't help thinkin' of my boy Jeff and how much he must be missin' me. I was beginnin' to wonder if I'd ever see my folks again. But finally, just when I was about to give up hope, the old truck came rollin' up the drive with another one close behind. It was my folks! Jeff came runnin' in first and nearly hugged me to pieces. I've got to admit I was mighty glad to see him myself.

I had to wait till the kids were in bed before I got the chance I was waitin' for. No more than a minute after the folks turned me out, I was already half-way down to the creek and hot on Old Rick's trail. My wounds were pretty well healed up and I was feelin' fast -- and lucky. This time Rick made a bad move. I managed to get him stranded in a bendin' tree that was just the right angle for a dog to walk up. When I knew he was cornered, with no way to escape, I tip-toed up the tree -- and invited Old Rick and his family over for Christmas scraps.

Blessings

...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer!

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May this holy time bring to your hearts His clear message of Christmas love.

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Taking stress out of the holidays

We have incorporated the expression "holiday blues" into our language in order to refer to a feeling, tone or mood that some people experience around Thanksgiving and especially Christmas. The holiday season can be stressful and less than jolly for many people but it need not be. The Scott & White Department of Psychiatry offers several suggestions to help people make the most of the holidays.

First of all, we should think about what aspect of the holidays is important to us. Is it getting together with family members, exchanging gifts or spiritual experiences and contemplation? A person who values spiritual reflection may want to turn down a few social engagements in order to leave time for their first priority, while a person who values holiday get-togethers with family and friends may want to make sure that these activities are scheduled during the holidays. We may find that our priorities change from year to year or that life has rearranged them for us because, for example, of the loss of a loved one.

Handling a recent loss whether due to death, divorce or break-up can make holidays especially difficult, but they can be dealt with by remembering the loved one in some special way, such as giving a donation to a favorite charity in the person's name, or by scheduling time with other family members or friends.

- HOLIDAY STRESS -

Holidays can be especially stressful. They often include extra work, such as gift buying, shopping, cooking, decorating, baking, wrapping, and card sending, in addition to one's usual job and/or household duties. Practicing sound management skills in the home, such as delegating tasks to other family members and allowing adequate time, as well as eating wisely and scheduling time for exercise during the holidays can help us feel more relaxed and in control of things that we want to do during this busy season.

Again, we may need to set priorities according to what we value and want to do. We can assign food to be brought by other family members instead of doing it all ourselves. We can have bakery cookies or share the task with children

instead of having them all "homemade" by mom. Cards can be printed instead of signed. Our gift or card list may need to be pared down. Most families and friends would settle for a less than picture perfect holiday in order to have everyone relaxed.

Holidays can also mean stress which results from negative encounters with "difficult" relatives or friends. Staying in the present (not reviving old rivalries or hurts) and remembering that we can only be responsible for our own thoughts and behavior, not that of others, can help

make interactions with others smoother. It also helps to remember that the holiday time, when expectations and emotions may be at peak levels, last only a short time and that a peaceful holiday season can be a reality.

Finding out what aspect of the holiday season we value most, setting priorities, using good time management skills, practicing "diplomacy" in difficult relationships and continuing wise health practices are all ways to ensure that our holidays are more peaceful and relaxing.

Bowl game snack ideas

Potato chips with onion dip, honey roasted peanuts, pizza, and various beers and wines are traditionally the snacks served at holiday football bowl games.

If this is what you planned to serve, perhaps the following advice of dietitians at Methodist Hospital should be considered. According to these nutritional experts, most traditional bowl game snack foods score a big nutritional "0" and should be avoided.

Don't fear that substituting nutritious snacks will take the fun out of the party, though, because good taste and nutrition can team up quite successfully.

Regardless of which team wins, nutritious snacks are guaranteed to please even the most finicky fan, and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that each item you serve is contributing to the health of your family and friends.

Today's supermarket is well-stocked with tasty snack alternatives which are low in salt and saturated fat: two of the biggest nutrition villains. When selecting crackers and nuts, read the labels to determine the best selections. Saltless varieties of pretzels and popcorn are always an alternative.

Stock up on lots of fresh vegetables which can be served raw with dips. Try cauliflower, green and red peppers, radishes, mushrooms, zucchini, and scallions for a colorful and flavorful platter.

An alternative to fattening pizza can be created by substituting English muffins for pizza dough. Top it with sliced, fresh tomato, low-fat mozzarella, mushrooms, fresh garlic or onions, green pepper and ground turkey or turkey sausage.

Why settle for old bench-warming treats? Be creative and eat heart smart.



When all is said and done, it's customers like you who make us proud to be of service. We hope you have the best holiday ever!



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May laughter warm your hearts & home.

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SIMPLY WONDERFUL!

Artichokes: Nutritious And Delicious

Some foods are just plain and simply wonderful. One of the oldest foods known to man, artichokes appear in everything from appetizers and salads to pizzas and casseroles. Light and nutritious, one of the best uses for artichokes is to dip them in a tasty sauce. Try this Artichoke Sour Cream Soy Dip for a great first course offering.

California artichokes are available year-round but have two peak seasons—February to May and in October.

To Prepare: Before cooking, pull off lower petals of artichoke. Cut stem to one inch or less. Cut off top quarter of artichoke; if desired, snip tips off remaining petals.

To Cook: Stand one prepared artichoke in pot with 3 inches boiling, salted water. (If desired, oil, lemon juice and seasonings can be added to cooking water.) Cover and boil gently about 25 to 40 minutes, depending on size, or until petal near center pulls out easily. Stand upside down to drain.



Artichoke Sour Cream Soy Dip

- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon garlic wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder

Combine all ingredients and chill in refrigerator for one hour or more to allow flavors to blend. Makes about 1-1/4 cups.

Tip—Artichokes may be served hot or cold. To eat, pull off outer petals one at a time, dip base of petal into sauce, and pull through teeth to remove soft, pulpy portion of petal.



REJOICE

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

--The Associated Press
Yes, Virginia, there was an editorial about the credibility of Santa Claus, appearing more than 100 years ago in The New York Sun. It was written by Francis Pharcellus Church, an assistant to the paper's editor.

A true Christmas classic, it has outlived its writer, the recipient, and the newspaper that gave it life. Its most famous phrases are often recalled and sometimes parodied:

"We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

"Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world around him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would no child-like faith then, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with

which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the

world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Tale of Christmas rose

[Reprinted from Concho Valley Electric Co-op Power, December, 1990.]

The tale of the Christmas rose is said to have begun in Sweden, where one Christmas Eve the trees suddenly sprouted leaves, fruits and flowers appeared, and birds sang. Bells sounded and the heavens were filled with "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

One abbot brought a doubting monk to see the "Magic Garden." Even after seeing for himself the miraculous appearance of all this bounty in the middle of winter, the monk was convinced that it was the work of the devil. His doubt caused the garden to disappear, save for one plant - the Christmas rose, which reportedly continues to appear every Christmas Eve.

Then there is the Glastonbury thorn. According to legend, Jesus was once protected from arrest by Roman soldiers when magpies covered him with the fruit of the hawthorn while he rested in a woods. Once the soldiers had passed by, the magpies removed the fruit.

To honor the hawthorn, Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff for his journeys. When he reached England,

he stopped at Glastonbury and thrust his staff into the soil. There it flourished and produced flowers every Christmas eve.

In 1900, the Right Reverend Henry Gates Satterlee received a cutting from that original hawthorn, and planted it near Saint Albans School in Washington, D. C. The cutting grew and flowered for the first time on Christmas of 1918; it is said to have blossomed every Christmas Eve since.

Holly is, of course, a traditional plant. The Crown of Thorns was supposed to have been woven from holly, and the yellow berries it produced were turned red by the blood of Jesus.



Have a happy Christmas holiday in the presence of family and friends. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Marshall, Sheri, Kannan, and Stewart Millican

Merry Christmas

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Santa says...

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Take the Yuletide Test

Here's a chance to put your yuletide knowledge on the line.

Whether you've been naughty or nice this year, you should be able to answer most of these questions.

1. Name Santa's reindeer.
2. Who wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas?" a. Grandma Moses b. Clement Moore c. Charles Dickens
3. Who wrote "The Christmas Song?" (Better known by the verse, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire.") a. Nat King Cole b. Mel Torme c. Bing Crosby
4. The 12 gifts "my true love gave to me" include which of the following? a. 10 lords a-leaping b. Two peacocks c. Three French hens.
5. In the popular holiday movie, "Miracle on 34th Street," what famous little girl is convinced that Santa really exists? a. Margaret O'Brien b. Elizabeth Taylor c. Natalie Wood.

6. What gift did TV dad Homer Simpson bring home to his family for Christmas? a. A sweet and stupid dog named "Santa's Little Helper" b. Bowling balls engraved with the names Marge, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie c. A used RV.

7. What is juklapp? a. Food for reindeer b. The Swedish practice of camouflaging small, precious gifts in enormous packages c. The Finnish custom of lighting a wreath of candles on Christmas Eve.

8. In Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol," a mean-spirited entrepreneur learns the value of love and generosity. That person is a. Leona Helmsley b. Donald Trump c. Ebenezer Scrooge.

Answers:

1. Dasher, Dancer, Comet, Blitzen, Cupid, Donner, Prancer, Vixen, and Rudolph, the latest addition.
2. b. Grandma Moses illustrated a very popular edition of Moore's famous poem.
3. b
4. a and c
5. c
6. a
7. b
8. c



Santa got his familiar beard, red suit, eight tiny reindeer and jolly appearance from a 19th century cartoon.

Whether it's Santa Claus who fills your stockings, or Kris Kringle, Pere Noel, or St. Nicholas, there's probably a lot about that "jolly old elf" that might surprise you.

For instance, the original Santa Claus is believed to have been a bishop in what is now Turkey in the fourth century. Generous and wealthy, he's said to have secretly given bags of gold to poor children.

He got his "cheeks like a rose, his nose like a cherry," and the names of his "eight tiny reindeer" from Clement Moore, a noted Biblical scholar who wrote "A Visit From St Nicholas (beginning "Twas the night before Christmas...")" in 1822. Famous cartoonist Thomas Nast drew the red suit and white beard we know today.

Chewy Apple Brownies

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| 1 cup butter, softened | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1 3/4 cups sugar | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 2 eggs, well-beaten | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract | 2 cups peeled, chopped baking apples |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | |

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla with Sunbeam® Mixmaster® hand mixer at Speed 7. Combine dry ingredients and add to butter mixture at Speed 4. Mix until flour is moistened. Fold in apples and nuts. Spread in a greased 9x9-inch baking pan and bake at 350-degrees F. 45 minutes or until done. Serve warm topped with frozen vanilla yogurt or room temperature, drizzled with Vanilla Glaze. Yield: 12 servings.

Vanilla Glaze

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| 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar |
| 1 tablespoon hot water |
| 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract |

Combine all ingredients until smooth. Drizzle in a thin stream over the top of cooled, uncut brownies, forming a woven pattern. Allow glaze to set before cutting.

Merry Christmas



May all good things come your way as you revel in the festivities of this special holiday. Thanks for your valued support!

Ettie Hubbard

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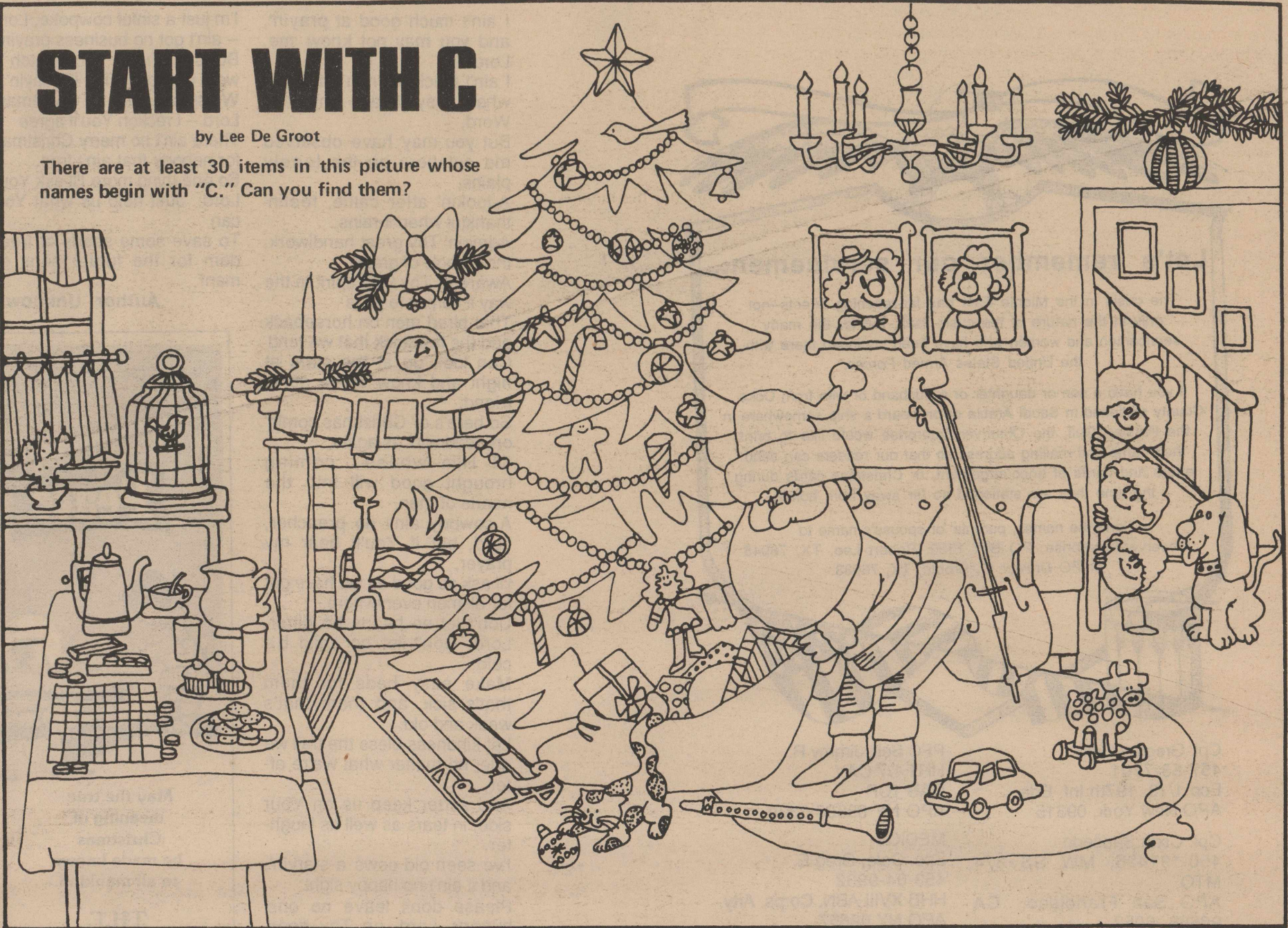
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by Lee De Groot

There are at least 30 items in this picture whose names begin with "C." Can you find them?



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A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer

I ain't much good at prayin',
and you may not know me,
Lord --
I ain't much seen in churches
where they preach Thy Holy
Word,
But you may have observed
me out here on the lonely
plains,
A-lookin' after cattle, feelin'
thankful when it rains,
Admirin' Thy great handiwork,
the miracle of grass,
Aware of Thy kind spirit in the
way it comes to pass
That hired men on horseback
and the livestock that we tend
Can look up at the stars at
night and know we've got a
friend.
So here's ol' Christmas comin'
on, remindin' us again
Of Him whose coming
brought good will into the
hearts of men.
A cowboy ain't no preacher,
Lord, but if You'll hear my
prayer,
I'll ask as good as we have got
for all men everywhere.
Don't let no hearts be bitter,
Lord; Don't let no child be
cold.
Make easy beds for them
that's sick, and them that's
weak and old.
Let kindness bless the trail we
ride, no matter what we're af-
ter,
And sorter keep us on Your
side, in tears as well as laugh-
ter.
I've seen old cows a-starvin',
and it ain't no happy sight:
Please don't leave no one
hungry, Lord, on Thy good
Christmas night --
No man, no child, no woman,
and no critter on four feet --
I'll aim to do my best to help
You find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord
-- ain't got no business prayin'
But still I hope You'll ketch a
word or two of what I'm sayin':
We speak of merry Christmas,
Lord -- I reckon You'll agree
There ain't no merry Christmas
for nobody that ain't free.
So one thing more I'll ask You,
Lord: Just help us what You
can
To save some seeds of free-
dom for the future sons of
man!

Author Unknown

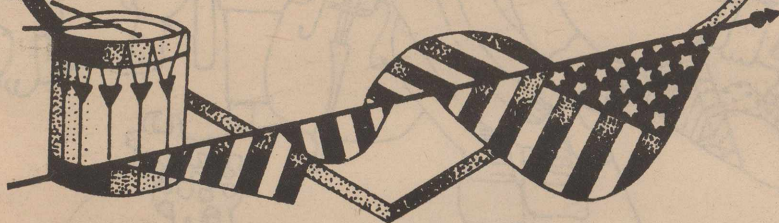


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The crisis in the Middle East has far-reaching effects--not only in the nature of the crisis itself, but for the many servicemen and women who have been stationed there with the United States Armed Forces.

If you have a son or daughter or a husband or wife from Coke County stationed in Saudi Arabia or on board a ship somewhere in the Persian Gulf, the Observer/Enterprise would like to print their name and mailing address so that our readers can send letters and cards of encouragement, or Christmas cards during the time they are stationed so far away from home.

Send the names, parents' or spouse's name to
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Sonnet for same old Christmas

It's the same old turkey
in the same old stove,
The same perfume and
scarves
under the same old tree,
The same old muddy boots
in the warm alcove,
And the same old box
of cheap cigars for me.
It's the same old wretched war
on every breath,
With the same toy soldier kids
willing to die
In the same old sands that
blew on Nazareth
For the same old power bro-
kers and the same old lies.
Yes, and the same old
blessed carols that we hear
The sweetest time if the silli-
est time of year
And the same real warmth of
Salvation Army chimes
And the same old hopes for
peace in uncertain times
And the same old Christmas
star that shines above
As we do the same old things
for the same old love.
Sam Pendergrast

Merry Christmas



May the simple
pleasure of
the season be
with you
all year long.

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May the true
meaning of
Christmas
be made known
to all mankind.

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Christmas Thoughts

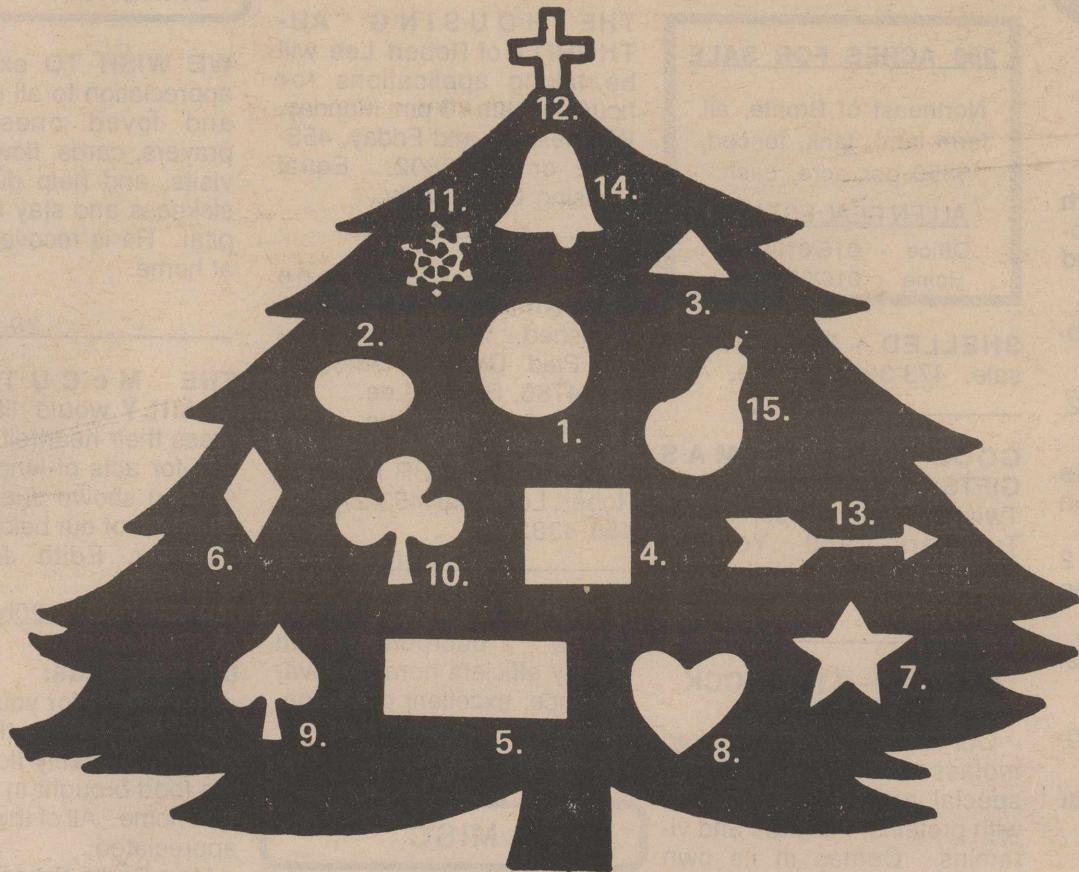
I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness. And tomorrow, because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away or we may be very busy. But that makes no difference -- my thoughts and wishes will be with you just the same. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Clear through the year... I wish you the spirit of Christmas.

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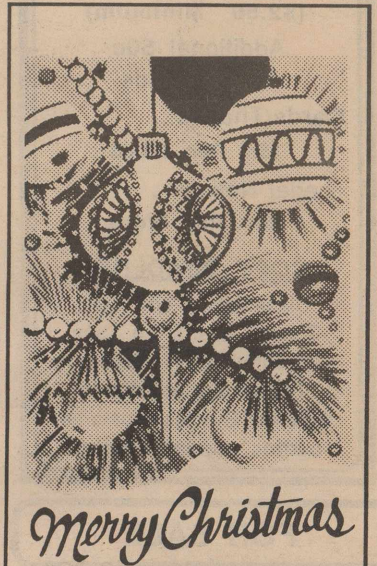
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May the joy of this holy season warm every heart; May the days ahead reflect the peace of this greatest of all holidays.

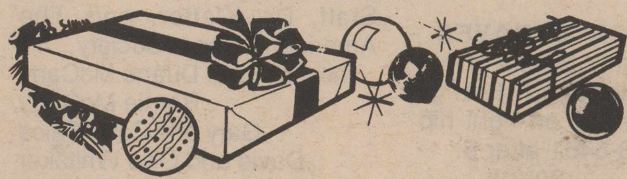
I want to express my appreciation for everyone's support and cooperation during my terms in office as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. I have enjoyed serving you and my association with everyone in the courthouse.

Opal & Jake Jacoby

Can you name the different shapes shown on this tree?

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ | 15. _____ |

ANSWERS: 1. Circle, 2. Oval, 3. Triangle, 4. Square, 5. Rectangle, 6. Diamond, 7. Star, 8. Heart, 9. Spade, 10. Club, 11. Snowflake, 12. Cross, 13. Arrow, 14. Bell, 15. Pear.



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NOTICES

CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

By virtue of the authority vested in the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, said Directors do hereby order that on the 8th day of January, 1991 at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, County of Coke, State of Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing three directors of said District.

That the polls shall be open for such election at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, Texas located in said district from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on the day of election; and the following officer to said election hereby is appointed to wit; Willie B. Edmiaston, Presiding Judge is hereby given authority to hold said election. No person shall vote at such election unless he is a resident voter of said district and also a qualified voter under the Constitution and

laws of the state of Texas. All votes of such election shall be by ballot, and voters desiring to vote for three (3) persons, each of who shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a resident of said District and an owner of taxable property in the District.

On or before the fifth day after such election the officers holding such election shall make due returns, in triplicate, of all the votes cast for directors of said District, and deliver one (1) return to the President of the District and one (1) to the Secretary.

Public notice of this Order shall be given by publication thereof in The Observer/Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Coke County, Texas, the publication of this order being one time, with the publication being not more than 20 days prior thereto.

WITNESS THE HAND of the President and Secretary of the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher President
Noah Pruitt, Jr. Secretary

AVISO DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES DE COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Ahora, por eco para la virtud de la revestido do autoridad de los directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, dichos directores mandan que en el ocho de enero 1991, en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, el condado de Coke, El estado de Texas, ena eleccion se tendra para el proposito de elegir tres (3) directores de dicho distrito.

Que los parajes donded se vota abra para la eleccion en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, Texas, situada en dicho distrito de las siete (7) de la manana a las siete (7) de la noche en el dis de la eleccion; y el eiguiente funcionario para tener dicha eleccion por la presente es: Willie B. Edmiaston Magistrada presidienda. Dicha Magistrada presidienda por la presente se da la autoridad para tener dicha eleccion. No persona se votara en esta eleccion excepto si es un votante registrado de dicho distrito y tambien es un votante cualificando debajo la Constitucion y los leyes del estado de Texas. Toda votas de esta eleccion sea de la balota, y votantes que se quiere votar por Directores del Distrito votara para tres (3) personas, cada tendra diaz y ocho (18) anos, cada sera un residente de dicho Distrito y cada tendra bienes inmuebles en el distrito que esta sujeto a impuestos.

En o antes del quinto dia despues de la eleccion los funcionarios que tienen la eleccion hara los resultados en triplicado, de todas de las directores de dicho distrito, y can uno (1) al Presidente del distrito y uno (1) al secretario.

Noticia pulica de este orden se dira por publicacion de esto en el Observer/Enterprise, un peridico de circulcion general, publicada en Coke County Texas, la publicacion de este orden es dos (20) vez, con la publica-

cion no mas que veinte dias antes a eso.

Testigo el mano del Presidente y el secretario de los Directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher President
Noah Pruitt, Jr. Secretary
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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Case No. 90-12E1
Date 12-3-90

On the 30th day of November, 1990, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Steer
Breed: Crossbred
Color: Red brindle, motley face

Sex: Steer
Age: yearling
Size: 720 pounds

Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Brand - oak tree or spade behind left shoulder, Ear mark - crop and underbit left ear.

and, on the 3rd day of December, 1990, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Coke County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Coke County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 3rd day of January, 1991, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Producers Livestock Auction.

WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of December, 1990.

Marshall Millican
Sheriff of Coke County, Texas
18a-31c

against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. The post office address for the mailing of claims is as follows, to-wit:

Mildred Cason,
Independent Executor
c/o Bill J. Helwig
Attorney at Law
P. O. Drawer 529
Robert Lee, TX 76945
DATED this 17th day of December, 1990.

Bill J. Helwig
Attorney for Estate of
GEORGE RAY CASON
20a-11c

PUBLIC NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GERALD C. ALLEN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gerald C. Allen were issued on the 7th day of November, 1990 in Cause No. 1371 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, sitting in matters of probate to William H. Allen as Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. The post office address for the mailing of claims is as follows, to-wit:

William H. Allen,
Independent Executor
c/o Bill J. Helwig
Attorney at Law
P. O. Drawer 529
Robert Lee, TX 76945
DATED this 17th day of December, 1990.

Bill J. Helwig
Attorney for Estate of
GERALD C. ALLEN
20a-11c

PUBLIC NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GEORGE RAY CASON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of George Ray Cason were issued on the 30th day of November, 1990 in Cause No. 1373 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, sitting in matters of probate to Mildred Cason as Independent Executor.

All persons having claims



Sharing is Caring

We will close at Noon on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th and remain closed on Tuesday, Christmas Day Merry Christmas To All! ROBERT LEE STATE BANK Member FDIC

Blessings ...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer! BRYAN JEWELERS CBS JEWELERS Ballinger, Tx.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS We're glad to say, now that the season is here, that to know and serve you has been a joy this past year. Have a wonderful day! COKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE Stover, Jerita & Dovie

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SAUSAGE 12 oz. pkg. **\$1.29**

Sliced Slab Bacon - Dankworth lb. \$1.59

Parade Basted
TURKEYS LB. **65c**

Morrison
CORN KITS 6 oz. pkg. **37c**

Parade White Corn Syrup 32 oz. btl. 89c

Baker's Coconut 7 oz. bag 89c

JELLO Asst. 3 oz. pkg. **43c**

Stove Top Dressing 6 oz. box \$1.19

Kraft's Miniature Marshmallows 10 oz. bag 63c

Maryland Club
COFFEE 13 oz. can **\$1.59**

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Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce 16 oz. can 85c

Parade
FLOUR 5# Bag **79c**

Sugary Sam Cut Sweet Potatoes 17 oz. can 69c

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Kraft's Cream Cheese 8 oz. pkg. 89c

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Gandy's

EGG NOG Qt. Crt. **99c**

Gandy's Sour Cream 8 oz. crt. 2/89c

Gandy's Whipping

CREAM 8 oz. crt. **2/89c**

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APPLES LB. **49c**

Oranges - California Navels lb. 49c

CELERY Large Stalks Each **39c**

Avocados - California Green Skins Each 39c

Onions - Medium Yellows lb. 19c

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