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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Lions distribute goodies

Ten members of Bronte Evening Lions Clubs met Monday and sacked up Christmas goodies to distribute in Bronte.

The men delivered the sacks to the elderly, homebound and persons living alone after the sacks were filled.

Those Roaring Lions representing the Bronte Evening Lions Club extending it's

community services were: R.T. Caperton, Bob Ragsdale, Royce Fancher, R.W. Blackmon, Mike Hartman, C.B. Barbee, Garland Whitmire, Pete Percifull, Leslie Rolls, and Billy Jack Gentry.

These men represented their club with this service so greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The Club furnished the goodies that filled the sacks.



Bronte Evening Lions Club Members: (front row I-r) R. T. Caperton, Mike Hartman, Leslie Rolls, C. B. Barbee; (back row), Pete Percifull, Royce Fancher, Garland Whitmire, Bob Ragsdale, and R. W. Blackmon, who assisted in filling sacks of Christmas goodies at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, on Monday, Dec.

- Upcoming

O/E Notice

As is the annual custom, the Observer/Enterprise will not publish an edition of the newspaper between Christmas and New Years. The first paper of 1993 will be on January 8.

RL EMT Classes

There will be a registration for an EMT class on Jan. 4, 1993 at 7:00 pm, at the Robert Lee High School.

Classes will begin Thursday Jan. 7, at the High School. The West Coke County EMS



from all of us

possibly help, join them Monday night, Jan. 4. Classes are open to anyone who is interested. For additional information, call Mary Bessent at 453-2492 or 453-2632.

County Taxes

On December 31st, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, property tax payments will be received by Kristeen Roe, Coke County Tax Assessor/Collector, in the First National Bank of

needs volunteers. If you can Bronte. County tax payments made on the 31st, will be processed on the same day and all receipts mailed. Tax statements must be brought with payment. Motor vehicle registration and title services will be offered at the same

> Mrs. Roe will also deliver tax payments to the Appraisal District in Robert Lee.

40+ Dance

Tuesday, January 5, 1993, is the scheduled date for the monthly first Tuesday 40+ Dance at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Dancing begins at 7:30. with tickets available at the door.

Commodities

Food commodities will be distributed on Thursday, January 7, 1993, at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings, beginning at 9 am and continuing until 12 noon. All commodities are distributed on a first come-first serve basis.

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Upcoming

'64 Study Club The '64 Study Club, in addition to willing volunteers will again aid the West Texas Rehabilitation Center by manning the local phone bank in Robert Lee. The event has been held annually for some time at Ivey Motor Company, in conjunction with the Rehab '93 telethon.

Last year the local fundraiser brought in \$3,800 for the worthy cause. A \$5,000 goal has been set for the '93 event. This year the telethon is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, said phone bank coordinator Leta Caston.

The tremendous response to the WTRC's largest annual fundraiser insures that every man, woman, and child needing their services will be cared for. Eighty-eight Coke County residents received care there last year.

Letter to Santa

To: Our Coke County Santa, Your new nickname is Coke, (instead of Chubbs). Long time, no see. How's all the crew?? Hale and hearty we hope.

All we former Tennysonites request for Christmas '92 is that the snow flurries mentioned in the 6 o'clock weather forecast turn into a foot of snow. However, 3 or 4 inches would be downright delight-

Well, that's all for today. Take it easy. Don't slip, trip and break a hip on any rooftops.

Cheerfully Millicent M. Morgenstern P.S. MALY KALI KI MAKI!! That's Hawaiin for HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Laura Crenshaw

RL School Holidays

Robert Lee ISD dismissed for the Christmas Holidays on December 18, 1992 at 2:30 pm. A teacher workday was December 19. Classes will resume at regular time January 4, 1993.

School officials are closing the scholl facilities of Robert Lee ISD from Dec. 22 (Tuesday) through December 26 (Saturday) to be in compliance with Section 1206 (i) of Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League. No practice shall be permitted on these five (5) consecutive days nor any use of the facilities are permitted by the pub-

Facts at Five

The "Facts at Five" HIV/AIDS presentation scheduled for this past Saturday in Bronte was postponed due to weather and travel problems.

The San Angelo AIDS foundation representative, Brent Jenkins and members of their Teen Board have rescheduled the event for Saturday, January 9th. Watch the Observer/Enterprise for. additional details in coming

Obituaries ·

Raney

Henry C. Raney, 87, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1992, at his residence in Bronte.

Service was conducted at 3 pm Sunday at First United Methodist Church with burial in Blackwell Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. The Rev. Phil Bell was the officiant for the services.

He was born July 24, 1905, in Clifton. He married Nora English in 1935. She preceded him in death in January, 1971.

Mr. Raney and Vera L. Baldwin were married Nov. 24, 1971 in Hereford. He owned and operated a feed and produce business. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Lions Club in Blackwell.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Raney of Bronte; two nephews W. A. Hazelwood of Austin and Forest Hazelwood of Tucson, Ariz.; and two nieces, Jimmy E. Sanders of San Angelo and Nell Hanson of Abilene.

Royce Lee, Carroll Robbins, Harley Hilliard, Joe Draper, J. T. Henry, and R. T. Caperton served as pallbearers for the

Balko

Josephine (Rudd) Balko, 73, of Burnet, and formerly of Robert Lee, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1992.

Mrs. Balko was born May 17, 1919, in Wall, Texas, the daughter of Joe Graves and

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Alejo Saucedo of Robert Lee are looking forward to having their son, Francisco Saucedo, home for the Christmas holidays and New Years. A Marine, he is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He graduated from Communications-Electronics Schools April 17, 1992 at Twenty-Nine Palms, California.

Berta Lee. She was a resident of the Cassie area of Buchanan Dam, for approximately 12 years. She was a former resident of the West Texas area near San Angelo where she was born. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gilbert Balko of Burnet; a step-daughter, Gayle Sachtleben of Edna; a nephew, Homer Williams of Austin; two nieces, Darlene Gestwick of Buffalo, N. Y., and Wynell Dehnel of Irving; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Graveside service was conducted at 1 pm Monday, Dec. 21, 1992, in Robert Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas, with Rev. Donna Reeder officiating. Services were under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet.

Smith

Earlyne Evelyn Smith, 63, of Water Valley died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1992, in West Coke County Nursing Home,

207 S. Washington

after a lengthy bout with can-

Service was held at 10 am Monday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Janice Petty, pastor of Water Valley United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Earlyne was born Aug. 1, 1929, in Thrall, Texas. She married Dee W. Smith on Feb. 21, 1948, in Wall. He preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1988. She was a LVN at San Angelo State School until her retirement from nursing in 1990. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Water Valley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one, son, David Glenn Smith of San Angelo; four sisters, Lillian Kotrola, also of San Angelo, Ruby McMinn of Slaton, Bessie Puryear of Tucson, Az., and Virginia Fillip of San Angelo; and two brothers, Roy Shiller of Miles and Frank Shiller of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Jack Smith, Stuart Shiller, Clifford Shiller and Irvin Escue.

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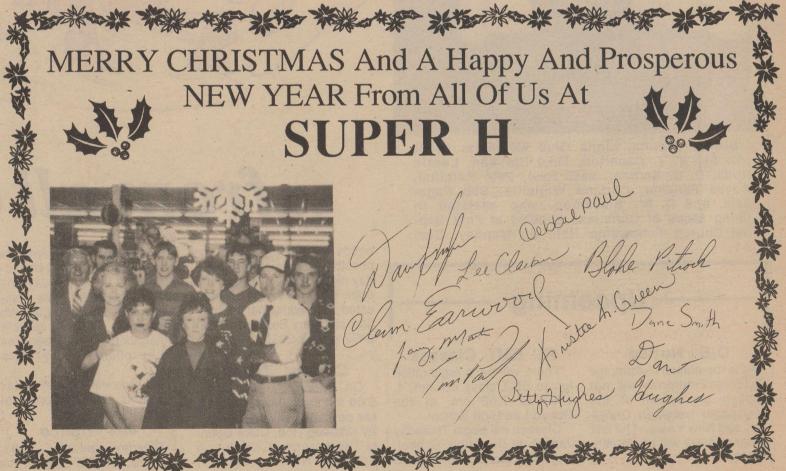
OPEN HOUSE

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Harmons celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Harmon of Edith Rt., Robert Lee celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, December 18, 1992.

Floyd Harmon and Jessie Creech were married December 18, 1932, on her seventeenth birthday. They were married in the Green Mountain Community in Coke County. The ceremony took place in a Green Mountain School teacherage, the home of D. K. Smith, school teacher and Minister of the Gospel. Their marriage license was signed by W. H. Maxwell - Coke County Clerk, Glen Pribble -Deputy D. K. Smith - Minister and was recorded.

Floyd was the oldest of 11 children born to Thomas R. and Amanda (Sparks) Harmon in the Edith-Paint Creek community of Coke County. Jessie was the eighth of 15 children born to Elias Brown and Prudie Ann (Dozier) Creech in the Divide Community on the Leafy Smith place in West Coke County.

They are stockfarmers and life long residents of Coke County. They resided for a short time on a farm near Roscoe, Texas. Mr. Harmon served as Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 3 for 12 years (1960 through 1972).

They have three daughters, Lawana Millican, Dorene Mashburn, and Jeffie Roberts, all of Robert Lee and one son, Jerry Floyd Harmon of Big Spring, Texas. They have 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Their children and spouses hosted a family dinner in their honor Sunday, December 20, in the Robert Lee Recreation Center. The colors of green, red, yellow, and white were carried out with green table cloths, yellow streamers, red poinsettias, white wedding bells with yellow satin bows, and tiny hearts, stars and square confetti down the centers of each dinner table. The serving tables and windows were decorated with red and green candles, white an-



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon

gels, and red apples.

The traditional Bride's table was decorated with a white lace tablecloth over green, decorated white cake, red punch, yellow candles, and a red poinsettia as the centerpiece. The round Groom's table was adorned with a red tablecloth, decorated chocolate cake, 5 red candles in a gold candelabra, red and green poinsettia, with a picture of the couple in their earlier years mounted in a special book created by their daughter-in-law, Janie Harmon, which served as the centerpiece. The cakes were cooked by Jeffie and decorated by Sheila Hammerton, their granddaughter. decorations were a joint effort by all. The table also held their 60th Anniversary cards, their original marriage license, and the engraved silver wedding bell which they received as a gift from their children and families.

Those joining the couple for the celebration were all four children, six of the eleven

grandchildren, and eight of the eleven great-grandchil-Lawana Millican, dren. Dorene and Wayne Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Marshall, Sheri, Kannan, and Stewart Millican, Douglas and Denise Roberts, and Rachel Shook, all of Robert Lee; Jerry, Janie, and Jason Harmon, and Chad Wright, all of Sand Springs; Troy, Susan and Cayla Millican of Sterling City; Rena and Brady Johnson, and Howard Perry, all of San Angelo; Cheri, Tony, and Paul Mashburn of Salado, Texas; Sheila, Crystal, and Lauren Hammerton of Houston.



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Letter to the Editor

Rumors,

Did you hear that....Have you seen "you know who...." Can you believe that whozit and....Well, I heard that....Whatshisname told me that....All these phrases are familiar beginnings to rumors, or potential rumors.

Most people who start rumors do so for some sort of revenge; some do so because they are just busybodies. I'll admit that if it were not for rumors there wouldn't be much to talk about in small towns. I call it "little town stuff." You don't hear many rumors in larger cities, because hardly anyone knows, or cares about, anyone else, outside of their little circle of friends. Little towns are different. Check with any cafe, coffee shop, restaurant,

Stenholm Receives "Golden Plow" Award

The American Farm Bureau Federation has awarded Congressman Charles Stenholm its "Golden Plow" award in recognition for his support of Farm Bureau policies and philosophies during his 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Golden Plow award is a congressional award program initiated by the American Farm Bureau Federation to recognize select Members of Congress for their interest in agriculture-related issues. Stenholm is the only Member of Congress to have received

this award twice. In making the presentation, American Farm Bureau Federation President Dean Kleckner expressed appreciation to Stenholm for his dedicated legislative service in the areas of fiscal conservatism, protecting farmers from animal rights terrorism, Legal Services reform and rural health care.

"Representative Stenholm is currently the legislator most prominently engaged in the effort to amend the U.S. Constitution to establish a balanced budget, a long-time and high priority goal of the American Farm Bureau," said Kleckner. Stenholm compiled a strong Farm Bureau voting record during the 102nd Congress, having been present for more than 97 percent of all recorded votes during his tenure.

Texas Farm Bureau President S. M. True also participated in the ceremony which was held in Chicago.



beauty shop, or whatever, and you can hear something about somebody, possibly yourself.

Since I have lived in Bronte going on 20 years now, I have seen rumors break couples up, get couples together (but not often), bankrupt businesses, make people move away, dissolve friendships, keep people apart who should be together, cause enemies for no reason, and the list continues.

Have you ever wondered why you never hear a good, productive-type, or positive rumor? Not fun, evidently! Wouldn't it be nice and refreshing to hear someone say "Well, I heard that old whatshisname was in church Sunday." Or, "I think she visits several elderly folks, kinda check up on them you know." Or how about "Did you know that she gave that needy family some clothes, just out of the goodness of her heart?" How about this one - "He fixed it for me, checked it all out, and didn't charge me a dime." You don't hear these statements too often, but it would be a change for the betterment of any community.

Rumors, the negative type, whether founded or unfounded, can hurt a person, or a whole family, deeply. They can be devastating, in fact. They can push someone into a state of depression, or make them suicidal. They can make someone turn their back on good friends, and cause kinfolks to drift apart. Rumors can hurt children most of all, because of their innocence, and not knowing what to be-

When you get down to it, it's really not anyone's business to meddle in another person's affairs. We do not know the conditions or reasoning behind the decisions that individuals make during their lives, so we really have no right to criticize, or judge, another person.

People do talk, though, and always will. There is no stopping that. Just think about it the next time you hear or start to repeat a rumor. How many people is this going to adversely affect, and how do I know that this is true at all? Most rumors are like fish stories. They start out with a thread of truth, and the "snowball effect" takes over very quickly.

So beware, lest ye be the subject of the next coffee shop quorum. Rumor has it that.....

Jim Turner



Bronte 3rd and 4th grade band under the direction of Director Tomes play for the Bronte Nursing Home.

Students entertain BNH

On the last day of school before the Christmas holidays the third and fourth graders of Bronte Elementary spent part of their morning entertaining residents of the Bronte Nursing Home. The fourth grade recorder band started the program by playing a few of their Christmas selections from the Christmas Band

Concert. Then the third and fourth graders sang the songs from the elementary play, "A Western Ho-Ho-Ho Down". At the conclusion of the program each child gave a resident a handmade Christmas card.

Both the students and the residents enjoyed the pro-

Letter to the Editor

I have received word that Jamie Washam, daughter of Wes and Farrell Jean Washam of Midland, Texas, has received the outstanding honor of being chosen by the Rotarians as an exchange student to Stagelse, Denmark.

She left for a year's stay and study July 15th and to live with three different families. Her first family had four grown children who spoke English, along with German and French. She is now with her second family and is learning Danish with "leaps and bounds." A bike is her main mode of transportation.

She has found these people to be delightful and very helpful. Her mother stated in a letter that they had "Reach Out World" on the phone, and that they call on Sundays at forty-nine cents per minute. Jamie will return home in July and hopes to bring back at least two extra credits toward graduation at Lee High School in Midland in 1994.

Jamie is the granddaughter of Brice and Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee.

Merry Christmas to all! Pauline Thyfault 1601 N. College, Space 139 Fort Collins, Co. 80524







Elementary presents Western Ho-Ho

Bronte Elementary School Kindergarten thru 6th grade presented a Western Ho-Ho down in the school auditori-

All students in the grades participated.

Kindergarten singers presented "Twas the Night be-

Spiced Pecans

It only takes about five minutes to prepare these flavorful nuts. But, beware, family members have been known to devour them before you have a chance to package them as gifts.

2 tablespoons butter 1 tablespoon sugar

3/4 teaspoon ground cin-

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground allspice

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

2 cups (8 oz) pecan halves Yields 2 cups.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In small pan (or microwave oven in a bowl) melt butter. Stir in sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and cloves. Add pecans and toss to coat well.

Spread pecans on baking sheet and bake about 15 minutes, stirring 2 or 3 times, until fragrant and toasted. Watch carefully to prevent burning. Cool.



fore Christmas in Texas that is". The first grade also presented the same theme.

The second grade presented Chug a Chug Train.

The third grade's theme was "He's Comin' Into Town."

The fourth grade presented square dancers, pioneer girls, farmers, and Christmas trees.

The fifth grade program had: Jerrod McClure, narrator; Mark Newman, Sheriff; Justin Herold, nuisance; J.D. Fairchild, telegram boy. Good guys were Shaylon Arrott, George Tomes, Harley Hall, and Nicholas Carsares. Bad guys were: Andy Blair, Jake Graves, and Mario Minjarez. Pioneer girls were: Kendra Brazeal, Roseann Hall, Jessica Martinez, Leean Walker, Tiffany Coulter, Rachel Johnson, Cindy Rhodes.

The sixth grade featured

John Campbell as Santa: Daniel Delacerda as the bad guy; Chris Champion as a

Dancers included Billy Arthur; Natasha Carper, Bonnie DeLaughter, Sabrina Riley, Vanessa Sparks, Dusty White, Mica Carper, Dustin Holland, Kim Perry, Rolinda Sanchez, Amanda Watson.

Singers were: Rivet Dukatak, Rod Harrell, Stacie McKie, Amye Peel, Jose Rodriguez, Scott Whitmire, Jason Emmons, Julie Martinez, Robert Minjarez, Daron Rhodes, and Jason Silva.

Carolyn Lee, Karen Meeks and her art class, and Nancy Reynolds and her Theatre Arts Class were responsible for the good looking props.

Pat Lee presented piano music during the presenta-

Drawing winners named

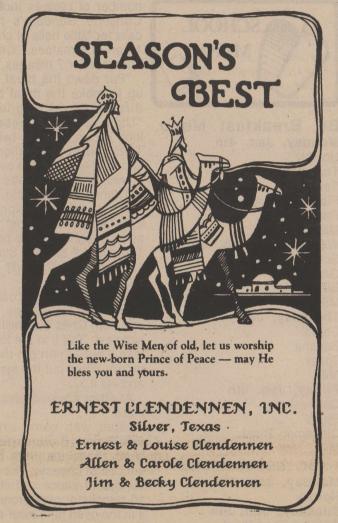
The final Merchants Drawing was held December 19 at 4 pm at Hall's Super Save downtown Bronte.

The winners are as follows: Kelly Greene, \$25 in Chamber Bucks from Bronte's First National Bank; Margaret Baker, gift certificate from S&S Printing & Supply; Margaret Timmons, \$20 gift certificate from Sublett's Antiques; T.H. Franklin, \$25 gift certificate from Hall's Super Save; Janet Rhodes, one Daily Special and refreshment from El Vaquero Restaurante; Marilyn Bivins, \$20 in Chamber Bucks from Hurley Pharmacy; Mildred Sanders, certificate for merchandise at Red Barn

Barbecue; Helen Murtishaw, \$20 gift certificate from Joni-Lynn Sportswear; Jackie Wisley, \$25 in Chamber Bucks from Bronte First National Bank; Elaine Sublett, one daily special meal and refreshment from El Vaguero Restaurante; Susan Arrott, two cases of soft drinks from Town & Country; Fran Pierce; gift certificate to Cumbie & Arrott from Glenn-Bivins Insurance Co.; Dorothy Treadwell, one daily special and drink from Chewy's; Pat Oglesby, one daily special and drink from Chewy's; Eula Verne Lee, a battery charger from Hometown Hardware; Martha Modgling, two gallon jug from Hometown Hardware.



Fourth grade square dancers, Dec. 18, 1992.



Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

May the blessed voices of song and laughter echo through your hearts as we enter into this noteworthy season. This is a glorious time of year when feelings of brotherhood prevail and the spirit of peace on earth and harmony throughout the land prevails.

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to voice our expressions of good will and gratitude to our many fine customers and friends. Your kind support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.



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First-graders describe holiday treats

degree for 4 minutes.

District.

Spaghetti recipes abound with varying degrees

Oklahoma City (AP) -Laura Bednar likes Black Forest cake as a holiday treat, and she knows just how it's made, too: 1 cherry, a spoonful of whipped cream and crust, cook for 11 minutes at 10 degrees.

For Katrina Vu, it's chocolate cookies made with 3 cups of chocolate, 2 cups of cinnamon and 3 eggs baked at 1

Br. Breakfast Menu

Monday, Jan. 4th

Tuesday, Jan. 5th

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

Thursday, Jan. 7th

Friday, Jan. 8th

Cinnamon Toast

Monday, Jan. 4th

Br. Lunch Menu

Pineapple Juice

Scrambled Eggs

Holiday

Sausage

Pancakes

Grape Juice

Biscuit

Cereal

Toast

Milk

Banana

Oatmeal

Pears

Holiday

Milk

Milk

Milk

SCHOOL

MENU

These are just a few of the recipes contributed to a holiday cookbook by the firstgrade classes of Carol Anthis and Mary Bley at Lake Park Elementary School in the suburban Putnam City School

Just in case none of the recipes offered by the kids sounded that attractive, most of the parents included one of their holiday recipes.

Spaghetti apparently is a big favorite of the kids from the number of recipes included. Christine Gandara's recipe calls for "little balls of chicken, 1 can of tomatoes. Cook on the stove for 7 minutes."

"Put down the meat, roll it up to make the meat balls," directs David Anderson. "Then you have these little long things that you twist up. Then put in 2 gallons of sauce. Heat it in the oven for 4 minutes at 3 degrees. This will serve only 2 people."

The spaghetti recipe from Erin Wheeler reads: "Put some spaghetti in the pot and 150 cups of sauce. Stir it for 15 minutes. This will serve 5,000 people."

Several children contributed recipes for waffles. The one from Chris Gammill is the simplest: "Put it in the toaster, take it out. Then put the butter on. Then put the syrup on and eat it."

Another obvious favorite is pizza.

"Start with some bread," said Emmy Pallares-Reyes. "Add 11 onions. Put on 13 ounces of cheese. Put on 14 ounces of sauce. Then add 15 ounces of pepperoni. Put it in the oven for 1 hour at 101 degrees."

Jennifer Carr has a different pizza recipe.

"First you squish the dough," Jennifer says. "Then put on some sausage. Next put on a lot of cheese. Put it in the oven for 10 minutes at a

real hot temperature." Macaroni and cheese also has some supporters.

"You start with the hard stuff (sometimes in shapes)" which

is put in a pan, set on the stove and cooked and stirred. says Stacey Bailey. "When it's just right, pour the soft stuff into the thing the lets the water go out. Get another pan and put about 2 ounces of water in it. Then tear open a little package of yellowish-orange sauce and put it in. Then put just a little butter (to make it taste good). Then stir it (because you don't want butter on one side and crumbly sauce on the other). Keep stirring. Then put it in a bowl and then in the freezer to cool it down so it's not too hot."

As might be expected at this time of year, pumpkin pie is another favorite. Lacy Franks' recipe calls for 3 cups of pumpkin, 1 cup of sugar, 3 cans of cream, 2 cups of whipped cream.

"You take one pumpkin and scrape it off," says Courtney Hamilton. "Then put the orange stuff in the pie crust. Then bake it 10 minutes at 9 degrees."

"You get a pumpkin, then you get all the seeds out of it and all the gross stuff, too," says Emily Goodwin. "Then you get a batter and start bangin' and hittin' the stuff with the batter so it gets real soft. Then you get a bunch of pieces of white bread and mash them together into a big soft ball like clay. Flatten the bottom into a thin, skinny triangle. Put all the pumpkin pie stuff on the crust. Then put it in the oven and you bake it about like a half an hour."



Lion R. W. Blackmon and Royce Fancher look on as C. B. Barbee does the paper work for the project.









Tuesday, Jan. 5th Chicken Fried Steak w/gravy **Creamed Potatoes** Sweet Peas Rolls Milk Wednesday, Jan. 6th Nacho's w/Cheese Refried Beans **Tossed Salad** Banana Chips Milk Thursday, Jan. 7th Pigs In A Blanket **Tator Tots** Pork & Beans Pink Panther Cake Friday, Jan. 8th Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Bun Milk Rice Krispie Bars

Peace

May God's love fill your heart and make this Christmas a time of special joy.

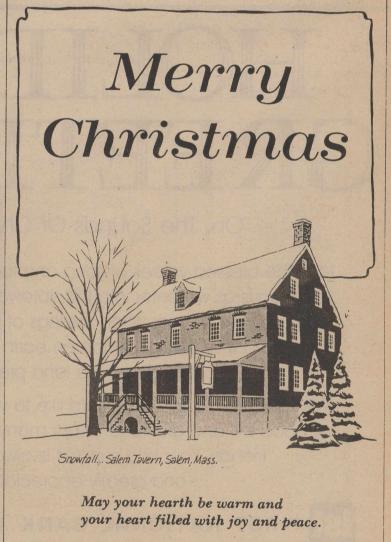
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Scent of pine, glow of lights, music and gaiety and everything nice! That's what wonderful Christmases are made of!

Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Adams

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Adams & Family



Bob Wrinkle's Ace Hardware Ace Floral & Gifts

Ash elected to ASCS board



Donna Ash

The Coke County ASCS election is final for 1993. Elected to the committee is Donna Ash. Donna is replac-

ing Wilbern Millican who chose not to run for re-election due to increased ranching operations. Elected 1st alternate was Dub Metcalf and 2nd alternate was Floyd Farrington. The two members who will be serving with Donna are Bill Blair and Pat Percifull. Donna is the first lady ever to be elected to the ASCS County Committee in Coke County.

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office personnel stated they "were sorry to see Wilbern leave the committee. His guidance and leadership over the past three years will be missed, but we look forward to working with Donna and know that she will represent the farmers and ranchers in Coke County."

Western look tops lists

This holiday season, think country, think Western. America's unique culture from the West is making its way across the Mississippi, topping lists for holiday gift ideas this season.

Western fashions and country music have never been more popular, and they provide a wide range of options that fit any holiday bud-

Country music has made the journey to the top of the charts with performers such as George Strait, Suzy Bogguss and Hal Ketchum, with appeal that spans all age groups. Music is a timeless gift for any seasoned or new country listener, so pick up a compact disc or cassette for your favorite friend.

With the growing popularity of the music of the West, fashions from the range and the rodeo have been filling the shelves of retail outlets from coast to coast. Urban



ern flair, and designers from New York's Seventh Avenue to the runways in Milan have used this inspiration in their clothes for all seasons.

Western-styled shirts, belts, jackets and boots are perfect gifts for anyone. Whether the gift is for mom and dad or for the kids, country fashions fit all ages and are timeless additions to any wardrobe. Belts, whether colorfully woven and beaded, or made of leather with a silver buckle, make beautiful gifts that come in small packages.

Cowboy boots are a footwear staple that are special gift for men, women and children alike.

Looking for inspiration this holiday season? Think West-

Cards bear messages of joy and hope

A Meredith Magazine for AP Special Features

For decades, Christmas cards have filled hearts with comfort and joy.

Christmas cards are magical missives, little wingless angels that bear messages of joy and hope, says Traditional Home magazine.

As people sit by the winter hearth to write addresses and affix stamps, thoughts of family and friends warm people's hearts and refresh countless memories.

As the holidays draw near, many people wait for the mail carrier at the mailbox, inspect envelopes for postmarks familiar or foreign, and open each card to let the spirit of the season tumble into their

The ritual of writing notes that carry holiday sentiments to loved ones dates as far back as ancient times. Even so, the tradition of sending printed Christmas cards has been around only since London businessman Henry Cole sent the first one in 1843.

Too busy to write individual notes to friends and associates, Cole asked Royal Academy artist John Calcott to design a three-panel card, which he then had printed by lithography and colored in by hand. It read: "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

This practice did not catch fire right away. Twenty years went by before the European upper class warmed to the idea of sending greeting cards at Christmas. These early cards were no bigger than calling cards - about the size of today's business cards

Jolly good wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled

with cheer and friendship ... and to all our friends,

Merry Christmas!

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Charlie and Raynelle Askins

- and usually said simply "Merry Christmas" or "Happy New Year."

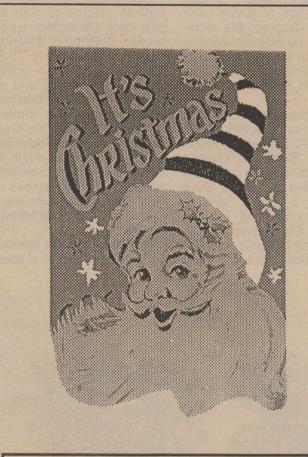
In the 1870's a German immingrant named Louis Prang began perfecting the process of color printing. Prang's methods helped popularize the Christmas card in America, and his own line of cards featured religious motifs and colorful, artistic designs. By 1881 Prang was printing millions of finely crafted Christmas cards.

With the introduction of German-made penny postcards in the 1890's, Prang's business went into decline. For the next 20 years, penny postcards were the Christmas greeting of choice. American greeting card industry soon flourished again, however, led by a young man named Joyce Hall. Hall founded Hallmark Cards of Kansas City in 1910 and became a greeting card legend.

As the industry grew, cards began to reflect the personality of the decade in which they had been produced. During the 1920's, for example, Christmas cards might have had an Art Deco flourish of stars intertwined with geometric patterns. In the 1940's, patriotic themes wished soldiers home for the holidays.

Throughout the history of the Christmas card, the home is one of the most popular motifs. Homes represent the spirit of the season - love, friendship, warmth, and com-





There's no better time to let you know how much we value your patronage and friendship. Happy Holidays!

We will be closed from noon, Dec. 24th until Monday, Dec. 28th.



Bell Auto Parts & Body Shop

Jim & Bev Doug & Matt



The Lucky Winner
Donna Hall from Bronte was
the winner of the Dresden
Plate Quilt that has been on
display at several businesses
in the area. The quilt was
quilted by the Bronte Arts &
Craft Guild. The quilt top was
donated several years ago to
the Bronte Senior Center. All
profits will go to the Senior
Center to use for the activities

that go on during the year.

Meals for the

Week

Monday, Dec. 28th Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/Cheese Broccoli Hot Roll
Sweet Applesauce
Wednesday, Dec. 30th
Sweet & Sour Pork
Peas
Rice
Slicked Onions
Cornbread
Peach Half
Brownie w/Nuts
Friday, Jan. 1st
Center Closed
New Year's Day

These programs are funded in part by the Area Agency on Aging, Concho Valley Council of Governments, through grants from the Texas Department on Aging.



Donna Hall of Bronte with the Dresden Plate Quilt she won.



55+ employment, training available

55+ Experience...Works!, an employment and training program funded under the Job Training Partnership Act, announces its new fall curriculum, "Strategies for Success", an intensive job search workshop exclusively for the 55+ mature worker. Under the guidance of Bryna Lane and Don Dupree, the workshop will be offered monthly to program eligible individuals, aged 55 and over, who are interested in re-entering the job market

Market.
Strategies for Success is led by Bryna Lane, retired San Angelo ISD General Business Teacher. Bryna continues to remain active in the community, teaching at Angelo State University's Adult & Continuing Education and Howard College. She received a B. B. A. from the University of Oklahoma, and received her

teaching certification from Angelo State University. A member of the American Association of University Women, Bryna was recently elected to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature for a term of two years.

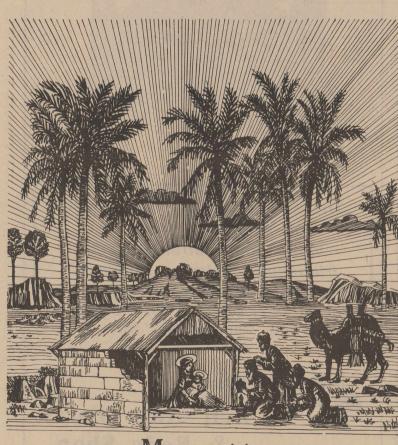
Motivational Counselor Don DuPree returns to San Angelo from Oklahoma, where he was Director of American Technical Institute of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a private consultant to public and private firms in public relations, school admissions, student counseling, hiring and training. He frequently contributed a newspaper column to the Tulsa "Gusher", a bi-monthly newspaper and business revue. Don is also pursuing a counseling degree at Howard College.

A. from the University of Oklahoma and received her workshop will consist of stress management, financial counseling, coping/rejection skills, labor market information, job seeking and retention skills, motivation and career guidance and exploration, self-assessment and positive re-careering techniques. For more information call Bryna Lane at 915-944-9666, Monday through Friday.



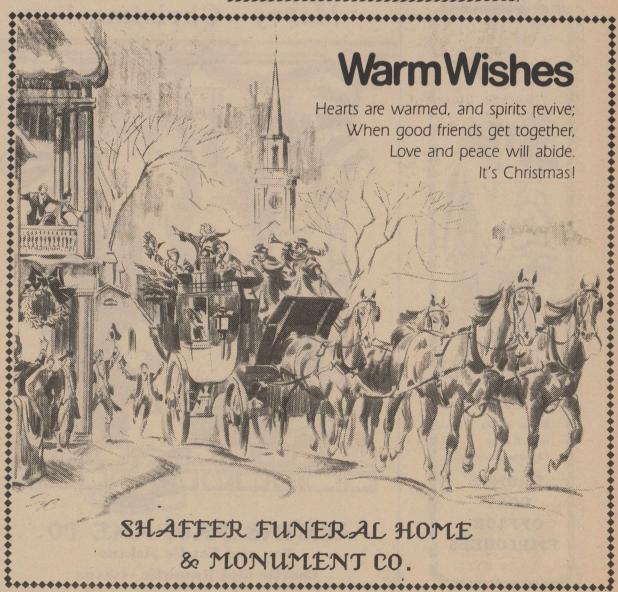


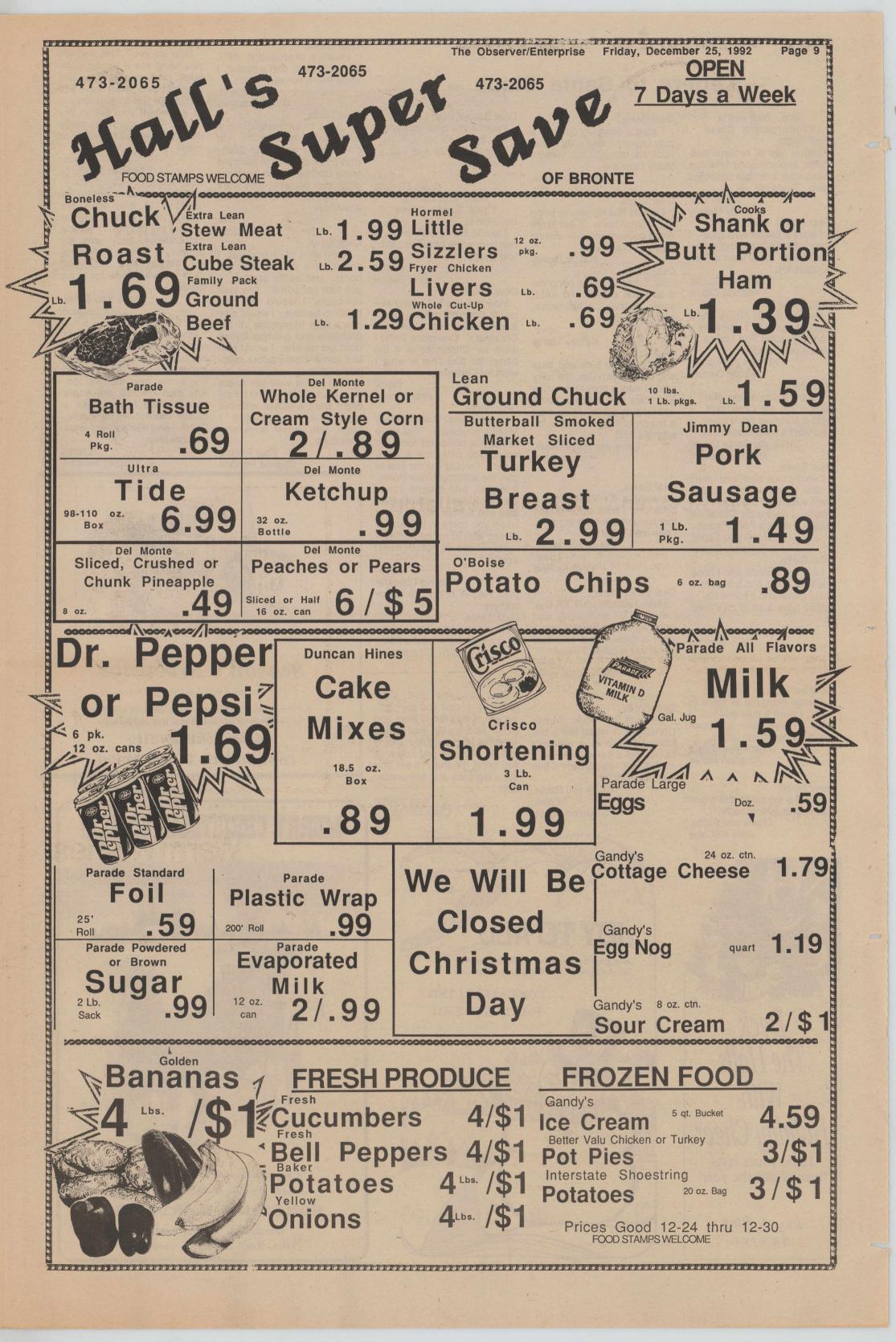
Stover, Jerita & Dovie



May you rejoice in the spirit of Christmas.

Billy Joe, Diane, & Joey Luckett





Letters to Santa Claus --

Mrs. Bagwell's Kindergarten Class Dear Santa,

I want some remote controlled ariplanes and vehicles. I also want a remote controlled Jeep. That's all!

> Thank You, Andy Mulkey

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie with a car. I want a blue car-a remote controlled one. I also want a Santa Claus toy.

Thank you Santa, Yolanda Olguin

Hello Santa,

I want a Barbie House and a Barbie to go in it. I also want a Barbie Folding Fun House. I want a play reindeer.

Thank you Santa. Stacey Denton

Dear Santa,

I want a Christmas star. want a cat for Christmas. I want a Mermaid video game. I also want a roller-skate baby.

Thank you Santa Claus, Felisha Clawson

Dear Santa,

I want a blue bear, and I want a little bunny rabbit. I also want a Barbie Fold-Down Doll House. I want a toy Dalmation puppy. I wnat a Polly Pocket.

Thank you Santa, Casey Carper

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa and I hope you'll be good and bring me a video game and a game boy. I hope I have a lot of toys San-

> Love, Cisco Moreno.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me all kinds of toys. I want a play gun too. I want a horse trailer and truck like the one Ruben wants.

Thank you Santa, Abrahan Flores

Dear Santa,

I want a log cabin and a gun that shoots yellow caps.

Thank you Santa, Jake McCabe

Dear Santa, I want a new play gun and a play house. I also want a play truck and horse trailer. I want a teddy bear too.

> Thank you Santa, Ruben Flores.

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Walkman. I will have some cookies and milk waiting for you. Thank you.

Kali Jo Dickey

Dear Santa,

Hi, Santa. Please bring me a doll that crawls and eats, some clothes, a hairbrush, and some shoes.

> Love, Kelsey Torres

Dear Santa.

I want some pink and blue and black warm-ups, the silky kind. I want a dolly that laughs and cries and it has a bottle and wets its diaper. I also want a bunch of horses and bulls, play-like kind.

I love you Santa Claus, Julie Riley

Dear Santa,

I want a TV-VCR for my bedroom. I wnat some skates that have that twirly thing on it. I also want a doll.

> Thank you Santa. Love, Lindsey Roe

Dear Santa Claus.

Hello, how are you? I'm fine. I want a TV and VCR and those warm-ups like Kali has. I want a glow worm and that game that is called Twister.

> Love, Michele Sanchez

Dear Santa,

Tell all the kids Merry Christmas. I would like a Bat Man Game and a monster truck, and a game that has a marble in it. I also want a belt that holds tools.

> Thank you Santa. Love, **Shannon Martin**

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some crash dummies. I want the whole set.

I would like to see you at Christmas.

> Love. Collin Fleming

Mrs. McCown's Third Grade Class

Dear Santa. I would like a real horse, a real gun, some baseball cards, and a rope.

> From, **Bret Ballew**

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like you to Bring me a Barby and a Barby house and a Bike for Christmas. One more Thing I want for Christmas is a big computer and That is what I want for Christmas.

> From. Linda Barrera

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a Miracle Keyboard. You have to have a computer too. So would you bring me a computer? I would like for you to give me a Barbie Motor Home. It is pink, and it turns into a house. Please bring me Barbies and Barbie clothes. And when you come in our house please look at my castel that I made, I hope it's not too much trouble!

Love, Jamie Chesshir P.S. Please bring me some stamps. Dear Santa,

How are you. This year I want a skateboard and a 20-2. Taylor Clendennen

Dear Santa,

How are you and your helpers? I hope you are making lots of toys for us boys and girls. And I wish you would send me Monster Face, that is radical. I'll make you a deal. If you bring me that, I'll set you out a big cake and some milk. OK!

Your friend, Chris Ellingburg



Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard, NFL Football, rope, and a puppy. I know this is not very much.

Your friend, Colby Eubanks

Dear Santa,

I have been wishing for a bike. And I hope when you come to my house on Chrismas Eve that you will bring me some clothes. I also hope the other kids get what they want for Christmas. And I also want a windsuit.

> Love, Trichelle Gray

Dear Santa,

I don't want much this year. I just want a pair of lace up boots, and some stamp's if you can get some. The lace up boots' I would like the boots to be blue. I would also like a little trampoline, if my grandma and grampa Dyess don't get me one. I would also like some Commadore computer games. And for my mom a jacket with her name on it, Carla Wojtek. And for my dad I want a jacket with his name on it, Harvey Wojtek. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

> Your Friend, Shanna Hendrix

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year will you bring me a typing computer. Will you bring me two pairs of boots. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you to eat when you get to my house. Will you bring me a doll that talks and closes her eyes?

> Love. Melissa Landeros

Dear Santa,

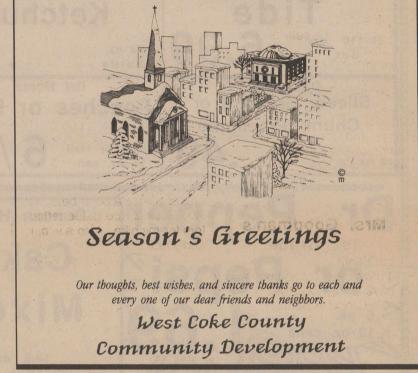
How are you? I want a toy because to play with my friend. And I want a book to read to my brother. I want a nintendo to play with my brother. I want a present to my teacher Mrs. Mccoun,. can't you bring some toy to my brother?

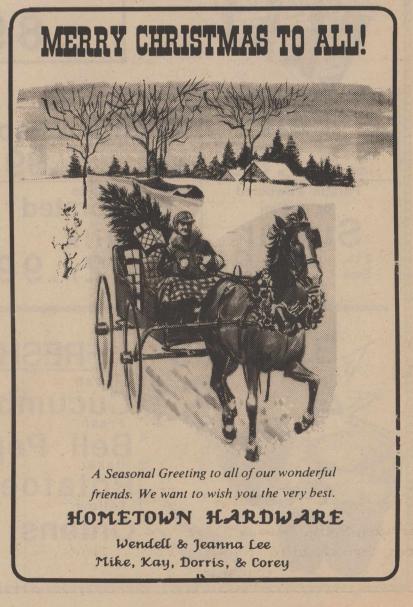
Thank You Santa, Lidia Luviaon

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would really like some lace up boots because I have grown out of my other ones. And I would like some new clothes too. And also I would like some books. And I would like a saddle blanket for my horse, Dollar. And that's what I want for Christmas.

> Love, Whitney Millican







Sawyer

Dear Santa.

How are you? Bring me a tropicle Ariel. Please bring me some stamp gards.

P.S. have a Merry Christmas. Yours truly,

Amy Nichole Riley

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like to have a remote control truck with out a cord. I would also like a new bicycle too. I made good grades last report card.

> Love. Roger Smith

Dear Santa,

How are you?

Will you bring me a big bike, a horse and a big big Treehouse? Will you bring me a steer football? Will you bring me a big steer, and computer, and a diragor?

Please bring me a big dog, a supernintendo and a dinosaur?

This letter was written by your friend, Michael Sockwell. Thank you very much for the presents.

Michael Sockwell

Dear Santa,

I would like a pear of gloves, a skateboard, a new bike, a four wheeler, a sega, with every game, and I want a game gear also with every game, a super nintendo, with every game, and I also want a game boy, and the rest of those kinds of games. I don't know how I did that in 1 sentence!

Yours trully, Adam Cates

Mrs. Goodman's 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy may I have a Ya Hoo Buck a Roo and a Crocidile Dentist.

Tyson Baker

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl may I please have jewelry box, Play School doll house, jumping monkeys game, Operation game, Crocidile Dentist.

Monica Rodriquez Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy may

I please have a Gameboy and bat man and his car.

Phillip Arellano

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl may I please have a monkey game, a Baby Alive, and a Crocodile Dentist.

Kayla Eads

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl may I please have a bike, a school house, and Crocodile Dentist. Jessica Fluhmann

Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl may I please have Baby Alive, Barbie coloring book, and Operation game.

Shalee Griffin Dea Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a football suit without shoulder pads.

Omar Saucdo Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl may I pleave little mermaid that sings under water. And the

Nikki Hill

Dear Santa.

operation game.

I have been a good boy may please have a BB gun, a tool set, a farm, and a pellet gun.

Brian Abalos

Dear Santa. I have been a good girl may I please have Nentendo.

Angelica Navarro Dear Santa?

I have been? a good boy may I please have. Legos.

R. J. Service

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy may I please have a polar bear, Ya Hoo Buck a Roo game reflectors for my bike. Also a v. c. r. and a radio.

Tress White

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy may I please have Ya Hoo Buck a Roo and a jumping monkey game.

Craig Sanchez

Dear Santa,

Please bring back my cousin Jerry safely from Samalia. If you can, please bring me a toy airplane and some baseball

Love, Preston

Mrs.Burns 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Barbie dollhouse and a Babey on roler skates and a baby All

> Thanku you very much. Your frund Barbara Tywater

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a remote control car. And I want a Turtle School Bus. I have been a good boy. If it's night come in the door. If it's morning we'll still be asleep for you to come.

Merry Christmas Ryan Paul

Dear Santa,

to know whear I live go to the stop sighn by the football field and find the brick house and you found it. and go throug the front door. Pleas bring me a trdl and a comput-

Your friend Jaun Galvan

Dear Santa,

Please come in the front. I hope your reindeer are doing good. I need a bike. I want a Super Nintendo.

Love Chris Eubanks Dear Santa,

Please come through the chimney. I want a motorcycle like my cousin has. I want a Seaga Genesis.

> Your friend Michael Gilchrest

Dear Santa.

I do not have chimney, so plese come in my front door. Please would you bring me a basketball?

Merry Christmas Tyler White

Dear Santa,

Will you come through the front door? Will you please bring me a camera and Trolls.

Merry Christmas Но Но Но Amber Perez

Dear Santa,

I love you Sata Claus. Please bring me Trolls and a bike and if you do not bring me the right toys, it's ok.

Merry Christmas Shannon Honse

Dear Santa Claus

I love you I want a big bike and a big play house. I want a angel doll. Merry Christmas Santa. I love you.

Jennifer Dominguez

Dear Santa,

You well have to go through the door. I don't have a chimney. Do you carry a map? Merry to Christmas and to all a good night!

> Merry Christmes Santa Siria Robinson

We Know You've Been Good... Especially to us.

It's been our joy having you as customers and knowing you as friends. That's why we'd like to

take this special opportunity to say "Merry Christmas and many thanks!"

Slawek Skibicki Imports & Domestic

Deason's Greeting



ROBERT LEE STATE BANK



Robert Lee, Tx. MEMBER FDIC



Town & Country Employees

Barbara, Sally, Beth, Victor, Pam, Corey, Liz, Duree, Daniel, Billy, Jennifer, Elaine, Myrle, & Courtney

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa can you please get me a bike? Please come in the door. I want a cumpyootr. Do you know wheae I live?

Your frend Monica Navarro

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you santa I want a bike and I want a big doll. Please come through the door. Please give John a radio. Give Jeremy a computer I have been a good girl.

Merry Christmas Jennifer Fluhmann

Mrs. Horn's Second Grade Class Dear Santa,

I want some skates and some toys. My little brother wants a train set. Merry Christmas

from, Shelby Roe

Dear Santa,

I want a pad for my helmet and black foot ball pads with a black shirt. I want a Super Van City. How is the work going Mrs. Claus and the elves?

> from, Travis Pitcock

Dear Santa.

I want a remote race car. I already have the track but I need the race car.

from, Jake Whiteker

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Porcelain Doll and a Heart Beat Baby and some other surprises. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

from, Ashlee Millican

Dear Santa,

I want a race car and a train track and a train for my train track. I want a super vancity.

from, Christopher Clawson Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy and roller skates I want the puppy to be a collie.

from, Amie Kendall

Dear Santa,

I want Rolla Blade Barbie and a Miss Magie. My sister doesn't believe in you, but I do.

from, April Cowart

Dear Santa,

I want to see my real grand pa and grandma.

Hi Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Rebecca Welch



Forman

Dear Santa,

I want a bow and arrow and a bike.

from, Sean Edging

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want the Cabbage Patch that is the dentist set and the little baby that goes with it too.

from, Kimberly Keating

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun and a micromachine town.

> from, Phillip Rangel

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer and a trampoline. My brother Danzell would like a puppy and my brother Trey would like a train set.

Christina Middeton

Dear Santa,

I don't want much. The only thing I want is a Game Boy and a GI Joe.

> from, John Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want a Texas Tech football and a Texas Tech basketball for Christmas. And my sister wants a make-up kit.

> from, Stewart Millican

Mrs. Payne's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,

I want a remotecontrolcar and a sweater and a toy tractor. You are so pretty because you have a red hat.

Love, Moses Flores Dear Santa,

I want a Nerf bow and a Nerf screamer. Also a real foot ball suitt.

Love, Jamie Hendrix

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Nintindo and a computer. I wnat a Barbie car. I would like a baby doll.

Love, Amber Brosh

Dear Santa,

I want just what you give me because all I want is 3 things that is a pretty crimp 'N curl doll and pony and a little candy in my stocking. But I want the whole wide world to have a good Christmas. I hope that what you want you get.

from, Kindra Johnson

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pair of new play clothes and some play shoes to mach, a Super Nintendo and some skates.

That is all.

Love, Amber Robinson

Dear Santa,

I want a police car that rings, I want someting for my dad and mom, and for my broteh and my sisters, give me a moster turck, and, for my brother, give him a remote control car For my sister give them a puppy, For my little, sister, a talking doll For my big sisters some ear earrings

Love, Juan Dear Santa,

Can I have a beebee gun, and may I have Yusageoya-jumbo. and General traag. and swere swimmim Donatello and chredder.

Love, Justin Sexton Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pellet gun and pellets to go with it and a pistol and bebes to go with that. I would like skates and three shirts. The first one I want ten wild horses running. The second one I would want is five buffaloes standing eating grass. The last one I would want has a windmill and cows drinking out of water trough and a new jacket.

Lave, Cooper Riley

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Barbie Corvette and a hair bow and I want a basketball.

Love, Cristina Dear Santa,

How are you this christmas, Santa? I would like five western Tshirts and a black pair of boots. For my sister Micheles, would you give her a Barbie car? For my mom, would you give Her a car? For my dad would you get him a truck? Thank you, Santa.

Love, Nicole Sanchez

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want a 49ers football suit with Rice on the back no. 80' a tent and sleeping bag and a new football and basketball, a horse, a pair of spurs, a rope and some boots, and chaps, a book of Christmas around the would and a nintendo game.

from, Jeffery Carper







Dear Santa.

I want a red dirtbike motorcycle and a Nerf bow and Football pads, and Football suit that is the Dallas cowboys and a Nerf Missle launder and a dogtag that is From Sears in San Angelo and green camouflage pants and Gloves and a watch.

> from, Adam Caston

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and i want a football from the 49ers and a basketball rem and a shert and shoulder pads and a helmet from the bengals.

> Love, Jazie

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie car and a Barie Folding Fun House. I want roller blades and an Ezy Bake Oven. And a Hart Beat Baby. And a Radio. I gess that's all I want Is Mrs. Claus making lots of cookies for you. Love,

Whitney Fleming

Mrs. Gibbs 3rd Grade Dear Santa,

I would like to have a nerf turbo football, a ten speed bike, a skate board with extra wheels a wright set, and a basketball with Michel Jordans name on it That is all I want for christmas

from Charles

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

For Cristmas I want a pump B-B and pellet gun, A TV, microscope, tournament table, golf bag and balls.

P. S. Don't get stuck in Amarillo's blizzard

I want a electric race car track

with two cars and that's all I

want for Christmas this year.

Your friend, Brady

Your freind,

Casey. E.

Dear Santa,

If you can I would like you to help my uncle paul and make him normal like the rest of the family. Also I would like a key board and a baby that poses every time you take her pic-

Love, Anvan Dee Ann Griffin Dear Santa.

Merry Christmas! I would like a bike with a waterbottle. The color of it is purple and neow yellow. It is 20 in. tall. I have been good. How are your elves doing? How is Ms. Santa? See you next year,

> Your Friend, Jodee Helwig

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a new Barbie case to put my Barbies in. And please bring me a miss magic jewels and the very special thing is a girl talk and my secret diary. And I hope Roudolph the rednosed reindeer is o.k. too. And I hope you're o.k. too. And I hope you will make it O.K.

> love, Amanda

Dear Santa.

I wants not very much for Christmas. I want roller blades & baby roller blade. That is all I want for Christmas!

> Love Kelley Long

Dear Santa.

I would like: my family to get along. I would like a bulldog and a game boy.

from Trent

A Holiday Wish to One and All!

May you enjoy a glad and glorious Yule. Thanks for your valued business.

Dear Santa,

I wont a remote control van green, a Dallas Cowboy suit, and a pogo stick. Also please bring a Houston Oilers football. I wood like a bike and a scooter. Thank you SANTA.

you frinde, Nathan Mecher

I want a California Roller Baby, a pair of Roller Blades. and I want a Baby alive, a pair of pants, a pretty sweatshirt. I want a new jacket, a movie of Alladin, and a movie of Snow White. I want a movie of Sleeping Beauty.

Sincerely Rachelle Dear Santa.

I would like 7 things. One is a turtle bubble bomber. Two is remote control car. Three Super Nintedo. Four Sega jenases. Five a real cute puppy. Six a rope Seven flash

> Your friend Samuel

rope.

Dear Santa,

Ive been a good boy and I want a remote control truck on christmas and I want a game made in china and a big trampline and a stuff dog.

from David Dear Santa,

I want a real Doberman puppy. I also want a real deer rifle and a real knife remote controll care a super nintendo football and a football tee. I want a lot of nintendo games, Bruno the bad dog, a big trampoline, two play machine guns, some new air Jordans shoes. See you later

> your friend Salomon Saucedo

Dear Santa,

My name is Bobbie Sparks. I am in the 3rd grade and I would like to have a new baseball bat and ball. Merry Christmas Santa.

Bobbie Sparks

Mrs. Peel's First Grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the card. I would like a Bardie Majcal Motor home. The 7 room fashion manson. Kelly Taylor doll. The peach pit snack shop. Rollerblade barbie. Baby all gone a white. care for me Baby. Magic sounds feed and care set. Dalmation, sheep dog. Koala and baby.

I will leave you sume cookies and milk. I love you Santa.

Ashley Jo Denton

Dear Santa,

A guitar and i would like a trail kid and a rock un chare and glow in the dock pants socks and shart. Shoos and pinsol and a glow in the dock shoes, and a glow in the dock jacket. I would like a umbrilla bear Santa Clause i wub like to have a binisour anb rolckscas and i wud like a flash light and a pano and silley puddy. Dear Santa,

Frum Richard Hoover.

I want a horse, and a colt. and our land in Roena.

Love Gayleen Farmer Dear Santa,

I will like a pokit knifei and a bike and a morreow three and sum shirts and sum pants and for keith and caylon caylon will like a truck and keith will like u

Tyler Corley

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll with a bottle and a baby pony.

Salena Soto

Dear Santa,

I want you buy my mom a redvan and my dad a green car and me a game.

Heidi Randazzo

Dear Santa.

I wot a ninjy turtls ray fillet. I wot a fire truck. I wot sum fish for my fish tank. I wont a tine toons nintindo gam.

I luv you Santa. Luv Josh Eubanks

Dear Santa, I wanta a wa dick and a teddy and a remate control and dut mast of all. I want o a good xmas for my family.

Paul Rodriques







meaning of Christmas be made known to all mankind.

THE FLOWER SAK Rhonda Hood Judy Blair BEN BESSENT CHEVROLET

Dear Santa,

May I have a truck and a bike and a power wheel. and a toy house. frig.

Jesse Rodriguez Dear Santa,

I would like to have car and trucks and all toys that you will bring me.

Thomas Lee Handlin Dear Santa,

I wnuta beur. And i wnut alonghorn and bysicl. And a BaBe. And a Play Pony. I have Been a goob girl by

> Natalee Reed I love you

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a drumset and a typritr and a roolrblades and paper to.

Have a Merry Christmas, Casey

Santa,

I want a nintendo I been good to my brothr.

by Justin Moore Dear Santa Claus,

I want some skates and new stereo and I want some berates and I want the movey Batovin and thank you.

by Ashley Torres

2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I would, please, like a Singing Ariel, a washing machine and a dryer, Cabbage Patch Dental Care Center, Cabbage Patch Potty Chair, and new baby stroller.

> Love, Cheyenne Webb

Dear Santa,

How are you I am fine I am looking forward to Christmas I hope you will be able to bring me a B. B. gun I would also like a pockit nife and a surprise I have been very good this year.

Love Kasey

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. Are you looking forward to Christmas I hope you will be able to bring me a big big pool table and a bunch of defrent cinds of toys like some crash dumeys and a super soker 200 also a very big big surprise a have ben very very good little boy this year how are your rrandeer have a super Christmas I hope you don't just go broce on me I am haven real fun this holiday but we don't have chenumy but my Grandad dus but don't burn yourself if you go to my grandads hose I hope you don't frees to deth in the win-

Love **James Graves**

Merry Christmas & Warmest Wishes for a Happy New Year!



Joe & Nellie Ross

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I am looking forward to Christmas. I hop you will be able to bring me some rolerblads and a rolerblad baby. I hope you and Mrs. Close are doing well and even rodolf. I have ben xtra good this year so I just want one more thing and that is a real saddle that is little for me.

> Love Joel S.

Dear Santa,

How are you I am fine. I am looking forwork to Christmas. I hope you will be abl to bring me a deer rifle and a deer knife.

> Lov you friend, Keith Carley

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. All I want for Christmas is a gameboy and a supper nintondo. I also want a genses and a bebe gun.

Love Sal Randazzo

Dear Santa,

How is your wife I hope she is doing fine. I want a roller blade doll for Christmas and a jam box that plugs in and a bottle doll and some tennis shoes and some socks and clothes. Merry Christmas.

Love Shawn

Dear Santa.

I hope you breing me los of prezins. I want a sugrsoke 200. I hope you have a sugrsoke 200.

> Love Michael Fercild

Dear Santa,

How are you I am fine. I am looking forward to Christmas I hope you will bring me a gameboy. I wold also like a

> Your Friend, Cody Blaylock

Dear Santa,

how are you I am fine lam looking for cresmas and I am hobing you con bring me a some bebes on a apett that is gone that and a baby dog and gokrt

Love Brandon

Dear Santa,

How are you I am fine. How are your reindeers. They are fine. I am looking forward to Chrismas. I hope you will bring me a kittin. I would like a pupy and a surprise. I have been very good this year. I won't a bird and cage. Your Friend

Melissa Dear Santa,

How are you? I am sam I like your prensins then last yera and i hop you get me something difent presins this yeara and auther people to and I want a bebe gun and a play gun to so I can have some fun at my friends houes.

> Love Sampson Booker

Dear Santa,

I want a basketball and some tennis shoes, and a doll. and some close and a deress. And a trampalene. And a dress. And a puppy, na da swing. And i would like a ring. And tedybear, and a cat, and I want a ball.

> Your friend, Kayla Michelle Hilliard

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I am looking forward to seeing you? I no your ust around the cooner and I would like a toy aor two so i am trying my best to be nice., I want a keyboard and atelescope and a ring and neccless. befor i say any thing ells i want you to no that your presents are great!

Love Lindsey

Dear Santa,

How are you I am fine. I am looking forward to Christmas I hope you will be able to bring me a football I wold also like agood give tomy mom and dad and a surpris I have been very good this year.

Love Felix Rodriquez



Dear Santa,

How are you. I am fine. I am looking forward to christmas. I hope you will be able to bring me a art set. I would also like a telescope. and a sprise. I have been very good this year.

> Love Jenna Herold

Dear Santa,

How are you. I am looking forwerd for Chrismis. Evry one likes you so do I. I hope you canget me peletgun an a tescope

Your Frend Lynden

Dear Santa,

How are you. I am fine, I am looking forward to chritmas. What I would like is drum set please. Also a new football. and a pinball machine, and a golcart. I would like a pare of shoes. Also a legost or a skateboard and a be be gun. and a troll.

> Your friend Charlie Bettis

Dear Santa,

I want a bear clow and a real football soot and a dalas cowboys phone and a Emmet Smith postat and a trackman postat and a lorenmoon postat and a vave and dalas cowboys football and a garth brooks postat and enny thang else. Merry Christmas.

Love Joel Webb







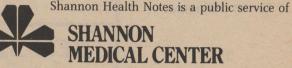
New Sleep Disorder

Sleep fragmentation is the name given to waking up briefly but unnoticeably many times each night. It's most often caused by obstructive sleep apnea that occurs when the person momentarily stops breathing, then briefly awakens to start breathing again.

During sleep the muscles in the upper airway relax and, in some people, especially people who snore, the airway narrows. Researchers at Stanford University Medical Center wondered whether people who never suffer from the completely closed airway, that is characteristic of sleep apnea, might also have sleep disturbances. They found that some people who snore and are sleepy during the daytime may suffer from a newly discovered sleep disorder - upper airway resistance syndrome.

Unlike sleep apnea, a person with upper airway resistance syndrome may wake up for reasons other than lack of oxygen, such as an increase in the levels of carbon dioxide or simply the amount of effort needed to breathe.

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Dear Santa,

How are you doing. I am fine looking forward to Christmas I hope you will be abl to bring me a set off legos and a game. I have ben very god this year.

Love Jonathan

First Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a walkman and a skateboard.

> Love. Clayton

Dear Santa,

hi my name chase. I like the presentes you gave me lest christmas. I would like a boomerang, cup, bicyele, telephane, and a kite for christmas.

Chase

Dear Santa.

I want a bike to ride in the street. I want some NiNJA turtle and a sorry Game terminatars

Justin

Dear Santa.

How are you at the North Pole? I would like a horse set and a Barbie. Please bring me some doll things.

Please take care of your reindeer and Mrs. Claus. I have been good, Santa

> Love Britney

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbe car I want a book shelf for all my new books. I want new house I want new Barbedolls. I want a ball shoes new shoes That is all I want.

Ryan

Dear Santa,

I have ben good. I want a minibike I want a sega I love you I am going to give you cookies and milke I want boxing gloves

Love Brandon Hall

Dear Santa.

I would like a game boy and some roller blades. I have tried to be good this year. I will leave you some cookies.

> Your Friend, Joseph Israel

Dear Santa,

For christmas I would like for you to bring me BB gun, games for my nintendo/also a gun for my duck hunt game. Please bring a present for my brother.

> Merry Christmas, Cody Lee

Dear Santa,

I Love you Santa. I would like a monster Truck. I would some new clothes thank you Santa. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Roy

Dear Santa,

I want a car and another Horse a Doll and a puppycat and bunny rabbit and clothes

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am excited about Christmas. I want a sling shot, dog jeans a gun and knife.

> Sincerely, Garrett

Dear Santa,

Do you like cookies? I will leave you some on the bookshelf. Please, bring me a Bundlebaby and a play pen for my baby. I need a storller, too. I also want a barbie.

> Thank you, Kanah

Dear Santa,

I want a baby loves to talk and a musical bear. I also want a play puppy dog that walks.

From Christy

Dear Santa,

I like you Do you like me I want a pup Do you want a pup I am 6 I hava bin a good girlplease can I hava a dall Can I hava a ring? Can I hava a necklace? Santa do you like cookies? Can I hava your

I Love Santa, Brittany

Kindergarten (written by 5th graders)

Dear Santa, I want a little dog (real). I want a kitchen with everything in it. I want a new backpack. I want a flower desighner. want a soccer ball. I want a new hairbow. I want 3 boy barbies. I want a pink barbie car want a barbie house. I want a toy for my baby brother next Christmas. I also want him a rockin bed.

Vanessa Lange

Dear Stanta,

B.J. wants a Super Nintendo and a goost ride and a play Bear and a slade and a Stanta and a new Joodens and a Dallas Cowboy shuter and an new shuter and a new pans and a Dallas Cowboy pans and a compuer.

B.J. Bilbrey

Dear Santa,

I would like a new super nintendio. Also a troll doll, Colorblaster, and a talking baby.

Love,

Jasmine Kresta Dear Santa,

Will you send me a game boy, spat and bug is were it is at, my brother wants a yea ho bucker rue.

Garrett Jackson

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie car. I also want a barbie that you can change it's clothes. I want a barbie bike. I want a mermaid. My brother wants a nintendo. I also want a nintendo.

Monica De La Garza

Dear Santa,

I want a machine gun and an army tank. I want a big robot that tells you what to do. I want a big drum. I want a bike with training wheels. I also want an army suit. I want a missle launcher. I want a dinosaur suit.

Jesse Herold

Dear Santa,

Dustin want a tracker. and a manchine gun and a micycle and Drum and a big bow and anrrow and a aram suit And a Nintendo and a bom and a Santa Suit and a gloves and a deer and a bulldog that walks.

Dustin Thomason

Dear, Santa

I want a Barbie corvet and a Barbie and a ring. I am leaving candy under the tree. I also want a dog and a ragedy doll and a raindeer toy. A rocking chair,

Romana Hoover

Dear Santa,

I want a doll. I want a red ball. I want a barbie I want an-

Calli Johnson

Dear Santa,

Will you send me a putty tring baby, I am going to leave you some milk and cookies, I want a ninto and a super ninto, and a big troll doll.

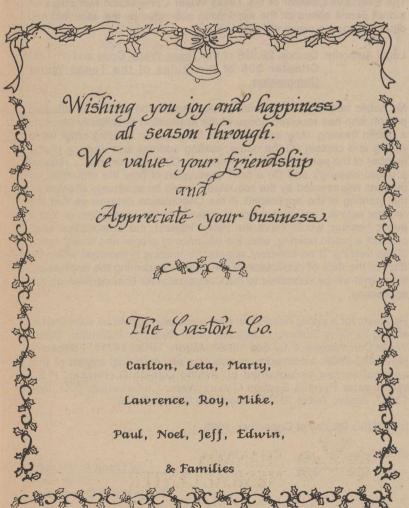
Megan Miles

Dear Santa,

I would like you to send me a GI Joe man for Christmas, and I would like a NIntendo with 10 games. And my sister wants a Barbie. Then, I want a gameboy and some Ninja turtles. My brother wants a go cart and a Super Nintendo. And I want 3 Super Nintendos with a Nintendo gun and 11 games.

> Love, Nicholas Flores







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Take the Yule Season Test

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

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. Grand-

ma 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

4. The 12 gifts "my true love gave to me" include which of the following? a. 10 lords aleaping 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 meanspirited 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

... Santa letters continued

I want full city and a little doll for my sister and sumanthus stoking and a nekles for my mom and a new bow tie for my

Victoria Ridgway

Dear Santa, Claus,

I want you to bring me some drums and a toy horse. I want a coloring book. I also want some books. I want lots of stuff and a nintendo. I want a bunch of toys.

Terence Scott

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a troll doll. I also would like some candy. Plus a Barbie doll. Also a reindeer that lights up. Also some new shoes. Plus some candycanes. I would also like a super nentendio. Plus a shirt and pants that match.

Love, Ashley Wilcox

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie, I want ten speed bike. I want a sweater. I want a boots. I want some jeans. I want a coloring book. My dad needs socks. I want a super nintendo. My mom needs some new black boots. My sister and I need new jack-

Ashleigh Kelly

Dear Santa,

I want a radio. I also want a TV. I want a troll doll. A Super Nintindo. A nintindo game.

Love, Lisa Shaffer

Dear Santa,

I would like you to send me a toy Robot and a Super Nintendo. And I want a Squirt gun and a football suit.

Love, Stephen Tomes

I want a rabbit. I want a shirt and some pants. I also want a pair of shoes and some socks. I want a Barbie. I want a multi colored teddy bear. I want a soft reindeer. I want a nintendo. I want a basketball. I want a squirt gun. I want a bow. I want a rainbow.

Shayla Daniel

Dear Santa,

I want a girtra, bow arro, super mario sheas, Michel Jordan shoes, candy cane, a raindeer that is rodoff, a lot of rullers, a robot, pupshoes, a baseball, a stuffed santa, jumping jack shoes, a new shrit, a srut gun, a new backpack, ching ching short, a new bear, foot ball shoot.

Jeffrey Jones







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Dear Santa,

I would like a fireplace cet, a remote control army tank, a pilot suit, an army suit, a nintindo, a BB gun, a dog, a pair of Jordan shoes, a new basketball goal, a hat, a new flashlight, a new bike, with some solid entertubes, a new pair of lightbulbs, and a remote control robot

Sincerely, Blaine Dyess

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie doll. I also want a bicycle. A barbie car. And some new boots and jean's A game called twister. A new skirt and blouse. And a new jacket and bed.

> Love, Ashley McCutchen

Dear Santa Claus,

How have you been doing at the North Pole? Is it cold out there, Santa? And how is Rudolph?

I have been good. I want a Jewel Baby. I am 4 years old.

Carson, my brother, is 2 years old. He wants "tractor parts". Carson has been good.

We will have milk and cookies on the table for you, Santa. Thank you! Bye-bye!

> Love, Brittni Drennan Welch, Texas



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT AMENDMENT

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY, Oak Creek Steam Electric Power Plant, P.O. Box 841, Abilene, Texas 79604 has applied to the Texas Water Commission for an amendment to Permit No. 00997 in order to add two outfalls to regulate the flow variable discharges of stormwater. The current permit authorizes a discharge of once through cooling water at a volume not to exceed an average flow of 57,600,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001 and flow variable discharges of low volume wastewater via Outfall 002, which will remain the same.

The plant site is adjacent to Oak Creek Reservoir, approximately ten (10) miles north of the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas. The effluent is discharged into Oak Creek Reservoir; thence to Oak Creek; thence to the Colorado River in Segment No. 1426 of the Colorado River

In accordance with the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, the Commission staff must determine the existing uses for the receiving water in the area of the proposed discharge and whether the proposed discharge will cause significant degradation to any high quality waters in the area. The unclassified receiving waters of Oak Creek have no significant aquatic life uses. The designated uses for Segment No. 1426 are high quality aquatic habitat, contact recreation and public water supply. The effluent limitations in the draft permit will maintain and protect the existing instream uses, significant degradation of high quality receiving waters is anticipated. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revision.

The Executive Director of the Texas Water Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 31 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Water Commission.

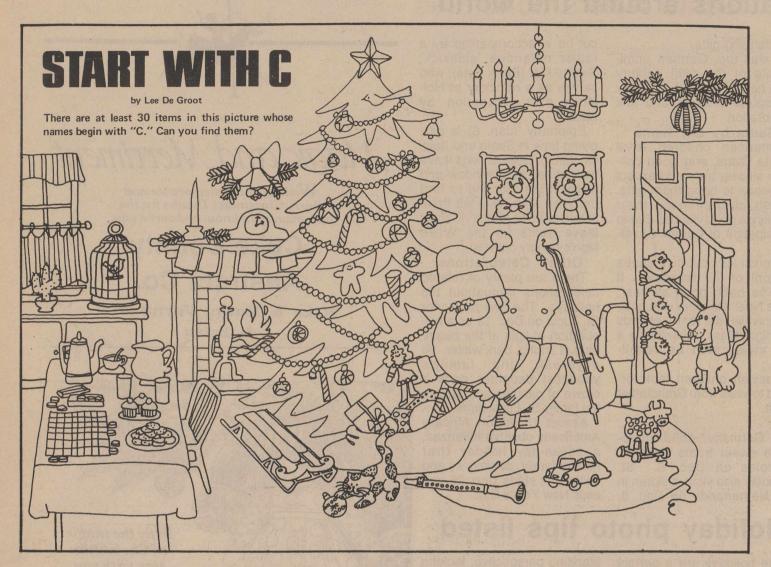
No public hearing will be held on this application unless an affected person who has received notice of the application specifically requests a public hearing. Any such request for a public hearing shall be in writing and contain (1) the name, mailing address and daytime phone number of the person making the request; (2) the statement "... request a public hearing"; and (3) a brief description of how the requester, or persons represented by the requester, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application. If the Commission determines that the request sets out an issue which is relevant to the application, or that a public hearing, would serve the public interest, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing, after the issuance of proper and timely notice of the hearing. If no sufficient request for hearing is received within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice concerning the application, the permit will be submitted to the Commission for final decision on the application.

Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Kerry Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner, Texas Water Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 463-7906. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Donald G. Decker, P.E., Wastewater Permits Section, Texas Water Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 463-8201.

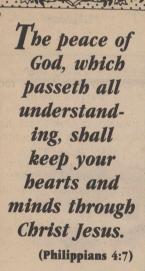
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/s/ Gloria A. Vasquez Chief Clerk **Texas Water Commission**



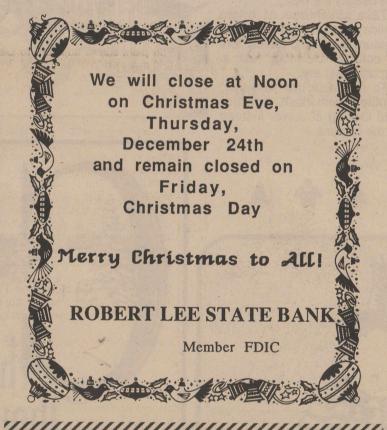




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Holiday celebrations around the world

by Alison Ashton Copley News Service How does your family celebrate the holidays?

If you adorn the house with evergreen boughs, you're observing a tradition that goes back to the Romans. Decorating trees probably started in Alsace in 1605.

Even if your family doesn't opt for a traditional celebration, chances are you observe certain regional customs. In the Southwest, you might light a walkway with cheerful luminarias (which are easy to make by nestling a candle in sand in a paper bag).

In Louisiana, where French traditions are strong, children anxiously await the arrival of Pere Noel in a sled drawn by alligators. Other Southern families incorporate magnolia leaves in their decorations. In the Midwest, trees are hung with fragrant applesauce and cinnamon ornaments.

If you want to investigate holiday history or incorporate regional customs into your celebrations, there are a number of books to help.

'An Old-Fashioned Christmas" by the editors of Country Home magazine (Meredith Books) highlights regional celebrations, as well as history. "Christmas in the Heartland" by Marcia Adams (Potter) focuses on Midwestern traditions, while "Southern Christmas" by Emyl Jenkins (Crown) honors the holiday in Dixie.

Why December?

Although Christmas is the holiday designated to celebrate the birth of Christ, there is no record of the exact date of his birth. So why celebrate in December? Historians speculate that the Christian holiday gradually replaced an ancient Roman winter festival called Saturnalia, when people gathered to celebrate the end of the harvest season.

They prepared special meals, decorated their homes with greenery and exchanged gifts. Sound familiar?

However, Christmas wasn't always a popular holiday in America. Puritans of the 17th and 18th centuries refused to celebrate the holiday because it isn't found in the scriptures. And in 17th century Boston, holiday observers were fined. English colonists who did celebrate weren't in the habit of



Gorman, Jewel,

and Jimmie Walker

exchanging gifts.

It was the German immigrants of the 19th century who helped make the holiday a popular religous and folk celebration.

Santa by any name

American children love Santa Claus, and good children all over the world expect someone to bring them gifts. British children hang their stockings on Christmas Eve in anticipation of Father Christ-

French kids put their shoes in front of the fireplace. If they've been good all year, Pere Noel fills them with gifts. Meanwhile, the family attends Midnight Mass, followed by a late meal called Le reveillon.

Russian children look forward to visits from Grandfather Frost.

In Germany, children receive sweet treats from St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. St. Nicholas also visits children in the Netherlands on Dec. 6.

but he is accompanied by a rather nefarious sidekick, Swarte Piet (Black Pete), who serves as a reminder of Holland's past occupation by Spain.

Epiphany (Jan. 6) is giftgiving time in Spain and Italy. On Jan. 5, Spanish kids leave their shoes by a window and wake in the morning to find the Wise Men have left them small gifts (it helps if they leave treats for the Wise Men's hungry camels).

Other Celebrations

There are plenty of related celebrations throughout the holidays. The Swedes honor St. Lucia on Dec. 13 as a celebration of light at the beginning of a long, dark winter. At daybreak, the family's youngest daughter dons a crown of candles and serves the family St. Lucia buns.

Almost 15 million African-Americans observe Kwanzaa, a seven-day holiday that honors family, community and culture. It starts Dec. 26 and ends New Year's Day.

Holiday photo tips listed

The holidays are a perfect time to capture those holiday smiles. Here are a few tips from The Photography Information Council:

 Always carry a loaded camera and take plenty of pictures. Special moments often occur when we're least expecting them, so be prepared and take many shots until you feel you've caught the one that counts.

 Move in close - about 3 to 4 feet away. Children's facial expressions are worth a lot more than the wallpaper behind them!

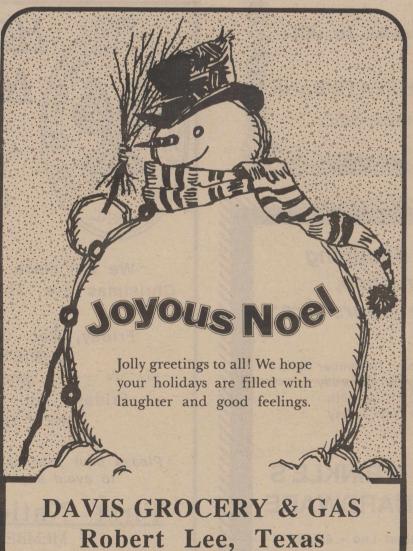
 Get down and shoot parallel with a child's eye level. Ineffective photos are often taken of children from an adult's

standing perspective, looking down.

 Try to capture the moments when your child is in the height of action or surprise; spontaneous, candid pictures are usually the best.

· Take advantage of bright holiday greens and reds and capture your child amidst lots of color in clothing, festive decorations, etc.

 To minimize the "red-eye" problem with flash, capture dad looking at Junior instead of the camera.





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1 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. 1 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. through the year . . . I wish you the spirit of Christmas.

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The Last Minute Cook

Post-Holiday Recipes Using Turkey and Roast Beef

After long hours of preparing holiday feasts, few cooks have the time — or energy — to do the dishes, let alone fix a complete dinner in the days following the festivities. Fortunately, families appreciate holiday leftovers as much as the original, especially if those leftovers feature creative and delicious touches.

The Last Minute Cook offers a number of post-holiday recipes designed to turn your leftover turkey and roast beef into flavorful, time-saving entrees featuring "madefrom-scratch" taste and gourmet appeal.

"By simply adding a few special ingredients, holiday leftovers can quickly and easily be turned into a variety of delicious dishes," says George Bay, vice president of Bays Corporation, a Cordon Bleu chef and a last minute cook himself. "One of my favorites, Roast Beef Chili, is a hearty dish, perfect for the holiday football season."

Try these Last Minute Leftovers, developed and tested by George Bay, using holiday turkey and roast beef:

Turkey Waldorf Muffins

Start with: cubed turkey
Add: Waldorf Salad (leftover,
or make your own with diced
celery, apples, walnuts
and grapes)

Toss with: ranch or slaw dressing (try a fat-free ranch for a lower calorie dish)

Serve: on toasted, lightly buttered Bays English Muffins

Roast Beef Chili

Start with: roast beef cut into small cubes — set aside

Sauté: finely chopped onion and garlic in olive oil

Mix in: one can of chili with beans and roast beef cubes — stir until bubbly

Serve: over or alongside toasted Bays English Muffins broiled with garlic butter and shredded cheddar cheese

Accompany: with sour cream, guacamole, chopped green onion, bacon bits

When you have a little more time, turn remaining holiday turkey into this delicious oriental dish:

Turkey Sandwiches With Oriental Slaw

Sauce Picture

3/4 cup vanilla low-fat yogurt
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
Dash cayenne red pepper

Oriental Slaw

1 1/2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

2 tablespoons soy

2 1/2 teaspoons sesame oil 1 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated

1 1/4 cup finely julienne-cut or shredded carrots

1 cup fresh bean sprouts

1/4 cup chopped green onion

3 tablespoons chopped cilantro

12-16 ounces sliced, cooked turkey breast
4 Bays English Muffine split

4 Bays English Muffins, split, toasted

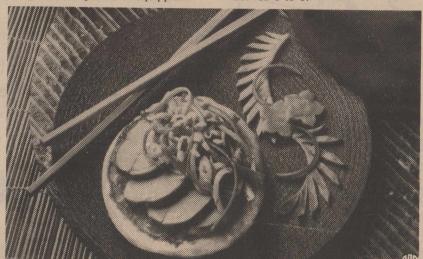
1/4 cup chopped peanuts

For Sauce, combine all ingredients; set aside.

For Slaw, combine vinegar, soy sauce, oil and ginger in medium bowl. Toss with remaining ingredients except turkey, muffins and peanuts.

To serve, spread each toasted muffin half with about 1 1/2 tablespoons of the sauce. Top with 1 1/2 to 2 ounces of the turkey. Spoon on about 1/4 cup of the slaw. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts.

Serves 4 to 6.



Redecorate for the season

'Tis the season to undecorate - and then decorate again. So, take down your regular pictures and wall hangings, say decorators, swapping them for the season with holiday wreaths and such.

Wreaths, of course, are the most popular ways to decorate doors and walls. But you also can liven up your home by draping fresh or faux evergreen garlands decorated

with paper twist bows, ribbons, lights, bells, and ornaments - really anything you use on your tree - all around the house.

Some other ideas: Try hanging holiday pictures and stitchery, tole-painted wooden plaques in assorted shapes and sizes, Advent calendars, holiday mini quilts, stuffed decorations made from felt and holiday windsocks for just outside your door.



History of Christmas tree lights told

It all began in 1882.

The first electrically lit Christmas tree was unveiled in the New York City home of a colleague of Thomas Alva Edison.

It featured 80 hand-wired and hand-blown colored bulbs in red, white, and blue. Turning slowing on a pedestal, the tree created a "superb exhibition" of "starry fruit" as reported by a Detroit newspaper.

Out, out brief candle

The first electrically lit trees cost the equivalent of thousands of dollars today, but the public quickly realized the benefits of electric light.

General Electric began mass-manufacturing miniature bulbs and, by 1901, they were advertising that "the danger ever present with candle-lit trees is entirely removed, as well as the inconvenience of grease, smoke

and dirt."

Hired help

Turn-of-the-century "wire-men" or electricians would handwire each bulb together in a time-consuming process, then wire the contraption into an overhead light fixture to provide electricity.

It wasn't until 1903 that readymade strings of wiring were sold alongside packages of miniature General Electric bulbs



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Hand-crafted gift items detailed

For some of you, making your own gifts and decorations is the most satisfying part of celebrating the holidays.

Even things made from standard patterns and instructions take on unique characteristics with your choice of materials and details. "There's just something inherently special about an item made by one's own hands," says Pamela Hastings, director of consumer education for Singer Sewing Company.

Some possible projects:

· There's a Father Christmas figure pattern you could sew using scraps taken from old clothing or other sources. This McCall's pattern (5580) includes the 21-inch figure and four variations of hooded coats and gowns. Patchwork velvet, tapestry, or brocade with faux fur trim are some of the different ways to interpret the pattern, which includes a gift sack to fill with miniature candies and toys.

· McCall's also has a quick decorating package (5512) that includes a stuffed Santa star, three-dimensional tree, and a country heart wreath. Another pattern (5511) includes country Christmas decorations and mop-cap dolls done up in calico patchwork; ornaments include a cinnamon stick holder, fabric ball, heart applique square and miniature stocking on a hanger.

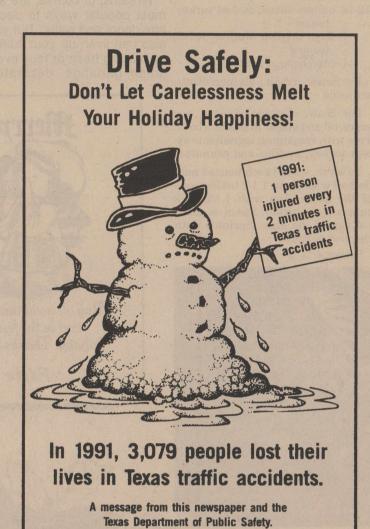
· Or you could deliver a gift in a personalized gift bag made of fabric with holiday greetings stitched in machine block letters or decorative stitches -- a suggestion from Singer. This can be reused as a tote or lingerie bag later, depending on

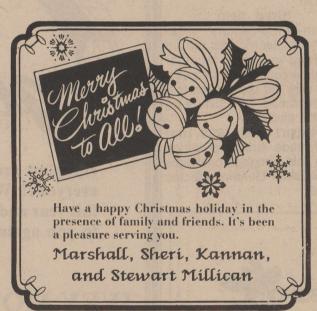
size. Instructions: Cut a rectangle or square of fabric to desired size. Stitch on greeting first, when the piece is flat and easy to work with. Then fold in half lengthwise, right sides together, and serge or stitch two open sides. Turn bag right-side out, then fold raw edge 1/2 inch around opening and press. Turn under another 2 inches, press and stitch along lower edge, leaving an opening for a drawstring of satin or velvet ribbon. Make Victorian-style lace potpourri ornaments, another Singer suggestion. Instructions: Cut an 8 inch square of lace and finish edges either with a narrow zigzag stitch or

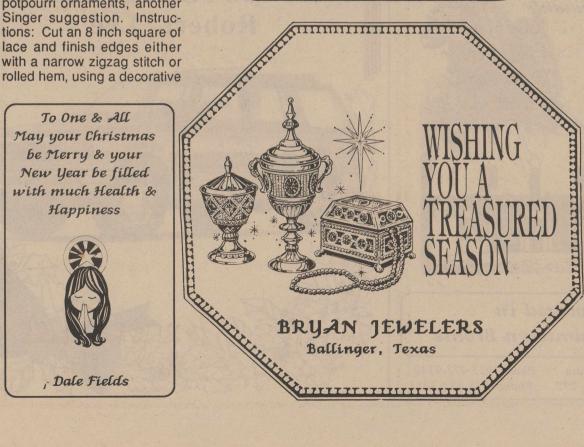
thread. Place potpourri in the center, then draw up knapsack-style, using velvet or satin ribbon. Hang on the tree with ornament hook.

If you're not a seamstress, try

glue. A suggestion from Loctite, which makes Creatively Yours craft glues, is to decorate a whole tree with teddy bears and ribbon, or make a wreath with bears, ribbons, and ornaments.

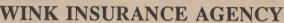






Instructions for the wreath, using a 14-inch pine wreath: Make a four-inch gold bow (four yards) and wire to bottom of wreath. Wire two 8-inch bears to either side of the wreath (assymetrically balanced), then loop three yards each of silver and gold ribbons (1 and 1 1/2 inches wide) around and through the pine, pinching and gluing every six to eight inches. Wind six yards of star garland around the other elements, wiring into place. Finish by gluing on six 2-inch holiday boxes, 12 1-inch gold Christmas balls, six 4-inch snowflakes, and six 4-inch poinsettia picks.





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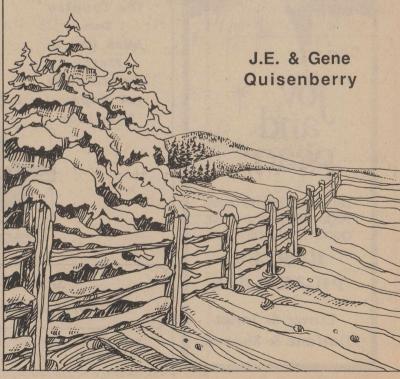
Your friendship has brightened our lives. Have a very, merry Christmas!



James & Brenda Tidwell



Here's wishing you all the very best holiday season ever.





Origin of a popular holiday story told

Popular holiday tale was father's gift to children in 1822 by John Barbour

The Associated Press
New York - It was Christmas
Eve, 1822, and snow lay
heavily over old New York, the
downtown streets and the
farmland that occupied most
of the island of Manhattan.
Sleigh bells jingled through
town, but would not inspire
"Jingle Bells" for another 35
years.

Clement Clarke Moore, a 43-year old teacher at an Episcopal seminary, had been at work for weeks with his quill, crafting a secret present for his six children. Now it was

Earlier that day Moore rode out in his carriage on Christmas errands with his servant, Patrick, and returned home to his four-story brick farmhouse with the largest turkey he could find in the Washington Market's crowded pens at the tip of the island.

After Christmas Eve dinner, the family retired to the parlor in front of the hearth, with its warming fire. And now Moore unveiled his Christmas gift. His children - Margaret, Charity, Benjamin, Mary, and Clement Jr. - sat at his feet. Infant Emily was in her mother's arms.

He began to read:

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..."

When he finished, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night," there was silence, and then exultation. The children prevailed on him to read it again and joined in with lines they remembered. Bedtime interrupted their pleas for a third reading.

But "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was born, and with it a vision of Santa Claus, the sainted gift-giver to children that would decorate the American Christmas, its street corners and department stores, its trees and cards for decades to come. In the 170 years since, children all over the world have held that image and its song in their hearts.

"His eyes - how they twinkled!

His dimples how merry!
"His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry!

"His droll little mouth was

Season's Greetings

May your holiday season be filled with the light of joy and peace.

Jr. & Mary Prine drawn up like a bow,

"And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow...

"He had a broad face and a little round belly

"That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

"He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf.

a right jolly old elf,
"And I laughed when I saw
him in spite of myself..."

But in the years to follow the history of the poem took a curious turn. Though it was cherished immediately, Moore would not acknowledge authorship publicly for another 15 years, say Gerard and Patricia Del Re in their book, "'Twas The Night Before Christmas."

Although it was passed from hand to hand and copied, it was two days before the next Christmas in 1823 that the Troy (N. Y.) Sentinel published it for the first time. It was unsigned and preceded with this, from the newspaper's editor:

"We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description of that unwearied patron of children that homey and delightful personage of parental kindness - Santa Claus...as he goes about visiting the firesides of this happy land, laden with Christmas bounties; but from whomsoever it may have come, we give thanks for it."

Perhaps Moore thought too frivolous an enterprise to his standing as a scholar and teacher of Oriental languages and Hebrew, author of "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language" and pious patron of the Episcopal Church. Or perhaps he thought it a private communion with his children, his family.

But he finally consented to sign his name to it on a

reprinting in the New York Book of Poetry in 1837.

The poem is based in part on an old Dutch myth which Moore's friend, writer Washington Irving, related in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York."

And in fact, there are some similarities between the two texts. Irving saw the smoke from St. Nick's pipe "like a cloud overhead." Moore said "It encircled his head like a wreath." Irving: "And laying a finger beside his nose." Moore: "his finger aside of his nose." Irving: "remounting his wagon he returned over the treetops and disappeared." Moore: "And giving a nod up the chimney he rose."

Irving's aim was satire; Moore's was a simple, innocent tale of goodness and giving.

Moore had other things on his mind that Christmas season, as well. He stopped regularly to view the construction of the General Theological Seminary, which he helped build. He gave almost the entire Chelsea section of the city to the Episcopal Diocese and helped build nearby St. Peter's Church, which still stands

The city-ordained grid of streets had not yet reached Chelsea where the few graceful farmhouses were linked by dirt lanes, but to the south the shanties of Greenwich Village were about to give way to the rising city. Moore railed against the dissection of the countryside with the streets and avenues laid out in unforgiving rectangles. It was a fight he would lose.

But it was part of the romantic spirit of this scholar with a long face and prominent nose, the son of another scholar who became president of Columbia University, to want the homes and churches of Chelsea connected by curving streets_and winding lanes.

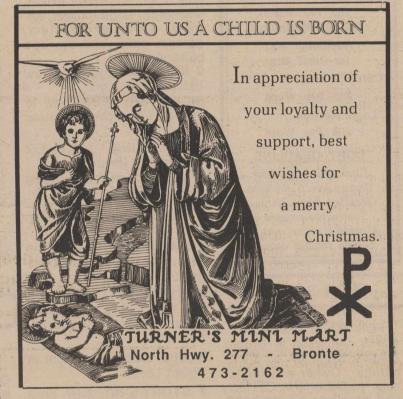
For Moore was a romantic, say the Del Re's and the Rev. Wray MacKay, today's rector of St. Peter's, evidenced by the letters of his courtship to his wife, Eliza, and his dedication to the church which at one time provided the only education for the poor children of the shantytown to the south. But only on Sunday.

"The church is a highly romantic building," says parishoner and architectural scholar Chris Jenks. "Almost a stage set." Not quite Gothic, but trying to capture the feeling of the Middle Ages.

The poem itself, "It has the qualities of imagination and fantasy and energy, and that's why it endures," MacKay says.

MacKay sees something more than good fortune in the fact that when stones from the tower began to fall into the street a few years ago, the archdiocese provided \$500,000 to repair it. It only cost \$65,000 to build the church itself in the 1830's, and Moore provided much of the money.

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Here's a New Year's Resolution You Should Keep . . .



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Christmas is time for thanksgiving, love, and remembering. We hold dear the true blessings of Christmas and the Holiday Season. We know the birth of Christ and a New Year means sacred and special things to all of us.

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Ruby and I would like to take this means to thank everyone of you for your prayers and encouragement during her illness, and recovery this far.

And wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Due to her illness we are not sending cards, so please accept this as our greeting, and best wishes

Rev. R.W. and Ruby Blackmon 21B-1tc

New shapes noted in C'mas lights

A sleighful of shapes has illuminated the Christmas light industry and made these glowing strings as interesting as the ornaments on the tree.

Consider, for instance, lights shaped like seashells or roses. There are lights that look like a glowing garden of vegetables, lights that take the forms of fruits, hearts, and fish, and even theme lights, such as a set that has Dalmation dog shapes alternating with - you guessed it - fire hydrants.

There are some new light looks outside the house as well. Synchronized lights, for instance, trace twinkling patterns in trees and houses, and a set of electronically lit luminarias eliminate the need to fuss with paper bags, sand and candles.

And, for your lawn, there are life-size forms of reindeer, snowmen and sleighs that are lined with lights.

Personal

Edith Rolls of Bronte was the lucky winner of the Texas bank at Glenn-Bivins Christmas drawing on December

Fireplace usage 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 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 chim-

 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.





GOD BLESS YOU





YULETIDE GRETINGS

May the Holiday Season inspire Peace and Love within all of our hearts...and the hope for Peace within the years to come. May we truly enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Taking stress out of the holidays

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 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

We have incorporated the 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.

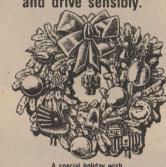
Finding out what aspect of the holiday season we value

Personal

Holiday visitors in the home of Edna Carlile of Robert Lee were her sister, Arlepha Roberts, Mrs. Roberts' daughter and son-in-law, Dortha and Edwin Berry and their daughter, May, from Pueblo, Colorado. The family had not been together for over 20 years.

most, setting priorities, using good time management skills, practicing "diplomacy" in diffi-cult relationships and continuing wise health practices are all ways to ensure that our holidays are more peaceful and relaxing.

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