

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
'So many memories'

While we have been holding our Christmas Memories contest, we have read lots of good stories. We have also heard many stories from people who haven't taken the time to actually write them down, or are too shy to do so.

Christmas is so filled with memories. Some are wonderful, some are sad, some can even be really disturbing. Something about the season always sets us to looking back as well as anticipating the upcoming new year.

One lady at a party recently recalled a Christmas where she did not get as much for Christmas as usual. She remembered being really upset because she had tried so hard to be good. What she didn't realize was that her aunt and uncle usually came on Christmas eve, and they contributed heavily to the gift giving. When they arrived the next afternoon she was thrilled that THEY thought she was good, even if Santa didn't.

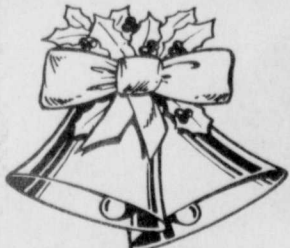
Another woman remembered a Christmas as one of the best ever because of the teasing and joking that went on, and the fact that she received a locket and bracelet that she especially wanted. When she mentioned that it was a special Christmas years later her mother was amazed. "That was one of the poorest Christmas years we ever had" she exclaimed.

Others recalled the sorrow of a Christmas when a loved one was dying, or that sad holiday season when for the first time someone special was forever missing from that Christmas gathering.

But even those memories, though touched with sadness, are precious.

So I conclude that the best Christmas present comes without wrapping paper, without gift card, without financial cost. Christmas Memories are there within us all, their only price that tiny tinge of sadness.

Without the memories of Christmas past, the Christmas present would have so little meaning! So do your remembering....and don't forget to make some more memories to recall in the future!



Merry Christmas

Food Baskets to be ready December 21

The food baskets which are annually given to people who need them in Bogata will be passed out at 9:00 a.m. December 21 at First Baptist Church-Bogata. Please be there by 8:00 a.m. to pick them up.

If you need a food basket please call Shirley Vickers at 632-5447 after 3:00 p.m.

Bogata Missionary Baptist Mission to have live nativity scene

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Mission will display a live nativity scene Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, December 17, 18 and 19, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each evening.

This will be located on the prop-

Bogata First United Methodist to have Christmas Caroling

By Kenny Dickson, Pastor
First United Methodist Church of Bogata invites everyone to join in Christmas Caroling this Friday night. We will meet at the church fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. and travel to the Red River Healthcare Center. We

will also carol at the Thedford Homes as well as individual homes in the city.

Afterwards we will gather for warm drinks and fellowship at the home of Joe T. and Kim Kelsey. Join us for this wonderful Christmas Tradition.



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Christmas comes alive with nativity scenes

By Liz Irwin

As you step into the home of Robbie Boren on Highway 1502 in the Red Oak community, you are quickly drawn to the many figurines that are placed throughout each room. But around Christmas time, her home is filled with clusters of nativity scenes in various shapes and sizes. The figurines line the shelves, under and around the Christmas trees and other nooks and crannies.

It is a chore to unpack them each year but she gets enjoyment from seeing them anew. With a total of around 63 or 64 nativity scenes to unwrap and unpack each Christmas season, it is like meeting an old friend again.

She started in 1981 collecting with her first one coming from her oldest daughter Leslie Martin. Leslie painted the ceramic set in her teen years and Robbie gives it a special place on the mantle each year. They mushroom from there and her collection has grown from year to year. Her children and grandchildren have helped her with her collection over the years. They will see one that they think she will enjoy and pick it up for her. Robbie says that price does not have a lot to do with her collection. She has some that are quite expensive and others that have come from flea markets or other inexpensive places. Her latest scene came from her 6 year old grandson Chase Hunold. The school held a Christmas bazaar for the children to do their shopping last Friday and Chase found a small, inexpensive, miniature nativity scene for his grandmother and just knew she had to have it. She placed it on her window over the kitchen sink with several other miniatures.

Her most unusual one has two baby Jesus', but no Mary. She ordered it through the mail and when it came in, it had two babies but no mother. Robbie decided to keep it and not send it back and she enjoys the looks from folks when she asks them what they see different about this one.

Robbie also has two animated scenes. One is noise activated with a waterfall. When the dog barks or someone talks near it, it comes on, complete with light and carols. The other is a larger scene which winds up and music plays and the characters move around the area.

She has a smaller wooden set with the figures 8-10 inches tall carved. She purchased these from Tinsel and Tidings last year and went back this year and purchased a larger set that stand around 2-3 feet. She placed it on the front porch and it is a most unusual grouping.

A small Christmas tree in one of the spare bedrooms is totally Hallmark ornaments and nativity scenes. She began collecting them and they offer different pieces each year and she hopes to collect all of the pieces.

On the piano is several different types from various cultures. There is an Eskimo scene complete with polar bears and fur coats and hoods. The African scene denotes the colorful costumes of the area and dry, barren land. The American Indian nativity scene is most unusual with the character dressed in leathers and beads and baby Jesus as a papoose.

Robbie also collects the Dreamsicles and Precious Moments pieces. Quite a collection resides in a glass curio cabinet. Most of these are numbered pieces she has ordered. She also has a lighted Precious Moments set that is around 12 inches high and was given to her by her grandchildren Chase and Jordan Hunold, last year.

She purchased the grandchildren stocking mantle hangers from the dollar store. Each one depicts Mary and Joseph and holds the children's stockings. She even has a nativity throw that resides on the couch. Small miniatures are placed throughout the house on window ledges, small tables and any space that is available.

Robbie not only collects nativity scenes, but is also an avid collector of the "Denim Days" that is put out by Home Interior. She has one curio

cabinet that is nothing but these. They depict the different seasons of the year and the various holidays.

She also collects Barbie dolls and has quite an extensive collection. It began with her youngest daughter Carla. When she was younger, she enjoyed the dolls and began her collection. Now each year they purchase the newest Barbie's that come out for the granddaughters as well. This year is the last of a series of eleven.

Robbie is also a very "crafty" person. She participates in the Prairiland summer programs each year and also has served as a judge for the Christmas Bazaar that Prairiland holds each year in the Home Economics Department. She is currently in the process of doing embroidery work on bedspreads for the grandchildren in the form of a quilt. Each grandchild enjoys a favorite activity and this is what they are centered on.

Robbie and her husband Carl have lived in their home in Red Oak for the past 15 years, moving there from Blossom. They have three daughters. Leslie, the oldest lives "across the pasture", after having built a new home in the area. She is married to Bruce Martin and they have two children. Jonathan is a sophomore at Prairiland and Jennifer is a seventh grader at Blossom.

Middle daughter Leasa and her husband Dale Hunold live down the road and they have two children. Jordan is a freshman at Prairiland and Chase is in Kindergarten at Blossom.

Youngest daughter Carla also lives right down the road and is married to Lynn Graham. They have two boys. Tyler is a fourth grader at Blossom and Layton is four years old.

Robbie and Carl are owners of the Blossom Superette and Robbie also works for a home-health company and enjoys her volunteer time she does at the school in Blossom. They are all members of the Blossom United Methodist Church.



SOUND ACTIVATED NATIVITY SCENE-Robbie Boren is pictured with one of her many nativity scenes. This nativity plays Christmas Carols and sets the waterfall in motion whenever a sound is made. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Letters to the editor



To the Editor:

It's that time of the year again. It's hard to believe it's been a year already. It's time for the baskets to be prepared for the needy in our community.

It has been brought to our attention that a select few people in our community are not pleased with who gets the baskets. The ones who prepare the baskets don't stand on the street corner here in Bogata and tell the community if they want a basket to be at a certain place at a certain day and time. The ones who organize the baskets rarely pick the names. They are given to us by others who know their financial situation. We look at it like this, if that individual is not honest with us, he or she will have to answer for this, not the ones who prepare the baskets.

When we get names for the baskets, those individuals are usually people who are on fixed incomes who have rent to pay, utility bills, high medicine bills and doctor bills. Or it might be a single mother who is working at a low paying job trying to raise her children by herself, and she has to pay rent, feed the children, clothe them, pay utility bills and send them to school. And she is doing this on her own. So please before you say negative things about the ones getting the baskets, make sure you know the situation before you talk. We never know when the tables could be turned and we could be the one receiving the basket, and we wouldn't want people talking about us, would we?

On December 21, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., baskets will be made up and delivered to those in need. We need help, so why not get in the Christmas Spirit and come help. If you want to help, call 632-4530 or 632-5447.

Thank you,
Linda Eilers & Shirley Vickers

Names on suit different than those reported

In the story last week about the judge's ruling on the Talco-Bogata ISD bond issue we mistakenly reported the names of the people on the law suit. The names listed were the original names. The current names are: Marta Rhoades, Ed Hale and Darla Ottinger.

City of Bogata schedules open house

The City of Bogata will hold an open house Tuesday, December 22 from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Everyone is invited to come by and meet the city employees and share in the Christmas celebration with them.

Photos of past mayors, council people needed

Anyone who has old photos of past mayors, council people or even employees of the City of Bogata are asked to bring them by Bogata City Hall, Mail them to P.O. Box 400, Bogata, TX 75417, or call City Hall and we will come pick them up.

This project is an effort to create a historical display preserving the past.

Papers to publish early next week

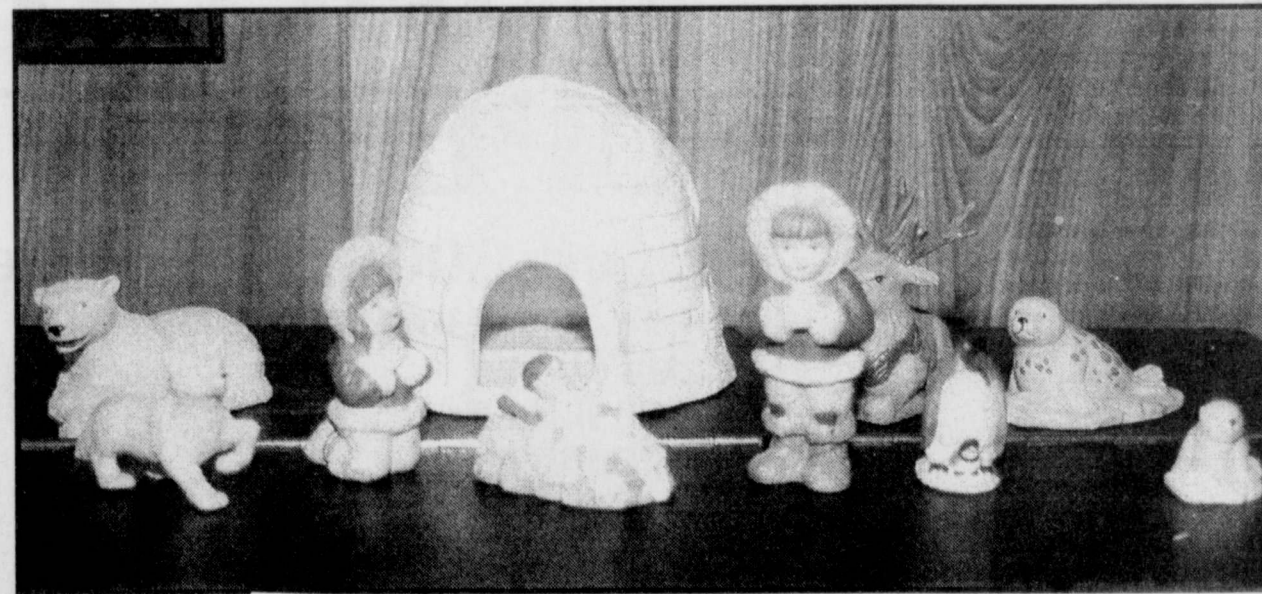
Due to the Holidays the paper must print early next week. Due to this, all ads, locals, and news must be submitted by Monday.

Anything that comes in after Monday will be included in the next issue of the paper.

Talco-Bogata CISD Tax Office holiday schedule

The Talco-Bogata CISD Tax Office will be open on Dec. 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office will be closed Dec. 22 through Dec. 25. It will reopen Monday Dec. 28 and will be open Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The office will return to regular hours on January 4, 1999.



ESKIMO NATIVITY SCENE from Robbie Boren's vast collection.



AFRICAN NATIVITY SCENE from Robbie Boren's collection.

NOTICE
Starting December 15, 1998
Bogata City Hall will be open
from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Office will NOT close at noon

Editor's Quotes
Nothing is eternal but that which is done for God and others. That which is done for our self dies.

"Christmas From The Heart" is gearing up for third year

Approaching its third year, Christmas From The Heart will be held again this year at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Bogata and at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport.

Organizers are making plans that will enable people to spend the holiday with friends as opposed to being alone. Last year over 100 people were

served in both communities including workers, guests and carry-out plates. The event is done strictly on a volunteer basis and is open to everyone.

To volunteer, make reservations or request more information contact Wood Funeral Homes at 652-3195; Dave Seber at 652-6052 or Gilbert Arriaga at 652-9255.

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our featured cook this week is Francis Richeson of Talco. Francis seemed the ideal person to have this week because of her rather large family. She and her husband L.D. have eight children.

Francis and L.D. enjoy their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. (There is a total of 19 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and one on the way!) There is a steady stream of people coming in and out at all times. In her spare time... what little she has, Francis takes time to care for her plants and she has a wide variety of them in and around her home. She also works as a guard at Tumco in Winfield South near Mt. Pleasant.

Her oldest daughter is Sandra Milner of Mt. Pleasant and she has four children.

Ricky Dale Richeson is from Mt. Pleasant and he has four children.

Cynthia Jones of Talco and she is married to Stanley and they have one daughter.

Sheila Keel is married to Troy and they live in Talco and they have a son.

Amanda Jones of Talco and she has two daughters.

Lisa Smith of Marshall is married

with Wade Smith and they have three children.

Mark Wade Richeson has two children.

Joe Dan Richeson is the youngest and he is married to Terrye and they live in Bogata and have two children.

We thank Francis for letting us use her recipes and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we know we will see you in the kitchen!

Jam Cake-is filled with a concoction of just about everything and is delicious!

Icing for Jam Cake is a mixture of sugar and milk and boiled to a soft ball stage.

Red Velvet Cake-this recipe takes a little to prepare but is well worth it!

Icing for Red Velvet Cake-anytime cream cheese is used in a recipe you know it is good.

Giblet Gravy-everyone needs this gravy on turkey and dressing!

Buttermilk Pie-this is one of my favorite pies for anytime of the year!

Turkey-there is a variety of recipes on how to prepare turkey and here is another one!

Dressing-another variety of dressing recipe are available also. Everyone has their way of preparing it!



FEATURED COOK OF THE WEEK-Francis Richeson of Talco is getting ready for the holidays and plans on celebrating with all of her eight children and their families. She is pictured here with five of her eight children. Front row left to right is Amanda Jones, Ms. Richeson and Ricky Dale Richeson. Back row is Mark Dale Richeson, Sheila Keel and Joe Dan Richeson.

Tuesday 42 club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Laverda Westbrook at Mary Alice Enox's home.

Thelma Shelby won high score for members.

For visitors there was a tie, with Janice Nitions and Eunice Erwin winning high score.

A refreshment plate was served.

Next meeting will be in January with Myrtle Singleton.



Card of Thanks

Thank you to James Taylor and the Blossom Fire and Rescue Unit for giving us the opportunity to have a Christmas Parade this year. We need more people like you in our community. I'm looking forward to participating again next year.

Mary Crouch of Mary Jane's Crafts

December 17, 1998
Richeson Family of Talco

Jam Cake

2 cups sugar
1/2 stick butter
1 cup sweet milk
1 teaspoon baking powder
3 cups self-rising flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon soda
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup floured raisins
1 cup blackberry jam
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon allspice
1 cup cherries

Bake in 5 layers. Cream eggs and butter well. Add sugar and mix baking powder in sweet milk. Sift flour using large cup. Mix buttermilk and soda and then all other ingredients.

Icing for Jam Cake

3 cups sugar
1-1/2 cup milk

Boil until forms a ball when dropped into cold water

Red Velvet Cake

1 cup buttermilk
1-1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tablespoon cocoa
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
1 cup shortening
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
2 ounce red food coloring

Combine ingredients and bake in 350 degree oven.

Icing for Red Velvet Cake

8 ounce cream cheese
1 box powdered sugar
1 stick of margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans-chopped
coconut-optional

Giblet Gravy

1/2 cup flour
1 stick butter
giblets
salt
pepper
broth from turkey

Pour flour into skillet of butter. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir in your sliced giblets and add broth. If gravy is to thick add more broth.

Buttermilk Pie

1 cup buttermilk
3 cups sugar
3 tablespoons flour
6 whole eggs
2 sticks butter
vanilla flavoring

Mix dry ingredients, then milk, butter, eggs and vanilla. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Turkey

Cook turkey and giblets in a large pot until tender. Take from water and butter turkey and bake on low 300 degrees until done. Chop giblets for gravy and set aside.

Dressing

1 stalk celery
6 onions
1 delicious apple
salt

Combine ingredients and cook on top of stove until tender and set aside. Cook cornbread. Crumble bread in large pan and add black pepper, sage and salt to your taste. Pour in cooked vegetables and broth until very moist. Add chopped eggs and mix well and brown in oven

Hope all of your Christmas wishes come true and have loads of holiday fun!!

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Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

*New Aces Band will provide music for a New Year's Eve dance at VFW Post 8187 in Bogata December 31, starting at 8:00 p.m. They play music everyone can enjoy. Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served.

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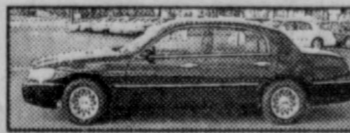
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Obituaries

Billy Bro Lovelace

Billy Bro Lovelace died at Jacksonville, Florida on November 27, 1998. He was born to Bro and Anna Lovelace on October 11, 1927 in Childress County, Texas.

Practically all of his schooling was in Blossom, Texas. He graduated from high school at Blossom in 1946. After graduating he volunteered for service in the Air Force where he became a Master Sergeant.

Bill married Aggadine Henderson of Lucedale, MS, June 6, 1951.

He is survived by two daughters, Becky and Judy and one son, Bill Bro Jr., one grandson, one sister, Ruth Herron of Paris, Texas and one brother, Jim Lovelace of Seymour, Texas. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Inez Hagerman and Gene Rice and his parents, Bro and Anna Lovelace.

Willard Osmen Bonner dies December 2

Willard Osmen Bonner, age 88 of Blossom died Wednesday, December 2 at Cherry Street Manor in Paris. Graveside rites will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 4 at Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom with Rev. Tom Buck and Rev. Glenn Renfro officiating.

Mr. Bonner was born December 4, 1909 in Omen, TX, a son of Joe Osmen and Nellie Blythe Alexander Bonner. He was a graduate of APS schools and a member of the United Methodist Church. He was a retired builder and grocer.

He married Kitty Orene Thompson on February 27, 1929.

Survivors include his wife of Blossom; a daughter, Rita Miears of Bedford; two sons, Larry O. Bonner of Sylvan and M.H. Bonner of Bedford; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Card Of Thanks

To the community of Detroit, I, Amber Tucker, would like to thank everyone who helped support me by personal donations, and those who helped by baking goods for my bake sale, allowing me to go and participate in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Program.

Thanks again everyone in the community of Detroit. May God bless you.

Amber Tucker

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HONOR BAND-Receiving honors at the Honor Band competition this past week at Mt. Vernon were Rivercrest students (from the left) Jeremy Price who made High School Region Band, Pearl Ponthieux who made A-AA Honor Band, High School Region Band and Alternate High School Region IV Band, Alto Clarinet, Kissryn Munns who made Middle School Honor Band and Stephanie Carroll, who made Middle School Honor Band. Pearl received the Alternate High School Region IV Band Alto Clarinet honor for the 2nd consecutive year. She is a Freshman at RHS. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



COOKIE TIME-The Talco 5th grade class spent their morning Tuesday making pumpkin rasin cookies with their teacher, Cylene Holeman. The students could not wait to sample their product. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



The Bogata home of Loyce and Ed Huddleston is decorated beautifully this year. The Huddleston's live on Halesboro Drive. (Staff photo)

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TUESDAY
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THURSDAY
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Bogata Letters To Santa.....



Dear Santa,

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Kelly

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I'd like a computer, Clueless hands free phone, Twirl O Paint and an Easy Weaver, and I like a Fashion Magic Jewelry Maker, Precious Metals, Make-it Unique Stamps Boutique, Pretty Petals and an Amazing Candy Dot Maker. Please bring me a Pottery Wheel and the foot pedal a Metal detector for kids, Rolling Stones electric rock tumbler, a Nintendo 64 and some games. And I'd like a Pool Table and an alarm clock and please a Ivav lite lamp.

Krystal Smith

Dear Santa,

I have been a very very good girl. I think it's going to be foggy. So you better check Rudolph's nose. I don't know what kind of cookie you like so I'm just going to leave you some graham crackers and low fat milk. I'll put Mrs. Claus's cookies in plastic wrap. If you don't mind I'll start naming things I want for Charismatic. Please get me a giga pet and a new bike. Could you get a talking Barbie and some clothes. That's all. Have a safe trip.

Nikki Ebarb

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy. If you had some time to send me the following items: I want a drum set, nintendo 64, a go-cart, Dallas Cowboy football, a soccer ball and a bow & arrow. If you would send some of these items on my list.

Love Seton Hawkins

P.S. There will be cookies and milk left for you.

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a Furby for Christmas and a Baby Dill. And I want some new clothes and presents for everybody. And some new drawing pads that are all clean and don't have any lines. I will put milk and cookies out. Roses are red, violets are blue. Honey is sweet, but not as sweet as you, Santa.

Kari Taylor

Dear Santa,

I want a play station and a 12 gauge shotgun. Remote control dozer, clothes, WCW and WWF action figures. Don't forget to get my mom a ring.

Kyle Duffie

P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a Bryer horse, And Candy of course. And for Colten a truck, And a fade chicken that says cluck. And for Christie a bird, And please make sure he does not say a word.

For Kasey a cow,

Could you send that now?

Mandy Crawford

P.S. I'll Put out cookies and milk, Oh, do you wear fur or silk?

Dear Santa,

How are you? I've been very nice this year. For Christmas I would like a nintendo 64 if my grandma don't get it for me. I would also like new clothes for Christmas and a VCR. And I also want the Merry Christmas CD that N'sync sings. Oh and one more thing I want is new shoes and all the other cool toys you can think of. Well, I better go. Bye Bye.

Micah Haynes

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Dear Santa,

Hi, My name is Jennifer. This year I want for Christmas is a Barbie and a new Scratchy Doll, a blue bid doll, a German Shepherd puppy and a big stuffed dog. I also want a nail designer. It's big and has a lot of nail glitter, and paint. I would also like a gymnast Jane, new roller skates with the Little Mermaid on them. I also want the Skipper sitter and Fashion Barbie and make up packet. Two fishing poles, a fake gun, stuffed deer and the golf putter, and gator golf and the elephant that throws balls, and one that shoots out butterflies and a big race car track.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,

I want horse story for Christmas. I want a horse and a saddle, reins, spurs and boots. I want a bird for Christmas. I want a funny dad, too.

Merry Christmas.

Joseph David Stewart

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like Maybe a nice bike.

A nice dress,

Make it the best.

Maybe a book,

But not for the cook.

Maybe a boat,

Please make a coat.

Maybe a foot pad,

For my good dad.

Maybe a dog named Tom,

For my sweet mom.

I'll leave you some milk,

If you leave me a quilt.

Love,

Latrel

Dear Santa,

I would like a spice girl shoes. I would also want a skateboard and a bike.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Crystal Dewitt

Dear Santa,

I would like it very much

If you would bring me such.

A lot of frog stuff

And a new pair of ear muffs.

Please bring me a gigantic Pooh bear

And something to wear.

Bring Baile of course,

A brown miniature horse.

I would like a rugrat movie so I can see Dill.

And please give me a dollar bill.

Love Sarah Hare

Dear Santa,

I have wanted a CD boom box all my life,

And a pair of boots would be nice.

And I want the doll Baby spice.

And Please don't bring me mice.

Two CDs would be neat,

I will leave you some brownies

So you can take down tawny.

Micah Upchurch

Dear Santa,

Give me an Elmo,

But don't give me a Bemo.

Give me a go-cart,

So I can learn to part.

I would like a spice girl Barbie

To go with my party.

I will leave you some milk and cookies

to go with your bookies.

Tiffany Giles

Dear Santa,

Bring me a horse,

But don't get me a golf course.

I want a gun

Cause I like shooting rabbits.

I know this is too much to ask.

But I want a Nintendo 64.

James Carpenter

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy Furby

And also a bike derby.

A huge stuffed animal would be nice,

But please do not feed it to the mice.

A key chain I know I won't regret

And it is something I won't forget.

I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

But please don't leave me any silk

Holli Bush

In The Spirit of the Season

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ETMC is a not-for-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life in communities throughout East Texas.

Christmas gifts needed at Terrell State Hospital

The Volunteer Services Council for Terrell State Hospital is seeking interested individuals and organizations to provide Christmas gifts for approximately 600 patients at the hospital and in personal care homes.

Bob Watson, Chairman of the Council, announced the need for help in providing new gifts or money to purchase gifts. The hospital serves 22 Northeast Texas counties and many of the patients have no one to remember them at Christmas but volunteers.

In the past, the Council has provided wanted and needed articles for hundreds of patients with assistance of friends, church, Sunday school groups, social clubs, merchants, civic clubs and many other organizations.

When a mentally ill person is hospitalized, they are often without anyone to provide personal care items. It is sometimes surprising to people that the "wishes" on these lists are often for simple things most of us take for

granted.

Volunteers welcome help with even the smallest quantities of non-aerosol deodorant, black hair care products, nail polish remover, cologne, after shave, denture adhesive and hair spray. Soft candies, stationary, checkers and board games are always at the top of the patients wish lists. Needed wearing apparel such as houseshoes, warm-up suits, gloves, sweaters and underwear are always appreciated. Male patients enjoy receiving handkerchiefs and belts.

Although good used clothing and shoes are welcome at the Community Relations Department year-round, the hospital only use new items for Christmas packages.

Gift boxes are packed individually to meet each patient's wants and needs. Volunteers ask that gift items be unwrapped so gifts can be assembled in packages so the age and wishes of each patient can be taken

into consideration. All toiletry items should be in plastic containers if possible. Money is sometime the best help of all in the work at Christmas because items can be purchased at great savings when buying in quantity. Please make checks payable to "Volunteer Services for Terrell State Hospital and mark them "Christmas for Patients".

Donations are accepted at the hospital's Community Relations Department or at the Dallas American Red Cross, 2300 McKinney. Please mark donations "For Terrell State Hospital". Checks may be mailed to: Community Relations Department, Terrell, State Hospital, Box 70, Terrell, Texas 75160.

All donations to the Volunteer Services Council are tax deductible and will be acknowledged; however, you will need to make an itemized list of your donation of gift items or clothing. All help is greatly appreciated.

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The angel tree has arrived at the Clarksville Wal-Mart Store. As you stop by, you may adopt your own angel from the tree and leave your unwrapped gift(s) at the Wal-Mart customer service desk or drop them off at the Clarksville Fire Department. Each angel has been screened for eligibility and the gifts are equally distributed.

Please have all your adopted an-

gels gifts returned by December 18.

If your schedule does not permit you to shop for your adopted angel, you may send your donation to the Clarksville Fire Department, 300 Pecan Street, Clarksville, TX 75426.

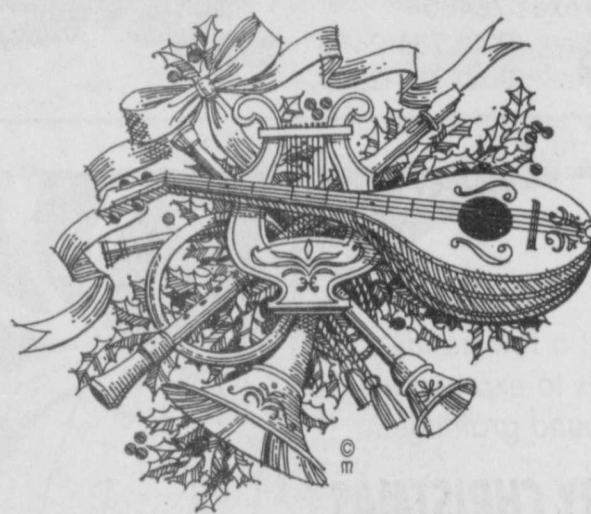
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POINSETTIAS and a Father Christmas are part of the decorations that highlight the season of Christmas. Decorations brighten almost every home and business. (Staff Photo)



PATRIOTIC ornaments-the Statue of Liberty is even available as a Christmas tree decoration. This one even plays the opening of the National Anthem. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
Call Your News to 652-3502



Friday night the ladies of the Cunningham Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party at Jane Glass's home in Rosalie. Those attending were: Jane Glass, Jennifer Barnes, Mendy Cole, Pam Norwood, Lorette Pynes, Melba Baker, Linda Anderson, Wendy Ordorica, Paula Taylor, Ida Mae Norwood, Delorise Norwood, Shelby Kennedy, Pat Norwood, Debbie Gilbert, and guest Karen Francis. The devotional was given by Pam Norwood.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood were in Denton for a Christmas Party with Shelia Norwood this weekend.

Saturday night James (Pete) and L'Wanda McKnight held a Christmas family party. Those attending were: Pete and L'Wanda, Clovis and Donnie Morrison and family, Joe and Emily Morrison and Kyle, Jane O'Neal, Karla, Andrea, Kara and

Arron Palmer, Fran, Johnny, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Murray and Sue Jackson, Jane and Kenzie Jackson, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon and Connie McKnight.

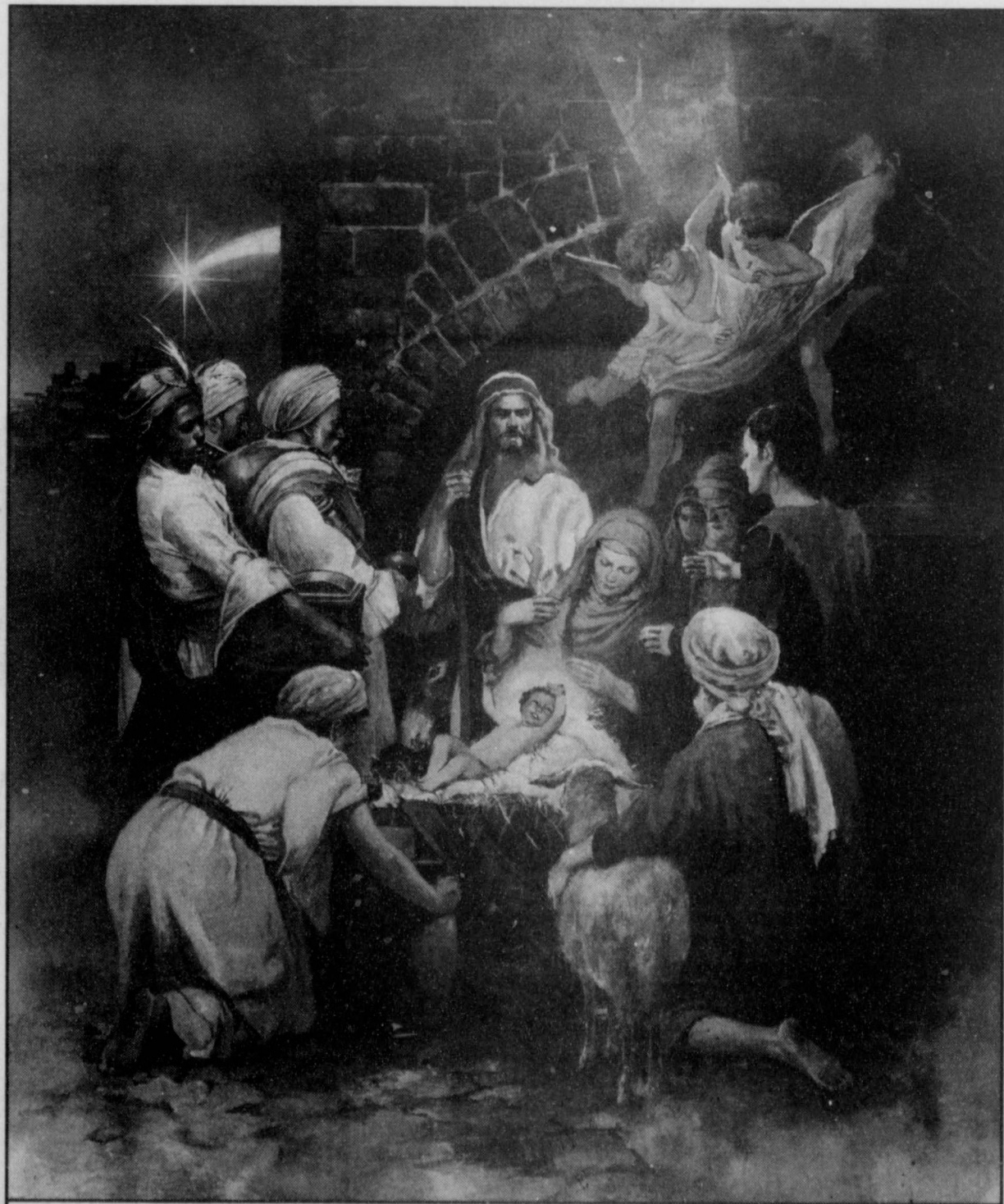
A group from the Cunningham Baptist Church enjoyed a trip to Lindale to see the beautiful Christmas lights on Tuesday.

Velma Cox visited Dora Hester of Paris Sunday.

Debbie Cole and daughter, Shanie, spent the weekend with her parents, Burl Dean and Glenda Watson.

Neal and Ann Baker had Christmas Sunday with Ann's family, the Boyds of Canton. They celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her sister and husband, Gilmer and Louise Coil that afternoon.

Please call in your local news, many people are depending on YOU to provide them with information about their friends and neighbors.



May the light and love of His blessings shine upon your home this holy season and beyond.

Behold the Glory of the Lord

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Season's Greetings

To all those near and "deer" to us, our deep gratitude and warm regards for a joyous holiday season.

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Talco Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,

This year I have been good, I want a fire truck with bubbles, remote control car, wagon, Nike and Reboks. For my brother a dump truck, football and basketball and Reboks. For my dad a remote control car. For my mom shorts and shirt that match. For



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Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like you to bring me a space ship, helicopter, Super Nintendo. For my brother please bring me a truck, train and or helicopter. Please bring my mom a doll and my dad a reindeer. Please bring my memmie a helicopter. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Dakota Ward

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I wan a Nintendo 64, a remote control car and a Star Wars watch. For my mom I want a diamond ring. My brother need a raddler. For my dad, some spurs. Nanny and Papa need a new rope. For Mrs. Clemmons, some candy. Please bring Tona and Susan a ring, Michael and Christopher want a new tire.

Thank you,
Ethan Williams

Dear Santa,

I ant a Malibu Barbie, Aladdin, kitty, Monons Jewelry, pretty clothes, hair brush and a puppy.

Thank you,
Marisa White

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have an electric guitar, a pink bike, my front teeth, a tea set, a swimming pool for Nana's house, a swing set, a basketball court, a seesaw and a baby.

Love,
Brittany Walesiak

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a bath Barbie, baby with bottle, cherry doll, baby Tamie and house, an Angel Barbie, a puppy, Baby Diaper Surprise, a Mermaid with Prince Erick, Barbie with 4 babies, Elmo dolls, a real elephant. For my mom I would like a new dress and a matching necklace and bracelet. For daddy please bring a new tool box. For my grandparents, since they are special, bring them a neat treat.

Thank you,
Briann Roland

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. I would like lots of toys this year. I want a basketball, Barbie, wrangler jeans, shirts, horses and a cheetah. I will leave you lots of cookies and milk.

Thanks,
Shyrale Bivins

Dear Santa,

I would like an electric guitar, a drum set and a basketball. I also would like the movies, The Lion King, The Little Mermaid and a barbie doll to play with. I want a toy deer and a pair of shoes.

Love,
Heather Holt

Dear Santa,

I want a BMX bike. I also want a remote control car. I want my dad to have a new truck. I want my mom to have a China doll. I also want my brothers to have a remote control car.

Love,
Alex Gentry

Dear Santa,

I've been extra good this year. I would like a big red wagon, a barbie car, barbie dolls, a doll house and a television. My brother wants a race car and my sister wants a barbie house like mine. I would like an oil lamp for my mom and some clothes for my dad. I want a radio for my whole family and a jewelry box for Mrs. Clemmons.

Love, Sabrina McBride

Dear Santa,

For Christmas please bring me a go-cart. Please bring my brother a train. I also want a new bike because my old one does not drive very good. Please bring my mom a new necklace. Please bring my dad a necklace also. I have been very good. I will leave you some food to eat.

Love you,
Chad Webb

Dear Santa,

This year I've been pretty good, so please bring me these things: a baby doll, a pretty new pink dress and a trampoline. My sisters, Jeslin and Lauren would like something too. Jeslin wants a baby doll and Lauren would like a toy house. My mom also wants a new dress. This year I will make sure I leave you some delicious cookies for a snack.

Your friend,
Isabella Rivera

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a little toy jeep for me and Cory. And I have been a good girl this year. I would also like some Barbies and barbie stuff. For my mom I would like some jewelry and jewelry box. I would also like a toy kitchen. I'll leave milk and cookies for you Santa. I hope your Christmas is the best of all.

Love always,
Kacie Branch

Dear Santa,

I really only want 2 things. I was extra good in case I wanted more. I would like a baby doll and a bike. Mom and Dad deserve something just as well. So bring them something special.

Yours Truly,
Stormy Tully

Dear Santa,

I am so glad that Christmas is nearly here. I have been a very good boy this year. Here are just a few things I would like for Christmas, black belt, big belt like dad, BB gun, basketball and a speed bike. Well I know you have other letters to read so I will let you go. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jonathan Kay

Dear Santa,

I will love to have a TV with a VCR for Christmas this year and twins water babies. But most of all I would love to have a horse. I would love to have it and I would ride it all day.

Love,
Tanya

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Melanie. I would like to tell you what I would like from you. First what I would like in my room. Next I will like to tell you the other things. No. 1 I want a Nintendo 64, green bed set and cirtons. Now I will tell you the other things. I would like playsets.

P.S. I will leave you cake and milk.
Love,
Melanie Smith

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good girl this year. I would like a stuffed animal cat, a huge barbie house, a 6 piece tea set. I would also like a pink baby stroller and pair of purple and pink roller skates. I would like my mom to have a diamond ring (real). For my baby sister, give her clothes.

Love,
Raquel Barboza

Dear Santa,

I want a ballerina barbie and some gold earrings. For my brother Tyler, a big toy gun and for Austin a little toy gun. For Rachel a power wheel barbie jeep. Then for my mom a diamond ring and a pair of earrings like mine.

Love,
Samantha Wisener

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year. May you bring these following things to me for Christmas. I would like a light saber sword, a keyboard, a camera, both small soldier camandoes and a T'rex dinosaur with a motor. Please bring these to my mom, some sunshae seeing glasses and a ring with 10 green diamonds. Please bring My Size Barbie with an extra dress to my sister. I'll leave you some cookies and milk for you Santa.

Love,
Joseph Edge

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. I would like you to bring me a Barbie, earrings, a power wheel jeep, baby doll, a 2 seat doll stroller and a lot of Grand Champion horses. Hope you can come. I'll leave cookies and milk out for you.

Your friend,
Allison Hedges

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year and I want a real rifle, a Stereo, a chow dog (black) and a collar, a leash and a TV and TV remote control. I want my sister to have a doll house, some Barbie dolls and a cowgirl hat.

Your pal,
Jordan Smith

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Lindy & Tana
Guest

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Dear Santa, I would like a Mouse book, The Lion King, a train set. I want a trampoline bring my dad wants a Thank you, Jerica White

Dear Santa, I've been hoping to get a mas. These would like, house, a go-TV and book cookies and house first. Thanks, Garret Carr

Dear Santa, I would shoes, a ba football, so player, Ba black go-ca some GI J Computer. good this y Yours Trul Josh Moon

Dear Santa, Hi, my n want a bal Also I wan bank, big s that has dc doll, Texas little desk t monkey, I bunch of I that I could best so I w Sincerely, Yolanda B

Dear Santa, I've bee is what I f bike, colo ers, the bc King 2 the and the B bear, Kitty mom, a B thing for l Cody Bro

Dear Sam I want my kitchen animal ho board Da in them, Barbie co a Santa de corn eras my mom, for my br this year. Your frie Kaitlyn C

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Talco Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,

I would like some clothes for me, markers, a new blanket for me and my horse and may I have some new cartridges for my Nintendo 64 and a boom box that plays CD's and maybe a go cart. I really would like some lace up boots that I can play in and I want them to be the color, brown and some sugar cubes for my horse and last but not least a new cowgirl hat. P.S. How is Rudolph doing, does he still lead your sled.
Best Wishes,
Taylor Phillips

Merry Christmas

Hope your holiday is a glowing success, filled with bright times and warm friendships.

DETROIT SUPERETTE
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674-4251

Dear Santa,

I would like a play station and some new Nike shoes. Maybe I would like a go cart and some Beanie Babies. Next I would like a Denver Bronco jersey and jacket. Last I would like an Nickelodeon alarm clock and telephone and maybe some N'Sync and Backstreet posters.
Your friend,
Jeremy Moore

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May all of our "deer" friends enjoy a season overflowing with the milk of human kindness and a new year as sweet as honey.

Thanks for shopping with us!
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I would like Jumbo size Piglett, Eeyore, Tigger and Owl, a Pooh chest, a Pooh comforter, Pooh pillow, Pooh curtains, Pooh posters, new CD player, new CD's, Boys to Men, Mase Playground, TLC, clothes, jewelry and shoes. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Best wishes,
Alex Wright

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a pair of Doc Martains, Princess, the beanie baby, Glory, the beanie baby, a go-cart and maybe I would like some new clothes, a Celopatra CD and I don't care what you put in my stocking.
Merry Christmas,
Kayla Clemmons

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station and a game called Medieval, a watch and small soldiers, Nick Nitro and Arthur.
Your friend,
Robert Rector

Der Santa,

I want a computer for Christmas. I want some games to go with it like War Craft 2 and War Wind.
Love,
Andrew

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a remote race car, an entertainment center, go-cart, a dog Scooby-doo. I would also like a trampoline, Godzilla movie, a Tonka truck you can ride in.
Sincerely yours,
Fernando Lopez.

Dear Santa,

I want Nintendo 64, train, puppy (real), play truck, teddy bear, little watch for Chris, hot wheels cars, books and book case, talking Bubba, stuffed 5 foot Tigger that talks, 10 reindeer, 500 balloons and a talking Pooh Bear.
Your friend,
Michael Horton

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me this Easy Bake oven, Tweety Bird watch, space jam book, Hercules movie, work at home book, chalk board, chalk and easer, Pooh Bear calander, bean bag chair in Tweety Bird, Tweety Bird necklace. Will you bring my mom some earrings, my dad a wrestling shirt, brother 10 speed bike and a farmer talking Bubba.
Lacey Bryan

Dear Santa,

I want a Sabrina Psyche crystal ball, Fashion Magic nail maker, a Nintendo 64, a Gameboy, a rose doll, a beanie baby handy book, a Spice Girls CD, a CD player and a Sabrina diary and the movie Paulie.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64, a Dallas Cowboy jacket, a play station, the Lion King II: Simba's Pride, The Mousehunt and some Beanie Babies, a motor ball and a remote control car.
Your friend,
Josh Stephens

Dear Santa,

I want a gun for Christmas and I want my hunting license.
Your friend,
Drew Godwin

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a computer and a San Francisco jersey #80 and a Denver jersey #7 and a Tampa Bay jersey #28.
Sincerely,
Destry Nolen

Dear Santa,

I would like these for me: magic baby, rugrat movie, rugrat watch, rugrat jewelry, My Size Angel Barbie, teletubies, beanie babies, chalk and chalk board, easy bake oven, tea set, fashion magic, perfection and a baby doll. Please get these things for me for Christmas. I have been a good girl.
Thank You,
Amber Via

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, car, teddy bear, stereo, chalk board and chalk, motorcycle, talking Bubba, Nintendo 64 and a to-cart.
I Love You,
Mike Peirce

Dear Santa,

I want a white Barbie jeep, a doll. I want some barbie clothes, I also want a ring, a stuffed animal teddy bear, some barbie socks, a beanie baby kitten, a barbie coloring book, barbie walkie walkie, a car for my brother, a play set for my brother, a Pooh bear and Piglet, teletubies. I want some Barbie hair bows. PIS. I have been very good this year.
Thank you,
Sarah Tollhuenn

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Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a go-cart, dirt bike, bunk beds, a tree house and a Nintendo 64. I would also like my own house with a big screen TV, couch and \$100,000 dollars. I also like WCW/NWO stuff. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Chi Jones

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is some toy cars, a Nintendo, also a Play Station, animal toys, Elmo book, the Lion King 2 movie, some Nike shoes, clothes, a bike, some games for my Play Station and Nintendo, a cat, computer, a trampoline and last but not least, a monkey.
Thanks,
Decota Sanders.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. I would like a My Size Barbie, my own TV and VCR. I would like my own water bed, computer and crayons. My mom would like angle necklace with matching earrings and my dad need a tool box. My sister would like a Rugrat clock. I also would like a Nintendo 64. I would really like it if you could bring me and my family these things.
Love,
Brandi Via

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. This year I want a Barbie bike, a Nintendo 64, McDonalds play dough set and Nsync CD. I would also need an entertainment center and bunkbeds. The thing I want the most is a puppy.
Love,
Ashley Stinson

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be the best I could be so I want these toys all for me: My Size Barbie, real cordless phone, a bunch of games, bike, unicorn, Santa Clause, cotton, needle and thread and some money.
Love,
Kari Harrison

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Spice girl doll, troll, teddy bear, bike, car telephone, ice cream maker, gold ring, necklace, play station, Spice girl watch, talking Bubba, ER doll, and buddy bear.
Sincerely Yours,
Ashley Savage

Dear Santa,

I would like Bead Blast Barbie, GigaPet, kite, spin-a-surprise, movies the Water Boy and Spice World, stuffed bear, flashing magic, candy and a cat.
Tessa Graham

Dear Santa,

I've tried real hard this year to be nice and I would love it to get these things. They are a firetruck, some race cars, a brother, race car track, a Toyota truck, a stuffed bear. I also would like some new clothes, the movie Casper. You can also bring me some Beanie Babies.
Sincerely Yours,
Troy Brooks

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl this year. I would like a Samantha doll, which is an American Girl, and all her books about her and a CD player with headphones and some Beanie Babies.
Rachel Smith

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a Stone Cold play station to play and give us another stick on the play station. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Derek Morris

Dear Santa,

I want a football and I want a wrestling rink man and I want a play station. Also I want a Nintendo 64 and I want a puppy and I want a remote car and I want a water gun and I want a CD player.
Your friend,
Dewayne Sanders

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy, a Mickey Mouse book, the movie Peter Pan, The Lion King 2: Simba's Pride and a train set. I also want a big toy bear, a trampoline, and a pair of Nike shoes, bring my mama a computer and my dad wants a gun.
Thank you,
Jerica White

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. I was hoping to get many toys for Christmas. These toys would be what I would like for Christmas, a big tree house, a go-cart, a tape player, a Baby TV and books. I will leave you lots of cookies and milk so come to my house first.
Thanks,
Garret Carroll

Dear Santa,

I would like a new bike, some shoes, a basketball, Nintendo 64, a football, some shirts and pants, CD player, Backstreet Boys CD, shiny black go-cart, Big square trampoline, some GI Joe's, a brand new Apple Computer. P.S. I have been very good this year.
Yours Truly,
Josh Moore

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Yolanda Barboza. I want a baby doll and a basketball. Also I want a doll house, a monster bank, big stuffed bear, airplane bed that has dolls all over it, huge baby doll, Texas flag, big bell, big angle, little desk to do homework on, a baby monkey, little piggy bank, whole bunch of Beanie Barbies, a big box that I could play in. I've tried to be the best so I would like these presents.
Sincerely,
Yolanda Barboza

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. This is what I hope you will bring me. A bike, coloring book, markers, erasers, the book Curious George, Lion King 2 the movie, Hercules, Beauty and the Beast, clothes, baby teddy bear, kitty, gun for dad, a poodle for mom, a BB gun for brother and something for baby sister.
Cody Brown

Dear Santa,

I want a real horse. Play food for my kitchen, a my size Barbie, a stuffed animal horse. I want the movie Billboard Dad, some shorts with flowers on them, Nike shoes, swim suit, a Barbie coloring book, a silver crown, a Santa doll, the Rugrats movie, unicorn erasers. I want a glass doll for my mom, a tool box for dad, Leggos for my brother. P.S. I have been good this year.
Your friend,
Kaitlyn Cox

Dear Santa,

I want Lion King 2, Titanic, Doctor Do Little, Rugrats movies, Rugrats book, Titanic book, Aladdin CD Rom, Barbie CD Rom, Aladdin movie, Gator Gulf, Christmas bear, a little Christmas bus, girl Nikes, teddy bear shirt, Rugrat shirt and sing along Tommy. That is what I want.
Please send,
Kelsey Franks

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a Britania Beanie that is Ty, a Gracia Ty Beanie, a VCR and a CK denim dress, a Pooh Bear watch that has a brown band with Bee's on it and in the inside. I want it to have Pooh and my name.
Yours truly,
Danica Easterling



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THERE ARE MANY Types of Santas, from old world to new age. This Santa is using the computer to check his Christmas list while his cat tries to play with the "mouse". (Staff Photo)

Hampton Celebrates Its Colonial Past

(NAPS)—Back in 1608, a band of Englishmen visited an Indian village in what is now Hampton, Virginia. There, the settlers enjoyed "plenty of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild fowl and good bread" celebrating the first English Christmas in America.



An English Christmas was the first celebrated in America when a group of English settlers joined an Indian village for a holiday feast.

Nearly four centuries later, visitors can enjoy Hampton Holly Days. There's the downtown lights, the illuminated boat parade, horse and carriage rides, a tour of beautifully decorated private homes and a holiday parade featuring Santa Claus on an antique fire engine.

Visitors looking for an exciting way to kick off the holiday season can attend the Downtown Illumination and Illuminated Boat Parade—happening December 5th. The illumination officially begins when the town's churches ring their bells and the official Christmas tree is lit. Call the Hampton Visitor Center at 800-800-2202 for details.



THIRD PLACE-in the Talco Christmas parade float division was the Talco Eighth grade with King Chase Sloan and Queen Shari Wisinger. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

City Council hears report on water line repair

The Bogata City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 14 with Mayor and four councilmembers present, as well as four employees and five visitors. Mayor Garretson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Minutes of previous two meetings were approved. Bills and final water bill accounts were also approved.

Council heard a report from Wendell Davis, Water Superintendent, which included repairing five water leaks, replacing 70 feet of sewer line, and two hundred sixty feet of sewer line at another location, several water/sewer taps an putting up the Christmas decoration in the City. He also reported Hale Electric will be starting the repair of the wiring at the tank lot soon. The #6 waterwell pump has not been repaired yet due to the wet weather. He reported five dogs have been picked up in the past month.

Council heard the report of the Police Chief which included 40 traffic stops, 24 were written warnings; three harassment calls; 2 disorderly conduct calls; 2 welfare concerns; 6 arrests; 2 burglary calls; 1 DWI misdemeanor arrest. He reported some positive wording on the police grant.

Two requests for street lights were tabled until they can be checked out. Council voted to keep City Hall open during the noon hour beginning Tuesday, December 15. They also

tentatively voted to have a Christmas party for the employees and their spouses and the councilmembers on Tuesday, December 22 at 6 p.m. at the community center.

Council voted to have a meeting on January 14 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the possibility of forming a County Chamber of Commerce.

Plans were made to have a Christmas Open House at City Hall from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22.

Council voted to have Cecil Doyle build a council table at an approximate cost of \$178.00.

Council voted to haul some brick donated by C.L. Miller. They voted to give the employees a bonus for Christmas. Mayor Garretson made several announcements, including a call meeting for Monday, December 21 at 7 p.m. He also told the Council that the Employees Handbook will be revised after the first of the year. He told the council that some citizens have been getting calls from someone posing to be from the Department of Transportation, and they have been asking a lot of personal questions. HE wants the citizens to know about this and be wary of answering any personal questions.

The City has been reimbursed by Ark-Tex Council of Governments for three pagers. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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City of Blossom

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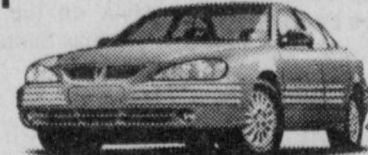
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Second Place
1998 Christmas Memories Contest

The Childlike Wonder

By Mary Jane Lowry

Almost it is Christmas time again and I feel the stirrings deep within me of the childlike wonder of it. Thank you, good Father, for the feeling. The yearning in my heart for more of that sweet spirit to fill me, the inner glowing warmth of precious memories of Christmases long past, but ever new. The little stucco doll house, the red wagon, the little "Jo" doll with tiny straw-stuffed body and eyes that really opened and closed! The red folding iron doll bed sent from a "Lubbock Santa" during the Depression and spread with the little quilt Grandma made. The melt in your mouth divinity, the smell of oranges and apples, pine tree resplendent with the same sweet, delicate decorations each year. The terrifying firecrackers and roman candles I would never shoot and the cold, exciting ride on my brother's back in the wee hours of Christmas morning across the street to see what our cousins had, and have rich hot chocolate with a fat marshmallow on top. Always sack sausage, hot biscuits with butter and ribbon cane syrup so thick you had to dig it out of the pitcher with your knife for Christmas

breakfast. All these belong to my childhood recollections of this special time.

But as the child grew, the meaning grew and the awesome wonder of the special feeling that fills the air. The extra love, the warmer smile, the sparkle in the eye, the handclasp, the greeting, the look that speaks of angels, shepherds, wisemen and a star. The generosity that prompts secret

surprises hidden under the bed or on the top shelf of the closet, or the stolen moments to sew doll clothes or stitch an apron or a pot holder, or crochet a doily for that very special one.

The messages of love and appreciation that fly across the miles in cards and letters to say "I love you" still. The unbelieving joy in a child's eyes as she places with tender touch the tiny figures of Mary, Joseph, the manger with its precious occupant and the wee lambs. The loving arms stretched out to say "Welcome, Merry Christmas!" when we journey home. The eternal promise that it will always feel like this until He comes again!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King!

Third Place

All our Christmases were Special

by Barbara Baird Branch

As I began to mull over childhood holidays, I recall all the eves of Christmas being spent at my grandparents, Albert and Lillie Harville, known to their grandchildren as "Bert and Memmie". These special names were not reserved for our use alone, as many kinfolk as well as community people voiced these names and others knew of whom you spoke.

To write that these gatherings were looked forward to with great anticipation would be an understatement. There was this special family bond that brought uncles, aunts and cousins to this place, much like a moth being drawn to the flame of a flickering candle. Food for this type of get-together was your usual, but you looked forward to those "special" items. Mom's huge bowl of fruit salad along with the desserts that only aunts can bake. The gifts were not large, but each person received something. Of course there were times "gag gifts" were given, jokes played, or you opened a package containing underwear. The unmentionables were much needed and appreciated, but to have the grand opening with an audience was a little embarrassing. Clean up time meant getting to put the crumpled wrapping paper in the fireplace. As Memmie monitored, to make sure nothing was discarded by mistake or too much was thrown in at one time, the younger kids would scurry around and gather every scrap of paper off the floor. This task presented a surprise one year when several rolls of "caps" passed through the security check and was set off by the roaring fire. The after meal kitchen chores, which were thought to be woman's work, were performed by an uncle.

These treks on the 24th of December of each year continued after having a family of my own. No matter where we lived at the time, we would return because I wanted my children to be able to experience this bond with family and form memories of their own. In September, 1987, Memmie expired after battling cancer. Amazing how one person so small in stature can be the catalyst of a large family. After her demise, everyone went their separate ways and in some instances, parted ways.

My mind racing with events of years gone by and trying to single out just one special year, I keep returning to an event in the not so distant

past. I was off for the holidays, but Jim had to work. Our three children, grown and with families of their own, were not due for arrival under Saturday after Christmas. Climbing into my vehicle, I found myself heading to Cuthand. My first stop was to drop off several sacks of groceries to my parents, then to my brothers home where he was busy being an elf for Santa's arrival to his daughter that night. As I was leaving the community, I drove to the cemetery and checked the Christmas flowers that I had placed on the headstones of my grandparents an uncle shortly after Thanksgiving.

Upon leaving, I turned my signal to the left, but turned right. Like a magnet, I was being drawn to the homeplace, like so many eves before. Leaving the main road and driving up the long drive, I would almost picture cars parked, kids running and playing, and smoke curling from the chimney. Once parked I saw for a few minutes, but knew I could not leave without going into the house. As I eased the door open and peered in, I was met with a chill much as the same temperature outside and musty smells of a building having been closed for a period of time. Gone were the warmth from the hearth and the scrumptious smells of ham and other festive fare being baked. Walking from room to room, I reminisced of times spent in this home during my life. Pausing a little longer in the doorway of Memmie's room, I recalled being at her side the day her last breath of life was taken there. Leaving, I closed the door in the same manner as I had entered only minutes earlier. Cranking my automobile, being thankful for the warmth, I realize my spirits felt lighter now than prior to my arrival. Shifting into gear and heading back to town, I whispered, half out loud, to continue to make Papa and Nana's home a place for our grandchildren to build happy memories.

In the fifty years of my life, it would be near impossible to recall any one Christmas as most memorable. I can write that December 24, 1997 was my Christmas for remembering and to realize that no matter how things change, you will always have your memories, because that is something that can never be taken away.

Honorable Mention

1998 Christmas Memories Contest
Christmas Shared With Seven

by Juanita Sparks

Our Christmas tree was a cedar cut near our house. We all got to help in one way or another decorating it. We sometimes made "chains" with colored paper. We had icicles that were fun to hang from the tops of the branches. The colored glass ornaments were handled very carefully because if you dropped one, it would break into a million pieces, at least. The tree was topped with a foil covered cardboard star. The ornaments that I remember best and had to be the most beautiful ever were small, colorful birds that had tail feathers of brush-like straw. They fastened to the tree with a spring clip to which the feet were attached.

The older sisters made fudge and divinity. We younger ones got to pick out the hickory nuts for the candies. Mama baked cakes and lots of pies. My favorite was the homemade mincemeat.

Our stockings on Christmas morning always had an orange, an apple, assorted nuts, ribbon candy, fire crackers and sparklers.

Gifts for the older girls could be a dresser set (comb, brush, mirror), perfume or nail polish. The younger girls all had a doll, maybe a tea set, jacks or a yo-yo.

The most puzzling thing every Christmas to me was how did the apples get in the house without me smelling them? After we discovered the goodies on Christmas morning, if you went into the back bedroom, you could smell apples and there would be a wooden crate of apples and one of oranges. How did they get there? Why couldn't they be smelled before? Today there is no sweeter, more memory bringing smell for me than to go into a cool room and smell apples.

Not Just a "Holiday" Family

by Crystal Baker

The one thing I can be thankful for is my family. God blessed me with a wonderfully close family growing up, and now a fantastic family of my own. As Christmas draws closer, I see families who are getting ready to see relatives whom they hadn't seen all year, and it saddens my heart. My grandparents had four children and nine grandchildren, who all lived fairly close to one another. We were a "card playing" family and still are. This was a tradition started by my Papa Sparks. Most weekends we would play cards, usually on Saturday nights because on Fridays my Papa was at the ballgames supporting his grandkids along with my aunts and uncles. While parents would play cards, the grandkids would tell ghost stories in the attic, and always would be scared to death by Papa's pranks. Boy, he got a kick from that! We never doubted that we were loved by family. We all had a special secret with Papa, we were his favorite grandchild, but we were never to say a word to any of the others.

One memorable Christmas was when I was nine years old. All the grandkids spent the night at Mama and Papa's house, the boys in one bed

and the girls in the other. We were supposed to be asleep when Santa came. But who could sleep with all the laughing, hammering, wrapping and coffee making going on?? Parents waited until the last minute to put the gifts together...which is not unusual for my family. When they thought we were asleep, the parade began. Bikes were bring in one by one, and dolls and footballs followed to rest under the tree. We all watched with one eye open and one eye shut. That was the hardest night to go to sleep, but the easiest morning to wake up.

This will be our first Christmas without my Papa. He never cared about the food or presents, only having his family together. In Papa's wisdom, he realized that moments were fleeting, and to make the most of each one. We have no regrets about not spending enough time with him, because we are not just a "holiday only" family.

So Family, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will miss Papa, but we are family and will get through its remembering he is with his Mom, Dad, brother, sisters and family...after all, he loved family best.



Honorable Mention
1998 Christmas Memories Contest

A Christmas To Remember

by Belle Martin Griffin

It was December, 1920. My father had died during the flu epidemic of 1919. We were living in the Lone Oak community with my grandparents, the W.S. Lathams.

On Christmas Eve, it was a time when all the community went to Uncle Dick Hall's home for a community Christmas feast. Vi and Bess Hall prepared all the Christmas goodies.

We were nearly up the hill to Uncle Dick's home when my Mama said "I'll have to go back, I forgot the money to pay for our food."

We went on, enjoyed the food, music and friendship. Mama got back. My brother, seven years older than I, had been saying there was no Santa Claus, but when we got home, sure enough, Santa had been there and left goodies and for me a beautiful doll, dressed in a pink organdy dress and cap and she said "Mama". I thought, "I'll always believe now."

I'll never forget this Christmas nor Uncle Dick Hall's black family. They were always my friends.



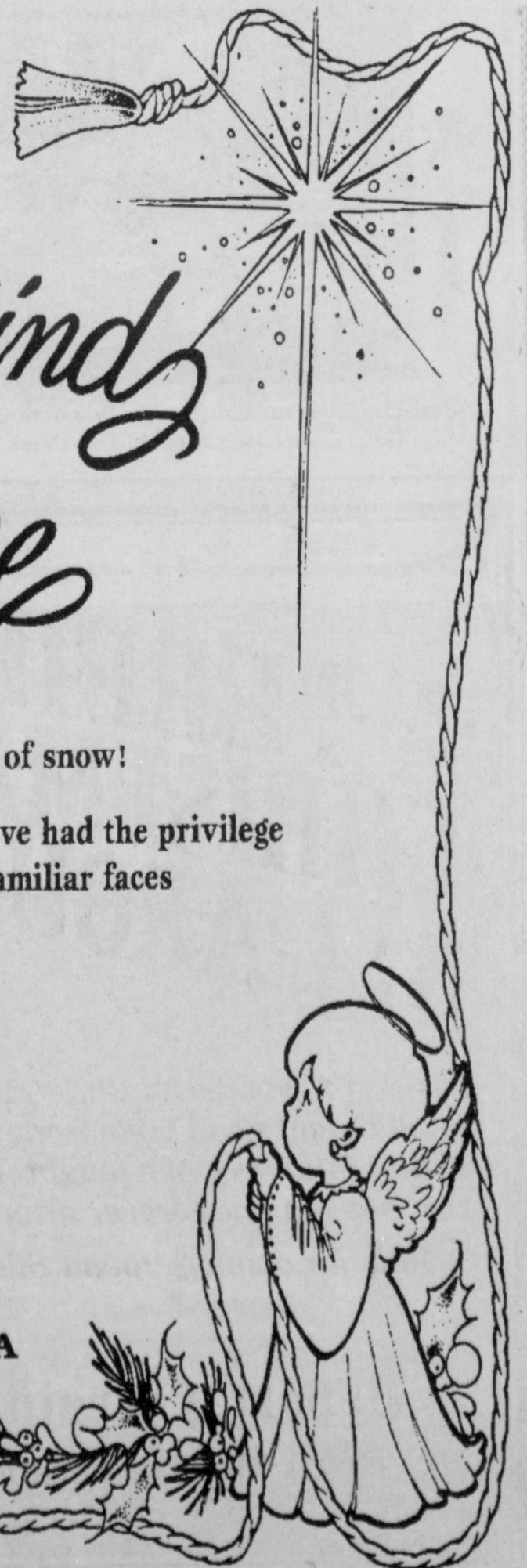
*With You in Mind
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Christmastime*

Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow. And lots of snow!

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Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin Rose and I am 3 years old this year. I don't want much, just a bike and a big red jeep just like Wesley Davidson's got. If you get lost just call my dad. He will tell you how to get to my house.
Thanks,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlyn Brown and I am 3 months old. I haven't figured out what this Christmas Stuff is all about. My big sister, Hailey, says you've got to be good and you will get something special. Well, in that case I got it all wrapped up. I'll take anything my big sister doesn't already have.
Thanks,
Kaitlyn.

Dear Santa,
My name is Wesley Davidson, and I am about to have a birthday, so by the time you see me I will be four years old. I would like to have a skateboard, a monster truck, a big blue bike, a football and some T-ball stuff.
Thanks,
Wesley

Dear Santa,
My name is Christopher Kennedy, and I am three years old this year. I've been trying real hard to be good this year. Just don't ask my mom about that. I would like some black cowboy boots, a belt, some cowboy jeans and shirt, a Bubba bed-time bear, a big fire truck and a big helicopter.
Thank you,
Chris

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin Easley and I am two years old. I've been working on potty training and I would like some big boy underwear, some boots, a belt and a football.
Thanks,
Austin

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and game boy for Christmas.
Love,
Dillon

Dear Santa,
My name is Hailey Brown, and I am 3 years old. I would like a chicken limbo game, a ball, a new baby doll and a Minnie Mouse. I have a new baby sister this year, so don't forget her.
Thanks
Hailey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kellen Stringfellow, and I am 3 years old. I would like a train, a bunch of trucks, a fire truck, an ambulance, and an airplane. I will leave you some cookies and milk in case you get hungry.
Thanks,
Kellen

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Easley and I am four years old. I got to school next year and I need some big boy stuff. I would like a power Ranger video game, monster truck motorcycle, a bike and a football.
Thank you,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me some clothes Along with some TV shows. I've always wanted some perfume And a pair of under bloons. Bring me some bear stuff And a pair of handcuffs. Give me a puppy And I'll name him Luppy. Give me a Furby And I'll give him a derby. Bring me a rocking chair and I'll put it with my other pair.
Jessica Allen

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, But not a trike. I want a CD player, I don't want a trailer. I want some candy. That would be dandy. I will find some milk and cookies, But don't play hookie.
Love,
Erica Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want a TV and a VCR. I want a nintendo 64 and a go-cart.
Callen Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want an N'sync CD for Christmas, a horse, a dog and my family.
Your friend,
Katherine Brink

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley. I would like you to bring me a trampoline for Christmas. I would like a teletubbie too. I think I've been a real good girl this year. I am five years old and I am in kindergarten. I love school. I love you so much, Santa, and I love all my teachers. I will leave you some chocolate milk and gingerbread cookies on Christmas Eve.
I love you,
Haley Bivins

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a doll And Thomas a big bubble gum ball. Please bring me a giga pet So I can be a vet. Some CDs would be neat Because I like the beat.
Callie Stafford

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Sometimes I have been bad. Would you please bring me a roller skating doll, a doll that rides a tricycle, another Tommy Pickles that sings, some rugrat shoes. I'd like some rugrat clothes. A McDonald doll that eats food. Please bring me my own rugrat backpack. Please bring me a toy vacuum. Please bring me my very own Barbie camera. Please bring me and my sisters a printer for our computer.
I love you Santa,
Taylor Stafford

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer, And a gun for a snooter. Bring my brother a play station And me a train station. Please bring me my cousin some blocks So he can really rock. Bring me a giga pet So I can be a vet.
Wendy Stewart

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you bring me some Breyer Horses and that's all I want. And don't forget my sister, Alison. She has been good too.
Lauren Mauldin

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a go-cart, And some candy shaped like a heart. I would like a one-hundred dollar bill And for my bike, a new wheel. I also want a treasure box And a new pair of socks. Some new CDs would be nice But they cost such a big price. I will leave you a piece of pie You might even like it if I leave you a tie.
Dana Speir

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control airplane tonight, And bring me a video game that you can fight. A remote control car would really be nice, But don't bring any little bitty mice. I want a GoKart, that will really be smart, And I want a sign that says WalMart. Don't forget about my baseball bat And sit it on top of our mat.
Love,
Aaron Palmer

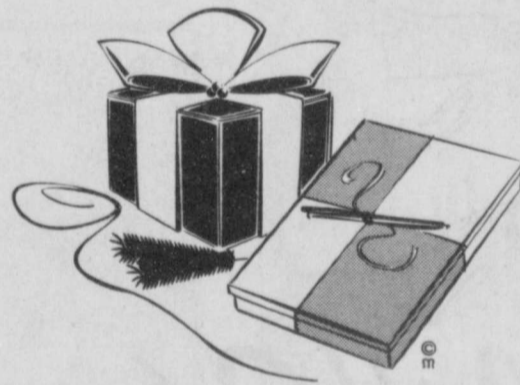


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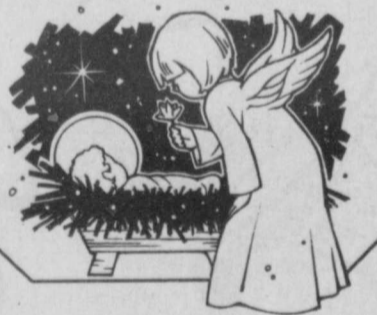
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Santa's Secret Wish By Betty Werth



This poem was sent in to us by friends, and we found it to be so filled with the true spirit of the season we wanted to share it with all our readers.

On Christmas Eve, a young boy with light in his eyes
Looked deep into Santa's, to Santa's surprise.
And said, as he nestled on Santa's broad knee,
"I want your secret, tell it to me",
He leaned up and whispered in Santa's good ear,
"How do you do it, year after year?"

I want to know how, as you travel about,
Giving gifts here and there, you never run out.
How is it, dear Santa, that in your pack of toys,
You have plenty for all the world's girls and boys?
Stays so full, never empties, as you make your way,
From rooftop to rooftop, to homes large and small,
From nation to nation, reaching them all?"

And Santa smiled kindly and said to the boy,
"Don't ask me hard questions. Don't you want a toy?"
But the child shook his head, and Santa could see
That he needed the answer. "Now listen to me,"
He told the small boy with a light in his eyes,
"My secret will make you-sadder and wise."

The truth is that my sack is magic. Inside,
It holds millions of toys for my Christmas Eve ride.
But although I do visit each girl and each boy,
I don't always leave them a gaily-wrapped toy.
Some homes are hungry, some homes are sad,
Some homes are desperate, some homes are ad.
Some homes are broken and children there grieve,
Those homes I visit, but what should I leave?

"My sleigh is filled with the happiest stuff,
But for homes where despair lives, toys aren't enough."
So I tiptoe in, kiss each girl and boy,
And pray with them that they'll be given the joy,
Of the spirit of Christmas, the spirit that lives,
In the heart of the dear dear child, who gets not, but gives.

"If only God hears me and answers my prayer,
When I visit next year, what I will find there,
Are homes filled with peace and with giving and love,
And boys and girls gifted with light from above,
It's a very hard task, my smart little brother,
To give toys to some and to give prayer to others.
But the prayers are the best gifts, the best gifts indeed,
For God has a way of meeting each need."

"That's part of the answer. The rest, my dear youth,
Is that my sack is magic. And that is the truth.
In my sack I carry on Christmas Eve day,
More love than a Santa can e'er give away.
The sack never empties of love or of joys,
'Cause inside it are prayers and hopes, not just toys,
The more that I give, the fuller it seems,
Because giving is my way of fulfilling dreams.

"And do you know something? You've got a sack too.
It's as magic as mine and it's inside of you.
It never gets empty, it's full from the start.
It's the center of lights and of love. It's your heart.
And if on this Christmas, you want to help me.
Don't be so concerned with the gifts 'neath your tree.
Open that sack called your heart, and share,
Your joy, your friendship, your wealth, your care".

The light in the small boy's eyes was glowing,
"Thanks for the secret, I've got to be going".
"Wait, little boy" said Santa, "don't go.
Will you share? Will you help? Will you use what you know?"
And just for a moment the small boy stood still,
Touched his heart with his small hand and whispered, "I will".

Bogata Methodists plan Christmas Eve Worship

First United Methodist Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candle light communion service at 6:00 p.m. December 24.

All persons are invited to join in this special service of readings, carols and communion.

Bogata Book Club has Christmas party

The Bogata Book Club held the annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10 at the beautifully decorated home of Zona Parish.

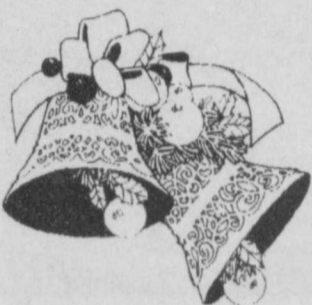
Sixteen were in attendance and partook of the covered dish meal.

After a short business meeting the group sang carols, heard a Christmas story read by Billie Garrison and played a game to exchange White Elephant gifts.

Secret pals were revealed and new ones selected for the coming year.

City of Bogata announces business hours

The City of Bogata announces that its business hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. At that time residents may conduct business in the municipal building. Holidays will be posted in advance.



Christmas Joy to All

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Lake Chapel Church plans program

Lake Chapel House of Prayer will have its Christmas Program Friday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The play, "Have You any Room for Jesus", will be directed by Rocky and Marley Steed. A children's program will be held prior to the play.

Pastor James Martin invites everyone to come and enjoy this special event. The church is located 4 miles south of Hagansport on Highway 37.

New Year's Eve dance planned

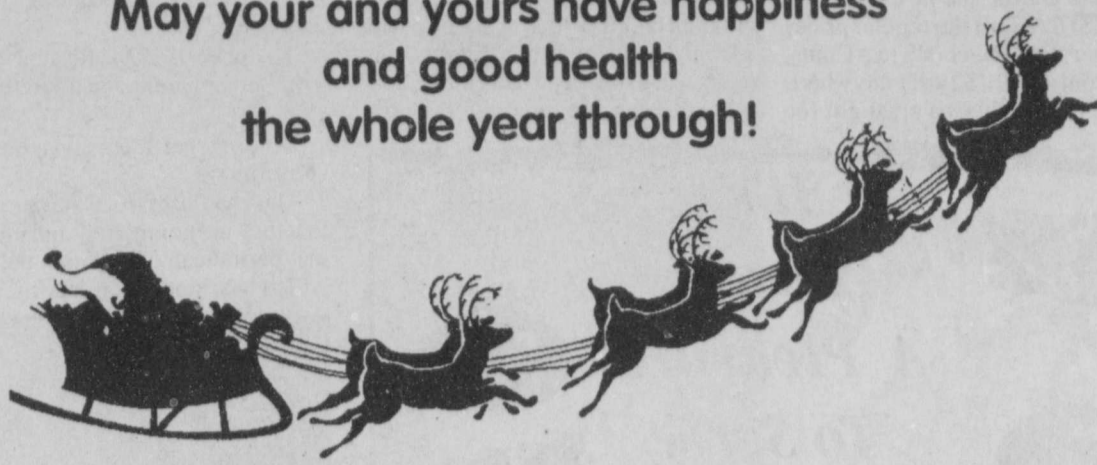
New Aces Band will provide music for a New Year's Eve dance at VFW Post 8187 in Bogata December 31, starting at 8:00 p.m.

This band plays music everyone can enjoy. Blackeyed peas and combread will be served.

Make plans to stay close to home and see the New Year in with your friends and neighbors.

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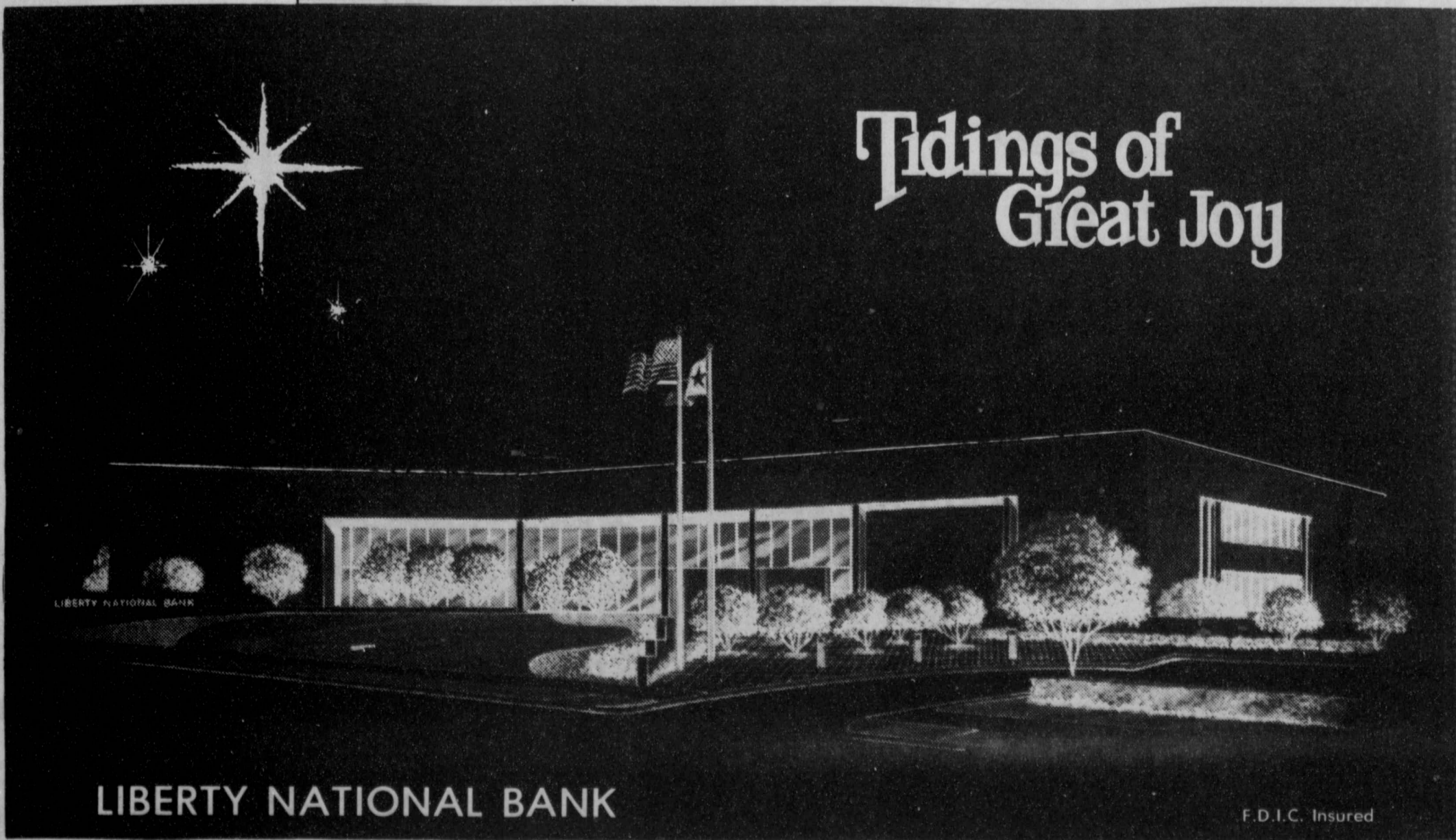
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two years ago, declined.

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it was just one of the many of her loving ways.

She'd bake a ham, a turkey, five cakes and six pies.
A feast so grand you couldn't believe your eyes!
Her face would light up with a smile we adore,
when you said, "This is great, I think I'll have more."

We would snack on cookies and candies and Fritos with cheese dip.
Pappy Raymond would make egg nog for the men folks to sip.
You might see him and his son-in-laws sneak an extra little nip.

We'd all gather round that big Christmas tree,
to open our presents, there was so much to see.
The floor would be covered with paper and bows,
all the gifts would be open except for Pappy's, you know.
He'd take out that pocket knife to cut each piece of tape,
he might pause to tell a story, that package would wait.

Then out to the front yard, the whole family would go,
to shoot roman candles, it was a wonderful show.
There would be firecrackers and sparklers and a few bottle rockets.
To be lit with a cigarette, You'd hide a spare in your pocket.
You'd watch in awe of your neat, older cousins,
who could blow smoke out their noses as if it were nothin'!

We'd laugh with our cousins until one in the morning,
there was neve a moment for things to get boring.
You might find the adults playing a game of gin rummy,
then Mama Jo would make popcorn because surely you were hungry!

That house was filled with so much laughter and love.
We were all so happy, so truly blessed from above.
We love them and miss them each day in every way,
but we'll remember them most on Christmas Day.

My Fifth Christmas

by Margie Rice

Disaster struck on my fifth Christmas.
To make matters worse, the occasion was our church Christmas party.

After jovial greetings with friends and neighbors, my parents and my sister Mary and I filed in and filled "our" pew on the north side of the church. Soon, our voices blended with those of the other congregants in singing Christmas hymns and carols.

Then, there was a hush; a knock sounded at the door. When Mr. Collins, my friend Darlene's dad, opened the door, there stood Santa Claus--resplendent in red and white-

-and black western boots.

Santa "HO, HO'd" all the way to the gayly decorated cedar tree at the front of the sanctuary. Then, assisted by a couple of helpers, Santa started holding up presents and calling out the names of the "good" boys and girls. Knowing full well that I had got into dutch a couple of times recently, I began to squirm. It was then that I noticed my dad was not in his place at the other side of my mother.

Listening more closely to Santa, I noted he sounded like my dad. Santa was tall, too. And, he was wearing black western boots exactly like my dad's black western boots.



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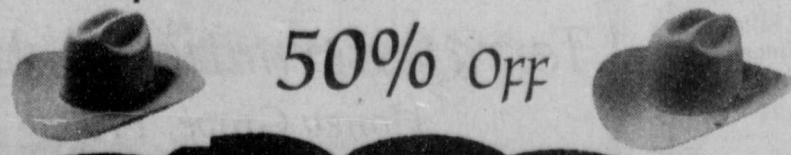
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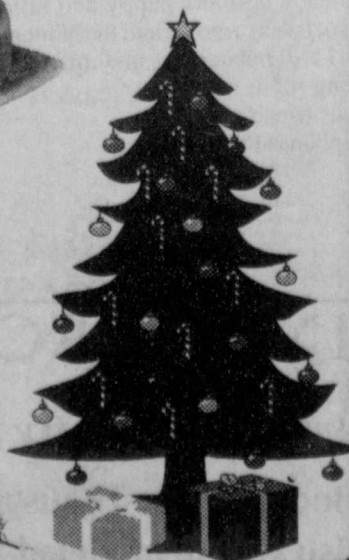
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THIS IS THE FIRST NATIVITY SCENE of Robbie Boren's collection that she began in 1981. It was painted by her oldest daughter, Leslie. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

That painful of dressing....

By Jim Ann Ward

I grew up here in the small town of Bogata and all my friends have always been considered family! We're not rich, and have never had a lot of money, but when it comes to Christmas, my mother and her two best friends always cook a huge meal and invite everyone we know over to eat. There may not be a lot of expensive gifts to go around, but there is plenty of food, laughter and love.

Christmas of 1993, my daughter was barely two months old. We were gathered at one of my mother's best friends trailer house, which is not very large. There were probably 50 people cram-packed into that small trailer. Mom, Glenda and Sandra had been cooking for days. I was in the living room and had just changed my daughter's diaper, and it would have taken an act of congress for me to get

through all those people to the trash can in the kitchen. I noticed my best friend, Jody, was in the kitchen. I yelled to her "Heads Up" and tossed her the dirty diaper. It hit her hand and fell off right into the huge pan of dressing! She quickly grabbed the diaper and threw it in the trash, hoping that no one had seen! We were lucky that only one person, my great-uncle, had seen what we did, and he doesn't eat dressing anyway. That diaper must not have affected the taste of the dressing, because it was all eaten! I'm sure everyone knows by now what happened and every Christmas it's a story we love to tell, after five years it still gets a lot of laughs!

That is a Christmas I'll never forget!

An Overseas Gift

By Audrey Scott

This is a V-Mail I received from my brother, Richard Nance, written on Christmas Eve, 1944. He was in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Dearest Sugie,
I received several letters and your picture a few days ago. I really enjoyed your letters and am proud of the picture. Elmer said you were really beautiful and had pretty eyes, of course he doesn't think so any more than I do. I put your picture up on the inside of my locker door so when I open it I can show you off to the boys.

I wonder what you are doing this

Christmas Eve night. I remember when all of our kids used to get together around the Christmas tree while someone handed out the gifts and how happy we were and thanked each other. I'll be waiting for a long letter from you telling what your gifts were and all what happened during the Christmas holidays.

It will be after Christmas when you get this letter, so Elmer and I hope you had a Merry Christmas. We are going to have church service and sing Christmas Carols tonight.

Lots of love,
Your brother,
Richard

Lake Chapel Youth tour Marshall lights

The youth of Lake Chapel House of Prayer enjoyed a trip to Marshall on Fri., Dec. 11 to look at Christmas lights. Those enjoying the lights and eating at the Waffle House were: Richard and Darnell Davis, Gavin Cain, Lauryn Kilmer, Jennifer and Jonathan, April and Amber Burks, Jared and Jarra Myrick, Dustin Homer, Rebecca Stephens, Melanie Laudell and Robyn Johnson.

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64, a 5 speed bike, a 4 wheeler and a remote control car. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the kitchen table.

Your friend,
Brian Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like a go-car. My sister would like a 5 speed bike. Mom would like a Dodge Durango. Dad would like a Dodge truck. Mary, my step-mom, would like a tea set.

Your friend,
Justin Bryan

Dear Santa,
I have been good this weekend. I want a Nintendo 64 for all of us. I want a 4 wheeler. My momma wants a necklace. My brother wants a tool set and my brother, Robert would like games for the Nintendo 64. Daddy wants a tool set too.

Your friend,
Emily Rector

Dear Santa,
I have been good Santa. Please will you get me a wrestling ring toy and a Stone Cold truck.

Thank you, Santa
Justin Mata



FIRST PLACE-The Junior High Lady Rebel 8th grade won 1st place at the Chapel Hill tournament held Dec. 10-12. Pictured are: (from the left back row) Erica Williams, Tina Carder, Nikki Jones, Camelia Mankins, Michelle Bryant, Jessica Rose and Coach Tammie Case; (middle from the left) Shari Wisinger, Rachel Case and Molly Hare; (front row from the left) Danielle Easterling, Sara Alsop, Ashley Beers, Khrystal Valenzuela and Alison Foster. Congratulations girls!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would like some books I can read and some clothes and some teddy bears. I would like movies and a computer and a ring and a necklace. Please bring a necklace for my mom and a tool set for my Dad and brother. I will give some milk and some Oreo cookies to you I will give some magic dust for your reindeer.

Your friend,
Jillian Sloan

Dear Santa,

I want a go-cart, Play Station, Stone Cold Steve Austin truck, Fire Station, 6 wheeler, motorcycle, dirt bike, puppy, kitten, Nintendo 64, army van, Green Bay shirt, Tampa Bay jersey, Hot wheel race track, wrestling ring, a tool set and a ring and a necklace. Also I will leave you some Oreo cookies and milk. Also I will leave a lot of hay for your reindeer.

Your friend,
E.J. Via

Dear Santa,

I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some sugar cubes for all your reindeer. I would like to have 9 puppies. I would like to have dalmations. I would like a teddy bear and a computer. I'll try to be good.

Your friend,
Jesslin Rivera

Dear Santa,

I am good at school. At Christmas my dad wants a tool set. My mom wants a necklace. I want a yo-yo and the baby doll and puppy and kitten. Also, I want a movie and the Nintendo 64. I will put cookies and milk in the living room for you.

Your friend,
Stephanie Barboza

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station and Nintendo 64 with a Green Bay video game. I want a Tampa Bay Jersey very much. Also I want a computer.

Your friend,
Chris Nolen

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a 3 wheeler and a 4 wheeler. I want a Nintendo 64 and Play Station and a go-cart and a Prime Star.

Your friend,
Cody Cox

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a go-cart this year please. I never had one. My mom said I could have one. I want a Stone Cold shirt. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.

Your friend,
Corey Branch

Dear Santa,

I want a yo-yo and hot wheels race track. I will leave some cookies for you.

Your friend,
Jordan Wright

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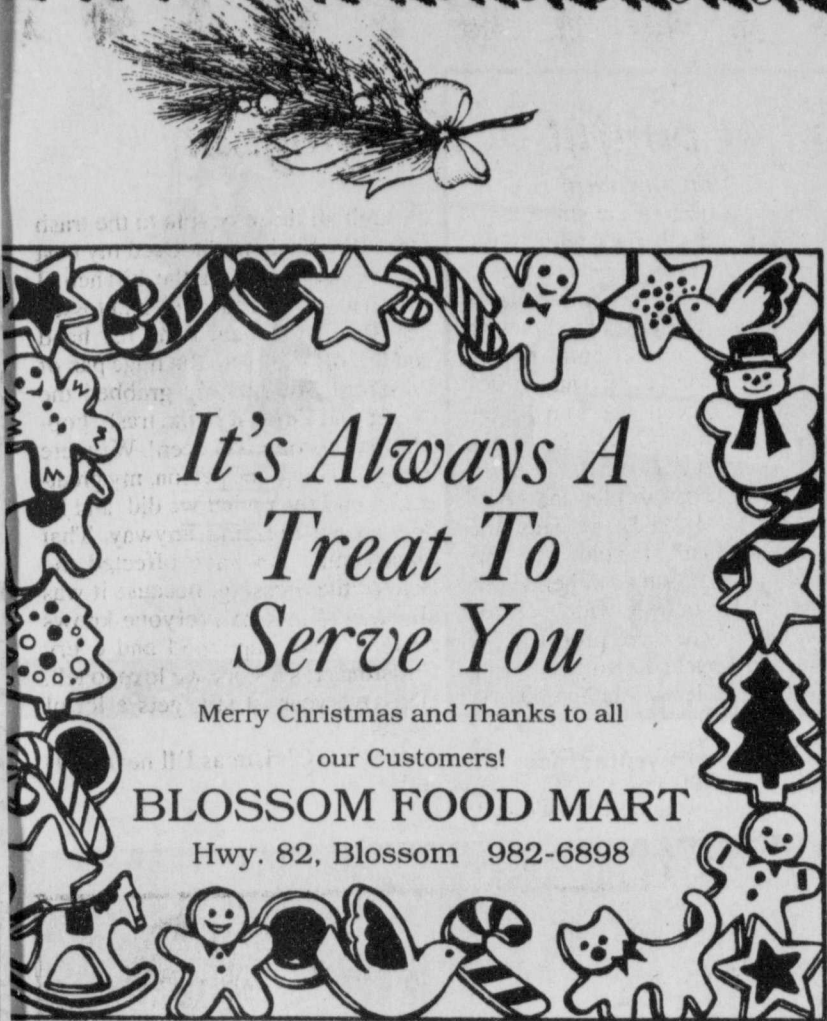
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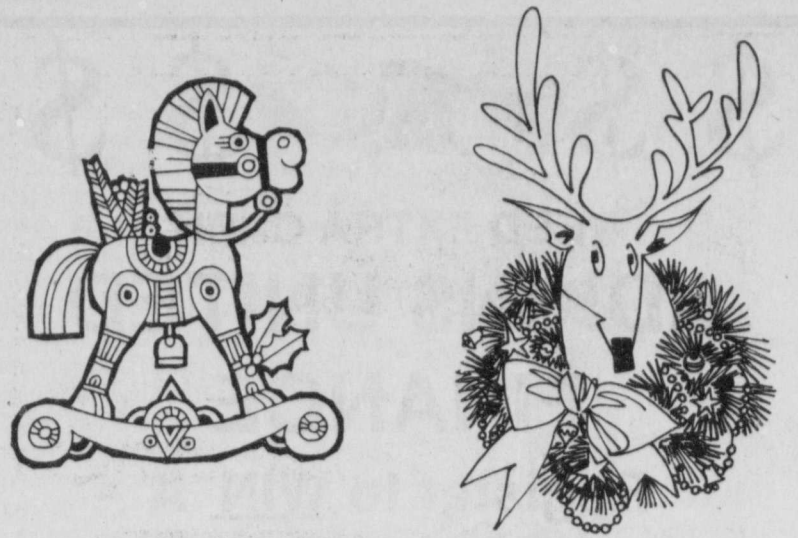
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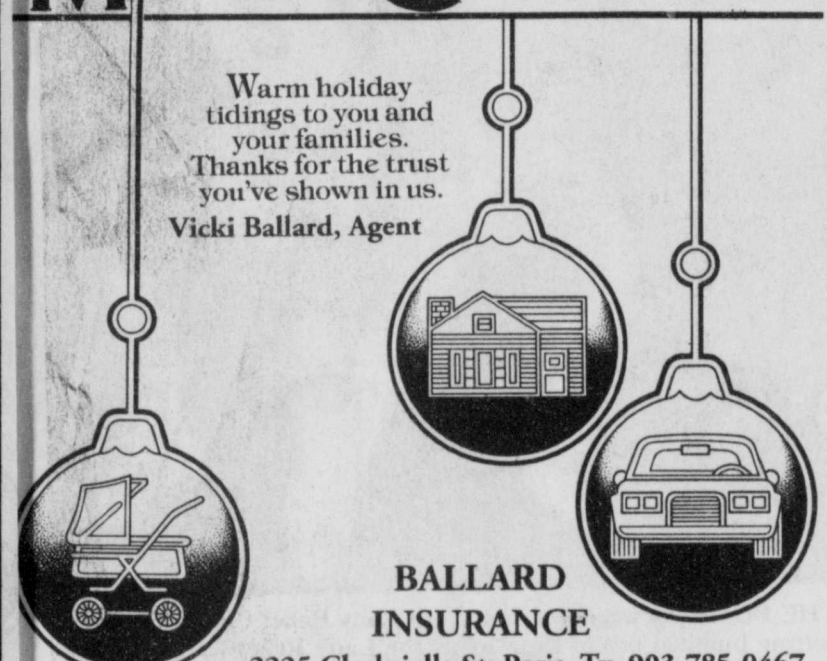
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HAVE A NICE WEEKEND

Is Santa really a guy?

I'm sure some guys will disagree with this little piece of E-Mail we received...but some will recognize themselves. We haven't found a woman yet who doesn't agree with it!

I think Santa Claus is a woman... I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she.

Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing social deal, and I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off!

For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they are all frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they—with amazing calm—call other errant men and plan for a last-minute shopping spree.

Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets and mood rings left on the shelves. (You might think this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th hour decision-making burden.) On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman. Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag.

Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted strapped on the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist.

Even if the male Santa DID have reindeer, he'd still have transporta-

tion problems because he would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions. Add to this the fact that there would be unavoidable delays in the chimney, where the Bob Vila-like Santa would stop to inspect and repoint bricks in the flue.

He would also need to check for carbon monoxide fumes in every gas fireplace and get under every Christmas tree that is crooked to straighten it to a perfectly upright 90-degree angle.

Other reasons why Santa can't possibly be a man: Men can't pack a bag. Men would rather be dead than caught wearing red velvet.

Men would feel their masculinity is threatened...having to be seen with all those elves.

Men don't answer their mail. Men would refuse to allow their physique to be described even in just as anything remotely resembling a "bowlful of jelly".

Men aren't interested in stockings unless someone is wearing them.

Having to do the Ho Ho Ho thing would seriously inhibit their ability to pick up women.

Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

I can buy the fact that other mythical holiday characters are men. Father Time shows up unshaven and looking ominous. Definite guy. Cupid flies around carrying weapons. Uncle Sam is a politician who likes to point fingers. Any one of these individuals could pass the testosterone screening test. But not St. Nick. Not a chance. As long as we have each other, good will, peach on earth, faith and Nat King Cole's version of "the Christmas Song" it probably makes little difference what gender Santa is.

I just wish she'd quit dressing like a guy!



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Christmas Memories

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THIRD PLACE-in the Talco Christmas parade in the car division was won by the Talco Seventh grade class, King Shon Gage and Queen Jamie Wilson. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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CHASE COLLINS-drove to the goal as the Rebels played North Hopkins in the North Hopkins tournament Friday night. The Rebels lost the contest 69-57 for the first loss of the tourney. Roston put the Rebels out on Saturday afternoon. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



THE BUMP-No it's not a dance, it's Lady Rebel Cheryl Griffin getting bumped out of the way as the Lady Rebel team played Spring Hill at the North Hopkins Invitational tournament Friday evening. The Lady Rebels won the game 57-53. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BAND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK-Kristi Riffle has been named Band Student of the Week for Dec. 14 from the Rivercrest High School Band. R.C. Pitts was named 6th grade Band Student of the Week for the week of Nov. 30. Both are students at Bogata Junior High. Kristi is the daughter of Gary and Pauline Riffle of Cuthand. R.C. is the son of Randy and Mona Pitts of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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AMERICAN INDIAN NATIVITY SCENE from Robbie Boren's collection.

Meeting Santa Claus

by Ruth Day O'Brien

The special night was nearing, it was a cold day and the big house in the Craig community was home to a family of eight children, Mother and Dad, the firewood had been cut and placed on the large front porch, the oil lamp was filled and coals carefully covered with ashes and everyone left their sock out for Santa and went to bed.

Now we could go to sleep or perhaps wait and hope to get a glimpse of Santa. The stars were so bright that night I knew he would have no problem finding our house, so I was a tired little girl and soon was asleep, but later I heard a noise. I lay and listened, then my curiosity got the best of me, I said, "Is that you Santa", and was sitting upright in the dark room in the bed.

I asked again, "Is that you Santa?"

A voice sweet to my ears said yes, up I came and ran over to meet Santa, who was very busy filling the socks, of course I was bold and wanted to help, but Santa said, here is some candy for you, I held my hand out and it was filled, then Santa said "Now you go back to bed and go to sleep it will soon be daylight".

Many years has passed since I was seven years old but I love to tell my grandchildren how I really met Santa Claus and they are still so eager to hear "Nanny, really met Santa, was given some candy and was told to go back to bed."

That precious voice of Santa that night brings many memories of Christmas at the Day home and the true fact that I really met Santa in our home on Christmas Eve many years ago.



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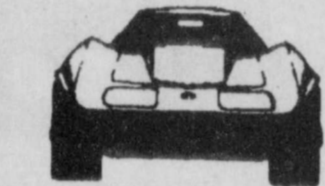


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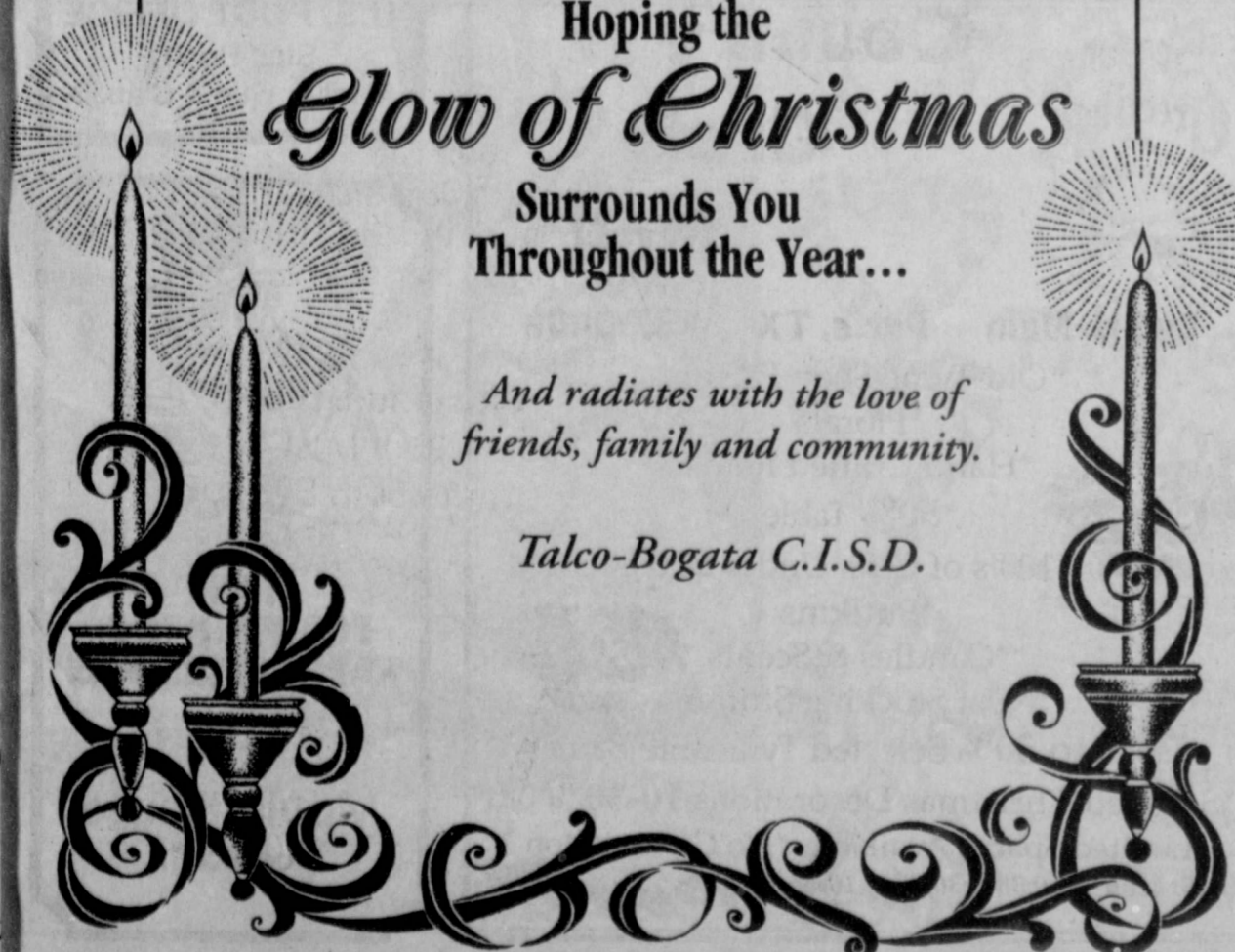
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Games of 42 and 84 were enjoyed. Favors for the guests were small candy canes made into pretty candle holders by the hostess. A drawing for a door prize was held and Helen Williams won the gift.

A covered dish dinner was served to the following: Bess Ruthardt, Faye Conine, Wootie Harville, Willie Mae Gray, Shirley Allums, Jettie Bond, Helen Williams, Bertha McCall, Maggie Lee and the hostess.

The next meeting will be January 14 with Bertha McCall.



SMALL WOODEN NATIVITY from Robbie Boren's collection. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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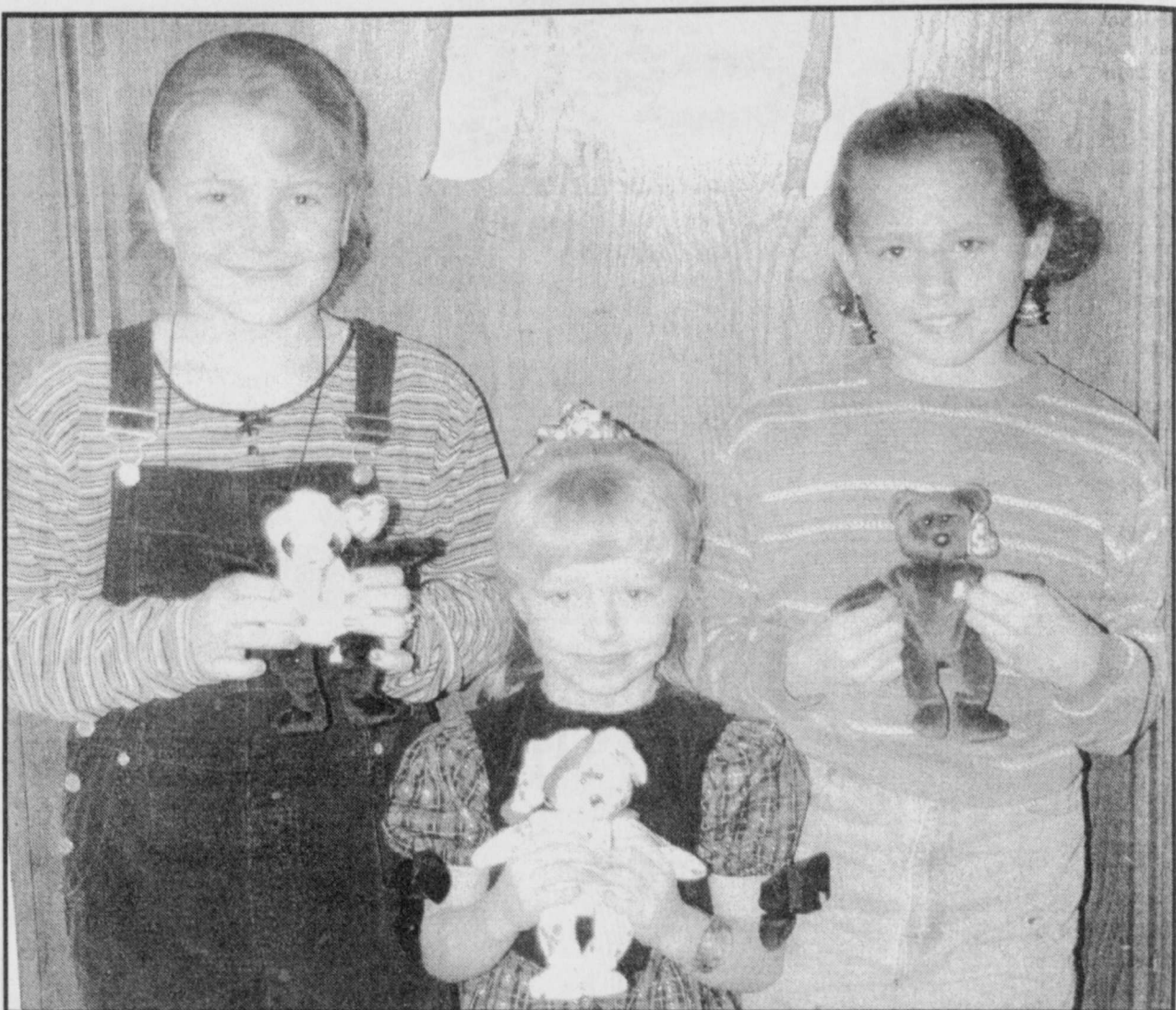
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FAST FORWARD TO A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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FOOD DRIVE-Mr. Stockton's 5th period class was the winner of the Food Drive held at Rivercrest High School this month. The class collected 729 items. The classes totaled over 1000 items. The food was taken to the Bogata First Baptist Church for distribution. Pictured are, (from the left) LaQuita Johnson, Amy Watkins, Kim Brown, Courtney Jones, Shelly Hollis and (seated) Crystal Seykora.

A Cold Wind and Santa Claus

By Nanalee Nichols (Not for the Competition)

As this year's Christmas memories me in, I was struck by what I would like about if I wrote about my favorite memory. Would it be the year my others and dad came in with a cedar tree that actually touched the living room ceiling? (Our living room ceiling was eighteen feet tall). Would it be the precious hours spent with my other baking or making ornaments from bits of braid, net and false jewelry? How about sitting on my Grandfather Jeffus' knee while he asks me

what I want Santa to bring? No, those are all wonderful memories, but there is one that stands out even more.

I must have been about seven years old, and my grand mother Goldie and my great-aunt Pearl were in for the holidays. So were my older twin brothers, and of course, Hugh (my middle brother) was still at home. There were eight people in a four bedroom house, so I turned my room over to my grandmother and great-aunt and slept on the couch.

Excited as always on Christmas Eve, it took a while for me to settle down into sleep. I drifted off with my eyes focused on the multi-colored lights of the Christmas tree at the other end of the living room.

Imagine my surprise, and momentary fear when the front door SLAMMED wide open, crashing into the wall with a terrible noise. I sat straight up in bed as an icy cold wind came roaring into the room with a frightening noise. No one was there. No one at all. All the grownups were either upstairs or at the back of the house, and they didn't stir. I wrapped the blanket around me

and tip toed to the front door, full of fear, but not wanting to leave that door wide open...it was already getting chilly in the room.

As I passed the Christmas tree I was struck with wonder. Suddenly, I knew why that door had opened. Santa had been here! Under the tree was a beautiful art set, with real paints and brushes, books and mysterious bottles, papers and pastels! There was a doll, dressed in a yellow evening dress, and several wrapped packages that hadn't been there the night before!

I rushed to the door to see if I could see Santa...but he was gone and there was no sound, no glimmer of light to break the blackness of a winter's night. Still, I could feel an almost magical beauty and mystery to the night. I stood for long time with my bare feet on the concrete doorstep. Regretfully, I shut the door back and locked it. I was so cold I didn't even take much more of a look at the goodies under the tree, just scampered back onto my bed on the couch, wrapping my frozen feet tightly in the blanket. But as I drifted back into the sleep only children sleep I was puzzled. Did Santa accidentally let that door crash back as he was leaving...or did he work so magically fast that he let the door slam open, left my gifts and was gone before I could even sit up? I think I leaned toward the last theory, as many kids as he had to see, he had to be fast. No adult ever convinced me that we had just failed to get that door shut tightly that night...I knew the truth, Santa had done it!



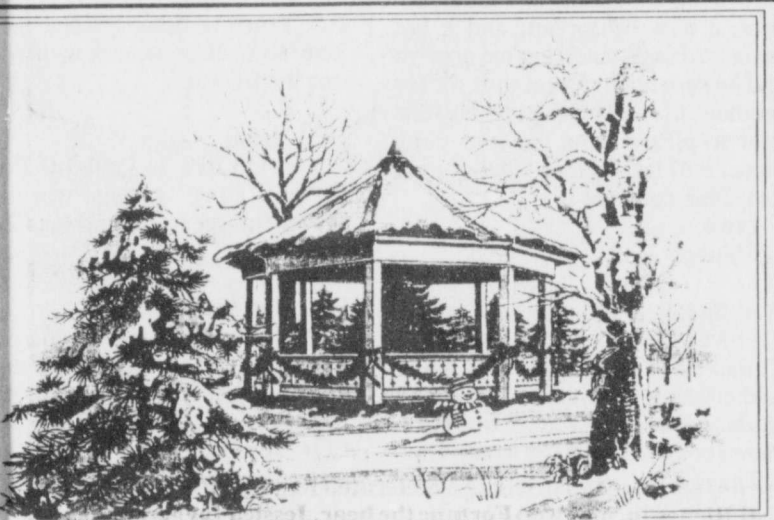
ROBBIE BOREN stands in front of the three-foot high wooden nativity scene that is one of her most recent acquisitions from Tinsel and Tidings in Paris.



Charlie and Donnie Lewis put a lot of effort into decorating their Bogata home for Christmas this year, and it shows. (Staff Photo)



The Cecil Doyles of Bogata really got in the Christmas Spirit this year when they decorated their home. It has a really festive look about it. (Staff Photo)



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All our town, people are enjoying the beauty of the season with their near and dear ones. We'd like to send our best wishes for wonderful holidays to our friends everywhere!
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Bogata Letters To Santa.....

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I want a white Furby and a new bike. I also want the Angels Bear Beanie Baby so I can have 60. I want a horse and a Nintendo 64 and a Play Station. I know you cannot bring all of these things but please try to bring some.

Kelsey Taylor
P.S. I would also like the N'sync CD.
P.P.S. I will leave cookies and milk out.

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a play station, a VCR for my TV I got for my birthday, nintendo 64, some arrows and a computer, some hot wheels and some legos.

William A. Vaughan

Dear Santa,

I would like a N64, a dirt bike and a bird Austin 3:16 and an electric guitar and a stereo and a Austin Cup and a 10 speed bike, a Chemistry set, Goldberg poster and some drums for my brother.

Bye,
Rudy Ross

Dear Santa,

I want a telescope and a 4 wheeler, go-cart, new shoes, Barbies, clothes, back pack, giga pet, play house, posters, carpet, colored wall paper, computer, beanie baby, roller blade, Bible, dresser, chalk, purse, bike, beads, swing, slide, earrings, ring, necklace, lamp and fingernail polish.

I love Christmas.
Samantha Glasener

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 game called WF War Zone, Hunting boots, a Furby doll, clothes, socks, jeans, a puppy. Also a good book to read, and a football.

Lillian Baird

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a new Nintendo 64 game, and it's called WCW Revenge. I would also like a large light. I also want a new pair of shoes.

Jesse Harville

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas and a trampoline and a bigger house and a new pair of shoes and clothes and a sled and I want Jumanji the board game.

Robert

Dear Santa,

I want an Air Hogs Airplane, a dirt bike, a play station that the control shakes and has demo versions, a 22-250 deer rifle, and a 20 gauge pump.

Your friend,
Lee Jordan

Dear Santa,

I want a My Size Dancing Barbie, a picture of you, a bag of balloons, a little stuffed peacock, a mug, a red ice cream maker, a horse, a suit like yours and a pillow that says "I love you".

Heather Story

Dear Santa,

I would like a skate board.

Kim Dewitt

Dear Santa,

I want a small soldier, any kind of legos, Jumangee game and that's all. Because I don't want to be greedy and ask for a lot of toys. I want the other kids to get lots of toys too. Santa, me and Mommy will bake you some cookies for Christmas Eve.

I love you,
Dillon Cortez

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy for Christmas and an American Girl Doll named Molly. I want \$100.00. I want some Helen Keller books, some Baby Sitter's Club books and I want a new go-cart because mine don't work.

Cortney Merchant

Dear Santa,

My name is Ashlyn Kennedy, and I am 2 years old. I've been a very sweet girl this year. So don't believe that stuff about terrible twos. I would like a kitchen with some dishes, a new baby doll and a vacuum cleaner.

Thanks,
Ashlyn

Dear Santa,

I want a motor cycle just my size and a wireless remote control car. Also I want a volcano blow out. I also want a Dallas Cowboy cap.

Love,
Dustin, age 7

Dear Santa,

I want a mountain blast set and a Denver Bronco Cap. Also a wireless remote control car. And a 4 wheeler my size. And I'd like you to tell Jesus to help make my mom's and dad's dreams come true.

Love,
D.J., age 9

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good girl-trying to cut down on my "fits." I would like a little 4 wheeler like my Pa's and Grandpa's. I would also like a new baby doll, a piano, a microphone to sing on, and some books. I'll leave you some Big Red and a piece of Jeff Davis Pie.

Love,
Mayzie Purviance, age 21 months

Dear Santa,

I would like a game called Madden 99 on play station and also Twisted Metal 3 on play station. I would also like a new VCR. Also a Jeff Gordon race car and Nascar 99 on play station. Another thing is a game called NBA Live 99 on play station. I would like cowboy boxers. Well Bye.

Brian Hays
P.S. You're Cool Man!

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of waders and a ski mask. I want a Honda Four Trax 300 4X4, a pair of head phones, and the new monster trucks video. I want a Nintendo 64 and some new games for it and for the holidays I want it to be nice snowy days.

Cole Sheffield

Dear Santa,

I think I've been a pretty good girl this year on this is what I'd like for Christmas a Barbie Doll, Mickey Mouse, some clothes for my Barbie doll and also I'd very much like to have a bowling ball.

Angel

Dear Santa,

I think I've been good this year. I'd like to have a CD player, a dalmation puppy dog. Bring my bigger sister a black teddy bear. I really hope you have a very nice and Happy Merry Christmas. I love you very much.

Becky

Dear Santa,

My name is Brian Johnson and I am 1 year old. I like anything that Barney or the Rugrats. I really like Chucky on the Rugrats. I've been a very good boy all year, and I hope you can find something good for me.

Thanks,
Brian

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. I would like to have a new TV for Christmas. I would also like a bear, and I would like some books and a rabbit.

Thank you.
Love,
Kaley Stringfellow

Dear Santa,

I would like a Longhorn Ranch, a tree house, a camp set, a roping dummy, Cheetah, Wolf and Deer, Hunting Clothes, round baler-big.

Love,
Shyrale
Age 4 1/2

Dear Santa,

My name is Carter Kelsey, and I live in Rosalie.

Please bring me a weight lifting set, a Cleaning cart, and Volcano blow out set. My dogs and cats would like chew toys and a clawing mat. I'll leave milk and cookies on the table.

Don't forget my cousins. I love you.

Your friend,
Carter
Age 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Randal Merideth and believe it or not, I've been pretty good. But those things on the Christmas tree are just too tempting. I want lots and lots of toys.

Thanks,
Randal

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nintendo 64, a dictionary, I spy and some Where's Waldo books, a CD player, games for my Nintendo 64, the Titanic movie, room guards from the movie A Bug's Life, the book Danny and the Dinosaur, a new swing set, and a fun tunnel. Also please bring me a yo-yo and be sure not to forget toys for my brothers. I have been a good boy this year so please bring me something nice. I will leave you a glass of milk and some cookies.

Love,
Matthew Hall

Dear Santa,

I love you and I miss you because Christmas is coming. I want small soldiers cassette, bike, computer and clothes. I want a picture with you. Please come soon on Christmas Day.

Thanks,
Milan Patel



Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I would like a Sony Play Station and a movie. I would also like Rollers and a gown with long sleeves. I would also like a diary with a lock and a new pair of gloves to keep hands warm. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Courtney Lemme

Dear Santa,

I want a new doll, a toy Barbie and that's all.

Vikki Schmidt

Dear Santa,

I would like under my Christmas Tree a My Size Barbie, Neil Sost tw and Baby Crawl and walk on Christmas Morning.

Merry Christmas and a Happy other Year.

Amanda Lee

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I don't want just a computer with every thing on it, like CD rom and the internet. I would also want a five speed station games. Maybe some shoes. Well good-bye.

Chris Watts
P.S. You'll be hungry when you here, so we'll leave milk and cookies in the freezer.

Dear Santa,

I would like an Optimus Prime the new stingray beast war and Power Ranger in Space Mega Z.

Garrett

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. I hope that you can find my house. I would like a nail vanity, Bubble hair salon, a CD Player with CDs, Bugs Bunny House shoes and a giga pet.

Callie Anderson

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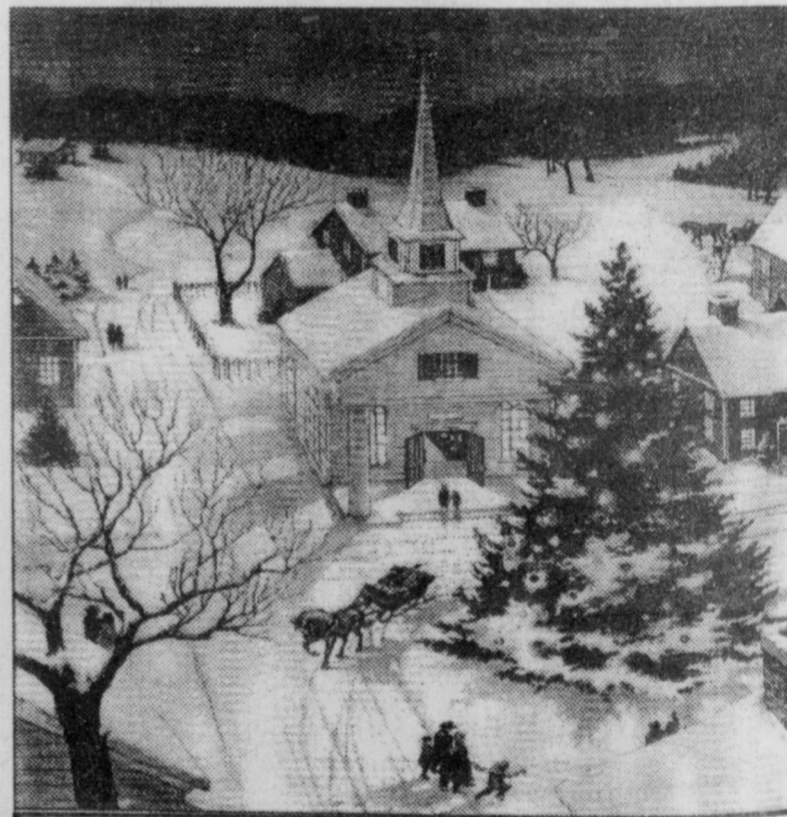
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My Most Special Christmas

By Pam Davis

My most special Christmas memory happened when I was 11 years old, December 1964. My mother had polio and part of his treatment was to go to Scottish Rite Hospital regularly for check-ups. That December, his appointment was around the first part of December. Both of my parents, my brother, my 10-year old sister and a friend of my mother's, went to Dallas.

On the way home, as they were going through Sulphur Springs, a car hit them and my Mom and her friend were critically injured. My Mom was in ICU at Baylor Hospital for several days and wasn't released for almost two weeks due to the severity of her injuries.

My Mom was a stay-at-home mother to five children and my Dad worked road construction which is very seasonal. They had only done the barest of Christmas shopping and didn't appear that there would be any opportunity or money to do any more before Christmas time. The rest of us were staying with a family friend's home and were very sad that no and a few preparations had been made toward Christmas at all. She took us down

in the woods and helped us to cut a tree and bring it back to our house and we decorated it as only children can.

My Mom's sister and her family bought each of us a gift so there would be something from Santa under our tree on Christmas morning. We were all worried that Santa wouldn't know where to find us as we were not where we were supposed to be. But most of all, we were worried that Mama wouldn't be home for Christmas.

That year I remember two things. I got two Barbie dolls for Christmas, the only thing I can remember asking for, one from my aunt and one from Santa. The other thing I remember is my Mom came home a couple of days before Christmas. Rather worse for the wear, but beautiful to us! It was the most wonderful Christmas in my childhood.

I still have the Barbie that Santa gave me and I wouldn't trade her for anything. I still have my Mom and she's even more special. I'm very thankful that Mom was home with us that day, it wouldn't have been Christmas without her.



Bogata News Locals

By Judy Screws
CALL YOUR NEWS TO
632-5322

Mary Ann Welch and Jocene and Cody Farris of Detroit visited Christine Baker Sunday. They took her to WalMart to shop and down to Kelley's vegetable stand to shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana of Bogata, Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws of Deport and Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris had dinner at Sirloin Stockade in Paris Sunday night to celebrate Judy's Birthday.

Coy and Dorothy Coker celebrated Coy's and their great grandson, Dylan Harris', birthday on Sunday, December 13. Dylan is 4 years old and Coy, well, is just old. Also visiting was Coy and Dorothy's daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Mike Harris of Hubbard and their daughter Lorie Elizabeth of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pirtle hosted a family Christmas open house at their home on Lake Palestine, Saturday, December 12. Those attending from Bogata were Robin Harville, Kyla and Jesse, Debbie Pirtle and Danielle, Ralph and Bobbie Cawley, Don and Gayle Roach, Mike and Mollie Williams, Greg and Mandy Sherrill, John and Mikel Haynes, Micah, Matthew and Mason, William and Becky Rolen, Phillip and Aaron and Ruth Reynolds. Others attending were Kristi Cawley, Bob and Patsy Martin, Matt and Lana

Buchleit and friends all of Longview and Clay Pirtle of Arlington.

Mrs. Lucille Childers, Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow and Mrs. Edna Earl Dodd accompanied by Jan McCuller of Mount Pleasant spent Sunday and Monday in Denton with Betty and Bill Puckett for an early Christmas celebration. Sunday afternoon they attended a Christmas program at First Baptist Church presented by the Music and Drama Ministries of the church. Monday was spent shopping with lunch at the Country Buffet. Bill is recovering from a recent fall at his home so did not accompany the "girls".

Michael and Danny Tabb and Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow visited Dixie Stringfellow Saturday.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis went to Cuthand Saturday night to the Methodist Church Christmas Program. Heather and Heath Holt were shepherds in the program.

Danny and Jessica Hines were in Texarkana Sunday shopping.

Guests of Loyce and Ed Huddleston Saturday night were Ronnie and Faye Huddleston, Tina and Mike Huddleston and Mark and Annette Hudson all of Lewisville and Betty and Bob Huddleston of Cedar Creek Lake. They all attended a fish fry at the Gary Huddleston home.

Diana Huddleston of Denton, Tx. is proud to announce that her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Tina Huddleston of Lake Dallas are expecting their first child in July. Mike is also the son of Ronnie Huddleston. The great grandparents to be are, Carl Henry Burns and the late Patsy Burns of Bogata and Ed and Loyce Huddleston of Bogata.



Booting Up All the Best

Here's hoping that all wonderful things are always on the menu for our loyal customers. Merry Christmas to all!



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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A Little Holiday Cheer Goes a Long Way!

In the spirit of giving, we want to extend to you, our very best holiday wishes and heartfelt thanks for your loyal support this pas year. Noel!

Kim's Kuttin Korral
Kim Fields, Karen King
Bogata, Tx.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We're putting on the dog to say, Hope your season's purr-fect in every way. And to all our best friends far and near, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dr. Sam B. and Suzy Kelsey D.V.M.

Hwy. 271, W. Deport, Texas



SNOWY Landscapes and lighted candles are features of this Father Christmas (Staff Photo)

Happy Holidays

Glad tidings to all our friends, both near and far. Many thanks for including us in your travels.

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Hugh & Vicki Jeffus, Jeff, Camey, Benji & Sharon, Christy, Jason and Chase



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS

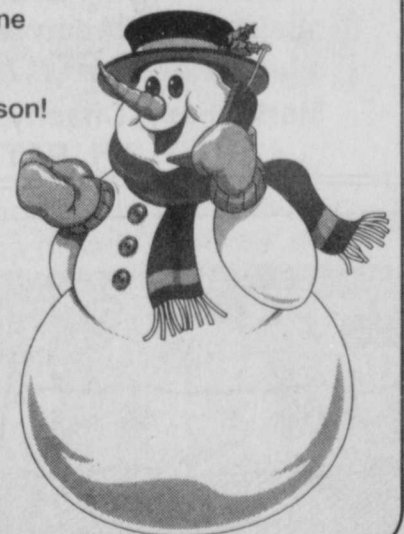
To all our fine feathered, furry and human friends, we wish a very merry season and joy with no end. Although we're animal lovers we know that it's true, that it just wouldn't be Christmas without great folks like you!

From:
DR. JIM LOVE DVM
6485 LAMAR AVE.
PARIS TX.



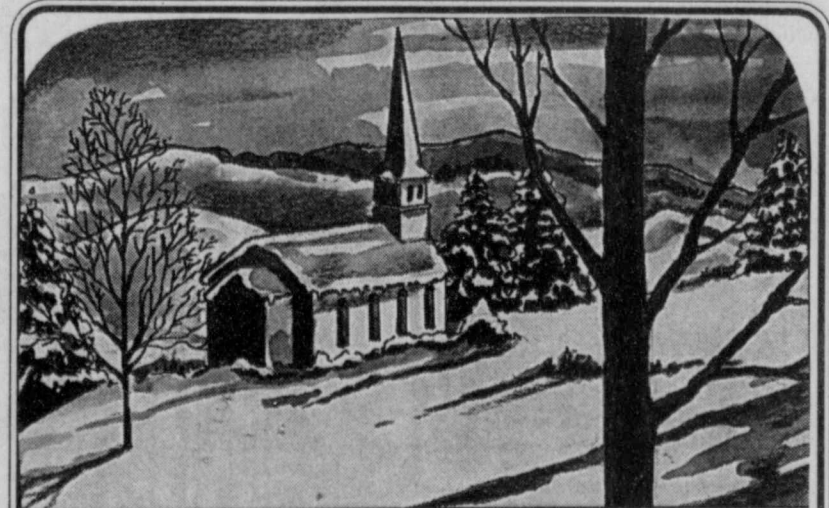
A HOLIDAY HELLO!

You gave us such a fine reception, we just want to thank you. Have a very merry season!



Lamar County Cellular

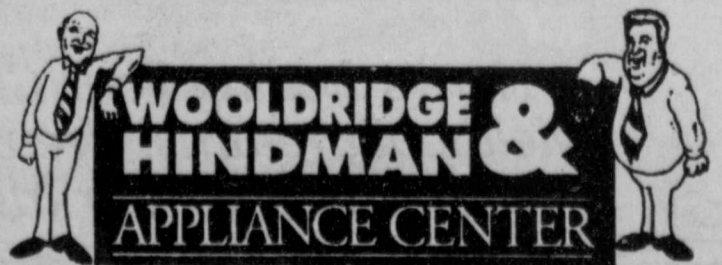
3940 Lamar Ave.
Paris, TX.
785-8852



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
— Luke 2:8

Hallelujah!

Wishing you a world of peace and joy at the celebration of His birth.



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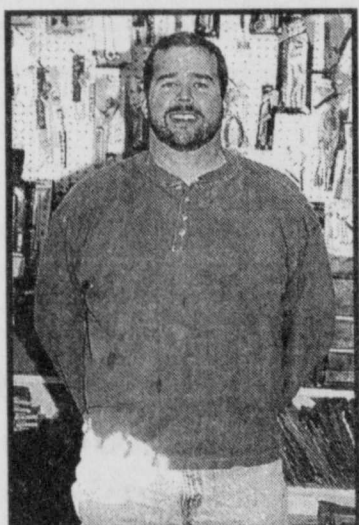
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Hwy. 271, Deport
Will Be CLOSED
Sunday,
Dec. 20 thru Dec. 28
We will reopen Dec. 29



Merry Christmas

From BLOSSOM HARDWARE



105 Front Street, Blossom, Texas



HALLMARK ORNAMENT tree is decorated with only collectible ornaments from the Hallmark Stores.



GLOWING CHRISTMAS TREES from theme-oriented to a total mix of ornaments light up the holiday season. It seems that there really isn't any such thing as an ugly Christmas Tree. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Attend The
Church of
Your Choice
This Sunday



Bogata Gift Subscriptions.....



Merry Christmas

Enjoy the beauty and wonder of it all.

M & M FOOD MART

Mark, Sissy, Chasity, Kara & Autumn
HWY. 271, PATTONVILLE

- To Jimmy Stringfellow from Dixie Stringfellow.
- To Janie Ballard from Mary Jane Lowry
- To Michael Murphy from Gail McKinney
- To Kathy Miller from Billie R. Pirtle
- To Claudia M. Vickers and Robbie Bankhead from James M. Cooper
- To Billie and Betty Shoffner from Clarence Cheatham.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hurst from Mr. and Mrs. Glen White.
- To RaNell Isaacs from Neva Dell and Bo Harville.
- To Jean Holmes from June Roach.
- To Tony Harbison from Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Harbison.
- To Barry Crawford from Ruth Bell.
- To Tony Miller and Ann and Bob Wilson from Eunice Miller
- To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Skaggs from Dovie Garretson.
- To Opal Isenburg from Mr. and Mrs. Leon Huddleston.

- To Elizabeth Rozell from Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rozell.
- To Jackie Couch and Johnny Couch from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Couch.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Knowles, Patsy and G.L. Dusenbury and Penny and Chuck Sanders from Mrs. David Knowles.
- To Jack Ragsdill from Wanda and Johnny Ragsdill.
- To Mrs. Lorene Bogie, Jerry Benham and Johnnie Benham from Kenneth and Gay Lee Logan.
- To Mrs. Aurelia Mitchell from Joe and Martha McCall.
- To Angela Gibbs from Jenae Fast..
- To Bruce Knowles and Monte Smith from Floy and Bunky Smith.
- To Deanna Harper from Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Varner.
- To Liz Jones, Linda Dain and JoAnn Poole from Mr and Mrs. Frank Stubblefield.
- To Danny Dodd from Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Dodd.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Paul English from Becky Couch.
- To Sybil McClanahan from Dorothy Clark.
- To Carla Heath from Margaret Varner.
- To Pam and James Vaughan from Sam and Ann Barnard.
- To Mrs. John W. Lee and Imogene and Roy Lee Hutson from Maggie H. Lee.
- To Nelson and Carolyn Watts, Ray and Teresa Alford and Jerry and Lori Baskin from Roberta Watts.
- To Maxine Topping from Percy Topping.
- To Linda Williams from Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Topping.
- To David Cantu from Gussie Musick.
- To Barbara and Jim Branch, Rickey and Ferby Baird, Karen and Gary Cooper, Brenda and Jason Garrido and Laura and Keith Winn from Mr. and Mrs. Truman Baird.
- To Faye Burke from Buck and Betty Ramsey.
- To Chris Potter from Mr. and Mrs. David E. Potter.
- To Ginger Foster and Melanie Klein from Mr. and Mrs. Sam McConnell.
- To John Anderson and Jim Anderson from Roberta Anderson.
- To Jimmy Mauldin and Phyllis Duffer from Zelma Mauldin.
- To Todd Duffer from Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer.
- To Lizzie Lee Smith from Betty Phelps.
- To Exie Mae Gill from Johnny Gill.
- To Frank Thompson from Bill White.
- Mrs. Margaret Wright from Leona Wright.
- To Ralph Mayes and Susie Young from Wilma Eason.
- To Bernice Beers and W.C. Mauldin from Eona Mauldin..
- To Tommie E. Cox, Victor Cox, Cindy Robertson and Dorothy Foster from Mr. and Mrs. Tommie L. Cox.
- To Lettie M. Fielden from Mr. and Mrs. Coy Coker.
- To Nancy Clayton from Carl Wood.

- To Ken Thornton and H.E. Thornton from Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Thornton.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shimpock from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt.
- To Nina and Doyle Smith, Bo and Peggy Yale, Carol and Bill Baker, Tommie and Glenda Corbell and Billie and Horace Welch from Christine Baker.
- To Bill Cody, H.G. and Billie Ann Pierce and Janette Brooks from Ann Cody.
- To Joey W. Williams from Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Williams.
- To Edward Tillman and Roy Wade Tillman from Esther Tillman.
- To Gloria Hokett, Bobby Moore, Alice Martin, Acie Rist and Fary Ola Cherry from Annie Lee Moore.
- To Aileen Epps from Henry Fletcher.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shirley from Dr. and Mrs. Billy Daniels.
- To Marcelle Simmonds from Ruth King.
- To John N. Howison from Mr. and Mrs. John Howison.
- To A.W. Barnes from Gracie Bankston.
- To Josie Ortiz from Judi Doll.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parker and Dorothy Benson from Bobbie Grubb.

Talco Gift Subscriptions

- To Patsy Peters from Irene Turner
- To M.J. Davis from Barbara Clevenger.
- To Dean and Carol Leake from O and Edith Swaim.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Wilson from J.T. and Lila Scroggins.
- To Stanley R. Jones, Randy W. Jones, Terry L. Jones and Deaan and Shaunda Tiffie from Imogene Lewis
- To Clinton Vandever from Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goates.
- To Leita Hinson from Chud Hinson.
- To Wanda Morgan from W.R. Swarts.
- To Mrs. O.J. Hollands from Bill Ramey.
- To T.J. Williams from Jelu and Wayne Binion.
- To Derrell Stockton from Cecil Stockton.

Matter of Fact

Rick Perry
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

For that totally Texas touch the holiday season, rest assured you can count on our state's second-largest industry — agriculture. That's the whole idea behind the Texas Department of Agriculture's Totally Texas Holiday page. By simply visiting TDA's home on the Internet (www.agr.state.tx.us), you can easily ensure every holiday from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day has that Texas flair.

From preparing a Lone Star holiday dinner to finding where to get the perfect Texas Christmas tree, TDA's Totally Texas Holiday page offers these helpful hints and more. Find out how to decorate your home for the holiday with the right Lone Star touch or print off a recipe using homegrown ingredients for that special homemade gift from the kitchen.

And to make your holiday shopping easier, TDA also links you to our Taste of Texas and Naturally Texas companies that can send gift baskets or offer mail-order shopping. There's nothing quite like a gift from the Lone Star State.

The holiday season is traditionally a time to reflect on all that we have. Whether it's Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas or New Year, a Totally Texas holiday would not be complete without the bounty from our state's farmers and ranchers.

Truly, agriculture gives us a plenty to be thankful for in Texas during the holidays and throughout the year.



To Ethellean Williams from Billy Mack and Jo Williams.
To Mrs. Sue Grubb from Emma Harrison.

To Kenneth and Mandi Kelley and Annette Swaim from Ois and Edith

they won't mix.

Lamar National Bank



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Paris, Texas
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Here's hoping your Christmas yields big returns! We value your business and your friendship.

Talco Letters To Santa.....



Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list. A doll, stuffed animal dog and Nintendo.
Love,
April Shumate

Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list. A big blue truck, some toy tools, big markers and a big kite.
Love,
Dillon McQueen

Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list. A swimming Barbie, hair bows, necklace and a snowman. I have been good.
Love,
Sidney Edge

Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list. A talking Bubba, Barbie, puppy, jacks, teddy hairclips.
Love,
Stormy Edge

Dear Santa,
I want a big Barbie play house, Barbies, Barbie car and jeep, puppy, kitten and mittens, a fake Christmas tree for you to put my presents under. For my brother, a puppy, mittens, a tractor, truck and a jeep for him to ride in. For my mom some earrings, high heels, a necklace and a new red dress. For my daddy a new gray cowboy hat and some gray cowboy boots and some tires. For Shari some new white shoes, a new puppy, a kitten, a Garrett for her hair. Nana wants some pretty clothes. For Mrs. Wright some Christmas ornaments. Papa needs some new overalls and a purple shirt.
Love,
Haley Eudy

Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list. I want Barbie, Christmas tree, a cat, a dog, a clock and a truck.
Love,
Zulay Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a kitten, a happy meal girl, some pants, some blankets. I want some paper and markers. For my family I want warm clothes. I also want cards for my family, some pencils for school, a trampoline, tennis shoes, a stuffed animal bear, a watch, a hat, a jump rope, red gloves, a Christmas decoration, earrings, a clock, hair bows, Rocks ABC's patterns, a mouse hamster, rings, a necklace and bracelet.
Thank You,
Jessica Jagers

Dear Santa,
My brother Garrett wants a Tonka truck. Well, I guess he wants a motorcycle. Mom wants a full blood red husky, but put a red ribbon around the dogs neck. I want a porcelain doll with green eyes and blond hair. Well that's all I guess. I'll leave cookies and milk. Come by Christmas Eve.
Carissa Carroll

Dear Santa,
Please give me something I'll remember for a long time. Please make all of our relative be able to come. I wish I could have jinkas and stuff like that. Besides everybody tell me your not real but I don't believe them. Well, Bye. See you later Santa Clause.
Love,
Kacey Graham

Dear Santa,
Will you please get my sister a Talking Bubby toy and get my brother a truck and for my mom a gold ring and my dad some hunting gear. Don't worry Santa you don't have to get me anything if you don't want to. I hope the other children will have a good time on Christmas Day.
Your good friend,
Camill Wright

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me some real microphones for Christmas and a drum seat and a guitar. Do not forget to eat the rainbow cookies and drink the milk. Have a very good Christmas.
Your friend,
Malorie Wright

Dear Santa,
Here's what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo 64 and a dirt bike. A Playboy and to go to the wrestling to see them fight. And I want a 30-30 rifle.
Your friend,
Laramie

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. N'sync CD, Nintendo 64, bike, Tweety Bird, Sylvester, Bugs Bunny quilt, jeans, a tank top, socks, porcelain doll, books. I would like you to bring the Lion King 2: Simba's Pride, hair rollers, camera and film, Prince of Egypt gift pack. Be careful on your flight.
Love always,
Haley Shumate

Dear Santa,
I would like a CD, 2 dolls, a talking Bubba and a CD player.
Your friend,
Kayla Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a secret camera for my room and a Nintendo 64 with wrestling and small soldiers. That's all.
Chaz Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, a new 10 speed bike and alot of clothes. I want some Michael Jordan shoes that pumps up. I want a go-cart and a 3 wheeler and a puppy, a toy Undertaker and a model.
Your best friend,
Alex Savage

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a Nintendo 64, a new bike, new TV and a computer.
Your friend,
Gabriel Flores

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Spice girl CD and CD player with headphones, a new pair of earrings, a pair of big high heels, Tickle Me Elmo, play house and a go-cart. P.S. We will leave cookies and milk out for you.
Your friend, Love Always,
Susan Smith

Dear Santa,
I want an arcade duck shoot, Psycho car, Small Soldiers, motorsycho, toy basketball, a baseball bat and balls, Gameboy games.
Your friend,
Aaron Gage

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, a shot gun and a go-cart, a present for Marc and a present for my mom.
Love always,
Colby Chitsey

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. This year I would like a bike, sail boat, Godzilla, Nintendo 64, jump rope and a bear. I will leave you some cookies and milk to snack on.
Your friend,
John Stephens

Dear Santa,
I have really tried to be a good little girl this year. I was wondering if you could please bring me a Barbie doll, telephone, Radio, book, candy cane, a 4 wheeler, a bike, a jump rope, a giga pet and a ball. I will try to leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Dawn Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is an American Girl doll (Kirsten's Surprise), and an American Girl doll book library. Also a Peter Rabbit and Sleeping Beauty Barbie. If you could please can I have one of the Beanie Baby dinosaurs. Have a safe trip!!!!
Yours truly,
Laura Beville

Dear Santa,
I would like a Play Station, a personal CD player, a 22 automatic and a 30-06 rifle, a 270 rifle, telescope and a new computer and some camouflage clothes and anything else would do.
Love,
Jonathan Grissom

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and I want a Play Station also I want a Nintendo 64 and also a remote control car. I also want a puppy and I want a football and I also want a water gun and I want video games.
Your buddy,
Cole Birchfield

Dear Santa,
I hope that I get all of the things that I wanted or that I wished for. One of the things that I wanted is a new bike at my Dad's. It would be a 10 speed and green just like the one at my Mom's. But I want more things but I can't fit them on this page.
Angie White

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a bike, a pair of LA Gear's, a ring, a necklace, a keyboard, a tape player, a Nike wind suit, a phone, a basketball, a pair of combat boots and a J.J. note book. I'll leave cookies and milk out.
Your friend,
Megan Denise Savage

Dear Santa,
I would like WWF Warzone. I would also like Slamfist, a small soldier. I would also like a Boxer dog. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I would want you to get my mom a new pair of shoes and a new purse. I will give your reindeer more food like I do every year. I also want 3 Ty Beanie Babies, Rocket, the bluebird, Stinger the scorpion and Peace, the teddy bear.
Robert Caul Rhoades

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be nice and I have. All I want for Christmas is a Stone Cold Steve Austin movie and his shirt and a toy camaro the wrestling toy.
I love you very much,
Tyrone Sanders

Dear Santa,
I would like 4 WWF War Zone tickets, NSync's autograph, Godzilla and Paulie movies, history books, Stone Cold Steve Austin autograph, Kane's autograph, a puppy, a bird chew toy for Sweet Pea and a camcorder, telescope, camera, trampoline, computer, swimming pool, a 10 speed bike, pottery wheel, nail fashion, hair wrapper, Huge Winnie the Pooh doll and a Stone Cold metal casset.
Love,
Torrie Grissom

Dear Santa,
Have a holly jolly Christmas. I hope you don't get sick so you can give all the boys and girls their presents. Well, what I want is a tape player, a walk-man and the Samantha doll and all of her American girl stuff. Thanks. P.S. I want Mrs. Ingram to be the 5th grade teacher.
Love,
Brooke Hale

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to my friends in the Deport-Bogata area. Thank you all so very much for your help and your genuine kindness to me this past year and all the years that I have been associated with you.

Sincerely,
Elvin Bell
Elvin Bell, Mail Carrier,
Rt. 1, Deport

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

We can't bear to wait another minute to wish you a merry Christmas and

Amy Chapman's Home Daycare
215 E. Division-Blossom
982-5766

Colby Chapman, Charlie Oates, Michael Enox, Courtney Womack, Dakota Nation, Brany Enox, Michael Womack, Trystan Chapman, Paydan Dorries & Wil Shelton

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR FARM FAMILIES

A special greeting and heartfelt thanks to everyone on the farm. Your dedication and hard work make it possible for us all to enjoy the holidays with good food and good cheer. Have a great Christmas!

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Paris, Texas
784-7827
1-800-304-FORD

WELCOME Christmas!

When it comes to our neighbors, our doors are always open. We really appreciate your stopping by this past year.

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James & Billie Lois Keys

Jingle All The Way!

May the old-fashioned delights of Christmas, makes yours a wonderful holiday. Our sincere thanks for your kind patronage.

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Jewell & Karon Neathery
Clarksville, Texas 427-5555

Season's Greetings

Happy thoughts and good tidings are headed your way. Not only on Christmas, but from us - each and every day. We are truly grateful for your kind support.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ELECT, Pct. 1
Don Denison & Family

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
Call in Your News To
379-4445



The Maple Springs Church treated their youth to lunch at Western Sizzlin' in Mt. Pleasant following morning services Sunday. At 2:00 p.m. the group sang for residents of the Horizon Nursing Home Center and Bro. Leslie Rhea gave an afternoon devotion.

James Ellis of Paris visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown Friday afternoon.

Lori Franks underwent back surgery this past week in Dallas. She is reported home and doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Melanie were overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith in Arlington Friday. They attended the Elysian Fields semi-state football game held in Texas Stadium and enjoyed seeing grandsons, Chad, who plays with the Elysian Fields team and Josh and Zack, who play in the Elysian Fields Band. Chad's team won 7-0 and will play for the State 2A Division 2 championship at 8:00 p.m. in Texas Stadium vs Celina on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998.

The Mt. Pleasant Sherwin-Williams employees enjoyed their Christmas party at the home of Dwayne and Sue Wilson, Chrissy, Jamie and Brooke Sunday evening. They were served Italian foods and played games. Attending were Jamie Rolf, Nancy Burnside, Jack Brown, Brent Chaney, Ricky Sanchez, Perry Wright and their guest.

Russell Smith and Vickie Craig visited overnight in Dallas with Thomas Dyke. They all attended the Ely-

sian Fields semi-state final football game held at Texas Stadium Friday night and enjoyed seeing Russell's nephews play and perform in the band.

The Talco 4th grade students who participated in the Christmas parades were treated to a play, "Charlotte's Web" at NTCC Sunday afternoon. They enjoyed a pizza supper following the play. Attending were; Patsy Smith and Melanie, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Rhonda Shumate, Jonathan, April and Haley, Elodia Grissom and Torrie, Kristi Clemmons, Kayla and Keylee, Rene Hale, Brooke Chassity and Emily and Jessica Espinoza.

Nancy Brown and Patsy Smith met Diann Duffie at DFW Airport Wednesday. Diann spent Wednesday through Sunday visiting with her parents in Mt. Pleasant. Nancy returned her to the airport on Sunday for her flight home.

Carol Laing was honored with a birthday lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks and Amanda on Sunday, Dec. 13. Attending were Jeremy Abshier, Mary and Cal Lemon, Pam and Ray Kirkwood of Mt. Pleasant, Kelly Kennedy, Brady and Ashlyn, Cynthia Anschutz, Aly and Colby, Velma Franks, Stephanie Wright and Jo Anschutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harris spent Thursday in Dallas where Mr. Harris had a doctor's appointment.

Hal Anschutz underwent surgery in Tyler Tuesday. He is reported doing well.

Red River Healthcare Center News

Bogata Junior High Student Council members visited the residents.

Dovie Stephens visited Katy Brown.

Ruth Lee and Maudie Lee visited Ada Holmes.

Ruth Lee visited Jimmy Young. Mary Ann Williams and Sue Martin visited Pauline Alsobrook.

Johnny Topping, Carine Alford and Lucille Pettit visited Percy Topping.

David Kringer visited Betsy Knight. Jackie and Weldon Reppond visited Nona Reppond. Collette Conlan and Inez Gill visited Alice Craig.

Jason Freelen and Kevin Williams visited Leon Tuck.

Janette Brooks visited Ann Cody. Betty Gibson visited Sheila Gibson.

Judy Ellis visited Thelma Ellis. Reverend Bob Freeman visited Georgia Miller.

Jerry Hutson visited Pauline Hutson.

Faye Faulkenburg visited Rita Weissenfluh.

Ray Conor visited Travis Yost. James Decker had a visitor. Clark Haldeman visited Roger Holdeman. Virginia Alexander visited Dorothy Watkins.



Bogata Letters To Santa.....



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barney video, a block building table, a Barney Back Pack and a little desk to color on. Please don't forget my cousins, Drew, Alli, Chelsey and Travis. Thank you, Santa for remembering all the little boys and girls everywhere. Tell Jesus Happy Birthday.
Love,
Ashley White, age 2

The Bogata V&W Post 8187 and its Auxiliary would like to thank the Bogata News staff (Judy & Nancy) for the fine job they do reporting our news throughout the year. We would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie, beanies and a TV, some basketball cards, spice girl dolls and a spice girl tattoo set, a game boy, hydro zap, upwards, pac man and a basketball bean bag, skates and some cool clothes and a CD, Furby, Nanos, a giga pet plus, a kitten, puppy and a horse, a lizard and a computer, a stereo.
Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
State board, Barbie, piano, Electric guitar, four wheeler, swimming pool, water bed, TV in my room, pax man, real bird, baby puppy, Simba's Pride video. I love you, Santa.
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, I want a my size Barbie. I want a Barbie, I want a baby garage with a baby in it, I want a nice playing button Barbie. I want a nice Santa Claus. I want a pretty dress. I want a nice home. I want a nice Christmas Tree with presents, and a stocking. The stocking is at the back. I have been wanting a children picture.
Louella

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of boots, Barbies, guitar, my Mom a new lab coat, my dog a new collar, my granny a new jewelry box, my dad a train, Dana a big boom box, Billy Bob a new cage, Uncle D a cow lamp. Thank you for my letter, have a good Christmas.
Hailey Screws

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race car with wheels in the middle. These wheels can rise up and down. I would also like a Small Soldier toy. Do you still have a Nintendo 64? I sure would like one.
I will leave a treat for you.
Jesse Ross

Dear Santa,
I have been good boy. Are you reindeer doing fine? There is one thing I want for Christmas, but not very many things. I would like to have a tent that can hold six people and it needs to be water proof so when it rains and we are sleeping out we won't get wet. This is all I want for Christmas.
Thank you,
Justin Stewart

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bop it and a dream phone game I have been really good, so could I please have a Sony Play Station and a lot of games.
Thank you,
Your friend,
Kaitan Perkins

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline for Christmas and I want a Barbie Doll Jeep for Christmas too. And I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas, and I want some new clothes for Christmas and I want some new crayons for Christmas. I want some new shoes for Christmas. A new backpack. A toy house, a new bike, a new jacket, a new dream catcher, a new hair bow, a new desk and a new folder.
Jessica Segraves

Dear Santa,
I want 16 Barbies and all 5 Spice Girls Barbies. I want 6 Furby's and a big trampoline. I want a perfection game. I also want a coloring book and a box of crayons, a toy Arthur and D.W. I want 6 Giga Pets, 2 cats, 1 dog, 1 horse, 1 pig and 1 baby. I want some earrings, and make-up. I want a tape of N'sync and a Spice Girls tape and a Back Street Boys tape. I want a Simon game. I want a game of Twister, clue and Lucky Dick. I want some hair curlers and a new bike. Also I want a Spice Girls movie and a Rugrats movie.
Staci

Dear Santa,
My name is Travis. I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Ross' first grade class in Bogata Elementary. I live at 103 S.W. 4th Street in Bogata, Texas. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Will you bring me a remote control car? I have a little brother named Dakota who is 18 months old. He was hoping you would bring him some toys too, please. Thank you for reading my letter. I will leave you milk and cookies Christmas Eve Night.
Your Good Boy,
Travis Emeyabbi

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. These are some things I want for Christmas. Please bring me these: I want a porcelain doll. Some new clothes. A toy set to collect. I would like to have a paint set and some face paint, colors and coloring books. I would really really, really like a horse that is already broke. I would like the horse plain black or white and a big trampoline. Santa, please don't bring my sister anything. I am just kidding. I hope you bring me some of these things. Well, Santa, gotta go. I really hope you bring me most of these.
Kristen Noel Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a trampoline and a swing set and a nintendo tape the Little mermaid and a bicycle and a furby and a talking Barbie and my daddy to come home for Christmas. I want a Trivia and a Beanie Baby and roller skates and a little dog and a little cat and a storybook and a little toy of dogs. I want a play house and a Barbie house with Barbies with it and a school box that is decorated with Christmas on it and a little baby doll. I want a Spice girl set. I want a giga pet and 7 nanos.
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, race car, desk, 4 wheeler, TV, lunch box with thermos, basketball and goal, BB gun, and Santa, will you please bring my brother, Bub, a little basketball. Oh yeah, I've been really good this year.
Love always,
Sammy

Dear Santa,
This year we did a lot of fun things at school. I would like a few things for Christmas. I would like a make me better baby, Lion King II-Simba's Pride and I would like my own Barbie radio and some more Barbies. I would also like some roller skates and Shiny Gloves and a short sleeve gown. It would be very fun if you would come to my house and see me. I hope you have a very fun Christmas and I hope you like my milk and cookies.
Love,
Haley Lemme

Dear Santa,
I want all 5 spice girl Barbies and the spice girl tape and the spice girl shirt and I want one Furby the talking animal. And I also want snow for Christmas, a whole lot of snow and I want a Barbie and I want a fun time Skipper and I want a tape called the Grinch Stole Christmas, and I want a game boy and 7 giga pets and I want a spice girl set tattoos and that is all Santa. I hope you have a good time reading this note.
Kylie

Dear Santa,
This is my name, Robert. I would like a skate board, nintendo 64, if you have one, or a sega game, or a computer.
Robert Tully

Dear Santa,
My name is David. I have not been grounded that much this year. I hope you will bring me a pool table, a pair of skates, an X man, a spider man game for my computer, and I want the Randy Savage Macho Man Wrestling figure. I promise to be good next year. Oh, Thank you for all of my presents you gave me last year. You are a very nice Santa. Will you bring my little brother a new pacifier please, Santa.
Love,
David Stringer

Dear Santa,
I would like a newborn baby with a car seat and a stroller, and diaper bag with diapers to fit it, and clothes and cradle, and rocking chair. And would you bring my baby sister something please.
Love Amber

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some baseball cards, A 22 rifle, a duck hunting game, a play station with Madden 99, college basketball and WCW Revenge games. A new 25 inch TV. Hope your reindeer have plenty of hay.
Ethan Meredith

Dear Santa,
I wonder how you have been in the north pole because it is freezing up there and I don't think you like it up there. Well, for Christmas I would like the Mulan Movie, a new bicycle, Rapunzel Barbie and new tennis shoes, Tweety socks and Christmas ones too. Well, cannot think of very much right now, but I will think for next year.
Alejandra Arroliga

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a robot and a pet hamster.
Jimmy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a play station, beanbag chair, a cordless phone with an answering machine a new CD player and game for the play station.

I wish everyone would have plenty to eat, have a warm place to stay and have lots of presents. I would also like everyone to have a super good Christmas.
Danielle Pirtle

Dear Santa,
You are the best. Can you tell your elves thank you. Can you give me a truck and trailer and other toys.
Thank you,
Jeff

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I've been really good and so for Christmas I would ask for: 3 CD players, 2 porcelain dolls, a telletubbi named Tinky Winky.
From,
Kirby

Dear Santa,
Here is a list of things that I would like for Christmas. A go-cart, a Dallas Cowboy football, a hunting knife, a little soldiers movie.
Rose

Dear Santa,
I am writing you to tell you the toys that I want for Christmas. I would like to have a yo-yo, slinky and would like to have a Stone Cold Steve Austin Bone Crushing Buddy. I would also like to have a small monster truck with a number 1 on it, book that I can read, coloring books, a new set play guns, new bicycle without training wheels and a new game to play with my brother and sister. Please bring Kim and Justin something nice for Christmas. I will leave you cookies, cake and hot chocolate out for you, Santa. I want you to know that I have been a good boy this year.
Love
No signature

Wishing You Happy Holidays & The Best New Year!!

Donald, Judy & Tana Screws

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In the Spirit of the Season

May you and your loved ones bask in the glory of His light and love this Christmas. Thank you for brightening our year with your visits.

John, Jill, Randy & Lindsay Hoover
Shane & Zarinska Morton

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

Christmas has always meant reflecting upon one's blessings. We wish much happiness to all who bestowed good fortune upon us this year. God bless you all!

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Lake Chapel House Prayer to present Christmas Play

The congregation of Lake Chapel House of Prayer will present a Christmas play entitled, "Have You Any Room for Jesus?" on Friday, Dec. 19, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Rev. James Martin is pastor and the church is located 7 miles North of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 27.

Red River County Crime Stoppers

Sometime between December 4th and December 11th, 1998 someone created a hunting cabin that belonged to Johnny Lee Broyles which is located on CR 3225. During the burglary there were two TVs and several other items taken.

Crime stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the party or parties responsible for this or any other felony crime.

Remember we don't want your money, just your information. Call 427-PS or 427-8477.

Lake Chapel group visits nursing homes

Rev. James Martin and some of the congregation of Lake Chapel House of Prayer enjoyed a time of Christmas caroling and visitation at Terry Haven and Mt. Vernon House in Mt. Vernon. They also passed out fruit to the residents.

Those attending were: Rev. James Martin and his children, Jason, Janae, Anna, Jamien, Joseph, Judson, and the, April Burks, Gavin Cain and Richard and Darnell Davis.

MBC ladies meet

The Ladies Auxiliary of Johntown Missionary Baptist Church met Sunday night with eight present, Johan Turpin, Robbie Hawkins, Clara Addis, Tina Gentry, Jerry Richardson, Billie Pirtle, Tracey and Eudy heard a report from the late Ladies Meeting in Longview given by Johan Turpin. The ladies will have a Christmas party at Steven and Kathy Hawkins home on Wednesday night, December 16 at 8:00 p.m.



WAY BACK-Lady Rebel, Candias Nickerson is drawn way back to make an under the goal shot as the team played Spring Hill in the North Hopkins Invitational tournament Friday. The Lady Rebels took the win 57-53. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels-Rebels compete at North Hopkins

The Lady Rebel and Rebel varsity teams traveled to North Hopkins to compete in tournament play Dec. 10-12. On Thursday the Rebels defeated Mt. Pleasant JV and returned on Friday morning to meet Harton and again the Rebels were victorious.

Friday evening the Rebs met North Hopkins. In the first quarter the Rebel team could not rebound the ball although they had a height advantage. The Panthers led 20-14 at the quarters end. Official calls helped the Panthers and hindered the Rebels and post, Josh Posey was in serious foul trouble before the third quarter began. The half time score stood 41-29 North Hopkins.

In the third Posey was lost early to fouls and the Rebel team tried to rebound their way back into the game. Every Rebel beginning quickly ended and the Panthers still led 51-42 at the end of the quarter. The final quarter saw Kyle Stansell foul out late in the quarter after a good personal game. Keith Hines also had a good personal offensive game scoring 30 points. The Rebs could not overcome the bad calls, loss of players but the main problem for the team was their own lack of hustle early in the game. Jason Freelen hit 3 treys for the Rebels but Michael Galloway was held to 5

points. Hines was high scorer followed by Chase Collins. Final 69-57 North Hopkins.

On Saturday evening the Rebel returned to face Roxton. The Lions took the win putting the Rebels out of the tourney.

The Lady Rebels met Quitman in the first tournament game on Thursday and were soundly defeated. On Friday the team made a come back and won scoring more than 30 points than the Mt. Pleasant JV team. Friday evening the girls met Spring Hill.

In the first quarter Candias Nickerson, who has come back from knee surgery, scored 10 points. Katie Hare had yet another good game for the Lady Rebels along with Jill Foster who filled in for the injured Tiffany Prentice and Cheryl Griffin who filled in for the injured Missy Carroll. The quarter ended with a 8 point Lady Rebel lead, 18-10. In the second Nickerson added 8, Hare 5, Kim Shirley 3 and Cara Morgan came off the bench to add at the post position and also added points. The half end with the Lady Rebels in the lead 36-25.

The third quarter Shirley, Nickerson, Hare and Kim Ross who was playing with an injury scored and Courtney Jone came in to add defense. Score 47-32 Lady Rebels. The

final quarter saw the Lady Rebels let the Spring Hill ladies creep up and turn the game into a neck and neck run to the end. The Lady Rebel defense held out and Jones, Ross and Nickerson scored to take the win 57-53. Candias Nickerson was high point with 22. Kim Shirley added 7, Kim Ross added 9, Katie Hare added 9, Jill Foster added 4, Kara Morgan added 2 and Courtney Jones added 4.

On Saturday the girls returned to play for 3rd place vs the Winnsboro JV. At the end of the 1st it was 11-10 Lady Rebels but by the half the Lady Rebs trailed by 3. Score 23-26. Candias Nickerson had a good half for the team adding 12 points and making key steals. Katie Hare had a good defensive half and added a trey and field goal. Cheryl Griffin and Kim Ross also scored for the team.

In the final quarters the Lady Rebels could not regain the lead and trailed 37-32 at the end of the third. Treys were netted by Nickerson, Hare, Ross and Shirley and field goals by Jones and Nickerson in the fourth but the Lady Red Raiders took the win 58-45 sending the Lady Rebel home with no trophy. High scorer for the game was Candias Nickerson with 21 points.

Lady Rebel and Rebel junior high team compete at Chapel Hill

The Lady Rebel 8th grade team and Rebel 7th grade team traveled to Chapel Hill for tournament play Dec. 10-12.

The Rebels played Thursday night and defeated the Mt. Vernon Tigers by over 20 points. They returned on Saturday, due to a bye in the bracket, to play Chapel Hill at 10:00 a.m.

In the first quarter the Rebel team, coaches and fans quickly saw official calls would only apply to the Rebels while Red Devil offenses were unnoticed. The Rebels trailed 21-5 at the quarters end. Calan Wilcox was the only Rebel scorer for the quarter. In the second nothing changed. Calling was not up to standard but the Rebels continued to try. Chance Belcher added 6 points along with scores from Jeremy Ward and Wilcox. The half time score was 32-15 Chapel Hill.

In the final quarters the game got very rough. The Rebels added points but the Red Devils matched to hold a 21 point lead at the end of the third. In the final quarter Jeffery Abernathy was injured and suffered a possible broken nose on the last foul of the game. Final 60-30 Chapel Hill. The loss left the Rebels to play at 6:15

p.m. for 3rd place.

In the final game of the tourney the Rebels met Harts Bluff Bulldogs. After the first quarter the Rebels were in the lead by one. Score 8-7. Calan Wilcox, Jeremy Ward and Chance Belcher had scored. The second quarter saw the Bulldogs take the lead. The Bulldogs pulled the rebounds down and the Rebels left their lane wide open giving the Bulldogs the opportunity to score and score they did. The half time score stood 26-18 Harts Bluff.

In the third the Rebels dropped further behind, trailing by 10 points at the quarters end. Score 34-24. Although the Rebels continued to try, the Bulldogs were on a roll and took the win 48-30. High scorer for the game for the Rebels was Chance Belcher. Also scoring were Jeffery Abernathy, Jeremy Ward, Micah Chaloner and Calan Wilcox.

On Monday, Dec. 14 the Rebel 7th and 8th grade teams traveled to Chisum. Both teams were defeated by slim margins. Coaches James Daughtry and Jeremy Abshier were pleased with their teams performance

since the Mustangs beat the Rebels by over 20 points in their last meetings and this time the Rebels only lost by 5-10 points.

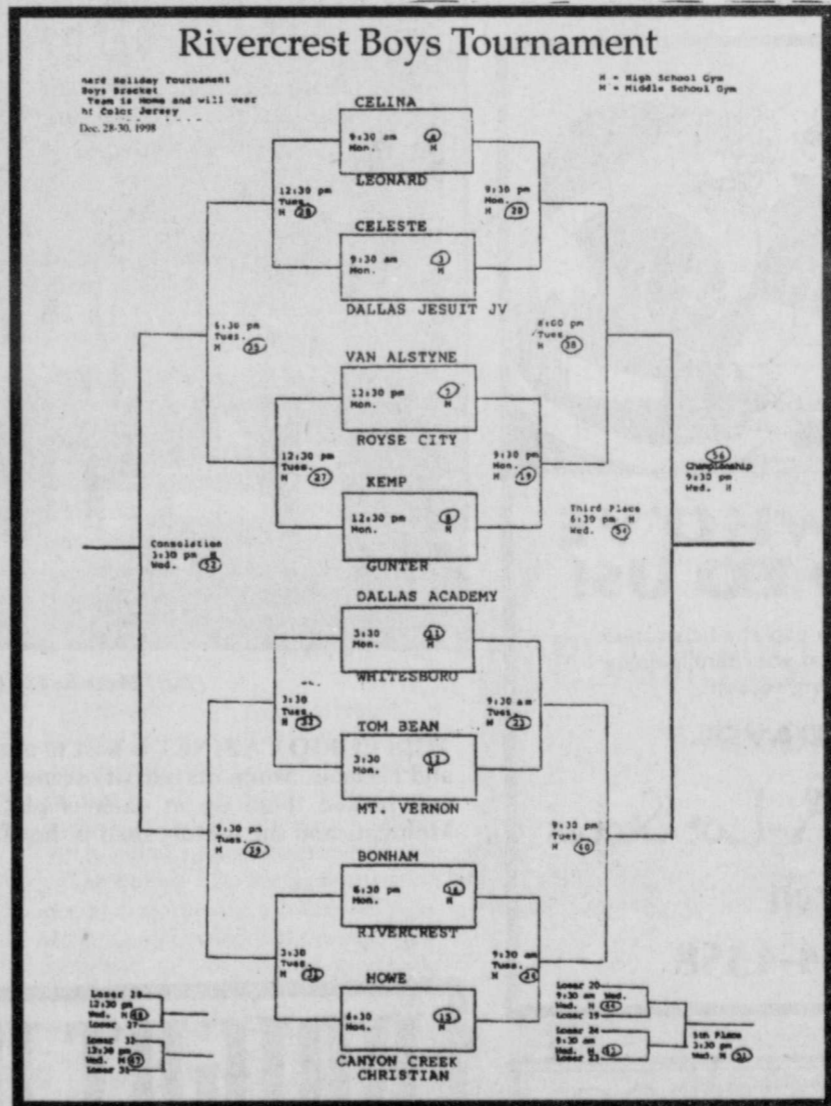
The Lady Rebels did not play until Friday. They met Harts Bluff and walked away with a big win. On Saturday morning the team returned to play Como-Pickton. Again the Lady Rebels dominated to move into the championship game Saturday evening.

Playing for First place the Lady Rebels met Chapel Hill and fans worried they would face the same type official calls as the boys saw but the Lady Red Devils couldn't touch the Lady Rebels. In the first quarter the Lady Rebels led 12-2. At the half it was Lady Rebels 24-4.

Coach Tammie Case ran the Lady Rebels into the game in groups of 5 and there were three teams. Every set of Lady Rebels played well and took the win 39-15. Leading the scores was Erica Williams with 10 points. Also scoring were; Rachel Case, Molly Hare, Tina Carder, Michelle Bryant, Jessica Rose, Khrystal Valenzuela and Shari Wisinger.



FREE SHOT-Sara Alsop gets off the floor as she shoots a free shot for the Junior High Lady Rebels as they competed in the Chapel Hill Tournament Friday vs Como-Pickton. The Lady Rebels brought home the 1st place trophy. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



First Assembly to have New Year's Eve Singing

The First Assembly of God Church on Highway 271 South in Bogata will hold a New Year's Eve singing December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be special singing by The Country Gospel Singers of Cuthand, featuring Stanley and Donna Jessee and Scott and Gail Ward, The Gospel Chimes of Texarkana, featuring Jarvis and Renee Watson and David and Kathy Hendricks, and Miracle of Bogata, featuring Randy and Lorre Lemme and Mikel Haynes.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



FOOT NOTES

HEALTHY FEET? NO SWEAT

Few things are as unappealing--not to mention uncomfortable--as hot, sweaty feet, squirming inside soggy socks. (They're usually smelly, too!) Battling a case of sweaty feet can be frustrating and embarrassing. It can also be important for your health. "Hyperhidrosis" is the medical term for the tendency to sweat excessively. Hyperhidrosis can be caused by wearing airtight shoes, or it may be a symptom of such conditions as an overactive thyroid or infection. The important thing to know about it is that, in addition to being uncomfortable, it can lead to more serious problems such as fungus growth and other infections. These disorders thrive in the dark, warm, moist environment provided by sweaty feet.

Whatever has caused "hyperhidrosis" to plague you every step, don't just accept it as the norm. Relief is close at hand through podiatric attention. There's no need to suffer since compassionate care is available to alleviate pain, accomplish optimum function, prevent recurrence, and help you again walk in comfort. We have office hours for treatment for all foot and ankle problems by appointment. Please call 784-5585.

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Rebels to compete at Hughes Springs

The Rivercrest Rebel varsity boys will compete at the Hughes Springs Invitational basketball tournament on Dec. 17-19.

On Thursday, the Rebels will play Hughes Springs at 8:30 p.m. On Friday, the Rebs will meet Union Grove at 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 19 the Rebels will play Pittsburg at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Rebels in their pre-district play.

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Accountability data released

The Texas Education Agency recently released the accountability data for all schools across the state. The accountability system was developed as a method of informing the local district and the public of the performance of their school. Schools are measured on TAAS scores, attendance rates, and other student performance indicators, as well as fiscal information on the school district. The Academic Excellence Indicator System is used to analyze the data and place the school in a rating system which consists of four levels of performance. Districts receive an accreditation status of either Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable. Campuses receive performance ratings of Exemplary, recognized, Acceptable or Low-performing.

The Talco-Bogata CISD received an accreditation of Recognized. Both the Rivercrest High School and Bogata Elementary/Junior High campuses received a performance rating of Exemplary, while the Talco Elementary/Junior High campus received a performance rating of Acceptable. Some of the data used to generate these ratings are as follows:

TAAS Scores	State Average	Local Campus
<i>Rivercrest</i>		
Reading	87%	97.9%
Writing	87.4%	100%
Mathematics	84.2%	95.5%
<i>Bogata</i>		
Reading	87%	93.6%
Writing	87.4%	97.5%
Mathematics	84.2%	96.1%
<i>Talco</i>		
Reading	87%	91.8%
Writing	87.4%	92.9%
Mathematics	84.2%	89.7%



Greetings!

We hope your Christmas is decorated with fun and laughter. Thank you all.

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A Memory of Christmas Past

by Carol English

As I sit here and think of all my past Christmases, one is very dear to me. I was eight years old and excited about Santa Claus.

Uncle Dick cut our Christmas tree, we decorated the tree with strings of popcorn, colored ornaments and Mama cut out dancing girls form paper for us kids to color.

I remember telling Mama what I wanted for Christmas and her telling me that you had to pay Santa Claus for gifts. She tried to explain to all of us children that we had no money and Santa would not be visiting us. I did not believe Mama because Santa came to visit all children who were good, and I had been very good.

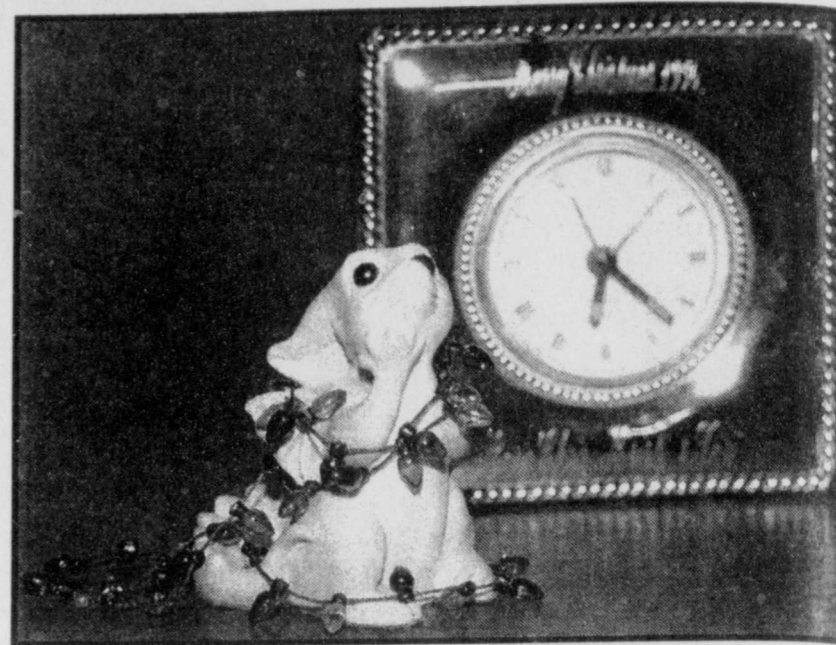
We had a wood stove in our living room and the stove pipe was up the chimney. I remember thinking Santa could not come down our chimney for that stupid stove pipe and when I told Mama and asked her to take the pipe out, she just smiled. Christmas morning came and there wasn't a doll, only a present with three pair of panties from Mama. I cried and told Mama Santa couldn't get down the chimney because of the stove pipe. Mama and Uncle Dick fixed Christmas dinner, we said the blessing and

Mama told us children if you had your health, food on the table and a roof over your head, you had a good Christmas. I wondered why Mama bowed her head, sniffed her nose and wiped a tear from her eye. We ate our dinner and Mama said how she wished Bobby, my older brother, was here. He was off working on a pipe line.

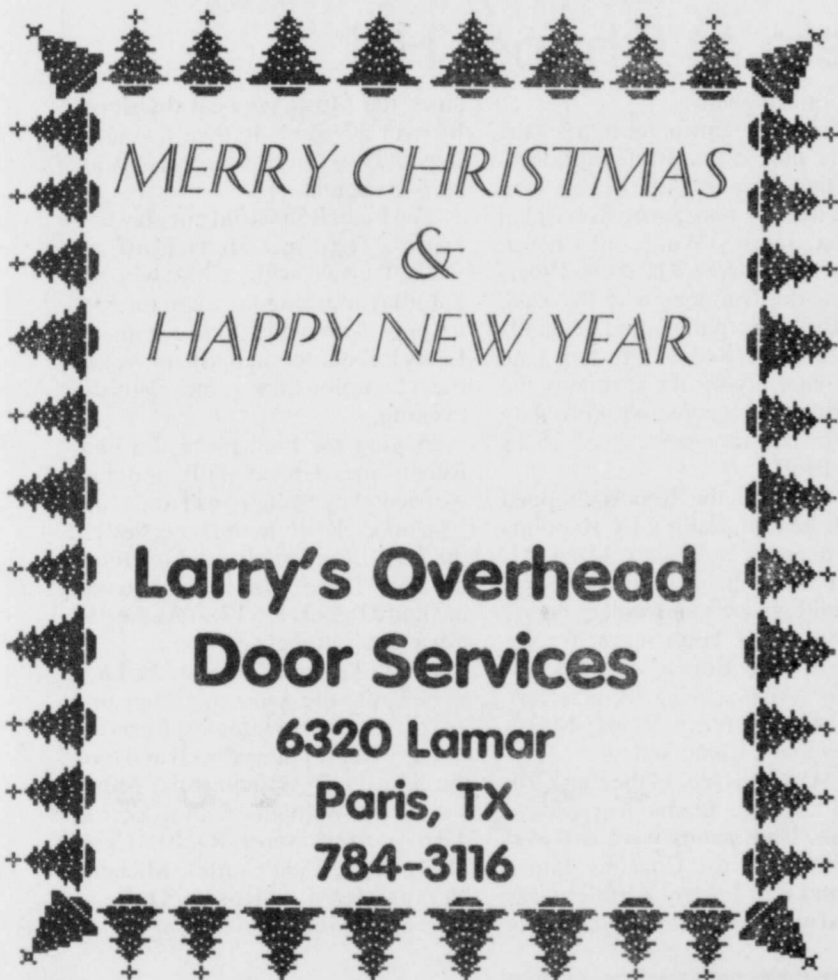
Christmas night, Mama was telling us the story of Jesus birth when we heard someone hollering "Ho, HO, HO", and stepped upon the porch, opened the door, and there stood my brother, Bobby and Dick Deaton. Bobby's hands were full of presents for us. Mama got an electric blanket, Uncle Dick a pair of overalls and me, I got my baby doll, panties, socks and a pair of blue jeans. When I asked Bobby where he got this, he just grinned and said, "Well, Santa couldn't come down that chimney so he left them in the yard." Mama wiped her eyes again and said, "Thank you son," got up and warmed their supper while I played with my doll.

I never realized why my Mama sniffed her nose and wiped her eyes, until I had children of my own.

Thanks for the memories, Mama.



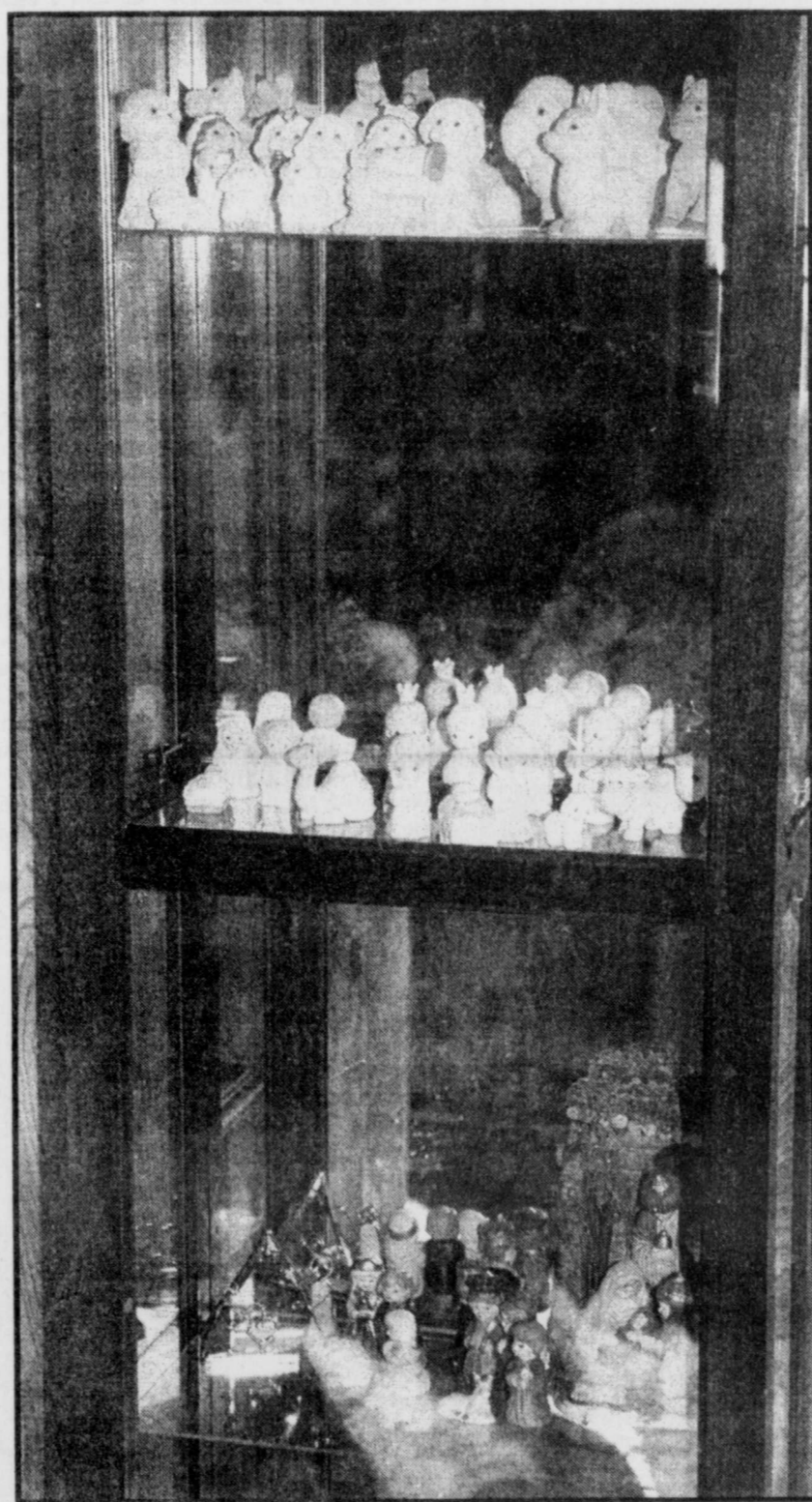
EVEN TINY DRAGONS can get the holiday spirit! This one seems to have had a slight problem with some Christmas lights! (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
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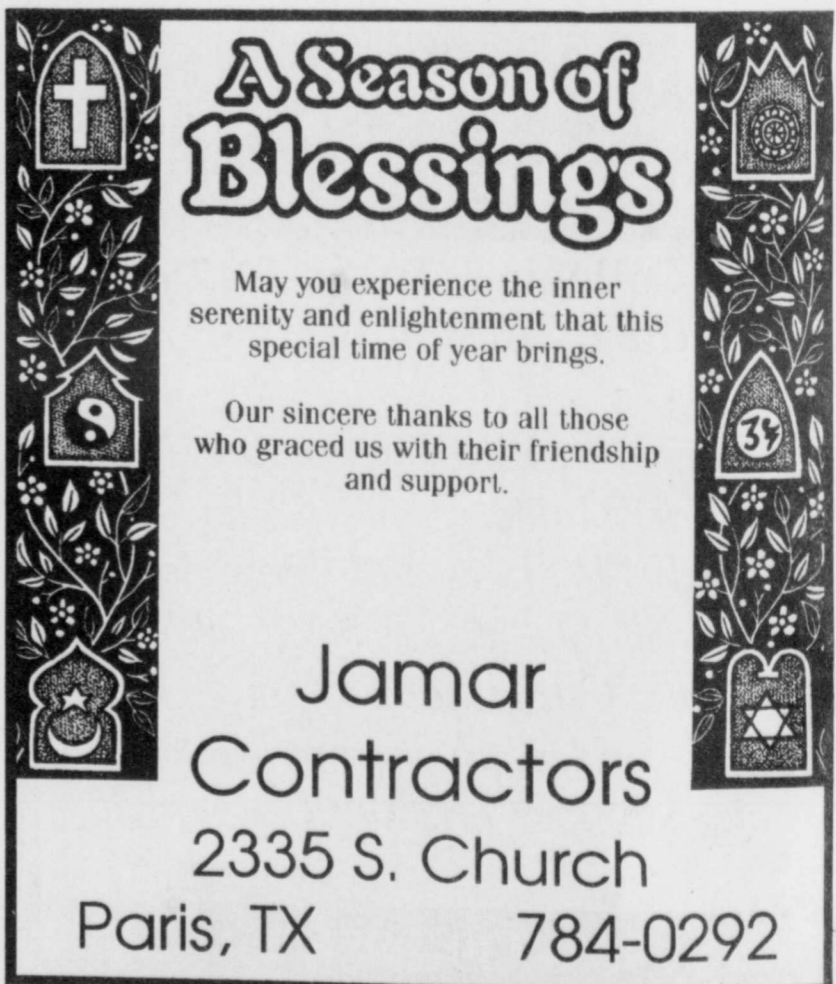
THIS CURIO CABINET is host to a large variety of Dreamsicle and Precious Moments nativity scenes. Robbie has ordered these and picked them up at various places. The top is Precious Moments and the middle shelf is her Dreamsicles collection.



Season's Greetings

We're so glad you stopped by this past year. We wish you much happiness and peace, all through this special season and beyond!

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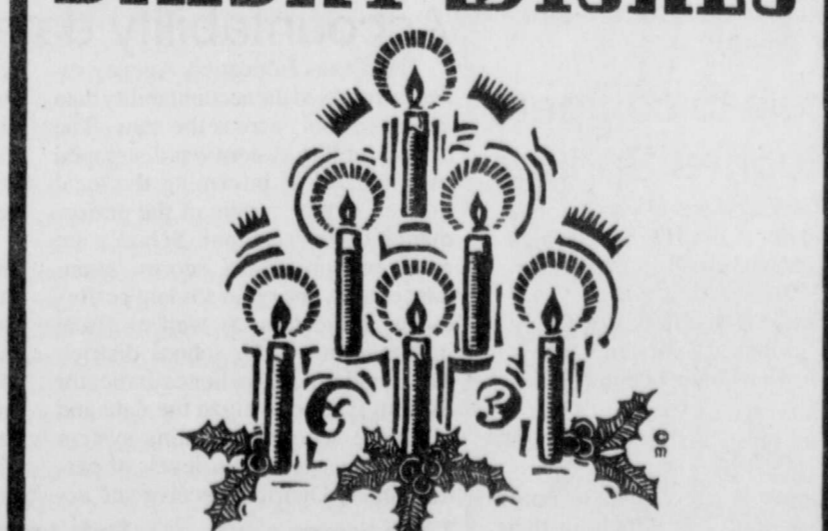
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We're serving up our heartiest thanks plus generous helpings of holiday cheer. We appreciate your friendship and support.



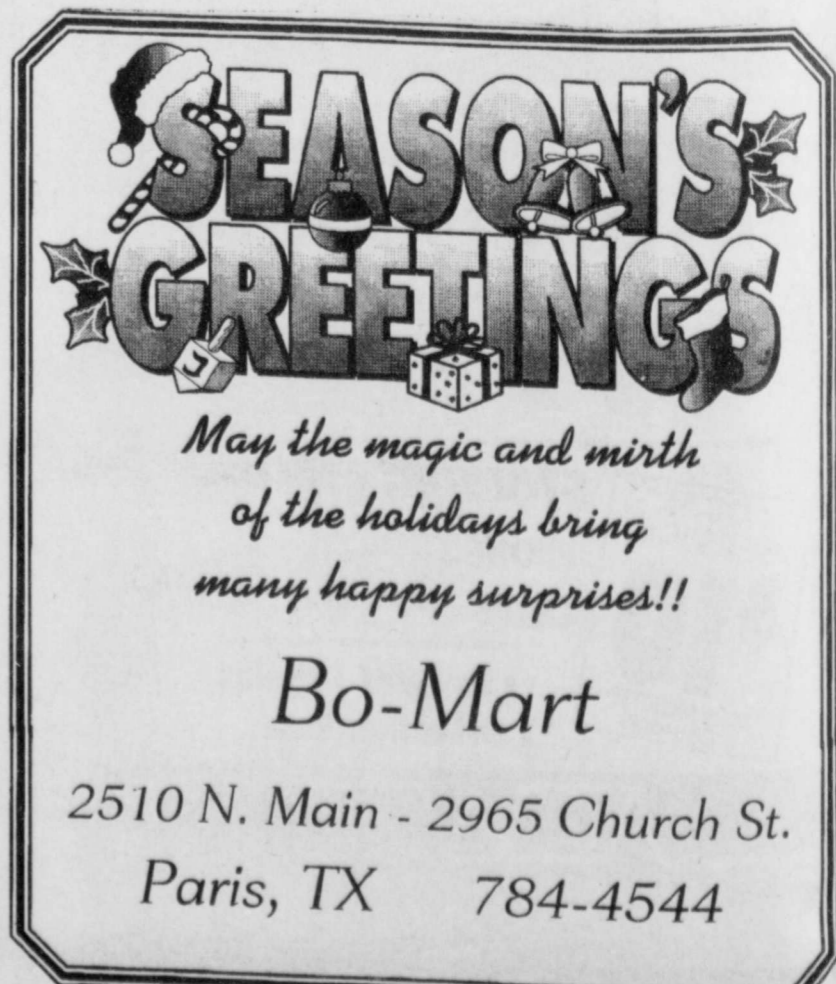
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BRIGHT WISHES



We've been burning the candle at both ends to get ready for Christmas, and now that it's here we'd like to say "thanks", to all of you who've helped light up our lives throughout the year!

JCPenney
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

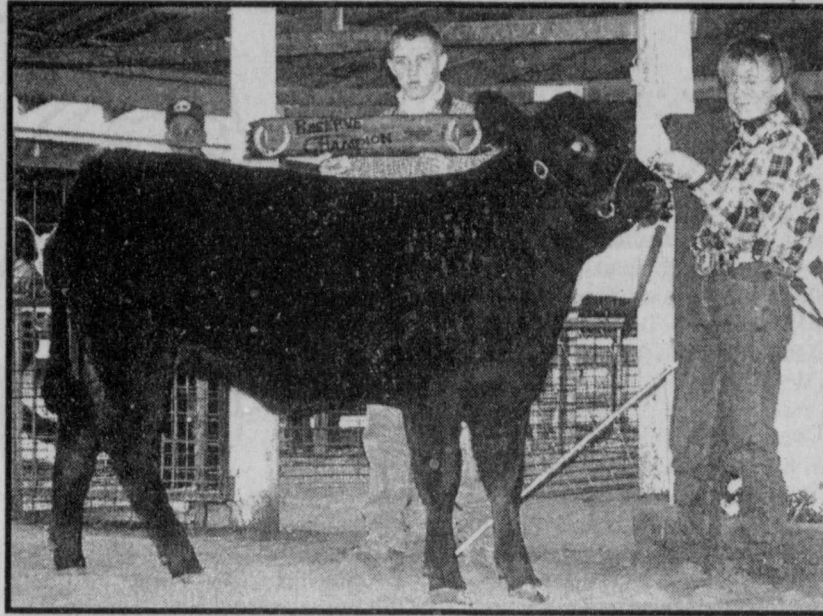
May the magic and mirth of the holidays bring many happy surprises!!

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Another Christmas IS ROLLING IN...

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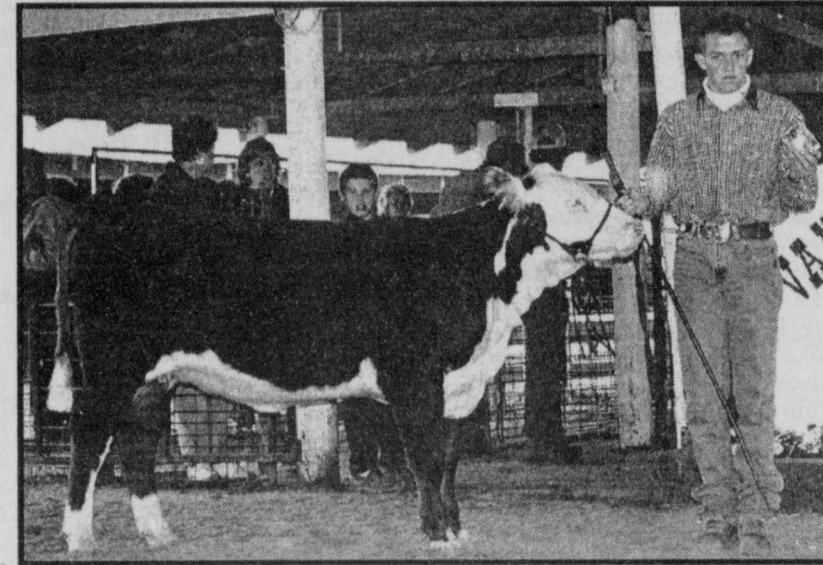
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RESERVE CHAMPION-Gvele, a 12 month old Limousin belonging to Erin Stansell took Reserve Champion and First in Class at the Van 4h show held Nov. 14. Erin is shown holding her heifer while co-showman, Bubba Abernathy displays her award. Congratulations Erin.



TAKING THE SHOW-at the Van FFA cattle show held Nov. 7, 1998 were Rivercrest and Bogata students Jeffery and Bubba Abernathy and Erin Stansell. Erin received First in Class with both her heifers, Holly and Gvele, Grand Champion with Holly and Reserve Champion with Gvele. Bubba received First in Class with his heifer, Magic and won the Senior Showmanship award. Jeffery took First in Class with his cow, Cowgirl and calf, Fred and Second in Class with his young heifer. All three students received belt buckles and Erin received a plaque for her Reserve Champion win. Congratulations students!!



CONTINUING TO WIN-Bubba Abernathy won Grand Champion with his 8 month old Hereford heifer, Magic Nov. 14 at the Van 4-H show. Bubba is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Abernathy of Bogata. Congratulations Bubba.



ERIN STANSELL-took First in Class and Grand Champion with her 8 month old Limousin, Holly at the Van 4-H show held Nov. 14. Bubba Abernathy displays the belt buckle Erin received as winner. Erin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stansell of Talco.

Red River County Sheriff's Report
December 6-12

December 6: Report of vehicle disturbance in Detroit; criminal mischief in Detroit; emergency message in Detroit; male arrested on charge of speeding, no drivers license and no insurance.

December 7: Cattle complaint on Hwy. 37 north; civil matter in Detroit; burglary in Cuthand; report of violation of protective order; possible theft tin Boxelder; assault victim at ETMC; possible prowler in Caneywell; burglary of habitation.

December 8: Possible prowler in Woodland; possible trespassing in Annona; burglary of habitation in Whitecock.

December 9: Welfare concern on

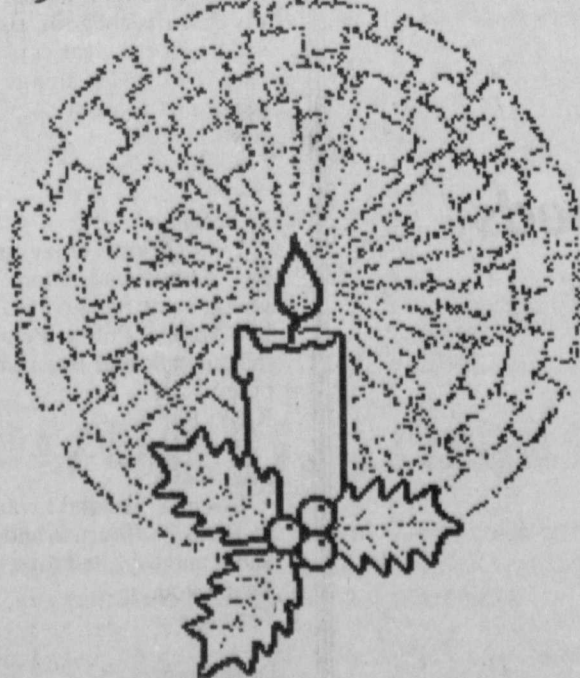
FM1158; possible DWi in Avery; cattle complaint on FM909.

December 10: Cattle complaint in Annona; terroristic threat in Detroit; male arrested on charge of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

December 11: Male arrested on warrant for expired drivers license; major accident in English; burglary of habitation in Reeds settlement; male arrested on charge of public intoxication; minor accident in Avery.

December 12: Medical assist in Avery; domestic disturbance in Avery; major accident on FM2120; burglary of habitation north of Bagwell.

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Bogata Letters To Santa.....



People 'n Things

Thursday, December 17(today)
Bogata Lions Club will meet at the Community Center. This will be the meeting for the annual Christmas Party.

December 17, 18, & 19
Bogata Missionary Baptist Mission will display a live nativity scene from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on the property where their new church building is under construction on highway 271 just past the Texas-New Mexico Power Company's Construction yard.

Friday, December 18
First United Methodist Church of Bogata invites everyone to a Christmas Caroling. Meet at the church fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m., carol at locations in Bogata, and gather at Joe T. and Kim Kelsey's afterwards for fellowship.

*There will be music making at Dodd's Old Store in Johnton.

Friday, December 18 & Sunday, December 20

Lake Chapel House of Prayer, 4 miles south of Hagensport on Highway 37 will hold their Christmas Program. On Friday it will be at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday it will be at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24
First United Methodist Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candle light communion service at 6:00 p.m. All persons are invited for readings, carols and communion.

Thursday, December 31
Bogata First Assembly of God Church will have a New Year's Singing at 7:00 p.m. featuring the groups; The country Gospel Singers, The Gospel Chimes and Miracle. The public is invited to attend.

*New Aces Band will provide music for a New Year's Eve dance at VFW Post 8187 in Bogata starting at 8:00 p.m. Blackeyed peas and cornbread will be served.

Dear Santa,
This year I don't want much. I only want a TV a VCR. I not for sure but I think I've been good this year. Thank you for your time.
Lauren Beers

Dear Santa,
I like all the presents that you gave me last year so I think I will like the presents that you will give me this year. I can give you a clue what I want this year. I want a Furby, the Sugar Plum Fairy and I ant my family is well for Christmas. I want to have a Happy Christmas too.
Vallery Schmidt

Dear Santa,
I want a play station, game boy, and I want a four wheeler.
Brantley Morris

Dear Santa,
I want a spice girl Barbie doll. The Titanic movie, a race car, a big doll house, some clothes and some tapes. I want a radio and a spice girl shirt, and a flower skirt and some money and some shoes.
Carmen Aceveda

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good girl this year. I would like a puppy please. I would also like some food for my kitchen center. Could you also bring a truck for my little brother, Brandon. My kitty wants some cat treats and a Bob dog wants a bone to chew on. For my daddy could you please bring some chocolate. I also would like a Rugrat backpack. Also could you please bring my mama a sweater. Please have a safe trip down. I will leave you some cookies and a Dr. Pepper. I love you and tell Mrs. Claus and the reindeer hi for me.
Macie Rains

Dear Santa,,
My name is Dakota. I want a bill-fold, a go-cart, a knife, some boots, a cowboy hat, a dog to play with, the small soldiers movie and toys, a tent with camping stuff, a computer, some clothes and a pellet gun. I have been really good this year.
Love Dakota
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I want my aunt to come down for Christmas. I want the Spice Girl Make up set. I want the Baby Spice doll. I want a pair of skates. I want a watch. I want a game boy. I want a pet pekachew, I want a giga pet, please. I want a nano, I want a Furby, I want a Spice Girl T shirt, I want a lizard. I want the Spice girl CD. I want a Ty Unicorn that's name is Mistrick. I want a ty snort. I want a ty erly robbin. I want a ty glory. I want a ty peace bear. I want a computer. I want lots of presents. I want the rugrats movie. I want spice world. I want a baby colt. I want a Lion King two. I want a Pocahontas II. I want a rabbit. I want a cat. I want a teddy bear. I want a pair of earrings. I want a 13 karat dinner ring. I want a pearl necklace. I want a bike.
Letter was Unsigned

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase. I have been very good this year. Will you please bring me a real motorcycle, legos, and Rap the robot for Christmas.
Thank You.
Love,
Chase

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph? I hope you've been feeding him good this year so he can show you the way to my house again this Christmas. My daddy put the lights on the house yesterday, so bee looking for the house at Rivercrest with red lights. I'll leave milk and tea cookies for you. Please save one for Rudolph. Don't you think 10 cookies is a good trade for a trampoline and a pogo stick? I sure do! I also want a hot shot basketball game, navy football player and an army man. I also want a football. Mom says I have plenty but I think just one more would be okay. I have been a good boy and I'm doing good in school, so please try to make it to my house. We'll be in bed and I won't even peek.
Brady Kennedy, Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Carmen Allen. I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie jeep for Christmas. And I want a necklace and a bracelet. And a new coat.
Love,
Carmen Allen

Dear Santa,
I am Anthony. I would like to a robot and robot B-9 and Jumanji. The game and shivers the game. Merry Christmas Santa. I hope Rudolph has a good time.
Anthony Lassey

Dear Santa,
I tried to be as good as I could. So could you please bring me some toys. I want a small soldiers-Major Chip Hazard Archer the Coorganite, Dr. Dolittle Movie, Power Rangers in Space Toy, Basketball Star Wars Action Figures and a VCR to play my movies. In case you get hungry me and Erica will leave you some milk and cookies for a snack.
Alec Moreno

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. So could I tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like some clothes, some new Adidas shoes, a tellibubbi doll that talks, a game boy, stained glass picture frame kit, a Sabring Psychics dear diary, a Betty Spaghetti, a talking Elmo, a stuffed animal Pooh Bear, a trampoline and a play station. Well got to go, bye bye.
Jordan Stafford

Dear Santa,,
I want a clueless phone With a real dial tone. Please let me have a Sega game Also some extra games. I want a toy to play Please let me stay. I want a teddy bear With fuzzy hair. Also bring a Pooh and Tigger And a toy gun that you can pull the trigger.
Love,
Kati

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie Stansbury. I live at 204 N. Hudson, Bogata, Texas. I would like a Molly Doll, Winnie Pooh Books to read, clothes, play dishes, candy, apples, and oranges. Please bring my sisters and brother something too.
I love you,
Katie Stansbury

Dear Santa,
Bring me War Zone So I can play with my game zone. Be me a CD Backstreet So I can listen down the street. I want a dirt bike So I'll have something to like. I want a mini golf course And a real horse.
Keith Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. So has my sister, I guess. How are you? How are your reindeer and your elves? I hope everyone is doing fine. I'm doing fine, too. How many toys are you bringing me and Kacey and Mom and Dad? I would like to know in case I need a bigger stocking or if you need to put some of them under our other tree. Do you know where we live? I hope so. Come in the front door. We don't have a Chimney.
Katelyn

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas this year I would like a pellet gun with a scope, a hand fishing game and any other cool toys you can bring. I would also like a Nintendo 64 if my Gran Mollie doesn't get it for me. I'll leave cookies and milk for you.
Matthew Haynes

Dear Santa,
Give me some toys So I can play with the boys. Give me a horse And a saddle of course. Give me a trigger So I can fix tigger. Give me a Skido And I'll give you something too. Give me three birds So I can teach them words. Give my mom a crown And a pretty gown. I'll give you a razor for whiskers If you give my wishes.
Kenton Baker

Dear Santa,
I would like a fashion nail designer I'll even take it too the diner. Please bring me a Furby, So I can take him to roller derby. I would like a keyboard, But not a plain board. I'll leave milk and cookies If you quit playing rookie.
Cindy Livingston

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Please bring me a bat and toys. My name is Jerry Martin. I am 6 years old. I will leave you a piece of cake and a glass of milk.
Jerry

Dear Santa,
Bring me house shoes with Tigger And a shotgun without a trigger. Please bring me a race car track, And a ball to put in a rack. Bring me a pet snake. But not a snake called Jake. Bring me a cake And a real rake.
Jeremiah D. Story

Dear Santa,
I hope you are not cold. I wish for Christmas I could have Lion King II movie and a Paulie movie. And some Ken dolls for my Barbies and some clothes for them. I would also like to have an Easy Bake oven and maybe If your have some. I really want a wedding Barbie.
Thank you, Santa,
Ashely Thuresson-Sessums

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a watch, a flashlight, sunglasses, shirt and blue jeans. And a cute cat.
Davey

Dear Santa,
I want a stroller car seat and baby swing for my dolls. I also want a my size Angel Barbie. I want a Barbie motor home and I want a big tent. I've been real good so please bring this to me. My brother and sister have been good, so you can bring them something too.
Love,
Tamara Moore
P.S. Tall Rudolph I love him and I liked his movie.

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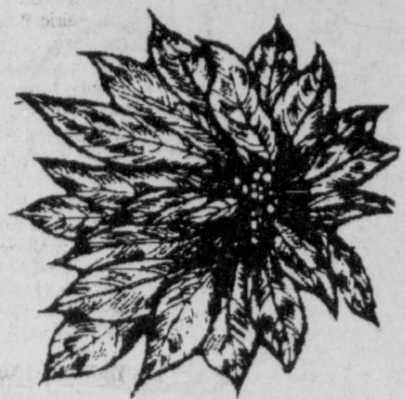
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Waylon Smith graduates Nov. 27, 1998

Waylon Smith graduated from the United States Navy boot camp on Friday, Nov. 27, 1998 at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Great Lakes, IL.

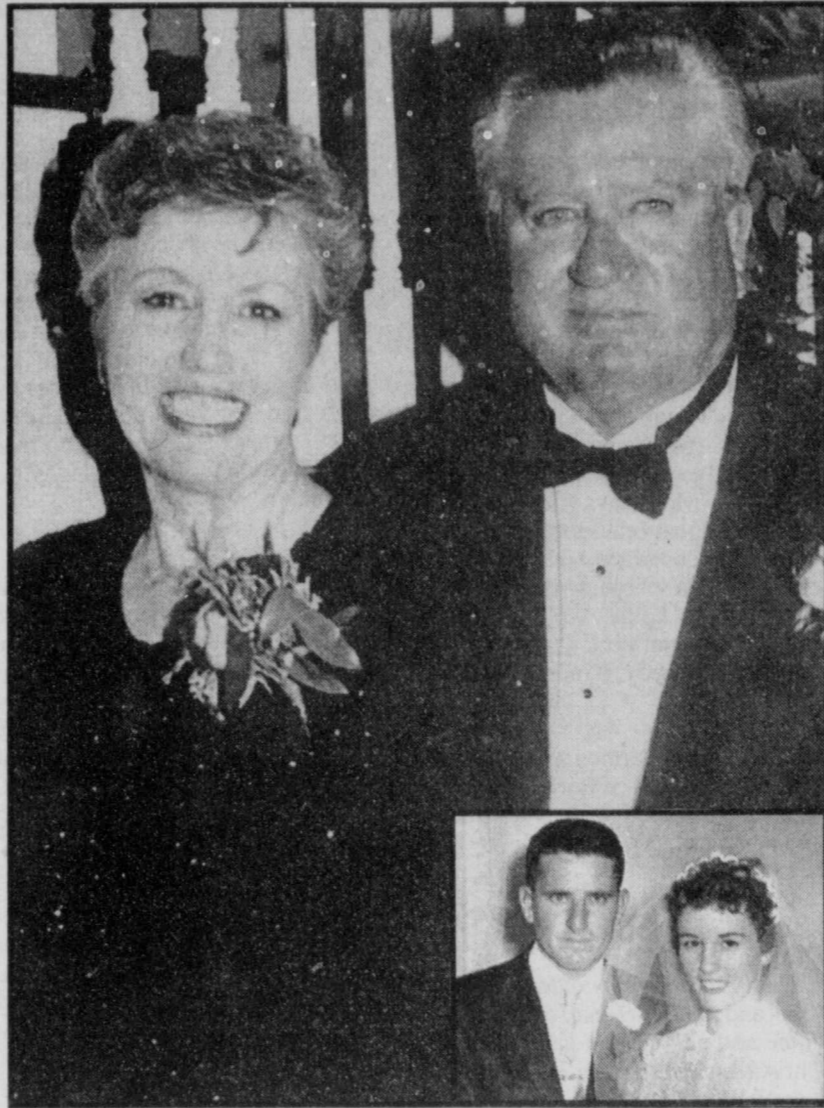
Waylon is the son of Make and Terri Randle of Sugar Hill and the late Keith Smith. Several family members were in attendance at the graduation and spent Thanksgiving with Waylon as well as touring the Chicago area. Waylon will now begin 14 weeks of training at the base before being assigned duty. Waylon is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Holt of Sugar Hill, K.C. and Nell Smith of Talco, Dewayne Randle and Diane Anschutz of Sugar Hill and the great grandson of Ida Brown, Morene Holt and Arlene Anschutz all of Sugar Hill.

Attending the graduation and visiting with Waylon were his parents, sisters Brandi and Ashley Randle, his aunt, Donna Taylor, cousins, Cody, Amy and Carli Gillean, Jill and Bailey Luker and friend, Dempsey Dyke.

Deck the Halls!

May it be a beautiful season for all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for stopping by!

Detroit Middle And High School Students, Faculty & Staff



Frankie Joe and Maxine Harrell

Frankie and Maxine Harrell celebrate 40 years Dec. 13, 1998

Frankie Joe and Maxine Harrell celebrated the 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 13, 1998 at their home in Maple Springs.

The couple were married in Wilmer, Texas and lived in Garland, Texas for 32 years before moving back to Maxine's home place in Maple Springs 8 years ago. They have three children, Carla and Mark McClanahan of Dallas, Tina and Mike Fleming of Anchorage, Alaska and Roger Harrell of Dallas, two grand-

children, Angela and Nick Angeloff of Wyoming and Jon Michael Fleming of Anchorage, Alaska and one great grandchild, Kristina Angeloff of Wyoming.

Frankie is the son of the late Joe and Effie Harrell of Louisiana and Maxine is the daughter of Charline and the late Mack Black of Maple Springs. Due to Frankie's recent knee surgery no formal celebration was held but friends and family shared to occasion with the couple.

Mayor Garretson attends judges' program in Austin

Bogata Mayor Michael Garretson attended a five day seminar for judges of Texas in Austin December 7-11. There were approximately 37 judges from across Texas attending. Themes covered included The role of the Judge, Law & Ethics, Court Process, Law and Procedure, and Integration and Coordination. These workshops and programs were conducted by representatives of the Commission of Judicial Conduct, Attorneys, Municipal Court judges from across the state and Professors of Law from St. Mary's School of Law.

After looking at all the themes covered extensively, you can see there was very little time left for seeing the sites of Austin. Mayor Garretson did tour the Capitol and was in awe, as most are who tour this beautiful state landmark. His comment was, "Awesome." While having dinner the first evening at a very old unique building whose origin is a part of the Old Austin Symphony Complex, built of native stone with

courtyards, pathways and architectural design that is not usually built today, the first step in the judicial system was witnessed when the quiet peaceful dining atmosphere was loudly interrupted by the barking and appearance of a huge German Shepherd dog accompanied by a number of Austin police officers. An offender, offense unknown, had run into the building and hidden down a stairway in a closet very near the dining area. After much to do and a lot of barking and shouting the offender was taken into custody, only after assaulting two police officers. Nelda Talley was also in Austin attending a Municipal Court Clerk Program and was having dinner with the Mayor at the time all this happened. Needless to say, when Friday finally came, both the Mayor and Ms. Talley were more than ready to return to the peaceful and tranquil City of Bogata, much more informed in the process of the court and much more appreciative of the small town way of life.

People 'n Things

Commodities will be distributed in Bogata on December 22nd from 9 to 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bogata.

Commodities will be distributed in Clarkville on December 22nd from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the East Side Church of Christ in Clarksville.

Applications for Preparatory Band at Talco-Bogata Schools are in each campus office. any student who would like to join or re-join may pick up an application and return it by Dec. 17, 1998. For more information contact Band Director, Richard Davis at Rivercrest High School 632-5204.

The Rivercrest band students and their parents will sponsor a bake sale on Monday, Dec. 21 at the Bogata Bank and at the Talco Post Office. The group hopes to be of service to the community by providing baked goods before Christmas and to earn needed funds. All band parents are urged to participate. For more information contact Richard Davis, Band Director at Rivercrest High School 632-5204.

The First Assembly of God Church of Mt. Pleasant and the Rev. Don White will present a Christmas program at the Talco Assembly of God Church on Dec. 18, 1998 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

On Dec. 20, 1998 the Talco Assembly of God Church will hold their traditional Christmas celebration following evening services. The children will receive bags of fruit, candy and gifts. Everyone will be served refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate the holiday.

Bogata Methodist women meet

The Bogata Methodist women met Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998 in the Fellowship Hall. Anita Stubblefield served as program chairman for the Christmas meeting.

The group enjoyed working a Christmas puzzle, "Sing a Song of Christmas". Judy Marshall gave the opening prayer. The theme for the program was "Christmas Traditions". Anita told of the origin of the

Chrismon Tree, which is a tradition in the Methodist Church. Members also shared their Christmas memories. The Christmas story from the Bible, Luke 2:1-19 was read. Anita closed the program with the reading of the Christmas poem.

Betty Puckett presided at the business session. A luncheon of stacked tacos and dessert was enjoyed by fourteen members.

Shana Dodd is listed in Who's Who

Shana Dodd was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students 1997-98.

Shana is the daughter of Gayla Dodd of Garland and Edd Dodd of Paris and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dodd of Jothtown

and Nadine Caldwell of Talco and Garland.

Shana is a student at Namaan High School in Garland, is in the Sterling Stars Drill Team. She is a senior and plans to attend college and become a teacher.

Sunday School Classes have dinner

The Adult I Ladies' and Men's Classes and the Adult Co-ed Classes of First Baptist Church-Bogata ate supper at the Fish Fry in Paris on Thursday, December 3, to celebrate Christmas. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and lots of good fellowship.

Those attending were Wanda and Johnny Ragsdill, Alice Ann and Glen White, Linda and Ross Eilers, Kitty Mayes, Elvis Wooten, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Pauline and James Gibbs, Frances Lee, Shirley and Bill Anderson, Shirley and Roy Henderson, Cleavie and Sam Coffin, Jackie and Linda Gray, Carl and Maggie Williams, Edith Williams, Barbara Ward, Bill White and Doris Bryant.

County C of C meeting to be held in Bogata

All merchants and citizens are invited to attend a very informative meeting of the County Chamber of Commerce on January 14, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata City Hall.


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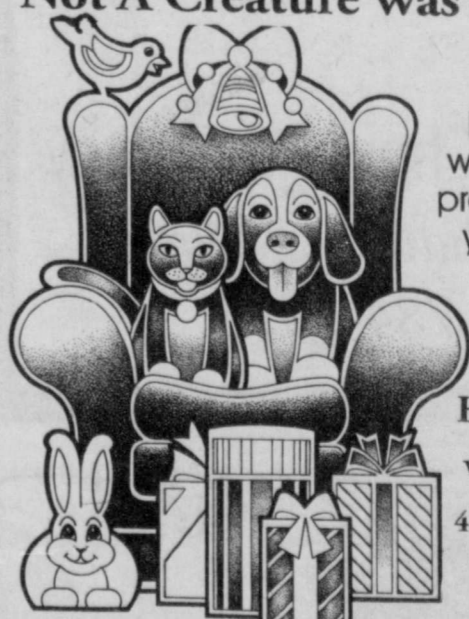
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smile we see the Christ Child. At this time we remember that the world was redeemed by a child in Bethlehem, and his hand was put into ours to lead us forward so that we look no more backward, but toward a brighter land. The people that had walked in darkness and seen a great light that dwelled in the land of the shadow of death had the light shone. For unto us a child is born unto us

The Meaning of Christmas

a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace Isa., 9. In a Christian world at this time, we find families and customs, it's the love, joy and the togetherness that mean so much and make memories last. It's not the gifts and greeting we

remember most; it's the beautiful music and the great choirs all over the world. It has been said that music is the voice of angels. Just for a fleeting moment i go back to the cantatas we once had in our community choir that are no more. Many of the voices have been stilled by age and illness. Others are singing in the heavenly choir. The meaning of Christmas is to

step down and consider the needs of little children of the world, to remember the loneliness of people who are growing old and are in nursing homes. We need to keep in mind the things that other people bear in their hearts and make a grave for our ugly thoughts and a garden for our kindly feelings. If we are willing to do these things just for a day, then we will know the

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